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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

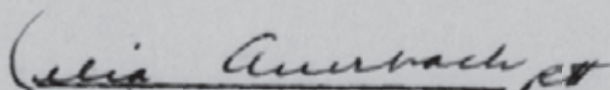
As you know, the Zionist Youth Commission of Cleveland plans to be host to a week-end Institute November 9, 10, and 11.

Zionist youth from Young Judaea, Junior Hadassah, Avukah, and Masada plan to come from the Region to attend this Institute.

We want you to be our guest at a luncheon, November 10, 1:30 p.m., and extend greetings from the Cleveland Zionist Society. The luncheon will be given at Berkowitz's.

We realize, however, that you may find it impossible to come at this time. Will you send greetings in lieu of your personal appearance if you will not be able to make it? We know that any statement from you will be an inspiration and will challenge these youth to maintain the good work they are doing.

Sincerely,

  
(Mrs.) Celia Auerbach  
President

Regional Zionist Youth Commission



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November 4, 1945

Mrs. Celia A uerbach, President  
Regional Zionist Youth Commission  
18507 Newell Road  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Will you please convey to the Zionist Youth Commission Regional Institute my warmest greetings. I had hoped to be able to attend the Institute, but unfortunately pressure of work makes it impossible for me to do many things which I would under normal conditions be most eager to do. I know of the splendid work which you do and I wish you success. It is important at this time for the youth of our people to be well informed about all that is going on in Jewish life today, more particularly about all that is going on in Palestine. We are passing through trying and decisive times, but with faith and courage we shall work our way through to a bright future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Nov. 5

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We are exceedingly happy & have received your message & the forthcoming Zionist Youth Leaders' Institute.

You may be interested & know that fifty one out of town young men & women of Masada, J. Hadassah, Avukah & Y. Judaea leaders, have already registered. The cities from which they will come include: Pontiac, Mich, Grand Rapids Mich, Chicago, Ill., Louisville Ky., Lexington Ky, Cincinnati O, Dayton, O. Columbus, O, Toledo, O, Akron, O, Canton, O etc.

The National Education chairman of Masada, a young Jewish Theological Seminary student Mr. Jos. Sternstein, is flying in from New York & spend the weekend also.

At least forty local young people are serving on committees.

We are looking forward & a fruitful weekend on behalf of Zionist youth, from whom may come future worthwhile leadership.

Very sincerely,

Celia Auerbach





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# **ZIONIST YOUTH**

**Week-End Institute**

**for**

**AVUKAH**

**JUNIOR HADASSAH**

**YOUNG JUDEA**

**MASADA**

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## **THEME:**

**"ERETZ YISROEL — ITS MEANING TO  
JEWISH YOUTH"**



**November 9, 10, 11, 1945**

**CLEVELAND, OHIO**

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**Auspices of the  
CLEVELAND ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION  
CENTRAL STATES REGIONAL ZIONIST  
YOUTH COMMISSION  
And the  
AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION**



**FRIDAY EVENING, Nov. 9, 1945.**

**PARK CHAPEL  
of the  
CLEVELAND JEWISH CENTER  
8:00 P. M.**

**SERVICES**

Rabbi Armond E. Cohen

**ADDRESS**

Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfield, Director,  
College of Jewish Studies, Chicago, Ill.

"Eretz Yisroel — Its Meaning to Jewish Youth"

**ONEG SHABBAT — ADMINISTRATION BLDG.**

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**SATURDAY MORNING, Nov. 10, 1945**

**11:00 A. M. — SERVICES**

Temple-on-the-Heights Chapel

Boris Levine, Reader

**SERMONETTE**

Miss Renee Shulman

President, Cleveland Chapter Junior

Hadassah

**LUNCHEON**

**1:00-3:00 P. M. — Berkowitz Dining Room  
2174 Lee Road.**

Invocation: Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfield

Singing Led by Cantor Saul Meisels

**ADDRESS: Mrs. Sigmund Braverman**

"Palestine — A Two Way Passage"

**AFTERNOON**

**3:30-5:30 P. M. — TEMPLE-ON-THE-HEIGHTS**

**ADDRESS: Mr. Ezra Shapiro**

"The Zionist Political Scene"

**FORUM DISCUSSION**

**FREE HOUR**

## **EVENING**

**7:00 P. M. — REGISTRATION**

Mrs. Azriel Eisenberg

Mrs. Samuel Gordon

**7:30 P. M. — HAVDALAH**

**7:45-8:30 P. M.—ADDRESS:**

Mr. Charles Auerbach

"Jews in the Latin American Scene"

(based on a recent tour)

**9:00-12:00 P. M. — BARN DANCE—  
REFRESHMENTS**

Hostesses:

Keren Hayesod Women's Club

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**SUNDAY, Nov. 11, 1945**

**11:00-1:00 P. M.—BRUNCH—Sovereign Hotel  
East Boulevard and E. 105th St.**

**ADDRESS: Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, Director,  
Bureau of Jewish Education**

**"Can There Be a Jewish Movement With-  
out Zionism?"**

## **AFTERNOON**

**BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION**

**1:30-3:00 P. M.**

**WORKSHOPS  
LEADERS**

**AVUKAH**

Miss Yola Shapiro, Sect'y Nat'l Avukah

**JUNIOR HADASSAH**

Miss Beatrice Tishkoff, President, Central  
States Region Junior Hadassah

Miss Patricia Handler, 1st Vice President,  
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## YOUNG JUDAEA

Mr. Yosef Schub, Director of Zionist  
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE  
AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION  
HELD ON JANUARY 17, 1946, AT 381 FOURTH AVENUE

P R E S E N T : Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Presiding  
Mr. Paul Byne  
Mrs. Leo I. Dana  
Rabbi Moshe Davis  
Mrs. Gilda Fine  
Dr. Miriam Freund  
Mr. Joseph Greenleaf  
Mrs. Minnie Halpern  
Mr. Max Helfman  
Mrs. Alice B. Jacobson  
Mr. Max Levy  
Mrs. Ethel Schleifer  
Mr. A. P. Schoolman  
Mr. Joseph Sternstein  
Mr. Abe Tannenbaum  
Mr. Jacques Torczyner  
Mr. Aaron Yalow

By invitation: Miss Judy Tannenbaum, Mr. Sam Ehrenholz, representing the  
Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Weisman stated that this was an appropriate occasion to welcome the few new members of the Youth Commission. As I stated at the National Convention, it is my personal view and in my opinion it was time, after five year period, that there be an influx of new blood, energies and new ideas. It is also appropriate for me to say for the record something about the members who are no longer with us by virtue of new appointments. It may be appropriate later on for the meeting to take some action with regard to a number of people who have given long, faithful and devoted services. It is good for the movement to have new blood and good for the Youth Commission to have new people. Those with us will remain our friends and supporters; have benefit of new contacts and in short we drive new roots into American community. I wish to acknowledge the faithful and devoted services of all the members of the Commission who are no longer members, and I think it would be appropriate to send a communication couched in proper terms along these lines.

