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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF ST. LOUIS

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June 8, 1937.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Will Potash, an accountant in St. Louis, has made application to us for the position of Director of the Zionist Organization of St. Louis. If engaged his duties will consist of the following:

- 1. To increase the membership of the local District.
- 2. To organize Youth Groups.
- 3. To supervise the collection of funds, etc.
- To stage campaigns in smaller communities within the vicinity of St. Louis.

It is our understanding that you have had some contast with Mr. Potash in the social service field. Any information you can give us reflecting on his ability, character and integrity will be deeply appreciated by us. Mr. Potash has also given us as reference Mr. Wm. B. Cohen, Empire Bldg. For your convenience, a self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

David Reiss, Chairman, Re-organization Committee.

DR:dl

### ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF DETROIT

1044 PENOBSCOT BLDG. PHONE CHERRY 5559 August 27th 1937

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Rabbi A. H. Silver, 10311 Lake Shore Dr. Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We would like to know whether you would be available to address a Zionist forum in Detroit on Tuesday evening, October 5th. We are very much interested in your point of view on Partition and would therefore be grateful to you if you could arrange to address a Detroit audience on the subject.

If the above date is not available will you kindly send us a satisfactory date, and also write what the financial arrangements are.

Hoping to receive a "avorable reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. A. Feldstein Secretary

September 1, 1937

Mrs. A. Feldstein, Secretary, Zionist Organization of Detroit, 1044 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mrs. Feldsteins

I deeply appreciate your kindness in inviting ms to address a Zionist forum in Detroit on October 5. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately my program for the next few months is very heavily crowded with out of town engagements and I cannot in justice to my work here at The Temple take on additional obligations. Parhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

#### SHULMAN, SHULMAN AND ABRAMS

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#### CHICAGO

MAX SHULMAN BERNARD SHULMAN MEYER ABRAMS

TELEPHONE STATE 3300

September 2, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was very happy to learn that you have returned from the Congress and your visit to Palestine, and read your statement with a great deal of interest. I agree with you that this is a time where we must unite all our forces in the interest of our people.

I enclose leaflet announcing the lectures arranged by the Agudath Achim North Shore Congregation. You will please note that I have announced as your subject "Zionism - the Proposed Jewish State". I hope you will accept this subject, but if for any reason you wish to discuss another Jewish topic, I will be very glad to change it as soon as you will advise me.

With kind regards and best wishes for a happy New Year, I am

Yours very tru Max Aulway

MS:RR (ENCL.) September 7, 1937

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

My dear Shulman:

Thank you for your letter of September 2nd. I note that you selected as my subject "Zionism the Proposed Jewish State." I shall be pleased to speak on the subject if you wish it - and there is a great demand from many sources to speak on it although I am personally inclined to mute the controversy as much as possible for no possible good can come out of it.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I aremain

Very cordially yours,

# Worcester Zionist District

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Affiliated With ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA WORCESTER, MASS.

Sept. 8, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi:

It has been suggested that I again communicate with you to ascertain whether or not it will be possible for you to visit with us in Worcester under the auspices of the Worcester Zionist District.

As I have written you previously, we have one large outstanding open meeting and we should like very much to have you as our principal guest.

We are anxious and willing to arrange this meeting to suit your convenience. We know that you are a very busy person and that it is difficult for you to come East. However, we thought that if you were planning to be in this part of the country, you might arrange to extend your stay so that you could be in Worcester. An honorarium will be placed at your disposal, to meet with your approval.

I sincerely trust that you can give us some definite idea as to when you will be with us so that we can make preliminary plans for hotel facilities, etc.

Very truly yours, Joseph )Goldberg

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September 9, 1937

Max Shulman 134 N. LaSalle Street WRHS Chicago, Ill.



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MAX SHULMAN BERNARD SHULMAN MEYER ABRAMS

TELEPHONE STATE 3300

September 9, 1937

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

I have asked you to speak on the proposed Jewish State because I want to have public opinion crystalized. Very few people realize that the plan as proposed by the Royal Commission has been rejected by the British Parliament, the League of Nations and the Mionist Congress. The opportunity to establish a small Jewish Independent State is the only thing left as a basis of negotiation. There is of course, a great deal of opposition to this plan and knowing your keen interest in the project and your opposition expressed at the Congress, I am anxious to have you deal with this problem.

I have heard some of our friends who are opposed to Partition make statements that all moneys invested in Palestine is not safe, that we have been building on sand; that Jews have no protection although we pay high taxes. I believe that such propoganda does the movement a great deal of harm. I am anxious to dispel such interpretations of the Congress decisions. I agree with your statement which was made upon your arrival to this country, that this is a time for united action and we must support our leaders in their supreme efforts.

I am giving you the above for your guidance and information and know that a hint to the wise is sufficient.

With kind regards, I am

Yours verstruly, Max Auluan

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September 9, 1937

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer Collingwood Avenue Temple Toledo, Ohio



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Abba Hillel Silver



September 9, 1937

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

#### Dear Rabbit

After receipt of your telegram, I immediately dispatched a wire to New York, urging the Administrative Committee to reconsider the increase of the annual dues to \$5.00. I feel just as strongly as you do that the increase is a serious mistake. I know that it will do serious damage to our own membership prospects in Toledc. I fought very strenuously against the increase in the Organization Committee at the last convention, and we did succeed in getting a compromise at \$4.00. You will recall, however, that this was later overturned at the general session of the convention. I feel that any increase at the present time is bad, particularly in view of the fact that rank and file Zionists are somewhat discouraged by the events of last summer.

Are you planning to be at the meeting of the Administrative Committee? I am sorry that I cannot be there because of the fact that my school opens this week-end. I should have liked to have been present to make some personal effort against the increase.

Some time after the Succoth holidays are over, I am going to ran down to Cleveland for a day to discuss with you in detail the project of organizing, or rather reorganizing, our region. With your support and the support of the Cleveland Zionist Society, which is the largest unit in the region, I think we can accomplish something. I expect to devote some time to it this year, in fact, in order to be free to do so, I am temporarily turning over the presidency of the local listrict to someone else.

I hope that you are finding the Holy Days pleasant.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

As ever. for

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MAX SHULMAN BERNARD SHULMAN MEYER ABRAMS

TELEPHONE STATE 3300

September 10, 1937

Dr. Abba HillelSilver c/o The Temple Cleveland Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Answering your telegram with reference to the dues, wish to state that I have suggested at the last convention, to let the dues be settled by each region. There should be no uniform amount fixed by the National Organisation. The uniform minimum amount to be paid to the National Organization should be fixed and the balance left to each region who are familiar with local conditions and who know pest how to deal with this problem.

Unfortunately the convention acted otherwise. Your proposal and mine at this time will be of no avail. We must get the National Officers to reconsider the whole problem and to permit the country to be divided into definite territorial organizations with full autonomy, including the fixing of dues, if we ever expect our organization to develope to its full numerical strength.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very try

Max Shulm

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple 105th Street Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

On October 27th in Atlantic City Hadassah will open its Jubilee Convention, marking the culmination of twenty-five years of service in Palestine and America. We hope to make this the outstanding Convention for Hadassah, one that will not only mark the last quarter of a century of work but one that will point the direction for the future.

It is because we regard this annual gathering of such importance that we are writing to you to ask for your participation in our program. On Saturday night, October 30th, we are devoting the whole evening to painting in the background of the present political situation which obtains in the Zionist movement and for giving to our delegates and visitors some understanding of the thinking and the feeling which motivated Zionists of the 20th Congress to decide as they did on the principle and the question of partition.

We are far from the desire to inject the controversial note into our Convention. We are completely in agreement with the point of view as presented in your newspaper statement that this is not the time for the exercise of partisanship and for insistence upon one point of view. Nevertheless, we believe that if our constituency is to be guided in its thinking during this coming difficult period and be prepared to make a thoughtful and well-considered decision at the time when a decision is called for, ther our people must be in full possession of all the facts and we want to have set before them a presentation of these facts in the best possible form.

We need hardly tell you that to have you with us to present the side of the "Nein-Sagers" at the Congress will mean that this side of the question will be given to them with honesty, with clarity and spirit. Our plans are still tentative. As formulated at the present moment, they are as follows: There will be a presentation of the conditions leading up to the sending of the Royal Commission to Palestine; an analysis of the Royal Commission Report; a report on the thinking and the decisions of the British Parliament, the Permanent Mandates Commission and the Council of the League of Nations; and the thinking and the action of the 20th Zionist Congress on the partition question.

We are hopeful that if your calendar is free for that date, you will do us this great service. Will you let us hear from you as soon as possible?

sipcerely yours. Epstein Mrs. Moses P./ Epstein.

Mrs. Moses PJ Epstein, National Vice-President

jge mrf UCPWA Na.16 September 16, 1937

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, National Vice-President, Hadassah, 1860 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

My dear Judith:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 14 and for the gracious invitation which you extend to me to participate in the program of the Hadassah Convention on October 30. I wish I were free to come. But I must be in my own pulpit on Sunday morning, October 31 as on the Sunday previous I am speaking at the Chapel of Harvard University and I cannot be away from my pulpit on two successive Sundays.

I hope that you will have a very successful Convention. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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September 22, 1937

Dear Chairman of Zionist District:-

We beg to place before you and the members of your organization a new method for facilitating the Jewish emigration from Germany to other countries. We wish to stress that we are not asking for any financial contributions in this letter. We are addressing this letter to you in the hope that you will convey the information contained herein to your constituents so that through them, those American Jews who wish to send benevolent remittances to their relatives and friends in Germany might be advised of the use of Haavaramarks (Jewish Emigrant Marks).

May we explain that the only hope for the future of many Jews living in Germany is that of being able to build up new existences in other countries. They are anxious to transfer their small savings from Germany and with this in view have indicated their willingness to deposit their funds into a special blocked account for emigrants, known as Haavaramark-Account. But the Haavara-Organization has not been able to transfer more than one quarter of the earmarked amounts for use outside of Germany and a new method had to be found to liquidate these blocked savings. Therefore, the United Jewish Organizations in Germany secured the consent of the Standstill Creditors of that country to use Haavaramarks instead of Registered Marks for benevolent remittances to Jews residing in Germany. The German Authorities have agreed to this arrangement and the procedure, therefore, is strictly legal.

It is in connection with the utilization of these Haavaramarks that we are asking your assistance and cooperation. The transfer of these funds will be greatly facilitated if all Jews in the United States, who are supporting in an increasing number their Jewish relatives and friends in Germany, by regular remittances or money gifts on special occasions, (birthday, wedding, holiday, etc.,) will specifically indicate, when making such remittances from this end, that the remitter wishes to purchase Haavaramarks. The full dollar amount paid by the American sender of such remittances benefits exclusively, in the order of their registration, prospective Jewish emigrants. These dollar amounts are paid into the account of a special Jewish organization, Intria, - International Trade and Investment Agency Ltd. whose main office is at 90, Queen Street, London, E.C.4., England. The Intria, a non-profit corporation, is in charge of the Haavaramark transfer and will make the foreign exchange available to Jewish emigrants upon leaving Germany.

We beg to enclose several copies of a pamphlet just issued, which explains in detail how to buy and to use these Haavaramarks. We feel that furnishing American Jews with full information with regard to the use of these marks is most important, as we understand that in many instances, benevolent remittances are still being effected by sending dollars. In such cases the beneficiaries in Germany receive only a little more than 50% of the amount that would be paid if the senders use Haavaramarks. Thus there are two decided advantages in this arrangement:

- Remittances to his relatives or friends are made at the best possible rate obtainable.
- The remitter is aiding prospective emigrants to leave Germany.

