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June 11th, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
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Dear Dr. Silver:-

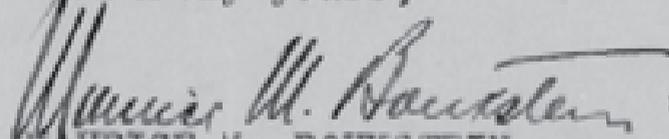
As Chairman of the ZOA Convention Committee, I take great pleasure in extending to you this invitation to deliver one of the principal addresses at the forthcoming annual ZOA Convention. Subject to unforeseen developments, it is proposed to hold the convention on the week-end of September 12th. The locale has not yet been fixed. Columbus, Ohio, appears a strong likelihood.

The program for the Convention has, naturally, not yet been fixed. We are hard at work at it. As soon as possible we shall advise you of the session at which we would like you to deliver your address. Perhaps we may have a chance to talk this matter over during one of your visits to New York in the near future.

I sincerely hope that you will accept this invitation and apprise me of your acceptance as quickly as possible. I was delighted to hear from Dr. Goldstein about his conversation with you the other day.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


MAURICE M. BOUKSTEIN

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June 21, 1943

Mr. Maurice M. Bookstein
50 Broad Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Bookstein:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 11 and for the invitation which you extended to me to deliver one of the addresses at the forthcoming Zionist Convention. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in inviting me and I am very happy to accept your invitation. The date of the Convention is considerably far ahead, and as a rule, I do not like to commit myself so far ahead. I hope that nothing will prevent my coming.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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To Max Kabatznik July 1943
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I thank you for your kind invitation. I shall make every effort to be with you on Sept 5. Kindest regards.
 Abba Hillel Silver

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MAX KABATZNICK, PRESIDENT, DR ARTHUR I SHAIN, CONVENTION CHAIRMAN NEW ENGLAND ZIONIST REGION 600 WASHINGTON ST .==

BY AIR AT 1454 TO BE MAILED

July 26, 1943

Mr. Simon Shetzer, Exec. Dir.
Zionist Organization of America
1720 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Shetzer:

In reply to your kind letter of
July 12, permit me to say that the Cleveland
Zionist Society wishes to appoint Dr. F. M.
Falkman as its representative on the National
Administrative Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:EK

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very happy to note that you have been advocated for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America by a number of outstanding leaders of the organization. I note also that they say that you are willing to relinquish all other work in favor of Zionism for the coming year. We are facing a crucial period in our endeavors for Palestine and it is good to know that a man of your great talent is willing to give such service to the cause.

The difficulty is that since Dr. Goldstein is also a candidate for the presidency, a contest for the office may ensue, reminiscent of some of our previous Zionist battles. In my opinion your usefulness to Zionism would be even greater as head of the Emergency Committee rather than as President of the ZOA.

If you agree with this and are willing to permit me to bring this information confidentially to a number of prominent Zionists, I shall be glad to do so. I think I am in a position to do this successfully.

A parishoner of yours is a Cadet at West Point. His name is Leonard Gilbert. Don't you think it is your duty to pay him a pastoral visit? What I mean is that I should like to have you let me know what weekend you will be in New York. I would like to invite you to preach to my Cadet congregation at West Point on Sunday morning.

With kindest regards I am,

Sincerely yours,

Maurice

Rabbi Maurice J. Bloom

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The Temple - Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Several weeks ago we asked you whether to send bills directly from our office to your members in arrears. You instructed us not to do so. We presume that you have taken care of this matter yourself. We are very anxious to know what success you have had in re-enrolling the balance of your delinquent members.

We have pointed out to you on numerous occasions that the retention of old members is a matter of very serious concern to us, just as it must be to you.

Because only four weeks remain for the completion of our enrollment for the present year, we urge you to bend every effort to re-enroll all your delinquent members.

Delegates to the forthcoming Convention will be based on membership as of August 31st. Districts which devote the remaining four weeks to an intensified re-enrollment drive, boosting their membership totals, will thereby increase the number of delegates to which they will be entitled.

We would appreciate your letting us know how we can be of help to you in this final membership effort. We shall be glad to mail bills to the individual un-paid members in your District - if it will facilitate your work.

We urge you to remit forthwith all dues on hand to National Headquarters so that those already enrolled can be placed in good standing immediately.

With best wishes and Zion's greetings,

Faithfully yours,

Simon Shetzer
Simon Shetzer

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July 29, 1943

Rabbi Maurice J. Bloom
Temple Jacob
279 Liberty Street
Newburgh, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Bloom:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I have sent a copy of your letter to Mr. Charles Rosenbloom, of Pittsburgh, who is the chairman of the committee which has been urging me to assume leadership at this time of Zionist activities.

Some day I should very much like to visit West Point and talk to your Cadet congregation. At the present writing, I don't know when I can come. Generally speaking, Sundays are bad days for me to absent myself from Cleveland. Perhaps good fortune will favor me some day and I will be able to avail myself of your kind invitation.

With all good wishes for a very pleasant summer, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The 46th Annual Z.O.A. Convention which will convene on September 11-13 in Columbus, Ohio will undoubtedly be called upon in cooperation with the American Jewish Conference, to devise plans for the implementation of a program designed to safeguard Jewish rights to Palestine when peace comes. The favorable turn in the war may make it the last war-time Z.O.A. Convention and its decisions will probably constitute the final official stand of the Zionist movement on all questions affecting the status of Palestine.

Would you be good enough to let me have at your earliest convenience a brief article or statement, for publication in the press, setting forth what in your opinion are the main objectives and tasks of our forthcoming Convention in relation to the general Jewish position and to the post-war status of Palestine. I know that Jews everywhere will be interested in your views.

Sincerely yours,

E. Barbarash,
Publicity Director

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter with form of requested reply which Judge Levinthal, acting upon instructions of our Executive, addressed to all members of the Zionist Organization of America who were elected as delegates to the American Jewish Conference. The returns to date have been truly encouraging.

This letter was not originally sent to members of our Executive (25 of whom were elected as delegates in their respective communities) since we were assured that they would, as a matter of course, be associated with us.

It appears that the Conference will be organized along group lines. Will you, therefore, please sign and return the enclosed form? Your prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.

With kindest regards and Zion's greetings,

Faithfully yours,

Simon Shetzer
Simon Shetzer

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Dear Fellow Zionists:

I am pleased to enclose herewith your credential to the 46th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America to be held at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, beginning Saturday evening, September 11th and continuing through Monday night, September 13th.

Registration of delegates and alternates to the convention will commence Saturday evening, September 11th, at 8:00 o'clock, at the convention headquarters in the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. Upon presenting the enclosed card at the registration desk and payment of the registration fee, your official credential will be issued to you together with your official badge, convention program, literature, annual reports, etc.

The Administrative Council at its July 18th meeting, acting upon a directive from the last convention, adopted a formula for the designation of the Committee on Committees in advance of the convention and voted to eliminate the usual convention-eve Administrative Council meeting. The Committee on Committees will meet on Friday afternoon preceding the convention.

Arrangements have been made for Sabbath Services at the Hotel. An Oneg Shabbat will be held under the auspices of the Histadrath Ivrit on Saturday at 3:00 p. m. All delegates are cordially invited.

The convention will open formally on Saturday night, September 11th at 8:30 p.m., at which time Judge Louis E. Levinthal will deliver the annual presidential message.

The convention banquet will take place on Monday evening, September 13th and will be addressed by outstanding national personalities. Please return the enclosed banquet reservation card at once in the self-addressed envelope.

Arrangements will be made by the Columbus Zionist District to provide kosher meals on Friday evening and Saturday noon outside of the hotel if sufficient advance reservations are made. Please use the enclosed return card promptly so that the committee will know how to proceed.



Reservations for breakfast and luncheon meetings should be made at the time of registration.

We urge that you make your round-trip transportation arrangements immediately to avoid any disappointments.

Delegates who are members of District and Regional Youth commissions are expected to attend the Sunday morning breakfast meeting under the auspices of the American Zionist Youth Commission. All other delegates are cordially invited to attend.

We enclose herewith your hotel reservation card. In order to assure yourself a choice room, please make your hotel reservations without delay. In doing so, please indicate that you will be attending the convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

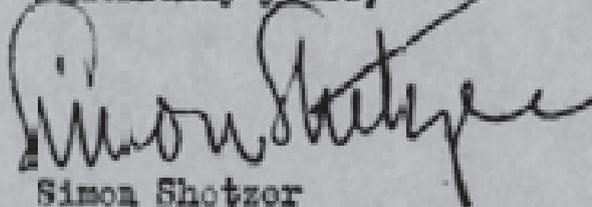
A copy of the annual report of the Administration covering the activities of all of its departments during the past year will be furnished to you upon registering at the convention. A careful study of these reports prior to the opening of the convention proceedings will prove of immense value in the discussion of the respective problems within the range of the report.

The 46th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, the second war-time gathering of American Zionists, will be of historic significance. The latest developments on all war fronts have led to a revision in the general estimate regarding the extent of the war's duration. Not a minute must be lost in bringing our post-war demands to the attention of the United Nations and in formulating in clear and unmistakable terms our program for presentation at the peace conferences. The forthcoming convention as the voice of American Zionists can, therefore, be expected to present to the world our unequivocal demands relating to the future status of Palestine and the post-war Jewish position throughout the world.

We trust that you are making your plans now to attend all the sessions beginning Saturday evening, September 11th.

With kindest regards and Zion's greetings and anticipating the pleasure of seeing you at the convention, I am,

Faithfully yours,



Simcha Shetzer

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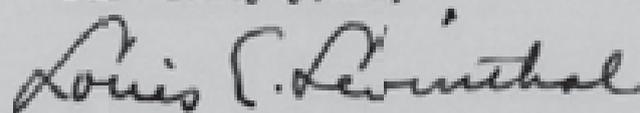
Dear Friend:

You will shortly receive a letter from the office of the American Jewish Conference informing you that delegates will be asked to register their affiliation with one of the several groups represented within the Conference constituency. This registration is intended to furnish the key for proportionate representation in the organization of the Conference proceedings.

In order to confirm your Zionist affiliation, will you please advise the American Jewish Conference, immediately upon receipt of their inquiry, that you elect to register with the GENERAL ZIONIST GROUP, which includes the Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah and the Order Sons of Zion. I am sure that you will give this matter your prompt attention.

With kind regards and Zion's greetings,

Faithfully yours,



Louis E. Levintal

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A. WRAZLOWSKY

50 EAST 18TH ST., BROOKLYN, N. Y.

August 27th, 1943.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing you as a Zionist, who is befuddled by the many conflicting statements, and who feels that the real fact can only be obtained from those that possess the actual knowledge. I make this inquiry as a private person, not as the President of my Zionist District nor as a delegate to the 46th. Z.O.A. Convention.

I shall appreciate to be enlightened by you on the following points:

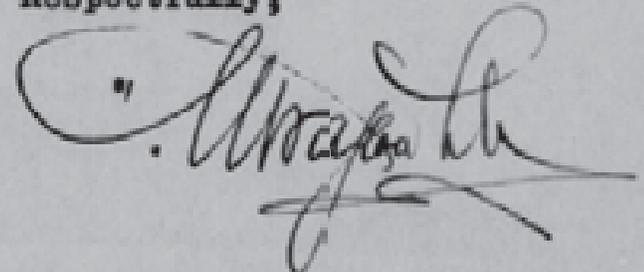
1. Is the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs today, and does its set-up assure for the future, that this body is fully empowered to formulate and conduct all diplomatic negotiations with the various Governments?
2. Will the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs be the only authorized spokesman in dealings with the various Governments and with the Statesmen of those Governments, whose support we require?
3. Will the Co-Chairmanship of the Emergency Committee give you adequate opportunity to render such service to the Jewish People, as you feel you are able to?
4. Is there the danger, as you see it, that a divided authority in the Chairmanship of this Emergency Committee may create disention and therefor act to the disadvantage of the united voice of American Zionists?

Will you furthermore authorize me to publish my letter and your reply in the Newsletter, published monthly by our District?

I will be highly appreciative of your information on these above questions.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Respectfully,



ZIONIST CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN COLUMBUS AS SCHEDULED

Plans for the 46th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, September 11-13, are proceeding according to schedule, it is declared in a statement issued this week by the national Z.O.A. headquarters. Unauthorized reports appearing in the press to the effect that the site of the convention had been changed to Atlantic City are said in the statement to be erroneous.

Mr. Simon Shetzer, Executive Director, declared that the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, in which all sessions would be held, possessed all the necessary requirements for accomodating comfortably a large convention.

Sessions will be devoted to a discussion of current and post-war problems confronting Palestine and the Zionist movement, to plans for intensification of the participation by Zionist members in the all-out war effort of the United Nations, and to formulation of a program for expanding the work and influence of the organization.

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1. The United Nations are engaged in a war for survival. As Americans and as Jews, we seek, first of all, the victory of the forces of democracy, of equality and of freedom over those of tyranny and brutal aggression to the end that men everywhere may enjoy the Four Freedoms—Freedom of Worship, Freedom of Expression, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear.

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2. For the uprooted and despoiled Jews of Europe, who were the first victims of the assault against democracy and civilization, we demand that relief and rehabilitation be provided at the earliest possible moment. Those who desire to return to their countries of origin must be enabled to do so; while opportunities for migration and settlement must be afforded to others who will wish to emigrate and begin life anew elsewhere. On behalf of the Jews in European countries, we demand, further, full equality of rights with their fellow countrymen as individuals. In those lands where group rights shall be granted to others and where the Jewish population involved desires such rights for themselves, we urge full equality of status; and we urge that guarantees to this end be provided by the United Nations.

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3. We want an end to Jewish Homelessness. Now more than ever Palestine pro-

vides the most practical answer to the desperate need of the multitude of Jews whose rescue from Europe, as soon as possible, is imperative in a physical as well as in a spiritual sense. We ask that the Jewish people, too, shall have the opportunity to live and to develop as a free people in its own historic homeland, in Palestine. We demand that the gates of Palestine be opened wide on a scale commensurate with Jewish need; that all limitations on land settlement by Jews be removed; that the Jewish Agency for Palestine be vested with control of Jewish immigration into Palestine and with the necessary authority for the upbuilding and development of the country; that Palestine be established as the Jewish Commonwealth, in which Jews will be a majority of the population—a self-governing and democratic commonwealth in which the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities will be assured, and bound only by those reservations which in the post-war world shall apply to all states.



4. We ask, finally, that the Jews, through appropriate representation, shall be accorded the right to place their case directly and officially before any peace conference that may be called, or any authority designated by the United Nations for the reconstruction of the post-war world.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

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September 11-13, 1943

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Friday, September 10, 1943

10:00 A.M. Z.C.A. Executive Committee
Room 1212

2:00 P.M. Committee on Committees
Hall of Mirrors

8:00 P.M. Sabbath Eve Services

Temple Israel
925 Bryden Road

Guest Speaker: RABBI JAMES G. HELLER

Tifereth Israel Temple
1354 East Broad Street

Guest Speaker: RABBI RAPHAEL GOLD

Saturday, September 11, 1943

9:00 A.M. Sabbath Services
Hall of Mirrors

Sermon RABBI JUDAH WASSER, New Kensington, Pa.

