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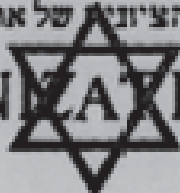
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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

September 12, 1926.

To the members of the  
Administrative Committee;

A meeting of the Administrative Committee will be held next Wednesday evening, September 15th at the Hotel McAlpin, Broadway and 33rd Street at 8 P.M.

Mr. Lipsky and other members of the Actions Committee who have recently returned will attend this meeting.

There are many matters of importance to be considered and I trust that you will make every effort to be present.

Very cordially yours,

*S. J. Weinstein*  
Acting Secretary

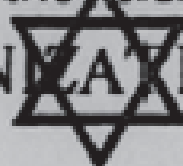
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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

October 14, 1926.

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

*Personal*

My dear Silver:

I have been back here now for about five weeks. I had intended to write to you sooner, but as soon as I arrived, I found myself immersed in the difficult problems we have on hand, especially with reference to the relief. I think we have overcome, to a large extent, the bad press which has been harassing us all summer. We decided, from the beginning, to make obvious gestures favorable to peace and understanding.

A number of our people had conversations with representatives of the Joint. On one occasion, Mr. Morrison saw Mr. Marshall. On another occasion, I had a conversation with him after an arrangement had been made for the meeting by Mr. Bressler.

The result of these conversations was evident at the Chicago Conference. I do not know what you think about the Conference. We are greeting it with satisfaction. It is doubtful, however, whether the expressions of good will are going to be translated into substantial support for Palestine. Several ~~statements~~ *by* Mr. Marshall would indicate that they are convinced that our administration in Palestine is not good.

Whatever they may do for Palestine, in their own way and in their own time, will, in all probability, not join up with the responsibilities involved in our budget. At any rate, we have done everything possible to clear the way for the arrival of Dr. Weizmann, who will be able to talk to the group under circumstances not so embarrassing as they might have been two or three months ago.

We are also having some difficulties with the American Zion Commonwealth. Under the pressure of prevailing conditions in Palestine for the past eight months, Passman entered into obligations far beyond the capital resources of the Zion Commonwealth. He is now clamoring for credit to meet obligations that are pressing him.

The work done by the Zion Commonwealth is everywhere regarded as of the highest value. The acquisition of over



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eighty thousand dunams of land in the Haifa-Acco area, points the way to a tremendous development in that direction. In order to swing the operation, however, the Zion Commonwealth, (which started the Haifa-Acco Bay Company together with a Polish concern, and which must now bear the burden of exploitation alone), will have to have several millions of dollars which it does not possess, and credits cannot so easily be obtained.

It will be necessary, in all probability, to turn over the Haifa-Acco Bay enterprise to a new corporation which will invest the necessary money. If this is done, the Zion Commonwealth will be relieved of the larger part of its present burdens. Mr. Weinstein, who went over there to correct the mistakes of Passman, has proven to be not a brilliant success. We expect him back here in several weeks.

On the other hand, the Palestine Securities is now in first-rate shape, and is beginning to send over to Palestine, regularly every month, a considerable amount of capital. It will interest you to know that the Zion Commonwealth sent over to Palestine, in cash, during the past ten months, over \$360,000. The Palestine Securities, which began operations practically only in the month of June, this year, has already sent over to Palestine over \$75,000. The United Palestine Appeal has paid up, in full, its commitment to the Eeren Hayesed up to October 1st, at the rate of \$125,000 a month, the last remittance being \$75,000, which completed the budget. The U.P.A. will send over this week \$70,000, additional on account of the October budget. We are doing our utmost to forward to Palestine, money for whatever purpose it may be, hoping, in this way, to check the alarming condition that now prevails, especially in Tel-Aviv.

I am having great difficulties in holding the situation here. The number of our advisers and co-workers is very small. Aside from the men in the office, we have probably six men who give us assistance here and there. They are; Mr. Morrison, Mr. Rosensohn, Mr. Lindheim, Dr. Kaliski, Mrs. Lindheim, Mr. Fierst, Mr. Grabelsky and, to some extent, Morris Rethenberg.

If it were possible for you to give us a date when you can come to New York, or several dates, we could arrange meetings of the Administrative Committee which you could attend, and give us the benefit of your advice and cooperation in the many intricate, administrative measures we have to consider.

Perhaps it would be possible for you to come to New York either on the day of Dr. Weizmann's arrival, October 29th, or the Monday following? We shall have to have a number of intimate meetings with Dr. Weizmann before he begins his negotiations, and it would be highly valuable for you to be present during that time.

I would personally appreciate the sacrifice you would have to make in this connection.

Very cordially yours,

*Chaim Weizmann*  
President

LL:BN

*Out. Mon. 2-3  
Mr. S. G. [unclear]  
Apr. 9. morning*



October Sixteenth  
1926

Mr. Louis Lipsky,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
114 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Lipsky,

I was very grateful to you for your letter of October fourteenth, and for the interesting information which you conveyed in it. I have frequently felt out of touch with our work because of the limited information which I received. It is, of course, impossible for me to attend all the meetings of the Administrative, yet I feel that I would be of greater help if I were to receive regularly a copy of the minutes. I shall not be able to be in New York on October 29th, as we shall then be in the midst of our K.H. campaign, which, by the way, is progressing very satisfactorily. I believe that our organization has been far better this year than any previous year and because of it will be getting much better results.

I shall be in and around New York on November 8th, 9th and 10th. I shall not be able to attend any evening meetings of the Administrative, but I am free to attend a morning or afternoon meeting on the 8th, a morning meeting on the 9th, or a morning or afternoon meeting on the tenth. I shall also make an effort to attend the Boston conference on the 21st.

There are quite a number of things that I shall be glad to discuss with you when I see you next in New York.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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October 18th, 1926.

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Enclosed herewith you will please find a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Administrative Committee. We are resuming the practice of sending the minutes of the Administrative Committee to the members of the Committee.

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You will please note on page eight, with reference to your attending meetings. Mr. Lipsky has already written to you about it and I have also seen your letter of October 16th to him, informing him of the dates you will be in New York. This is all right so far as these dates go but if I recall rightly you told me in London - and that was the reason ~~why~~ I brought it up before the last meeting - that it would be possible for you to attend meetings of the Administrative Committee once a month provided these meetings are held on Wednesday afternoon.

If you will, therefore, be good enough to inform me what Wednesday of the month you can manage to be in New York, I will so arrange the meetings to suit your convenience.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Weisgal*  
MEYER W. WEISGAL  
SECRETARY.



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(For information of Administrative  
Committee Members only.)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday evening, October 14, 1926

At Jewish Institute of Religion, New York

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PRESENT: Louis Lipsky in the Chair; Messrs. Goldberg, Kaliski, Neumann, Rosenblatt, Rothenberg, Samuel and Weisgal, Secretary.

By invitation: Dr. S. Bernstein, Samuel Blitz, Mark Schwarz.

ECONOMIC SITUATION IN PALESTINE.

The Chairman presented the following cablegram from Col. Kisch on the economic situation in Palestine:

JERUSALEM, OCTOBER 11, 1926.

WRHS  
LIPSKY  
ZIONISTS NEWYORK

CLOSING YEAR WITH DEFICIT \$80,000 HENCE IMPOSSIBLE  
DISCOUNT BILLS TEACHERS UNPAID JULY IMPOSSIBLE  
RELIEVE THOUSANDS UNEMPLOYED VERGL STARVATION OR  
CHECK RISING EMIGRATION OVER THOUSAND MONTHLY  
EXCEEDING NEW ARRIVALS BLST ELEMENT ALL CLASSES  
COURAGEOUS HOLDING OUT BUT ENDURANCE ALONE WILL  
NOT AVAIL STOP POLITICAL POSITION GREATLY  
PREJUDICIAL ECONOMIC L BREAKDOWN STOP FEAR  
DISASTROUS RESULTS UNLESS SUBSTANTIAL MEANS AT  
ONCE PERMITTED REPEATED LONDON --- KISCH.

In presenting the cablegram to the Administrative Committee, the Chairman stated that it had already been called to the attention of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal and that some action to relieve the situation is being taken by the Appeal.

The Secretary suggested that as the matter was of such serious importance it would warrant the calling of an extraordinary conference of 25 or 30 well-to-do Zionists in order to secure some appropriate action.

After a lengthy discussion on what would be the most feasible thing to do under the circumstances, it was decided, on motion by Mr. Goldberg, that the Administrative Committee request Judge Rosenblatt to utilize the forces of the Palestine Securities, Inc., to secure fresh money for Palestine in order to relieve the present situation, and that, for this purpose, a conference of Zionist financiers be convened.



OPENING IN JERUSALEM OF BRANCH OFFICE OF AMERICAN  
ZIONIST PUBLICATIONS.

The Secretary presented the following memorandum:

"After having been in Palestine four weeks, and after observing as closely as I could within this short period, conditions in the country, and our reaction to them in America, I have come to the conclusion that it would be of prime importance to our work in America, not to speak of Palestine, to establish closer relations between the official organs of the Zionist Organization of America and our work in Palestine, than has been the case hitherto.

"Never before did I realize the regrettable impression created in Palestine by misstatements and misinformation in The New Palestine. I therefore think that a branch office of The New Palestine in Jerusalem, which shall act as the clearing-house for any correspondence, news and articles and cables intended for The New Palestine, Dos Yiddishe Folk and the other Zionist periodicals in America, will be of incalculable value. While I am primarily concerned with The New Palestine, I can also see the great value such an office would have for the general administration of the Zionist Organization of America.

"Concretely, I should define the functions of the Jerusalem office of The New Palestine to be:

"1. Supervision of all correspondence, including special articles from Palestine. Contributors in Palestine will be advised of the establishment of the office by announcements in The New Palestine and will be told that they must submit all matter to the Palestine office.

"2. The director of the office will act in the capacity of associate editor for editorial comment on Palestine events.

"3. Supplying The New Palestine with weekly letters for the information of the editors and of the Administrative Committee.

"4. The office should supply cables on any urgent matters and, if possible, a weekly cable of about 200 words summarizing the events of the week in order to enable us to checkup and supplement the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports.

"5. The office is to take charge of the business end of The New Palestine, handling all subscriptions and advertisements. I have always had the feeling that the business possibilities of The New Palestine in Palestine have not been exploited.

"I consider it important also that Palestinians should have access to the American point of view as expressed in our official organs and not be fed continuously on the views of the "Rassvet". I am sure we can get a large number of subscribers for The New Palestine in Palestine.



"6. The office should also be a sort of meeting place for visitors from the United States and readers of The New Palestine will be advised that they can make this office their headquarters in Jerusalem.

"We in New York shall look to the Jerusalem office for a regular supply of topical matter on all questions and for an explanation of all problems which should engage the attention of American Zionists. The Jerusalem office should also take from the editorial office in New York the burden of translating articles from the Hebrew, whether of original articles or those in the daily Hebrew press.

"In addition, the Jerusalem office will be expected to provide all the Palestine material for the proposed tenth anniversary number of the Balfour Declaration, to be issued in November 1927.

"As to the cost of such an office, judging from conversations I have had with various officials who have an idea as to the operations of such an office, I think that, including the salaries of two persons, (on Palestinian standards of course) it should not exceed \$5,000 or \$6,000 a year. I believe that this money will be more than well spent and that the Administrative Committee will approve it. The details of the budget I shall leave for the consideration of the Administrative Committee".