By virtue of the reorganization, I am now acting as Chairman pro tem. Reorganization doesn't deserve the title unless accompanied by designation of officers. Would like to hear the pleasure of the Commission in that respect.



Mr. Schoolman stated that in view of the large number of added members, the considerable number of absentees and that the meeting was called rather abruptly, it would be desirable and proper procedure for the election of officers or reorganization of the Commission to take place at the next meeting when all members will be so informed and will come prepared with considered suggestions.

A motion was made to postpone the election of officers to the next regular meeting of the Youth Commission, and to send an advance notice to this effect to the members of the Executive.

The motion was regularly moved, seconded and unanimously carried.

The dates for the next meetings were fixed for February 5th and February 19.

Dr. Freund asked whether she could mail in her vote, since she planned on being out of town at that time. Mr. Weisman stated that the Commission had never set a precedent of voting by proxy, but that the Commission could now take what action it saw fit in the matter.

Dr. Freund stated, for the record, that she be permitted to record her vote for Mr. Weisman as Chairman of the Commission.

Dr. Freund stated it was her belief that it would be very good for the Youth Commission to inform the rest of the country that there should be an annual election of the Commission. There has been a great deal of misapprehension throughout the country.

The Chairman read the decision of the Office Committee to this effect and informed the Commission that this would be handled through the Monthly Bulletin, which is now being prepared by Miss Hannah Goldberg.

Mr. Weisman recommended the appointment of a committee of two to whom this portion of the Bulletin is to be sent for final approval.

Mr. Schoolman moved that a committee be designated to see the Bulletin referring to the yearly election of officers before it is finally mimeographed and sent out.

The motion was seconded and passed.

The Chairman then designated Mr. Abe Tannenbaum and Mrs. Schleifer as the Committee.

#### HEBREW ARTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Weisman pointed out that the Hebrew Arts Committee was an activity of the Youth Commission and that each member ought to take an active interest in its work. Particularly, at this point, each member should make an effort to get those people whose opinion and interest was important to the work, to attend the January 29th performance and all other performances scheduled.



Several members took tickets which they were to sell to their friends and Mr. Greenleaf stated that the Mt. Vernon Zionist District intended to purchase a ticket for each member of their choral group.

Mr. Weisman felt that the Hebrew Arts Committee was not progressing in its work too well and that publicity and printed brochures which were to be ready some months back have not yet come off the press, and that the Hebrew Arts Committee was not, for instance, making near the demands upon him as the other committees and organizations.

Mr. Weisman suggested that the Hebrew Arts Committee hold a meeting before the next meeting of the Youth Commission scheduled for February 5th.

#### INTERCOLLEGIATE ZIONIST FEDERATION

Mr. Weisman read to the meeting the recommendation of the Office Committee to the effect that since the plan presented by the Conference was not conducive to the development of a strong student Zionist organization on the campus, the entire plan be taken under advisement with a view to developing an alternate plan responsive to a maximum degree to the primary thinking which motivated the resolutions of the Conference. Mr. Weisman called on Mr. Torczyner to present the views of the Z.O.A. as expressed at its recent Executive meeting. Mr. Torczyner declined stating he would first prefer to hear what the Federation student representatives had to say.

Mr. Weisman again acquainted the members of the Commission with the background leading up to the memorandum with Avukah whereby they agreed to cooperate in the matter of calling the Intercollegiate Conference, in which all groups would be represented and which would have for its purpose the creation of an Intercollegiate Zionist Organization. It was pursuant to that memorandum that a joint committee of Avukah and the Youth Commission began, early this Fall, to organize the calling of the Conference.

By way of anticipatory criticism, Mr. Weisman stated that the Youth Commission was after an organization ready to accept the sole and exclusive, or principal sponsorship of the Federation. There was no ambiguity about it, though it may not have been pressed in the way some people would have had they been in charge of the Conference.

Physically the Conference was a huge success. There were 170 delegates who represented a nucleus of 10 who came from 65 colleges. The consensus of opinion by the majority of delegates developed that these young people do not want to be affiliated with anybody; they do not want the stigma of belonging to any Zionist party but are willing to accept the sponsorship of any adult group. The new Federation wants to be free to make its own decisions, this to apply to the hiring of personnel and responsibility for educational material and does not want to take any step that will entitle any adult organization to say that in part or in whole the youth group is affiliated with this or that organization.



Mr. Weisman further explained that there would be, according to the decisions of the Conference, an advisory board, to include representatives of the political parties sponsoring the Federation, plus a group of technical authorities which must include a member of Hechalutz, the functions of this board to be purely advisory. The American Zionist Youth Commission is to have two representatives on this board while all other sponsors are to have one.

Dr. Freund felt that mention should be made of the fact that at a previous meeting of the Youth Commission participation by other groups and the idea of an advisory committee was discussed and at this meeting it was felt that perhaps such an advisory committee could be worked out in which all groups could be brought in.

Mr. Schoolman pointed out that there is a distinction between the view of the resolution and affiliation with the Youth Commission but directly subject to an advisory subcommittee in which other groups would be represented.

Note: Judy Tannenbaum and Sam Ehrenholz, as representatives of the Federation, joined the meeting at this point as well as Aaron Yalow.

Miss Tannenbaum stated that it was the consensus of opinion at the conference that it is very desirable for all Zionist youth work in America to be carried on an inter-party or non-party basis and felt that in establishing the Federation they were taking the first step towards that end.

Mr. Weisman asked the Youth Representatives whether they considered that the proportion of opinion with the numerical strength would be any different than it is among the adult Zionists in America.