Services CANTOR MYRO GLASS, Indianapolis, Indiana

3:00 P.M. Oneg Shabbat
Hall of Mirrors

Under Auspices of Histadruth Ivrit

Chairman: SAMUEL J. BOROWSKY, New York City

Symposium—"Hebrew and the American Scene"

Participants: RABBI MORRIS ADLER, Detroit
DR. ISRAEL EFROS, New York City
DR. AZRIEL EISENBERG, Cleveland
MR. MENACHEM RIBALOW, New York City

Z'miroth—led by MR. SAMUEL MEISELS, New York City

Hosts: Columbus-Zionist Groups

8:00 P.M. Registration of Delegates
Assembly Hall

8:30 P.M. First Session

Main Ballroom

Presentation of Colors—*Jewish War Veterans of America*

National Anthem

Hatikvah

Convention Called to Order:

MR. MAURICE M. BOUKSTEIN, New York

Chairman, National Convention Committee

Greetings:

HONORABLE JOHN W. BRICKER, Governor—State of Ohio

Greetings:

HONORABLE FLOYD F. GREEN, Mayor—Columbus, Ohio

Greetings:

MR. BEN KAUFMAN, Trenton, N. J.

National Commander, Jewish War Veterans of America

Greetings:

MR. ALBERT SCHIFF, Columbus, Ohio

Chairman, Ohio Valley Zionist Region

Memorial Addresses:

LT. COMMANDER JOSHUA GOLDBERG, Chaplain Corps, USNR

RABBI MORRIS ADLER, Detroit, Mich.

President's Message:

JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL

Election of Praesidium

Announcement of Committee Appointments

Sunday, September 12, 1943

8:00 A.M. Breakfast

Main Ballroom

Auspices of American Zionist Youth Commission

9:00 A.M. Registration of Delegates

Assembly Hall

9:30 A.M. Meeting of Convention Committees

BUDGET and FINANCE	Parlor C
CREDENTIALS	Room 225
EDUCATION	Parlors A and B
MEMBERSHIP and ORGANIZATION	Room 14+0
NOMINATIONS	Room 15-0
PALESTINE FUNDS	Parlors J and I
PUBLICATIONS	Room 218
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Parlor H
RESOLUTIONS	Room 216
Z.O.A. WAR SERVICE	Hall of Mirrors

12:30 P.M. Luncheon

Main Ballroom

Theme: Membership Plans for 1943-44

Chairman: MR. EDMUND I. KAUFMANN, Washington, D. C.

Invocation:

RABBI SAMUEL M. GUP, Columbus, Ohio

Participants:

MR. DANIEL FREICH, Indianapolis, Indiana,
Chairman, National Membership Committee

MR. SAMUEL BIRSON, New York
Chairman, National Finance Committee

MR. MORTIMER MAY, Nashville, Tenn.

MR. BENJAMIN ULIN, Boston, Mass.

RABBI SIMON GREENBERG, Philadelphia, Pa.

3:00 P.M. Second Session

Main Ballroom

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

ELECTIONS

REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

GENERAL DISCUSSION

8:00 P.M. Third Session

Main Ballroom

Political Affairs

Part I—*"Palestine and the World Scene"*

DR. STEPHEN S. WISE

DR. ABRA HILLEL SILVER

DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN

MR. ROBERT SCOLD

Discussion by Delegates

Monday, September 13, 1943

10:00 A.M. Fourth Session

Main Ballroom

Political Affairs

Part II—*"Palestine and the American Scene"*

MR. LOUIS LIPSKY

DR. JAMES G. HELLER

DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN

Discussion by Delegates

1:00 P.M. Luncheon

Main Ballroom

Symposium on Public Relations

Chairman: MR. HERMAN SHULMAN, New York

Invocation:

RABBI HARRY KAPLAN, Columbus, Ohio

Director, Hillel Foundation—Ohio State University

Participants:

MR. I. L. KENEN, New York City

JOSHUA S. EPSTEIN, Woodmere, L. I.

MR. WILLIAM B. ZIFF, Washington, D. C.

Discussion by Delegates

3:00 P.M. Fifth Session

Main Ballroom

I—Greetings:

MR. HARRY GILBERT, President
Jewish Community Council, Columbus, Ohio

Hadassah—MRS DAVID DE SOLA POOL

Mizrachi—MR. LEON GELLMAN

Peale Zion—MR. DAVID WERTHEIM

II—Administration Report:

MR. SIMON SHETZER—Executive Director, Z.O.A.

III—Reports:

Jewish National Fund—MR. MENDEL N. FISHER

Keren Hayesod—JUDGE BERNARD A. ROSENBLATT

United Palestine Appeal—MR. HENRY MONTOR

IV—Continuation of Reports of Convention Committees

Adoption of Resolutions

General Discussion

7:00 P.M. Convention Banquet

Main Ballroom

TOASTMASTER: JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG, New York

National Anthem

Invocation:

RABBI NATHAN ZELIZER—Columbus, Ohio

Musical Program:

MARGUERITE KOZEN—Soprano

JULIUS CHAJES—Pianist

Speakers:

MR. ROY J. STONE, President—Columbus Zionist District

MR. EDWIN J. SCHANFARBER, Columbus, Ohio

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Your attention is directed to the following pertinent sections of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Zionist Organization of America relating to the election of Delegates to the Annual Convention:

SECTION 3 --- Each District or Society shall be entitled to one Delegate to the Convention for each 50 paid-up members in good standing

SECTION 4 --- Each Region shall be entitled to one Delegate for each 1,000 members, and major fraction thereof, in good standing, but in no event less than one Delegate.

SECTION 6 --- Delegates to the Convention shall be elected only by paid-up members of the Zionist Organization of America.

SECTION 7 --- No member shall be elected as a Delegate to the Convention unless he has been a member of record of a District or Society for at least six months prior to the election, and at the time of election is a paid-up member in good standing of the Zionist Organization of America.

The following rules for the election of Delegates and Alternates, adopted in 1940, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8, by the Executive, with the approval of the Administrative Council, continue in effect:

1. No person shall be granted a credential as Delegate or Alternate to Conventions of the Z.O.A. unless (a) he shall have been duly elected by a District, Society or other duly constituted elective body, and (b) his election shall have been certified to the National Board of Elections by written certifications, as set forth below, no later than Monday, August 16th, 1943.
2. (a) Delegates and Alternates of Districts, Regions, Societies, Camps of the Order Sons of Zion, and Masada Chapters, shall be elected by the members thereof at an election which shall be held pursuant to regulations promulgated by the National Board of Elections.

(b) Delegates and Alternates of Regions shall be elected at a conference of representatives of all constituent bodies in the Region.

(c) Delegates and Alternates of affiliated organizations shall be elected as provided in their respective agreements with the Z.O.A.

(d) In no case shall proxies or substitutes be permitted for any duly elected Delegate or Alternate who fails to appear in person at the Convention. Hereafter committees on vacancies, whether local or national, shall be unauthorized.
3. Certification of the election of Delegates and Alternates shall be in writing subscribed by the President or Vice-President and the Secretary, or by the local Board of Elections of the District, or other elective body, and if so certified by the local Board of Elections, shall be accepted only if the members of the local Board of Elections and of the officers of the District, or other elective body, shall have filed such returns with the National Board of Elections no later than Monday, August 16th, 1943.
4. What constitutes a member in good standing? Any member, old or new, who has paid his dues in full within the twelve-month period, preceding August 31st, 1943, is a member in good standing of the Z.O.A. and is eligible to vote for Delegates to the Convention.

Will you, therefore, kindly call a meeting of your Executive Committee at which a Nominations Committee and a Board of Elections, each to consist of a minimum of five members, shall be elected.

Every registered member who has paid his dues for the year 1942-43 should be notified of the date and place of the elections and also of his right to nominate candidates by petition. Nominations may be made by petition over the signatures of not less than 15 members in good standing.

All nominations, whether by the Nominations Committee or by Petition, are to be filed with the District Board of Elections, one week prior to the date of election, which shall accept these nominations and place all names in alphabetical order on the official ballot to be printed by the Board of Elections.

The number of Delegates to which a District, Region, Society or Camp of the Order Sons of Zion is entitled, is to be determined by the number of members in good standing as of August 31st, 1943. The membership record of the District, Region, Society, C.S.Z. Camp, must agree with the records of the Comptroller's Office of the Zionist Organization of America.

No District, Camp, Society, or Masada Chapter having less than fifty members in good standing is qualified to elect a Delegate. Pooling the membership of one or more Districts, Camps, Societies, or Masada Chapters in order to acquire a total of fifty is not permissible.

The number of Alternates that may be elected shall not exceed the number of Delegates.

A member who is in good standing in one of the affiliated organizations (Order Sons of Zion, etc.) and who is also a member in good standing in the Zionist Organization of America, can vote only once for the election of Delegates to the Convention.

The Election of Delegates to the Convention may be held at any time hereafter but no later than Sunday, August 15th, 1943.

In all cases where more than two Delegates are to be elected, a member shall have the right to vote for only two-thirds of the entire number of Delegates. Voting shall be by secret ballot. The candidate or candidates, receiving the highest number of votes, shall be declared elected. The candidate or candidates receiving the next highest number of votes, shall act as Alternates. In case of the resignation of an elected Delegate, the Alternate receiving the next highest number of votes shall take his place as Delegate.

No Delegate or Alternate will be seated unless his election is certified by the National Board of Elections.

The official Election Report properly filled out and certified by the local Board of Elections must be filed with the National Board of Elections of the Zionist Organization of America, not later than Monday, August 16th, 1943, in order that credentials may be issued in time to the elected Delegates.

The Election Report of the affiliated groups must be filled directly with the National Board of Elections of the Zionist Organization of America in order that such Delegates may receive their credentials from the National Headquarters of the Zionist Organization of America.

Sincerely yours,

SIMON HERTZ

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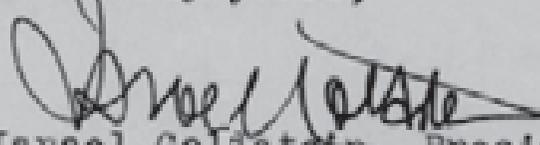
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"I wired to Silver in Cleveland asking for his manuscript, but received a reply from his secretary to the effect that he was away and would not be able to send it to me. I therefore used only the extract which he himself supplied us in advance for publicity".

Cordially yours,


Israel Goldstein, President
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JOSEPH L. FINK, Ph. D.

October 5th, 1943

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

My dear Friend :

I understand that at the Zionist Conference in Columbus, Mr. Leo Rosen, President of our Zionist District, had a conversation with you on the subject of your visiting Buffalo to speak at an open Zionist meeting.

Mr. Rosen has asked me to communicate with you on the subject. We are wondering if it would be possible for you to visit Buffalo on the evening of November 22nd to speak at an open forum gathering? We do hope it will be possible for you to come. I hesitate to ask you because I know that your time is terribly crowded.

The District will, of course, pay the expense of the trip and the \$100.00 honorarium.

With every good wish for the New Year,

Cordially yours,



October 6, 1943

Dr. Joseph L. Fink
Temple Beth Zion
Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Joe:

I have given serious thought to the gracious invitation of Mr. Rosen to participate in a forum program on November 22. I have tried hard to clear my calendar so that I could come. Unfortunately I am unable to do so. The next few months are terribly crowded for me because of the new work which I have undertaken, and I must forego the pleasure of accepting many invitations which normally I would be most happy to accept.

I wish you and your dear ones a very happy new year and I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you soon again. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Cincinnati Zionist council is planning a Zionist Forum by which it will bring to this city four nationally known speakers, Jewish and non-Jewish, on Zionist topics. This will be a large scale educational project for the entire community.

Please advise us whether you are available for such a program and what your fee as a lecturer would be. The date and topic can be adjusted to your needs.

Sincerely yours,

Mordecai Halevi,
Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

May I extend a cordial invitation to you to make yourself completely at home in the ZOA office in Washington whenever you have occasion to be there.

DR. JAMES G. HELLER
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SIMON SLETZER
Executive Director

You will be interested to know that the Greater New York Districts of the ZOA have decided to hold a Balfour Day meeting on November 1st at Carnegie Hall. We shall, of course, follow the line of using the occasion to attack the White Paper policy. The ZOA is urging similar meetings in other communities.

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It would be splendid if you would come to deliver an address. Can you come?

I understand that I am to join Mrs. Halpern and Mr. Greenberg in a visit to the British Embassy, next Tuesday, when you also will be in Washington on another mission. Perhaps we shall run into one another at the ZOA office. I hope so.

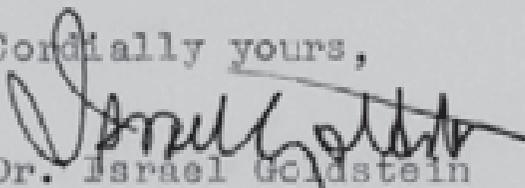
Congratulations on your splendid achievement with the Allocations Committee of the UJA.

Do you expect to be at the ZOA Executive Committee meeting Saturday evening, October 16th? I look forward to your presence and participation.

Associate Members

DR. HARRY J. LEVINE
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Cordially yours,


Dr. Israel Goldstein
President

P.S. Hadassah, Poale Zion and Mizrahi are being invited to take part in the Carnegie Hall meeting.



October 8, 1948

Mr. Mordecai Halevi, Director
Bureau of Jewish Education
658 Rockdale Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Mr. Halevi:

Thank you for your kind letter and for your invitation to come to your Zionist Forum this coming season. I wish I were free to accept your invitation. Unfortunately I cannot. The next season will be extremely crowded for me because of the new work which I have undertaken, and I must forego the pleasure of accepting many invitations which normally I would be most happy to accept. Please keep me in mind for some other season.

With all good wishes for the new year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

October 10, 1948

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

Thank you for your letter of October 7. I wish I could be with you for the Balfour Day Celebration, but as you probably know, I am scheduled to address the Hadassah Convention in New York on October 28. I think that is enough speaking for one week-end.

I have made plane reservations in order to arrive in time for the ZOA Executive Committee meeting on October 16. If I am pulled off the plane it will mean that I will not arrive until Sunday morning. I have made reservations both on the plane and on the train.

I am glad that you are going to call on the British Embassy. It is important to stress with the Ambassador not the guilt or innocence of the man, but the provocative nature of the trial, the planned publicity in connection with it, etc., coupled with the last act, the sentencing of Eliahu Sacharoff to seven years because there was found in his possession a single bullet more than he was entitled to have. Such trials have a way of inciting a population to bitter resentment which frequently culminate in riots and disturbances which everybody deprecates.