Mr. Goldberg was opposed to the opening of such a bureau on the ground that it would prejudice the opinion of our publications in favor of one set of ideas or another current in Palestine; that it was impossible to secure any one in Palestine who was not under the influence of this, that, or another party. He therefore believed that the present system of having several correspondents in Palestine, attached and unattached writers, thus giving the editors freedom to choose their material without having it sifted in Palestine beforehand, was a far superior arrangement to the proposed plan.

After further discussion, it was decided to appoint a sub-committee to consider the question and report to the next meeting of the Administrative Committee.

#### REORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN ENGINEERS SOCIETY.

Mr. Schwartz reported to the Administrative Committee that he had had several conferences with some of the members of the one-time Zionist Society of Engineers and Agriculturists, who were anxious to re-organize the society under the name of Tuvai. They proposed, as a first step, to publish a booklet on conditions in Palestine for distribution among 1500 engineers and agriculturists in the United States, the purpose being to solicit membership in the new organization. They asked that the Zionist Organization give them a subsidy of \$250 in order to make it possible for them to begin this work.

The Administrative Committee felt that this was not exactly the proper way to organize the engineers; that if there were not sufficient persons interested who could advance the several hundred dollars needed, there would



be no value in such a society. It was felt, further, that if the engineers and agriculturists are to be organized for Palestinian purposes, it would be best to secure first the services of some prominent American engineer, such as Mr. Massie, and around him there could be gathered a large number of engineers who might be useful for our work.

It was then decided that an attempt be made by the Palestine Office to organize the engineers on the line indicated above.

#### ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE.

The following memorandum from Mr. Abraham Goldberg, with reference to the Association for Jewish Culture, was presented:

"At a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Association for Jewish Culture, the following decisions were made which were considered as necessary initial steps to facilitate the work of the Association.

"1. It is advisable that an office outside the Zionist building should be engaged for the Association.

"2. Course of lectures and debates on questions of Jewish culture and Jewish literature in all three languages, Hebrew, Yiddish and English, should be mapped out and arrangements made with lecturers.

"3. As the first effort, a year book should be published. At any rate, correspondence should be started with all Zionist writers of the three languages and canvass them to the topics they are interested in and which they would like to write about.

"4. It was decided to negotiate with Dr. Sonderling to get his services for this new organization.

"5. It is the intention of the organization, as soon as quarters are engaged and Dr. Sonderling appointed, to launch a campaign for membership, according to the decision of the Conference of the Association for Jewish Culture.

"6. To call a conference of the committee of 23 as soon as these arrangements are made so that its Executive Committee may be apprised of the plans for the future and have its approval.

"7. To carry out these plans, it was estimated that at least \$200 a week for a period of four months, amounting to about \$2500, is essential after which period, the membership dues may be relied upon to meet this budget.

"At the meeting the following were present; Abraham Goldberg in the chair, Dr. S. Margoshes, Dr. S. M. Melamed, Kalman Whitman and M. Ribelow".



After discussion, it was decided that the sum of \$200 per week, for a period of four months, be appropriated for the work of the Association.

#### MEMBERSHIP TOURS FOR TANNENBAUM AND COWEN.

The following memorandum was presented by Mr. Blitz:

"I am arranging for Mr. Abraham Tannenbaum to organize membership activities in the following sections: Western Pennsylvania; Eastern Pennsylvania; Upper New York; New England; New Jersey and Seaboard Region.

"Mr. Tannenbaum is now in Western Pennsylvania and will visit the following cities: Altoona, Johnstown, Latrobe, Greensburgh, Connelsville, Erie, Uniontown, Monacaon, McKeesport, Washington, Braddock, Pittsburgh, Squirrel Hill, Butler, New Castle, Farrell, Oil City, Meadville.

"As this work will require Mr. Tannenbaum's full time, I trust that the Finance Committee will speedily effect an adjustment of salary which matter has been pending for some time.

"The United Palestine Appeal has scheduled Mr. Maurice Samuel for a number of meetings and I am advised by Mr. Stone and Mr. Ellin that they will recommend Mr. Samuel's employment by the United Palestine Appeal at a meeting of the Finance Committee to be held this week.

"As Mr. Samuel will not be available for membership tours, I am planning a two months tour for Mr. Charles A. Cowen beginning November 3rd. Mr. Cowen requests a salary of \$100 per week during this tour which I believe to be reasonable. Please advise me whether I may complete arrangements for Mr. Cowen's tour on this basis".

The Administrative Committee approved the recommendations contained in the above memorandum. With regard to Mr. Tannenbaum, it was decided that his salary be \$75 per week for full time and \$7 per diem. In the case of Mr. Cowen, it was decided that he be given \$8 per diem and his salary be \$100 per week, it being definitely understood that his employment will not exceed a period of two months.

In connection with the above, the attention of the Administrative Committee was called to a previous decision regarding the adjustment of the salary of Miss Frances Friedman, assistant to Mr. Weisgal. It was decided that the Administrative Committee recommend to the sub-committee on salary adjustments in the various Zionist offices that it give special consideration to the case of Miss Friedman.

#### AID TO POLISH ZIONIST FEDERATION.

The Secretary presented a memorandum from the Polish Zionist Federation in



which a request is made to the Zionist Organization to aid the Federation in its present difficulties, to the extent of \$5,000. The memorandum sets forth in detail the critical situation of the Zionist Federation in Poland as a result of the economic breakdown of Polish Jewry.

The Secretary added that while he was in Poland he had had an opportunity to study conditions there, and had spoken to members of the Executive Committee of the Polish Zionist Federation. The conditions described in the memorandum are not exaggerated one iota and he believed it would be an act of Zionist service to aid the Polish Federation in its present difficulty. He suggested therefore that the Zionist Organization communicate with the Federation of Polish Jews in America and with a number of individual Polish Jews who might be interested in helping the Zionist Organization relieve the situation of the Polish Zionist Federation.

It was agreed that this should be done.

#### ORDER SONS OF ZION.

It was decided that, acting on the decision of the last Convention, the Administrative Committee appoint a sub-committee to confer with the Order Sons of Zion with a view to re-establishing friendly relations with that Organization.

#### JUDGE DANNENBAUM'S RESIGNATION FROM NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Chairman presented the following letter from Judge Henry J. Dannenbaum, of Houston, Texas:

October 4th, 1926.

My dear Lipsky:-

"There is nothing personal in my declination to serve as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America. It is true that I have been opposed to certain attitudes or policies of the Administration and was free to voice my views. But, as a matter of fact, and necessarily so, those attitudes and policies are framed by the Administrative Committee - the men on the job - and the ratification thereof by the Executive Committee and the Conventions are, and should generally be, a matter of course.

"Under the circumstances, it would not be just for a member a thousand miles distant, not cognizant of all the circumstances, to express his opposition to this or to that. The cause calls for loyalty to leadership and if I am a director, I am at least, partially a leader. This I cannot intelligently be because I am not in position to know whether my dissident views are right or wrong. Considering my temperament, I am convinced that I will be happier and the cause safer, if I occupy a rear seat in the ranks.

"Fraternal regards to all.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) HENRY J. DANNENBAUM.



The Chairman explained that he had written previously to Judge Dannenbaum urging him to withdraw his resignation, and he had received the above letter in reply. The Administrative Committee accepted the resignation with regret.

#### FREE TRIP TO PALESTINE OFFERED BY MR. ROSEN.

The Chairman presented a letter from Mr. Emanuel Rosen of the Palestine and Oriental Tours, in which the latter offers to the Zionist Organization a free trip to Palestine on the Mauretania which is making a Mediterranean cruise on February 21st, for one of its officials whom it may designate.

It was decided to accept the offer of the Palestine and Oriental Tours and to inform Mr. Rosen that the Organization will designate a person during the month of January.

#### CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. MARSHALL.

The Chairman reported on his conversations with Mr. Marshall regarding the relations now existing between the Zionist Organization and the Joint Distribution Committee.

The Administrative Committee felt that the Organization had done everything possible under the circumstances to pave the way for further peace negotiations by Dr. Weizmann, and that the present peaceful atmosphere was particularly propitious for Dr. Weizmann to continue his work when he comes here. It was felt, further, that although the Chicago Conference calls for further steps in the direction of establishing harmonious cooperation between the two organizations, it would be inadvisable to do so inasmuch as Dr. Weizmann is expected here within two weeks.

It was decided that nothing further be done in this matter until Dr. Weizmann's arrival.

#### NEW PALESTINE BOOK SERVICE.

The Secretary presented the following report from Miss Friedman on the New Palestine Book Service for the period of June 1st, 1925 to September 30th, 1926:

Total Sale of Books.....	\$2,847.40
Books purchased.....	\$1,520.00
Cost Bialik Poems.....	286.90
Postage.....	125.49
Less Inventory on hand.....	<u>\$1,332.39</u>
Total Cost of Sales	\$1,489.44
	<u>\$1,689.44</u>
PROFIT....	\$1,157.96



The Administrative Committee expressed satisfaction with the results obtained through the Book Service Department.

In connection with the above, Dr. Kaliski called attention to the advisability of securing an advertising agent for The New Palestine. It was decided that the Secretary provide Dr. Kaliski with all the data on the subject.

DR. SILVER TO ATTEND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Secretary reported that Dr. Silver was ready to attend meetings of the Administrative Committee once a month, provided the meetings were held on Wednesday afternoon, which would enable him to return to Cleveland on the same day.

It was decided that Dr. Silver be informed that the Administrative Committee has agreed to hold one meeting a month on Wednesday afternoon and the Secretary was instructed to inquire of Dr. Silver on which Wednesday he is prepared to come to New York.

MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE.

On the recommendation of the Secretary it was decided that hereafter copies of the minutes of the meetings of the Administrative Committee be sent to the members.

Respectfully submitted,

MEYER W. WLISGAL  
SECRETARY.



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, November 10, 1926 at Zionist Office.  
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PRESENT: Mr. Lipsky in the Chair; Messrs. Grabelsky, Morrison, Neumann, Silver, Topkis and Weisgal, Secretary.

By invitation: Messrs. Blitz, Maltin and Schwarz.

WEIZMANN'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARSHALL GROUP.

The Chairman reported that a number of members of the Administrative Committee had had a conference with Dr. Weizmann who reported the progress being made in the negotiations with the Marshall group for the extension of the Jewish Agency and for the latter's general participation in Palestine work. The Chairman said that while Dr. Weizmann had had to deal with a series of grievances, particularly on the part of Mr. Marshall, he was nevertheless convinced that his negotiations will be fruitful of good results. He was particularly satisfied with the conciliatory attitude of Mr. Warburg and of Mr. Lehman. Dr. Weizmann emphasized the importance of consummating the extension of the Jewish Agency. He was convinced that no matter what misgivings there may exist as to its actual value from the point of view of finances, it was the only course of action possible for the Zionist Organization to pursue. There could be no re-tracing of steps. He realized, Dr. Weizmann said, that at the beginning cooperation would be difficult, but the very fact that cooperation may ensue would eventually lead to common understanding and friendly relations. He further reported that although there was nothing definitely decided, he would have another meeting with the group on Thursday and he would report the results to a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Lipsky then said that the members of the Administrative Committee meeting with Dr. Weizmann, after a general discussion of the situation, felt that the policy pursued by Dr. Weizmann was the proper one, and that he has the support of the Zionist Organization of America in the efforts he is making towards the consummation of the Agency.

