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TELEPHONE  
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August 31, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Zionist Organization of Chicago is planning a Chanukah celebration during the Chanukah week at the Stadium, and I take great pleasure in extending you a most cordial invitation to be our guest speaker.

We will be glad to arrange the affair on Wednesday, December 5th, instead of a Sunday, in order to make it more convenient for you to be with us.

I need not tell you that you will be rendering a great service to the cause, and particularly your presence here will be very helpful to our organization. I hope that you will find it convenient to accept our invitation, and will appreciate your early acceptance.

With personal esteem and kind regards, I am, as ever

Yours very truly,

*Max Shulman*

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September 12, 1934.

TELEPHONE  
STATE 3300

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take it that the rush of business before the Holidays prevented you from answering my letter of the 31st. It may be possible that the letter has been mislaid and has as yet not reached your attention.

I therefore enclose herewith copy of my letter and will appreciate if you will let me have your reply at an early date.

With best wishes for a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Max Shulman*

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September 25, 1934.

Mr. Max Shulman,  
134 North La Salle Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Shulman:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been immersed in Holiday work and my correspondence has lagged.

I should like to know a little more about the meeting which you are planning during the Chanukah week in Chicago. What is the purpose of the gathering? Is it to raise funds for the Jewish Agency or the National Fund? If it is just another meeting I am too busy a man to set aside any time for it. I shall be in Chicago on Sunday, December 2, to address the Chapel Services of the University of Chicago. It may be possible for me to stay over and address your meeting in the evening provided the meeting will serve a practical purpose.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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September 25, 1934.

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Last January, I wrote you regarding the possibility of our Zionist Forum having you as its guest, but you were unable to come. You intimated, however, that perhaps you could come some other year.

I am again taking the liberty of renewing our invitation, with the thought that it might be possible for you to address our Forum at any time during the coming Fall or Winter, during which you might happen to be in or near Buffalo. Knowing how crowded your engagement list must be, I repeat our invitation with diffidence. Our Forum, however, has been extremely successful, and we feel that if we could get you to come, it would be our crowning achievement.

Zionism, in Buffalo, very much needs the impetus which your presence would give it. The movement and we will be further in your debt if you could see your way clear to come.

Sincerely yours,

*David Diamond*

DD:R.



September 27, 1934.

Mr. David Diamond,  
Buffalo District Zionist Organization of America,  
822 Prudential Building,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Diamond:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 25. I wish I were free to avail myself of your invitation to address the Buffalo Zionist Forum. Unfortunately my schedule for this season is so crowded that I cannot in justice to myself take on any additional obligations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



ההסתדרות הציונית של קנדה

## ONTARIO ZIONIST REGION

*Affiliated with the Zionist Organization of Canada*

ZIONIST INSTITUTE, 206 BEVERLEY ST.

TORONTO, ONTARIO

Sept. 27th, 1934.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th Street, Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

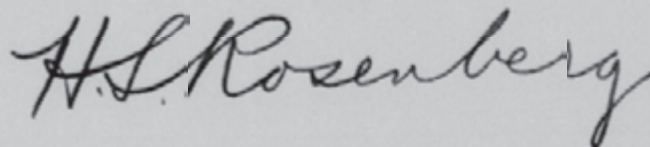
In planning the activities for the coming Zionist season, we are anxious to have the opportunity of entertaining Zionist personalities and the writer is taking this opportunity of extending to you an invitation to be the guest of the Toronto Zionists.

Zionist life was never as active in this community, which has the reputation for its Zionism, as it is today.

Is it possible for you to spare a day from your very busy program in Toronto? You may name your own day and we shall be only too happy to make all the necessary arrangements. I would appreciate hearing from you.

