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Zionist Organization of Chicago

220 SOUTH STATE STREET

WABASH 1285

Office of the President

July 20, 1945
10th Day of Av, 5705
"One Day Closer to Victory"

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the Zionist Organization of Chicago I am extending to you an invitation to address the Annual Chanukah Festival of the Z.O.C. on December 5th in the Grand Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel. This evening is set aside annually as the city-wide traditional function of the Jewish community in Chicago.

We, here in Chicago, fully realize the militant stand you have taken for positive Zionist action. We know that within the next few months much might develop in the Halls of Council of the United Nations, and it is the opinion of the Annual Chanukah Festival Committee that in view of the fact that Chicago has not had the opportunity of hearing you since November, 1944, when you addressed the National U.P.A. Conference, we would be highly honored if you could accept our invitation.

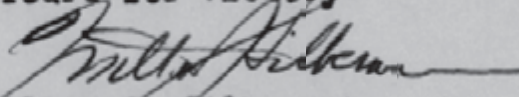
In writing this letter to you at this time, I am of the thought that you may already be on your way to London to attend the World Zionist Congress, and I am, therefore, sending this letter in duplicate in order that your office may forward copy to you airmail and advise you as to your commitments in December.

My secretary will be in Cleveland the latter part of next week, and I am asking her to contact your office there if by chance you have not already left or if they can give her any advice.

Even though you might be in London, may I ask that you cable me your acceptance as it is urgent that we have a definite answer in order to proceed with our complete plans. I am hoping that you will accept and be with us on December 5th.

With kind personal regards and Zion's greetings, I am

"Yours for Victory"


Milton J. Silberman
President

MJS:sp

July 24, 1945

Mr. Milton J. Silberman, President
Zionist Organization of Chicago
220 South State Street
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Silberman:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 20 to Dr. Silver. Dr. Silver is, at the present time, out of the country. When he returns to Cleveland toward the end of August, I shall be pleased to refer your letter to his attention.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

Zionist Organization of Chicago

220 SOUTH STATE STREET

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Office of the President

August 22, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

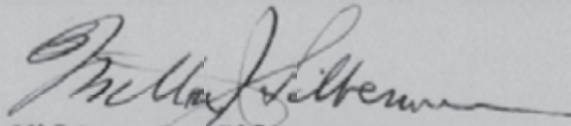
The Zionist Organization of Chicago traditionally celebrates Chanukah by its Festival which this year will be held on December 5th, and in connection therewith, publishes its Yearbook to be circulated among all of its members in Chicago and surrounding territory.

It would be highly appreciated if you would be good enough to honor the Zionist Organization of Chicago with a contribution of an article of approximately 1,000 to 1,500 words to this Yearbook which will be published in very attractive form calculated to be preserved in the homes and libraries of its readers.

While anticipating your early assurance that you will favor us, we wish to state that the book goes to press shortly after October 10th, and it is, therefore, imperative that the article is received by us not later than that date.

Hoping to be honored by your kind cooperation, I remain

Yours for a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine,


Milton J. Silberman
President

MJS:ag

September 6, 1945

Mr. Milton J. Silberman, President
Zionist Organization of Chicago
220 South State Street
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Silberman:

I shall be very pleased to be with
the Zionist Organization of Chicago on December 5
for its Chanukah Festival. I trust that nothing will
interfere with this engagement.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Zionist Organization of Chicago

220 SOUTH STATE STREET

WABASH 1285

Office of the President

September 11, 1945
4th Day of Tishri, 5706

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

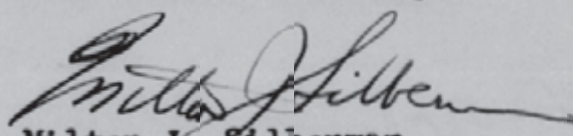
Dear Dr. Silver:

If I were to say that we were pleased to have you accept our invitation for December 5th, I would be putting it mildly. To me it signified a good omen--the Z.O.C. finishes its year stronger than ever before in its history and commences its year with added strength that will be given it by your being with us on December 5th.

Please advise me at your earliest convenience when you intend to arrive in Chicago, and I shall endeavor to make reservations for you at the Stevens Hotel.

