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Morris Rothenberg Testimonial Committee

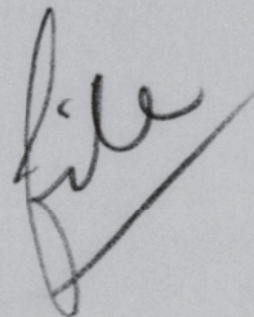
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October 21, 1932

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

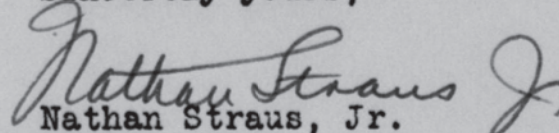
At the instance of many friends and associates of Mr. Morris Rothenberg, who have suggested the timeliness of paying a deserved tribute to him on the occasion of his recent election as President of the Zionist Organization of America and Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, a Testimonial Committee is being organized for the purpose of arranging a dinner in his honor.

Mr. Rothenberg has given of his fine mind and splendid abilities not only to the upbuilding of Palestine, but to numerous other national and international Jewish causes. His participation in the activities of the Joint Distribution Committee, his labors for the protection of Jewish rights, and his outstanding part in bringing about the joining of Zionists and non-Zionists in the Jewish Agency for Palestine, have won him the admiration of all elements of American Jewry.

I have accepted the Chairmanship of the Testimonial Committee, and Mr. Felix M. Warburg has been named Honorary Chairman. Assured of your warm personal regard for Mr. Rothenberg, I take pleasure in inviting you to serve as a member of the Testimonial Committee.

For your convenience, I shall take the liberty of assuming your acceptance if I do not hear from you to the contrary.

Sincerely yours,



Nathan Straus, Jr.

Oct. 24th, 1932.

Mr. Nathan Straus, Jr.
c/o Morris Rothenberg Testimonial Committee,
66 West 23rd St.
New York City.

My dear Mr. Straus:-

I have your letter of October 21st in which you extend an invitation to Rabbi Silver to serve as a member of the Testimonial Committee.

I regret very much that this will be impossible as Rabbi Silver has left on his sabbatical year and will not return from Europe until September 1933.

Very sincerely yours,

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H. A. LEVY

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IN THIS HOUR OF CRISIS WE NEED THE YOUTH OF OUR PEOPLE TO RALLY ROUND

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Jan. 17, 1934

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

My dear Abba:

I was very sorry that you could not accept my invitation to address a Zionist gathering in Montreal this month. I hope you won't take umbrage if I come back to the same subject and invite you to be our main speaker at the opening of the Montreal United Palestine Appeal on Sunday, April 22nd.

I am not going to indulge in the usual formal verbiage of saying that Montreal would like to hear you. That goes without saying. I am asking you as a personal favor to come. Your acceptance will mean a great deal to me.

I am quite busy and very happy in my work. I find the Canadian Jewish communities a splendid field for Zionist activity. In the past year we raised \$107,000.00. This is, I think, a pretty good figure, when you consider that we have, all told in Canada, 150,000 Jewish souls.

And now, my dear Abba, do answer in the affirmative. If the date I suggested is unsuitable, please suggest another day agreeable to you.

With the kindest regards of Rebecca and myself to you and yours, I am

Very sincerely,

January 22, 1934.

Rabbi Jesse Schwartz, Exec. Director,
Zionist Organization of Canada, Inc.,
384 Sherbrooke Street West,
Montreal, Canada.

My dear Jesse:

I really wish I were free to come to Montreal for your United Palestine appeal but I indicated to you before and to other friends in Canada that it is simply impossible for me to get away from my pulpit on Sunday. I must be in my own pulpit on Sunday mornings. Furthermore I have been traveling so much these last few months in connection with the German-Jewish situation and boycott activities, that I really am unable to accept any additional out-of-town engagements.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:EK

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MASADA
Youth Zionist Organization of America
AFFILIATED WITH THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 24, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to thank you in the name of the Masada Youth Zionist Organization of America for your kind words of greeting addressed to our convention at Niagara Falls, December 24 and 25th. It was an inspiration to receive so many expressions of good will as we did then, and your words as well as the messages of the many others, were a source of great encouragement to the delegates in their deliberations.

I regret greatly that the rush of post-conventions business did not permit an earlier acknowledgment. But though delayed it is none the less sincere.

With Zion's greetings, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Isaac Imber
President, Youth Zionist Organization
of America

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January 31st, 1934

Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver,
The Temple, Ansel & E. 105,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver;

Our organization is planning a mass meeting of young men for Tuesday, February 20th, at the Jewish Center. It is our aim to interest Jewish young men in the Zionist movement thru a series of such meetings. It would, therefore, be both a pleasure and honor to have you with us for that evening as our guest speaker. Any message you might present, whether on a phase of Zionism or the German-Jewish situation would be of great benefit and interest to Jewish young men.

We realize that innumerable demands are made upon your services and we were rather hesitant before making this request. But the need for drawing Jewish youth toward Zionism at this critical period in our national life, prompts us in calling upon you and hoping that your response will be favorable to us.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

M.M. Lachovitz,
Cultural Committee Chairman.

February 1, 1934.