I hope that I will have a chance to see you in Washington. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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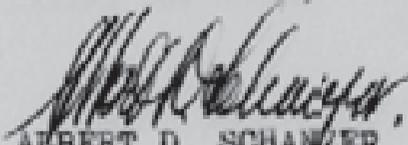
Dear Doctor:

Confirming invitation extended to you this morning by a committee of Metropolitan Regional Presidents, this is to respectfully insist that you speak at meeting arranged for Monday evening, November 1st at Carnegie Hall, New York City to celebrate the issuance of Balfour Declaration and attack the "Chamberlain White Paper" as a nullification of the Declaration. The meeting will be the opening gun in a nation-wide series of meetings and critical blasts against the "White Paper" as nullifying the sacred promise made to the Jewish people by the Balfour Declaration which was later endorsed by fifty-one other nations and particularly in a covenant between Great Britain and United States.

As you are regarded now as our National Leader on the political battlefield it is of utmost importance that you address the gathering at Carnegie Hall that evening. This address will reverberate not only throughout the nation, but we are sure in the Chancelleries of the world.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours for Zion,


ALBERT D. SCHAEFER
Chairman, Arrangements.
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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



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

October 24, 1943

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JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL
President

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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

The American Zionist Emergency Council is about to engage upon an enlarged program of Zionist public relations. The principal item on the agenda at this time is the mobilization of American public opinion against the White Paper which, unless abrogated within the next several months, becomes effective on April 1, 1944, thus closing the doors of Palestine to further Jewish immigration.

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The effectiveness of this program will depend in large measure upon the extent and the alertness of community participation and upon the readiness of local Zionist leadership to assume very definite responsibilities immediately.

DR. JAMES G. HELLER
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The Emergency Council has requested the Zionist Organization of America to take the initiative in organizing this community participation. We urge you, therefore, without a moment's delay to get in touch with the local officers of the Hadassah, the Poale-Zion and the Mizrahi. Invite them to a meeting within the next forty-eight hours and set up a local Emergency Council similar in character to the national body. The next step is to invite other persons in the community with special training, experience, aptitude and interest in public relations work to join the committee, which, however, must remain small and compact in order to operate quickly and effectively. A committee membership of not more than ten or twelve should be sufficient for these purposes.

SIMON SHETZER
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Select a Committee Chairman and communicate the names and addresses of the entire committee personnel directly to Rabbi Leon Feuer of the American Emergency Council, 41 East 42nd Street, New York, 17, N. Y. Send a copy to our Washington office. Rabbi Feuer will advise the Committee Chairman forthwith, providing the committee with information and such other direction as may be required. As the program proceeds the members of our Z.O.A. field staff will be called upon to assume an important role in its implementation.

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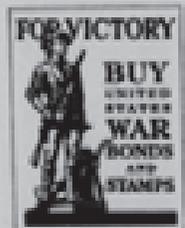
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I cannot urge upon you too strongly the immediacy of this project. The current political situation will permit no delay. Prompt action is imperative. I have every confidence that you will take this great Zionist responsibility seriously to heart.

Sincerely yours,

Israel Goldstein
President

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I hope this letter finds you physically improved and regret that you can not address us at a luncheon on this coming Thursday.

Pursuant to conversation had with you over the phone today, will you kindly inform me instantly by return mail as to what night you can address the St. Louis community during Chanukah, from Sunday evening, December 26, 1943 through Wednesday evening, December 29, 1943. Any of these evenings that you choose will be acceptable to us.

May I call your attention to the fact that on the occasions of my visits with you at the Jewish Conference in New York and at the Zionist Convention in Columbus, you and Mr. Emanuel Neumann assured and re-assured me that you will positively pay us a visit and address our community under the auspices of all the Zionist organizations of the city.

The St. Louis Zionist Organization, if you remember, was of the very first to rally behind your personage for those principles and policies in our movement, for which you have been fighting.

If you find that you can not visit St. Louis on any of those preferred dates mentioned, please tell us definitely when in December you will address us.

Again, appreciating your instant reply, I remain as ever,

In the Hope of the Jewish Commonwealth
in Palestine,


I. R. Goodman, President

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November 1, 1943

Mr. Simon Shetzer, Executive Director
Zionist Organization of America
1720 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Shetzer:

I am enclosing a letter which I received from people here in town. I do not know what organization or department can supply them with the information which they request. Will you please refer the enclosed letter to the proper source and have them communicate with these people?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:EK

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FAIRFAX 9691

HOUSTON, TEXAS

1414 MCKINNEY AVE.

November 4, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The enclosure speaks for itself. And in order to organize the machinery to offset what we consider here the beginning of a national campaign, we must have your immediate attention and your support. Unfortunately, we are not capable in Houston of producing a leader around whom we can rally to such an extent that we would not have to call upon outside assistance. But this is by far, what I consider, too important an issue to be gleaned over lightly and neglected.

I am addressing a similar letter to Henry Monsky, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Mr. Freehoff, James G. Heller, Henry Montor, Maurice N. Wisendrath, Maurice Rosenberg, and other interested individuals to whom we look for support in our protest of the actions and the methods by our local group.

We cannot overlook the entrenchment these men have. The leaders in this movement here are all financially able, and because of their financial status have been accepted as the leading spirits in the community. Their machine is well oiled; their scruples, if they have any, are not in evidence; they have resorted to fascist methods in electing Schachtel; and they will not hesitate to stoop to any other measure to gain their ends.

I am interested in seeing what can be done, and I am devoting my entire time to organizing the opposition to them. We only have the three weeks in which to crystallize the thinking of a congregation of some 800 people, 75 per cent of whom are indifferent and from whom we must get our chief support.

My suggestion is that Henry Monsky come down here (and this is a must) under the auspices of B'nai B'rith, which I can arrange immediately upon receipt of word, and that he speak under the auspices of B'nai B'rith concerning B'nai B'rith activities

Rabbi Silver

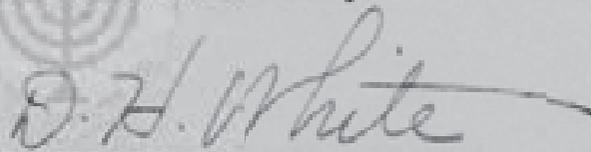
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and in the time that he is here, we will try to get a small group of men whom he can influence directly in this attack on Judaism. Also I am to see Mr. Weingarten, and I believe it is his opinion, as well as mine, that if we can get Rabbi Heller the Sunday before the meeting, the 21st, we will have a city-wide meeting in the interest of the American Jewish Conference demanding of the Temple group the right to use the Temple for the meeting, and he can speak concerning the American Jewish Conference. Also during his stay, as the immediate past president of the Central Conference, it could be arranged that a group of the members could meet with him and he could discuss the problems on hand.

I have not given full consideration to the exact procedure nor have I given thought as to the possibilities of other individuals as I feel that those I have mentioned would prove an effective means of cementing our opposition group to the task of "beating" this first attempt at an organized breaking-down of what we have tried so hard to build up.

WRHS
Sincerely yours,



D. H. White
D. H. White

DHW:rl

Enc.

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My dear Dr. Silver:

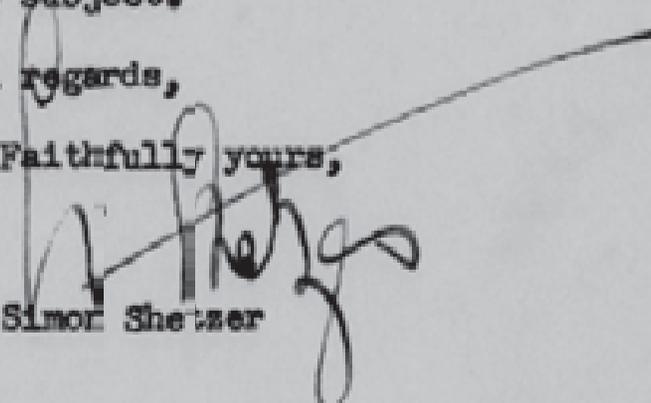
You will be interested, I am sure, in the enclosed copies of letters from Mr. Mortimer May of Nashville and Mr. Ike Abelson of Birmingham, both commenting upon the activities of the Rev. Richard Evans in their respective communities on recent dates. Rev. Evans, as you may know, was engaged by us some months ago for public relations activities. He is constantly out on pre-arranged tours addressing as many as two and three audiences a day. Most of these audiences are non-Jewish including Rotary, Kiwanis and other service clubs, Ministers Associations, Chambers of Commerce, veterans groups and the like. In no instance do we schedule an address before a Zionist group or in a synagogue unless one or more non-Jewish meetings have been arranged for him.

Before we engaged Rev. Evans, Judge Levinthal and I recommended him to the Emergency Committee. We took him on when the Emergency Committee failed to act.

In view of the fact that Mr. Evans' services fall peculiarly within the public relations program of the Emergency Council, do you not believe that some fair arrangement should be worked out for sharing his salary and expenses? I shall be glad to have your thoughts on the subject.

With kindest personal regards,

Faithfully yours,


Simon Shetzer

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cc: Mr. Henry Montor



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436 Houston Street
Nashville, Tenn. 10

Dec. 2, 1943

Zionist Organization of America
1720 16th street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Yesterday afternoon and last night we heard addresses from the Rev. Richard Evans. The address at noon was to a small group, largely of Gentiles and included educators, clergymen and some men in public life. The impression made was most revealing in that a message was brought to certain individuals who are eager to help us but poorly informed as to what they can do and how. The evening meeting was of a more general character and nearly altogether Jewish.

One particular interest developed from both the meetings and my own thought is that if the Rev. Evans had accomplished nothing else on his whole Southeastern trip that the value of this one incident would be worth the whole trouble and expense. I refer to the fact that George Harold Earthman, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was present at both meetings. He is a man of large political influence, not only in his own part of the state but pretty generally everywhere. As a matter of fact, he is spoken of as a candidate for Governor next year. In addition to his political influence, he is a very ardent churchman and feels that both on the authority of the Bible and the necessity of the immediate situation that the Jews must be given Palestine and he is ready to do anything in his power to be of help in this State or elsewhere. He was so much impressed by what Dr. Evans said at the first meeting that he attended the second and then came out to the home of Mr. Percy Cohen, our District President, after the speaking to go further into the matter. Judge Earthman visits Washington frequently; he knows all the Tennessee delegation both in the House and in the Senate quite intimately and I feel too is close to the ear of Secretary Hull. Now I have a promise from Judge Earthman that when he again goes to Washington that he will let me know and I want him to be able to meet Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, as I believe through his political relations and his sincere religious interest that he is a valuable man to us. I feel this particularly on account of the fact of his relations with Secretary Hull.

I shall try to keep in touch with Judge Earthman so as to get an idea when he may be in Washington next.

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I was very much impressed by the particular type of work that Rev. Evans can do and it seems to me that he ought to remain in the service of the ZOA and maybe in the Emergency Council. On account of his position as a Presbyterian minister and the fact that he is so ardent and sincere in his convictions and beliefs as to the solution of the Jewish problem, he enjoys a strategical advantage that is not given to anyone of our own group. His talents should be employed, in my opinion, in reaching more and more Christian groups who do not understand our means and our aspirations but to whom the Rev. Evans can bring this in a way that no Jew can do. Particularly during these trying times, his talent should be used, in my humble opinion in that way.

He has made and is continuing his tour in the Southeast and all the reports that I have had have shown that he has awakened an unusual interest in every community that he has visited. I may again restate that, if he has done nothing else in the last several months than interest Judge Earthman the way he did, in my opinion, his trip would have been more than successful.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Emergency Council.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

M. MAY

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ALABAMA NOVELTY HOUSE

2201 Second Ave., N.

Birmingham, Ala.

November 29, 1943

Mr. Sol S. Spiro
National Director
Field Service
Z.O.A.
1720 Sixteenth St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Spiro:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have just written to Dr. Goldstein. To write you in detail would be a repetition. If Dr. Evans arouses interest in other cities which he visits similar to that which he aroused in Birmingham, the public opinion of the entire country should be overwhelmingly for the abrogation of the White Paper.

Assuring you of an intensive effort being made in this section of Alabama and with every good wish, I am

Yours sincerely,

IKE ABELSON

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November 29, 1943

Dr. Israel Goldstein
§ Z.O.A.
1720 Sixteenth St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

Reverend Richard E. Evans arrived in Birmingham at noon Sunday and left for Memphis at 1:00 P.M. today (Monday). During the twenty-four hours that he was with us he did an exceptionally good job. He addressed a meeting Sunday night at Beth-El Synagogue at which there was an attendance of close to 500. He made a deep impression on all who listened to him. He presented a replica of the Bill of Rights to the President of our City Commission who was present at the meeting and sat on the platform. The President of the City Commission, Mr. Cooper Green, promised to have a resolution passed by the City Commission urging the abrogation of the White Paper.

After the meeting a group assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Harvich. Those present were inspired by Reverend Evans and the result was an eleven minute radio broadcast this morning; and, allowing for difference in taste in reception of radio addresses, I believe that he did the most effective piece of work done in Birmingham in a long time in the interest of Jewish Palestine. He was interviewed by representatives of the two afternoon papers but it was too late to appear in today's editions. From the above you will see that his time here was utilized to the fullest extent and I can honestly state that I know of no one who could have made a better impression on his listeners than did Reverend Evans.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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Ike Abelson



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December 16, 1943

Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road & East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

As president of the local Fort Wayne Zionist District, we had a board meeting with reference to a membership drive.

There has been a suggestion made that we write to you the following idea. They feel that if the dues were lowered from \$5.00 per year to 50¢ and an extensive drive was to be made for members, the membership would increase to at least 1,000,000 members throughout the United States.

I would appreciate hearing from you, regarding your viewpoint on the subject.

With Chanuks and Zion Greeting, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

ZIONIST DISTRICT OF FORT WAYNE

BY *Meyer Ruchman*
MEYER RUCHMAN, PRES.

MR:N

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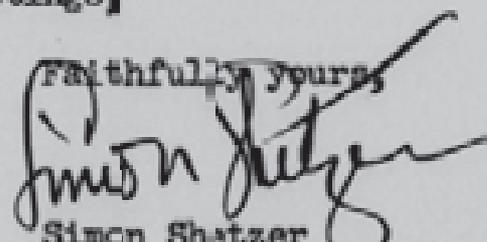
My dear Dr. Silver:

We have not yet received the return card indicating whether you will be present at the next meeting of our Executive Committee on Tuesday evening, December 21st at the Commodore Hotel. We sincerely trust that you are planning to be with us.

We are noting on the agenda a further report from you on behalf of the Zionist Emergency Council. The Executive were happy to have a report at its last meeting.

In the event that you cannot attend, we shall be glad to have Mr. Montor report for you.

With kindest personal regards and all good wishes, I am, with Zion's greetings,

Faithfully yours,

Simon Shetzer

SS:bg

cc: To New York Office
Henry Montor



December 29, 1943

Mr. Meyer Buchman, President
Zionist District of Fort Wayne
1509 McKinley Ave.
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Mr. Buchman:

I would suggest that you write to the President of the Zionist Organization of America as well as to the Secretary concerning the interesting suggestion contained in your letter. I am sure that they will be able to give you more information about it than I can.