With kindest personal greetings, I  
am

Yours sincerely,



HR/ES

President Toronto Zionist Council



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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

September 27th, 1934

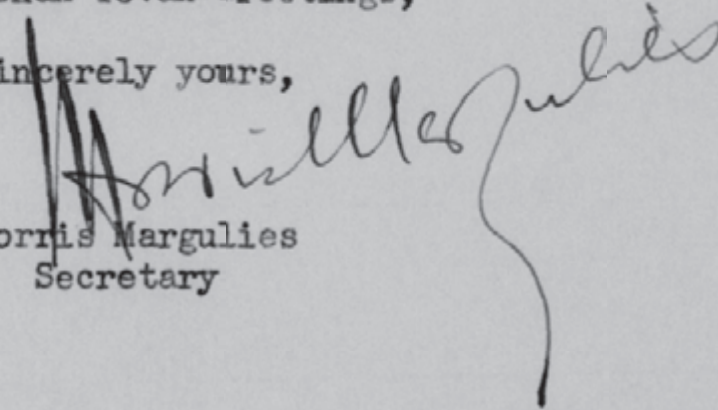
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
% The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Attached herewith is copy of a circular letter that I have sent out to many of our Zionist speakers. I am also enclosing a list of topics suggested. My purpose in sending you the enclosures is to acquaint you with what we are doing, hoping also that you might find, during the course of the year, a few dates that you might spare for us. I dare not hope, considering how busy you are, that you will be in a position to answer the request made in the letter to the speakers, but as I have already stated, perhaps you will be able to spare for us two or three dates.

With heartfelt L'Shonah Tovah Greetings,

Sincerely yours,

  
Morris Margulies  
Secretary



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September 28, 1934.

TELEPHONE  
STATE 3300

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your kind favor of the 25th, and to thank you for your accepting our invitation. We will be glad to change our affair to suit your convenience and to make it on Sunday, December 2nd, instead of the 5th, as we originally contemplated.

We expect to accomplish the following practical results with this affair:

1. It is an old tradition <sup>with</sup> ~~of~~ the Zionists of Chicago to celebrate Chanukah on a large scale and give the Jews of this City an opportunity to become acquainted not only with the life of the Maccabees, but with their spirit, thereby creating interest in our work.
2. We will charge an admission fee and hope to raise \$2500.00 or more for organization purposes.
3. The National Fund Committee will be given the privilege of tagging and they will realize four or five hundred dollars for the National Fund.
4. We will appreciate if you will emphasize in your address the importance of organization and we may utilize this meeting in securing a number of new members. Provisions will be made to have application cards distributed in advance.

We will probably have no other speakers other than yourself. We are endeavoring to procure one or two outstanding artists in the musical field.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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Sept. 28, 1934.

Permit me to add that when I presented your letter to our Committee yesterday there was a great deal of joy expressed in the fact that you will be with us and we can assure you that the Zionists of this City appreciate your kind offer of cooperation.

With personal esteem and kind regards, I am, as ever

Respectfully yours,

*Max Shulman*

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September 28, 1934.

Mr. H. S. Rosenberg, President,  
Toronto Zionist Council,  
206 Beverley St.,  
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Mr. Rosenberg:

I wish I were free to avail myself of your kind invitation to address the Toronto Zionists this year. Unfortunately I have booked myself for so many lecture engagements for the coming season that I cannot in justice to myself or to my work here accept any more.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



SZOLD & BRANDWEN  
43 EXCHANGE PLACE  
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October 18, 1934.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have had made a copy of the stenographic transcript of two speeches which I made at the Zionist Convention in Atlantic City. I enclose copies herewith.

Despite my insistence that I would not accept election as Vice-President of the Z.O.A., the Convention elected me. I have declined to accept the office, and therefore - am not a Vice-President.

If you ever come to New York, please let me know.

With most cordial personal greetings,

Sincerely yours,

*Robert Szold*

Encs.



October 23, 1934.

Mr. Robert Szold,  
43 Exchange Place,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Szold:

Thank you for your note of October 18th  
and for the transcripts of your speeches which you  
sent me. I shall try to see you when I am in  
New York.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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PALESTINE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN JANUARY STOP EARNESTLY HOPE YOU  
WILL ACCEPT RECALLING TO YOU OUR CONVERSATION IN NEWYORK LAST  
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# The National Conference for Palestine

## To Mobilize American Support for the Jewish Homeland

INITIATED BY THE  
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

MORRIS ROTHENBERG  
PRESIDENT

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November 14, 1934.