Mr. Ehrenholz stated that their conception of the Federation was to have each chapter decide what type of individual activity to undertake and that he personally felt it was silly to omit certain institutions because they happened to be under the auspices of the Mizrahi, or Youth Aliyah because it happened to be under Hadassah. They do not believe it possible to give a political approach to Zionism and therefore undertook to present an all-inclusive political approach.

Mr. Torczyner posed the following question to Mr. Ehrenholz: Imagine that in a few months from now partition is advocated and imagine that this report favors partition. There will be certain groups favoring partition and others that will not. How will you keep your organization neutral in such an important political matter.

Mr. Ehrenholz replied that there was a difference of opinion in this regard. The policy as enunciated would be the policy of the Federation, although it would not be binding upon any individual member.

Mr. Torczyner pointed out that if the majority of the membership in the Federation is Fabonim, the Federation will be a leftist, and that they should have no illusions that they can be a federation without having any political opinion.



Mr. Weisman asked whether if the Emergency Council came out in favor of partition, would this Federation feel free to go out against it.

Mr. Ehrenholz replied that he thought the decision of the Emergency Council would be binding.

Mr. Sternstein believed that an understanding of what the Emergency Council is might throw light on the matter. The statement that the Emergency Council would be binding on the Federation would have no basis for the reason that the Council is merely the political arm of the four bodies in America. Simply to say that the decisions of the Emergency Council will be binding on the Federation is meaningless. If Mizrachi opposes partition and the labor wing is in favor, the Emergency Council will not speak in favor or against same.

Mr. Weisman asked how, if by some reason the Youth Commission obtained \$20,000. and decided it wanted to invest it in the Federation, they would go about spending this sum.

Mr. Ehrenholz stated that a tentative budget was drawn up which included expenses for an Executive Director to be in charge of the office. Mr. Ehrenholz stated that appointments would not be made on political representation. Consultation would be had with the CEC, the Advisory Council would be asked for recommendation and appointments would be made on merit only. Final authority, however, is to be with the CEC.

Mr. Schoolman asked whether, if the Advisory Council agreed upon three names and presented the three names to the CEC, this would be acceptable.

Mr. Ehrenholz stated that it would be.

Note: The three youth representatives left the meeting at this point.

Mr. Torczyner stated that the ZOA felt that the most important thing at this time was to have a Zionist movement as strong as possible on the campus and if this Federation wants to be an all-party federation, we should not put obstacles in their way. On the other hand, it is his personal feeling that if an advisory committee is set up, this should be proportionate to the strength of the Zionist parties.

Mr. Levy felt that the issue at hand now was whether the Youth Commission did or did not want to accept the plan and that he for one felt hesitant about going into any arrangements at all.

Mr. Weisman stated that the whole question boiled down to whether we want to participate with the other parties in the sponsorship of this Federation and felt that if we wanted to have Zionist activity on the campus we had to accept it.

Dr. Freund asked whether another alternative would be to reinstate Avukah and the reply was in the negative.



Mr. Sternstein pointed out that according to the composition of the Advisory council only Zionist youth groups having a minimum of 75 members on the campus could be represented. This, of course, eliminated Masada.

Rabbi Davis stated that if we had a strong youth movement on the campus we could take the gamble. We are going in with all forces against us, with an organized Habonim, Hashomer, Mizrachi - all campus age, and the general Zionists not at all represented on the campus, and felt that if the Youth Commission accepts the plan there must be a reconsideration of the whole Masada situation.

Mr. Sternstein felt it was important to encourage a strong, vital group of General Zionists on the campus and this whole situation must be considered in light of the entire youth activity.

Mr. Schoolman stated that he felt quite definitely that it is not a workable plan to which he personally could subscribe. An inter-party arrangement is not workable and will cause continuous difficulties at all times. He would favor a modest start with a general Zionist organization on the campus and would devote years to build it up into a large organization.

Mr. Weisman suggested that a sub-committee be appointed to report to the Executive at its next meeting on February 5th and suggested that he and Dr. Freund consult for the purpose of appointing a sub-committee of five.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to have Dr. Freund and Mr. Weisman appoint a sub-committee of five to further discuss and study the resolutions of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation and to make its recommendations to the Executive committee at its February 5th meeting.

Mr. Weisman further suggested that the next notice of meeting should include the fact that there will not merely be an election of officers, but that consideration will be given to the organization of the work for the coming year, in terms of staff, sub-committees, effective organization and programming, etc.

There being no further business before the meeting, same was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted



MEETING OF THE AmZYC HELD AT THE OFFICE  
OF THE Y.C., 381 FOURTH AVENUE, N. Y.C.  
FEBRUARY 5, 1946

P R E S E N T: Mr. Herman L. Weisman  
Mr. Marcus Abramson  
Rev. Martin Adolph  
Mr. Paul Byne  
Dr. Alexander Dushkin  
Rabbi Moshe Davis  
Mrs. Leo I. Dana  
Dr. Miriam Freund  
Mrs. Shirley K. Gladstone  
Mrs. Emanuel Halpern  
Mr. Max Levy  
Mr. A. P. Schoolman  
Mr. Louis Schwefel  
Mrs. Ethel Schleifer  
Mr. Jacques Torczyner  
Mr. Joseph Sternstein  
Mr. Abe Tannenbaum

By Invitation: Judith Tannenbaum  
Sam Ehrenhalt

Election of Officers

Nominations for the office of Chairman were opened. Dr. Freund nominated Mr. Herman L. Weisman. The nomination was seconded. Mr. Adolph nominated Mr. Jacques Torczyner. Mr. Torczyner declined the nomination and moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Tannenbaum moved that one ballot be cast in favor of Mr. Weisman's nomination. The motion was seconded and passed.

Nominations for the office of Vice-President were opened. Mr. Torczyner nominated Dr. Miriam Freund. The nomination was seconded. Motion made, seconded and passed to close nominations. A unanimous vote was cast for Dr. Freund.

Nominations for the office of Treasurer were opened. Dr. Freund nominated Mr. Max Levy. Motion made, seconded and passed to close nominations. A unanimous vote was cast for Mr. Levy.

Nominations for the office of Secretary were opened. Mr. Torczyner nominated Mrs. Schleifer. Nomination was seconded. Motion made, seconded and passed to close nominations. A unanimous vote was cast for Mrs. Schleifer.

Dates for Future Meetings

It was regularly moved and seconded to call a meeting of the Executive Committee the first Tuesday of every month and a meeting of the Office Committee on the third Tuesday of the month. It was the



consensus of opinion that the Executive Committee meeting be called for 5:00 P.M. and that sandwiches be arranged for.