Off hand I should like to say that a fifty cent membership would just about cover the shekel which the ZOA must pay to the World Zionist Organization. There would therefore be no money left with which to operate the Zionist Organization of America or pay for the New Palestine magazine which each member receives. Furthermore, attempts have been made in the past to enlist as high a membership as one million on a very low registration fee. They were not very successful and the cost involved in getting such a large membership was altogether out of proportion to the amount of money actually collected.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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1840 Kessler Blvd.
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January 4, 1944

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

My Dear Rabbi Silver:

I gratefully acknowledge your kind letter of December 3rd with reference to the resolution adopted by the St. Joseph County, Indiana, Congress on Post-war Peace.

Since then as a member of the local Emergency Committee, I have embarked on the promotion of an ambitious program with reference to the British "White Paper."

As a result of a committee meeting with Rev. Drs. Charles T. Baillie and Frank E. Davison who represent the St. Joseph County Ministerial Association, tentative plans have been made for a luncheon meeting (financed by the local Z. O. A.) for about 350 people.

This luncheon will be sponsored and attended by the clergy and laymen of more than 100 churches of St. Joseph County, also by Catholic priests and laity headed by Monsignor John Sabo, head of Northern Indiana Diocese, and possibly by the President of the Notre Dame University, with but few Jews attending.

The luncheon meeting will be presided over by a most prominent Christian gentleman of our City, and the topic of the agenda will be the abrogation of the "White Paper," and the keeping the doors of Palestine open for Jewish immigration.

Several of our leading ministers have heard you speak on various occasions and have suggested that we ask you to be the chief speaker at this luncheon, feeling assured as we all do that your presence and talk would make the affair an outstanding success.

We know what a busy man you are and how many demands are made on your time, yet we hope you may think it worth while, as this group represents the most substantial elements of our community, and we hope will have far reaching effects, as the

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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January 4, 1944

clergy of this County are planning to set aside one Sunday when the abrogation of the "White Paper" will be advocated from every pulpit and resolutions with signatures of the church members, which will be forwarded to Congress at Washington.

With air service good between Cleveland and South Bend, may we hope that you will deem this important enough to give it your full cooperation.

The luncheon is being planned for the early part of February, and may we hear from you by phone or wire.

I expect to attend the Ohio Valley Z. O. A. emergency meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio, January 9th, and if there is any other information you may desire about our plans, I will be glad to come to Cleveland the following Tuesday, January 11th.

All expense will be borne by our local emergency committee.

Sincerely yours,



Leo R. Cohn

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Dear Rabbi,

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For a number of years, it has been our earnest wish and sincere desire, that we shall some day enjoy the privilege of having you as our guest speaker, I hope that this dream will become a reality very soon. I have learned from good authority that you contemplate a trip to New England shortly, will you therefore, honor us, by including a visit to our district.

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We meet at the Temple Mishkan Tefila which is centrally located. We are anxious to make this meeting a outstanding communal event, with a proper reception to you. I am sure you realize, that in order to carry out such an elaborate program, plans must be made far in advance. Will you kindly cooperate with my committee by giving me the date and itinerary of your trip at your earliest convenience, so we can govern ourselves accordingly.

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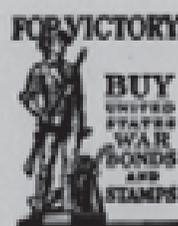
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Anticipating a favorable reply and with Zionist greetings, I remain.

Sincerely & Fraternaly yours,

Harry Star
HARRY STAR

Chairman of program
864 Washington Street
Boston, Mass.



January 17, 1944

Mr. Harry Star,
864 Washington Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Friend:

I need not tell you that I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address a meeting of your District Organization.

I assure you that it would have given me great pleasure if I could have seen my way clear to accept it. Unfortunately, the pressure of work upon me is so great that I have been compelled to decline invitations that, normally, I would have been most happy to accept. I have even had to cancel a large number of engagements previously made. I must conserve myself for the rather strenuous work which is involved at the moment in the Executive Chairmanship of the American Zionist Emergency Council. I am sure that you will understand.

Please convey my best wishes for success to your fine organization. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:NBK

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January 17, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Shetzer phoned me from Mt. Clemens, Mich., where he is recuperating on the doctor's orders, asking me that I advise you that we are placing on the agenda of the Z.O.A. Administrative Council Meeting, to be held in New York on January 23, a report of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

We will appreciate it if you will be present to give that report or, in the event that you find it impossible to attend personally, if you will designate Rabbi Feuer to do it.

With Zion's greetings,

Respectfully yours,

Saul S. Spiro
Saul S. Spiro, Director
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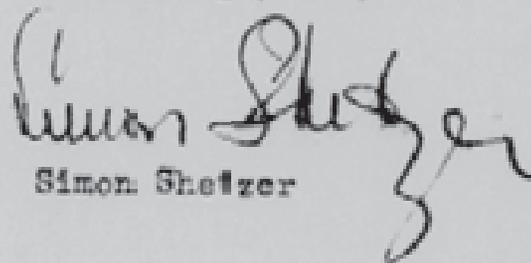
TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE Z.O.A.
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dear Friends:

Enclosed herewith are the minutes of
the last meeting of the National Executive Com-
mittee held on December 21st, 1943 in New York
City.

With warm regards and Zion's greetings,

Faithfully yours,


Simon Shetzer

SS:rel



RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OF THE
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1944

In view of the political importance attaching at this time to resolutions and statements of principles regarding Palestine adopted by national Jewish organizations and important groups in American Jewish life - and in order to insure co-ordinated political action,

BE IT RESOLVED by the N.E.C. of the Z.O.A. that it is incumbent upon all Zionists having relations with non-Zionist groups to act with utmost circumspection and to refrain from entering upon negotiations or committing themselves by giving support or assent to any political formulation regarding Palestine different from the official Zionist formulation, without prior consultation with the American Zionist Emergency Council or its officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the N.E.C. recommend the adoption of similar resolutions by all other organizations affiliated with the American Zionist Emergency Council.

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CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
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CHICAGO

February 2, 1944.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you already know, our meeting will take place on Wednesday evening, March 1st, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Sherman. There should be present between 1500 and 2000 people. With the possible exception of a very short report you will be the only speaker. You will, therefore, be free to take as much time as you'll desire.

Virtually all the Chicago delegates to the American Jewish Conference accepted membership in our local Emergency Committee and our future meetings will be held jointly. At the last meeting there was insistence upon making clear our attitude toward the Emergency Committee to Save the Jews of Europe and a committee was appointed to report on a plan of action. A sub-committee met with Professor McMahon, Chairman, and Professor Adams, vice-Chairman of the Chicago Division of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jews of Europe, and had, what I consider, a worthwhile discussion. These gentlemen are not unaware of the many objections to their Committee and they are acting cautiously. They had already refused participation in the American League for a Free Palestine and they are not free from doubt on the efficacy of their organization. They are serious minded and well intentioned men.

We assured them that we do not want to lose the benefit of their interest and that our only desire was to find some method by which the full force of their prestige could be utilized without strengthening, directly or indirectly, the revisionist movement and without the risk of having uncoordinated activities cancel each other out. They assured us of their sympathy with such an objective and offered to cooperate in any move toward its attainment. We suggested that such a goal cannot be reached unless the American members of the Committee who were drawn into it take control of the organization and decide to work with the American Jewish Conference and its constituent bodies which are

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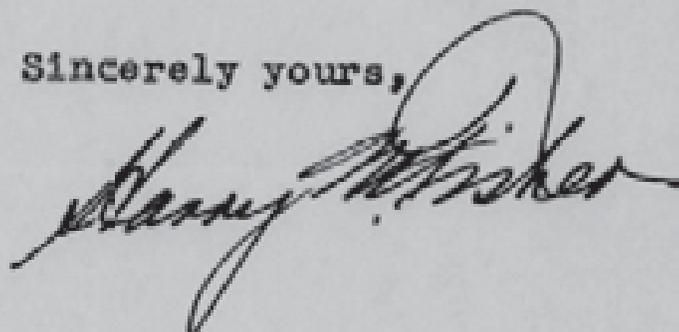
dedicated to tasks similar to theirs. They expressed a wholehearted desire to do it.

I am reporting this to you because I believe that such a program can materialize in Chicago and probably be made nationwide. Because that Committee attracted so many distinguished personalities their acquisition as a responsible group would bring material strength both to the Conference and the Zionist Emergency Council. Certainly much can be gained by avoiding overlapping and conflicting activity.

Do you think we acted wisely and if so, have you any suggestion of the course we should pursue from here on?

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry W. Fisher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
JUDGE HARRY M. FISHER
IN CHAMBERS

CHICAGO
February 3, 1944.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Wise:

In compliance with the request of the Interim Committee I called a meeting of the Chicago delegates to the American Jewish Conference. It was decided to hold a meeting of the electors (2200) on March 1st. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver graciously consented to be our speaker. Pursuant to the request of the Palestine Commission all members of the Chicago Delegation to the Conference were invited to join the local Zionist Emergency Committee. Virtually all of them agreed to do so and our future meetings will be held jointly.

At the last meeting there was insistence upon making clear our attitude toward the Emergency Committee to Save the Jews of Europe and a committee was appointed to report on a plan of action. A sub-committee met with Professor McMahon, Chairman, and Professor Adams, vice-Chairman of the Chicago Division of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jews of Europe, and had, what I consider, a worthwhile discussion. These gentlemen are not unaware of the many objections to their Committee and they are acting cautiously. They had already refused participation in the American League for a Free Palestine and they are not free from doubt on the efficacy of their organization. They are serious minded and well intentioned men.

We assured them that we do not want to lose the benefit of their interest and that our only desire was to find some method by which the full force of their prestige could be utilized without strengthening, directly or indirectly, the revisionist movement and without the risk of having uncoordinated activities cancel each other out. They assured us of their sympathy with such an objective and offered to cooperate in any move toward its attainment. We suggested that such a goal cannot be reached unless the American members of the Committee who were drawn into it take control of

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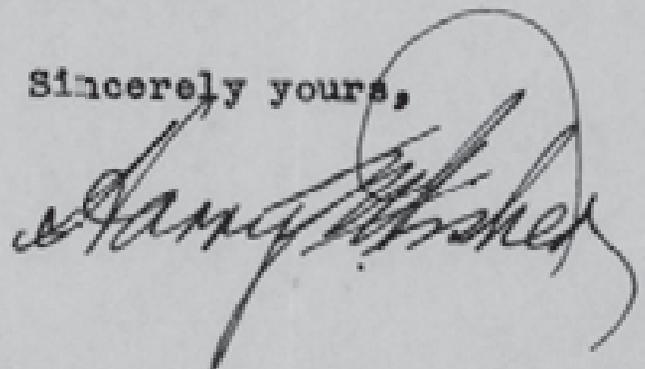
the organization and decide to work with the American Jewish Conference and its constituent bodies which are dedicated to tasks similar to theirs. They expressed a wholehearted desire to do it.

I am reporting this because I believe that such a program can materialize in Chicago and probably be made nationwide. Because that Committee attracted so many distinguished personalities their acquisition as a responsible group would bring material strength both to the Conference and the Zionist Emergency Council. Certainly, much can be gained by avoiding overlapping and conflicting activity.

Please let me hear from you without delay because I am quite anxious to have your reaction to this and such suggestions as might occur to you for our future action in this respect.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amy Fisher", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large loop at the end.

February 17, 1944

Hon. Harry M. Fisher
Circuit Court of Cook County
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Harry:

I note what you say, and I wish you to know that I am strongly and unchangeably against your program. We of the Zionist Organization and the American Jewish Conference cannot take the position that we did with regard to the so-called Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, and in Chicago cooperate with them for any reason whatsoever. Surely it is not important enough to win a few people in Chicago to make it worthwhile bowing to the dust in order to deal with people for whom we have no respect, and whom ultimately the American community will come to know!

You are making a grave mistake. I am sure that when Dr. Silver knows of the program, he will feel as I do about it. He has been strongest in his insistence that we shall not touch -- let alone traffic! -- with these gentlemen. I confronted one of their chief representatives, Mr. Johann Smertekko, in Los Angeles. They are not to be trusted. They are not decently honest or trustworthy. Moreover, as Zionists we ought to stay a million leagues away from them. Berkson and his crowd are of the Irgun, and after all they are the violentest branch of Revisionism. As an old friend, I beg you, I warn you, not to ~~do~~ ^{take} this great attempt at compromise, which will ultimately lead to disaster, and lead immediately to the wrong of dealing with people whom we cannot conceivably respect.

Yours,

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TO ALL Z.O.A. DISTRICT AND REGIONAL CHAIRMEN,
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MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.

Dear Fellow Zionists:

The four-day hearings on the Palestine Resolution (H.R. 418-419) before the House Foreign Affairs Committee have just been adjourned following testimony by advocates and opponents of the bill. The presentation of our case by our leaders was marked by powerful and incontrovertible arguments, backed by the historic justice of our claims and the impelling logic of our position.

The hearings have shown that the case for a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine commands substantial support both in the Committee and in the House. The bipartisan sponsorship of the resolution, the sympathetic attitude of the Committee's Chairman, Congressman Sol Bloom, and the unanimous expressions of support which were recorded with the Committee by many members of the House are indicative of the favorable sentiment toward the pending resolution.

However, to our great shame, there arose out of the midst of our own community enemies of our cause who appeared before the Committee and joined with Arab spokesmen in an effort to frustrate our historic claims. These were the successors of the men who repulsed Herzl, those elements, who in Germany proclaimed themselves as Germans of the "Mosaic faith" and the same foes who opposed the Balfour Declaration in 1917 and the Joint Palestine Resolution adopted by the U.S. Congress in 1922. Having forgotten nothing and learned nothing, these inveterate enemies of our cause, organized through the so called American Council for Judaism, have dared to come before the House Foreign Affairs Committee with their timeworn and hackneyed arguments to dispute the historical justice of the Zionist cause.

Whereas the Arab witnesses openly defended the White Paper, the representatives of the Council for Judaism, through subtle methods, endeavored to win over the members of the House Committee by professing support for the first part of the resolution which deals with immigration, but opposing the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth.



They know very well that these two parts of the resolution are inseparable - that without such a political foundation, immigration into Palestine, land acquisition and colonization would be at the mercy of the Arab majority. Unless Palestine be reconstituted as a Jewish Commonwealth the present Jewish community in Palestine will be frozen into a permanent minority and all hopes for farther immigration of Jews are wholly illusory. The attitude of the American Council for Judaism is in this sense even more dangerous than the undisguised stand of the Arabs against Jewish immigration altogether. They must know, however, that they are waging a losing battle.

The hearings before the House Foreign Affairs Committee have proven conclusively that the aggressiveness of our enemies has gained in tempo, as they work overtly and covertly to poison the wells of public opinion against us. Never was there need for such all-out vigilance on the part of every Zionist and friend of our movement as today. We are only in the first stages of our battle. The passage of the Palestine Resolution by both Houses of the U.S. Congress is imperative for the salvation of our people.