LOUIS LIPSKY  
CHAIRMAN, CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The rapid disintegration of the Jewish position in many lands, particularly in Germany and Eastern Europe, and the unparalleled development of Palestine as a permanent haven of refuge for the victims of oppression, offering an opportunity for a free creative life, make it imperative that the full strength of the Jewish people be mobilized to enlarge the scope and possibilities of Jewish settlement in Palestine, if large segments of our people are not to perish.

The most competent and impartial students of the world Jewish scene have emphasized with increasing frequency that all conditions point to Palestine as the greatest center for the salvaging of Jewish life. But if the capacity of Palestine to meet the situation is to be fully utilized, there will be required the unprecedented and whole-hearted support of Jews everywhere.

It is, therefore, proposed to call a National Conference on Palestine to be held on Sunday, January 20, 1935, at Washington, D. C., which will register the will and intention of American Jewry toward the acceleration of the economic development of Palestine.

An impressive demonstration of concentrated purpose, serving as a token of the will to concrete action, will signify to the Mandatory Power, to the League of Nations, and to the Jewish people the earnestness with which we offer our material and moral support for the enlargement of Palestine's absorptive capacity and thus help to bring about a wider opening of the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration.

To indicate the representative character of this project and to help prepare for the Conference itself, there is being formed a National Sponsorship Committee for the Conference on Palestine. The organizing committee extends an invitation to you to join the Sponsorship Committee and to aid us by counsel and co-operation in this effort. The Conference is being summoned on a platform able to hold all Jews, united solely by their interest in the rebuilding of Palestine as a center of Jewish life.

There is enclosed herewith a card on which you are asked to indicate your acceptance of membership. We shall be glad to hear from you on any phase of this undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

*Morris Rothenberg*  
Morris Rothenberg



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November 23, 1934.

TELEPHONE  
STATE 3300

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

From the enclosed clipping you will  
note that your coming to Chicago on Sunday, December  
2nd, is most eagerly awaited and I can assure you  
that we will have a very fine affair.

I know that you will be busy in the  
morning but if it is at all possible, would appreciate  
if you would arrange to take dinner with us Sunday  
evening preceding the meeting.

We will be glad to meet in your  
hotel to make it more convenient for you and will  
appreciate if you will let me hear from you at your  
convenience.

With kind regards and personal esteem,  
I am, as ever,

Respectfully yours,

*Max Shulman*

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*P.S. - Let me know when you expect to  
arrive & where you will stop*



November 25, 1934.

Mr. Max Shulman,  
134 North LaSalle Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Shulman:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 23rd. I would rather not schedule myself for a dinner prior to the evening meeting. As you know, I have two other lectures on the same day and I should like to rest in between times.

I am interested in knowing why your Chanukah festival "will not, this year, be celebrated on the elaborate scale it was last year, or the year previous". Has there been a change in your plans, and if so, why? Your original letter informed me that the meeting would be held at the stadium. I find now that it will be held at the Auditorium theatre. I had undertaken to address what you led me to believe was to be a city-wide celebration, not just another Zionist meeting. I feel that some explanation is in order and I should like to have it before I definitely decide whether to come to the meeting or not.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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TELEPHONE  
STATE 3300

November 26, 1934.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Answering your kind favor of the 25th, I wish to state that while it is true that originally our plans were to give our Chanukah festival at the stadium, but it was not available and we then engaged the Auditorium Theatre, which is the largest hall in Chicago next to the stadium.

Two years ago we had a pagent and a year ago we presented a Chanukah play. This year we decided that the Zionist Organization is not in the producing business and decided to arrange a city-wide Chanukah festival, with a fine musical program and yourself as the guest speaker. This will not be another Zionist meeting; it is a city-wide celebration sponsored by the Zionist Organization of Chicago with the co-operation of all Zionist and nationalistic elements such as Hadassah, Mizrachi, Poale Zion, Women Pioneers, Young Judea and Avukah.