We are glad to point out that this method of transmission of monies to individuals in Germany has the endorsement of the Zionist Organization of America and the Joint Distribution Committee. You will note from the attached copies of letters that these organizations welcome the new arrangement and commend it to the attention of all prospective remitters.

Will you be good enough to let us know whether you would be willing to send this pamphlet to the members of your organization and its affiliated branches, together with a letter of recommendation written by you. We shall be pleased to send you as many copies of the pamphlet as you require for this purpose. On the other hand, should you prefer to have us mail these pamphlets, we would appreciate your sending us a complete list of your members and branches.

If you desire any additional information, kindly apply at the above address. We shall be glad to furnish you with further particulars.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention to this matter which is so important for the relief of the Jews in Germany, we remain

Very truly yours,

INTRIA, New York Office

M. Schlesinger



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

Dear Rabbit

I thought that I would be able to get into Cleveland to see you today, but a rather important matter turned up which kept me from leaving town. I hope to be able to get in within the next week or so.

I want to discuss the matter of the organization of the Ohio-Michigan Region with you. However, in order that there not be too much delay, I am starting the ball rolling by sending out a circular letter to the presidents of all the Districts in the States of Ohio and Michigan, as per the enclosed copy.

Please let me know by mail, what immediate suggestions you may have.

With kindest regards, I am,

As ever,

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Affiliated with the Zionist Organization of America

# Toledo Zionist District

2335 COLLINGWOOD AVENUE

TOLEDO, OHIO

September 30, 1937

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> DELEGATES TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

SAN KASLE SAN NEISEL SAN MOSTOV Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman, c/o The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At its last convention in New York City, the Zionist Organization of America approved and made part of its constitution, the regional plan of organization. It was further provided that \$1.00 per year from the dues of each member should be turned over to each region, to help defray its expense.

There are now a number of regions in existence, actively functioning and there are others in the process of organization. There was at one time an Ohio Begion, but it has now been inactive for several years. It has occurred to some of us who have discussed the matter, that the states of Ohio and Michigan constitute a logical area in which to organize regionally. The organization of a region in these two states would be of immense value, not only in strengthening generally the cause of Zionism in this part of the country, but more specifically in assisting the work of the local Districts. It could furnish speakers, advise in the construction of programs, sid in the spread of propaganda, help to increase membership, and facilitate the raising of Zionist funds.

I am taking the initiative of addressing this letter to you as the chairman of your District, to enlist your cooperation and support in the organization of an Ohio-Michigan Region.

Will you discuss this matter at the earliest possible moment with your Executive Committee, and perhaps with the membership of your entire District. I should like to have you write me as soon as convenient, whether you are interested in this project and whether you would support it.

The first step after hearing from you would probably be the calling of a conference of Regional Chairman at some convenient and centrally located city in this area and there lay the groundwork for the organization of the Region.

With Zion's Greetings and anticipating the pleasure of hearing from you favorably within a short time, permit me to remain,

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P. S.

If your District is now affiliated with some other region, please let me know to that effect.

October 6, 1937

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer, Collingwood Avenue Temple, Collingwood and Acklin Avenues, Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Feuer:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 30 in which you suggest the organization of an Ohio-Michigan Region. I want to thank you for the initiative which you have taken in the matter and to assure you that the Cleveland Zionist Society will be happy to cooperate in such an undertaking. Please keep me informed with the developments.

With best wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

PRESIDENT.

# Morcester Zionist District

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RECORDING SECRETARY OSCAR SWARTZ

FINANCIAL SECRETARY HERMAN CAINE October 8, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi :-

May I refer you to the letter of 9/8/37, which I am enclosing. I have not received a reply to this.

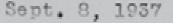
I am very inxious to know whether or not we may look forward to the pleasure of having you visit with us.

May I hear from you at your convenience.

Yours truly.

JG: HS

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

Dear Rabbi:

It has been suggested that I again communicate with you to ascertain whether or not it will be possible for you to visit with us in Worcester under the auspices of the Worcester Zionist District.

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Very truly yours,

Joseph Goldberg

JG:L

October 18, 1987

Mr. Joseph Goldberg, President, Worcester Zionist District, 401 Slater Bldg., Worcester, Mass.

My dear Mr. Goldberg:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I wish I could see my may clear to come to you and address your Zionist District. Unfortunately my program for the next few months is so crowded with out of town meetings, that I cannot in justice to myself, take on any additional obligations at this time. Should I be free, later on in the meason, I shall be happy to communicate with you.

With all good wishes, - remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

P.S. I never accept honorariums when I address Sionist meetings.

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OKLAHOMA OFFICE

BUITE 717 COMMERCIAL BUILDING POST OFFICE BOX 1797 October 20th, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Tample Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi :---

I have been out of the City since the day following our banquet and have not had an opportunity to write you expressing our thanks and appreciation for all you did for us. Your visit here will long be remembered, and I cannot begin to tell you what it meant to us to have you here, and I personally hope that I may be able to show my gratitude sometime within the near future.

We have this day mailed the JDC and UPA \$5000 each, and we will distribute the balance of the funds very soon. I intend to devote the next few days to getting in the outstanding pledges and contributions, and hops to close our campaign within the next 50 days. We will easily go over our \$15,000 goal, thanks to you, dear Rabbi.

I shall be very glad to advise you the result of our campaign upon its completion.

Agair thanking you, and with kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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PHONE MARQUETTE 3437

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RABBI JESSE SCHWARTZ

October 25th, 1937.

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

My dear Abba:

You will recall that when I met you at the Congress I spoke to you about inviting you some time during this year to the outstanding Zionist affair in Montreal. You said that if I informed you sufficiently in advance of the date, you would try to help me out and be present.

The Hadassah Organization in Montrwal will have its annual dinner during the week of May 22nd. If you would consent to be the guest speaker, they would arrange to have their affair on Wednesday, May 25th. This will be a dinner at which we expect an attendance of 1000 men and women. I want to ask you as a personal favour to do everything possible to come. It will mean a great deal to me. I do hope your answer will be in the affirmative.

With kindest regards to you and Virginia, I am,

Sincerely yours, () Jesse Schwarts

JESSE SCHWARTZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JS:EF

P. S. I am quite sure we can agree on the question of an honorarium.

Twenty-fifth National Convention - Ottawa, Ont., - January 23rd & 24th, 1938

November 2, 1937

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, President, Hadassah, 1860 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

My dear Judith:

First of all let me extend to you my warmest congratulations on your election to the presidency of Hadassah. It is indeed a great honor but also a greatly deserved honor. Your years of devoted and intelligent service to Hadassah have justified your elevation to this important post of leadership and responsibility. I wish you every success in the world. I am sorry that I could not attend the Convention but from all reports it must have been a very splendid one.

Perhaps you can tell me whether Miss Henrietta Sgold will remain over in the country for any length of time. I should like her to be the guest of the Cleveland Zionist Society and of the Cleveland Jewish community at a Chanukah banquet on Sunday evening, November 28th. Will you also let me know where I can reach her.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Alabama Novelty House

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Birmingham, Ala. Nov. 3, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

From 1915 to 1930 Birmingham was the best Zionist city in the Southeast considering membership, contributions to Falestinian funds, and general Zionist spirit. But Nature's toll, together with the financial depression, caused disintegration.

Recently younger men were elected to office and they exhibit a sincere desire to revitalize our district but they need help. At a meeting held last Thursday evening I was instructed to invite you to address a mass-meeting here. You are to select the date but the sconer the better. Your expenses incurred in making the trip will, of course, be defrayed by us.

We are not unmindful of the sacrifice required of you but it has long been the hope of our older Zionists that Rabbi Silver would favor us with a visit and strengthen our district with his personality, fervor and matchless oratory. The wish is now shared by our younger Zionists. Will that wish the fulfilled? We pray "Yes."

Awaiting your roply with great anxiety, I am

Respectfully, Ike abelson

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November 7th. 1937.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you so much for your warm letter of good wishes and congratulations. It makes me very happy to have expressions of confidence from one whose opinion I value so highly.

We missed you very such at the Convention. It was an extraordinary gathering both from the point of view of quality as well as quantity. The devotion, the seriousness and the intelligent understanding of our delegates from all parts of the country have given us much hope for the future of Hadassah.

Miss Szold will remain in the country until some time in December. She plans to be in Detroit for the Junior Hadassah Convention from Thursday, November 25th through Saturday, the You can reach her through our office most effectively 27th. since we keep track of her moves. She may make an exception for you, but I must tell you that she has instructed us to refuse all invitations for her since she is determined to utilize this visit for matters of personal interest. However, if you will write to her in care of the Hadassah office, we will be glad to forward the invitation to her and thus place the responsibility for acceptance on her.

With reiterated thanks for your good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Judich 9 Epstein

Irs. Moses P./ Epstein, National President.

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November 8, 1937

Mr. Ike Abelson, Alabama Novelty House, 1610 2nd Avenue, North, Birmingham, Ala.

My dear Mr. Abelson:

I deeply appreciate your kind letter and your invitation to come to Birmingham and address a mass meeting in connection with your Zionist activities. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately my schedule of out of town lecture engagements is so heavy for the remainder of the season that I cannot, in justice to myself take on any additional obligations. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes for success,

I remain

Very cordially yours,

November 11, 1937

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, National President, Hadassah, 1860 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

My dear Judith:

Thank you so much for your kind letter. I have, this morning, addressed a letter to Miss Szold, in care of the Hadassah. Please bring it to her attention immediately.

I would be greatly indebted to you if you would use your charm and your persuasive powers to induce Miss Szold to come to us.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

November 11, 1937

Miss Henrietta Szold, C/o Hadassah, 1860 Broadway, New York, N.T.

My dear Miss Szold:

I am happy to know that you are in the country and from the reports which I have received from Cleveland delegates who attended the Hadassah Convention. that you are well.

I have a great favor to ask of you and I hope that you will find it possible to grant it. Annually, the Cleveland Zionist Society, of shich I am President, arranges a civic Chanakah Banquet which is the outstanding Zionist affair of the year and which is attended by over a thousand guests. We have been privileged in previous years to have foremost Jewish personalities as our guests on this occasion. We would be profoundly honored if you could be our guest this year. The Banquet will be held on Sunday evening, November 28 at the Cleveland Hotel.

Judith Epstein, who I am delighted to know is now the head of the Hadassah organization, writes me that you are not accepting any invitations and that you are utilizing this visit for matters of personal interest. But she also feels that you might make an exception in our case.

You are to be in Detroit for the Junior Hadassah Convention from Thursday, November 25 through Saturday, the 27th. Our affair is on the 28th. It would thus not necessitate a special trip from the East here. It is just a short ride from Detroit.

Your coming to Cleveland would mean much to our community, to Zionism and to Hadassah. I would personally be indebted to you if you could see your way clear to come. Miss Szold

November 11, 1937

Would you wire me your acceptance?

With all good wishes, I remain

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Most cordially yours,



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ZIONISTS BENTLEY'S CODE

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111 FIFTH AVENUE NEWYORK

November 19, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Ralph Bass, the President of the New England Zionist Region, has informed me that you are scheduled to address the Boston Hadassah Donor's Luncheon Monday, December 13th.

Mr. Bass, on behalf of the New England Zionist Begion, asked me to ascertain from you whether it will be possible for you to address a Greater Boston Zionist meeting on the evening of December 15th.

The evening mass meeting will, of course, in no way interfere with the Hadassah Donor's Luncheon, and as I understand, would not be objected to by Hadassah; but on the contrary, Hadassah, too, would be grateful if you could be the guest of honor of the Greater Boston Zionist Districts at an evening mass meeting.