With kind personal regards and best wishes for a very Happy New Year that will see the realization of our dreams and work in a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

With Zion's Greetings,


Milton J. Silberman
President

MJS:sp

September 28, 1945

Mr. Milton J. Silberman, President
Zionist Organization of Chicago
220 South State Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Silberman:

Dr. Silver is scheduled to be with you organization on December 5, 1945. He is scheduled to be in New York City for a meeting Thursday evening, December 6th. The only way he could possibly make that connection would be to fly. Will you therefore kindly make a plane reservation for Dr. Silver out of Chicago to New York City for either the morning or afternoon of December 6, 1945? I would appreciate hearing from you as to what arrangements you were able to make.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

Plane reservations made
for Dec. 6 - Chicago
to N. Y.

9 a.m. Flight # 116
1:30 p.m. Flight # 22



— a. H. S.

— under Mr.
S. Sherman's name

Zionist Organization of Chicago

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Office of the President

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October 24, 1945
17th Day of Heshvan, 5706

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

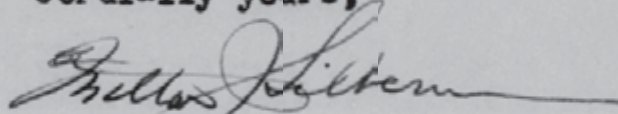
Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a reminder to let you know that we have not as yet received your article for the Z.O.C. Yearbook to be published in December. We hoped that this message would reach us by October 10th.

I am sure the rush of things has caused you to overlook this matter, and I would greatly appreciate receiving your message during the next week.

Hoping to be honored by your kind cooperation, I remain

Cordially yours,



Milton J. Silberman
President

MJS:sp

Zionist Organization of Chicago

220 SOUTH STATE STREET

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Office of the President

October 30, 1945
23rd Day of Heshvan, 5706

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

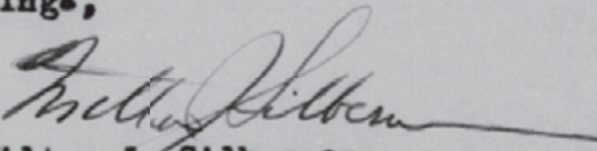
As per our telephone conversation of yesterday, this will confirm that the Annual Chanukah Festival of the Z.O.C. will be held at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago on Sunday evening, December 9th, instead of the date originally scheduled, December 5th.

I have made the following airline reservations for you via the Pennsylvania Central Airlines. You are scheduled to leave Cleveland on Sunday, December 9th, at 2:37 P.M. on their Flight No. 201 due in Chicago at 5:34 P.M., at which time I will arrange to meet you at the airport. I have made reservations for you at the Stevens Hotel. The airline has asked that you call their office in Cleveland on Sunday, December 9th, at least three hours prior to flight time to confirm with them that you will be on the plane.

For your return flight to Cleveland, I have made a reservation for you via the same airline leaving Chicago, Monday, December 10th, at 11:45 A.M., arriving in Cleveland at 3:15 P.M. on Flight No. 36. Our office here in Chicago will make the necessary call for you on that date three hours prior to departure. I am enclosing your ticket for both flights for your convenience.

You can be sure that we, here in Chicago, eagerly await your being with us on December 9th, and that our thirty-two delegates to the National Convention are looking forward to their journey to Atlantic City.

With kind personal regards and Zion's greetings,


Milton J. Silberman
President

MJS:sp
Enc.

P.S. Please have your secretary contact the Cleveland PCA office with the enclosed ticket to be completed for your Flight No. 201 to Chicago.

S. A. M.

Zionist Organization of Chicago

220 SOUTH STATE STREET

WABASH 1285

Office of the President

November 14, 1945

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline;

Please be advised that due to changes in the Flight Schedules of the Pennsylvania Central Airlines, Dr. Silver's flight from Chicago on December 10th has been changed to Flight No. 90 leaving the Chicago Airport at 8:35 A.M.

With Zion's Greetings,

Shirley Pollack
Secretary to Mr. Silberman

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Mr. *McLinton* Silberman, President
ZOA Chicago

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BECAUSE I WILL BE LEAVING FOR PALESTINE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS YOU READILY UNDERSTAND WHY IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO KEEP MY ENGAGEMENT WITH YOU ON DECEMBER 9. PLEASE EXPRESS MY REGRETS. I HOPE THAT I MAY BE OF SERVICE TO YOU AT SOME FUTURE TIME. I SEND YOU MY WARMEST GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR COMPLETE SUCCESS.