This affair has been given publicity both in the Yiddish, Jewish English weeklies and the secular press. You will note from the enclosed clippings that it will be an "All Chicago Chanukah Festival".

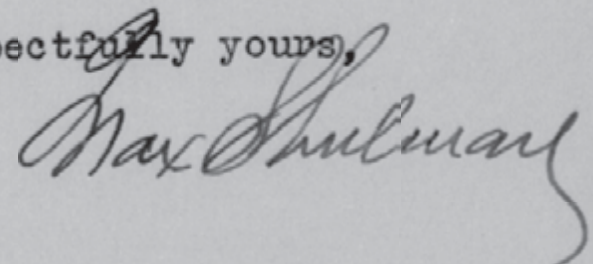
You will have a large, intelligent and responsive audience, perhaps one of the finest Jewish audiences you have ever addressed in this City.

Let me know when you expect to arrive, where you will be located and when you expect to leave.

I am of course sorry that you cannot be with us for dinner.

With kind regards, I am as ever,

Respectfully yours,



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To Rabbi Silver

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WILFRED A. STEAD  
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December 3rd. 1934.

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

My Dear Abba:-

It was certainly quite exciting to hear your voice again after a lapse of five years, and I am hoping that your present schedule will give me the opportunity to see you in Toronto on January 21st. at the convention of the Zionist and Hadassah Organization of Canada.

As I said to you over the telephone this morning, this convention will be the first Dominion-wide Zionist gathering since January, 1932. A very large attendance of delegates is expected from every section of the Dominion. Coming as it does at this time when there are so many vital issues facing the Zionist movement, the convention should be one of unusual interest in Zionist Annals in Canada. The climax of the convention will be the banquet on Monday evening, January 21st. I would like you to be the guest Speaker on this occasion. This is the first Zionist convention that I am managing. I naturally want it to be successful in every respect and your coming will be of immense assistance in that direction.

As an old friend, I ask you to do me the favor of making every effort to accept the invitation.

With kindest wishes to you and yours,

I am -

Sincerely yours,

*Jesse Schwartz*  
Jesse Schwartz.

JS:S.

P.S. Please send your reply to my Office at 384 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal.  
I am returning to Montreal tomorrow.



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INVITING YOU BE GUEST SPEAKER AT CANADIAN ZIONIST AND HADDASSAH  
CONVENTION BANQUET MONDAY EVENING JANUARY TWENTY FIRST HOPE YOU ARE  
COMING PLEASE LET ME KNOW RETURN WIRE COLLECT

JESSE SCHWARTZ.

REGRET MORE THAN I CAN SAY MY INABILITY TO ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION MY  
DOCTOR WILL NOT PERMIT ME TO ACCEPT ANY ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENTS HOPE THAT I  
MAY BE OF SERVICE TO YOU SOME FUTURE TIME

A H SILVER



# The National Conference for Palestine

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LOUIS LIPSKY  
CHAIRMAN, CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to acknowledge your acceptance of membership in the National Sponsorship Committee for the National Conference on Palestine, to be held in Washington, on January 20th and 21st.

The sessions on January 20th will be held in the Memorial Continental Hall of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The sessions on January 21st will be held at the Mayflower Hotel which is the headquarters for the Conference.

In order that we may have a fully representative attendance, we are anxious that every Jewish community arrange a city-wide conference to be attended by representatives of every Jewish organization in the city, at which the delegates to the National Conference on Palestine will be properly selected. If this Conference is to have the representative and impressive character which is so essential for its success, it is imperative that the community-wide conferences be held at the earliest opportunity so that there may be ample time for discussion of the issues and preparation for the Conference.

May I ask you as one of the members of the National Sponsorship Committee in your city to help take the initiative in arranging for such a city-wide conference and to cooperate with the local committee that may be created so that the local conferences may achieve their purpose?