### Standing Committees

It was the consensus of opinion that with regard to the constitution of the standing committees, the members of the Executive Committee will be asked to state their preferences to the Chairman of the Youth Commission, who will then allocate memberships in a way that is fair and reasonable and that will avoid duplications. A sheet was passed around for members to list their preferences.

A motion was made and passed to have the chairmen of the various Standing Committees designated by the officers of the Youth Commission, subject to the approval of the Executive of the Youth Commission. The following designations for chairmen of the Standing Committees were made:

Young Judaea	Mr. A. P. Schoolman
Hasada	Mr. Jacques Torczyner
Junior Hadassah	Mrs. I. H. Levin
Campus	Mr. Louis Schwefel
Unaffiliated Youth	Mr. Abe Tannenbaum
Hebrew Arts	Rabbi Moshe Davis
Publications	Miss Hannah Goldberg

Mr. Abe Tannenbaum and Mr. Louis Schwefel both regretfully declined the chairmanships of their respective committees, pleading a complete lack of time which the job required to do effective work.

The question was raised with regard to a standing committee for the Brandeis Camp Institute. The chairman explained that since the camp is a corporation, the chairman of the Youth Commission acts as the liaison between the corporation operating the B.C.I. and the Y.C. Mr. Weisman further explained that the by-laws had not yet been adopted so as to keep themselves flexible in order to be in a position to accept 50% of the stock of other camps to be organized. The corporation is the legal receptacle for the property of the camp.

Further discussion was held regarding the relation of the Camp board to the YC board.

A motion made and seconded to have a standing committee of the Executive of the YC for Zionist Youth Camps. The motion was carried. It was moved and seconded to appoint a subcommittee to draft a set of bylaws for the B.C.I. which would incorporate a pattern for the control of the educational and cultural activities of the camp by the AmZYC. Motion was carried.

Rabbi Davis suggested that the Commission consider the advisability of augmenting the respective standing committees with representatives of the various youth organizations. He believed we would benefit if these individuals or others of their executive would be on the standing committees.

Mr. Weisman suggested that when the committees as finally constituted are ready at the next meeting, this matter be brought up again.



### Intercollegiate Conference

Mr. Weisman read to the meeting the decision of the special sub-committee appointed to study the results of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation and to report its findings to this Executive, and also reported the fact that Avukah had made overtures that they be recognized to supersede the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation.

For the benefit of the new-comers, Mr. Weisman explained the background of the Campus picture, and the Intercollegiate Zionist Conference. He also explained in detail the manner in which the committee had arrived at its conclusion, and read a copy of the recommendations submitted by the sub-committee. (Copy attached hereto). Discussion was held at great length concerning the committee recommendation.

Mr. Torczyner felt the advisory committee as originally planned, is not an advisory and is only a means of getting our money. If we have to spend money, we could spend it more advantageously. By following the committee recommendation, we will be doing the Federation a service not only in personnel, education, etc., but in the matter of financing as well, for we will be putting them on their own feet.

Mr. Tannenbaum was opposed to setting up a Campus organization which we would finance and over which we would have no control. He felt that we should go ahead with the committee recommendation.

Mr. Sternstein pointed out that it would be dishonest to give the group the \$1,000. Either we should give them nothing, or give them the budget they ask for. If the YC feels it cannot support the group, it should say so, and why.

The thought was expressed by Mr. Schoolman that it is not possible to operate effectively an inter-political group on the campus. Campus life is too short for interplay of political forces. There must be an educational emphasis and not a political activity. Mr. Schoolman suggested that we start at the beginning in establishing a General Zionist Campus group of some kind. However, since this organization does exist, they should be given a chance to propel themselves and see how much progress they can make. They may then change their attitude toward affiliation.

Rabbi Davis stated he is not in favor of Point I, and believes it to be dishonest. The procedure suggested by the subcommittee is inadequate. We have an opportunity to win a group of people to our cause and thinking. This can be done only through an organized channel. Either we go about creating a movement of our own, or make it possible within the present structure of Masada and Jr. Hadassah to become a campus organization.

Dr. Freund pointed out that "servicing" this Federation means absolutely nothing. She recommended that we work out an agreement with the young people, even if it means calling another conference.

Mr. Abramson felt the report of the committee was inconsistent, if not contradictory in the two recommendations. He felt that the Federation



ought to be utilized as the medium for our Campus work, but not on the basis as presented by the sub-committee. The Y.C. should make it clear that it is not prepared to accept the program as it now stands.

In response to the suggestion that the matter be turned over to the ZOA and Hadassah boards, Mr. Trazzyner pointed out that the YC was the body to decide on matters pertaining to youth. If the decisions were not satisfactory, they could then appeal to the ZOA and Hadassah, but it is up to the YC to make the decision.

Mr. Schwefel expressed himself as being strongly opposed to giving the \$1,000.00, and felt that it is not only inadequate, but is an insult. We have a concept of power politics on a subject that doesn't fit. Rather we should look upon it as propaganda. We should consider the idea of making a fairly generous contribution, possibly \$10,000 to the Federation, with some safeguards, to encourage the Federation, and try it out for a year or so, and then make up our minds.

Mr. Weisman stated that the two parts of the Report are not mutually exclusive or entirely contradictory. Despite all the obstacles, there is a certain validity to it. I don't think it happens to be the best possible approach under the circumstances.

Mr. Weisman further stated that he would like to set forth the basis for a compromise, after which, if approved by the Commission, the student negotiators would be asked to join the meeting for further discussion. The following is the compromise agreement for discussion:

"The constitution of the IZFA and the resolutions which accompanied same, by virtue of their content, make it necessary for us to urge reconsideration of the relationship of the IZFA to the YC in order to meet the conditions indicated below:

- (1) We urge the adoption of a method for constituting the Advisory Council on a plan substantially similar to the constitution of the Emergency Council, to wit: that four members shall be members of the YC (2 ZOA and 2 Hadassah), one member of the Poale Zion and one member of Mizrahi. Any youth group having an acknowledged affiliation on the part of IZFA of 75 or more members throughout the country shall have one representative on the Advisory Council.
- (2) The sponsorship by the YC shall entitle the YC with a committee appointed by the CEC to explore the terms on which other Zionist parties shall become co-sponsors of the IZFA, provided that it is understood that all other conditions being acceptable, no Zionist party shall be entitled to become a sponsoring organization unless it agrees to make an annual minimum subsidy of 10% of the budget.
- (3) It would seem very necessary and appropriate to revise the powers of the Advisory Committee and to modify the type of relationship to exist between the functioning of the Advisory Committee and the CEC; namely:
  - A. A vote on any matter in the Advisory Committee of 66 2/3% of the total membership of the Advisory Committee shall be



binding on the CEC;

B. Any policy supported by a majority of the Advisory Committee, in order to be effectively reversed by the CEC, shall require the affirmative vote in favor of reversal of 60% of the members of the CEC.