A H SILVER

November 26, 1945

Mr. Milton J. Silberman, President
Zionist Organization of Chicago
220 South State Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Silberman:

I regret very much that your meeting with
Dr. Silver had to be called off because of his sudden
trip to Palestine.

In cancelling the airplane reservations,
I was advised to return the ticket which you purchased
for Dr. Silver to you. I am accordingly doing so.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

Zionist Organization of Chicago

220 SOUTH STATE STREET

WABASH 1285

Office of the President

December 21, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was good hearing your voice and knowing that you have returned to the States to lead American Jewry not only as a spiritual leader, but as the individual upon whom the heavy responsibility falls of directing a firm and advanced policy on behalf of the Zionist Movement. Had only others listened to your pleas a year ago, the victory we have just achieved in the Congress of the United States might have been more fruitful; yet we know we can never say "die". We may be set back, but we will continue to adhere to our program and SUCCEED.

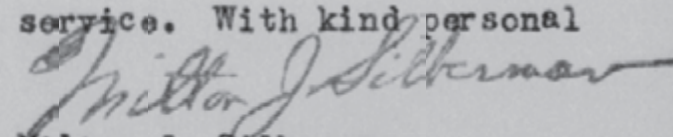
I know how busy you are, yet it is of utmost importance that you endeavor to arrange to be with us in Chicago in the near future. It goes without saying that the multitude assembled for our Annual Chanukah Festival on December 9th were highly disappointed that you were not with us; yet they know it was through no fault of yours for you were serving them and our people in a much more important assignment in Palestine.

In Chicago we have made progress during the past few years and must and will continue making progress, but the time is now ripe to further implement our program; and we, here, the majority of your constituents, are agreed that you are the only one to inaugurate our new program.

We have communicated with various places, and they are holding for us the following dates: February 27th, March 6th, and March 10th. If these dates cannot fit into your schedule, please advise me as to the date most convenient for you, and I shall endeavor to see what I can do to conform with your request.

It is our intention to invite to this meeting all of those who were present at our Annual Chanukah Festival and in addition, as soon as we received word from you as to the date you shall be with us, to commence a Membership Campaign -- the sponsor and the new member to also receive invitations for this meeting. As I must sign the contract for use of the hall and commence our activities that will culminate with the evening's program, I am hopeful that I will hear from you in the affirmative by return mail.

You know, of course, that I am at your service. With kind personal regards and Zion's greetings,


Milton J. Silberman
President

MJS:sp

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WESTERN UNION

A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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CHICAGO CONSTITUENTS PLEASE ADVISE. KINDEST REGARDS=

MILTON J SILBERMAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF CHICAGO.

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January 2, 1945

Please reply to:
Dr. A. H. Silver
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Milton J. Silberman, President
Zionist Organization of Chicago
220 South State Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Friend:

I would have answered your letter and telegram sooner, but I have been laid up with a severe cold and I have just gotten back to my desk. I should very much like to come to address the Zionist of Chicago. I am sorry that I could not be with them for the Chanukah Festival on December 9, but as you know I was in Palestine at the time.

I note the dates which you say are open. I would much prefer a mid-week date, because Sundays are very crowded days for me here in Cleveland. If Wednesday evening February 27 is still open, I will make every effort to be with you on that date. I cannot come on March 6; I could come on March 10 only by flying in the afternoon, because I must be in my own pulpit Sunday morning. If the weather is bad, that means that I will have to disappoint the meeting. All in all, I should prefer February 27.

I understand that my coming is to climax an intensive membership campaign for the ZOA. Chicago should enroll a very large class of new members, and especially of returning veterans.

I send you my best wishes.

Most cordially yours,

Dictated but not signed
by Dr. A. H. Silver

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February 5, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President
Zionist Organization of America
1720 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Silver

The Ohio Valley Zionist Region is planning to hold its Eighth Annual Convention at Dayton, Ohio during May or June of this year, and It is my great privilege to extend to you an invitation to address our Convention.