Prompt and effective action must be taken to counteract the efforts of our enemies. Not a minute must be lost in demonstrating to the members of the Committee and of the House that American Jewry is overwhelmingly behind the resolution. You, as leaders of our movement in your community, have a great and historic task to perform:

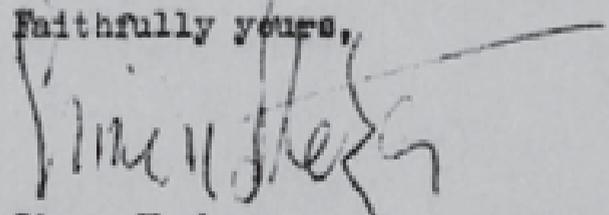
1. Mobilize immediately your entire Zionist constituency with a view to having each one of them send wires and letters to your Congressmen and Senators requesting their support of House Resolution #418-419 and Senate Resolution #247.
2. Urge your Congressmen immediately to communicate their support of the Palestine Resolution in its entirety to Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and to the other members of the Committee. Emphasize that the provisions of the Resolution are inseparable. The Commonwealth portion is the heart of it. Unless Congress approves the whole resolution, as is, the portions dealing with immigration and colonization are mere empty gestures.
3. Ask our Christian friends to send similar messages.

The importance of such wires and communications has been underscored by testimony before the Committee as Congressman after Congressman appeared before the hearing, submitting telegrams they have received from their constituents.

ACT NOW! Tomorrow may be too late.

Please advise me what steps you have taken in this matter. It would be helpful if you would indicate approximately how many letters and telegrams have been sent from your community.

Faithfully yours,


Simon Shetzer

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To Regional and District
Presidents, Secretaries
and Committee Chairmen

Dear Friends:

Zionists throughout the land have responded nobly in mobilizing their forces in support of the Palestine Resolution now pending in the U.S. Congress. Again Zionists have manifested their sense of deep solidarity in a time of emergency. However, the battle is yet to be won. The fight must be continued with even greater vigor and determination than ever before.

It is our conviction that the overwhelming majority of both Houses of the Congress are in favor of the Palestine Resolution. However, forces from various quarters have combined to prevent the passage of the Resolution. In fact, we have good reason to believe that the "military" argument may be used to attain this purpose.

The situation calls for prompt and drastic action. To assure the passage of the Resolution, it is imperative to enlist the sympathetic attitude of the Executive Branch of our Government. To this end, an indication by President Roosevelt of his favorable attitude towards the Palestine Resolution would, we are persuaded, inspire Congress to act affirmatively thereon.

It is, therefore, most desirable that President Roosevelt be urged in a stream of telegrams and letters from all parts of the country, to communicate such an attitude to the Congress. Accordingly, we suggest that, in conjunction with all other Zionist groups in your community, you call immediately a public rally which should result in the following measures:

1. The adoption of a clear and unequivocal Resolution placing the entire community on record in favor of the adoption of the Palestine Resolution now pending in Congress.



2. Urge all Zionists and the entire Jewish community to dispatch individual wires and letters to the President of the United States at the White House urging his support of the Resolution, this being in harmony with the traditional policy of the United States as embodied in the Joint Palestine Resolution adopted by the 67th Congress in 1922. (I am enclosing herewith for your information copy of a wire which was sent to President Roosevelt in behalf of the Z.O.A. over the signatures of Judge Louis E. Levinthal and Dr. James G. Heller).

3. It is important that telegrams and letters be sent to the President by the Mayor of your city and other city officials as well as by leading Christian clergymen, educators, and laymen in your community.

4. Have your public relations chairman contact immediately your local newspapers with a view to the publication of favorable editorials addressed to the President of the United States. Copies of such editorials as well as statements by public figures should be forwarded directly to the White House. In a like manner, all resolutions already adopted and to be adopted by various organizations in your community, both Jewish and Christian, should be forwarded to the President in Washington.

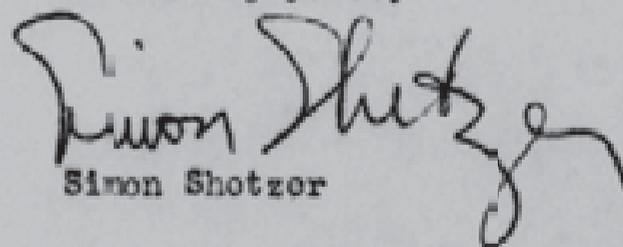
5. Every Zionist should constitute himself as a committee of one to carry on this sacred battle by inducing his friends and neighbors, Jews and non-Jews, to act likewise.

Time is of the essence. Delay will serve the purpose of the enemies of our cause.

Please let us know immediately what action you are taking in this all important matter.

With warm regards and Zion's greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,


Simon Shotzer

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Syrian Division of the Zionist Organization of America is holding its first anniversary dinner on Sunday evening, March 19th at the Waldorf Astoria.

Our district is composed of Jews from the Near East, the bulk having come from Syria and the others from Egypt, Iraq and Palestine. We are very anxious to counteract any of the influence of the elements from the Near East that are hostile to Zionism. We wish to show the United States that we who also come from the Near East are Zionists.

Our Syrian Jewish community is a close knit community numbering approximately 10,000 souls. We have at long last awakened our community to the cause of Zionism. We organized 7 months ago and in this brief time, we have made considerable progress. Potentially, we believe that our community may some day in the near future become according to its size, one of the leading Zionist communities in the country.

We call upon you to do us the great honor of being our main speaker at our dinner. We feel sure that after you have spoken to our community, every individual who has heard you, will become an active Zionist. We are confident that you will give to our community that measure of stimulus that will set us on the path for an all out effort for Zionism.

As of today, we have sold over 500 tickets.

In accordance with my conversation with you on the telephone, I shall call you tomorrow afternoon. With very best regards, I remain

Very respectfully yours

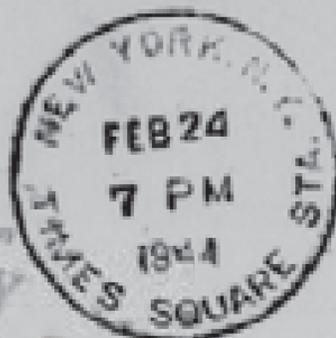
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I have been called back suddenly to Washington. I may have to remain there the entire week in connection with important developments related to our Palestine resolution. Will make every effort to be with you Wednesday but suggest that you have someone in reserve to take my place in case I cannot come. Kindest regards.

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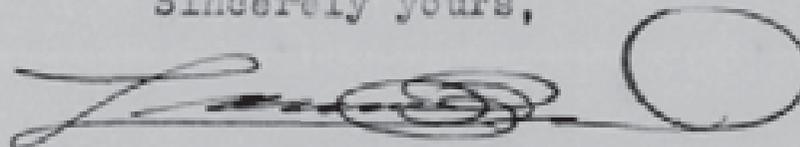
Dear Doctor Silver:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your very fine letter of March 3, which I was to read at our city-wide mass meeting held under the auspices of the Zionist Organization, and which was scheduled for March 9.

However, due to unforeseen circumstances, our meeting here has had to be postponed until the 22nd of this month at which time I shall be most pleased to read your message as contained in your letter.

On behalf of the Sioux City District Zionist Organization, I want to reassure you of our deep gratitude to you for your interest in our Cause.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Dr. Silver:

The members of the Bronx-Upper Manhattan Zionist Region have done remarkably well under the leadership of Hon. M. Maldwin Fertig, who is now their President. In the space of four months, the membership has increased from a total of 1800 last year to over 4000 thus far this season, which promises to reach 5000 before the season is over.

In recognition of their love and appreciation, a Testimonial Album, described in the attached leaflet, is being prepared, and will be presented to Mr. Fertig at a formal dinner on April 23rd.

I am sure, Dr. Silver, that you would be interested to send a message of greeting to Mr. Fertig for that occasion, and would therefore request you to send it on time to be included in the Album (April 15, 1944).

Very sincerely yours,

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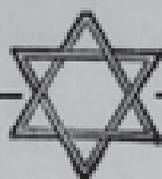
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The annual convention of the New England Zionist Region will be held this year in Boston, on Sunday, June 18th. The climax of the Convention will be a dinner which will be held at 8:00 P. M. that evening.

On behalf of the New England Zionist Region, we invite you to be the speaker at this dinner. We know that your presence and address will greatly encourage our people here and aid the Zionist Cause in New England.

Hoping to hear from you in the very near future that you will be able to be with us on this occasion, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

Coleman Silbert

Coleman Silbert, President
New England Zionist Region

George Rossyn

George Rossyn, Chairman
Convention Committee

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S. J. ZACKS
100 Adelaide St. West
Toronto, Canada

April 6, 1944

Rabbi A. H. Silver
American Zionist Emergency Committee
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Needless to say, I was very much disappointed that you were unable to accept our invitation to be present during our Campaign.

We had hoped to have a large testimonial dinner for you and we would probably have had a packed hall with some 1500 people present. This would naturally have given great impetus to our task.

We had hoped to have this dinner during the week of the 30th of May. If you have any reason to change your plan, I assure you we will still be very pleased to hear that you can accept our invitation, for any day within this week that would be most suitable.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Samuel J. Zacks

co-President, Zionist Organization of
Canada

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Enclosure

P. S. I might mention that I have just returned from a luncheon at which the Hon. Will Rogers Jr. was guest speaker. I had the opportunity of a chat with him after lunch, about the fate of the resolutions in the House and it was his opinion that all the confusion created amongst the members of the Committee by the Jewish protagonists in connection with a Jewish Commonwealth, created this delay which gave "The Military" inspired by the British Embassy and the State Department, the opportunity to oppose the resolutions. If we had pressed harder for "The Open Door" and left the problem of the Commonwealth to be determined after the war, the objections which came up, might not have arisen. We would at least have had free immigration. I mention this for what it is worth. You are probably more familiar with the situation than I. This is the opinion of Rogers, who is not in sympathy with the objections raised by "The Military."

You will be interested to know that I was instrumental in arranging a meeting for the Canadian Palestine Committee with our Canadian Prime Minister in connection with our representation at the coming Imperial Conference. We were accorded a very fine reception in response to a well-prepared brief. The

Prime Minister of Canada indicated his sympathy with us and his readiness to support our claims at the coming Imperial Conference.

S.J.Z.

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April 6, 1944

Mr. Coleman Silbert, President
New England Zionist Region
600 Washington St.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Silbert:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for your gracious invitation to address the annual convention of the New England Zionist Region on June 18. I should very much like to come, but I am scheduled to attend a very important meeting here in Cleveland on that day. I wish the New England Zionist Region every success in the great work in which it is engaged. I am gratified with the fine progress which it is registering, and the whole-hearted cooperation of your leaders in the vital Zionist tasks of the hour.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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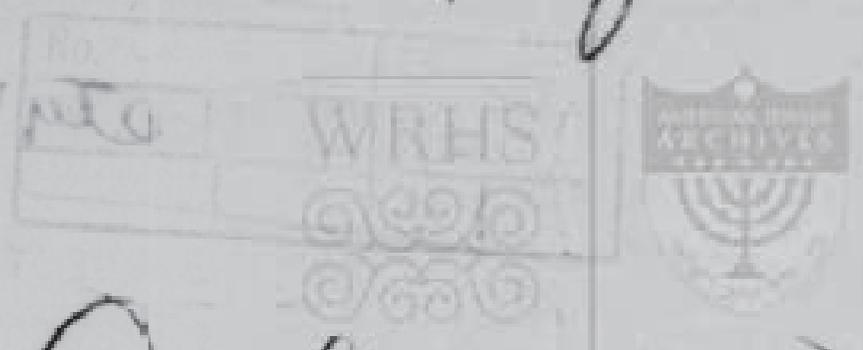
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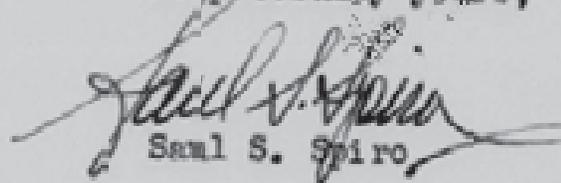
Dear Dr. Silver:

In Mr. Shetzer's absence I am taking the liberty to advise you that we are placing on the agenda of the forthcoming Z.O.A. Administrative Council meeting on Sunday, April 16th, in New York City, a report by the American Zionist Emergency Council. The National Executive will meet on Saturday evening, April 15th, at which time a report of the Emergency Council has also been placed on the agenda. What is your pleasure in this matter?

We shall be glad to hear that you are planning to be with us at that time.

With personal regards and best wishes for a happy Passover, I am,

Respectfully yours,


Saul S. Spiro

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April 19, 1944

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We believe it important that the members of the Interim Committee of the American Jewish Conference, who represent the Zionist and Congress groups, should meet to talk over matters pertaining to the American Jewish Conference.

Would you please come to a meeting of these groups next Tuesday evening, April 25th, at 8.30, at the Z.O.A. office, 41 East 42nd Street, Room 600?

Sincerely yours,

Stephen S. Wise
Stephen S. Wise

Israel Goldstein
Israel Goldstein



April 20, 1944

Mr. Max Cohen,
260 East 161st Street,
Room 409 A,
Bronx 51, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

I have been away from the city so much of the time that my correspondence has lagged.

My word of tribute to Mr. M. Maldwin Fertig will, undoubtedly, be too late for inclusion in the Testimonial Album, but I wish him to know how heartily I join his host of friends in sending to him my felicitations on the remarkably fine work which he has been doing in behalf of Zionism, and on the success of the Zionist Bronx and Upper Manhattan Region under his leadership. Please convey to him these, my sincere wishes and congratulations.

Those who serve as he has served our great historic cause in this decisive hour are building a glorious future for their people, and Mr. Fertig is among the most zealous and industrious builders. More power to him.

Most cordially yours,

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Abba Hillel Silver

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To Regional and District Presidents, Secretaries,
Public Relations and Cultural Chairmen

Dear Friends:

It is some time since my last communication to you. We are at a point where a further communication from us may be looked for to indicate what needs to be done in the months which are immediately ahead.

1. Palestine Resolution

While the situation relating to the Palestine Resolution pending in the U. S. Congress is in a state of suspended animation due to the intervention of the military authorities, Zionist activities in Washington have not been relaxed. The pace of the effort to secure the abrogation of the White Paper and in the direction of the long range objective, - the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth, has not been slackened. Constant touch is being maintained both with the Executive and Legislative branches of the U. S. Government and the utmost and continuous vigilance is being exercised for safeguarding the interests of our people.

In view of President Roosevelt's recent statements to the effect that military considerations alone have dictated the present attitude of the Executive branch of the U. S. Government towards the Palestine Resolution, we are hopeful that as D-Day draws near portending a decisive turn in the military situation, conditions will warrant positive action on the Palestine Resolution on the part of the U. S. Congress.

At the same time our endeavors will also be directed toward securing the support of both the Democratic and Republican parties for our program end, if possible, to have it incorporated as part of the platform of both parties at their forthcoming national conventions.

Efforts to secure the adoption of pro-Zionist resolutions in the State Legislatures and by various civic and religious organizations should continue.



Our slogan for every day is: Carry on the fight for the abrogation of the White Paper and for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth.

Pursuant to the ZOA directive urging initiative in the establishment of community councils to carry through on the local level the public relations policies formulated by the American Zionist Emergency Council on behalf of the ZOA and the other Zionist bodies, ZOA district leaders have taken the lead in mobilizing public support for the Palestine Resolution. This activity should be carried on without relaxing even for one moment. The fate of our people and the future of Palestine are at stake.