(4) With regard to the professional personnel, including the field workers as well as the campus director, it shall be understood that their work on a professional level will be on a consultative basis in relation to the national director of the YC.

(5) The Advisory Committee, among the other powers granted to it, shall have the power to fix the budget of the IZFA on the basis of requests by the CEC of the IZFA.

(6) Notwithstanding any support given by the YC to the IZFA, or any collaboration on the basis outlined, the YC reserves the right to issue such publications, literature and do such other Zionist youth work as it may deem advisable in relation to the Jewish youth of America including the student population of the American colleges and universities.

(7) If these terms are acceptable, the matter will be presented forthwith to a meeting of the CEC for approval and if approved, there will be such amendment to the constitution as may be necessary to carry these terms and conditions into effect.

Mr. Schwefel moved that the Commission now express itself as being in agreement with the proposals of the Chairman, subsequent to the discussion with the young people, and that we authorize the Chairman, in our presence, to negotiate with these young people based upon our agreement that if they make these adjustments, that shall be our basic attitude. Motion unanimously approved.

The youth representatives were asked to join the meeting at this point.

After lengthy discussion between the members of the YC and the youth representatives, the following changes were made in the agreement:

(1) Paragraph "1" was changed by adding the following after the first sentence: "provided that each one of the latter two shall contribute not less than 10% of the annual budget".

(2) Paragraph "2" was changed as follows: "Any other party becoming a sponsor shall agree to the same terms as contained in this memorandum."

(3) Paragraph "a" of paragraph "3" was changed to 75% instead of 66 2/3%.

(4) Paragraph "4" was changed as follows: "The professional work



of field workers and campus director shall be carried on in consultation with the National Director of the Youth Commission".

5. Paragraph "5" was changed as follows: "Fixing of budget and hiring of personnel shall be done by agreement between the Advisory Committee and the CEC of the IZFA."

6. The following sentence was added at the end of paragraph "6": "The Youth Commission will support the IZFA on this basis and will not directly or indirectly promote the organization of any other campus group as long as it continues to support the IZFA."

Miss Tannenbaum pointed out that it would be necessary to call a special meeting of the CEC in order to present this agreement to them for approval, since it was not within their power to negotiate any changes to the constitution as adopted by the conference.

Mr. Ehrenhalt stated that the CEC is distributed all over the country. This agreement cannot be ratified by a mail vote. It is therefore suggested that the YC immediately make available enough money to call a CEC meeting this weekend, the money to cover fares and other expenses. He suggested that the meeting be held in Chicago, and if the two members from California cannot come, the meeting be held in Cleveland.

It was suggested that the YC pay the expenses of this meeting up to \$350., this to include also the expenses of the YC representative.

Mr. Weisman stated that it had been regularly moved and seconded that the memorandum which the YC presented to the Committee of the IZFA, to which certain amendments were made and which were discussed, be the basis of an agreement with the IZFA, subject to ratification by their CEC.

The above motion was carried, Rabbi Davis, Mr. Schoolman and Mr. Torczyner opposing.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed authorizing the YC to pay the round trip coach fares of members of the CEC to Cleveland, the expenses to the YC not to exceed the sum of \$350.00.

The youth representatives left the meeting at this point.

#### National Youth Commission meeting

Dr. Bardin pointed out that in accordance with adopted procedure, there was to be an annual meeting of the enlarged YC and that such a meeting should be called within the very near future.

Mr. Weisman suggested the last weekend in March for this meeting.

Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to have the National Youth Commission meeting during the weekend of March 30-31st.



Upon suggestion from Dr. Bardin, it was moved to request Mrs. Schleifer to undertake the handling of all physical arrangements for this meeting. Motion carried.

Mrs. Schleifer accepted this responsibility and the YC expressed its appreciation for her services in this respect.

Dr. Bardin stated that he would like the H.A.C. to plan an evening for this meeting, and Rabbi Davis agreed to go into the matter further.

#### Services to the Metropolitan Area

Dr. Bardin stated that he would like to engage Mr. Yochanan Boehm of Palestine for the purpose of conducting weekend institutes and leadership training seminars in the metropolitan area. Mr. Boehm is a teacher and expert in group work, and majored in Education and Psychology. Dr. Bardin pointed out that these services should be considered in lieu of field work that the YC offers to the country. He would be engaged on a part-time basis.

Motion made, seconded and carried authorizing Dr. Bardin to engage Mr. Boehm on a part-time basis, to do work in the metropolitan area of conducting leadership training courses. This expense item to be taken from the field work budget.

#### Field Workers From Palestine

In pursuance of the report of Dr. Bardin upon his return from Palestine, he presented the matter of engaging Mr. Schwartzman and Miss Sheltzer from Palestine to serve at Brandeis Camp and to do field work during the rest of the year. Dr. Bardin advised that he has received a cable from the Jewish Agency urging us to take a decision on this matter.

Dr. Bardin recommended that at this time we engage Mr. Schwartzman and Miss Sheltzer. The salary arrangements for Mr. Schwartzman are to be such as to enable Mr. Schwartzman to spend six months of study here at the conclusion of his two years period with us. The figure of about \$60. per week, with the possibility of a \$25 per week salary during the time he is studying, was discussed. A salary of about \$50 per week was mentioned for Miss Sheltzer.

Details of salary and arrangements are to be worked out by the director in consultation with the chairman, and a definite cable is to be sent to Palestine. Motion as above was made, seconded and passed.

#### Masada

Mr. Byne reported that within the last few months 37 new chapters had been organized, and that he expected to have close to 1,000 paid up members by the time of their convention.

Masada now finds that with the means, they have and with the manpower with which to do the work, they could enroll into Masada, within the next eight months, five to either thousand people. They need only funds.