In the discussion of the Chairman's report, Rabbi Silver said that it was essential for Dr. Weizmann to bring about an understanding not only between himself and the Marshall group, but between the leadership of the Zionist Organization of America and that group. He felt that if the Agency is consummated and if the group does actual work for Palestine, they will necessarily come in contact with the Zionist Organization of America, and unless there is perfect accord and friendship between the Organization and that group there will probably be constant friction. Rabbi Silver urged that this matter be made clear to Dr. Weizmann, and he expressed the hope that Mr. Lipsky, personally, would establish these relations with Mr. Marshall and his group.

MOSCOW HABIMA.

The Chairman reported that he has guaranteed the cost of transportation of the Moscow Habima, which is coming to the United States. The expense involved is about \$7,000 and he has received collateral for this in the form of tickets for the various performances as well as two concerts for the New York Zionist Council and Hadassah, amounting to \$1,800. The actual outlay to be made by Mr. Rosen, for the Palestine and Oriental Tours, will amount to about \$5,000. The Chairman explained that the Organization is not involving



itself in any expenditure, and if there will be any loss he would secure the money from a number of private individuals who are interested in the Habima.

The Administrative Committee approved the action of the Chairman.

JOSHUA GORDON.

The Chairman reported the receipt of a cable from Colonel Kisch in which he informs the Organization that Joshua Gordon of the Tel Aviv Exhibition is contemplating coming to the United States and he requests that his passage be paid by the Zionist Organization. Colonel Kisch is of the opinion that Mr. Gordon's services in America would be of value.

The Administrative Committee felt that the Organization could not undertake this expense. It was decided that the matter be referred to the Palestine Securities, and Colonel Kisch be so informed.

CO-OPTION OF MISS SZOLD.

The Chairman reported that Miss Szold had expressed a desire to have her name removed from the letterhead of the Zionist Organization as an Honorary President of the Organization.

On the recommendation of the Chairman, it was unanimously decided that Miss Szold be co-opted a member of the Administrative Committee, and that she be requested to permit the retention of her name on the letterhead of the Zionist Organization.

INDEX OF THE NEW PALESTINE.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with a previous decision of the Administrative Committee, an index of The New Palestine has been completed, under the auspices of Dr. Blech of the New York Public Library, and through the generosity of Mr. Topkis, who donated \$500 for this purpose. The Secretary requested the Committee to approve the printing of the index. It was decided that the Secretary secure an estimate for printing the index and report back to the Committee.

MISS FRIEDMAN.

The Secretary presented a letter from Miss Friedman in which she asked the Committee to take action in the matter of increasing her salary, which has been pending since the summer time, since she has been offered another position which she is contemplating accepting if the decision of the Administrative Committee is in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Topkis, it was unanimously decided to recommend to the committee on adjustment of salaries that Miss Friedman be granted an increase of \$10 per week, as of November 1st.

AVUKAH.

The Secretary reported the receipt of a number of letters from Mr. Max Rhoads, President of Avukah, in which he asked that arrangements be made for



providing Avukah with speakers and with free literature.

The Chairman informed the committee that he has already written to Mr. Rhodes, explaining that the Organization would do everything possible to help Avukah in the way of utilizing Zionist speakers when on the road for Avukah purposes. With regard to free literature, it was decided that Avukah be given some literature free, but within reason.

#### STAFF FINANCIAL ORGANIZATION.

Mr. Kaitin reported that the members of the Staff of the Zionist Organization of America and its affiliated bodies have organized a financial corporation for the purpose of extending loans to Palestine, either independently or through an already existing agency; that so far 54 members of the Staff have subscribed to \$23,000 of the capital stock of \$100,000 to be paid within a period of four years.

The Administrative Committee expressed satisfaction with the action taken by the members of the Staff and gave its approval to the work so far accomplished, without, however, in any way assuming responsibility for the form which the corporation will assume.

#### JEWISH LABOR YEAR BOOK.

The Secretary presented a letter from the Jewish Labor Year Book and Almanac, which asks for a page advertisement for \$100. It was decided that the matter be referred to the United Palestine Appeal Publicity Department.

#### REQUEST FOR AID FOR POLISH JEWS IN PALESTINE.

The Secretary presented the following letter from the Central Committee of the Zionists in Poland:

TO THE EXECUTIVES OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA:

Mr. I. Greenbaum turned over to us your cable in which you let us know that you did not understand our cable. We take the liberty to repeat same:

"TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE DESPERATE SITUATION OF THE POLISH JEWS IN PALESTINE WE ASK YOU TO FORWARD A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY AND TO PUT THIS MONEY AT THE DISPOSAL OF MR. DIZENHOFF MEMBER OF THE PALESTINE EXECUTIVE".

(SIGNED) LEVITAN  
GOTTLIEB  
GREENBAUM  
PARBSTEN

The following circumstances prompted us to send this cable: Our representatives have pointed out again and again to the Congress as to the Actions Committee, the critical condition of the Polish Jews in Palestine, which is the result of the general crisis in Europe and in



Palestine. The situation in Palestine is going from bad to worse because of the fact that the Palestine Executive cannot allot any sums for relieving their situation, as the Keren Hayesod Budget does not include any items for such purposes.

Recently we have received a series of letters from the Polish Jews in Palestine appealing to us for financial aid. However, we cannot raise such funds here, for it would weaken the Zionist spirit which prevails in Poland now on account of the re-emigration. It would also interfere with the great action of the Keren Hayesod to raise 100,000 pounds and that is why we decided not to enter upon any such campaigns for the Polish Jews in Palestine. For this reason we ask the Zionist Executive in London to appropriate a definite sum for the above mentioned purpose, and to entrust Mr. Dizenhoff with the distribution of that amount to the needy Jews.

The members of the Administrative Committee of Congress - Poland determined to approach you with the same request that you raise a definite sum for the benefit of suffering Polish Jews. That was the content of our cable.

We trust that our colleagues in America will do their utmost in order to help their friends in Palestine.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE ZIONISTS IN POLAND

(Signed) L. LEVITAN.

It was decided that the President communicate with the Polish Zionist Federation informing them of the action being taken by the United Palestine Appeal with regard to the present situation in Palestine.

RE CELIA NAIMAN MATTER.

With regard to the request of Mrs. Celia Naiman, that the Organization release the bequest of \$300 to the Organization made by Mrs. Naiman's mother, it was decided that unless more evidence is presented as to the actual need of Mrs. Naiman, the request be declined.

ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

MEYER W. WEISGAL  
SECRETARY.



# The New Palestine

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November 12th, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

"Hu gavre hu traske".

I am sending you herewith two volumes by Ben  
Zion Dineberg, "Toldeth Yisroel B'Gofly".

I think that these will interest you and that  
you will be glad to write a review for The New Palestine.  
The review should be about 1000 words.

You will do me a favor if you will acknowledge  
the receipt of the books and let me know when I may expect  
the review.

I have already written to "Evir" informing them  
that I have given you the books to review.

Now with regard to the matter of which I spoke to  
you. Please give this some thought and let me hear from  
you soon.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

  
MEYER W. WEISGAL  
MANAGING EDITOR



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HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE

Nov. 25, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are perhaps already acquainted with the renewal of Zionist activities among students under the auspices of Avukah. The Harvard Zionist Society, one of its chapters has already begun its current activities. However, we need aid from the leaders in the Zionist movement.

As president of the Harvard Zionist Society, I take great pleasure in inviting you to address the Jewish students at Harvard under the auspices of our society at any time convenient to yourself.

Trusting that you will grant us the honor of having you as our guest, I remain, with Chanukah greetings

Most sincerely yours,

*Meyer Goldman*

Pres. Harvard Zionist Society.

28 Fayette St.,  
Cambridge, Mass.



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December 14th, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I think Melamed has already mentioned to you the subject of this letter. I mean his article which I intend to print in The New Palestine to which I would like to have a counter article from your pen and then from a potentate of the Orthodox Church. Please let me know whether you will write on the subject.

By the way, I haven't heard from you with regard to the books I sent you nor the articles I would like to have for The New Palestine from you.

Very sincerely yours,

*M. W. Weisgal*  
MEYER W. WEISGAL  
MANAGING EDITOR.

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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

January 4, 1927.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

At the last meeting of the National Executive Committee it was decided that the Administrative Committee take up the questions at issue with Mr. Reuben Brainin. At its meeting on December 29th, the Administrative Committee decided to refer the matter to a sub-committee appointed by the Chairman.

Mr. Lipsky has asked me to write to you and ask you whether, as an impartial observer in the matter, you will act on the committee. Mr. Lipsky proposes that he, together with the vice presidents of the Organization, act on this committee.

Will you therefore be good enough to notify us, first, whether you care to act on this committee, and second, when you expect to be in New York so that I may know when to call a meeting of this committee?

Very cordially yours,

*M. Weissgal*  
Meyer W. Weissgal  
Secretary

P.S. This in my capacity as Managing Editor of The New Palestine: I am still waiting to hear from you about the Hebrew books and the articles that you promised to write for The New Palestine. Please let me know.

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January 12th, 1927.

Mr. Louis Lipsky,  
114 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Lipsky,

I was in Chicago last week and met Mr. Kaplan who plans to go to Palestine within a month or two. He is thinking of settling there permanently or for a long period of time. I believe that our organization ought to use him in some capacity there. I suggested that he get in touch with Dr. Weizmann but he hesitates to take the first step. I believe that it would be a fine thing for Dr. Weizmann or his secretary to write to him and request him to call when he is next in New York.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
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January 13, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

From the letters received by you from Mr. Vogelstein and Judge Lehman, it is clear that no action can be expected with regard to the invitation to Dr. Weizmann for the Council meeting in Cleveland. Mr. Vogelstein is one of the few consistent and ardent opponents of the Zionist movement, and there is a great deal of merit to his argument, from his point of view.

It may interest you to know (as you will see from the minutes of the Administrative Committee) that efforts are being made to have Judge Rosalsky assume the chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal for Greater New York. This attempt is coupled with a plan to bring about a public demonstration of peace and cooperation.

The advent of Judge Rosalsky will mean that the Marshall group has contributed his services to the campaign as a token of interest precedent to the consummation of the Jewish Agency.

It was proposed that there be an exchange of letters between Dr. Weizmann and Mr. Marshall. I drew up the letter of Dr. Weizmann, in line with suggestions made by him, but now it seems that this letter does not meet with the approval of the intransigent David Brown, who, I understand, is holding up the negotiations. Mr. Marshall is eager to see the negotiations completed, and is practically agreed to appear at the Mecca Temple meeting, but this is subject to the ratification of the exchange of letters by Brown.

We are in a very embarrassing position as a result of this situation. There are a number of other peace efforts in flux, involving the entrance into the United P. A. States of a number of business men, but these efforts also are affected by the frustration of our plans in connection with the exchange of the Weizmann-Marshall letters. In all probability, the whole matter will come to an end this week-end.