2. Challenge of "American Council for Judaism"

In conjunction with our work in the field of education and public relations, ZOA districts should not neglect to meet the serious challenge confronting our movement as a result of the activities of the so-called "American Council for Judaism." Their appearance before the House Foreign Affairs Committee by the leaders of this group in opposition to the Palestine Resolution was a depressing spectacle indeed. The menace presented by this group should not be underestimated even though they comprise a negligible minority in American Jewry.

Unfortunately, many of our own Jews are misled by the propaganda of the Council. Reports received in the national ZOA headquarters show that even enrolled Zionists tend to minimize the dangerous aspect of the type of arguments employed by the Council. In a subtle manner the propaganda of the Council for Judaism attempts to convey the impression that the group is not opposed to Jewish immigration into Palestine. This is intended to lull many into the belief that they are espousing Jewish settlement in Palestine. However, it should be borne in mind that the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine which they so strenuously oppose constitutes the major and basic plank in the Zionist platform which was endorsed by the overwhelming majority of American Jewry through the American Jewish Conference. Without the status of a Jewish Commonwealth, Palestine will lack political foundation. Without such foundation, the entire Jewish national structure will be jeopardized and the future of Jewish immigration into Palestine will be at the mercy of others.

3. Our Immediate Tasks

The main and immediate tasks confronting our ZOA districts are as follows:

- a. Maintain the closest contact with and representation on your local Zionist Emergency Council. In communities where no such body is functioning, the ZOA district leadership should assume the lead in mobilizing community-wide support for Zionist projects in line with the directives received from the American Zionist Emergency Council and the ZOA;

b. See your Congressman and Senator as well as the candidates for office with a view to eliciting commitments to support the Palestine Resolution;

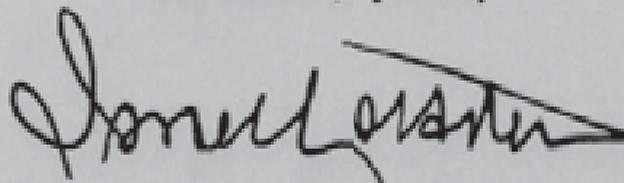
c. A numerically strong ZOA will give your organization weight and authority. Devote the months of May and June to the reenrollment of your members in arrear and to the enlistment of the largest possible number of new recruits. The attainment of our 150,000 membership goal before our convention will make the ZOA the premier and largest Jewish organization in the world;

d. Every effort should be made through the medium of literature and the platform, to combat the activities of the American Council for Judaism in your community. The national ZOA headquarters is prepared to furnish you with adequate quantities of pamphlets calculated to answer and counteract the propaganda of the Council. These brochures include: "The Answer" by Dr. James G. Heller; "The American Council for Judaism" by Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein; "Pathological Jews" by Dr. Israel Goldstein; and "The Jewish Commonwealth - our contribution to a better world" - a collection of articles by Ludwig Lewisohn, Judge Bernard Rosenblatt and A. K. Epstein; and a reprint of an article by Maurice Samuel;

e. The need of educating the non-Jewish public to the problems of our people has never been so important as now. There have been published recently a number of books which are powerful media for bringing an understanding of these problems to the general public at large. I refer to "The Forgotten Ally" by Pierre Van Paassan, "Breathe Upon These" by Ludwig Lewisohn, and "Palestine Land of Promise" by Walter C. Lowdermilk. Copies of these books may be obtained from the Book Department at our national ZOA headquarters. You are urged to do everything possible to promote the sale and distribution of these books in your community.

With warm regards and Zion's greetings,

Faithfully yours,



Israel Goldstein

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M. Maldwin Fertig
900 Grand Concourse
Bronx 51 New York

May 4th
1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept my deep appreciation for your goodness in sending the commendatory letter in connection with the Testimonial Album; and may I take this occasion to tell you what has been in my mind for these many months, namely, my admiration for the superb manner in which you have carried on the work for the Emergency Council. I heard you speak at the last Administrative Committee meeting which I attended, and left much impressed and moved.

We have fairly well succeeded, as a beginning, to arouse and organize this vast community of Jews -- Bronx and Upper Manhattan comprising about a million -- but of course, it is a mere beginning. We cannot rest on our laurels.

Nothing would give our cause and our movement greater impetus up here than to have you address us on an occasion that will be suitably arranged. On Sunday, June 4th, the Bronx-Upper Manhattan Zionist Region holds its annual conference, and it is planned to hold a public meeting that same evening. I assure you that your coming, significant and valuable at any time, would at this juncture be invaluable.

I am not, of course, unmindful of your numerous and heavy burdens, but believe me, an address to the Bronx now, by you, would bear fruit to a surprising degree.

I hope you can find it possible to give us your acceptance. I can assure you that it will stimulate and electrify our membership, and the community at large, Jewish and non-Jewish alike.

With warm, personal greetings, I am,

Cordially yours,

(Signed) M. Maldwin Fertig

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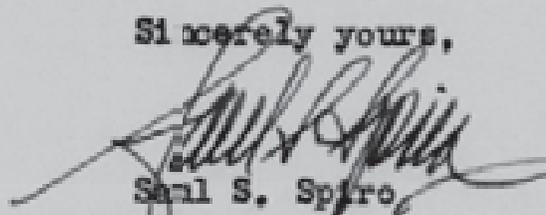
Dear Dr. Silver:

A report by you on the American Zionist Emergency Council has been placed on the agenda of the Z.C.A. Executive Committee meeting, to be held on May 16th in New York.

We shall be glad to hear that you are planning to be with us at that time.

With best wishes and Zion's greetings,

Sincerely yours,


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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Regional President, Hon. M. Maldwin Fertig,
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of a telegram I have just sent you both to Cleveland and to Washington. In the remote event that even the copy of my letter of May 4th did not reach you, I am therefore sending still another copy so that it will be immediately available to you.

The Region is on pins and needles, waiting to hear from you. We sincerely hope you come. If you do, we shall promptly give the news wide circulation in the Bronx, and make arrangements for a meeting which will be attended by prominent non-Jews as well, and which will take on the nature of a community event.

Very cordially yours,

M. Maldwin Fertig
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MMF/jsk
Encl.

COFY SENT TO: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
of The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I need your assistance in promoting the War Bond Sales which, as you know, are now being conducted by the Zionist Organization of America. I am the Regional Chairman for the Bronx, having been so appointed by Mr. Fertig.

I had been successful in persuading the Treasury Department to provide me with an official stamp on all Bonds and Applications which will indicate the name of the Z.O.A. and the Bronx Region. Naturally, I am very proud of this special Zionist stamp.

I know Rabbi, that you are purchasing Bonds and I would like to have the honor of being able to issue a Bond to you and to be in a position to exhibit your Application with my Zionist stamp upon it. I think it will be an incentive and will help me at the various Bond rallies I am planning to hold to increase the sales.

Please forgive me for intruding upon your much valued time, but I am just trying to do my duty as a Bond Sales Chairman and I know that you will work with me in this detail.

Anticipating hearing from you very soon, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Arthur Levenson

Arthur Levenson, Chairman
War Bond Committee
Bronx-Upper Manhattan Zionist Region

June 15, 1944

Mr. Arthur Levenson, Chairman
War Bond Committee
Bronx-Upper Manhattan Zionist Region
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Levenson:

I should very much like to help you out, but as you probably know, our own Zionists here in Cleveland are conducting their war bond sales activities and it would not do for me to give my "business" outside of Cleveland. The Zionists want to run up a record here too.

With all good wishes for great success,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABS:EK

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To All Z.O.A. District and Regional Presidents,
Secretaries, Public Relations Chairmen, and
Members of the National Administrative Council

Dear Friends:

The Zionist Organization of America has embarked upon a radio project which has been characterized by the Executive Committee as having tremendous value to us during the critical period of next year in furthering our program. It will also, we feel sure, assist us in building membership and educating new members who recently joined our movement.

The program is planned as a weekly fifteen minute transcription series, for a period of 39 weeks, which will present dramatically what is being done by the Jews of Palestine and how the Z.O.A. helped make these achievements possible.

The title of this series is "Palestine Speaks!", which will tell a true story of Palestine and its People so dramatized as to highlight important aspects of the ideology and program of the Z.O.A.

A commercial, which will be part of the program, will stress and factually document the specific contributions of the Zionist Organization of America to the particular phase of achievement in Palestine with which the story is concerned.

Time will be allowed at the end of the program for an announcement which will feature your District and which will ask the listener to drop a postal card to the Z.O.A. District care of the radio station to which he is listening asking for more information on the work of the Z.O.A.

Each program will feature a distinguished star of stage, screen or radio. Ben Grauer is our regular announcer for the full series and we have already produced program featuring



Joseph Schildkraut, Judith Evelyn, Gene Kelly, Victor Jory, Anne Seymour and J. Edward Bromberg. In addition we have commitments from a great many stars such as Spencer Tracy, Edward G. Robinson, Eddie Cantor and many, many others for production within a short time.

We are in the process of preparing a radio book and prospectus for your use and guidance in getting these programs on the air. We have found that the stations in big cities like New York, Philadelphia and Boston are willing to offer free time just to get these programs because of the names of the stars and the quality of the programs. All the details have been worked out very carefully with the best radio brains in New York City.

At the present writing we wish only to advise you of this activity and also to ask that you appoint in your city a chairman of the radio project and forward his name immediately to our office.

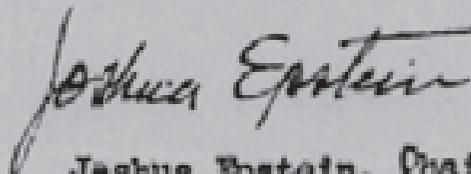
Needless to say, this activity will require some small financial support on the part of each of our districts which want to participate in getting the program on the air in their own cities.

We will be in touch with you about this when the proper time comes. In the meantime, please make sure that the chairman whom you will check for your radio committee will be the kind of man who can line up leading citizens in your city in putting the program over.

The whole project also has tremendous potential value as a goodwill activity in relation to the gentile community.

If you desire any special information with regards to the program at the present time, please write me care of the Metropolitan Office of the E.O.A., 41 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

Sincerely yours,



Joshua Epstein, Chairman
Radio Committee

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P. S. We are planning to inaugurate the program in selected cities on September 1st and expand it gradually until the entire country is covered by October.

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Zionist Organization of America

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June 25, 1944



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

Festung Europa is crumbling. The forces of liberation charging across death-laden beaches over the bodies of their fallen comrades to breach the vaunted walls of that fortress were inspired by a devotion to their cause "over and above the call of duty" which has ever been the mark of the free man. To men like these democracy owes its life.

To that same fellowship of sacrifice belong the leaders in the cause of Jewish freedom. But for their unstinted gift of their time and their resources, the long-cherished hope of a Jewish Commonwealth in the Homeland would still be of the stuff of which dreams are made--a vision still glimmering like a will-o'-the-wisp in the cloudy and faraway future. To them we owe the foundations of our national home.

Our task is to bring the work they have so well begun to its ultimate realization. You who now are leaders must show your people the way, by being the first in your community to give "above and beyond the call of duty."

The ZOA has set itself a goal of 2500 Life Members. The hardest phase of our struggle lies ahead. Not for us the glory of the supreme sacrifice in the field. But we can provide the sinews of war--the funds that will mean the ultimate success or failure of our fight.

Those of you who place your names on the Honor Roll of Life Members of the ZOA will give to the cause a reserve of strength which will be held faithfully in trust for future needs. Your names will be engraved in the history of the Homeland as men whose devotion inspired them to give not merely what was asked of them, but that greater contribution which their faith in the destiny of Israel demanded.

As leaders in your communities, it lies in your power to make the Life Membership Campaign a success. Be a Life Member yourself. By this tangible expression of your faith in the Jewish Commonwealth, you will bring great honor to yourself, and set a glorious standard for others. Leaders of Israel, SHOW THE WAY!

Sincerely yours,

Dewey D. Stone
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June 30, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The next issue of the New Palestine—New Reporter will contain brief articles by outstanding Zionists on the problems confronting the 47th Annual Convention, which will meet on October 14-16 in New York City.

I wonder whether you would be good enough to let me have a 300 word statement on what in your opinion are the major issues which the Convention will have to deal with.

I shall appreciate receiving your copy by July 12.

Deeply appreciative of your valuable cooperation, I remain

Cordially yours,

Ernest E. Barbara
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FAIRFAX 9691

HOUSTON, TEXAS

1414 MCKINNEY AVE.

October 6, 1944

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

My dear Dr. Silver;

The enclosed copy of my letter today to Harry Shapiro precludes the necessity for going into detail. We have extended you invitations on a number of occasions, and we still remember your last visit here four or five years ago. We would like for you to make another sacrifice for the cause, and if it all possible, to be with us at this meeting which we must call.

I spoke to Nathan Klein a short while ago and he too feels you are the only man to stir us out of our lethargy. We need to have you here, and want you to consider that Houston is the testing ground for the entire Southwest, and out of Houston has gone the voice, but that voice has been stilled by the reaction of people who care. Let us continue to make Houston the answering ground for the worst they can throw at us, and we will ever come forward to champion the cause as has been evidenced this past year.

May I hear from you soon?

Sincerely yours,

Dave White

DHW-ijw
enc.

October 6, 1944

Via Air Mail - Special Delivery

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Harry;

Several hours ago I was told that the American Council for Judaism is to make its stand in Houston October 28-29 & 30. A general meeting is planned for Sunday, the 29th. This meeting will be addressed by Lessing Rosenwald and Berger. Other than this particular phase of their visit I am not familiar with and, therefore, can't tell you what else is being planned. I do know, however, that the plans are for a thorough canvass of the city, and to reach every Jewish home for the general meeting. The place and hour of the meeting are unknown at this writing. Schachtel is in charge of publicity, and I am confident he will plaster the town.

I have just spoken to a number of our men, and the rabbis, and they are of the same mind with me - that we must do something to counteract them and do it on a scale larger than our opposition. I feel that we should schedule a public meeting for either Tuesday or Wednesday, Oct. 31 or Nov. 1, with an outstanding speaker, or speakers, to both refute and to encourage and build our Zionist following. This must be done immediately, and the answer from you must be made in the shortest possible time so that we can lend our every effort toward making our meeting one which will certainly be long remembered in the annals of our Jewish life in Houston.

You know the situation here. This is a battleground, and Berger purposely has been goaded into action by what we have done and what we are doing in the city. I feel that they are going to give their big guns a play, and a great deal is going to depend on the answer we give them.

I want your fullest cooperation in having come to Houston at the time suggested either Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi James G. Heller (who did such a remarkable job on his last trip), or a man of equal calibre. If this is going to be made a test, we want to meet it, and meet it on such terms as people in this community and surrounding territory

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro

Oct. 6, 1944

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will understand.

A great deal depends on what assistance your office and the other Zionist organizations will give. I am writing Rabbis Heller, Silver and Goldstein, and I trust that through your combined efforts you will see your way clear to answer our call at this time.