I want to emphasize again that the National Conference on Palestine is summoned on a platform broad enough to hold all Jews interested in the reconstruction of Palestine and invites the participation of every Jew who is willing to help the acceleration of the rebuilding of Palestine.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a pamphlet emphasizing the official character of the support that has been given by the American Government to the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home.

Sincerely yours,

*Morris Rothenberg*  
Morris Rothenberg  
President



December 12, 1934

OUTLINE OF PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH WELFARE  
WITH TENTATIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR SUBJECTS AND SCHEDULED TIME ARRANGEMENTS

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Conference Dates Thursday, January 3rd, through Sunday, January 6th, 1935.

Place Temple Emanu-El Community House, New York City

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Commentator at end of each session (5 minutes]

Thursday Luncheon 12:30 P. M. General Session

Presiding Officer

"The American Scene - Jewish Needs and Jewish Welfare Resources Today" (30 minutes)

"Public Welfare and Security" - (two speakers) (30 minutes each)

Thursday Afternoon 3:30 P. M. General Session

"The Synagogue in Jewish Welfare Activities" (To be arranged with Synagogue Council of America) (1½ hours)

Thursday Evening Dinner 7:00 P. M.

Presiding Officer - Felix M. Warburg - New York  
Keynote and Welcome Address (15 minutes)

"The Program of the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds" (organized Jewish social work)  
William J. Shroder Cincinnati (30 minutes)

"Problems of Reconstruction and Relief for Refugees and Immigrants from Germany"  
James G. McDonald (45 minutes)

(American Hebrew Medal Award)

Friday Morning 10:00 A.M - 2:00 P.M. General Session

Presiding Officer - Henry Wineman, Detroit

1. "Jewish Welfare Activities"

1. Jewish Community Centers and National Agencies in the field of Jewish Cultural and youth activities

2. Jewish Education in the United States



3. Nationally organized social service agencies (two speakers)

(15 minutes for  
each of 5  
speakers)

Friday Afternoon

12:30 - 4:30 P.M.

(Plate Luncheons served)

Round Tables for the discussion of the Federation Handbook which reviews the present trends and tendencies in the Federation movement and its functional fields.

1. The large community
2. The intermediate community
3. The small community

Friday Evening

8:15 P.M.

Religious Service

"Relief and Reconstruction Needs of Jews Overseas and Americans Aid in their Solution"

Presiding -

1. Problems in Eastern and Central Europe
2. Immigration of European Jews
3. Agricultural and Resettlement Developments in the Soviet Union

BROADCAST - Concerning American Problems

Saturday Morning and Afternoon - For Sabbath Observance and Jewish Services

Saturday Evening

Dinner 7:00 P.M.

General Assembly Delegates Meeting

Reports from Committee on Federation Handbook

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Executive Committee

Sunday Afternoon

Lunch - 12:30 P. M.

Presiding -

"Problems of Jewish Adjustment and Integration in American Life."  
(This program will be in the nature of a symposium representing different theories of Jewish adjustment.)

Sunday Evening

8:00 P.M.

Presiding -

1. "American Interest in Palestine" (Possibly three speakers, one a woman)
2. "Next Steps in the Federation Movement. A Resume of the Conference."



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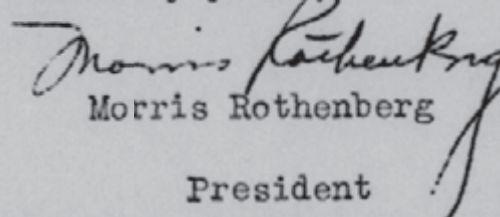
December 26, 1934

Dear Rabbi:

I am sending you herewith for your information  
a copy of a Guide Book for the observance of Palestine  
Day that has been distributed to Zionist units through-  
out the country.

Hoping that you will have the opportunity to  
deliver a sermon in connection with Palestine Day in the  
week previous thereto or on January 19 or 20, I believe  
that the material contained in this Guide Book can be of  
service to you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Morris Rothenberg  
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January 3, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In order that we may make adequate preparations for the National Conference on Palestine to be held in Washington, D.C. on January 20th and 21st, 1935, we wish to know how many members of the Sponsoring Committee we may expect to attend the assembly.