He stated that Masada is now operating on a \$14,320. budget received from the YC and that they anticipate another \$2,000 - \$3,000 in dues. They now have a deficit working with this budget. In order to do the work, Masada needs an operating budget of over \$20,000 and that they are planning their work in terms of such a budget.

Mr. Torszyner suggested that the ZOA be asked for an additional \$15,000 to be given to the YV earmarked for Masada.

Dr. Freund objected to this because Hadassah would be put in a peculiar position. The ZOA will then say they gave \$15,000 in addition to the \$60,000.

Mr. Weisman stated that having heard a report from Masada, with special emphasis on indicated opportunities of Masada to complete their organizational work of additional 35 chapters and a plan whereby if funds were available they could augment their present membership from approximately 1000 within a period of eight months to a number of between five and eight thousand, the YC feels it appropriate to recommend to the ZOA Executive that it favorably consider making a special allocation to the YC of a sum of \$15,000 earmarked for Masada, it being understood that with regard to this allocation, Hadassah would not be expected to make any equivalent allocation. This request is exclusive of the previous request of the YC of a regular budgetary allotment out of the regular budget and the proceeds of the Expansion Fund.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

Secretary, Youth Commission

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Attached hereto is copy of final arrangement between IZFA and the American Zionist Youth Commission.



MEETING OF SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE  
AmZYC ON THE QUESTION OF RELATIONSHIP BE-  
TWEEN THE YOUTH COMMISSION AND THE INTER-  
COLLEGIATE ZIONIST FEDERATION, FEBRUARY 4th/46

P R E S E N T : Miss Hannah Goldberg  
Mr. Hertzfel Fishman  
Mrs. I. H. Levin  
Miss Ralene Levy  
Mr. Abe Tannenbaum  
Mr. David Tannenbaum  
Mr. Jacques Torczyner  
Mr. Herman L. Weisman

Dr. Shlomo Bardin

The following is the recommendation of the Special Sub-Committee of the AmZYC on the Question of Relationship Between the Youth Commission and the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation, to be presented to the Executive Committee of the Youth Commission at its meeting scheduled for February 5th. This recommendation was unanimously agreed upon following a full discussion in which almost all members of the Sub-Committee participated:

1. The American Zionist Youth Commission, representing Z.O.A. and Hadassah, agrees to participate as a co-sponsor with other Zionist parties in the Advisory Council of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation and agrees to contribute a sum not to exceed \$1,000. to the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation.

2. The American Zionist Youth Commission plans, in its own name, directly to service any and all Jewish youth in the colleges and organizations interested in studying, participating in, and advancing the Zionist cause, by making available appropriate speakers, literature, publications and by other means.



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AZYC AND THE CENTRAL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF IZFA

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(2) Any other party becoming a sponsor shall agree to the same terms as contained in this Memorandum.

(3) It would seem very necessary and appropriate to revise the powers of the Advisory Council and to modify the type of relationship to exist between the functioning of the Advisory Council and the CEC: Namely,

- a. The CEC shall not proceed with any matter that has been disapproved by 75% of the voting membership of the Advisory Council.
- b. Any policy supported by a majority of the Advisory Council, in order to be effectively reversed by the CEC, shall require the affirmative vote in favor of reversal of 60% of the members of the CEC.

(4) The fixing of the budget and hiring of personnel shall be done by agreement between the Advisory Council and the CEC of the IZFA.

(5) The professional work of field workers and the campus director shall be carried on in consultation with the national Director of the AZYC and the directors of the sponsoring organizations.



(6) Notwithstanding any support given by the sponsoring organization to the IZFA, or any collaboration on the basic outlined, the sponsoring organizations reserve the right to issue such publications and literature, and do such other Zionist youth work as they may deem advisable in relation to the Jewish youth of America including the student population of the American colleges and universities. Sponsoring organizations will support the IZFA on this basis and will not directly or indirectly promote the organization of any other campus group as long as they continue to support the IZFA. All publications and work applying specifically to the campus shall be done in consultation with the CEC.





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Dear Rabbi Silver,  
In the only Auerbach that failed.  
Charlie's mission to Terre Haute was  
successful & David won the debate  
in Detroit. I couldn't get the resolution.  
I took the following steps.

An air mail special went out to the  
chairman of the convention asking for consideration  
of the question. I called Mrs. Goodman  
& Mrs. Bialosky to present the idea & then  
I approached many delegates - all agreed they  
wanted to have the issue presented.

I brought up the question from  
the floor when the natl board member, Miss  
Juliet Benjamin was discussing the sketch.  
Her counter arguments were forceful. Not  
leaving facts, like "Hadassah would have  
no representation on the sketch board," I  
couldn't deny them.

When Rabbi Foner arrived, I  
conferred with him. He tried to persuade



a fellow Toledian, the president of the Region  
to make arrangements. I asked to be invited  
to the "breakfast," but wasn't, so I don't  
know what took place. He can tell you the  
rest.

I believe my first experience at  
lobbying, wasn't forceful enough. I'm very  
sorry.

Very sincerely,

Celia Auerbach



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*A Dramatic Poem in 4 Acts*

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# BAR KOCHBA

By SAUL TCHERNICHOVSKY

Directed by ERWIN PISCATOR and R. BEN ARI

Score by LAN ADOMIAN

Musical Direction by MAX HELFMAN

## CAST

Simeon Bar Kochba .....	Mario Gang
Chaviva, a Samaritan girl.....	Chava Feijel
Rachel, the wife of Akiba.....	Shifra Baraks*, Lisa Varon**
Rabbi Akiba ben Yosef.....	Benjamin Zemach
Rabbi Eleazar Hamodai .....	Chaim Ostrowsky
Rabbi Yose ben Kisma.....	Morton Rosen
Pappus ben Yehuda .....	Max Bernblut
Leaders of the revolt.....	Gordon Sterne, Norman Horowitz, Morton Greenstein, Allan Taylor, Bernard Weisen, Sidney Olitsky
The Samaritan .....	R. Ben Ari
Rufus .....	Leon Shochat
Metellus .....	George Eisenberg
Roman General .....	Morton Rosen
Old man .....	Leon Shochat
Roman soldiers .....	Gordon Sterne, Morton Greenstein, Norman Horowitz
Centurion .....	Morton Rosen
Young men and women, townspeople, refugees,	Naomi Feigenbaum, Eleanor Evans, Dora Safian, Pearl Wiesen, Leah
Jewish soldiers .....	Levitt, Sally Gergis, Hannah Katz, Susan Eskenazi, Rivka Katz, Miriam Greenbaum, Sidney Olitsky, Gordon Sterne, Morton Greenstein, Norman Horowitz, Lester Waldman, Allan Taylor, Bernard Wiesen

### **Assisted by members of the Hebrew Arts Youth Chorale**

Leah Davis, Pearl Fried, Dora Herzig, Bernice Hoffman, Ruth Mandel-  
baum, Shulamith Perlberg, Natalie Steiler, Sophie Travis,  
Judith Waldman, Miriam Waldman

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Assistant to Technical Director and Art Director .....	Dora Safian
Stage Manager .....	Stanley Seymour
Make-up .....	Joseph Madzison
Script Consultant .....	Max Bernblut

Time: 135 A.D.