Sincerely,

D. H. White

DHW-ijw

P.S. Please let me hear from you at your earliest possible convenience. I have called a meeting of our Emergency Committee here, at the latest for next Thursday afternoon, and I should like to give them tangible evidence of what will be done.

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JACQUES TORCZYNER, Sec'y
 221 FIFTH AVENUE N. Y. C.
 MURRAY HILL 2-0122

November 3, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have the honor and privilege to invite you to be the guest speaker at a meeting of our membership, which will be held at a date convenient to you. You certainly know how eager all of your friends are to hear a report on the political situation, given by you personally. Our District, one of the largest in the country, represents a very important cross-section of the Jewish population of New York City, and there is no doubt that this meeting, which we shall organize in accordance with your personal wishes, will mark the culmination of the Zionist season in New York City.

I therefore respectfully suggest that you choose a date in the early part of the month of December, which gives us enough time to prepare the organization of this great Zionist manifestation.

I hope that you will find it possible to accept this invitation which is extended to you, as the leader of Political Zionism in this country, and I can assure you that it will be a great encouragement to the innumerable friends which you have among us. I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Jacques Torczyner
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November 17, 1944

Mr. Jacques Torczyner, Secretary
Seventh District
Zionist Organization of America
551 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city a great deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I should very much love to come to a meeting of your membership, but frankly I do not know when I can undertake such an engagement. I am at the moment head over heels in work. We are waiting to see what will happen with our resolutions in Congress. If action is to be taken, then it will mean spending considerable time in Washington from now through December.

Furthermore, I am to address a Zionist meeting under the auspices of the Poale Zion on November 25. I do not wish, nor am I able to make frequent appearances on a Zionist platform in any one community. Perhaps later on in the season an opportunity will present itself, and then I shall be most happy to come to you.

With all good wishes for well-being and success,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

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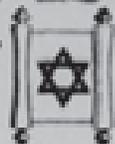
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A Weekly Review of Jewish Events



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DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

Randolph 7936

Jan. 23, 1945

Dear Dr. Silver

This is not the time to go into details of the position being taken by Detroit Zionists in the current controversy. I have taken a stand in support of your stand and I am having a time of it, since Detroit is traditionally the die-hard Kaufmann-Goldman-Goldstein supporter.

We must win Detroit. YOU can do it—by accepting this invitation:

I have undertaken to ask you to address the annual event of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jewish National Fund on Wednesday evening, March 21, at the Masonic Temple.

The ladies have rented the great hall seating 5,500 for the afternoon, when they would draw 3,000 women who contribute \$45,000 to the J.N.F. But if you come they will at once change the time to the evening and would PACK the hall with their husbands—which means that the vast majority of Zionist members would be there.

It is important that I have a reply to this call at once. You can reach me at the above phone, or, tomorrow until 2 P. M. at the printing plant at HO. 6743.

Please act at once.

Sincerely,

Philip Slomovitz

January 25, 1945

Mr. Philip Slosovitz
The Jewish News
2114 Penobscot Bldg.
Detroit 23, Michigan

My dear Friend:

After you telephoned me from Detroit, I read your letter and I checked up on my calendar. I should very much like to be with you on Wednesday evening, March 21, but that is the date when a testimonial dinner is being given to me in New York City. I regret therefore very much that I cannot accept your very gracious invitation. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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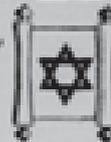
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Jan. 25, 1945

Dear Dr. Silver

Since speaking with you over the phone a while ago, the JNF women have informed me that if you will accept their invitation you can have a choice of March 21—the originally set date which is preferred—Tuesday evening, March 20, or Wednesday evening, March 14.

I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Philip Slomovitz

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Wed. Mar. 14



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PHILIP SLOMOVITZ.

Ga-0150

January 26, 1945

Mr. Philip Slosovitz
The Jewish News
2114 Penobscot Bldg.
Detroit 26, Michigan

My dear Mr. Slosovitz:

Mr. Eganuel Neumann phoned me this afternoon and said that he would see you in a few days. I would suggest that you take up with him the matter of my address at the JNF meeting in Detroit. He has been guiding me, so to speak, in the matter of many Zionist engagements in view of the large number which have come in in recent weeks.

With all good wishes, and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in the near future, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Feb. 2, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
E. 105th and Ansell Road
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Last night we learned that Masonic Temple obligations to the Symphony Orchestra again limited the JNF to the Jan. 21 date, and it is a matter of extreme personal regret to me that we shall have to stop bothering you to come here for an address, even after the March 14 date was declared acceptable.

But the local fight will now be pushed to clarify the issue to our Zionists. We had an important Zionist Council meeting last night and only one man was lukewarmly backing the reorganization of the American Zionist Emergency Council as it stands today.

I shall keep you informed on what transpires. In the meantime, many thanks for your courtesies and all good wishes.

Very sincerely,

Philip Slomovitz

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Upon my return to the city last week after a prolonged absence, I found a letter from Charles Rosenbloom and a card inviting me to join the National Council of the American Zionist Policy Committee. I was very happy to receive the invitation and immediately mailed back the card and wired Harry Shapiro that I was happy to join. Mr. Albert Schiff also advised me that he joined the National Council.

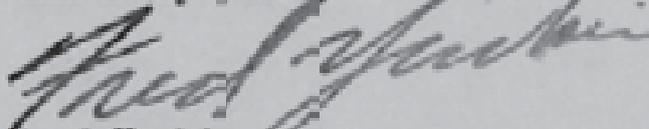
On March 13th I will propose before the Executive Board of the Columbus Zionist Organization, that a resolution be passed demanding your recall to the leadership of the Zionist movement. I'm certain that the entire Board will agree that this should be done. We are planning something further which I am not in position to divulge at this present moment and it will be even more important. I'm sure that you will hear of it as soon as it happens.

The Columbus Zionist Membership, which numbers 1,000, should have considerable bearing towards getting Zionist policies changed in the direction that both you and we agree upon. I sincerely hope that enough pressure is brought to bear on the country at large so your policies may prevail.

Sunday, May 6th, the Columbus Zionist Organization will install its new officers. There will be a banquet in the ballroom of the Deshr-Wallick Hotel. We would consider it a distinct honor if you would be our guest speaker that evening. The Zionist Organization of Columbus is a large and active organization. You are deeply loved and respected in this community. Your presence here will be of great significance because Columbus is the focal point of the Zionist Organization in the middle-west. We are also the largest district in the Ohio Valley Zionist Region. Because Columbus is so close to Cleveland, being only a three hour ride on the train, it would not take you away too long from your work in Cleveland. I sincerely hope that I can give a favorable reply to my Zionist associates, who are also anxiously awaiting to hear from you.

With kindest regards and fondest affections, I am

Sincerely yours,



Fred Yenkin
251 North Sandusky St.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
106th St. and Euclid
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached please find copy of resolution adopted by the Executive Board of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region held Sunday, March 18th, at the Neil House in Columbus.

Sincerely yours,

Fred Yenkin
Fred Yenkin
251 N. Sandusky St.

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March 27, 1945

Mr. Fred Yenkin
251 North Sandusky St.
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Mr. Yenkin:

I have just returned from New York and I hasten to acknowledge your kind letter of March 19. I was delighted with the resolutions which the Ohio Valley Zionist Region adopted on March 18. It has been heartening to all of us.

I wish you were present at the testimonial dinner in New York City last Wednesday evening. It was in every way a memorable event. I am sure that you have read about in the press.

I should very much like to come to you on Sunday, May 6th but I must be in my own pulpit on that day, and I have already two weddings scheduled for the afternoon. Sunday is a very difficult day for me to get away. Many congregational activities take place on that day.

I hope to be of service to you at some future time. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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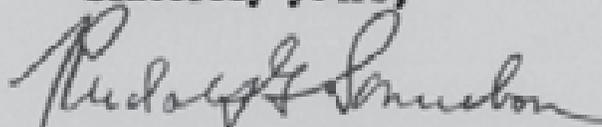
April 13, 1945

Dear Dr. Silver:

Will you join me for dinner on Monday evening, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Commodore Hotel to meet privately with Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and one of the truly great leaders of Palestine Jewry, who has just arrived by air from Palestine. Under his administration, the most important economic and industrial achievements of Palestine have been planned and executed.

It is my thought that we will not only hear from this distinguished visitor but have an opportunity to confer with him on the activities and prospects which are of such great concern. The outstanding authority on Palestine's economic development, he has also been responsible for the entire program of relief and rescue in Europe as administered from Palestine by the Jewish Agency. I need hardly add that the meeting is not for fund-raising purposes but intended solely to take advantage of his presence in this country.

Sincerely yours,



Rudolf G. Sonneborn
Chairman, National Council

RGS:MRH

April 18, 1945

Mr. Rudolf G. Sonneborn
L. Sonneborn Sons, Inc.
88 Lexington Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Sonneborn:

Thank you for your kind letter and for your invitation to join you for dinner on Monday evening April 23rd to meet with Mr. Eliezer Kaplan. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I will not be able to get away from Cleveland on that day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BX

JACQUES TORCZYNER

2 W. 46 St.

New York, N. Y.

May 2, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
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Dear Dr. Silver:

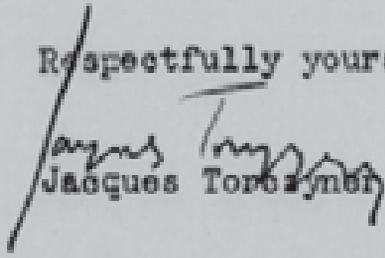
Under separate cover, I had the privilege of inviting you officially to be the guest speaker at the annual conference of the Manhattan Zionist Region to be held on June 10th, 1945.

You certainly know that we have in the Region, the strongest representation of friends of the administration. We were agreeably surprised when the conference committee unanimously voted for you as first choice as guest speaker.

I know how busy you are, but please make a special effort this time, as your appearance at the Manhattan Zionist Region could have great results and unify on our side the whole Region.

I remain

Respectfully yours,


Jacques Torczyner

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May 4, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Once more, but this time in my capacity as Secretary of the Manhattan Zionist Region, I have the privilege to invite you to be our guest speaker at our Annual Conference, which is scheduled to be held on Sunday, June 10th, 1945, in New York.

I believe that it is unnecessary for me to tell you how pleased we would be if you would accept our invitation. The many friends you have in our midst will be particularly happy to welcome you in a Region that is becoming the largest in the country.

Hoping to have a favorable answer, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Jacques Torczyner
JACQUES TORCZYNER
Secretary

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Abe Tannenbaum
 Jamaica, N.Y.

Deeply regret that congregational duties on
 June 24 make it impossible for me to accept your
 kind invitation. Kindest regards.

Abba Hillel Silver

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Benjamin A. Tober
Portsmouth, N. H.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Policy Committee
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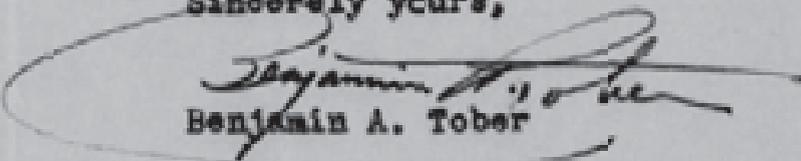
The New Hampshire Zionist Federation is to hold its Conference in Portsmouth on Sunday, June 24.

As your Mr. Harry Shapiro probably told you, I telephoned several weeks ago hoping that you might consent to address the Banquet Session. However, I learned from him, at that time, that you would be unavailable.

Therefore, in your absence, we would appreciate a written message from you to be read that evening. You may address your communication to me at the above address.

Also, in speaking with Mr. Shapiro, he gave me hope that you might consent to come to New Hampshire this Fall. We would be eternally grateful to you if this does become a reality.

Sincerely yours,


Benjamin A. Tober

BAT/JIF

June 18, 1945

Mr. Benjamin A. Tober
Tober's Inc,
151-153 Congress Street
Portsmouth, N.H.

My dear Mr. Tober:

I wish I could be in attendance at the Conference of the New Hampshire Zionist Federation next Sunday. It would give me great pleasure indeed to participate in your program. Unfortunately I must attend the convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in Atlantic City. I am Vice-President of that organization and my attendance is imperative.

I wish your Conference every success in its deliberations. New England has been a strong center of Zionist thought and action. The next period in our Zionist work will be the most decisive. This is the time to mobilize all of our forces and to marshal our maximum strength. The war and the tragedies which attended it have underscored the soundness of the Zionist position. A national home is imperative to solve the age old problem of Jewish national homelessness which has been at the root of most of the evils which have overtaken our people.

May you go from strength to strength. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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Please accept my sincerest congratulations upon your election as a delegate to the American Jewish Conference and upon the distinction which your community has conferred upon you in selecting you to participate in the most significant assembly of American Jewry in our times.

As a member of the Zionist Organization of America you are familiar with the official program of post-war aims adopted by your organization. This statement, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, has already been submitted to the Preliminary Studies Committee of the Conference. We are confident that you are in agreement with our aims and that you are prepared to join with us to support our program.

To assure the adoption of our Zionist platform at the American Jewish Conference, it is essential that every delegate who subscribes to it shall cooperate with us at every stage of the proceedings, including the organization of the Conference itself.

Will you please advise me upon the enclosed form that you are associating yourself with us in our efforts to protect and restore the rights of our fellow-Jews and to re-establish Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth? We shall have occasion to communicate with you again before the Conference as we are planning to call together all of our friends at a preliminary meeting.

Anticipating the pleasure of your favorable response and with kindest regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

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Louis E. Levinthal

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My dear Judge Levinthal:

I am happy to associate myself with the statement of Post-War Aims of the Zionist Organization of America and shall be glad to assist you in organizing our group for the support of our program at the American Jewish Conference. I should like to be invited to attend any meeting called to effectuate these purposes.

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AMERICAN JEWRY is faced by a mighty challenge. The designs of those who seek to deny or destroy Jewish peoplehood must be brought to naught. The indomitable will of a people to survive shall prevail.

But are we merely to stand and wait until the inexorable forces of destiny effect our deliverance? In this, of all moments of history, they do not serve who merely stand and wait. We must act!

The White Paper—this black scroll of infamy—is not merely the betrayal of a solemn international covenant. It is the Document of Doom to Jewish aspirations. It is the literal sentence of death to millions of innocents whose last hopes are the open doors of Palestine.

THE WHITE PAPER OF 1939 MUST BE ABROGATED.

This is the determination of the Jewish people. This is the expressed will of American Jewry as voiced by its overwhelming vote at the American Jewish Conference in the Resolution for the reconstitution of Palestine as the Jewish Commonwealth.

And who shall bring the force and power of our righteous cause to bear upon the conscience of the United Nations if not we American Jews—the freest of all our Jewish brethren throughout the world? This we can do through the increasing strength and influence of a numerically great Zionist Organization of America.

Democracy inevitably yields to public opinion and operates through organized majorities. To speak with authority in this hour of destiny and decision, the Zionist Organization of America must be the largest Jewish organization in the country in enrolled membership.