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Thanking you very much for your cooperation in the  
matter of the Council, I am

Very cordially yours,

*Levi Lipson*

President

LL/RW





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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

January 17, 1927.

Dr. A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am sure that Dr. Weizmann  
will invite Nathan D. Kaplan to come to  
see him, and that he will do whatever is  
possible to make him useful to the Organ-  
ization when he gets to Palestine.

I am also writing to Kaplan  
personally.

Very cordially yours,

*Louis Lipsky*  
President

LL/RW



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Weisgal

January 27th, 1927.

Mr. Meyer Weisgal,  
114 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Weisgal,

Please pardon the long delay in answering your communication. I have been out of the city a great deal and in the last month I have been extremely busy with preparations for the convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations which took place in our city last week.

I plan to be in New York the week of February 25th. I am to speak in Newark on Friday evening, at the National Fund Jubilee Meeting Sunday evening, Monday night at Far Rockaway and Tuesday night for the Harlem Zionists. I shall be free Saturday evening and every afternoon during the week of the 25th. If you can arrange a meeting for the Brainin affair during that time I shall be glad to attend. I am sorry that I have been unable to do any writing for the New Palestine. I concluded final arrangements last month with the MacMillan Company for the publication of my book and I have been busy every spare hour putting the book in final shape. You will therefore understand that I have not had time for the New Palestine much as I am anxious to write for you.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



N. D. Kaplan

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*Telegram*  
*We join you in wishing you a happy and a happy year*  
*January 31, 1927.*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 55th Street and Central,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Chicago Young Judaea is holding its Annual Dinner on February 9, 1927. The Dinner is being tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan D. Kaplan on the eve of their departure for an extended trip to Palestine. Mr. Kaplan, as you know, has been for a score of years one of the most active Jewish leaders in Chicago and one of the most devoted Zionists in America.

We would like to have you send words of greeting, either by letter or telegram, to be read at the Dinner.

Cordially yours,

*Sigmund W. David*

Chairman  
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January thirty-first  
1927

Mr. Meyer Goldman,  
28 Fayette Street,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Goldman,

I wish it were possible for me to see my way clear to meet with The Harvard Zionist Society during my visit to Boston in April, but my few days in the East are completely filled up and I must return home as soon as possible. Perhaps there may be an opportunity for me to address your chapter of the Avukah at some date early in the coming season.

With kindest regards and wishing your organization every success, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Saved Feb. 3rd

Paid Day Letter to

February 3rd, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan D. Kaplan  
Care Sigmund W. David,  
1657 National Bank Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

I join your many friends in wishing you a pleasant summer  
and a happy sojourn in Eretz Yisroel.

Rabbi ~~Abba Hillel Silver~~ Abba Hillel Silver

Sent  
11 a.m.



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February 4, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105 Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I can readily appreciate how busy you must have been at the Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I thought that something extraordinary must have happened when I did not receive any reply to any of my letters for the past six weeks, or two months. The thing is now cleared up.

With regard to Brainin, the thing has been hanging fire for so long that it was impossible to wait any longer. And in view of the general peace stimulating that is pervading the atmosphere now, we thought that we would make another peace move on the crest of this huge wave. We succeeded. It took the form of an exchange of letters between Brainin and Lipsky. Mr. Lipsky's letter is printed in the Hadoar, and Mr. Brainin's letter will be printed later.

This little peace with Brainin is like the story I heard last week at a luncheon to Dr. Halpern. In the early days in New York when the poor devils were dispossessed from the tenement houses, with all their bag and baggage, the women sat there with two plates, a large one and a small one, for contributions from passersby. The large one was for the family and the small one was for the boarder. Similarly, we had one large peace and one small peace.

The whole thing was not really of much importance, but it was very disturbing to have the old man going around very much upset at the estrangement which has resulted from his indiscreet actions. And then, the unwarranted personal attacks of the Hadoar were entirely out of place.



I shall arrange a meeting of the Administrative Committee during the week of the 25th when you will be in New York so we can discuss a number of matters now on the agenda. I hope you will come in to see me when you are in New York.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*M. Weisgal*  
Meyer W. Weisgal  
Managing Editor.

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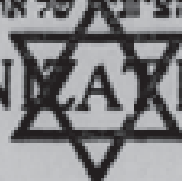


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SAMUEL BLITZ, DIRECTOR

114 FIFTH AVENUE  
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March 4, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The Zionist District of Oil City, Pa. requests us to extend to you their cordial invitation to deliver a lecture in Oil City, either the first or second week in April on any evening at your convenience. They will be glad to pay a fee of \$150.00 plus travelling expenses. As the Oil City Zionist District is one of the best in the country, I trust you will find it possible to accommodate them.

We are also requested by the Baltimore Zionist District to extend to you their invitation to attend a banquet in your honor on Sunday evening, March 27th which they desire to arrange in connection with the membership campaign. At last year's banquet which was addressed by Judge Mack, over fifty sustaining members were secured, and they expect even better results this year if you will accept their invitation. Please try to accept.

Thanking you for an early reply, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel Blitz*  
Director.

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March 9, 1927.

alestine Office,  
ionist Organization of America,  
4 Fifth Avenue,  
w York City.

r Friends:

I am enclosing herewith, a  
letter from a young student from the  
University of California.

The letter is self-explanatory.  
What suggestions can you make to the  
young man?

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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P.S.  
Please return the letter to me.



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March eleven<sup>th</sup>  
1927 -

Mr. Samuel Elitz,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
114 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Elitz,

I regret very much that it will  
not be possible to accept either of the invitations  
which you convey to me in your letter of March  
fourth, i.e. Oil City and Baltimore.

I am suffering from a very heavy cold  
and under ~~the advice of my physician~~ I have been  
compelled to ~~cancel~~ several speaking engagements and  
to refrain from accepting any additional ones.

Please convey to our people at ~~Oil City~~ -  
and Baltimore my regrets in not being able to assist  
them at this time.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



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March 15, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

We are arranging a huge meeting at  
Temple Mishkan Tefila for Sunday afternoon, April  
3rd, also a dinner in honor of Dr. Gruenbaum at  
6:30 at the Copley Plaza.

We are, of course, anxious to have  
you at both meetings. In any event, at the afternoon  
meeting and you can take dinner with us at the Copley  
Plaza and we could take you to Ford Hall directly from  
there.

We have been looking forward to your  
coming to our city for a long time. Is it satisfactory  
to book you up? I understand that our New York office  
said that you were available for the afternoon of April  
3rd.

Please accept our sincerest appreciation.  
With personal kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mendel N. Fisher,  
Executive Secretary

P.S. I recall the very pleasant trip we  
took to Martha Adams!



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March 17, 1927.

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
60 Scollay Square,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

In reply to your letter  
of March 15th, will you please let me  
know the nature of the meeting which  
you plan to hold, Sunday afternoon,  
April 3rd. What is its purpose?

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
114 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

March 23, 1927.

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## THE EMERGENCY IN PALESTINE

Dear Fellow-Zionist:

This Emergency Appeal is directed only to enrolled Zionists. It is our duty to direct the attention of all American Zionists to the present state of affairs in Palestine, which urgently demands emergency action to cope with the situation.

The Jewish settlement in Palestine has been struggling valiantly for more than a year to overcome the prevailing economic depression. Our settlers in the cities and towns have heroically borne privations and hardships, and exerted their best efforts to overcome the economic difficulties. The Zionist Organization has rallied all forces at its command to bring relief to the troubled situation. It has made unusual efforts, straining its credit and resources, to reduce unemployment by undertaking public works and other productive activities for absorbing labor. Despite all these efforts, unemployment has reached a total of approximately 9,000, and there is great distress in the land.

It is not in place here to analyze the causes that have produced the economic depression. It is essential, however, to point out that the crisis is not inherent in the nature of Palestine. It is due to causes that have their origin primarily outside of Palestine, particularly in Poland, whence has come the bulk of Jewish immigration of the past few years.

The arrest of an influx of capital into Palestine, due to the economic crisis in Poland, has directly and



adversely affected the situation in the country. Prospective Polish Jewish settlers who had invested part of their money for the purchase of land and industrial undertakings, were compelled by the shrinkage of their capital to abandon further efforts in Palestine.

But whatever the cause of the crisis, the situation obviously is one which places an obligation upon every enrolled Zionist. The corporate responsibility for the maintenance of Jewish life in Palestine belongs primarily to the Zionist Organization and to Zionists. For it was the Zionist ideal which inspired the settlement of Palestine. It was our own education and propaganda which induced Jews to offer themselves for service in Palestine. Therefore our duty is clear. We cannot escape it. And the situation brooks no delay.

Having given careful consideration to all the problems involved in the situation, the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, in consultation with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, has decided to issue an appeal to every organized Zionist in America, man and woman, to contribute a minimum of one day's earnings to an Emergency Fund for the Relief of Unemployment in Palestine. This decision was approved by a unanimous vote of the National Executive Committee at its last session held in Washington.

We are now in the midst of a nation-wide campaign for the United Palestine Appeal. Every Zionist is, we have no doubt, contributing his share to the quota of seven and a half million dollars. But the income of the United Palestine Appeal cannot be used to solve the unemployment problem. The United Palestine Appeal funds are used to cover the regular budget adopted at the Zionist Congress. It is used for the maintenance of established institutions—the continuation of our colonization work—the maintenance of the Hadassah Medical Organization—for certain industrial undertakings. An Emergency Fund is required to meet the situation. Only such a fund will enable the Palestine Zionist Executive to bring relief to the struggling Jewish population in Palestine.

It is necessary to state that, in asking American Zionists to contribute a minimum of a day's earnings for the relief of the unemployment situation in Palestine, it is desired that this action be taken without prejudice to the work of the United Palestine Appeal and with the distinct understanding that Zionists are not to regard their response to this appeal as a substitute for a contribution to the



United Palestine Appeal, which would vitiate and nullify the purpose of this special action.

This emergency appeal is directed only to enrolled Zionists, including the members of Hadassah. It is not our purpose to conduct a campaign or to engage in any publicity for this Emergency Fund in any form whatsoever. It is not our intention to arrange meetings or to send out speakers or to make public appeals. This is a direct personal appeal to every Zionist to meet an emergency situation through a special contribution.

The Zionist Organization of America has undertaken to turn over to the Palestine Zionist Executive, within the next ninety days, the sum of \$250,000 for the Emergency Fund. We appeal to you, as one conscious of the responsibility which rests upon the Zionist Organization and its membership in this critical moment, to come forward and not only to contribute a minimum of your own day's earnings, but to urge upon other members of the Organization in your community also to make their sacrifice for Palestine.

Attached you will find a form check for this emergency action. Please fill it out and return it as soon as possible to the Zionist Organization of America, 114 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

With Zion's greetings,

*Louis Lipsky*  
President.

TEAR OFF AND MAIL TO-DAY

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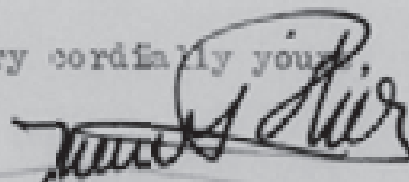
Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Zionist Organization is conducting in conjunction with the American Jewish Congress a campaign which will officially open with a banquet on April 3rd.