Place: Prologue - -

Ein Gedi

Act I

—The house of Rabbi Akiba

Act II, Scene 1—Bar Kochba's tent

Scene 2—A public square

Act III, Scene 1—The Roman Headquarters

Scene 2—The fortress of Bethar

This play was adapted for stage by R. Ben Ari.

\*June 11 and 16

\*\*June 9 and 12





*"So has said Simeon Bar Kochba,  
anointed by God and Judah.*

*This is his will, his last testament:  
He who cannot live as a free man  
Shall die as a free man . . ."*

## SYNOPSIS OF THE PLAY

### Prologue

It is a peaceful, sunny day in the vineyards of Ein Gedi. Young boys and girls meet in festive mood. Bar Kochba meets the Samaritan girl, Chaviva.

The idyllic scene is disrupted by the screams of frightened girls, fleeing from Roman soldiers. The drunken soldiers enter and try to seize the girls. Bar Kochba resists. A fight ensues in which the Romans are killed.

Bar Kochba realizes that trouble will follow. He gathers the men around him, they seize arms and food, and flee to the hills.

### Act I

In the house of Rabbi Akiba, Rachel, his wife, talks with several of the elders, who have been delegated to consult Akiba. Rachel urges action, declaring that in a world of steel, one must fight with steel.

Rabbi Akiba enters and listens to the arguments of the sages. He says that appeasement of the enemy has not helped in the past, nor will it in the future. The wise men plead the cause of peace at all cost. Akiba replies that the choices are: freedom or slavery. Their fight against the Roman Empire is the fight for the freedom of all subjugated peoples.

The sages are fearful of the consequences. But Akiba is determined. Roman rule, with all its bestiality and oppression, must disappear forever.

Left alone, Akiba ponders deeply his heavy responsibility to his people. He complains to Rachel that he stands alone in this crucial moment. She gives him courage to fight for Jerusalem, the beautiful.

Delegates from the resisters, summoned by Akiba, enter. They tell him of Simeon's skill and courage. The council deliberates on the means to organize their guerrilla warfare and to institute discipline in the Jewish army.

Now a leader must be selected. The dele-

gates leave to make their choice. Akiba returns with the decision of the delegates. Bar Kochba has been chosen to lead his people in their crucial fight against the might of Rome. They drink to Bar Kochba, to the success of the coming battle, and to the freedom of Israel.

### Act II — Scene I

A Samaritan, suspected of treachery, is brought to Bar Kochba's tent. He swears his loyalty, but Bar Kochba, growing more and more suspicious, declares he will hold him hostage. The Samaritan pleads that he is old and ill, and offers as hostage his daughter, whom he prepares as a spy.

When the girl is brought to his tent, Bar Kochba recognizes her as Chaviva, the girl whom he saved from the Romans. He declares himself to her.

### Scene II

The people gather in the public square, rejoicing in the success of their revolt. Bar Kochba is hailed victor. Akiba, entering amid cheers, praises the people's courage and proclaims Bar Kochba the redeemer, the future King of Israel. Bar Kochba, mourning for his comrades who fell in battle, and for his mother who did not live to see this day of achievement, promises Akiba that he will rebuild the Temple.

### Act III — Scene I

In the Roman camp, a secret council is held on how to conquer the last remaining bastion, Bethar. They promise the Samaritan more gold and jewels if he will reveal to them the secret entrance to the fortress.

### Scene II

Bar Kochba is warned by Rabbi Eleazer, who has been imprisoned because he is sus-



pected as a spy, that there are enemies everywhere, even in his own house. Enraged at this insinuation against Chaviva, he strikes the old man dead.

Chaviva enters. Bar Kochba now looks upon her with suspicion, and she realizes that she is losing him.

The Samaritan steals in, to extract information from his daughter. After a violent quarrel, during which she declares her loyalty to Bar Kochba, he reminds her of her brother who was murdered. Moved by this appeal for revenge, Chaviva urges wine upon Bar Kochba and betrays him into confiding to her his plans and secrets. When he falls into a drunken sleep, the Samaritan re-enters with the intention of killing Bar Kochba, but Chaviva throws the dagger from his hand. Bar Kochba awakes, sees the dagger, realizes that he has been betrayed, and demands to know to whom the dagger belongs.

### Scene III

At a wall of the last stronghold, the losing battle for Bethar is being waged. The weary Bar Kochba enters, sees the refugees fleeing, and hears himself called "Bar Kuzibah"—"Son of a lie." Though all hope is lost, Bar Kochba goes on to attack the Romans and to defend Bethar, which has now become a symbol. For even when Bethar lies in ruins, and Israel is only scorched earth, future generations will draw strength from the graves of their heroes.

Akiba, refusing to flee, is captured by the Romans. Rachel, too, is taken.

Bar Kochba is wounded. His comrades raise him so that he can see how his soldiers stand immovable, fighting until they are killed. He bequeathes his sword to them and to the generations to come.

With this bequest, Bar Kochba dies. His men fight on.

## WHO'S WHO

• **ERWIN PISCATOR**, during his stay in Central Europe achieved fame as its most progressive stage director. He introduced such new techniques in his production as films, treadmills, elevators, and the so-called "epic" style.

He conducted his own theatre, called the Piscatorbühne, directed the Peoples Theatre, and was guest director for the Government Theatre. Among his many productions was "The Brave Soldier Schweik" by Hasek, which he dramatized in collaboration with Max Brod, of the Habima Theatre in Tel-Aviv.