The opening session on Sunday afternoon, January 20th, will be held at the Memorial Continental Hall and the remaining sessions on Monday, January 21st, at the Mayflower Hotel which will be the headquarters of the Conference during the two day period.

Will you kindly indicate on the enclosed card whether you expect to attend the Conference which will consider issues of extraordinary importance in Jewish life at this time.

Sincerely yours,

*Louis Lipsky*  
Louis Lipsky

Chairman, Conference Committee



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BIRONS COLUMN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL CARRIES THIS WEEK STATEMENT

THAT YOU WITHDREW THE INVITATION EXTENDED TO ME TO SPEAK AT WASHINGTON

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The Temple  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 2nd. I have sent a letter to the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate, copy of which I attach, requesting publication of correction of the statement in Biron's column that the invitation extended to you to attend the Washington Conference was withdrawn by me.

I wish also to say that I did not give the contents of the letter from the Cleveland Zionist Officers addressed to me, either to the Seven Arts or to anyone else, nor was I asked by anyone for it.

With regard to your question as to what we intend to do about the attacks made upon you, I should like to say that many are asking us what we intend to do about the bitter attack you are making on the officers of the Cleveland Zionist District.

I call your attention to the advice you gave to me in your letter of January 16th that the Z.O.A. keep out of the fight.

Sincerely yours,

Encl.



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February 5, 1935.

Mr. Joseph Brainin  
Seven Arts Feature Syndicate, Inc.  
220 East 42nd Street  
New York City

My dear Mr. Brainin:

My attention has been called to an item in the column of Phineas J. Biron, of January 31, 1935, referring to Rabbi A. H. Silver, which concludes with the statement: "It was as a result of this letter signed by all the Officers of the Cleveland District of the Zionist Organization of America that President Morris Rothenberg was compelled to withdraw the invitation extended to Rabbi Silver to speak at the National Conference on Palestine".

This is entirely inaccurate and quite contrary to the fact. I did not withdraw the invitation to Rabbi Silver. The decision not to attend the Washington Conference was entirely of Dr. Silver's own making, and not due to any request on my part.

I would earnestly ask you please to make this correction in the next issue of Biron's column.

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg,  
President.



February 7, 1935.

Mr. Morris Rothenberg,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
111 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 5. I am glad that you wrote to Mr. Biron of the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate requesting the correction of his statement of last week. I am also glad to know that you did not give the contents of the letter from the Cleveland Zionist officers to the Syndicate or to anyone else. One of two things seems to be indicated -- either someone has rifled your mail or one of the Cleveland Zionist officers who had a copy of the letter gave it to the Syndicate in the hope that it would be published.

Your third paragraph is, I am afraid, a bit of clever legal maneuvering. Somehow you overlook the fact that my attack on the Cleveland Zionist officers did not take place until after their infamous communication to you relative to the cancellation of the invitation. Prior to that time, I had made no attack of any character on them. In fact, I kept silent in the face of many provocations until this last incident.

Frankly, my dear Mr. Rothenberg, what amazes me is your own personal reaction to their communication. All you seem to have been concerned about is that it put you in an embarrassing position....

You may be interested in knowing how others have reacted to their shameless act. I am enclosing a clipping from the Chicago Jewish Express.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



March 8, 1935.

Dr. Louis I. Newman,  
Temple Rodeph Sholom,  
7 West 83rd St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Newman:

In reading the account of the last meeting of the New York Administrative Committee at which the Cleveland situation was discussed, I noticed that you voted against the resolution of the Administrative Committee. I want to tell you that I appreciate your action a great deal. You have probably read by this time the statement of the Executive Committee of our new Zionist organization. The New York crowd pulled a fast one. But it won't help.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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May 22, 1935.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in informing you that at a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, held on Sunday, May 19th, your name was placed on the Z.O.A. list of candidates for delegates to the 19th World Zionist Congress, which will be held at Lucerne, Switzerland, beginning August 27, 1935.