We have, therefore, proclaimed a nation-wide campaign for the immediate registration of 150,000 members. As President of the Zionist Organization of America, I call upon every District officer to make this his Hour of Rededication to our great cause and to secure the personal participation of every member in this great enrollment campaign—as a sacred duty and an immediate responsibility.

Onward to Victory!

Israel Goldstein

President, Zionist Organization of America.



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THE INDICEMENTS OF ZIONISM

1. The political nature of Zionism is driving a wedge between the Jews and the English. On the very day that Churchill visited Boston, the papers carried Zionistic slurs against the English. This is being ungrateful and narrow minded, and is subjecting us to dangerous reprisals. The English came to Palestine only to stop riots. The withdrawal of the English from Palestine is unthinkable and even the Zionists should see that. Except for a headache, what does England get out of Palestine? England is the godmother of contemporary Jewish settlement in Palestine. England was the first to stop the tyrannical Hitler hordes, who would destroy Jews everywhere. It was England who stopped Basmal, practically at the gates of Palestine. Jews have prospered and become great among the English in the past. Our hopes for the future also are greatly dependent upon the cooperation and kindness of the English Empire. All thinking Jews thank, salute and bless the English.

2. The Zionists have created an immense lobby to further their political schemes. They have bothered cabinet members, senators, congressmen, governors, industrialists, professional men, generals and others. They promote, men and women, mass meetings, house parties, luncheons, conventions, congresses, conferences, under various names. Their newspaper publicity is greater than that of any non-Jewish group in America. It is greater than that of all other Jewish activities combined. They should save some of their motion for America. We are American Jews and not Palestinian aliens. The Jewish Conference, held in New York, on paper supposed to represent sixty-five Jewish organizations, in reality was handled from its very inception as a camouflaged Zionistic oratorical contest, and that's all that was accomplished. What is it the Zionists want from us, Jews as well as non-Jews? If it is money they want, we would give it to them for a good purpose, subject to an accounting, but they don't ask for money. They get money deviously by means of our combined fund raising appeals. They are really looking for the impossible, a deed from England to someone else's property when the property is on fire and England has all it can do to put out the fire first.

3. Certain parties in Zionism want a Jewish army. If a Jewish army, why not an Arabian army also? What a chance that would be to revive wars that ended so catastrophically for us 2000 years ago. Palestinian Jews are welcome to fight in the English ranks and some of them do. The destruction of our enemy in the most effective way, regardless under what flag, is the only thing that matters. Do the Palestinians want a separate Jewish army, or is it an American Zionists' fancy?

4. The Zionists have robbed Jews of great leaders. They now look to non-Jews for leaders. This is something new in politics. It is like asking the Italians to expound the causes of the Crocks. A Jew must speak for Zionism or he is a traitor. To speak against them is forbidden. So today we have no great men with broad vision of the type of Herzberg or Kirshtein, who could see the whole Jewish problem. Undoubtedly we have the talent but it will lie dormant as long as it is stifled by Zionism. Our great scientist Einstein who at one time showed interest in the movement, found it necessary as others have done, to take cover in seclusion from the extremists, those who have created perpetual emotion. We Jews have a symphony of problems all over the world, but the single flute of Zionism is so loud and constant that the rest of the orchestra cannot be heard. Their partiality for Zionism is so strong that they are prejudiced against all other Jewish ideas. They are therefore disqualified and should not speak on Jewish problems other than Zionism.

5. Zionist creates stern directors' meetings of our synagogues, and get them to vote their entire congregations in as members of the Zionist party, the body of the members not being present. This is undemocratic. The Zionists have crept into all Jewish institutions, synagogues, schools and organizations. Our schools have become propaganda centers to teach nationalism. They try to make every Jewish organization bend its knee to Zionism. By saying Zionism is their religion only adds to Jewish complications.

6. The Zionist party represents about one per cent of the Jewish population of America, yet they claim all Jews are in sympathy with their propaganda. That is a dream. Naturally all Jews believe in helping Jews, wherever they may settle, and this includes the 600,000 Jews in Palestine. But that is not to be construed that all Jews agree with the means the Zionists are employing. ~~to xxxxxxxx the xxx~~

7. Do all the American Zionist activities have the approval of the Palestinians, who have to live there? Let the Palestinians speak for themselves. Let them experiment free from the chaos that would follow the wide opening of the gates of Palestine to millions, as the American Zionists agitate. A building cannot be constructed if the material is constantly deposited on a limited lot. They have a hard enough time to try to create some sort of economic security in Palestine. Culturally also there is the conflict between Eastern and Western ways of life. American Jewry has poured millions into Palestine to help support it. Only about fifteen per cent of the soil of Palestine is arable, without minerals or metals.

Palestine cannot be self-supporting. American Jewry as well as others from more prosperous countries will have to subsidize it, and we should do so for reasonable and peaceful purposes. Men have always migrated towards richer soil. We cannot therefore, to be practical, say that Palestine is our goal. Jews have settled in all parts of the world. Five million of us settled in America --- and without the aid of a political movement like Zionism.

8. The American Zionists want a solution to the peace problem of Zionism now. They want exclusive treatment before consideration of all the other matters that will be confronting the people of the world when Hitler and Tojo are destroyed. While the metal of war boils as does lava in a volcano, it is difficult to see what form it will take as it cools. It is the hope of mankind to have a peace that will be global in scope and fair in judgment. The Jewish question will undoubtedly be one of the problems to solve. We hope to have friends and to be treated fairly after this war as after the last war, if the Zionists will give us a chance, but let us win the war first. Next to religion, the secret of the survival of the Jew through the ages has been his ability to absorb or deflect a blow and, like a good defensive athlete, come up as strong as ever when the worst is over. But now the Zionists want us to reverse that policy and become a militant people. Even great nations deteriorated and were subdued when they crusted on militarism. What chance have we, being a minority? The Jewish policy used to be an appeal to reason, but the next common phrase in the Zionist vocabulary is "we demand".

9. The Zionists are not satisfied that already we have close to 600,000 Jews in Palestine, with a reasonably steady increase. The American Zionists, 4000 miles from the scene, demand a limitless, overpopulated, aggressive, expanding, fighting political state there. But the Arabs are there too, always more numerous, and they do not seem to agree with the Zionists.

10. But the greatest wrong of the Zionists is when they say that the present plight of the Eastern European Jew is hopeless and permanently so, and that Palestine is their only remedy. This is like trying to cure typhus with dope. They choose to judge the future by conditions brought on in war time, and deny to living people a hope for revival of better days in peace time, except on their terms. Zionists are using our Jewish miseries to advance their own nationalisms. They have been exploiting our fears, forever crying defeatism. They

will make of us a neurotic, emotional people. Good cases in point are the Boston Garden show and the New York Conference. Do they fear that Zionism can shine only against the dismal background of war but not against normal conditions? Peace will come to all the troubled people of the world. Why should the Zionists deny to Jews the hope of sharing in a cleansed, sober, better world, wherever they may choose to make their home? Jews have made great contributions to countries in which they lived. They have added zest to the life of the people with whom they associated. On the other hand, Jews were great only when they mingled with non-Jews. Spinoza, Mendelssohn, Karl Marx and Staimetz, are but a few examples. History does not record great Jews who lived within the walls of a ghetto. For 2000 years we have survived as we are. Why gamble on a change to Zionistie rationalism?

CONCLUSION. The Zionists say that to question their activities is a crime against the Jewish people. We must stick together, we must have harmony, especially now, they say. Yes, just yield to them. The Italian leaders said that twenty years ago, and they got Fascism. Revive the ancient glories of Rome, they shouted, as they went to war. Ten years ago the Germans wanted to build a religion around the ancient legend of a Valhalla, and their rationalistic lust turned the world into a slaughter house. The Zionists too are shouting "Blood and soil is Judaism", and where will that lead us? We can see the splinter in the other fellow's eye, but we cannot see the wood in our own eye. Nothing on this earth basically or idealistically lives or invigorates unless it has opposition.

We are now fighting the suppressors of opposition opinion in every jungle, desert, valley, mountain and ocean. We are now fighting the suppressors of opposition opinion for the freedom to say what we please. By what right do the Zionists prohibit expression against their nationalistic lust? Expression of independent thought is the very spirit of enlightened Jewry. It is the foundation of democracy, the indicator of truth. There is talk of a union of England and America, of an international citizenship, and other means of closer mingling of the people of the world. But the Zionists are trying to create a difficult, small, separate country, which may revive troubles we are now trying to end.

This pamphlet is written only because I hope that my small voice will help dissipate the narcotic of Zionism, which dulls our senses and thoughts of helping our suffering people in any practical way which may present itself. It is our duty to help our people re-settle and re-patriate wherever conditions warrant. Palestine may be one of those places under a

democratic, autonomous government, where Jew, Moslem and Christian are equally represented. But for the present, there ought to be a moratorium on Zionism for the duration. They should follow their leader, Dr. Weitzman, who dropped Zionist activities.

The shouting in a major voice "Next year in Jerusalem" is traditional and our forefathers have found spiritual exhilaration in it. That it is more pleasant to travel than to arrive has been proven to us very vividly. Jerusalem is now the shrine of three powerful religions, with hundreds of millions of followers. They would not even think of giving it up to us. If it were possible for us also to build a shrine or a temple in Jerusalem, we could raise enough funds to build one higher than the Empire State building, but if this should ever be realized, it would come only after delicate negotiations. In the meantime, let us face it graciously. We are complimented to have the other religious bodies revere Jerusalem with us. We gave birth to religion in Jerusalem. Therefore let us be the proud parents of the three religions enshrined there. Jerusalem is a matter of the spirit. The present Zionist activities, however, apply to the economic, governmental and military control of other parts of Palestine. ~~These activities are a direct challenge to the Jewish people's responsibility to the world.~~

The immediate future of the Jew depends on the outcome of this war, and not Palestine. Let us attend to first things first. The challenge of the Jew is not blind faith in the struggle over a difficult piece of land, as the Zionists would have us believe. The challenge of the Jew was laid down by Moses, who did not enter Palestine, when he gave us the Ten Commandments to pass on to all the people on earth. Our mission is to continue to live among all the people of the world as a perpetual reminder of these laws. Our duty is to be fair and understanding towards other people so that they may learn to be fair towards us.

This pamphlet is mailed only to a selected list of those Jews who have displayed feeling for our people in the past. The Zionists are embarrassing and jeopardizing American Jewry. The country can be told that the Zionist activities represent only the sentiments of that noisy political group, and that they do not speak for all Jews of America. But this can be done only by an organization of national scope interested in the welfare of Jews everywhere, with a character and opinion independent of the Zionists.

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Sent to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept my deep appreciation for your goodness in sending the commendatory letter in connection with the Testimonial Album; and may I take this occasion to tell you what has been in my mind for these many months, namely, my admiration for the superb manner in which you have carried on the work for the Emergency Council. I heard you speak at the last Administrative Committee meeting which I attended, and left much inspired and moved.

We have fairly well succeeded, as a beginning, to arouse and organize this vast community of Jews -- Bronx and Upper Manhattan comprising only about a million -- but of course, it is a mere beginning. We cannot rest on our laurels.

Nothing would give our cause and our movement greater impetus up here than to have you address us on an occasion that will be suitably arranged. On Sunday, June 4th, the Bronx-Upper Manhattan Zionist Region holds its annual conference, and it is planned to hold a public meeting that same evening. I assure you that your coming, significant and valuable at any time, would at this juncture be invaluable.

I am not, of course, unmindful of your numerous and heavy burdens, but believe me, an address to the Bronx now, by you, would bear fruit, to a surprising degree.

I hope you can find it possible to give us your acceptance. I can assure you that it will stimulate and electrify our membership, and the community at large, Jewish and non-Jewish alike.

With warm, personal greetings, I am,

Cordially yours,

(Signed)

M. Maldwin Fertig

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE OF THE
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 1944

In view of the political importance attaching at this time to resolutions and statements of principles regarding Palestine adopted by national Jewish organizations and important groups in American Jewish life - and in order to insure co-ordinated political action,

BE IT RESOLVED by the N.E.C. of the Z.O.A. that it is incumbent upon all Zionists having relations with non-Zionist groups to act with utmost circumspection and to refrain from entering upon negotiations or committing themselves by giving support or assent to any political formulation regarding Palestine different from the official Zionist formulation, without prior consultation with the American Zionist Emergency Council or its officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the N.E.C. recommend the adoption of similar resolutions by all other organizations affiliated with the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Platform

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH
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1. The United Nations are engaged in a war for survival. As Americans and as Jews, we seek, first of all, the victory of the forces of democracy, of equality and of freedom over those of tyranny and brutal aggression to the end that men everywhere may enjoy the Four Freedoms—Freedom of Worship, Freedom of Expression, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear.

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2. For the uprooted and despoiled Jews of Europe, who were the first victims of the assault against democracy and civilization, we demand that relief and rehabilitation be provided at the earliest possible moment. Those who desire to return to their countries of origin must be enabled to do so; while opportunities for migration and settlement must be afforded to others who will wish to emigrate and begin life anew elsewhere. On behalf of the Jews in European countries, we demand, further, full equality of rights with their fellow countrymen as individuals. In those lands where group rights shall be granted to others and where the Jewish population involved desires such rights for themselves, we urge full equality of status; and we urge that guarantees to this end be provided by the United Nations.

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3. We want an end to Jewish Homelessness. Now more than ever Palestine pro-

vides the most practical answer to the desperate need of the multitude of Jews whose rescue from Europe, as soon as possible, is imperative in a physical as well as in a spiritual sense. We ask that the Jewish people, too, shall have the opportunity to live and to develop as a free people in its own historic homeland, in Palestine. We demand that the gates of Palestine be opened wide on a scale commensurate with Jewish need; that all limitations on land settlement by Jews be removed; that the Jewish Agency for Palestine be vested with control of Jewish immigration into Palestine and with the necessary authority for the upbuilding and development of the country; that Palestine be established as the Jewish Commonwealth, in which Jews will be a majority of the population—a self-governing and democratic commonwealth in which the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities will be assured, and bound only by those reservations which in the post-war world shall apply to all states.



4. We ask, finally, that the Jews, through appropriate representation, shall be accorded the right to place their case directly and officially before any peace conference that may be called, or any authority designated by the United Nations for the reconstruction of the post-war world.



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Please accept my sincerest congratulations upon your election as a delegate to the American Jewish Conference and upon the distinction which your community has conferred upon you in selecting you to participate in the most significant assembly of American Jewry in our times.

As a member of the Zionist Organization of America you are familiar with the official program of post-war aims adopted by your organization. This statement, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, has already been submitted to the Preliminary Studies Committee of the Conference. We are confident that you are in agreement with our aims and that you are prepared to join with us to support our program.

To assure the adoption of our Zionist platform at the American Jewish Conference, it is essential that every delegate who subscribes to it shall cooperate with us at every stage of the proceedings, including the organization of the Conference itself.

Will you please advise me upon the enclosed form that you are associating yourself with us in our efforts to protect and restore the rights of our fellow-Jews and to re-establish Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth? We shall have occasion to communicate with you again before the Conference as we are planning to call together all of our friends at a preliminary meeting.

Anticipating the pleasure of your favorable response and with kindest regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

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