Mr. Piscator came to the United States in 1939 as director of the Dramatic Workshop of the New School of Social Research, where he produced "King Lear" starring Sam Jaffe; "Circle of Chalk;" "Any Day Now;" "Days of our Youth;" "The Criminals;" "Nathan the Wise;" "War and Peace" and "Winter Soldiers." He has been associated with Pargod for two seasons.

• **R. BEN ARI**, distinguished both as actor and director, was a member of the original Moscow Habima Theatre. For the past 5 years he has been a member of the faculty of the Dramatic Workshop at the New School of Social Research. He will be remembered as the creator of the roles of Tanchum, the Madman, in Levick's "Golem" and Professor Nordling of Berger's "The Deluge." He has written a history of the Habima, now in its third

edition, which received the prize of the World Cultural Association of Paris as the best book on the theatre in the year 1939. With Pargod from its inception, Ben Ari directed "Amcha," "Solomon, the King, and Shalmal the Cobbler," and now "Bar Kochba."

• **BENJAMIN ZEMACH** (Akiba), was with the Moscow Theatre, of which his brother Nachum Zemach was founder, for nine years. He staged ballets and dances for R.K.O. Studios. ("She," "Pompeii," etc.) for Hollywood Bowl, "Fragments of Israel," "Victory Ball," for Reinhardt's production of "The Eternal Road," for "Pins and Needles" and "Artef". He directed plays for Pasadena Community Playhouse, ("Enchanted Cottage," "Salome," "Golem," etc.) for American Negro Theatre ("Natural Man"), and for the Yiddish Theatre Ensemble.

• **MARIO GANG** (Bar Kochba) began his career with the State Broadcasting Company of Austria, playing roles in the German classics and Shakespeare. Following two years at the State Repertory Theatre of Hessen, where he was employed both as actor and director, he played in Vienna under Max Reinhardt the roles of DeLevis in Galsworthy's "Loyalties," and Theseus in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" under Max Reinhardt. A European tour with Conrad Veidt followed.



When Hitler took over Austria, Gang played for seven months the role of prisoner 26387 in Dachau. Since coming to the United States he has appeared in "Candle in the Wind" with Helen Hayes and in "The Family Carnovsky" with Maurice Schwartz. Next month he will begin work on the Twentieth Century-Fox production, "13 Rue de Madeleine," in which he will play "Hathaway."

• **SHERAH BARAKS** (Rachel), formerly a member of the Moscow Habima, received her theatrical training from Stanislavsky and Vachtangov, and is remembered as the creator of the roles of the Beggar Woman in "The Dybbuk," and Rebecca in "Jacob's Dream," and for her performances in "Mother Eve" and "Cain and Abel."

• **LISA VARON** (Rachel), also a former member of the Moscow Habima, played in Sholom Asch's "God of Vengeance" and in "Merchant of Venice" under the direction of Rudolph Schildkraut. She has since appeared with the Irving Place Theatre under the direction of Jacob Ben Ami, and in the Bronx Little Playhouse, with members of the Habima and Vilna groups under Egnon Brecher, and in an all Yiddish repertoire with Maurice Schwartz in the Yiddish Art Theatre.

• **CHAVA FEIFEL** (Chaviva), one of the young people trained in Pargod, has appeared in its major productions in the past two seasons, playing Rechavia in "Solomon the King and Shalmai the Cobbler."

• **CHAIM OSTROWSKY** (Rabbi Eleazar), was formerly director of "Teatron Ivri" in Palestine, and a member of "Tai" and "Teatron Amanuti." Since coming to this country, he has played extensively in Hebrew Theatre in New York and other cities.

• **MORTON ROSEN** (Rabbi Yose Ben Kisma and Roman General), appeared with the Masada Players and the Yeshiva College Players, has appeared with Pargod in "Solomon the King and Shalmai the Cobbler."

• **MAX BERNBLUT** (Pappus Ben Yehuda) has come to Pargod from the Yiddish Theatre Ensemble and with the Dramatic Workshop of the Jewish Teachers Institute.

• **GEORGE EISENBERG** (Mettelus), one of the original members of Pargod, has been associated with Nahum Zemach and acted under Benno Frank. He played the Meshulach in "The Dybbuk" and the butler in "Amcha" under the direction of R. Ben Ari. He has been connected with the Verdi Yoalit studios, and appeared with the Folksbimah under David Herman and L. Kadison, and in the Yiddish Art Theatre with Maurice Schwartz.

• **LEON SHOCHAT** (Rufus), studied under Max Reinhardt, and assisted at Berlin University. He has worked with Maurice Schwartz and appeared in "The Romance of a People."

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# בר כוכבא

## מאת שאול משרניחובסקי

מוסיקה מאת  
לאן אדומיאן

בימוי  
ארווין פיסקטור ור. בן-ארי

המוסיקה בהנהלה  
מאקס הלפמן

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רהל (בת כלבא שבוע)	שפרה באראקס*
רבי עקיבא בן יוסף	ליזא וואראן**
רבי אלעזר המודעי	בנימין צמח
רבי יוסי בן-קסמא	חיים אסטובסקי
פפוס בן-יהודה	מרדכי רוזן
מנהיגי תנועת המחתרת	מאקס ברנבלוט
הכותי (המרגל השומרוני)	גורדון סטרן, נפתלי האראוויץ,
רופוס (הסינטור הרומאי)	אלן טילור, מרדכי גרינסטין,
מטלוס (הנציב הרומאי)	פרץ וויטן, שמואל אליצקי
המצביא הרומאי	ר. בן ארי
איש זקן (במצור ביתר)	אריא שוחס
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	אריא שוחס
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	גורדון סטרן
	מרדכי גרינסטין
סנטוריון	מרדכי רוזן
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	קליגרמן, עלען טיילאר, פרץ
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July 1, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America, I wish to thank you for your inspiring and informative address to our first convention. The calm eloquence of the remarks to which you deprecatingly referred as "five minutes of greeting" gave our delegates a sense of the deep significance of the Zionist ideal and of the vital spirit and stubborn resistance of the Yishuv. Your frank review of the past inadequacies and present needs of Zionist campus work will, I am sure, have a measurable effect in increasing the devotion of Zionist youth to the momentous task of building a mass Zionist movement on the campuses of America.

Sincerely yours,

*Yola Lee*  
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National Secretary

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