Dr. Gruenbaum, yourself and Dr. Wise are the principal speakers. It is our wish that you speak on Zionism on this occasion. Our Committee is taking into consideration your suggestion to have only one meeting. It was not the anticipation of our Committee to have two meetings anyway, but to have a dinner and a meeting.

With personal kindest regards, I am

Very cordially yours



MENDEL N. FISHER,  
Executive Secretary

It will not be possible for me  
to address your meeting. I am  
scheduled to lecture that evening  
at Ford Hall.

Abba Silver



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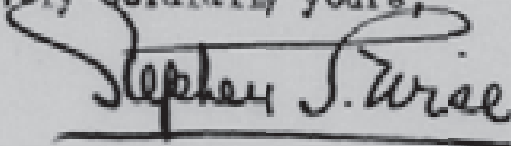
March 31, 1927.

My dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed prospectus will explain the purpose of this brief note to you. I take it that you are in full accord with the object and I am sure you will be happy to serve as a member of this committee, of which I have the honor to be the Chairman. The officers of the committee refrained from doing anything in a public way while Mr. Lipsky was here, but now that he has left for London, we are free to act.

Please let me have your reply on the enclosed card.

Very cordially yours,

  
Stephen S. Wise

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio



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*Regret cannot attend Actions Committee  
meeting in London April 28 —  
Silver*



Collect  
~~Letter~~  
Telegram

April 19th, 1927

Meyer Weisgal,  
Zionist Organization of America  
114 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Regret cannot attend Actions Committee Meeting  
in London April twenty-eighth.

A. H. Silver.

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WESTERN UNION

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"Conheim  
Survive to Live"

New York City  
May 3rd, 1927

Old world  
Cousinhood

Rabbi A. H. Silver

Steady in crisis

Please wire collect two hundred words tribute Conheim for  
publication New Palestine

Weisgal.

It is with deepest sorrow that I read the  
death of our dear comrade Rev. Con-  
heim in the East



T E L E G R A M

Zionist Office  
Re "Conheim"

Collect

May 3, 1927.

Mr. Meyer Weisgal,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
114 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

It is with deepest sorrow that I read of the death of our dear comrade, Herman Conheim (Stop) In the last decade, few men served our cause as unselfishly and as completely as this splendid Jew (Stop) I shall remember him not only as the valiant champion of our renaissance, the gifted organizer and the practical man of affairs, but also as the fine man of culture who had about him the old world courtliness and grace of manner and mind. (skip)

A. H. Silver

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3:20 P.M.

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(over)



We lose much in his passing but the inspiration  
of his life will abide in our midst.

WRHS





Season of 1927-28

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EMANUEL TEITELBAUM  
830 NAPOLEON STREET  
JOHNSTOWN, PENNA.

May 17, 1927.

Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver,

% The Temple,

Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The local Zionist District of which I am president is arranging a lecture course for next fall, and we are particularly anxious to have you come to Johnstown.

Kindly advise us what date in September or October is available, and also what the cost would be.

Very sincerely yours,

*Emanuel Teitelbaum*

ET:AEC



May Twenty-second  
1927

Mr. Emanuel Teitelbaum,  
639 Napoleon Street,  
Johnstown, Penna.

My dear Mr. Teitelbaum,

Permit me to thank you for your invitation to participate in the lecture course of your local Zionist District which you are arranging for next Fall. I think I may be in a position to come to you some time during October. My honorarium would be \$200.00. If this be satisfactory, kindly let me know, when I will set aside a definite date for you.

With kindest regards and hoping your project will be most successful, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



J- Johnstown

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EMANUEL TEITELBAUM  
630 NAPOLEON STREET  
JOHNSTOWN, PENNA.

May 23, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
% The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:-

I want to acknowledge with considerable pleasure your letter advising me that you will be able to come to Johnstown in October. The fee which you name is satisfactory and we will appreciate your letting us know promptly a definite date. If it is at all possible, we would like to have you here on a Sunday night; if it is impossible for you to favor us with a Sunday night, we prefer Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

Also please let us know if you desire to have us assign a subject, or whether you wish to submit a list of subjects on which you lecture.

With kindest regards from your fellow-Zionists  
I am Very sincerely yours,

*Emanuel Teitelbaum*



EMANUEL TEITELBAUM  
833 NAPOLEON STREET  
JOHNSTOWN, PENNA.

June 3, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St., at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

On May 21 I wrote you advising that it will be satisfactory to us for you to come here in October, as per your letter of May 20, and requested that you let us know the definite date. If you have not already done so, will you please reply to my letter promptly as we are very anxious to know a definite date in order to arrange for other numbers on the course.

Yours very truly,

*Emanuel Teitelbaum*

ET:OME



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MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Held at home of Mr. Meister, Wednesday evening, June 3, 1927.

PRESENT: Mr. Lipaky in the chair; Messrs. Fierst, Goldberg, Kaliski, Meister, Mrs. Lindheim, Mrs. Szold and Mr. Weisgal, Secretary.

By Invitation: Messrs. Bernstein, Blitz, Maltin, Schwarz and Stein.

PROGRAM OF CONVENTION:

The Secretary reported that the Office Committee, together with members of the Committee on Program, met to consider the program of the Convention. Before making final decisions with regard to the program, the Committee desired to get guidance from the Administrative Committee with regard to certain proposals. The Committee is of the opinion that a number of the oral reports should be omitted from the program in order to give an opportunity to the delegates to discuss the report of the administration as well as the serious problems now confronting the Organization.

The chairman expressed the opinion that it is impossible to eliminate all the reports; that there are certain reports that should be presented to the Convention, and among these he enumerated (1) report on Palestine conditions, (2) American Zion Commonwealth, (3) United Palestine Appeal, (4) Organization (embracing Hadassah, etc.)

It was agreed by the Administrative Committee that this be done and that the program be arranged accordingly.

It was also decided that a meeting of the National Executive Committee, be held on Saturday evening and that the first session of the Convention open at 10:30 Sunday morning. It was further decided that the first session of the Convention be closed with a manifesto to the Jews of America on the Palestine situation.

The chairman reported that he had cabled to Mr. Ussischkin, inviting him to be present at our Convention, in accordance with the previous decision of the Administrative Committee.

It was decided that the Office Committee engage a person for Convention publicity, the amount to be spent in this connection to be decided by the Office Committee together with the Finance Committee.

REORGANIZATION REPORT:

The secretary reported that the Committee on Reorganization appointed at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee, met and considered the plan and that a full report of its findings will be made at a subsequent meeting of the Administrative Committee.



MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Secretary read the following minutes of the Finance Committee:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE  
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION HELD AT 4 W. 16th St. NYC  
MONDAY, MAY 23rd AT 1 P. M.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Zionist Organization was held at 4 West 16th St., N. Y. C. Monday, May 23rd at 1 P. M.

PRESENT: Messrs. Topkis, Fierst, Meister and I. Maltin, Secretary.

Mr. Maltin presented a financial report covering the period of eleven months. He explained there will be no material changes during May, and the report for the Convention year will not reflect any material differences, excepting that our income and expenses will be increased by the income and expense for the month of May.

MR. TOPKIS

"I have familiarized myself with the details of this report prior to this meeting. I do not find any difference in this report from previous reports submitted. It is obvious that we cannot go on indefinitely at the same rate of expense, and therefore this committee must decide on recommendations which should be presented to the next meeting of the Administrative Committee for approval, and eventually to the Convention for adoption."

MR. FIERST

"I really have nothing to add to what I have said months before which is on record, and to what Mr. Topkis said just now. Our deficit for these eleven months is \$52,000. Adding to this our old deficit of last year and deducting assets which to my estimation is frozen, we can safely say, that we have a deficit of \$150,000, although our book deficit is only \$113,000."

I do not see any solution to this problem but the only one possible, namely, to reduce our expenses to absolute necessities or to establish a preferential budget or Budget "A" and a Budget "B" which is to be paid only when the entire Budget "A" is covered."

MR. MEISTER

"At the last meeting of the Administrative Committee at my home, the matter of finances was brought up, and was referred to the Finance Committee to bring recommendation as to ways and means of meeting the present obligations as well as a balanced budget for next year."

From previous experiences, I know that no matter what we decide and recommend, the Administrative Committee including ourselves, eventually vote for appropriations and other commitments regarding our financial situation and previous decisions. Nevertheless, we should make another attempt to present a tentative budget to the Administrative Committee, which should balance at least on paper.



I personally do not know what is essential and preferred, and what is not essential for the Zionist Organization. If we should desire to curtail our expenses which is obvious, we will be at a loss to know exactly what we should take out of our present budget. Nevertheless we should make this attempt and would therefore propose that we look over the items of expenses with a view of eliminating items from the next budget, which in our opinion, are not essential."

Mr. Topkis then presented the entire report by departments, calling attention to each item. After a discussion of each item of expense, it was decided to recommend to the Administrative Committee: 1) that our subsidies for magazines and Organizations should not exceed \$10,000 a year 2) that special appropriations must carry with them a respective item of income to cover their expenses - 3) That we abolish the Palestine Bureau and 4) that we recommend that stringent economy be exercised in every department in expense as well as personnel.

The Secretary was instructed to present this tentative recommendation to the next meeting of the Administrative Committee for discussion, and if adopted, a complete budget will be then submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

I. Maltin, Secretary  
Finance Committee.

After discussion, it was unanimously decided to adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee and to authorize it, together with the Office Committee, to draw up the budget for the coming year.

#### ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CONGRESS:

The Secretary presented to the Administrative Committee the following two communications from the Chairman of the General Shekel Board concerning the rules governing the election of delegates to the 15th Zionist Congress.

June 3, 1927.

#### GENERAL SHEKEL BOARD OF U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with my letter of June 3rd regarding the election rules, you are kindly requested to acquaint your constituencies with the following:

#### 1. Election of voting stations.

Voting stations should be formed in all cities, sections or Districts containing large numbers of Shekel payers.

The committees of these election stations should comprise representatives of all parties-where



such groups exist - reorganized by the World Zionist Congress (Zionists, Mizrahi, Poalei Zion and Zeirei Zion). The respective committees are to submit a report with the election returns to the General Shekel Board, which report has to reach this office not later than July 25.

2. List of voters.

In order to prevent dual voting, the committees at the voting stations are to submit to the Shekel Board the names of all those who have cast their votes so that their names may be struck off the list of those entitled to vote by mail.

One delegate may be nominated for every 3000 shekolim paid during the last two Congress years.

(signed) Dr. S. Bernstein

June 3, 1927

IMPORTANT

Concerning elections of delegates to World Zionist Congress

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the General Shekel Board, I beg to inform you that the following rules will be adhered to in the elections of delegates to the World Zionist Congress:

1. National lists

The election of delegates will be carried out throughout the United States on the basis of national lists, no separate elections by individual States or Districts being allowed.

2. Final date for submitting lists

The lists with the names of delegates nominated by your organization have to be submitted to the General Shekel Board not later than July 5th.

3. Modus of voting.

Shekel-payers are entitled to make use of one of the following two methods of voting; a) by voting in person at a polling station in their respective locality; or b) by sending in their vote by mail direct to the General Shekel Board at 114 Fifth Av. New York.

4. Alternates

For every delegate entered in the list one alternate may be nominated; the nomination lists are not to contain more than twice the number of delegates to be elected.



5. Remittance of Shekel monies

The number of delegates to be elected can be based only on the amount of shekel monies remitted to the Shekel Board.

The Organization represented the the Shekel Board will be allowed to submit their lists only after a full report has been submitted by them to the Shekel Board showing the number of Shekolim sold and paid into the General Shekel Board.

6. Election day

The date for the election of delegates in U. S. A. to the World Zionist Congress has been fixed for Sunday, July 17, in the hours of 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The ballots sent in by mail must be in the hands of the General Shekel Board not later than Monday, July 25th. Ballots received after that date will be void.

(signed) Dr. S. Bernstein

The Administrative Committee approved of the election rules and the chairman then outlined the methods according to which nominations will be made for delegates to the Congress at our Convention in Atlantic City.

The Administrative Committee agreed with the proposals outlined by the chairman.

CHAIRMAN, JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

On motion of Mrs. Lindheim, it was decided that the Administrative Committee should not recommend the re-election of Mr. Rosenblatt as Chairman of the Jewish National Fund. The Chairman was instructed to discuss the matter with Mr. Rosenblatt.

It was further decided that Mr. Harry P. Tierst be recommended as Chairman of the Jewish National Fund for the coming year.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND AND JUDEA INSURANCE:

The Secretary presented the following letter from Hadassah:

May 26, 1927.

At a meeting of the National Board of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization, held on Tuesday evening, May 24th, a report was rendered on the action taken by the Jewish National Fund Bureau at its meeting of May 19th, with regard to the Judea Insurance Co. According to this report the National Board of Hadassah understands:-



First, that the Judaea Insurance Company placed before the Jewish National Fund Bureau a plan of reciprocal service whereby the Judaea Insurance Company would promote the issuance of policies in behalf of the Jewish National Fund, and the Jewish National Fund would endorse the Judaea Insurance Company in oral and written publicity; and

Secondly, that - after considerable discussion which brought out, among other points, the fact the Jewish National Fund Bureau would take action in this matter without consulting the Jerusalem office, and with full knowledge that the Zionist Organization of America was opposed, the Jewish National Fund Bureau recommended the appointment of a Committee which should meet with representatives of the Judaea Insurance Co., and should assure them of the appreciation of the Jewish National Fund Bureau of their offer to encourage the taking out of bequest policies in its behalf, and with full power to act, should fix the terms of an agreement.

On hearing this report, the National Board of Hadassah resolved to protest against this action on the part of the Jewish National Fund Bureau, and, in view of the fact that Hadassah is a constituent of the Zionist Organization of America and by virtue thereof has representation in the Jewish National Fund, to ask the Zionist Organization of America to transmit their protest to the Jewish National Fund Bureau.

The National Board of Hadassah believes that any affiliation of an official Zionist body and any commercial enterprise, however good, implies the assumption on the part of that Zionist body, of moral and therefore possibly at some later time financial responsibility for the business enterprise. The National Board of Hadassah protests against any form of affiliation whatsoever with the Judaea Insurance Company, no matter how tempting the offer, no matter what immediate good might result.

Furthermore, the National Board of Hadassah wishes to register a most vigorous protest in that a decision of such far reaching consequence, should have been taken without previous written communication to each of the allied Zionist organizations, and written endorsement from them.

The National Board of Hadassah therefore asks you as President of the Zionist Organization of America to transmit this protest to the Jewish National Fund either with or without a similar protest from the Zionist Organization of America.

(signed) Miss Ruth Cohen

It was explained that inasmuch as no definite arrangement had as yet been made by the Jewish National Fund with the Judaea Insurance Company, no action could be taken by the Organization on this matter.



JOINT PALESTINE COMMISSION:

Mr. Stein reported on the latest development in the composition of the Joint Palestine Commission. He stated that it had been agreed that Dr. Wasserman of Berlin, be a member of the Praesidium. It was also agreed that Mr. Leo Wolman go to Palestine as an expert on labor questions and that certified accountants be engaged for the purpose of studying the financial accounts of the colonies as well as of the Organization.

He further reported on the conference between Prof. Mead, Dr. Lipman, Sir John Russell, Mr. Marshall and himself, at which a number of important matters were discussed with regard to colonization in Palestine. Mr. Stein also reported that the Commission is still in need of industrial and immigration experts, but these questions he expects to take up when he returns to London.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Administrative Committee, expressed his thanks to Mr. Stein for his report and the satisfaction felt by the Administrative Committee of the work done by him in connection with the organization of the Commission.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

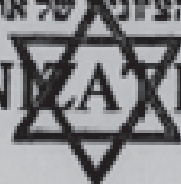
MAYER W. WEISGAL.





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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

June 13, 1927.

To The Members of the Administrative Committee  
of the Zionist Organization and  
Executive Committee of Hadassah:

A joint meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, and the Executive Committee of Hadassah, will be held on Wednesday evening, June 15th, at the Hotel Mc Alpin, 34th St. & Broadway, Room C. First Mezzanine, at 8:30 P.M.

Among other things, the meeting will make final decision upon:

- (1) The Program of the Convention
- (2) The Plan of Reorganization
- (3) The Merger of Zionist Publications

These are matters of the utmost importance to the future development of the Zionist Organization in this country. You are therefore urgently requested not to fail to be present at this meeting so that you may be in a position to express your views on the subjects under discussion.

Very cordially yours,

Meyer W. Weisgal  
Secretary



W- Wise

TELEPHONE, CHELSEA 10400

Re Lipsky's Books  
LOUIS LIPSKY JUBILEE COMMITTEE

114 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

STEPHEN S. WISE  
CHAIRMAN

June 14, 1927

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver

I am taking the liberty of sending you, under separate cover, a De Luxe edition of the Selected Works of Louis Lipsky.

I am sure that as member of the Louis Lipsky Jubilee Committee, you will want to own a set of this splendid collection of works, embodying thirty years' experience of the man who has given so much toward the enrichment of Jewish life in America.

I feel that none of us could retain a finer memento of Mr. Lipsky's Jubilee than this excellent collection of his writings.

Very cordially yours

Stephen S. Wise  
Chairman

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ISIDORE D. MORRISON, TREASURER



Z. O. A.

Paid Straight Wire

June 15, 1927

Mr. Louis Lipsky, President Zionist Organization of America  
Hotel McAlpin, Room 6  
34th & Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

Regret cannot attend meeting of executive tonight stop it is of utmost importance that your program of reorganization which you discussed with me be carried through both as regards administration and budget stop the situation both here and abroad makes this radical reorganization absolutely imperative stop please persuade members of executive to be courageous and far visioned in their action tonight

Dr. A. H. Silver

Sent 5:20 P.M.  
AHS:aK



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June 16, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Silver;

Thank you very much for the telegram sent yesterday, which I read to the Administrative Committee. I am very glad to say that the main proposal submitted to the Committee, with regard to reorganization and budget, has been approved. There will have to be a number of minor changes, but these do not affect the plan.

Since I have returned, it has developed that the Budget Committee, which was to go to Palestine, has broken down completely. It is impossible to get anybody to go. Rethenberg has declined. Rosensohn has declined on the advice of Mr. Brandeis. Under the circumstances, it would be folly for us to insist that the Executive in London proceed with the organization of a committee in which there will be no Americans at all. I regret this exceedingly, but I have wired to Dr. Weizmann that it is important that an unofficial committee be appointed to set up a flexible budget and that, in the last analysis, an effort should be made to avoid having the Congress pass upon the budget altogether.

I am yet to hear from you as to whether you are going to Palestine first, or to Russia. Please let me know because your going to Palestine first may enable us to connect your visit with an official mission in Palestine.

I need not say that I regret, exceedingly, that you are leaving the day before the Convention opens. But if you do have to go, please do not forget to send a message to the Convention that will strengthen me in my attempt to reorganize the Administrative Committee and to bring about radical changes in the policy of our work in Palestine.

Very cordially yours,

President

LL/FW



June 20, 1927.

Mr. Emanuel Teitelbaum,  
630 Napoleon St.  
Johnstown, Penna.

My dear Mr. Teitelbaum:

It may be possible for  
me to come to you on Tuesday,  
October 25th.

If that date is  
satisfactory, please let me know  
at once as I am leaving for Europe  
by the end of this week.

With kindest regards. I am

Very sincerely yours,

P.S.

Upon my return from Europe  
in September, I shall send  
you a list of subjects from  
which to select one.

AHS:NEB



Card

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EMANUEL TEITELBAUM  
835 NAPOLEON STREET  
JOHNSTOWN, PENNA.

June 21, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of yesterday advising that it will be possible for you to come to Johnstown, Tuesday evening, October 25th.

This date is satisfactory to us and I will appreciate your prompt acknowledgement of this letter informing us that you have reserved this date for us.

With kindest regards and sincerest wishes that you have a very pleasant journey, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ET/HS

*Emanuel Teitelbaum*

*OR*



Card

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Johnstown, Pa

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June 22, 1927.

Mr. Emanuel Teitelbaum  
630 Napoleon St.  
Johnstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Teitelbaum:

In reply to your letter  
of the 21st., I have reserved Tuesday  
evening, October 25th for you.

With kindest regards,  
permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB



2. Report on Shkelim and Congress Election Procedure  
(By Dr. S. Bernstein, Chairman Shkel Control Board)

Tuesday Evening, June 28, at 8 P. M.

#### SIXTH SESSION.

1. Continuing Submission of Resolutions by Committees.
  - (a) Youth Activities.
  - (b) Cultural Activities.
  - (c) Finance and Budget.
2. Report of Board of Elections.
3. Closing Addresses.

Adjournment.

#### PLAN OF REORGANIZATION.

Before calling upon Mr. Goldberg to report for the Committee on Reorganization the Chairman read the following telegram from Dr. Abba Hillel Silver:

"PRES ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN HOTEL MCALPIN  
REGRET CANNOT ATTEND MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE TONIGHT  
STOP IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT YOUR PROGRAM OF  
REORGANIZATION WHICH YOU DISCUSSED WITH ME BE CARRIED  
THROUGH BOTH AS REGARDS ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET STOP  
THE SITUATION BOTH HERE AND ABROAD MAKE THIS RADICAL  
REORGANIZATION ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE STOP PLEASE PERSUADE  
MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE TO BE COURAGEOUS AND FAR  
VISIONED IN THEIR ACTIONS TONIGHT."

Mr. Goldberg reported that the Committee on the Reorganization plan had a number of meetings, including one public meeting to which New York District leaders were invited. The consensus of opinion at these meetings was that the reorganization plan represented an essential step in the direction of coordination and unification of Zionist activities for the proper conduct of Zionist affairs. At these meetings a number of suggestions were made for improvement over the original plan presented by the secretary at the meeting of May 26th.

For the purpose of the discussion of the plan the preamble, as contained in the original plan, was omitted. After a lengthy discussion, in which all members present participated, the plan was unanimously adopted as follows:



## 1. NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION.

A. Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Associate Treasurer.

B. Administrative Committee: 1. Chairman of Political Relations, 2. Chairman of General Palestine Affairs and Investments, 3. Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, 4. Chairman of Keren Hayesod, 5. Chairman of the Jewish National Fund, 6. Chairman of Cultural Activities, 7. Chairman of Youth Organizations, 8. Chairman of Organization and Propaganda, 9. Chairman for Finance, 10. Chairman on Publications, 11. Chairman of Hebrew University, 12. Chairman for Women's Organization. (Hadassah)

(It is understood that each chairman will have an advisory committee cooperating with him or her in the specific task assigned to the member of the Administrative Committee)

Five or seven members without portfolios.