As you have previously been informed, the Zionist Organization of America has entered into an agreement for a joint Ticket in the forthcoming Congress Elections with Hadassah and the Order Sons of Zion. The total number of Z.O.A. members who have signified their willingness to be candidates and to go to the Congress, if elected, is 73.

One of the problems connected with the making up of such a list has always been the fixing of the numerical order of the nominees on the Ticket. This is of much importance, because the number of delegates to which the Zionist Organization of America is entitled is much smaller than the number of candidates named. A candidate whose name is higher up on the list naturally will have a better chance of election than one occupying a lower position. In previous years, we were enabled to settle the matter of the order of names by a vote at the Zionist Convention, since the Elections followed the Convention. At the urgent request of Hadassah and of other participants in the Elections, the date of the Election this year was fixed for June 23, 1935, whereas the Zionist Convention will be on June 29th, after the Election.

The Administrative Committee gave earnest consideration to the subject, with the view of finding a method whereby the order of names may be chosen in a democratic and fair manner, and unanimously adopted the following procedure: The names of the candidates, as they will appear on the Ticket with alternating Hadassah nominees will be as follows:

1. The President of the Zionist Organization of America.
2. The ex-Presidents of the American Zionist Organization and Chairman of the Provisional Committee for General Zionist Affairs.
3. The Nasi of the Order Sons of Zion.
4. The Vice-Presidents of the Zionist Organization of America.
5. The Governing Council of the Zionist Organization of America.
6. The members of the Administrative Committee, the National Executive Committee, and all nominees of Districts, in alphabetical order.

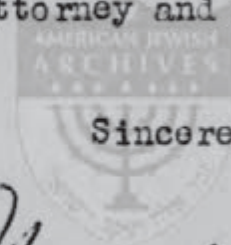



This order of names, however, will only be for purposes of the General Election. Since under the Congress Rules, the votes in the Election are cast for the Ticket as a whole, and not for any specific candidate, the Ticket as elected will be submitted to the Convention which will, by a secret vote, fix the numerical order of the delegates.

To make it possible that this procedure be carried through, it will be necessary under the Congress Statutes for each candidate to execute a Power of Attorney authorizing someone to act for him in effectuating the plan outlined. Accordingly, such Power of Attorney is herewith enclosed.

I am sure that you will realize that the action contemplated is in the interest of all candidates alike, and I would ask you kindly to sign the Power of Attorney and return it at once, since time is of the essence.

Sincerely yours,

*Morris Rothenberg*  
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TO THE CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES  
OF ZIONIST DISTRICTS

Dear Friends:

To date the U. S. Central Shekel and Election Board has not received any report from you about the formation, in your City, of a Local Election Committee.

According to the rules of the U. S. Central Shekel and Election Board the local Committees are to consist of Four, Four and Two - Four General Zionists, Four Labor Zionist and Two Mizrachi - wherever these groups have organizations. Will you kindly take immediate steps towards the formation of such committee and report direct to the Shekel Board on the enclosed blank. It is to our advantage that we take the initiative in this matter.

In the event that there are no Poale Zion or Mizrachi groups in your City then you appoint our own people.

The important thing is that immediate action be taken and that there be no further delay.

Sincerely yours,

*Morris Margulies*  
Morris Margulies  
Secretary



SOLOMON COHEN  
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR  
11 WEST 42ND STREET  
NEW YORK CITY  
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PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

June 7, 1935

My dear Abba:

I have your letter of June 5th. I happened to speak to Rothenberg during a conference we had in his office and was trying to find out whether he intends — in case you are a delegate — to invite you to deliver an address. From the conversation I gathered that he is afraid that energy ~~to~~ that would precipitate another outburst from the Cleveland District. He feels that if you come to the Convention you are too important a personality to be ignored and an opportunity will no doubt offer itself for you to address the convention. In view of this conversation, I am inclined to reconsider my former suggestion that Rothenberg be advised as soon as possible of your coming. I now think that the better policy would be that the report <sup>to the office</sup> of your coming to the Convention be held in abeyance to the last possible moment. However, use your own judgment.

Of course, I should like to see you in the presidency. You understand yourself that.



those who make up the state will not,  
if they can help it, want to see you  
on there. I do not know when the  
state is made up. Probably at the  
joint meeting of the Administrative  
and national executive Committee  
meeting Saturday night, June 29th.  
The National Executive Committee  
members are elected by the districts.  
Each district - or society - is entitled  
to one member for every 100 (or 150?)  
members. If you have not sent in  
as yet your the names of your  
national executive Committee members  
to the office you should do same  
at once with the request that they  
be notified of the next meeting, so  
that you may have representative  
at that joint meeting. If you are nominated  
on the floor of the joint meeting, no one  
I believe, will dare raise objection, except  
perhaps Carmel, who is not a member  
of either body and legally has no  
status. If Rabbi Israel would be  
made the nomination it would be  
ideal. At that meeting the names  
of the Committee members are  
announced - usually by the chair  
if there are no objections. Ratherberg  
should have the list of your recommendations  
about five days before. If I am  
not mistaken, nominations for the  
Committee on Committee may also be made  
from the floor of that joint meeting.  
However, I am not certain.



SOLOMON COHEN  
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It is important that your delegates,  
to the members of the National Executive  
Committee or not, should be present  
at that joint meeting. I know of a  
number who are not members of  
the Administrative or N.E.C. who  
nevertheless partake in the discussions.  
You may act upon these suggestions  
as you see fit. Keep me posted of  
your decisions and apprise me  
of developments. Also advise me  
whether you expect to be in New  
York before going to Atlantic City.  
As ever yours,  
Sol.

P.S. Kindest regards from Anna  
to Virginia and yourself. The  
enclosed booklets may be  
helpful.



June 19, 1935.

Mr. Solomon Cohen,  
11 West 42nd St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Sol:

You may be interested in the enclosed New Palestine which contains a page on our Cleveland Zionist Society. This particular issue was of course sent to the members of the Cleveland Zionist Society only. We should like, however, to have copies of it go to the members of the Zionist Executive in order to acquaint them with the nature and program of our Society. Have you any suggestion of how we can go about doing it? Extra copies are available here in the office.

We have elected eight delegates to the Convention and eight alternates. They are all going. There is a possibility of our having a ninth delegate. I have had the secretary of the Society write to Mr. Rothenberg requesting him to give adequate representation to our delegation on the Committee on Committees and on all other important committees. We have suggested names for the Committee on Committees.

I shall probably not be in New York before the Convention as I am to be in Chicago up to the 29th, attending the Rabbinical Conference where I have a paper to read. Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in Atlantic City, and with all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. What is the latest dirt on the Rothenberg-Lipsky controversy?

Enc.



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To Morris Rothenberg

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in officially informing you of your election as a Vice-President of the Zionist Organization of America, at the 38th Annual Convention of the Z. O. A.

May I express the earnest hope that the year before us may be one of harmonious and fruitful co-operation in the cause we have been called to serve.

Sincerely yours,

*Morris Rothenberg*  
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Dear Friend:

I am attaching, herewith, copy of the biographical sketch we are using in connection with meetings you were good enough to address for us. As you will observe the sketch is quite a few years old. I would, therefore, appreciate it if you would bring it up to date and return same at your earliest convenience so that we can make new copies.

Deeply appreciative of your kind co-operation, I am

With Zion's Greetings,

Sincerely yours,

*Morris Margulies*  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Zionist Organization of Chicago is planning a Chanukah celebration during the Chanukah week at the Stadium, and I take great pleasure in extending you a most cordial invitation to be our guest speaker.

We will be glad to arrange the affair on Wednesday, December 5th, instead of a Sunday, in order to make it more convenient for you to be with us.

I need not tell you that you will be rendering a great service to the cause, and particularly your presence here will be very helpful to our organization. I hope that you will find it convenient to accept our invitation, and will appreciate your early acceptance.

With personal esteem and kind regards, I am,  
as ever

Yours very truly,

MS:GC

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