With personal regards,

intellor les Sincerely yours, Morris Margulies Secretary

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November 22, 1937

Mr. Morris Margulies, Secretary, Zionist Organization of America, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Margulies:

In reply to your letter of November 19, permit me to say that I did not find it possible to accept the invitation of the Boston Nadassah to address its luncheon on December 13 inasmuch as I have another engagement scheduled for that day. I am therefore unable to avail myself of the invitation of the President of the New England Zionist Region.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

November 24, 1937

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Rabbi Jesse Schwartz, 527 Sherbrooke West, Montreal, Canada.

My dear Jesses

I received your telegram. I would like to help you out by coming to Montreal in connection with the United Palestine Appeal. The date of April 24, however, is out of the question for I cannot leave Cleveland on a Sunday. Furthermore, on Thursday of that week, I am to be in Kansas City so that I cannot take on any additional out of town engagements for that week. I may be able to come on Tuesday or Wednesday, May 2 or 4 provided our own Campaign for the Jewish Welfare Fund, of which I am Chairman, is not here during that week. I assume that the meeting at which I am to speak will be in the nature of a banquet where money will be raised. I would not care to come to a mass meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,



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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

111 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

December 3, 1937

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver % The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Some three weeks ago, at the request of Mr. Ralph Bass, the President of the New England Zionist Region, I wrote you with regard to the Hadassah Donors Luncheon that he learned you were scheduled to address and his desire to have you as the principal speaker at a large Zionist rally in freater Boston. You were, however, unable to attend the Eadassah function and hence the meeting with the Boston Zionists could not be considered.

Bass now writes that he has learned that you are to be in Providence on January 26th. He begs me to inquire whether it would be possible for you to address a Boston meeting on either the day before or the day after. You have not spoken before the Boston Zionists in many years; they are most eager to hear you; you would afford them a genuine treat if your calendar would permit you to be with them on either of the days mentioned above.

I want to personally beg you to accept the Boston invitation.

With warm cordial regards,

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December 24, 1937

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

My dear Rabbit

As you know, I have been circularizing the Zionist Districts in Ohio and Michigan with reference to the formation of a region. I have now received a sufficient number of replies to proceed.

It occurred to me that the first step ought to be the calling of a preliminary conference at which the groundwork for the organization of the Region could be laid. I suggest that the conference be held in Toledo on Sunday afternoon and evening, February 20th. I am hoping that you can attend, but knowing how busy you are I hardly expect it. If you are not able to come and if the date is suitable, could you deputize two or three people to act for you and the Cleveland Zionist Society. In the meanwhile, if you have any suggestions as to what you think is the proper proceedure to be followed, I wish that you would write them to me.

With kindest regards, I am,

As ever, fun

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MASADA

YOUTH ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

THE LEAGUE OF JEWISH YOUTH JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CLEVELAND, OHIO

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

December 27th, 1937

10403 ST. CLAIR AVE.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President, Cleveland Zionist Society, The Temple, Angel Road, Cleveland, Ohio:

Dear Rabbi :

The members of Masada join me in extending a cordial invitation to the Cleveland Zionist Society to attend an open meeting on Thursday, Jan. 6th, 1938, in the auditorium of Lakeview Hebrew School. Mr. Mathew D. Crackel, a volunteer worker in the Y.M.C.A. for a number of years, will speak on "Palestine under the British Mandate."

For three years Mr. Crackel was in charge of the young men's division of the Jerusalem "Y." His work brought him in close contact with young men of the Jewish, Arab and Christian faiths. Mr. Crackel will talk to the point. In his own words, he "has no axes to grind." He will give a neutral, unbiased opinion, without leaning toward the Arab, Zionist or British point-of-view.. It is for this reason that Mr. Crackel's address will arouse considerable discussion. The question period following his talk is bound to be a lively one.

All your members being ardent Zionists, they will enjoy listening to a non-Jew-one who will give them a detached, informative address on a timely subject. That is why we expect the Cleveland Zionist Society to attend in a body.

The extra, enclosed invitation is for the bulletin board in your Temple. We feel certain that many of the young people in your congregation will be interested in our open meeting.

Thanking you for your past ce-operation, we are, with Zion's

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Mah. LACH, CHAIRMAN, Masada Cultural Committee. TELEPHONE LIBERTY 6327



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"The British should admit they have 'made a mess of it' in Palestine and sit down peaceably with the Jews and Arabs to work out a plan of co-operation," Mr. Crackel declares. Mr. Crackel spent three years in the Jerusalem Y.M.C.A., and worked with young men of the Christian, Jewish and Moslem faiths. His address will be timely and informative.

December 28, 1937

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer, Collingwood Avenue Temple, Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Leont

I am pleased to note that you are going ahead with arrangements for the organization of the Zionist Region and that you will call a conference in Toledo for Sunday, February 20. I shall be very happy to send two or three people from the Cleveland Zionist Society to attend this conference. Should any ideas occur to me on the subject of the Region, I shall be glad to write to you later on.

With all good wishes to you and Hortense, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

MRS. CARL N. ETTINGER 2635 BEVER AVENUE CEDAR RAPIDS. IOWA Jan. 9-1937.

Dear Rabbi Silver, -Here is the slipping from our local paper. It is quite fair and truthful, don't you think ? again I want to tell you how much I enjoyed your lecture. It really presented our problem to a mixed audience better than I ever heard it done. I have heard manyfavorable comments from non- fleve. Mr. Ettinger and I deem it a privilege to have been with you incerely yours, Aclen L. Ettinger

MRS. ISRAEL SHAPIRO . 2308 TIOGA PARKWAY MARYLAND may 19/38. Rabbiabba Hillel Silver 10 The Temple leveland Ohn. Dear Dr. Silver: as the newly appointed . Cultural Chairman of the minist District in Seltimire I am very anxious to anange a meating in Jebmany which will be attended y all the members of all Showist Grups in Vallinne. In fact we gre flamming. family meeting in which the

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# SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION

(Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia, North and South Carolina, Delaware)

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

305 HEARST TOWER BUILDING

PHONE, PLAZA 0725

#### BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

January 25,1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohic.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Rabbi Israel told me that you will know within the week if you can join us at the annual Conference of the Seaboard Zionist Region, to be held in Durham, North Carolina, Sunday, May 22nd, 1938. I not only hope you will, but I am praying that you will definitely accept this engagement since cur conferences are the motivating factor of Zionist and Pelestine endeavor in the Seaboard section.

In the meantime, may I ask you to let us have written greetings, as National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, which we will convey to the members of the Regional Council, meeting at the Monticello Hotel, Norfolk, Virginia, <u>Suncay</u>, <u>February 6th</u>, when Judge Morris Rothenberg and Mrs. Rotert Szold, will be our guests.

Permit me to take this occasion to felicitate you upon your election as National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, or should I put it the other way, that America should consider itself fortunate in having you lead the Palestine fund-raising forces during the coming year. I need not assure you again that you will have my most loyal and wholehearted cooperation.

Thanking you for forwarding your greatings to us at your earliest opportunity, and again expressing the pious wish that we may have you with us in Durham, in May, I am

Sincerely yours,

Executive Lirector.

# SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA 305 Hearst Tower Building BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Office of the President

January 27, 1938:

PLAZA 0725

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Cfficially, and personally, I wish to congratulate you upon your election as National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. When I spoke to you last Sunday I suggested that you may be entitled to some sympathy, but since then I have changed my mind. I think you deserve unadulterated felicitations.

I hope you have not forgotten the invitation extended to you by Rabbi Israel and me to be the guest of the Seaboard Zionist Region's annual conference at Durham, N. C. on Sunday, May 22, 1938. Of course we should very much like to have you participate in all sessions of the Conference, which begins Saturday night and ends Monday afternoon, but feel that that may be a real imposition on our part. You gave us a three-quarter promise to attend, subject however, to your previous commitments. I am now praying that your previous engagements will not interfere with your attendance, even if it is only at the banquet on Sunday evening.

Please enter this appointment on your calendar so that I can broadcast the glad tidings throughout the Region.

With warm personal regards and best wishes for a very successful and fruitful administration, I am

Very truly yours,

Daniel beeron

DANIEL ELLISON, President

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January 28, 1938

Mrs. Israel Shapiro, 2508 Tioga Parkway, Paltimore, Md.

My dear Mrs. Shapiros

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to address a Zionist meeting in Baltimore during the month of February. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to accept your invitation if I had the time. Unfortunately I must set aside whatever little time I can spare from an already crowded program for the work of the United Palestine Appeal. You probably know that I have accepted the national chairmanship for 1938.

Flease keep me in mind for some future time. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

January 28, 1938

Rabba Armond Cohen, The Jewish Center, 1117 E. 105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Armond;

Israel Berman must have seen you when he was in the city. I suggested that he get in touch with you. The enclosed letter is selfexplanatory.

The Masada organization receives a subsidy from the Z.O.A. I don't know how much. Do you think you can set aside a hundred dollars for them out of the Contingent Fund for 1938?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK Enc. January 31, 1938

Mr. Daniel Ellison, President, Seaboard Zionist Region, 505 Hearst Tower Building, Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Ellison:

First let me thank you for your congratulations and good wishes. I need not tell you that I am very grateful to you for them.

About attending the conference of the Seaboard Region at Durham, N.C. on Sunday, May 22 - I am at present in no position to give you a definite answer. It is almost impossible for me to leave Cleveland on a Sunday. I must be in my own pulpit on that day and invariably there are weddings and congregational functions which I must attend. Egain, May 22 is very near to Confirmation Day and I am quite sure that my attendance will be required here over that week end. If there is any "break" and I can get away, I will be very happy to do so.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

January 31, 1938

Mr. Simon J. Levin, Executive Directot, Seaborard Zionist Region, 505 Hearst Tower Building, Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Levin:

Permit me to extend to the delgates attending the Regional Council my warmest greetings and my best wishes for fruitful deliberations. I am acquainted with the fine work which you have been doing and of the great loyalty which you have manifested to the historic cause of our people. May I, as National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, call upon you for renewed and increased efforts in these critical times when so many fateful events which are affecting the future of our people are taking place all about us. Herzl's program for the national salvation of our people is being windicated over and over again before our very eyes. Never was it more evident how much our people needed a national homeland and surely never have Jews given greater proof of their amszing capacity for building a homeland as have our pioneers in Palestine.

The United Palestine Appeal is calling upon the Jews of America to strengthen the hands of the builders in Zion by contributing in 1938 the sum of four and a half million dollars. The day is short, the work is great, and the hand of destiny is writing...

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

# SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA 305 Hearst Tower Building BALTIMORE, MARTLAND

Office of the President

February 3, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President, United Palestine Appeal, East 105th Street at Ansel Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter of the Slat ultimo received. I regret indeed that you could not definitely promise to attend the annual conference of the Seaboard Zionist Region at Durham, North Carolina, on Sunday, May 22d. My disappointment is somewhat assuaged by the knowledge that numerous demands are made upon your time and energies from all sections of the country and a variety of interests, in addition to your Congregational duties.

However, if you could only be with us for an hour we would, perforce, be satisfied. Your visit would not only tend to bring to the Conference representatives from all sections of the Region, but would give youan opportunity to meet them and to acquaint yourself with your field of operation.

If you do not mind flying, even your crowded schedule on that day probably may enable you to make this "flying visit". I still hope that you will see your way clear to make it.

With warm personal regards, I am

Very truly yours, Saund Electon

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# SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION

(Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia, North and South Carolina, Delaware)

ZIONIST OFGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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#### BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

February 8,1938.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th St. at Ansel Rd. Cleveland, Ohic..

Dear Dr.Silver:

Your inspiring message was read at the semi-annual session of the Zeaboard Zionist Regional Council held in Norfolk last Sunday, in the presence of Judge Morris Rothenberg, your co-Chairman. As one, the entire gathering assured you its loyal support and cooperation. It was unanimous in its belief, that you, as National Chairman of the United Falestine Appeal, will lead us to greater victories this year.

For your perusal and information I beg leave to enclose herewith copies of resolutions adopted at our sessions that have specific bearing upon the United Palestine Appeal.

- Resolutions on quotas. (This does not include the supplementary quotas adopted for Florida, Alabama and Georgia, comprising the Seaboard area, over which I have jurisdiction.)
- Resolutions on Division Executives. We appointed key people in various sections of the Region to assume direction of fund-raising in their respective localities.

The meeting was unanimous in its determination to have you as the guest of the annual Regional Conference in Durham, North Carolina, on Sunday, May 22nd, 1938. I enclose herewith resolution on the conference was which adopted on this occasion.

I am now proceeding with Judge Rothenberg to Florida, where he is to speak in a number of communities.

Sincerely yours

Simon J. Levin K. National Field Representative United Palestine Appeal.

(Written after Mr. Levin's departure)

NORBOLK, VA. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1938

### MONTICELLO HOTEL

### RESOLUTION 1938 UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL QUOTAS

RESOLVED: that the United Paelstine Appeal is to receive priority in fund-reasing efforts for Palestine and that the leaders in every community in the cabeard Region take immediate steps to launch early empaigns.

- RESOLVED: that we herewith endorse the National quota of \$4,500,000. adopted by the National Conference for Palestine recently held in Washington and that we in the Seuboard Region strive to raise, and, if possible, exceed, sur share of this quota which is the irreducible minimum required.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that in view of momentous political measures shortly to be made effective in Palestine, the fulfillment of which will tap all our financial resources, and in view of imperative financial need for defense and security of our position in Ererz Israel, that we here assembled, pledge to realize the goal of \$166,675.00 as our 1938 Seabcard Region share toward the United Palestine Appeal, and call upon all communities to raise their respective quotas with promptness and dispatch.

### SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION COUNCIL MEETING HOREOLK, VA. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1938 MONTICELLO HOTEL

### RESOLUTION ON MATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR PALESTINE

- RESOLVEDE that we hail the decisions taken by the National Conference for Palestine and endorse all resolutions adopted. It was truly a great Jewish conclare demonstrating the will of American Jewry to proceed onward and forward in the redemption of Eretz Israel.
- BE IT RESOLVED: that we felicitate Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, on his election as National Chariman of the United Falestine Appeal and assure him and his administration the fulledt measure of support of Seabeard Zionists. We are particularly impressed with the two planks emunciated by him in accepting this office, namely; decentralisation of United Falestine Appeal activities and bid for augmented cooperation of non-Zionist elements in Americe. In wishing him success, we also desire to express our approxiation to the retiring Chariman, Rabbi Stephan S. Wise, for his magnificant leadership and extend our congratulations to the following national co-chairman, who are to be associated with Rabbi Silver in leading the United Falestine Appeal forces this year: Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Louis Lipsky, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Rabbi Solecces Goldman.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that we call upon the Administrative Committee of the Seaboard Zionist Region and particularly its Chairman, Ratbi Edward L. Israel, to take prompt action in organizing a United Palestine Appeal Regional Committee to include all awtive Zionist and non-Zionist forces. We feel that this step if followed to its legical conclusion will not only be in line with the expressed wishes of the Mational Conference for Palestine, but will stimulate and expedite Palestine fund-raising efforts in the Region.

SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION COUNCIL MEETING HORFOLK, VA. Sumiay, FEBRUERY 6,1938 HORFICELLO BOTEL

### RESOLUTIONS ON UNITED PALESTINE AFPRAL DIVISION EXECUTIVES

- RESCLVED: that in view of imminent need to organize early United Falestine Appeal efforts in the Region, this meeting select Division Executives, subject to confirmation of the next annual Conference.
- RESOLVED: that these United Palestine appeal Division Excoutives be vested with full authreity and charged with the responsibility of meeting the budget of this public Palestine Fund by organizing and launching early 1938 compaigns in the commuties under their jurisdiction.

BE IT RESOLVED: that the following be designated United Palestine Appeal Dvision Executives:

David Friedman, Norfolk	Division Executive #1
Ben Simon, Norfelk	Co-Division Executive
Leonard G. Earp. Portsmouth	Co-Division Hacoutive #
Max Levinson, Newport News	Division Executive #2
Auron Gross, Rielmond,	Division Econutive 3
Isaac Bernan, Danville	Division R_soutive #4
S.M.Schreibfeder, Martinsville	Co-Division Executive
Arbhur Szebenn, Rounoko	Division Executive #6
A. M. Schevel, Lynchburg	Division Executive #6
Simon J. Sachs, Staunton	Division Executive #7
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Rabbi Issa L. Freund, Goldaboro	Division Executive 10
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Milton Zauber, Greensbore	Division Executive #12
Arthrur Goodman, Charlotto	Division Hypoutive #18
Rabbi William Greenburg.	Division Executive #14
Judge Moses Shapire, Winston-Salem	Divison Executive #15

Seaboard Zionist Region Council Meeting Resolutions on UPA Division Executives -Cont'd.

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# SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION COUNCIL MEETING NORFOLK, VA. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6,1938

### MONTICELLO HOTEL

### RESOLUTION ON 1938 ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

RESOLVED: that the members of the Semboard Zionist Regional Council endorse the decision of the Regional Administrative Committee to hold the annual conference in Durham, J. C.Saturday night, Sunday and Menday, May 21, 22, 23, 1938. RESOLVED: that in view of the great historic hour confronting our cause and Palastine and that every Jowish community and especially alloonstituent Zionist groups send large delegations to this gathering, to the end that the best interests of Zionism may thereby be served inthis section.

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RESOLVED: that the conference be dedicated to the observance of the fortieth anniversary of Zionian and that we herewith extend an invitation to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, and Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, National Hadassah President, to be the guests of the Conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that we call on all Regional organizations and national Zionist bodies to avoid scheduling meetings to conflict with the above conference date. Toledo Zionist District

TOLEDO, OHIO

February 10, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi:

In accordance with our previous correspondence, I am sending out a call for a preliminary conference to discuss the organization of an Ohio-Michigan Zionist Region. I am calling the meeting for Sunday, February 27th, at 2:30 P. M., at the Collingwood Avenue Temple.

Please note that this is one week later than the date I had originally planned. A change in my congregational schedule made the postponement necessary.

I knew that it will probably not be possible for you to come yourself, although I would be delighted if you could. Will you, therefore, appoint two or three representatives from the Cleveland Zionist Society and let me know their names as soon as possible.

I am going to make an effort to get into Cleveland for a day and discuss the whole project with you personally. However, if I should not be able to do so, will you not take a few minutes some time between now and February 27th and send me in writing whatever suggestions you may have.

With kindest regards, I am,

As ever,

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COPY OF LETTER FROM DR. AZRIEL L. EISENBERG OF CINCINNATI.

TO HABBI FEUER

Jebruary 14, 1938

Dear Rabbi Feuer:

In response to your letter which I received Saturday morning concerning the regional conference, I am asked to write to you on behalf of our regional conference committee that all arrangments have been made with the New York office and with the Districts in Eastern Indiana, Southern Ohio, Northern Kentucky and part of West Virginia for a regional conference which we are holding March 19th and 20th in Cincinnati.

The New York office is in agreement with us that it would be better to organize a Regional around here rather than join with northern Ohio, which is so far away. Mr. Harry Frankel, 765 N. Crescent Ave. is chairman of this committee and I would suggest that you contact him in the future concerning regional affairs.

Will you also be good enough to communicate with the people in the Districts around here, such as Columbus, and Dayton, for example, informing them of the new arrangments with regard to the organization of the Region. If you can do so this week I would appreciate it very much.

I have begun working on the teacher's guile and workbook for your textbook.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Asriel L. Eisenberg

February 15, 1938

#### Lear Friend and Chaver:

I have just received word from Dr. Eisenberg, the Chairman of the Cincinnati Zionist District and from Mr. Harry Frankel of the same city with regard to an invitation that they received from you to attend a Regional Conference at Toledo on February 20th. Cur Cincinnati friends, particularly Mr. Harry Frankel, have now for some time been planning and arranging for a Regional Conference to include part of Ohio, as well as Kentucky and other nearby states. As a matter of fact they had a preliminary meeting of representatives from these various communities at the Washington Conference, where a more or less definite program of the Regional Conference was decided upon. Moreover, Mr. Frankel discussed the matter, as I understand it, with Rabbi Silver.

Your letter therefore is bound to create confusion. To whom did you send it? I wish you had consulted me prior to the dispatch of your invitation. I would then have informed you of what has thus far transpired as a result of the initiative taken by the Cincinnati group. True that at the beginning of the year you and I had some correspondence about this matter, but as you know I have not heard enything from you since.

The only way how we can now meet the problem, in my opinion, is if you will let me know to whom your invitations have been extended the Cincinnati people have furnished me with such a list - and we will then try to delimit the territory so that your effects will not interfere with those of Cincinnati nor will their efforts interfere with yours.

With personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Morris Margalies, Secretary

#### 2335 Collingwood Ave.

February 17, 1938

Mr. Morris Margulies, Zionist Organization of America, 111 Fifth Ave., New York, M. Y.

### My dear Morrist

I am in receipt of your letter as well as a communication from Dr. Eisenberg, with reference to the region being planned with Cincinnati as its center. Frankly, I was very much taken aback upon learning of these plans. Both Dr. Eisenberg and you knew that I was working on the organization of a region to include the states of Ohio and Michigan. I feel that I should have been given some notification that such a project was under way without having it sprung on me as a fait accompli.

It seems to me that the Cincinnati project is a very impractical one which cannot achieve very much by itself, but certainly can ruin the possibility of projecting a really strong region in this part of the country. The territory outlined by Dr. Risenberg in his letter is small, and as far as I can see, can never attain any particular mamerical or financial strength. One of the impertant reasons for organizing a region is to establish a regional office with a full time secretary, so that some practical work can be done. It seems fairly obvious to me that the region proposed by the Cincinnati District cannot possibly undertake such a program but it can affectively spoil the undertaking of such a program by any other group in this part of the country.

I am not eager to assume the leadership in organizing a region. I have a terribly heavy burden of work to carry and would be relieved not to have to undertake any new project. I have only undertaken it because I felt keenly that it was necessary to strengthen Zionist work in this part of the country and that it could be strengthened.

If the Cincinnati Edstrict is eager to assume the lesdership, by all means let them have it. I should be very happy to withdraw, but for goodness sakes, let's not make the usual fatal Zionist mistake of dividing our forces at writical times. It seems to me quite obvious, from a practical point of view, that the region enviseded by Dr. Eisenberg, and the territory which I had planned to cover, should belong in one and the same grouping. I wish that you would give this matter some serious thought in the next twenty-four hours, and let me know your viewpoint. If it is necessary, I will postpene the conference which I had contemplated holding on February 27th. I am prepared to get together with Dr. Eisenberg and negotiate some kind of an understanding whereby we can unite our forces instead of taking the foolish step of dividing them.

With kindest personal regards, I am.

Sincerely yours,

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February 16, 1928

Rabbi Jesse Schwartz, 527 Sherbrooks Hest, Montreal, Canada.

My dear Jesses

In connection with my work as National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, I shall have to make a visit to the Pacific Coast beginning April Srd. I shall be on the Coast for over ten days. It will therefore make it impossible for me to keep my engagement with you to address the United Palestine Appeal Campaign in Bontreal. I am sure you will understand the circumstances which make necessary this cancellation.

I hope that I will be able to be of service to you next year. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially jours,

AHS: DK

Young Men's Zionist Organization of Chicago 30 NORTH DEARBORN

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland. Ohio

Dear Br. Silver:

You may be interested in knowing that just recently there was organized in our city a group designed to enlist the more serious minded young men among Chicago Jewry in the cause of Zionism. For a period of about a year, we are going to concern ourselves chiefly with an intensive study of Zionism through study and discussion groups meeting regularly. Our group will then be in a better position, having acquired a more intelligent undestanding of Zionism, "to sell our goods."

I note from Sinai Temple's Lecture Forum calendar that you are sceduled to speak at Sinai Temple on March 7th. Would it be possible, Dr. Silver, for you to arrange, during your stay in Chicago at that time, to spend an hour or two, informally, with our small group? Our study group opens its "course" about this time; if your viewpoints and suggestions could be made available to the boys, I know that a proper introduction will have been provided for us, and a good start made.

I will appreciate hearing from you at an early date regarding this request,

Respectfully yours Unter Partie

SECRETARY

### 2335 Collingwood Ave.

### February 17, 1938

Dr. Azriel L. Risenberg, 658 Rockdale Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Eisenbergt

Your letter come as a distinct surprise. I did not understand from our previous correspondence that your group was contemplating the organization of a region. Mr. Morris Margulies has known for some time that we have been working toward the organization of a region in the states of Michigan and Ohio.

Personally, I feel that it would be very foolish and futile to organize two regions in this part of the country. We would both be wasting the resources essential to mobilizing the strength meeded for the building up of Zionist work.

It seems to me that the territory contemplated in your organization and the one contemplated in mine, could and ought logically be marged. Despite your worry about distance, the important cities in the territory are not more than five or six hours away from each other.

I think that before we slice up this part of the country into two regions, which will mean that your region will lose the strength and financial resources which can be furnished by Cleveland, Toledo and Detroit, and vise verse, we ought to give the matter serious thought.

I am analosing herewith a copy of the latter which I am sending to Mr. Margulies. I would appreciate your reaction to it within the maxt couple of days.

With idudest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours.

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February 17, 1988

Mr. Stanley J. Rubin, Secretary, Young Men's Zionist Organization of Chicago, 30 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Rubins

I am happy to know that you have organized in your city a group of young Jews to study Zionism. That is most gratifying.

I wish I were free to comply with your request to meet your group on my forthcoming wisit to Chicago. Unfortunately time will not permit it. I plan to arrive late in the afternoon and leave again that same night. You may well imagine that as Chairman of the United Palestine Ap cal plus my own congregational duttes, I have an exceedingly crowded program.

With all good wishes to you and to the membe s of your group, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ahs; bk

February 17, 1938

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer, Collingwood Avenue Temple, Collingwood and Acklin Avenues, Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Leons

I have appointed the following representatives from the Cleveland Zionist Society to attend the Regional Conference to be held in Toledo on February 27:

> Sam Katz 892 Eddy Rd.

Harry Epstein 1853 So. Compton

Dr. F. M. Falkman 14128 Superior Rd..

I shall be very happy to see you when you come to Cleveland. With all good wishes to you and to Hortense, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of a council of the various local Jewish institutions combined into one organization for the purpose of sponsoring the annual wider scope drive, we would like to have a few minutes of your time so that we can talk the problem over with you.

If you will be good enough to give us an appointment sonvenient with you, we shall be glad to call on you.

Awaiting to hear from you, I am

Very truly yours,

alex moyer

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Feb. 19, 1938

COPY OF LETTER FROM MR. HARRY FRANKEL OF CINCINNATI TO RABBI FEUER

February 20th, 1938

Dear Rabbi Feuer:

Your letter to Dr. Eisenberg and copy of your letter to Margulies were handed to me on my return to the city this noon and I hasten to answer giving you a full report of what has been done.

At the Z.O.A. Convention in July, the writer was asked to see what could be done to organize an effective Zionist region for this part of the country and immediately started formulating plans. If my memory serves me right, I mentioned this to your Mr. Kasle at the convention. Since that time I have been in continuous touch with the New York office both thru mail and personal visits. In my travels I have spoken to several of the leaders throughout our contemplated region and they all agreed that with we planned would serve as a very worth while region.

At the conference in Washington a meeting was held of representative from several of the cities in the territory under condicration and they all agreed that our setup would be a good one and should be carried out.

Since my return from Washington I consulted with Dr. Eisenberg and wrote Margulies the results and in neither case were your plans or contemplated conference mentioned to me. Later, after your invitation arrived I again spoke to Eisenberg and he recalled your writing to him and that he wrote you that he felt that a smaller, more condensed regional unit would be much more effective and that a region consisting of Ohio, with the exception of Cleveland, Toledo and northern part of the state, Southern Indiana, Kentucky and Western West Virginia would be able to far better do a constructive job. This is mostly all virgin territory and in the greatest part unorganized. Frankly I agree with him and believe that northern Ohio and Nichigan would do much better as a unit. However, I can sympathize very much with your point of view and can see the advantage of a region comprising the whole, as you plan. In fact at the recent Social Service Conference held in Cincinnati I spoke to Mr. and Mrs. Ehrlich of our plans. Simon Shetzer of Detroit I believe also knew of our plans.

We both agree in two things. It is not a question of honor, we both want to intensify Zionist work. We are not seeking any special honors for Cincinnati.

Frankly I do not see where we conflict at all. In fact, I believe it would be a very good plan if you were to advise those you have invited to your conference that the meeting has been postponed to March 19th and 20th and transferred to Cincinnati. Please do not misconstrue the above, for with the help of the New York office we have arranged for speakers, our invitations have been sent out, we have had several responses, arrangments have been made with the hotel, tickets for the dinner and cards for credentials have been prepared and in fact the arrangments are so definite that we would not very well make any change. From your letter to Margulies I gain the impression that your plans can be changed. If at that time we find that the whole as planned by you would do a better job, or if we find that Zionism would best be served by splitting this territory, it can be done then. We could then either launch one big region or the two smaller and as we feel here more effective regions.

Please immediately on receipt of this letter write me your decision so that we can make the proper arrangements and make the changes in the program to conform with what you may have in mind. Also send me a list of those you have invited so that we can also send them invitations from here.

### Very sincerely yours,

Harry H. Frankel

COPY OF LETTER FROM MR. MARGULIES OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA. N. Y. TO RABBI FRUER

February 20, 1938

Dear friend and chaver:

I fully sgree with you that the territory outlined by Dr. Eisenberg will not warrant the setting up of the kind of a Region that you have in mind. Nevertheless, I feel that Eisenberg ought to be permitted to proceed with his plans. You, too, should go ahead and try to arrange for a conference looking towards the formation of a Region in all of Ohio north of Columbus and all of Michigan east of Lansing. The western part of Michigan has joined Chicago as part of the Midwest Zionist Region. This would give you, aside from all the smaller cities, the three largest cities in that territory, namely, Cleveland, Toledo and Detroit.

After all, what we are attempting to do right now is more or less of a temporary nature. Following the holding of the various Regional conferences more definite and positive alignment will be possible; the Districts will be able to tell much better where they prefer to belong. There cannot be anarchy in this business. However, Wilson's principle of the determination of nations should in our case not be altogether overlooked. I mean by that, that Districts should be given some latitude in making their choice as to which Region they would prefer to belong. Naturally, geography will have to play its part. If the Region that you are attempting to set up is to begin with Columbus, then all the Districts north of Columbus will have to be part of your Region and not of that envisaged by the Cincinnati group. Personally, I would like Cincinnati to confine itself primarily to a part of W. Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee; all of these I believe are a bit too fay removed from Toledo.

Furthermore, if these temporary Regions have done some work, experience may prove that it would be much better to have the two Regions we are now discussing merge into one, but that can best be decided only after some time has elapsed.

It would help me, in dealing with the Cincinnati group, if you were good enough to send me a list of the Districts to whom you have sent out invitations and a copy of your invitation. In the final analysis, you Eisenberg and I are working for the same objective, nameby, the strengthening of the Organization. I think we will be able to find a method of proceedure that will satisfy all and serve the common purpose we have in mind.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours, Morris Margulies Secretary February 22, 1938

Mr. Alex Moyer, President, Lorain-Elyria Zionist District, Lorain, Chio.

My dear Mr. Moyer:

In reply to your kind letter of February 19, permit me to say that I shall be pleased to meet your committee, if it meets with their convenience, on Friday morning at eleven o'clock in my study.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

305 Hearst Tower Building BALTIMORE, MARYLAND PLAZA 0125

Office of the President

February 22,1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 10th Street At Ansel Road Cleveland, Chio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am rather glad that you have not as yet responded to my letter of February 3rd, because from your silence we can draw the conclusion that you will grace our conference with your presence at Durham, North Carolina on Sunday, May 22nd, next.

As I indicated in my last letter to you on this point, your presence, if but for an hour, would undoubtedly tend to make the regional conference a powerful force in the collection efforts in our Region. If your time will permit, you might prepare an itinerary to visit at the same time the larger communities on the Eastern Seaboard. The possibility of such a prolonged effort on your part should, however, in no way affect your flying visit to the conference.

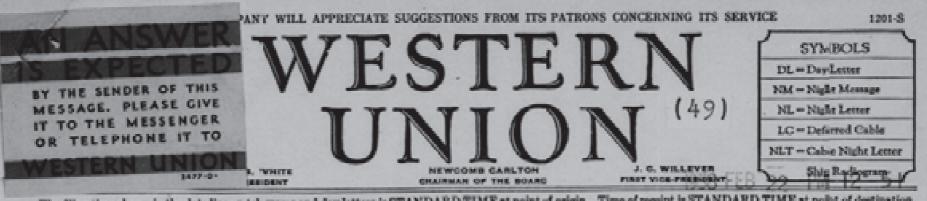
I am therefore urging you to accept this invitation if it is humanly possible. We should like to know at an early date in order to prepare our program and to give it proper publicity.

With Zion's greetings and personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Marine Eren

Daniel Ellison, President.



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

Dear Rabbi:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation this morning, I am proceeding with the conference on Sunday afternoon. Detroit will have a large representation here, your District will be represented, and the Districts from Lorain and Elyria. I am making a last minute effort to get Columbus, Canton and Akron also to attend.

We will proceed as per your suggestion. I will present to the representatives present the problem which has arisen as the result of the Cincinnati situation, and put it up to them as to whether they want to join with Cincinnati or proceed independently. Assuming that they will wart to proceed independently, we will then go on to lay the groundwork for a Region which will embrace northern Ohio and Michigan. and which will include Cleveland, Canton, Akron, Cclumbus, Lorain, Elyria, Toledo, Detroit and Flint, Mich. If the delegates present want to explore the possibility of joining with the Cincinnati group, we will proceed to organize a bloc so that we can go to Cincinnati in March, when their conference is to be held, and see to it that the thing is organized and carried on under the proper auspices.

I am enclosing herewith a transcript of my correspondence with New York and Cincinnati. I wish you would look it over and let me know what you think of it.

I should also like very much if you would send me by return mail a greeting from yourself to the group which will assemble here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and if you have the time to do so, some suggestions that we may use to guide us in our proceedure.

As ever,

LIF-ms

February 24, 1938

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer, 2335 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Leons

Thank you for your kind letter of February 23. I am pleased to learn that you will go ahead with your scheduled conference for this Sunday. It will give you and the assembled delegates an opportunity to talk through the whole problem of the Midwest Region in a thorough manner.

I share with you the thought that it is not wise to fragmentize this section into numerous small regions. The Region must be large enough to be able to support an office and a secretary and to carry on essential Zionist services or there is no point in having a Region at all.

Please convey to my fellow lionists assembled at your conference my warmest greetings and my best wishes for success.

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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ZIONIST ORGAN ANION OF CHICAGO

30 NORTH DEARBORN STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 24, 1938.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sending you a copy of a letter I have just written to Mr. Merris Margulies regarding a meeting scheduled for the Agudas Achim North Shore Congregation Sunday afternoon, February 27th (the same Congregation where you delivered your lecture recently.)

May be you can add your word to Mr. Margulies to help persuade him to get us a speaker.

If you can do anything for me I shall appreciate it very much.

With very pleasant recollections of your visit, but very anxious about Sunday, I remain

Cordially yours,

Charles Mishkän President EDGEWATER ZIONIST DISTRICT

(enc.)

February 24, 1938.

Mr. Morris Margalies 111 Fifth Avenue New York

### Dear Norris:

In wiring us that Goldberg is going to Europe and therefore suggesting that we "postpone our meeting" instead of offering to give us a worthy speaker to replace him, so we can avoid a scandalous fiasee Sunday in Edgewater, you display unmatchable inscurdance and perhaps a lack of appreciation of the manner in which some of us here in Chicago go about arranging a big Zionist meeting. Do you think that we wait until 3 days before the meeting before making preparations? You say postpone. How? Do you know that the day we got word from you that Goldberg would be available for us the week of February 27th, 30 minutes before the Zionist Office tried to reach me, I had just completed making arrangements with one of the important Ohicago reformed rabbis to speak for Edgewater on February 27th, but when I got the news that Goldberg was available, in the belief that we should not lose this opportunity to have him talk for us I had to humiliate myself with the Chicago rabbi to ask that we cencel our arrangements with him. He was very pleasant about it.

Then we got to work at once to give a big build up for the Goldborg meeting. Since the Monday when we got that wire from you, February 7th, I have practically taken a vacation from my private practice in order to give attention to the Goldberg testings printing notices, getting signs painted, letters, publicity, posters, announcements, committee meetings, personal solicitation, etc., etc., etc., we went to no little actual expense, not to count hundreds of dollars of our time taken away from my own affairs and that of my associates. And then you say, postpone.

Mith the preparations we have made we will probably fill our large synagogue and that means 1600 people. How if you only know the labor that is involved in getting that kind of a growd together for Zionist work in our community, it is probably the equivalent of the effort thatwould yield 10,000 people on the west Side. If with the few hundred who same for our Maurice Samuel meeting last month we were able to obtain 48 new members, with the capacity sudience we are getting for the Geldberg metings who knows how much more we could accomplish.

I may as well be frank with you Morris, the two incidents concerning the prominent Zionist leader--first, last December his unsuccessful attempt to break his arrangements to speak for the Edgewater Zionist District, unsuccessful because of our heart breaking efforts to prevent it, with all the terrific suspense and anxiety; and then second, last month his successful concellation of his paid engagement at our Shul, compelling me personally as chairman of our Shul's Cultural Committee to worry about it and to make frantic midnight efforts to get someone else (and luckily successing in finally getting Rabbi Barnett R. Briekner)--incidents have done Zionist sentiment and Zionist loyalty in our community--the very thing we are breaking our neeks to build up-one good at all.

### Mr. Margulies

If now you top off both of these incidents by not supplying us with a good speaker to replace Goldberg, I guess you might as well make up your mind that you will have succeeded in just about killing any chance for doing any further Zionist work in Edgewater. Our people when we are trying to murse along into friendliness for us and are not going to try very hard to convince themselves that Zionists, both New York and Chicago do not have a very peouliar conception of what constitut as good faith and decency, because they will blaim us as much, if not more then you.

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Surely, you do not mean to imply that all our Zionist leaders are going to that emergency Actions Committee meeting in Europe, leaving none who can come here to keep faith with our Zionist public. That would truly be over taxing our credulity.

I wouldn't feel so bad about this, Morris, were it not for the fact that on February 7th, when we first got word from you about Geldberg, I immediately had Cherles Levin air mail my request that you wire us confirmation about Geldberg before mednesday, February 9th, so that on that evening, I as chairman of our Forum could announce at the Ludwig Lewischn lecture that Geldberg would be here on the 27th. You sont us a confirming wire immediately, I did make that announcement to the 1600 people who were presents. I also wrote Mr. Geldberg on the 11th extending a personal invitation to him, no reply eme. I wrote him again on the 18th and still I received no reply. That silence followed by your wire of February 21st, saying that there is no point in sending Geldberg for just one meeting, and movie your present wire saying that Geldberg is going to Europe, do seen to be a peculiar co- insident, and there are some of us who are beginning to be rather cymical about these world shaking events that force New York to be unreliable in its arrangements.

I don't like to indulge in surmisses or in reading between lines, but it looks a little bit to me as the Edgewater is being pendalized just because other Districts have not arranged a growded schedule of meetings for Goldburgs but several such meetings have been arranged including one in Milmankee and one at Rabbi Abramowits Congregation. )

I hope I am wrong about this, yet we wired you 24 hours ago, and I wrote you air mail at the same time, which must have reached you this morning and still weenre completely in the dark, and wholly without any further word from you.

With the rich abulance of prominent speakers in and around New York it would be impossible to understand the inability on your part to get a speaker for Edgewater, Milwaukee as well as the other places. I understand for example that Etemar Ben Avi is speaking somewhere in the Middle West. In view of this emergency, if no one class is available, cannot you make the necessary arrangements with the National Fund to borrow him for Sunday? Even if he has a Sunday engagment (in which event a Chicago speaker could be substituted there for him, so that neither meeting would be disappointed in having an out of town speaker).

Whether this or anything else, Morris, you must do something for us immediately to dispell our present feeling of bitterness and disheartenment.

Please wire us imediately.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Mishkin President EDGEWATER ZIONIST DISTRICT TOLEDO, OHIO, FRERUARY 27, 1938

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Present at the meeting were delegates in the list attached hereto. The meeting was called to order by Rabbi Feuer, who introduced Mr. Eliot Kaplan, president of the Toledo Zionist District. Mr. Kaplan expressed the greetings of the Toledo District. Upon motion duly seconded and carried, Rabbi Feuer was elected temporary chairman.

Rabbi Feuer presented a summary of correspondence with Mr. Morris Margulies of New York, Dr. Asriel Eisenberg of Cincinnati, and Mr. Frankel of Cincinnati. This correspondence involved a split of the territory originally envisaged in the Ohio-Michigan Region, because of the movement to organize a region with Cincinnati at its center and including portions of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Dr. F. M. Falkman of Cleveland proposed that we organize a Region purselves and not with Gincinnati. Mr. J. Spielman of Cleveland also was of the opinion that two separate regions be organized. Mr. Laurence Crohn of Detroit suggested that the entire State of Ohio and part of Michigan would create a stronger Region. Mr. Maurice Rotenberg of Flint favored a region for Northwestern Ohio and Southwestern Michigan.

Eabhi J. Kerman of Lorain suggested that before going any further, the various Districts should be advised what the advantages of a Region will be, inasmuch as \$1.00 per member from each District would have to be paid to the Region and permanent paid secretary hired, in order to take care of the Regional work.

A motion was made by Mr. Rotenberg that a region be organized for Northwestern Ohio and Michigan. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Spielman made a motion that Rabbi Feuer be authorized to be in contact with Cincinnati, and that we send observors to the Cincinnati conference. Motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made that a Steering Committee, to explore regional organization in Northwestern Ohio and Michigan, be appointed. The Committee was to be authorized, if it deemed feasible, to prepare a Regional Flam to be submitted to various Districts; to prepare a Regional Constitution; and to call a Regional Convention for formal adoption of its plans. Toleds was suggested as the Convention city. Motion was seconded and carried and appointed as follows: Mr. Samuel Kats and Mr. J. Spielman of Cleveland, Mr. Samuel Deutsch of Elyria, Mr. A. Moyer of Lorain, Mr. Maurice Rotenberg of Flint, Rabbi Morton Goldberg of Toledo, and Mr. Laurence Grohn of Detroit as Chairman. It was suggested that a meeting of the Steering Committee be held in Toledo whenever called by the Chairman, within sixty days.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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March 2, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Chio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wonder if you would be good enough to send me the number of visitors that are coming here to Cincinnati for the Regional Conference on March 19th and 20th.

This information will give me a fair idea of what I may expect from your district, and I shall appreciate your coope stion very much. Enclosed you will find a few cerds for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely yours.

Harry H. Franted Harry H. Frankel

Chairman Committee on Regional Conference

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# Toledo Zionist District

TOLEDO, OHIO 2335 Collingwood Ave.

March 2, 1938

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

My dear Rabbi:

You have undoubtedly received a report from your people on the meeting which was held in Toledo last Sunday afternoon.

I want to add a few comments of my own. The conference, I thought, was a very good one. While the discussion was informal and began with a certain amount of skepticism, it ended up on a note of enthusiasm.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting, together with a list of the delegates who attended. Since Sunday I have received a letter from the Canton District, assuring us of their support in the organization of a Region.

I appointed a Steering Committee to pursue the matter of regional organization further, under the chairmanship of Mr. Laurence Crohn, President of the Detroit Zionist District.

I purposely eliminated myself from the official leadership because I believed that it would be to the best interests of the Region in its preliminary work of the organization, for me to do so. I have a strong suspicion that the Cincinnati movement, plus the hesitancy of the Cleveland Sionist District, are due to the fact that you and I are too close for their comfort. By eliminating myself temporarily, I think the work may advance a little more rapidly. I shall, however, watch it very close and keep in constant touch with the work of the Committee, and see that the regional organization is vigorously pushed. Laurence Crohn, the President of the Detroit Sionist District, is a good man and a very good friend of mine. I am very close to the whole Detroit group and I am certain that they will follow whatever suggestions and advice I have to offer.

I expect to be in Cleveland soon and will get a chance to talk to you further.

As ever, Leon

LIF-ms

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March 3, 1938

Mr. Harry H. Frankel, Cincinnati Zionist District, 658 Rockdale Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Frankel:

The Cleveland Zionist Society sent delegates, last Sunday, to the Regional Conference in Toledo. It will therefore not be necessary for us to send representatives to Cincinnati. I assume that the officers of the Toledo Conference will be in touch with you.

With best wishes for success, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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### HAR SINAI CONGREGATION BOLTON AND WILSON STREETS BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

RABBI EDWARD L. ISRAEL

TELEPHONES AAPAYETTE 3927

March 18, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver East 105th at Ansel Road Cleveland, Chio

Dear Abba:

The evening Amelia, you and I had our pleasant dinner together at the Swedish Restaurant in Washington, we talked for a little while about the Gewerkschaften Campaign. I inferred from what you said that you felt that the funds were not used appropriately for the purposes for which they had been collected and that a considerable portion was diverted to purely political activities of Mapsi and Poale Zion.

I have just received the digest of the receipts for the year 5697. They are of course not testified to by sworn statement, but I do not think that we have any reason to feel that these published figures would not hold up under strict examination.

I realize that,/certain localities, the U.P.A. and Gewerkschaft may have unfortunately fallen into antagonistic and competitive methods. I personally don't think that this is in the inevitable nature of things and I regret it exceedingly. That, however, is not the point at the moment. I am simply interested in calling to your attention, in case you have not yet seen it, this very interesting analysis.

I have been conferring with Montor about giving considerable time to the U.P.A. I have been away so much this year that I don't think my congregation will let me go this spring, but I hope to do things along more extensive lines this fall in addition to the individual visits here and there which I am now making.

Heartiest greetings.

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### PROGRAM

## ZIOPIST REGIONAL CONFERENCE Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, W. Virginia

March 19-20th

Netherland-Plaza Hotel Cincinnati, Ohio

In order to achieve the maximum cooperation and to better coordinate the work of the various Zionist districts throughout Ohio, Kentucky, Seuthern Indiana, western West Virginia and Tennessee, a regional conference is to be held in Cincinnati on Saturday evening and Sunday, March 19th and 20th. This conference has been called at the request of the national Zionist office and is in line with the present policy of the ZOA and the plans of the new chairman of the UPA, Babbi Abba Hillel Silver, to decentralize the work for Palestine and place more emphasis and responsibility on regional units and the Districts. It is hoped that by the operation of such units it will be possible to intensify Zionist work to better reach small out-lying communities, to better carry out the work of the educational department and to better prepare the ground for the necessary func raising activities.

Through the proper functioning of central offices in each region, it is hoped to combine and facilitate the work of the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod.

A program of unusual interest is being arranged. Several speakers of national and international repute are expected to attend and take part in round table discussions, general symposia and to address a Luncheon and Dinner meeting. Among those leaders expected to attend and participate in the proceedings are Ittamar Ben Avi, Palestine leader and at present in the United States for the J.N.F., Wm. J. Shroder, national president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Alfred M. Cohen, international president of B'nai B'rith, Morrie Margulies, Executive Secretary of the ZOA, Rabbi James G. Heller, Daniel Frisch, Indianapolis, honorary vice-president UPA, Oscar Berman, vice-president UPA, Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, Educational Director, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Dr. Azriel L. Eisenberg, director of the Bureau of Jowish Education, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Among the chairman of the various discussion groups and meetings will be Senator Jacob Weiss, president, Indianapolis District, Dr. Abramson, Columbus, Paul J. Gaiser, Dayton, and others.

The conference is to be held at the Netherland-Plaza Hotel and arrangements have been made for visitors and delegates to register and for a minimum fee have lunch and attend the dinner on Sunday evening to be addressed by Ittamar Ben Avi.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the conference are Harry H. Frankel, Chairman, Dr. A. M. Wigser, vice-chairman, Julius R. Somuels, J. Louis Warm, Dr. Louis A. Lurie, Herbert Bornstein, Selig Isaacs, All Cincinnati Zionists are asked to attend, bring friends and make an effort to invite and bring friends living in smaller communities in Ohio, Kentucky and Southern Indiana.



DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

PLEASE REPLY BY WIRE COLLECT TO MY WIRE OF MARCH FOURTEENTH I SHALL DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR ADDRESSING MONTREAL HADASSAH DONORS DINNER MAY TWENTY FIFTH OR JUNE FIRST DO YOUR BEST TO COME KIND REGARDS=

JESSE SCHWARTZ.

134 Cleasant Street Brookline Maschusetts March 2 2, 1938. Rabbi abla Hillel Selver Cleveland, Ohio Dear Rabbi Selver; 2 2 3 The new England Hadassah Region, Comprising Chaplers from maine, New Hampshire, massachusetts, Vermont and Rhode Island, is to hold its annual conference, at old Orchard, maine, the weekent of may twenty -seventh to the thintieth. The outstanding feature of the conference is scheduled for Sunday, may the twenty-minth. as the new England Harasah Region is a strong & actor in shaking gionist activities, and in awakening Zionist interests in the community, it is our desire to have one of our strongest leaders in america to address us. Nould it be possible for you to be our guest speaker? I it may be the schuss "I the new England Hadroach Region to be honored with your acceptance Jour invitation & attent our Conference, you please write, stating your terms? It ith Zion's greeting, Sincerely yours, minna . Epstein Vice Resident Hadrosch Regin

March 25, 1938

Mrs. Minna P. Epstein, 134 Pleasant Street, Brookline, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Epstein:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address the New England Hadassah Region on May 29. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately it is impossible for me to get away from Cleveland on a Sunday. I must be in my own pulpit on that day and so many other congregational activities take place on Sundays.

As far as "terms" are concerned, I never accept honorariums from Zionist organizations.

with all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK



Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

March 25, 1938

### COLLECT

Rabbi Jesse Schwartz 527 Sherbrooke West Montreal, Canada.

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MY POSITION WITH REFERENCE TO MONTREAL HADASSAH ENGAGEMENT MAY TWENTY-FIFTH IS UNCHANGED. I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY MORE DEFINITE ANSWER . PERHAPS IT WOULD BE WISER FOR YOU TO ENGAGE SOMEONE ELSE IN VIEW OF THE UNUSUALLY CROWDED PROGRAM I AM CARRYING THIS YEAR

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 26, 1938

Dr. F. I. Shatara President, Arab National League 303 5th Avenue New York City

Dear Sir:

My statement reported in the New York Times, which called forth your letter to me: "In twenty short years, Jewish pioneers came to this barren land, neglected by both Turk and Arab", you do not contradict, because it is uncontradictable.

The rest of your letter is quite paintless and irrelevant. Upon second thought, you yourself will find it both ill-tempered and childish.

Sincerely,

AHS: RB

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April 15, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver National Chairman United Palestine Appeal The Temple, Ansel Rd. Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We should have considered it an honor to have had you attend the 16th annual conference of the Seaboard Zionist Region to be held in Durham, N. C., Saturday night, Sunday and Monday, May 2, 22, 23rd, which will commemorate the fortieth anniversary of Zionism.

However, since it was not possible for you to accept, we will ask you to do the next best thing to make up for your absence. Please be good enough to send us your official greetings as National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, on this occasion.

I assure you that your message, in writing will help to ancourage and stimulate hundreds of delegates who will gather at Durham. Please send your greetings direct to the Seaboard Zionist Regional office, 305 Hearst Tower Building, Baltimore, Maryland.

Thanking you for this courtesy and cocperation, I am, with Zion's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

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Simon de Levin Executive Director

I suppor you are aware I am working on all 12 cylinders the UPA.

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16th ANNUAL CONFERENCE -- SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION SATURDAY night, SUNDAY and MONDAY, MAY 21, 22, 23, 1938 WASHINGTON DUKE HOTEL, DURHAM, N.C.

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April 20, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with preliminary plans we are calling a business conference in Detroit on May 15th fer the purpose of organizing a regional for northern Ohio and Michigan. We are writing to various members of your District, but I would ask you to lend a hand and see that a proper representation is sent to Detroit. The conference will begin at 1:30 P.M. on Sunday and should be completed in time for visitors to return at a respectable time. There will be no speeches -- just a business-like attempt to organize the region.

Anticipating your sid, and, with Zion's greetings, I am,

Cordially yours,

L.W. leolin

Lawrence W. Crohn

April 21, 1938

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer, Collingwood Avenue Temple, Collingwood and Acklin Avenues, Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Leons

I received an invitation from the Zionist Organisation of Estevit, signed by Mr. Lawrence W. Crohn, president, announcing a Conference in Detroit on May 15th for the purpose of organizing a Zionist Region for northern Ohio and Michigan. Is this in keeping with your plans? If so, I shall try to send some representatives to the Conference. It is my thought that you should accept the presidency of the Region inasmuch as you took the initial steps in forming it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



April 23, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi:

The conference which is being called in Detroit on May 15th is being called as the result of the work of a Committee which I appointed at the conference held in Toledo some weaks ago. I shall be present with a delegation from Toledo, and I hope that you will be able to arrange to send representatives from the Cleveland Zionist Society. We will actually proceed to the organization of the Region at this meeting.

We want to have the groundwork for our Hegion laid before the Zionist Convention. I am perfectly willing to undertake the responsibility of the Presidency of the Region, but I cannot very well elect myself. I shall be in Cleveland some time during the next two weeks to do some work on my book, and will discuss the matter with you further.

I am leaving this afternoon for the Regional Conference of the United Palestine Appeal in Chicago.

Congratulations on your successful tour of the Coast.

With kindes: regards, I am,

As ever,

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May 5, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver National Chairman United Palestine Appeal The Temple, Ansel Rd. Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I respectfully remind you of my communication of Ayril 15th, suggesting that you send greetings to the 16th annual conference of the Seaboard Sionist Region, to be held in Durham, North Carolina, Saturday night, Sunday and Moniay, May 21, 22, 23rd, 1938.

I again wish to emphasize that these greetings will be helpful in creating the proper "shtming' among the delegates who will assemble on this occasion.

Thanking you for this helpful and court=ous cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Simon J. Levin Executive Director

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May 19, 1938

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

My dear Rabbi:

It has been our cherished hope, as you know, to have you with us at the Seaboard Zienist Conference, which takes phace in Durham this week-end, but, alas, it was not our good fortune to have you honor us on this occasion. Let us hope that in the near future we will be more fortunate in this connection.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a report which will convey to you some of the activities of the region during the past year.

I am confident that the Community Fund Campaign in Cleveland under your able direction is meeting with antisipated results.

With Zion's greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Simon J. Levin Executive Director You are condially invited to attend

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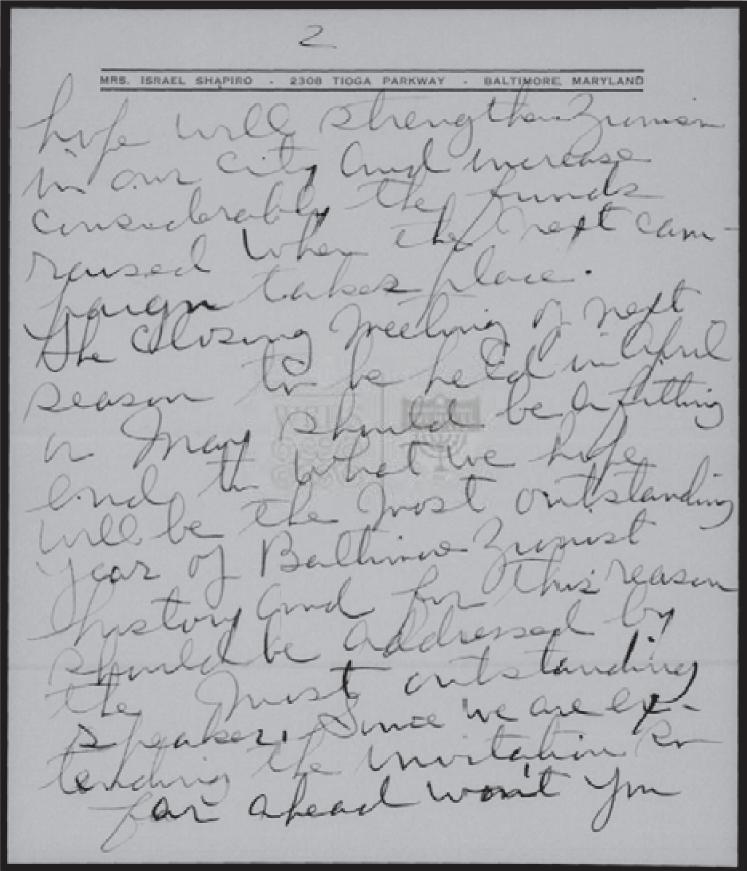
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MRS ISRAEL SHAPIRO 2308 TIOGA PARKWAY BALTIMORE MARYLAND encourage our plans by Baying that you will fartinfate work? I the no may is not & Durtable line tok well arrange a meeting at your own can vernence allhigh frezond like very much to have Jun adehens on the climan of the year's program. Deese let me hear from you at Jour carlies t cylinemenie with The assurance that Ballinge can count on france-sprahin. (mr. Ispel) anna Shehr.

June 17, 1938

Mrs. Israel Shapiro 2308 Tioga Parkway Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mrs. Shapirot

Let me thank you for your kind letter and invitation. I wish I were free to come to you. Unfortunately I cannot schedule myself this far ahead. My work in connection with the United Palestine Appeal must take priority over all other out of town engagements. If you will write to me next Spring and if I am free, I will make every effort to come to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Your chat with me on the occasion of your last visit to New York was a heartening experience to me. The support of those whom I respect most in our movement, is deeply gratifying to me regardless of what the consequences may be.

When we talked about this matter, we did not anticipate, at least I did not anticipate, the mid-west developments. There has been a barrage of communications from Chicago as well as from some of the people in Cleveland, with which you are no doubt familiar.

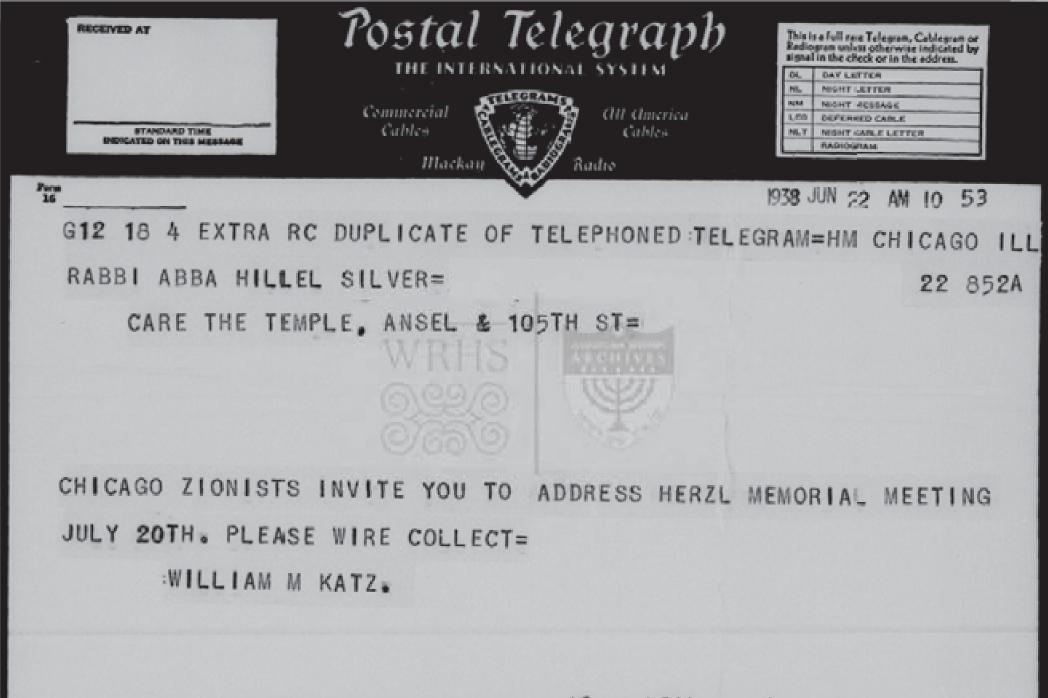
What amuses, impresses and encourages me is that some of the "boys" at "111" have expressed themselves as being in fear lest I become resident. The fact that they are afraid, I take as a compliment.

The kind of opposition which has developed has made me determined to go through with this thing. Incidentally, Levinthal is having "his leg pulled" by some of the same crowd. I am confident that as soon as he discovers that he is being "used", he will decide to have nothing to do with it.

What interests me is how is the sentiment running in the mid-west? I would appreciate a word from you indicating how things look in your section of the country, and what is even more important, your advice as to what needs to be done.

Things here seem very bright, judging by the reaction of the Yiddish press and by the action of a number of district and regional organizations. I am convinced, however, that the result will be determined by the delegates outside of New York.

Cordially yours DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN



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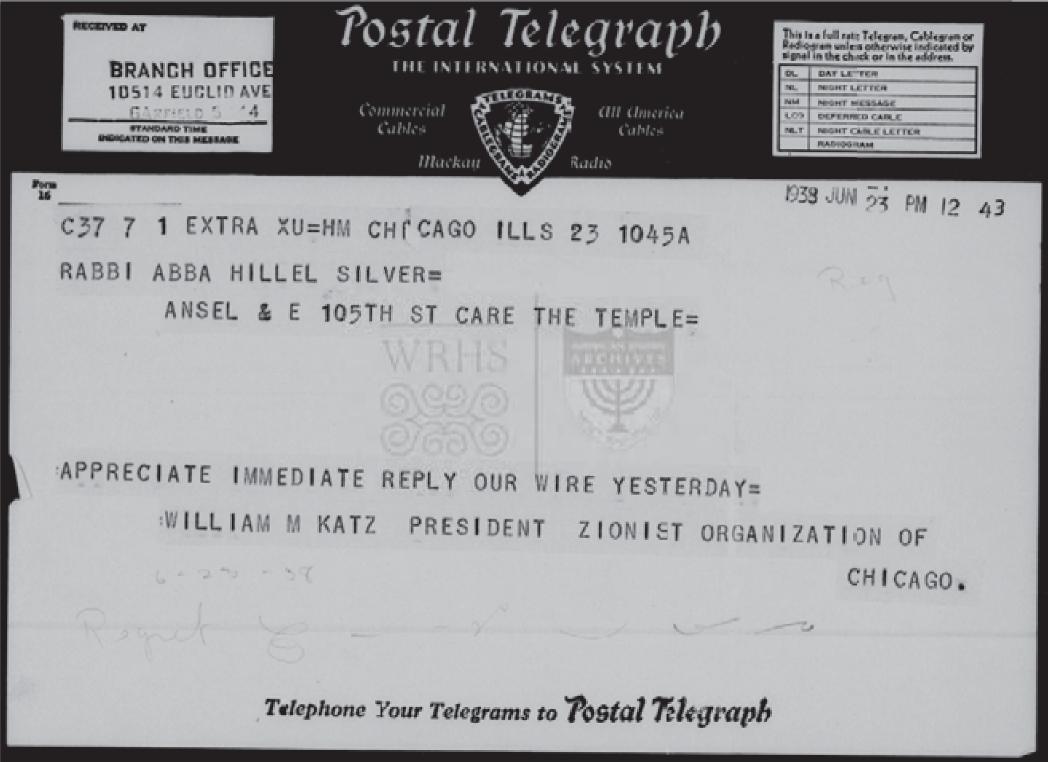
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June 24, 1938

Dr. Israel Goldstein 270 West 89th St. New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I have just returned from Denver and I hasten to reply to your letter. First of all, with reference to the Warburg colony matter. I have sent copies of my letter to Mrs. Warburg and her reply to Mr. Montor who will, I am sure, be happy to let you see them. I plan to be in New York early in July, fol owing the Zionist Convention and discuss the matter further with Mrs. Warburg. I have been advised by people in New York that the mediation of Miss Ingrid Warburg in this matter is not only unnecessary but undesirable. I am persuaded that a straight-forward approach is the best one and I am inclined to think that we shall make definite progress in this matter.

With reference to the forthcoming Zionist Convention and your candidacy for the presidency of the ZOA - I had a long talk with Mr. Imberg who was in my office this morning. He will undoubtedly convey to you the things which we discussed. I am not well acquainted with the sentiment in the Midwest as I have not taken the trouble to find out. The Cleveland Zionist Society is sending a large delegation to Detroit which will work for your election. The gentleman who has announced his candidacy in opposition to yours is a gifted politician and some of the "boys" who have rallied round him are also first rate manipulators and wire-pullers. If you are to be elected - and I hope that you will be = your friends throughout the country will have to work emergetically between now and Convention time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

ATTORNEY AT LAW 80 FEDERAL STREET BOSTON

June 24, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Cleveland, Chio

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Dear Dr. Silver:

No doubt you are concerned with the problems with which the forthcoming National Convention of the Z. O. A. will be called upon to deal in Detroit. Indeed, the problem as to who shall be our next President is a vital one. It is my conviction that Dr. Goldstein, in view of his Zionist experience and record is the logical person for that position.

Dr. Goldstein is possessed of executive ability and is an excellent administrator. These qualities are very much needed for the supervision of the office in New York. Moreover, these are not ordinary days in the history of the Zionist Movement. The situation calls for a President who would be constantly on the "job", so to speak. The President must be prepared to answer to any call at any time. The presence in the office of Dr. Goldstein will make it possible for him to give maximum service. Mattersinvolving personal judgment and discretion will not be delegated to others.

I am not surprised at all that some elements in New York would like to have a President in Ohicago. In fact, the greater the distance, the more they would like it. A candidate from Los Angeles would probably serve their purpose even better. It would make it possible for somebody well known to you in New York to exercise all the powers inherent in the office of President without assuming the corresponding responsibilities. Some of the "boys" in the office would more than welcome such a possibility.

I venture to take the liberty of requesting you to endorse the candidacy of Dr. Goldstein for the office of President of the Z.O.A., if your views with reference to Dr. Goldstein's availability coincide with mine. An organized propaganda is being conducted against Dr. Goldstein's candidacy from Cleveland and Chicago. I feel, therefore, that the friends of Dr. Goldstein should not wait for Detroit to express their views. I believe this is the time to do it while Zionist public opinion is being crystallized. Dr. Goldstein is being supported by prominent Zionists in every section of the country. The New England Zionist Region, in Convention essembled in Boston at the Hotel Statler last Sunday, endorsed the candidacy of Dr. Goldstein by adopting a Resolution commending him to the National Convention. The entire Jewish Press is supporting him. A favorable statement from you would be decisive. I sincerely hope that you may find it passible to give your public support to Dr. Goldstein's candidacy.

As Chairman of the U. P. A. of New England, I am glad to inform you that New England has done much better this year than during the

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preceding years.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

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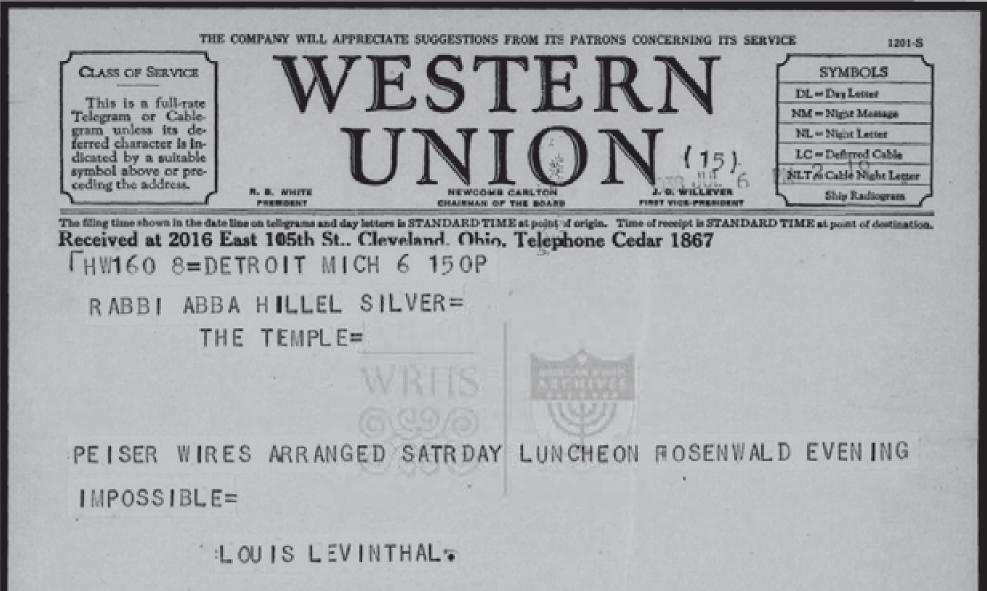
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July 8, 1938

Dr. Israel Goldstein 270 West 89th St. New York, N.Y.

My dear Soldstein:

I came across the enclosed editorial in "The Day" of New York. It admirably sums up what was in my mind when I dissuaded you from agreeing to any compromise. I am persuaded that you emerged from the Convention a stronger and a more admired man. Your position of leadership in the Zionist movement has been definitely enhanced.

You have also had a lesson now in the practical politics of your New York confreres. You will be wiser, I am sure, in the future.

Most cordially yours,

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