The Administrative Committee thus constituted is to meet once every week.

"Each department within the Zionist Organization (publicity, organization, publications, fund raising, etc) shall be under the direct supervision of the chairmen holding the particular portfolio of the department and the director in charge of the department responsible to the member of the "Cabinet."

The Chairman of the department in turn is responsible to the President of the Organization, the Cabinet as a whole (within which ultimate authority on all questions resides), to the Central Committee composed of deputies of the Regional Federations, and finally to the Convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

## 2. REGIONAL FEDERATIONS.

a. The country shall be divided into Regional Federations, with or ten, the organization structure of these Regional Federations to parallel the organization structure of the Central Office.

b. Each Regional Federation to elect five or seven deputies. These deputies together with the Central Administration to constitute what will be known as the Central Committee (substituting our present National Executive Committee) and is to meet four times a year.

c. Each Regional Federation is to have an Annual Convention.

d. In each Regional Federation there is to be set up a bureau capable of functioning efficiently on behalf of the Zionist Organization of America, and the various fund raising institutions within the organization.

e. The officers of the Regional Federation as well as the Director to be appointed in each particular case are to be responsible



for all Zionist activities to the Zionist Organization of America.

f. When the Federation will have been established and in a position to function efficiently, the Central Office will then correspond with the officers of the proposed Federations, instead of with the individual districts as is now the case.

g. This plan of organization can be made effective only if Hadassah agrees to follow this same system and join in these Regional Federations, on the basis of adequate representations.

#### MERGER OF ZIONIST PUBLICATIONS.

The Secretary submitted the following plan for a merger of all the English Zionist publications issued by the Zionist Organization, Hadassah, Young Judaea and the United Palestine Appeal:

"The following observations are herewith submitted to the Administrative Committee in recommendation of the merger plan for the Zionist periodicals in this country.

The present situation has arisen as a result of the creation, from time to time, of various periodicals, each of them designed to meet a specific need. In the English speaking field, the New Palestine (at first the Maccabean) was intended as the general organ of the Zionist Organization. The Young Judaea was specially created for the needs of the Zionist youth. The Hadassah Bulletin was created as a medium for the dissemination of specific information on Hadassah problems. The Palestine pictorial was created to serve the campaign needs of the Keren Hayesod and United Palestine Appeal.

While each publication has a specific purpose, the haphazardness which results from their separate existence entails some serious consequences. These may be divided under the three heads of political propagandist, and financial value.

Politically the Zionist movement in this country does not possess a periodical by a means commensurate with its actual strength. Four periodicals with a small circulation do not represent anything like the influence of one periodical with the combined circulation of the four, or even with three fourths of their combined circulation. The most powerful of our organs, the New Palestine, has less than thirty thousand circulations. While it wields some influence, it is still regarded as being outside the big national field. The impression which is produced by our press is provincial- each periodical having the character rather of a bulletin.

In regard to propaganda the same weakness manifests itself. For instance, Hadassah members who at present receive only the Hadassah Bulletin remain outside the scope of full Zionist propaganda, with all its political, cultural and publicistic angles. The Bulletin serves its purpose excellently: But that same purpose can be served equally well, and can be reinforced with much more general propaganda, to the ultimate benefit of Hadassah and the Zionist movement, by a larger periodical in which Hadassah would have allotted to it a space equal to the contents of the Bulletin. The supreme advantage would lie, of course, in the fact that Hadassah news would thus be brought to the



attention of twice or perhaps three times as many readers as the Bulletin now commands.

The same considerations, with even greater force, apply to the readers of the Palestine Pictorial. Most of the contributors of the Palestine Appeal are Zionistically inclined. The contents of the Pictorial are designed to win them over through the dissemination of information on Palestine chiefly through the medium of illustrations. Added to this is some material on the progress of local campaigns. As in the case of the Hadassah bulletin, this valuable information would thus reach tens of thousands of readers more than before, and would again be reinforced by general information, Zionist propaganda, sketches, travelogues, etc.

A special department for the young - like that run by the London Jewish Chronicle, but much more extensive and of higher calibre - could serve the purpose of Young Judaea: and again this reading matter would be brought in ten or twelve times as many Jewish homes as receive the Young Judaeans now.

With special reference to the Hadassah bulletin, it ought to be pointed out that half of the Zionist constituency in America actually does not receive the official organ of the Zionist Organization! Members of Hadassah are, in every respect, full-fledged members of the Zionist Organization of America. Yet they do not keep in official touch with the general policies of the movement and must rely on chance sources for their knowledge of the larger aspects of our common work.

Regarded financially the situation with regard to our periodicals is altogether unsatisfactory. Quite apart from the overlapping of activities, duplication in administration, etc., the positive commercial value of all our periodicals is practically nothing. The expense they entail amounts to a minimum of \$140,000 annually. They cover a rich field which can yield large returns in advertising. But no periodical with a circulation of less than fifty thousand can compete in the national field. We have a maximum of expense for our periodicals and a minimum of returns.

I have held several conferences during the last few months with some of the foremost advertising experts in the country. In particular, I have consulted Mr. Louis Wiley, of the New York Times, Mr. Irving Rosenbaum, of the Peck Advertising Agency and formerly advertising manager of The New York Times, Mr. Max Bloch, of the Paul Bloch and Company, the largest organization of its kind in the country. It is the unanimous opinion of these experts that a weekly such as would be produced by a merger of the Zionist publications would be a first class advertising medium. The lowest estimate I have received with regard to actual business has been 500 pages of advertising matter per annum at a net return of three hundred dollars per page.

The special value of this periodical would lie first, in its circulation which would be at least seventy five thousand, probably nearer one hundred thousand (see below) the moral strength of the Zionist movement; and the special class circulations, consisting of the people who are the financial backers of the movement to the extent of between three and five million dollars a year.

In making comparative estimates below I have made the expense side reasonably large, and on the income side have confined myself to the



lowest conceivable returns. I submit the following comparison:

The circulation of our periodicals at present is as follows:

New Palestine Weekly	27,000
Hadassah Bulletin, Monthly	44,000
Palestine Pictorial, Monthly	30,000
Young Judaea, Monthly	6,000

Our expense is as follows:

New Palestine	\$70,000
Hadassah Bulletin	12,000
Palestine Pictorial	36,000
Young Judaea	20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$139,000</b>

(This does not include editorial work for the Palestine Pictorial and Hadassah Bulletin)

The "merged" periodical, it is proposed, would contain a minimum of thirty two pages, divided as follows:

Editorials	3 pages
Articles	6
Correspondence	2
Palestine	2
Young Judaea	2
National Fund	1
U. P. A.	3
Hadassah	3
Z. O. A.	3
Cover	1
Advertising	4
Miscellaneous	2

**TOTAL 32**

It is to be observed that only four pages of advertising has been counted on. In spite of the estimate of experts that at least ten pages per issue can be relied on with a proper advertising department, the present estimate confines itself to the lowest conceivable minimum.

The Expense entailed by this publication has been analysed, as follows:

Printing	(75,000 copies, 32 pp.).....	\$112,500	
Mailing		11,250	
Postage		10,000	
			\$133,750
<b>Editorial:</b>			
Executive Editor		7,500	
Assistant Editor		5,000	
Editorial Secretary		2,500	
Stenographer		1,500	
Contributions, correspondence, translations.		10,000	
Cuts, drawings, pictures,		3,000	29,500



Administration:

Records	7,500	
Bookkeeper and assistant	2,500	
Rent and Telephone	3,000	
Stationery and Printing	1,000	
Postage	1,500	\$15,500

Advertising:

Advertising Manager	10,000	
Secretary to Manager	2,000	
Circulation Manager	3,000	17,000
	TOTAL	\$195,750

Income:

Zionist Organization of America	\$25,000	
Hadassah	25,000	
United Palestine Appeal	90,000	
Young Judaea	6,000	
Advertising (4 pages weekly at \$300 net)	60,000	
	TOTAL	\$206,000

The following should be noted in connection with the above figures: the total circulation of our periodicals at present is 107,000. Allowing for duplication the total for the merged periodical has been set at 75,000. This would mean not merely readers, but families. This is of considerable significance from the advertising point of view.

As noted, the estimated advertising has been set at four pages per issue, and even for that quantity allowance has been made for a \$10,000 advertising manager, a secretary and a circulation manager. Even at 75,000 circulation, it would argue the most extraordinary inefficiency if the minimum mentioned by the experts could not be reached within a year. The fact is, however, that a general periodical of this kind, first in its field, should easily attract circulation out of the general Jewish field: circulation is of primary importance not as a direct means of income, but because of its advertising value.

On the expense side the Zionist Organization and Hadassah have been assessed, (the former as hitherto) at one dollar per member for the periodical and the rough minimum figure of 25,000 has been assigned to each. The United Palestine Appeal at present pays for the propaganda service of The New Palestine and Dos Yiddische Volk \$75,000. Its contributors do not get these publications. For its contributors the United Palestine Appeal must publish the Pictorial, at an additional expense of \$36,000 exclusive of editorial cost. Allowing \$60,000 out of the \$75,000 to The New Palestine, and adding to this sum \$36,000 cost of the Pictorial, we note that the present English publication expense borne by the United Palestine Appeal is \$96,000 (exclusive of editorial expense) as compared with the proposed \$90,000 for the new publication. There can, of course, be no question as to the enormous advantage gained by the movement when thirty thousand United Palestine Appeal contributors (not counting members of the



Zionist Organization) will be receiving the new weekly instead of the monthly pictorial.

The most important factor, however, has only been touched on. There is not the slightest doubt that, properly managed, a publication of this kind can be turned into a large source of revenue for the Zionist movement. With \$140,000 being sunk every year in publications, it is nothing short of negligence to be content with the pure propaganda effect of the publications, when the same propaganda can be conducted and even enhanced, while the publication can ultimately be placed on a paying basis. It should not be forgotten that an increase in advertising would naturally call for an increase in reading matter: that with increased reading matter the publication can be made progressively more attractive, and thus increase its circulation, thus, again, giving it higher advertising value. The possibilities in this field are enormous. It remains for the organization to take full advantage of them."

After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided that it is concensus of the meeting that the proposed merger of publications represents a definite step in the direction of increased efficiency in the Zionist Organization and that proper steps be taken to bring this plan into effect,

#### INVITING MR. WARBURG TO THE CONVENTION:

The Chairman reported that he has sent an invitation to Mr. Felix Warburg to be present at the public session of our Convention, on Sunday evening, June 26th, and also asked Dr. Weizmann to urge upon Mr. Warburg to accept the invitation extended to him. The Administrative Committee approved of the action of the Chairman.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

MEYER W. WEISGAL  
SECRETARY



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114 FIFTH AVENUE  
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July 6, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I take pleasure in informing you, officially, that you have been elected by the Thirtieth Annual Zionist Convention, a delegate to the World Zionist Congress which will be held in Basle, Switzerland, beginning Tuesday, August 30th.

Please advise us at once whether you are definitely arranging to attend the Congress, as a large number of alternates are available and ready to serve in place of delegates who may be unable to attend.

It is important for us to know on what date you expect to arrive in Basle, and whether any members of your family or friends will accompany you so that we may make suitable arrangements for their accommodation as visitors to the Congress.

Please favor us with a prompt reply and oblige,

Cordially yours,

Secretary, American Delegation.

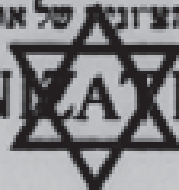
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## TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

You are respectfully called upon, as a Member of the National Executive Committee, to become a life member of the Zionist Organization of America. At the 30th Annual Convention of the Organization, held in Atlantic City on June 26, 1927, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED: That the sum of \$200,000 shall be raised for the purpose of liquidating forthwith the present deficit of the Zionist Organization of America and creating a reserve fund, by obtaining from the members of the Zionist Organization of America special contributions; and that there shall be created a new class membership to be known as Life Membership. A Life Member shall be one who shall pay to the Zionist Organization of America, in one sum, dues in the amount of \$100. The dues of the Life Member shall be used in their entirety for no other purpose than to discharge the present deficit and no portion thereof shall be retained by the Districts. Any balance shall be used for a capital reserve."

The Zionist Organization of America has a deficit of \$156,000 represented mostly by indebtedness to banks. To discharge this obligation and maintain a small reserve, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

It is the duty of every member of the National Executive Committee, as Officials of the Organization and charged with responsibility of its affairs, to see that this deficit is promptly met.



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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Please sign and return your subscription cards and also procure as many subscription cards from your friends as you can. The Committee feels that every member of the Executive Committee should procure four additional memberships in addition to his own.

Very sincerely yours,

*Louis Lipsky* PRESIDENT

*Lawrence Berenson* CHAIRMAN

*Dana Munk*

*Paul Wallenberg*  
Life Membership Committee



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
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Cleveland, O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I take pleasure in informing you, officially, that you were elected a member of the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America at the Convention in Atlantic City.

The first meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held immediately following the return of the American delegates from the Congress in Basle. In the meantime, it is proposed that the members of the National Executive Committee be kept informed of the progress of the work and the plans now being formulated by the Administrative Committee for the conduct of Zionist affairs for the coming year. You will receive, from time to time, summaries of the minutes of the Administrative Committee meetings.

Very sincerely yours,

*Meyer W. Weisgal*  
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Secretary



EMANUEL TEITELBAUM  
535 NAPOLEON STREET  
JOHNSTOWN, PENNA.

September 19, 1927.

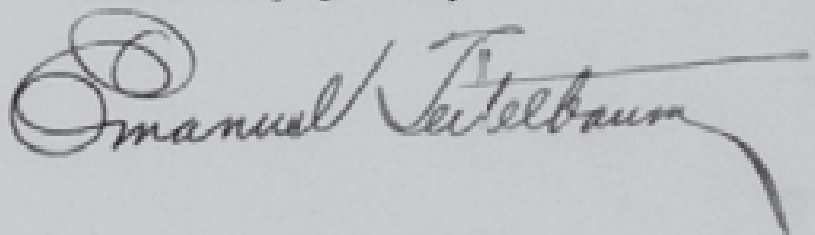
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
% The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I wish to refer you to our exchange of correspondence in which you reserved October 25 for a lecture in Johnstown under the auspices of the local Zionist district.

Will you kindly inform me promptly the various subjects on which you lecture, or do you prefer to have us suggest a subject? We must have this information in order to make the necessary arrangements, and will very much appreciate your prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Emanuel Teitelbaum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, ornate initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

ET:AEC



(Card)

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EMANUEL TEITELBAUM

430 NAPOLEON STREET

JOHNSTOWN, PENNA.

Sept. 28, 1927

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
% The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

I do not want to annoy you but I must ask that you kindly reply to my letter of Sept. 19th at once if you have not already done so. We are making plans for your lecture on October 25th, but in order to complete our arrangements such as printing of tickets, publicity, etc., we must know the subject of your lecture. You will no doubt recall that you promised to send us a list to choose from upon your return from Europe.

The time is now only a few weeks off and in a community such as Johnstown where we draw largely from small surrounding towns for attendance, it is necessary to have sufficient time.

Awaiting your immediate reply and with best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year,  
I am

Very sincerely yours,

ET:HS

*Emanuel Teitelbaum*



September 29, 1927.

Mr. Emanuel Teitelbaum,  
630 Napoleon Street,  
Johnstown, Penna.

My dear Mr. Teitelbaum:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letters. I have just recently returned from abroad and ever since my return I have been immersed in the many Temple activities which precede the High Holy Day season.

At your request, I am sending you a list of subjects from which you can select one for October 25th:

- (1) Jew and Christian - will they ever meet.
- (2) The Rising Tide of Choler
- (3) The four major tendencies in Jewish life. (This is a discussion of prophecy, legalism, mysticism and nationalism).
- (4) My impressions of Palestine and Russia. (An account of a few months which I recently spent in Palestine and Russia)

Looking forward with pleasure to meeting you and with kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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October 12, 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
% The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your last letter, we have selected as the subject for your lecture on October 25, Number Three, "The Four Major Tendencies in Jewish Life". We have engaged the auditorium of one of the local high schools for the lecture, and also expect a large number of Gentiles to attend, as we have issued an invitation to all clergymen in the city.

Local Zionists are very anxiously awaiting your coming here, and we hope that your visit to Johnstown will be a pleasant one. If you will kindly inform me when you expect to arrive, we will arrange to meet you at the station. Also please let me know whether or not you intend to leave Johnstown the same night.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Emanuel Teitelbaum*

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## LOUIS LIPSKY JUBILEE COMMITTEE

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### TO THE ZIONISTS OF AMERICA

At the 29th Annual Convention of the American Zionists a resolution was proposed, and passed by acclamation, felicitating Mr. Louis Lipsky, President of the Zionist Organization of America, on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday and of the completion of a quarter of a century of Zionist service. The passage of the resolution was accompanied by a memorable demonstration which made clear the place which Mr. Lipsky holds in the regard and affection of his fellow-Zionists.

The more intimate friends of Mr. Lipsky, who have undertaken to carry out a provision of the resolution to the effect that the occasion of Mr. Lipsky's fiftieth birthday shall be fittingly celebrated, have borne in mind the extraordinary character of the service which he has rendered to American and world Zionism. For nearly thirty years he has not only taken a leading part in the practical administration of Zionist affairs; he has, during the whole of that period, brought to bear upon Zionist problems, near and remote, a fine and cultured intelligence and an unusual understanding of underlying principles. In a style which is noteworthy for its clarity and directness he has written—both editorially and personally—upon a great variety of subjects, most of them directly Zionist, all of them of Zionist significance. The preservation of these contributions to Jewish thought is a matter of public duty. The Louis Lipsky Jubilee Committee has decided to celebrate the occasion of Mr. Lipsky's fiftieth birthday by the publication of the best and most noteworthy of his articles and addresses. To these have been added considerable material hitherto unpublished. The three volumes which contain these selected works will form a distinguished addition to Jewish publicistic and general literature.

Stephen S. Wise



# *"A Great Chapter of Zionist History"*

FOR thirty years Louis Lipsky has stood in the movement. Remote from the big currents of Jewish life, a solitary dreamer, surrounded by and imbedded in the American civilization, he lived in his world of dreams, fought for it and preached it in the wilderness. . . . He grew with every year. When the war came, and American Jewry became a great and tangible fact, Lipsky's contribution expressed itself. Because by his educational labors he had created a school of thought, his work began to show fruit. He found himself surrounded by a generation of American Zionists ready for the great emergency. . . . Lipsky's thoughts, his life-work, his struggles which are identical with the struggles of the movement are laid down in his masterly addresses. . . . A builder, an educator, a teacher and a leader, all welded into one, speak from these pages. Here is a great chapter of Zionist history.

—From the introduction by DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN,  
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in the capacity of leader, to his fellow-Zionists. The excerpts range in their content from calm, theoretical examinations of the foundations of Zionist theory to keen, practical advice on the technique of organization and action, from analyses of the nature of Jewish culture to stinging assaults on assimilationist and anti-Zionist theories, from objective characterizations of various Zionist Congresses to general and local considerations of Zionist method. A long opening chapter, specially written, gives a survey of American Zionism for the last thirty years. A preface by Dr. Stephen S. Wise and an introduction by Dr. Weizmann, open the volume.

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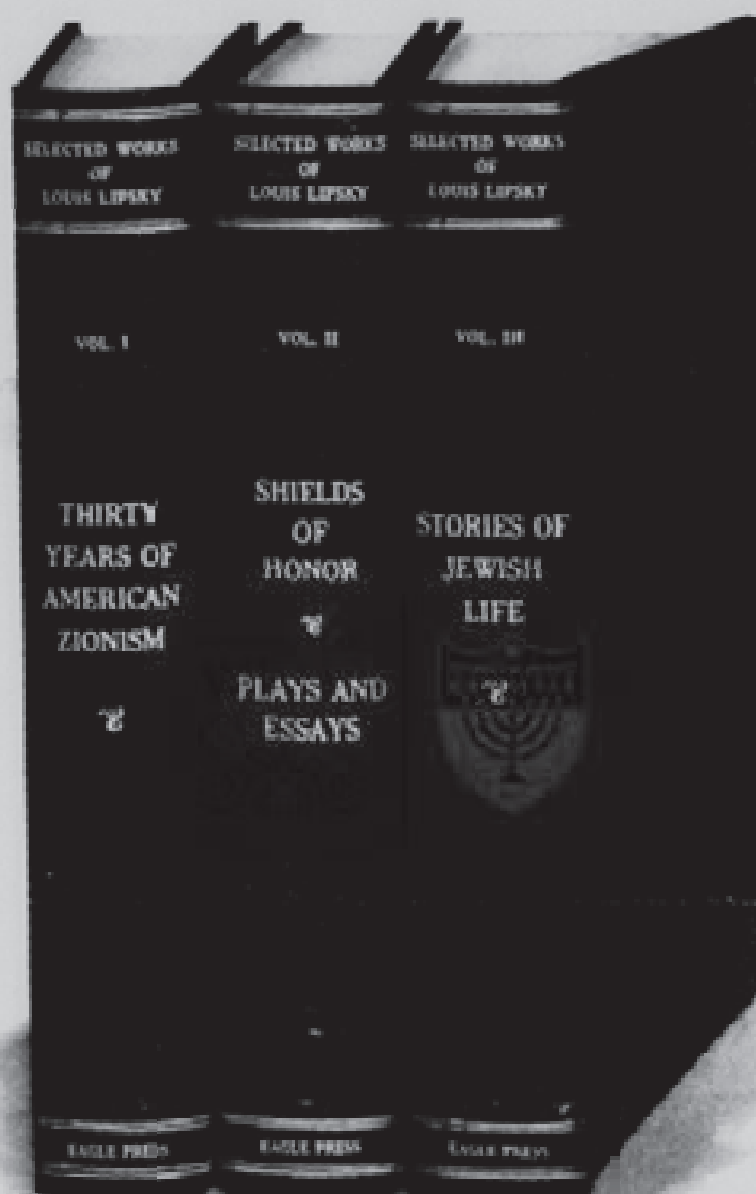
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