Mr. M.M. Lachovitz,
Post Office Box 3564,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Lachovitz:

Let me thank you for your letter of January 31st and for your invitation. I wish that I were free to come to the Masada group as I am very much interested in its program and its purposes. Unfortunately I am so over-worked and have undertaken so much this season, that I really cannot, in justice to myself, take on any other lecture obligations. As it is, on that very day I am to be out of the city lecturing. Perhaps next season if things are somewhat more normal, I will be able to come to you.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

The NEW PALESTINE MAGAZINE

February 16, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The New Palestine is planning a rather deluxe issue for Passover, to which we have invited leading Zionists from all parts of the world to contribute.

We should like very much to number you among the list of contributors for this issue.

If you can accommodate us in this matter, we should like to have the article by the end of the second week of March.

Hoping that you will be able to favor us, I am

Very respectfully yours,

David Schwartz
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TORONTO ZIONIST COUNCIL

ZION INSTITUTE, 206 BEVERLEY ST.
TORONTO, ONT.

February 16th, 1934.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The Canadian Zionists would deem it an honour to have you open the United Palestine Campaign in our city at a city wide reception to be given in your honour at the Royal York Hotel on Sunday, April 15th, 1934.

We undoubtedly appreciate the many calls that are made on your time and energies by a great variety of Jewish organizations throughout your country but we feel that conditions are such this year as to merit our request being granted by you. The hapless status of world Jewry has kindled a profound sense of sympathy in all Jewish classes and we feel that you, better than anyone else, would be able to capitalize on those emotions and have them translated into practical action.

The manner of conducting the Campaign in Canada this year is somewhat unique. We have arranged to have the Campaign opened by the Right Honourable R. B. Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada, who will speak over a nation-wide hook-up to meetings which are being held simultaneously in every Jewish community in Canada. In addition to that, we are certain that our success this year would be exceedingly high were we able to have your promise officially to open our campaign.

Rabbi A. Hillel Silver

The date, April 15th, has been definitely fixed and allows of no change. Your coming to Toronto on that day would be of immeasurable service and a much appreciated favour.

We trust that we will be favoured with an early reply from you definitely in the affirmative.

Yours sincerely,

Henry S. Rosenberg
PRESIDENT, ONTARIO ZIONIST REGION

HSR/AS



February 19, 1934.

Mr. Henry S. Rosenberg, President,
Ontario Zionist Region,
Zion Institute,
206 Beverley Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Mr. Rosenberg:

Let me thank you for your kind invitation of February 16th to open the United Palestine Campaign on Sunday, April 15th. It is impossible for me to leave Cleveland on a Sunday. So many congregational duties are scheduled for Sundays besides occupying my own pulpit in the morning. I must therefore forego the pleasure of accepting your invitation.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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To Robert Silverman

Street and No. Zionist Organization of America

Place New York, N.Y.

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IN SYRACUSE. HAVE PREVIOUSLY MADE OTHER PLANS

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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LECTURE AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MARCH ELEVENTH YOUR APPEARANCE UNDER
THE AUSPICES OF LOCAL ZIONIST ORGANIZATION WOULD BE OF IMMENSE
HELP TO OBTAIN FIVE HUNDRED NEW MEMBERS WIRE REPLY
ROBERT SILVERMAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA.



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The NEW PALESTINE MAGAZINE

May 25, 1934

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The New Palestine would like to print
the address which you will deliver at the Sol Cohen
affair.

Could you, on your arrival in New York
for that event, favor us with a copy of your address?

Respectfully yours,

David Schwartz

David Schwartz
Editor, The New Palestine



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EDWARD T. LAWLESS, MANAGER
PUBLIC WRITING ROOM

June 13, 1934

Dear Abba :-

I thought I would find you at the above address, as you told me that you would be in New York this week. That is the reason for the use of The Commodore stationery.

I diplomatically conveyed our conversation with reference to the Juniorist convention, to Mr. Rothenberg. He could not see how the national organization could wisely ask a local district to make approaches. He felt that you are a national figure and the national organization



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is the proper body. He feels that if you do not care to stay during the convention, you ought to be there for the session of July 3rd which will be devoted to a 30th anniversary of Herzl's Yahrzeit. You are to be the sole speaker.

I have been asked to fulfill a mission which I did, I believe, to the best of my ability. Having heard your side of the story, I do not feel I ought to use pressure. I leave the matter entirely to you. However, whatever your



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decision may be, I would ask you to let him know as soon as possible, as the program of the convention has to go to press. Rothenberg told me that you assured him you would let him know either way.

The dinner is still the talk of the Community. Every one admits that Richmond Hill never had such an outstanding function. They all blame you for it. You outshined Silver that night. My own feelings you well



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understand.

kindest regards to
Virginia and the Kiddies
in which Anna joins me.

I shall be glad to
learn of your decision.

As ever, yours

Sol.

5.2 Cohen

June 18, 1934.

Mr. Morris Rothenberg,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

Please pardon the long delay in sending you my reply. I have been away from the city most of the time and have just returned today from the Rabbinical Convention at Wernersville.

I regret very much that it will be impossible for me to attend the Zionist Convention this year and to accept your very kind invitation to deliver the address at the Herzl Memorial Meeting -- an invitation which I deeply appreciate.

I trust that you will have a very successful Convention. With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK