



Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

Featuring collections from the Western Reserve Historical Society and
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

MS-4787: Abba Hillel Silver Papers, 1902-1989.

Series I: General Correspondence, 1914-1969, undated.

Sub-series A: Alphabetical, 1914-1965, undated.

Reel

82

Box

29

Folder

1796

Zionist Organization of America, 1940-1941.

JULY 1, 1940

Rabbi Solomon Goldman
Pres. Zionist Organization of
America

William Penn Hotel
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Please convey to the
delegates of the con-
vention my warmest
greetings and my hopes
that their deliberations
will strengthen our his-
toric cause in this
trying hour.

Abba Hillel Silver

(straight)

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

SOLOMON GOLDMAN
President

HARRY FRIEDENWALD
LOUIS LIPSKY
JULIAN W. MACK
MORRIS ROTHENBERG
ROBERT SZOLD
STEPHEN S. WISE
Vice-Presidents

LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL
Chairman, Nat'l. Admin. Council

LOUIS P. ROCKER
Chairman, Finance Committee

MORRIS WEINBERG
Treasurer

LUDWIG LEWISOHN
Honorary Secretary

MORRIS MARGULIES
Secretary

EXECUTIVE

DAVID BERENSTEIN
ROBERT M. BERNSTEIN
BARNETT R. BRICKNER
ISRAEL B. BRODIE
CHARLES A. COWEN
HENRY ELLENBOGEN
ALBERT K. EPSTEIN
HARRY M. FISHER
HARRY FRIEDBERG
ABRAHAM GOLDBERG
I. M. GOLDEN
ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN
ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
MURRAY I. GURFEIN
JAMES G. HELLER
EDWARD L. ISRAEL
MORDECAI KONOWITZ
HARRIS J. LEVINE
ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL
MEYER LEVY
IRVING MILLER
CHARLES RESS
AARON RICHE
A. H. ROSENBERG
EZRA Z. SHAPIRO
CARL SHERMAN
SIMON SHETZER
WILLIAM I. SIEGEL
ABBA HILLEL SILVER
ELIHU D. STONE

Associate Members

MRS. MOSES P. EPSTEIN
ALFRED J. KAHN
ELEAZAR LIPSKY

August 7, 1940.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You have received formal notice of the first meeting of the Executive for August 15th. Because of a conference being called by Mr. Monsky, Dr. Wise and others in connection with the Lithuanian Yeshiva problem on the same day, I find it necessary to advance our meeting to 4:30 in the afternoon. I trust that this change in time will cause you no inconvenience.

You may have wondered why I have delayed so long in calling the first meeting of the Executive. There were several reasons, but the most immediate was the following: With the conclusion of the Convention, I felt I needed a "breather" in order to get my Zionist "sea legs". This was a Ship of State somewhat new to me. I required some little time to learn the ropes. I therefore browsed around the office, interviewed a number of people, examined reports, and now feel that I have a better understanding of our present situation, and am the better prepared to discuss with you our various problems and to present certain recommendations for your consideration — recommendations I deem essential to the proper functioning of the Z.O.A. in its various departments.

In addition to the above, I hope we shall find time to consider the following matters:

1. The establishment of a Department of Youth and Education, and the selection of a Director.
2. Possible reconstitution of The New Palestine, with recommendations for an editorial staff, etc.
3. The appointment of an Assistant to the President.
4. Possible removal of some departments to Washington.
5. Election of a Secretary.
6. Consideration of the budget.

7. Our responsibility for, and relationship to the loan.

8. Naming of Standing Committees.

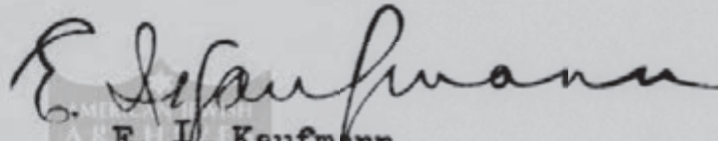
I trust that you will find it possible to attend this first meeting of the Executive, for many questions with respect to the agenda mentioned above must be resolved before the end of the month. I feel that we have a mandate from the Convention to effect as much of the Reorganization Plan as possible. I should like to begin the practical work immediately.


I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,




E. L. Kaufmann
President

A circular seal is partially visible behind the typed name. It features a menorah in the center and the words "AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES" around the perimeter.

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

SOLOMON GOLDMAN
President

HARRY FRIEDENWALD
LOUIS LIPSKY
JULIAN W. MACK
MORRIS ROTHENBERG
ROBERT SZOLD
STEPHEN S. WISE
Vice-Presidents

LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL
Chairman, Nat'l. Admin. Council

LOUIS P. ROCKER
Chairman, Finance Committee

MORRIS WEINBERG
Treasurer

LUDWIG LEWISOHN
Honorary Secretary

MORRIS MARGULIES
Secretary

EXECUTIVE

DAVID BERENSTEIN
ROBERT M. BERNSTEIN
BARNETT R. BRICKNER
ISRAEL B. BRODIE
CHARLES A. COWEN
HENRY ELLENBOGEN
ALBERT K. EPSTEIN
HARRY M. FISHER
HARRY FRIEDBERG
ABRAHAM GOLDBERG
I. M. GOLDEN
ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN
ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
MURRAY I. GURFEIN
JAMES G. HELLER
EDWARD L. ISRAEL
MORDECAI KONOWITZ
HARRIS J. LEVINE
ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL
MEYER LEVY
IRVING MILLER
CHARLES RESS
AARON RICHE
A. H. ROSENBERG
EZRA Z. SHAPIRO
CARL SHERMAN
SIMON SHETZER
WILLIAM I. SIEGEL
ABBA HILLEL SILVER
ELIHU D. STONE

Associate Members

MRS. MOSES P. EPSTEIN
ALFRED J. KAHN
ELEAZAR LIPSKY

August 14, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Mooselookmeguntick
Maine

Dear Rabbi Silver:

First, let me express the hope that you, Mrs. Silver and the children are having a pleasant and enjoyable summer.

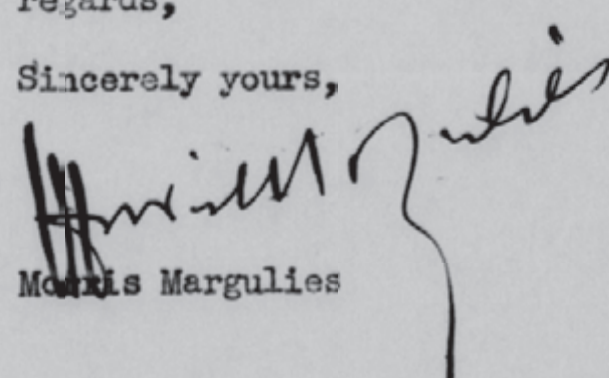
Secondly, forgive me for breaking in on you during your vacation to submit to you the following matter: We received a few letters taking exception to your having endorsed Mr. Willkie. I am attaching herewith copy of my reply.

To you personally I would like to say as a Jew and as a Zionist, that in my humble opinion it is certainly for the best interests of both American Jews and Zionists that Zionist leaders should be found supporting the presidential candidates of both major parties.

Am I correct in assuming that you are a life-long Republican and that in 1932 you supported Hoover and in 1936 you supported Landon?

With best wishes and kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


Morris Margulies

Encl.
MM:HG

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

SOLOMON GOLDMAN
President

HARRY FRIEDENWALD
LOUIS LIPSKY
JULIAN W. MACK
MORRIS ROTHENBERG
ROBERT SZOLD
STEPHEN S. WISE
Vice-Presidents

LOUIS E. LEVINthal
Chairman, Nat'l. Admin. Council

LOUIS P. ROCKER
Chairman, Finance Committee

MORRIS WEINBERG
Treasurer

LUDWIG LEWISOHN
Honorary Secretary

MORRIS MARGULIES
Secretary

EXECUTIVE

DAVID BERENSTEIN
ROBERT M. BERNSTEIN
BARNETT R. BRICKNER
ISRAEL B. BRODIE
CHARLES A. COWEN
HENRY ELLENBOGEN
ALBERT K. EPSTEIN
HARRY M. FISHER
HARRY FRIEDBERG
ABRAHAM GOLDBERG
I. M. GOLDEN
ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN
ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
MURRAY I. GURFEIN
JAMES G. HELLER
EDWARD L. ISRAEL
MORDECAI KONOWITZ
HARRIS J. LEVINE
ISRAEL H. LEVINthal
MEYER LEVY
IRVING MILLER
CHARLES RESS
AARON RICHE
A. H. ROSENBERG
EZRA Z. SHAPIRO
CARL SHERMAN
SIMON SHETZER
WILLIAM I. SIEGEL
ABBA HILLEL SILVER
ELIHU D. STONE

Associate Members

MRS. MOSES P. EPSTEIN
ALFRED J. KAHN
ELEAZAR LIPSKY

August 26, 1940.

TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE EXECUTIVE:

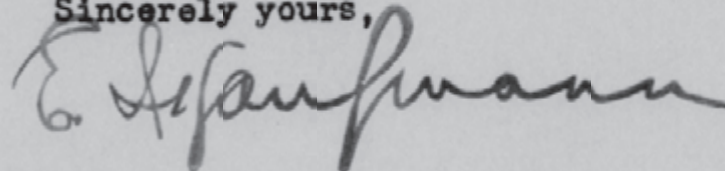
Dear Friend:

Enclosed are the minutes of the last special meeting, along with the full minutes of the first meeting of the Executive. I am sending you this complete report of the proceedings of these two meetings so that members of the Executive who could not find it possible to attend, may become familiar with the actual business that was transacted.

You will observe that the decisions of these two meetings, leave with the president, tasks that may be executed at once. We are getting down to work and by the September meeting, I hope to be able to report to you on what has been completed, as well as our recommendations for the year's budget.

I send you my thanks and appreciation for your helpfulness and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



E. I. Kaufmann

LOUIS LIPSKY
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

COPY

August 27, 1940.

Mr. Edmund I. Kaufmann, President
Zionist Organization of America
Homer Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kaufmann:

I want to make sure that my name does not appear as a member of the Board of Editors of The New Palestine. I therefore am writing to you to ask that you remove my name from the list of prospective members of the Board. As I recall, you said that you intended to invite a certain number of persons to join the Board; my name was on that list; that list was printed in the Jewish Morning Journal this week, having been given out by Rabbi Breslau; thus far I have received no formal invitation from you to serve on the Board.

I must decline further association with the editorial staff of The New Palestine, which I have served for seven years as a volunteer, for the following reasons:

At all times during these years the Executive or the President of the ZOA was free to adopt any reform or improvement of the publication they desired; so far as the editorial contributor or the managing editor was concerned, they exercised no control that could not be guided by the constituted authorities of the ZOA. There was nothing in the way of others writing editorials; the policy of the publication could have been altered; the quality of paper, the format and size of the publication could have been changed and improved; the responsibility for The New Palestine in vital matters of policy was always in the hands of the administration.

No such intervention ever took place either in the time of Mr. Rothenberg or Dr. Wise or Dr. Goldman. Many suggestions were considered but were abandoned for various reasons. There has never been any substantial criticism of the policy of the paper at meetings of the Executive or of the Administrative Council. Any suggestion of change in managing editor or editorial contributor could have been effected without the slightest difficulty. There were never suggestions offered that were not given immediate, careful consideration. There were, of course, complaints that not enough space was being given, at one time or another, to the United Palestine Appeal or the Jewish National Fund, or that personalities had not been given their due prominence; but nothing that seemed to indicate any basic dissatisfaction with, or desire radically to change The New Palestine was recorded. On the con-

trary, at various times the Executive gave its approval and endorsement of editorials appearing in The New Palestine. At various conventions, resolutions approving of the work of the managing editor were adopted.

It was generally agreed that any change improving the contents or appearance of the paper would involve an expense which the ZOA could not afford. The Finance Committee, headed by Mr. Rocker, was always most vehemently against enlarging the budget of The New Palestine. During all these years the ZOA labored under financial difficulties. The conclusion always was that it was better to let The New Palestine alone, rather than engage in making changes that would involve expenses that could not be met.

The New Palestine had many weaknesses, not all of them stemming from the fact that its budget was limited. At various meetings of the Executive I dilated upon these weaknesses and indicated that something radical would have to be done by the ZOA administration to eliminate them. The New Palestine was never a free newspaper. It was always bound to give service to fund-raising agencies who demanded space in The New Palestine, regardless of the value of their material as reading matter in a publication reaching tens of thousands of readers. There was always pressure from the publicity men of the United Palestine Appeal, the Jewish National Fund, the Organization Department of the ZOA and from every minor undertaking. The managing editor at no time was free to treat the news as any journalist might treat it - from the point of view of the reader. He was compelled to treat the news from the viewpoint of the party interested in having it printed. In other words, The New Palestine was always a servant of the ZOA and its auxiliaries, and the managing editor could not change much of the contents of the publication without a change of policy sanctioned by the administration.

At the beginning of his administration in 1938, Dr. Solomon Goldman offered various suggestions for the improvement of The New Palestine. He thought it might be better if it became a monthly magazine. He thought, later, that a literary supplement should be issued with the weekly New Palestine every month. Neither of these proposals was translated into action not because of any unwillingness on the part of those connected with The New Palestine to execute them, but because of the inability of the President or the Executive to make up their mind as to what they wanted The New Palestine to become. No proposal for decision was ever submitted to the Executive. For the most part, the discussions were informal.

Notwithstanding the open-mindedness and the cooperativeness of everybody connected with The New Palestine to proceed with such changes as Dr. Goldman would approve, the general criticism of the Zionist administration which was involved in the Reorganization Plan was extended to include also The New Palestine. In a memorandum issued to the members of the Administrative Council, Dr. Goldman himself referred to The New Palestine in derogatory terms. He made these matters convention issues. The New Palestine could not defend itself against these attacks without committing a breach of discipline, and had to remain silent under this undeserved abuse. In other words, those who could have improved The New Palestine, but did not do so, went about the country descanting about the insufficiency of the publication, and placed the responsibility upon those who were merely agents of the administration and who could not, under the circumstances, make these changes without approval.

Now, after the convention is over, and the new administration undertakes to make effective decisions arrived at in Pittsburgh, it is proposed, without any visible improvement in The New Palestine (in fact, reducing its budget from \$40,000 to \$32,000), to make a scapegoat of the managing editor, as if he were responsible for all the shortcomings of The New Palestine, and to have him substituted as managing editor by a person who, as a paid agent of the political group at the Pittsburgh Convention, engaged in slandering the ZOA; and there is no suggestion of change or improvement to reflect any clear, rational idea on the part of those who have come to the conclusion that Mr. Caplan does not "fit into the picture". What the picture is, nobody can definitely state. What that picture will be, no one is concerned to describe. The cabal against The New Palestine reduces itself to the achievement of a political act of questionable moral significance.

It is said that Mr. Murray Gurfein was asked to look into the problem of The New Palestine, but neither myself nor Mr. Caplan was asked for our views or to give the benefit of our experience to Mr. Gurfein. But the simple conclusion was drawn, and approved by the President, that the whole situation would be met by engaging Mr. Alpert of Boston as managing editor, and removing the publication to Washington.

Under such circumstances, it would be a stultification of the hard work I have given to The New Palestine for the last seven years if I were to accept membership on the Editorial Board you intend to set up. I shall find other ways to give my cooperation to the new administration of the ZOA. As a matter of principle, however, I feel that I must register my protest against the procedure described.

Very cordially yours,

LOUIS LIPSKY
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

August 29, 1940.

Dear friend:

I am sending enclosed - for your personal information as a member of the governing body of the ZOA - copy of a letter I have addressed to the President of the ZOA. The letter explains itself.

The formal letter I sent to Mr. Kaufmann on July 15th, after the Pittsburgh Convention, submitting my resignation as editorial writer in order to leave him free to make any other appointment he desired, remains unanswered to this day, was not submitted to the Executive, which has held two meetings since, and was not referred to in any of the discussions in the Executive.

Very cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky

You are cordially invited
to join in Washington's tribute to
Edmund I. Kaufmann
newly elected President of
The Zionist Organization of America
at a Dinner given in his honor
Sunday, October 20, 1940
at seven o'clock
Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

R. s. v. p. by October 15

\$3.50 per cover

Worcester Zionist District

WORCESTER, MASS.

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT
401 SLATER BUILDING
WORCESTER, MASS.



AFFILIATED WITH
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

PRESIDENT
JOSEPH GOLDBERG

Nov. 21, 1940

VICE-PRESIDENTS
DR. EDWARD BUDNITZ
JOSEPH JASPER
OSCAR SWARTZ

COUNTY VICE-PRESIDENT
MORRIS LONG

TRUSTEES
PHILIP MASTERMAN
JACOB SEGAL
ELI STONE

TREASURER
SAUL FEINGOLD

RECORDING SECRETARY
DOROTHY STROGOFF

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
DR. MAX CAPLAN

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105th St., at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Year after year we have extended an invitation to you to address an open cultural meeting sponsored by the Worcester Zionist District and thus far we have not been fortunate enough to find you at liberty. I do hope you will be able to give us a date. We will be willing to arrange our affair any time you are free and have set aside an honorarium to coincide with your ordinary lecture fee. We are most anxious to have you with us in the very near future.

You have given me your assurance a number of times that you would visit with us soon. I do hope you will find an available date for us. We are anxiously hoping that we will get an affirmative answer by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Goldberg
Joseph Goldberg

JG:L

December 1, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Goldberg:

It isn't that I am not appreciative of your invitation or that I do not wish to come to you that I am compelled to decline your invitation. It is simply a case where I haven't the time. I have been devoting all the time which I can spare from my work here to the United Palestine Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal, and I travel all over the country for these causes. I am compelled to forego many invitations which normally I should have been very happy to accept.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I do not accept any honorarium from Zionist groups or from philanthropic organizations.

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

1201

SYMBOLS

DL = Day Letter

NL = Night Letter

LC = Deferred Cable

 NLT = Cable Night Letter
 Ship Radiogram

 R. B. WHITE
 PRESIDENT

 NEWCOMB CARLTON
 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

 J. C. WILLEVER
 FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

10/10 DEC 5

PM 6:52

The filing time shown in the date line on telegrams and day letters is STANDARD TIME at point of origin. Time of receipt is STANDARD TIME at point of destination

NBR146 74/78 DL 4 EXTRA=MEMPHIS TENN VIA CLEVELAND OHIO 5
 RABBI ABBA SILVER=
 COMMODORE HOTEL=

DEAR RABBI SILVER: DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT YOU ARE SPEAKING
 HERE THURSDAY AT TWO OCLOCK ON THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.
 WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ALSO SPEAK AT A ZIONIST
 MEETING THAT NIGHT FOR I WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE SAME. WILL
 BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE YOU AS MY HOUSE GUEST IF YOU WILL
 ACCEPT. WIRE ANSWER BY WESTERNUNION COLLECT SO THAT I MAY
 START THE BALL ROLLING IF WE CAN HAVE YOUR SERVICES=
 DR LOUIS LEVY PRESIDENT MEMPHIS ZIONIST
 DISTRICT.

Dr. Louis Levy

COLLECT

12-9-40

President, Memphis Zionist District
Memphis, Tenn.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION. REGRET EXCEEDINGLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
ADDRESS MEETING IN EVENING. AM PLANNING TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY
ADDRESS BEFORE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION. KINDEST REGARDS

Abba Hillel Silver



RABBI SIMON GREENBERG
2253 N. FIFTY-THIRD STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

December 16, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Ben Eliezer, representing the Aliyah Beth, was up to see me and among other things he told me that you received him in a friendly manner and promised to put no obstacles in his path.

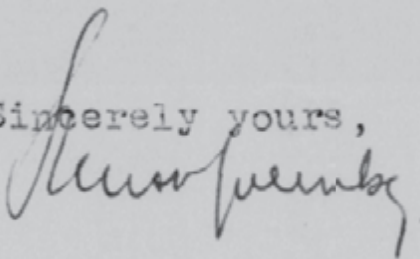
I am sure you know as well as I do that Mr. Eliezer is a Revisionist, and in this county represents the American Friends of Jewish Palestine. While I have no sympathy with the Revisionists and their methods, I would like to feel that I give every one as fair a hearing as possible. I was particularly interested, therefore, when Mr. Eliezer told me that you befriended him.

If I am not asking too much, I would appreciate getting from you some indication of your present attitude towards Mr. Eliezer, the group he represents, and the work he is doing. Should there,

in your opinion, be any change in our attitude
of absolute non-cooperation with this group
in Zionism?

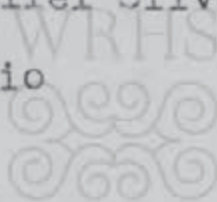
With kindest personal regards, and Zion
greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

SG:S



CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

1201

SYMBOLS

DL = Day Letter

NL = Night Letter

LC = Deferred Cable

NLT = Cable Night Letter

Ship Radiogram

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The filing time shown in the date line on telegrams and day letters is STANDARD TIME at point of origin. Time of receipt is STANDARD TIME at point of destination

NBR100 50 DL 3 EXTRA=DETROIT MICH VIA TE CLEVELAND OHIO 7

1941 JAN 7 PM 7 13

RABBI ABA HILLEL SILVER=
:COMMODORE HOTEL=

DEAR ABBA WE ARE BEGINNING A GREAT ZIONIST ORGANIZATION
ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN HERE. WE MUST HAVE AN INSPIRING RALLY
OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WE NEED YOU FOR A LARGE MASS
MEETING PLANNED TUESDAY NIGHT JANUARY 21 WILL CHANGE DATE
FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. PLEASE WIRE OR TELEPHONE REPLY
COLLECT=

RABBI LEON FRAM.

*2635
and Hillel
Rabbi Jan.
4-8847*

Congregation Beth El
Woodward at Gladstone
Detroit

January 8,
19 41

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

Dear Abba:

I tried to get you by 'phone and by telegram. You have probably found my telegram upon your return from out of town. Let me add that we, in Detroit, will conduct an Allied Jewish Campaign, including both the United Palestine Appeal, and the Joint Distribution Committee, in one drive, despite the separation between the two campaigns on the national plan.

We will, of course, have a struggle in the budget hearings as to the division of the principal funds between the U.P.A. and the other great Agencies.

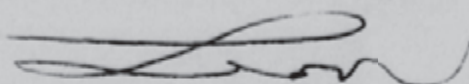
The prestige of a newly strengthened and replenished Zionist organization in the city will count heavily in favor of Palestine in this allocation. This will be the opportune moment to heighten Palestine prestige.

Your presence in Detroit this month can accomplish this. I sincerely hope you will take these special facts into consideration and decide, despite what I know is your very heavy schedule of major addresses, to come to us.

As I said in my telegram, while the date of January 21 is our preferred date, it can be changed within the range of 10 days to suit your convenience. Please give me your answer by wire or by telephone.

With kindest greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Leon Fram

LF
:
LL

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CHECK
ACCT'G INFMN.
TIME FILED

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

Rabbi Leon Frank
Detroit Michigan

Jan. 9, 1941

Due to pressure of work for upa regret
deeply my inability to come to you.
Kindest regards.

Abba Hillel Silver

Congregation Beth El
Woodward at Gladstone
Detroit

January 21,
19 41

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

Dear Abba:

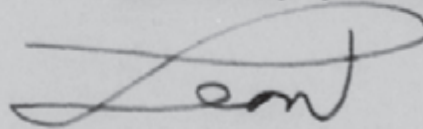
I want to tell you how keenly I regret that you are not able to accept our invitation to address the climactic meeting of the Zionist Enrollment Campaign in Detroit.

I fully sympathize with the reasons you gave for being unable to serve us at this particular time.

We need the stimulus of your voice here in Detroit and we shall call upon you again. I hope that the next time circumstances will be favorable for your acceptance.

With kindest personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Leon Fram

LF
:
LL

THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

OFFICERS

President

ROBERT P. GOLDMAN

Vice-Presidents

JACOB W. MACK

HARRY N. GOTTLIEB

Treasurer

HERBERT C. OETTINGER

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Honorary Members

Isaac W. Bernheim, *Denver*

Louis S. Haas, *San Francisco*

Simeon M. Johnson, *Cincinnati*

Henry Morgenthau, *New York*

Henry Oppenheimer, *Baltimore*

Maurice D. Rosenberg, *Washington*

Louis Schlesinger, *Newark*

Marcus Aaron, *Pittsburgh*

Jacob Aaronson, *New York*

David M. Bressler, *New York*

Dr. Barnett R. Brickner, *Cleveland*

Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel, *San Francisco*

Nathan Eckstein, *Seattle*

Gustave A. Efroymson, *Indianapolis*

S. Mason Ehrman, *Portland*

Mark Eisner, *New York*

Solomon Elsner, *Hartford*

Rabbi M. M. Feuerlicht, *Indianapolis*

Fred F. Florence, *Dallas*

Irving S. Florsheim, *Chicago*

Julius W. Freiberg, *Cincinnati*

Lee M. Friedman, *Boston*

Robert P. Goldman, *Cincinnati*

Harry N. Gottlieb, *Chicago*

Joseph J. Greenberg, *Philadelphia*

Frederick F. Greenman, *New York*

Dr. James G. Heller, *Cincinnati*

Lester A. Jaffe, *Cincinnati*

David F. Kahn, *Cincinnati*

Louis L. Kaufman, *Cincinnati*

Simon Lazarus, *Columbus*

Irving Lehman, *New York*

Rabbi Emil W. Leipziger, *New Orleans*

Jacob W. Mack, *Cincinnati*

Ralph W. Mack, *Cincinnati*

Dr. Edward E. Mayer, *Pittsburgh*

Albert F. Mecklenburger, *Chicago*

Irving S. Metzler, *Los Angeles*

Philip Meyers, *Cincinnati*

Dr. Julian Morgenstern, *Cincinnati*

Herbert C. Oettinger, *Cincinnati*

Col. Julius I. Peyser, *Washington, D. C.*

Matthew Porosky, *Boston*

Dr. Victor E. Reichert, *Cincinnati*

Adolph Rosenberg, *Cincinnati*

A. L. Saltzstein, *Milwaukee*

David G. Skall, *Cleveland*

Horace Stern, *Philadelphia*

S. Walter Stern, *New Orleans*

Eugene B. Strassburger, *Pittsburgh*

Aaron Straus, *Baltimore*

Roger W. Straus, *New York*

Lewis L. Strauss, *New York*

Arthur Hays Sulzberger, *New York*

Mrs. Leon L. Watters, *New York*

Melville S. Welt, *Detroit*

Herman Wile, *Buffalo*

Isidore Wise, *Hartford*

Eugene E. Wolf, *Cleveland*

Dr. Louis Wolsey, *Philadelphia*

Secretary

RABBI GEORGE ZEPIN

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE • THE DEPARTMENT OF SYNAGOGUE AND SCHOOL
EXTENSION • THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS • THE NATIONAL
FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS • NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE YOUTH

THIRTY-FOUR W. SIXTH ST. • CINCINNATI, OHIO • Phone Parkway 7345

February 13, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would like to find out from you
how to get my foot in the door of a very
busy man -- the same being yourself.

I am coming up to Cleveland, in
response to an invitation from Mr. H. A.
Levy, Executive Secretary of your Temple,
to meet with a committee regarding Union
finances.

Our financial situation is bad,
but it has always been bad, so there is
nothing new about that. We are facing
a crisis that will demand more than fin-
ancial assistance. That's what I'd like
to talk to you about.

My meeting in Cleveland is Tues-
day, February 18. I wonder if you could
squeeze in a half hour for me sometime
during the day. I am prepared to stay
a day over, February 19, if that is more
convenient for you.

I shall call you up on my arrival
for a more definite appointment.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

George Zepin
Secretary

GZ:SG

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1720 - 16TH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 19, 1941.

EDMUND I. KAUFMANN
President

DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD
JUDGE JULIAN W. MACK
Hon. Vice-Presidents

DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
LOUIS LIPSKY
JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG
DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
ROBERT SZOLD
DR. STEPHEN S. WISE
Vice-Presidents

JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINthal
Chairman, Nat'l Admin. Council

LOUIS P. ROCKER
Treasurer

IRVING D. LIPKOWITZ
Chairman, Finance Committee

RABBI ISADORE BRESLAU
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE

ROBERT M. BERNSTEIN
DR. BARNETT R. BRICKNER
ISRAEL B. BRODIE
JUDGE HENRY ELLENBOGEN
ALBERT K. EPSTEIN
JUDGE HARRY M. FISHER
JACOB FISHMAN
DANIEL FRISCH
ABRAHAM GOLDBERG
ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN
CECIL R. GORDON
MURRAY I. GURFEIN
DR. JAMES G. HELLER
DR. EDWARD L. ISRAEL
MORDECAI KONOWITZ
DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
DR. ISRAEL H. LEVINthal
EMANUEL NEUMANN
AARON RICHE
CHARLES ROSENBLUM
BERNARD G. RUDOLPH
EZRA Z. SHAPIRO
CARL SHERMAN
SIMON SHETZER
ELIHU D. STONE

Associate Members

MRS. MOSES P. EPSTEIN
ALFRED J. KAHN
NATANEL COHEN

TO THE CHAIRMEN OF ZIONIST DISTRICTS:

Dear Friend:

We are now completing the first half of the current fiscal year - an occasion which calls for a survey of our membership situation.

Reluctantly I must point out that the progress has not been gratifying. As of March 17th payment has been received by us for 26,826 members, covering renewals and new members enrolled since October 1, 1940. True, this represents a slight improvement over the same period last year - last year's figures being 26,420 - but it is by far an unsatisfactory figure, one that should prove sufficiently unsatisfactory to spur you and your associates to immediate and drastic efforts towards improving this year's record.

Another fact that I would like to bring to your attention is that the enrollment of new members has not kept pace with that of the previous year. As of March 1, 1941, only 4,816 new members were secured, as against 6,512 for the same period last year.

Though a number of Districts have cooperated fully and done a commendable job, I am obliged to point out that many Districts, notwithstanding promises made and assurances given, have thus far failed not only to improve on last year's record, but even to equal it. It is not, however, too late to change the situation and actually attain the desired results, provided your membership effort is immediately intensified.

In the folder on Zionist Membership mailed to you during the first week in December, a number of suggestions were made outlining in detail methods to be pursued for the launching of your membership activities. Have you tried any of these methods? Those Districts that have utilized these suggestions have reported an appreciable increase in their membership enrollment.

This membership folder also contains a draft of a District Constitution and a text of a ritual for the installation of new members, as well as a proposal for constituting an effective District Executive Committee. I am eager to know whether this

To the Z.O.A. Chairmen

-2-

latter suggestion has received your consideration. I am convinced that where a District Executive Committee is organized along the lines indicated in that proposal, a distinct improvement in all phases and aspects of the organization will take place.

Are you in need of any membership material -- pamphlets, Zionist membership "kits", membership application blanks, temporary receipt books, posters? We shall be glad to send you any quantity of these you may desire.

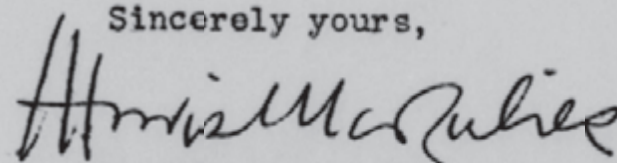
Would it be of any help to you were we to furnish you with a list of your members from whom dues have not as yet been received? This list can be made to include not only the 1939-40 members, but also those who had been members in previous years, and who had failed to renew their membership during the last year. If such a list will prove helpful, please write me and the list will be immediately mailed to you.

If there is any other way in which we can assist you -- with speakers or Palestine films for your public meetings -- please do not hesitate to call upon us.

I feel certain that you will agree that this year, even more so than in previous years, it is imperative that we enlarge the numerical strength of the organization. I earnestly appeal to you and your associates to devote the forthcoming weeks to an intensive and productive membership activity.

With best wishes and Zion's Greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Morris Margulies". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Morris Margulies

BENESCH, MARSTELLER, FRIEDLANDER & MORRIS

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

CITIZENS BUILDING

CLEVELAND

ALFRED A. BENESCH
WILLIAM F. MARSTELLER
JEROME M. FRIEDLANDER
I. R. MORRIS
ROBERT I. KOPPER

FRANK W. BRITTON
BENJAMIN S. GERSON

TELEPHONE
CHERRY 0240

3-24-41.

Dear Rabbi Tabor, -

I have been asked to
secure about fifty members at 25⁰⁰ per
year for the J. O. A. Before doing,
anything, however, I should like to find
out from you, first, whether that effort
will be an infringement of any body's
rights locally, and second, whether the
Western Federation would be likely to interfere
in any way. I hope you had a
successful trip. -

Sincerely,
A. Benesch

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1720 - 16TH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 24, 1941.

EDMUND I. KAUFMANN
President

DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD
JUDGE JULIAN W. MACK
Hon. Vice-Presidents

DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
LOUIS LIPSKY
JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG
DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
ROBERT SZOLD
DR. STEPHEN S. WISE
Vice-Presidents

JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINthal
Chairman, Nat'l Admin. Council

LOUIS P. ROCKER
Treasurer

IRVING D. LIPKOWITZ
Chairman, Finance Committee

RABBI ISADORE BRESLAU
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE

ROBERT M. BERNSTEIN
DR. BARNETT R. BRICKNER
ISRAEL B. BRODIE
JUDGE HENRY ELLENBOGEN
ALBERT K. EPSTEIN
JUDGE HARRY M. FISHER
JACOB FISHMAN
DANIEL FRISCH
ABRAHAM GOLDBERG
ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN
CECIL R. GORDON
MURRAY I. GURFEIN
DR. JAMES G. HELLER
DR. EDWARD L. ISRAEL
MORDECAI KONOWITZ
DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
DR. ISRAEL H. LEVINthal
EMANUEL NEUMANN
AARON RICHE
CHARLES ROSENBLUM
BERNARD G. RUDOLPH
EZRA Z. SHAPIRO
CARL SHERMAN
SIMON SHETZER
ELIHU D. STONE

Associate Members

MRS. MOSES P. EPSTEIN
ALFRED J. KAHN
NATANEL COHEN

TO MEMBERS OF THE Z.O.A. EXECUTIVE,
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRMEN
AND SECRETARIES OF ZIONIST DISTRICTS:

Dear Friends:

Aid to Britain has now become the established policy of the American people and government.

While our government is doing what it can to rush defense supplies to England, American citizens, individually and in groups, are called upon to provide aid for the British population. The most desired form of aid is mobile kitchens for the bomb-periled civil population of England.

The Jews of America must not and will not be found delinquent in doing their share, for it is well recognized that the future of the Jewish people everywhere is bound up with the fate of Britain.

As part of the Inter-Faith Committee to Aid the Democracies, a Jewish Section, sponsored by representative Jewish leaders, and of which I am a Vice-Chairman, has been organized. In cooperation with the British War Relief Society, it has adopted as its program the raising of funds to provide hundreds of mobile kitchens for the British population. The cost of one such unit is \$2,000.

While every Jewish organization will want to have a share in this humane undertaking so vital for maintaining the morale and physical welfare of the valiant British whose battle is our battle as well, Zionists should be particularly active and the Zionist record should be particularly outstanding for reasons which hardly need elaboration. True enough, whatever we do for Palestine is also a service to the cause of Britain, but in addition to whatever we are doing for Palestine, direct aid to England and its people would be greatly appreciated. While the British people are being pounded by bombs, we must keep sending aid.

Any individual or organization raising the full amount for a mobile kitchen is entitled to have its name inscribed upon the canteen.

We appeal to your District and Region to do its utmost. Let it not be said that Jews are unready to translate their sympathy into practical and desperately needed help. In addition to whatever other worthwhile endeavors in which you are engaged, the Aid to Britain project is a 'must',

This effort must be completed within the near future. We know we can rely upon you to find the best available means for your District and Region making their maximum contribution. Please apprise us of your plans.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Z.O.A. Executive with reference to this matter.

Checks should be made out to the British War Relief Society and sent care of the Jewish Section of the Inter-Faith Committee to Aid the Democracies, 57 William Street, New York City.

With Zion's Greetings,



Sincerely yours,

E. Kaufmann
Edmund I. Kaufmann

R E S O L U T I O N

The Zionist Organization of America heartily endorses the purpose and program of the Inter-Faith Committee to Aid the Democracies and welcomes the establishment of the Jewish Section of that Committee which in cooperation with the British War Relief Society, is seeking to enlist the participation of Jewish organizations and individuals in the all-American effort to provide mobile kitchens and other forms of aid for the British population.

The Zionist Organization of America calls upon every Zionist District and Region in the country to respond generously to the appeals which will be made in behalf of the Jewish Section of the Inter-Faith Committee to Aid the Democracies.

Sharing the overwhelming desire of the American Government and people to come to the aid of Britain in this period of crisis for democracies, the Zionist Organization of America looks to its constituencies throughout the country to take a leading part in giving tangible expression to our sense of fellowship with the valiant British people and with the cause they are defending with their lives.

- - - -

(adopted E.C.mtg-3/19/41)

April 4, 1941

Mr. Alfred A. Benesch
Citizens Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Al:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind note of the 24th of last month.

I do not see any objection to securing new members for the Z.O.A. The local Zionist organizations would, of course, be very happy if you would secure these members for them, and through them, transmit them to national headquarters. The Zionist organizations would thus be strengthened locally, and the national organization would not suffer thereby.

As far as timing your effort is concerned, you might perhaps get better results if you wait until the close of the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign which will be around the middle of May.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

LARONGE AND KANE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

837 UNION COMMERCE BLDG.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

TELEPHONE
MAIN 8898

MARVIN J. LARONGE
IRVING KANE
M. R. SCHLESINGER
ROBERT DESBERG

April 4, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I. L. Kenen has talked with me about taking charge of a project in behalf of the Cleveland Zionist District involving the raising of funds for mobile kitchens for Britain. I talked with him only briefly on the telephone but as I understand it this is something being urged upon all Zionist groups by the Washington office and would probably be accomplished through some sort of a public entertainment rather than the direct solicitation of funds.

It was Kenen's thought and mine too that it would be a nice thing for all of the Zionist groups in Cleveland to engage in a joint effort of this kind, and that is my purpose in writing.

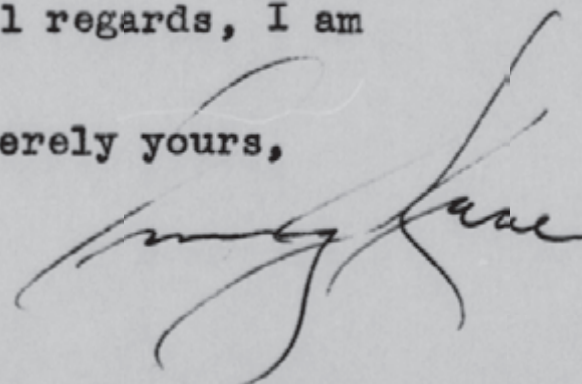
It goes without saying that nothing of the kind should be undertaken until after the Welfare Fund campaign is over but it might be well for a small committee to consider the matter in the meantime.

Kenen tells me that there has been a steering committee which was formed in connection with the budgetary problems in the national campaign and that this local committee representing all of the Cleveland Zionist groups could consider the matter.

It sounds like an exceptionally fine project to me and I should be glad to do what I can to help. I know how busy you must be now but if you can take the time either to call me or designate someone from the group to discuss the matter, I will appreciate it.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



IK: FS

April 7, 1941

Mr. Irving Kane
837 Union Commerce Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 4. I am interested in what you say about the Zionist Organization of America having urged Zionist groups to raise funds for mobile kitchens for Britain. The Cleveland Zionist Society has received no such request. I am wondering whether you have the resolution of the Zionist Organization of America available. I would appreciate receiving a copy of it so that I may present it to the forthcoming meeting of the Board of the Cleveland Zionist Society.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 8, 1941

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

My dear Sol:

Thank you so much for your letter of April 6. I shall have a statement to make at the forthcoming meeting of the Administrative Committee of the UPA on the matter referred to in your letter.

What you say about Kaufman is of course entirely correct. I warned some of our friends about him many months ago.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Day letter

April 9, 1941

WRHS



Mr. Edmund I. Kaufmann, President
Zionist Organization of America
1720 - 16th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Kaufmann:

My reply to your telegram is found
on pages 10 and 11 of the Minutes of the
ZOA Executive meeting of March 19. I will
have more to say about it at the appropriate
time.

STANDARD TIME INDICATED

RECEIVED AT

BRANCH OFFICE
1014 EUCLID AVE.
GARFIELD 5044

TELEPHONE YOUR TELEGRAMS
TO POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Postal Telegraph

Mackay Radio
Commercial Cables



All America Cables
Canadian Pacific Telegraphs

THIS IS A FULL RATE TELEGRAM, CABLE-
GRAM OR RADIOGRAM UNLESS OTHERWISE
INDICATED BY SYMBOL IN THE PREAMBLE
OR IN THE ADDRESS OF THE MESSAGE.
SYMBOLS DESIGNATING SERVICE SELECTED
ARE OUTLINED IN THE COMPANY'S TARIFFS
ON HAND AT EACH OFFICE AND ON FILE WITH
REGULATORY AUTHORITIES.

Form 16

1941 APR 9 AM 9 35

YOUR COOPERATION AWAITING EARLY REPLY GREETINGS=
:EDMUND I KAUFMAN PRESIDENT.



STANDARD TIME INDICATED

RECEIVED AT

RANCH OFFICE
14 EUGLID AVE.
JANFIELD 5044

TELEPHONE YOUR TELEGRAMS
TO POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Form 16

Postal Telegraph

Mackay Radio
Commercial Cables



All America Cables
Canadian Pacific Telegraphs

THIS IS A FULL RATE TELEGRAM, CABLE-
GRAM OR RADIOGRAM UNLESS OTHERWISE
INDICATED BY SYMBOL IN THE PREAMBLE
OR IN THE ADDRESS OF THE MESSAGE.
SYMBOLS DESIGNATING SERVICE SELECTED
ARE OUTLINED IN THE COMPANY'S TARIFFS
ON HAND AT EACH OFFICE AND ON FILE WITH
REGULATORY AUTHORITIES.

HA23 67 NL WB WASHINGTON DC 8=
RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=
E 105TH & ANSWL ROAD CLVD=

1941 APR 9 AM 9 35

WRHS



HAVE PREVAILED UPON PROMINENT MEMBERS OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
TO VISIT KEY CITIES DURING MAY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE HELPING
INCREASE ZIONIST MEMBERSHIP. WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOU ARRANGE
A PARLOR MEETING OF FIFTY OUTSTANDING RESIDENTS BEHALF PRESIDENTS
CHARTER AND ANOTHER MEETING KEY WORKERS LEADERS TO OPEN MEETING
FOR INTENSIVE MEMBERSHIP APPEAL PERSONAL EXPERIENCE CONVINCES
ME SUCH MEETINGS MOST EFFECTIVE FOR IMMEDIATE RESULTS APPRECIATE

LARONGE AND KANE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

837 UNION COMMERCE BLDG.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

April 12, 1941

MARVIN J. LARONGE
IRVING KANE
M. R. SCHLESINGER
ROBERT DESBERG

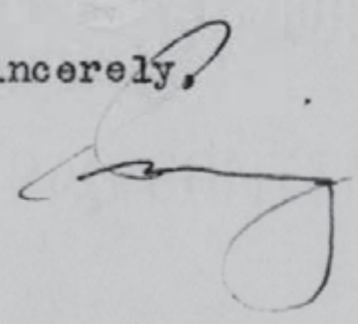
TELEPHONE
MAIN 8898

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith communication of the Zionist Organization of America together with a copy of their resolution relative to the raising of funds for mobile kitchens for Britain. I shall appreciate very much your advising me further after you have had an opportunity to consider the same.

Sincerely,



IK:FS
1 enc.

"Zionism aims to create a publicly secured, legally assured home for the Jewish people in Palestine."
—The Basle Platform.



President

DANIEL ELLISON, Baltimore

Vice Presidents

HYMEN GOLDMAN, Washington
Chairman, Jewish National Fund

ISIDORE HERSHFIELD, Washington
Chairman, Budget and Finance

LEONARD G. KARP, Portsmouth
Chairman, Zionist Youth

ISAAC POTTS, Baltimore
Chairman, Speakers and Program

JOSEPH W. SPECTOR, Baltimore
Chairman, Membership

Zionist State Chairmen

A. S. CHABY, Wilmington, Del.

NATHAN B. KRES, Baltimore

THEODORE NACHISON, Baltimore (Asso.)

ARTHUR TAUBMAN, Roanoke, Va.

ARTHUR GOODMAN, Charlotte, N. C.

Honorary Vice Presidents

RABBI ISADORE BRESLAU, Washington

MORTON CUSHNER, Norfolk

BERNARD DANZANSKY, Washington

DAVID FRIEDMAN, Norfolk

JUDGE JOSEPH FROMBERG, Washington

DR. MOSES GELLMAN, Baltimore

JOSEPH L. HECHT, Norfolk

PAUL HIMMELFARB, Washington

DR. LOUIS L. KAPLAN, Baltimore

JACOB J. STEIN, Fayetteville

Treasurer

PAUL GORDON, Baltimore

Executive Director

SIMON J. LEVIN, Baltimore

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

LOUIS E. SPIEGLER, Chairman
Washington

Benjamin Arenstein, Richmond

Dr. Lewis Berlin, Norfolk

Gustave Bisgyer, Baltimore

Miss Goldie B. Brenner, Newport News

W. Austin Brodie, Wilmington, Del.

Albert Cohen, Richmond

Harry Cohen, Wilmington, Del.

Louis Cohen, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Joseph Davidson, Baltimore

Dr. Herman Eisenberg, Washington

E. J. Evans, Durham

Sigmund Feinblatt, Baltimore

Mrs. E. J. Filtzer, Baltimore

Aaron Finger, Wilmington, Del.

Rev. I. K. Fisher, Newport News

Irving Frankel, Charlotte

Joseph O. Freiman, Baltimore

Rabbi Irving Ganz, Roanoke

Miss Marian Gottlieb, Baltimore

Rabbi Eugene Greenfield, Portsmouth

Aron Gross, Richmond

Rabbi Edward L. Israel, Baltimore

Harry Kairys, Baltimore

Mrs. Harry Kairys, Baltimore

Charles D. Kanter, Portsmouth

Samuel J. Keiser, Baltimore

Mrs. Lawrence Koenigsberger, Washington

Miss Rose L. Kornblatt, Baltimore

S. R. Krinsky, Wilmington, Del.

Abe Krulewitch, Baltimore

Reuben H. Levenson, Baltimore

Max Levinson, Newport News

LeRoy Lipman, Baltimore

Dr. E. J. Lipson, Richmond

Harry Madanick, Baltimore

Philip Michalove, Greensboro

Mrs. Moe Offenberg, Washington

George Ossip, Cumberland

Rabbi Paul Reich, Norfolk

Daniel Robinson, Asheville

Mrs. Louis Samuels, Baltimore

Mrs. Wm. Saxon, Baltimore

Rabbi Henry Segal, Washington

Mrs. Israel Shapiro, Baltimore

M. L. Snyder, Baltimore

Simon E. Sobeloff, Baltimore

Harry Sollod, Petersburg

Samuel Steinbach, Baltimore

Isaac H. Taylor, Ellicott City

Mrs. Raphael Tourover, Washington

I. S. Turover, Washington

SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION

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

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

226 HEARST TOWER BUILDING

PHONE, PLAZA 0725

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

April 15, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I respectfully call your attention to my communication of March 31st. In that letter, you will recall we asked you to send greetings to the 19th annual Seaboard Zionist and Hadassah Regional Conference, on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal, of which you are National Chairman.

I want to reiterate again, that it will please the delegates and guests no end to have your good wishes and greetings read at our 19th Annual Conference to be held in the Chamberlin Hotel, Old Point Comfort, Va., Saturday night, Sunday and Monday, May 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1941.

Thanking you for your kind compliance with this request, I am

Sincerely yours,

Simon J. Levin
Simon J. Levin
Executive Director

ZIONISTS
HADASSAH



ATTEND

19th ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Seaboard Region
Chamberlin Hotel - Old Point Comfort, Va.

SAT. MAY 3
SUN. MAY 4
MON. MAY 5 1941

LARONGE AND KANE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

837 UNION COMMERCE BLDG.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

April 28, 1941

MARVIN J. LARONGE
IRVING KANE
M. R. SCHLESINGER
ROBERT DESBERG

TELEPHONE
MAIN 8898

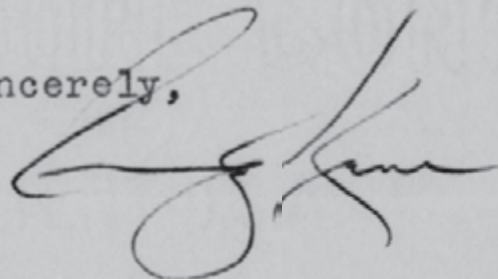
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am wondering whether I could have some word from you in the next day or two concerning joint action by the Zionist Organizations in raising funds for mobile kitchens for Britain. You will recall my letters of April 4th and April 12th on the subject. As stated before, it is my thought to postpone definite action until after the Welfare Fund campaign but I feel it advisable that a joint committee discuss the matter prior to that date.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'I. Kane', written in a cursive style.

IK: FS

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1720 - 16TH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 8th, 1941

EDMUND I. KAUFMANN
President

DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD
JUDGE JULIAN W. MACK
Hon. Vice-Presidents

DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
LOUIS LIPSKY
JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG
DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
ROBERT SZOLD
DR. STEPHEN S. WISE
Vice-Presidents

JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINthal
Chairman, Nat'l Admin. Council

LOUIS P. ROCKER
Treasurer

IRVING D. LIPKOWITZ
Chairman, Finance Committee

RABBI ISADORE BRESLAU
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE

ROBERT M. BERNSTEIN
DR. BARNETT R. BRICKNER
ISRAEL B. BRODIE
JUDGE HENRY ELLENBOGEN
ALBERT K. EPSTEIN
JUDGE HARRY M. FISHER
JACOB FISHMAN
DANIEL FRISCH
ABRAHAM GOLDBERG
ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN
CECIL R. GORDON
MURRAY I. GURFEIN
DR. JAMES G. HELLER
DR. EDWARD L. ISRAEL
MORDECAI KONOWITZ
DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
DR. ISRAEL H. LEVINthal
EMANUEL NEUMANN
AARON RICHE
CHARLES ROSENBLUM
BERNARD G. RUDOLPH
EZRA Z. SHAPIRO
CARL SHERMAN
SIMON SHETZER
ELIHU D. STONE

Associate Members

MRS. MOSES P. EPSTEIN
ALFRED J. KAHN
NATANEL COHEN

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I- The present fiscal year is drawing to a close. I am, therefore, writing to you as a District Chairman and asking that you take stock of the present status of your District and consider what needs to be done and what can be done to complete your enrollment for the year.

Our records show that as of May 1st, your membership is 428 as compared to 604 for the last fiscal year. You still have a long way to go not alone to reach last year's record, but more, particularly, to surpass it.

Please realize that in the last analysis, the test of District direction and District success, will be measured primarily in terms of membership enrollment. We have promised ourselves an increased enrollment for the year as evidence of our loyalty to our movement and as an expression of our confidence in the future of the Yishuv. I trust you will consider with the leaders of your District, ways and means leading to the fulfillment of this promise. Though we are beset by many demands, we, who will be held accountable for a stronger ZOA, must accept this work as our first responsibility. Please let me hear from you.

II- The Administrative Council at its last meeting, set the next Convention for the first part of September. The election of delegates to the Convention, however, will be, as in the past, on the basis of your membership as of June 30th and in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution. Your enrollment, therefore, must be completed by that date.

III- Enclosed is a copy of the Constitution. On pages 8 and 9, you will find the provisions relative to the election of members to the Administrative Council. According to these provisions, your District is entitled to 1 representative on the Council. The final determination, however, of the number, cannot be made until we have your complete membership record on June 30th. If the National membership shows an increase, which is quite likely, there will have to be in some instances a slight readjustment. I would suggest that you proceed with the election of your representative to the Council.

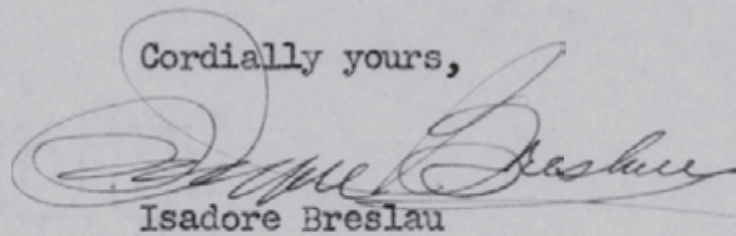
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

-2-

5/8/41

With the best of good wishes for your success and with
deep appreciation for your help,

Cordially yours,



Isadore Breslau

IB:bg
encl



ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



1720 - 16TH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

EDMUND I. KAUFMANN
President

DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD
JUDGE JULIAN W. MACK
Hon. Vice-Presidents

DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
LOUIS LIPSKY
JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG
DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
ROBERT SZOLD
DR. STEPHEN S. WISE
Vice-Presidents

JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL
Chairman, Nat'l Admin. Council

LOUIS P. ROCKER
Treasurer

IRVING D. LIPKOWITZ
Chairman, Finance Committee

RABBI ISADORE BRESLAU
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE

ROBERT M. BERNSTEIN
DR. BARNETT R. BRICKNER
ISRAEL B. BRODIE
JUDGE HENRY ELLENBOGEN
ALBERT K. EPSTEIN
JUDGE HARRY M. FISHER
JACOB FISHMAN
DANIEL FRISCH
ABRAHAM GOLDBERG
ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN
CECIL R. GORDON
MURRAY I. GURFEIN
DR. JAMES G. HELLER
DR. EDWARD L. ISRAEL
MORDECAI KONOWITZ
DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
DR. ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL
EMANUEL NEUMANN
AARON RICKE
CHARLES ROSENBLUM
BERNARD G. RUDOLPH
EZRA Z. SHAPIRO
CARL SHERMAN
SIMON SHETZER
ELIHU D. STONE

Associate Members

MRS. MOSES P. EPSTEIN
ALFRED J. KAHN
NATANEL COHEN

May 9, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The general membership situation throughout the country disturbs me very much. We have still a long way to go even to approximate our goal. I have therefore asked Mr. Morris Margulies to make a special tour of some of our communities in behalf of membership. Yours is one of the communities I have asked him to visit.

I trust you will give him every cooperation and arrange for him to meet with the leaders and key men of your District. Mr. Margulies will be available for parlor meetings in behalf of the President's Chapter enrollment, a public meeting for membership as well as for informal meetings with workers. In order for his tour to be productive, I must ask you to give him every essential assistance possible and arrange all necessary plans for his coming.

With Zion's greetings,

Cordially yours,

Edmund I. Kaufmann

P.S. Mr. Margulies plans to be with you Friday, Saturday and Sunday - June 20th to the 22nd.

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



1720 - 16TH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

EDMUND I. KAUFMANN
President

May 16th, 1941

DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD
JUDGE JULIAN W. MACK
Hon. Vice-Presidents

DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
LOUIS LIPSKY
JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG
DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
ROBERT SZOLD
DR. STEPHEN S. WISE
Vice-Presidents

JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL
Chairman, Nat'l Admin. Council

LOUIS P. ROCKER
Treasurer

IRVING D. LIPKOWITZ
Chairman, Finance Committee

RABBI ISADORE BRESLAU
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE

ROBERT M. BERNSTEIN
DR. BARNETT R. BRICKNER
ISRAEL B. BRODIE
JUDGE HENRY ELLENBOGEN
ALBERT K. EPSTEIN
JUDGE HARRY M. FISHER
JACOB FISHMAN
DANIEL FRISCH
ABRAHAM GOLDBERG
ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN
CECIL R. GORDON
MURRAY I. GURFEIN
DR. JAMES G. HELLER
DR. EDWARD L. ISRAEL
MORDECAI KONOWITZ
DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE
DR. ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL
EMANUEL NEUMANN
AARON RICHE
CHARLES ROSENBLUM
BERNARD G. RUDOLPH
EZRA Z. SHAPIRO
CARL SHERMAN
SIMON SHETZER
ELIHU D. STONE

Associate Members

MRS. MOSES P. EPSTEIN
ALFRED J. KAHN
NATANEL COHEN

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

There remains but six weeks for the completion of our enrollment for the present year. Though our Convention has been advanced to September, election of delegates will be based on your membership as of June 30th, 1941.

I must ask you to convene immediately a meeting of your Executive and key men for the purpose of completing your enrollment. Read this message to them and impress them with the importance of completing your membership work within the next weeks.

Palestine is in grave danger. To protect its interest, we need to close our ranks and present a common strong front. To match the courage of the Yishuv, we must give expression of our loyalty to them. Enroll every Jew in your community as a member of the ZOA.

These last weeks, I have been visiting communities everywhere in behalf of membership. I'm doing all that one man can do. You must give me your help.

You must not fail. You cannot fail Palestine. Heed this call. It is urgent. Complete your enrollment. Send in your memberships at once.

With Zion's greetings,

Cordially yours,

Edmund I. Kaufmann

EIK:bg

I. L. KENEN
1361 Dorsch Road
South Euclid, Ohio

May 26, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I thought that I would supplement our hurried telephone conversation of Sunday morning with a letter.

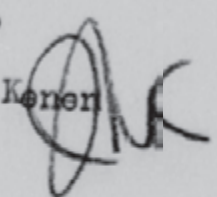
In April, Mr. Kaufmann telegraphed the various districts asking for meetings in behalf of the president's chapter. I responded with an invitation to Mr. Kaufmann to come here personally but I suggested that we could do nothing until after the Welfare Fund campaign. In the meantime the Heights District suggested joint efforts by all the districts. Mr. Kaufmann wrote that he could not come and subsequently the Heights District invited Dr. Wise here. He was unable to come and last week I called Rabbi Breslau and asked for a speaker. He wired me Thursday evening that Rabbi Israel would be available June 4. I called you Friday but you were out of town.

On June 4, we are planning a dinner for 50 to 75 people at the Oakwood Club and the following evening a general membership meeting at the Euclid Avenue Temple. It is our hope that all general Zionists can work together on this. Rabbis Brickner, Cohen, Rosenthal and a number of others have been asked to send out invitations to prospective members of the President's Chapter for the Oakwood Club dinner.

During my brief tenure in office in the District, I have received a number of communications from the national office which, it seems to me, should be disposed of by joint action of all local Zionist groups. It occurs to me that some mechanism like the little steering committee which you formed during the UPA-JDC fight should be established. This would eliminate duplication of effort and waste motion and would result in more effective action. I refer to such proposals as the establishment of a local Palestine committee, suggested in a recent letter from Washington, to handle Zionist public relations, etc; the appeal for mobile kitchens for Britain; a number of related matters. I should like to talk this over with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

I. L. Kenen



June 4, 1941

Mr. I. L. Kenen
1361 Dorsch Road
South Euclid, Ohio

My dear Mr. Kenen:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind note. I have been out of the city most of the time.

I shall be very happy to meet with you and talk over the subject which you raise in your letter. I believe that something can be worked out. But I shall be out of the city a good deal of the time during the next two weeks. Please get in touch with me by telephone towards the end of next week and we shall set an hour when we can meet.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

CHARLES J. ROSENBLOOM
521 UNION TRUST BUILDING
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

June 9th., 1941.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
East 105 Street & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with great reluctance that I make the following request of you, for I know that your time and energy are taxed to the limit.

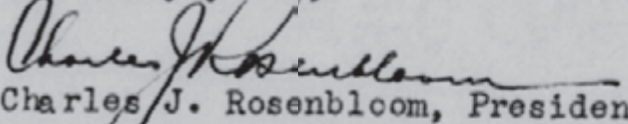
I would like to have you address the Tri State Zionist Region which will hold its annual conference on Sunday, July 13th. The conference will not be confined to membership activities alone, but will also concern itself with problems confronting the United Palestine Appeal in this region.

The Zionist leaders and their constituents in this area have been eager for years to greet and honor you at one of their conferences.

I, therefore, hope you will be able to find the time and energy to come to Pittsburgh on that day to speak to us.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Charles J. Rosenbloom, President,

TRI STATE ZIONIST REGION.

CJR:bg

THE WORLD'S TALLEST HOTEL



MORRISON HOTEL

LEONARD HICKS, MANAGING DIRECTOR

A Great Hotel in a Great City

June 15/41 CHICAGO

Dear Rabbi Silver:- As you were informed I will be in Cleveland - June 20-21-22. Immediately upon arrival I will telephone you. Hope that it will be possible for you to see me sometime during these three days.

My plan is to take up with the Zionist workers & key men, the matters of your membership. I earnestly hope that the Cleveland Zionist Society, will, as in the past, also this year show an improvement over the preceding year.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Sincerely

Horwill McGee

June 17, 1941

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
521 Union Trust Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Friend:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city due to the illness of Mrs. Silver who is in the East. I am happy to say that she is rapidly recuperating.

I wish I could come to the Tri State Zionist Region on Sunday, July 13, but frankly, I am at the end of my rope physically. I am tired and exhausted from a terrific year's work and I must try to "recharge" during the summer months. I am sure that you will understand. It would have given me the greatest pleasure to comply with your request for you have made so few requests of me and I have so often called on you. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially,

AHS:BK

CADILLAC 1040

Michigan's Home Jewish Publication

Detroit Jewish Chronicle

525 WOODWARD AVE.

Detroit, Mich.

July 3, 1941

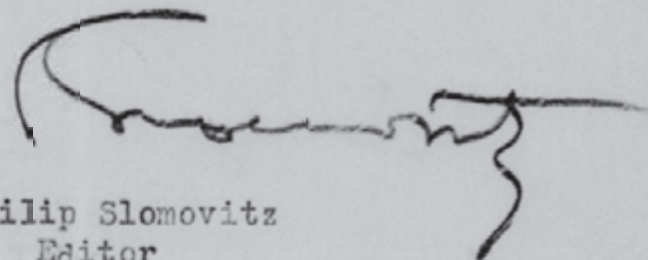
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver,

You will receive a copy of our today's issue in which you will find my brief review of your THE WORLD CRISIS AND JEWISH SURVIVAL.

We hear rumors hereabouts that you are considering accepting a call to the Presidency of the Z O A . If you do, you can count on my wholehearted support. I happened to be the only Detroit delegate at the Pittsburgh convention to oppose the present "leader." Also, I was among those in the opposition who urged that you be called to step in and to help retain a sense of traditional decency in American Zionism. I am confident that if you accept a call to the Presidency that Zionism will again come into its own.

Sincerely yours,



Philip Slomovitz
Editor

July 15, 1941

Mr. Philip Slomovitz, Editor
Detroit Jewish Chronicle
525 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mr. Slomovitz:

Permit me to thank you for your courtesy in sending me a copy of the Detroit Jewish Chronicle which contained your review of my book, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival". I thank you for all the nice things which you say about the book.

As regards the rumors which you have heard about my considering accepting the Presidency of the ZOA, permit me to say that there is absolutely no foundation to any of these rumors.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK



The ZIONIST

VOICE OF JEWISH OPINION

Editorial and Advertising Office . . . 228 No. La Salle St., Chicago

August 25, 1941

Official Organ
MIDWEST REGION
ZIONIST
ORGANIZATION
of
AMERICA

Published By
ZIONIST PUBLISHING CORP.

President
A. H. ROSENBERG
Vice-President
A. K. EPSTEIN
Treasurer
SAMUEL WOLBERG
Secretary
BENJAMIN R. HARRIS
Editor
R. R. KAUFMAN

Publication and
Circulation Office
405-A South Blvd.
OAK PARK, ILL.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find current issue of our publication in which is included your article on "The Work of the UPA". I trust that we shall be privileged to publish another article from you soon, perhaps in our Chanukah Issue, which will be published in December, and is planned to make quite an elaborate issue.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

R.R. Kaufman
EDITOR

RRK:BW
Enc.

[undated]

STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT

This, I am told, is the little convention. This is a body -- that between conventions, is the supreme authority in the Z.O.A. Your President-- your officers -- your executive committee, are your servants to whom you have delegated special powers in order to carry out effectively, the program and the objectives of our movement.

At the first meeting of the Executive, I tried to make clear what would be my policy in relationship to my fellow members on the Executive, as well as to the membership at large. You have perhaps read my statement, and you may recall what I said then. And so, I repeat now,-- that I face the year's work with complete impartiality and I expect the same attitude on the part of everyone else concerned with the proper functioning of the Z.O.A. I should like that we avoid all politics, forget all political considerations, and turn together to the only job we are asked to do, and that is -- to so increase our strength that we can bring the highest measure of help to the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine. There seems to me but one thing for you and me to do -- work for Eretz Israel. This is not the time to lose ourselves in factional quarrels. The times are too serious -- the needs are too urgent. Every ounce of our strength and energy, every power we possess, must be directed at constructive work to fill the needs of the Yishuv. This may be difficult -- it may be hard to give up the habits of bygone years, but I am sure that if you and I will it, it can happen; and it can be done.

We are agreed that we have entered a new phase of the Zionist movement in America. We have reached the day when we must make American Jewry understand that Palestine and the Jewish future in Palestine is the concern, not merely of Zionists, but of every Jew in America. I have said this before, -- I say it today -- and you may be sure that you will hear me say it again and again throughout my administration -- until every Jew in America believes it, and accepts it. You and I must make it our business to make this view popular. You and I must secure its acceptance by all our fellow American Jews. The events, the facts of present day Jewish life throughout the world, demand that every Jew interested in the solution of Jewish homelessness, give his support to Palestine and to Zionist action in behalf of Palestine. To do this effectively, therefore, I am convinced we ought to free ourselves from the diversions of every political consideration. We haven't the right to waste our time on inter-Zionist quarrels and disputations. As President of the Z.O.A. I am to so direct its activity that it will follow the line of positive action for the help of Palestine and for the help of the many many thousands of Jews who want to and must go there.

It seems so obvious to me, as a business man, that the thing to do is to handle the business of our organization as effectively as possible without wasted effort, without wasted energy--without wasted money. If you see our work in this light, and I know that you do, for after all, for the most part, you are business men like myself, interested in action--not in oratory-- then, if you see it as I do, I am sure we shall be able to report at the end of the year, a record of real achievement.

This is the view I tried to present at the first meeting of the Executive. I pleaded then, -- I plead now for real unity. Unity in fact, not simply "unity in principle." If we say we are united, we must act as though we are united. We mustn't say one thing, and then do another. "Unity in fact" requires that we have one another's confidence. You have been informed, and you will continue to be informed, of all our actions, of the decisions of the Executive, and of the purposes of the President as well. There will never be any mystery as to what I am doing, or as to what I intend to do. I have no reservations. I believe that honest men, concerned with a common task, can always get together and conclude what is best to be done at any given time. This Council will meet at other times in the course of the year, but without waiting for meetings, I shall always keep you informed of our progress, and if there is lack of progress, there will be all the more reason for keeping you informed. I look upon you as the leaders of our movement, who must share with me the heavy responsibilities that is ours. I shall demand of everyone of you, your full and complete help. I shall expect that everyone of you, in your ^{own} capacity, will represent, in your various localities, the administration. Everyone of you must feel that in your community, you carry the chief weight for Zionist work. This is how I understand "UNITY".

You must feel free to turn to me at any time with criticism, with suggestions and I hope that when occasion arises, with approval of the things we are doing. If I find that any one of you have failed in your responsibilities, you may be sure you are going to hear from me. In like manner, I expect to hear from you when you think I have failed. Withhold your help, and we shall get nowhere -- give me your help, and all will be well with us in American Zionism.

Now I have great ambitions for the Z.O.A. I may be charged with being a dreamer, but I honestly believe that it is possible to work for an objective of a membership of at least 150,000 for the next two years. I believe it possible -- I believe we can organize for it -- I believe we must organize for it. We must enlist forces that so far have been untouched by our appeal. Among the four and one-half million Jews that live in America, I am certain we can find at least 150,000 men and some women, who, through the framework of the Z.O.A. will accept responsibility for the Zionist program. There has been, and there is today, great variance in Zionist strength in different parts of the country. Some sections have a respectable Z.O.A. enrollment; others, a very poor enrollment. What has been done in one part of the country, can, with proper organization and work, be done in another. If we were to follow the example of some of our best Districts, we can easily reach and even surpass the goal of 150,000.

I mean to gear the national administration to the attainment of that objective. I ask that you resolve to do the same. Isn't it natural that our job is to strengthen the weakest link in the Zionist chain? Even today, we are strong in ideology, we are strong in high purposes -- in lofty objectives -- in deep emotional sentiment -- in true feeling, but we are weak in organizational strength.

To give all of the above reality, we must have organizational strength. We must have Membership - a membership that can face the American world as the dignified representative of a movement that aims so high for the improvement of Jewish life everywhere in the world.

The Yishuv and the sacrifices it is making for our common future deserves that we give it here in America, the organized support of American Jewry. An enrollment of 150,000 men in the Zionist Organization of America, together with the enrollment of other Zionist bodies and their families, will constitute such a dignified representation.

The theatre of the war is being extended to the Near East, but despite this danger, we have reports that the Yishuv is prepared -- that more than anywhere else in the world, our fellow Jews in Palestine are in a strong position to defend themselves and their homeland. That which they have gained, they will never relinquish. Even during the past year of the war, we have become stronger in Palestine. Despite all difficulties, at least 24,000 more Jews have entered the country this past year. Everything possible is being done to prepare the country for the war and for the peace that is to follow the war. As Palestine begins to play a larger part in the ultimate British victory, it will have a larger recognition in the solution that is to follow. We are confident of the future, and are resolved to carry on every phase of our activity in Palestine. As for Palestine, I am confident that at the end of this war, there will result a greater recognition among the nations of the world, of our rights and of our position in Eretz Yisroel.

I wish you well in your deliberations today. I ask that you enter into them in the spirit of the times, that you dedicate yourselves in a unified effort for Palestine and for Zionism.



Replying to your letter of August 11th, we wish to inform you that Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver publicly endorsed the candidacy of Mr. Wendell Willkie for the presidency in his private capacity and not in behalf of the United Palestine Appeal of which he is National Chairman, nor of the Zionist Organization of America of which he is a Vice-President. You will agree that as an individual Rabbi Silver was within his rights to favor either of the two candidates for the U.S. presidency.

The Zionist Organization of America, as such, does not take part in political campaigns and therefore is not in a position to come out with the endorsement or denunciation of any candidate. However, the national officers and members of our organization, as individuals, may and do take a stand on the political candidates and issues of the campaign.

I personally, for instance, favor the candidacy of President Roosevelt, and fully concur with your view that he is the best friend the Jewish people ever had in the White House. My choice, however, is that of an individual, not in the capacity as Secretary.

Trusting this information is satisfactory to you, I remain