I am, of course, mindful of the fact that your position in the Zionist Organization of America has placed a terrific burden upon you and that your time is very limited, nevertheless, I am writing this letter with the hope that you will somehow find it possible to extend us the courtesy and privilege of your attendance at this important convention. We are planning to make this Convention a memorable event in the history of Zionism in this part of the country, and your appearance will add immeasurable strength and prestige to the gathering. We are sure that the deliberations of the important Zionist problems on the agenda of the Convention will be highly benefited by your presence.

We will hold the date of convention, which usually falls on weekends, open until we hear from you, so that we may set the same at your convenience.

As President of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region I appeal to you to favor us with your acceptance of this invitation, for your presence here will greatly aid the cause of Zionism in this important area.

I trust that you will favor us with an early reply, and thanking you for your kind consideration, I remain, with Zion's greetings,

Very truly yours,

Paul J. Gaiser

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Zionist Organization of Chicago

220 SOUTH STATE STREET

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Office of the President

February 8, 1946
7th Day of Adar, 5706

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

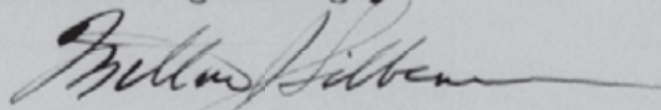
I am enclosing copy of advertisement which appeared today
and which is self evident.

We have received an avalanche of telephone calls from members
of our organization who are of the opinion that the Zionist
Organization immediately undertake to present our viewpoint
in this matter, especially in view of the fact that we are in
the midst of a Membership Campaign. They feel that all of
this is very confusing to the public.

If in your judgment you believe we should just forget this
advertisement, which, as they state, is the first of a series,
then that is the procedure we shall follow. If, on the other
hand, you feel that space should be taken in the Chicago news-
papers, then it must be arranged promptly. We would seek your
judgment as to the proper person to prepare such advertisement
or we can ask one of our advertising men here in Chicago to
do so.

Whatever your thought in this matter may be, I would greatly
appreciate hearing from you.

With kind personal regards and Zion's greetings,



Milton J. Silberman
President

MJS:sp
Enc.

Zionist Organization of Chicago

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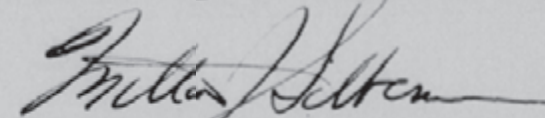
For me to say that we are grateful that you will be with us the evening of March 11th is putting it mildly, especially when you acceded to my request to address a luncheon meeting of key people in behalf of the Expansion Fund the same day. I know it is tiring to speak once during the course of 24 hours -- not alone twice.

To this luncheon meeting we are planning to invite men who will be in a position to give in behalf of the Expansion Fund, and as it is a luncheon meeting we are calling same for 12 o'clock food service, program to start at 12:45, so that by 1:20 we can begin taking pledges and checks. This would allow approximately thirty minutes for your address. If you feel this fits in with your plans, we shall proceed accordingly.

I have reserved a suite for you at the Stevens Hotel for the morning of March 11th, and I would appreciate your advising me as to the time your train will arrive that morning so that I can be on hand to meet you and be at your service during your stay in our community.

Every indication points to an enrollment of at least 2500 new members by March 11th and from there we shall go on for a total enrollment of a minimum of 5000 during the current year.

Awaiting your reply and with kind personal regards and Zion's greetings,


Milton J. Silberman
President

MJS:sp

February 12, 1946

Mr. Milton J. Silberman, President
Zionist Organization of Chicago
220 South State Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Silberman:

Thank you for your two letters, which I read with interest.

I am pleased to note that you plan to utilize my coming to Chicago on March 11 to the best advantage. I am leaving earlier in order to attend the luncheon meeting. I hope that sufficient preliminary work will be done so that when funds are solicited at the luncheon meeting there will be a substantial number whose gifts can be immediately announced. In other words, considerable solicitation should be done before I come to the meeting. That is always good campaign tactics.

With reference to the Membership Campaign in Chicago: Chicago, as you know, has not been one of our good membership points, whereas it should be one of the best inasmuch as it contains the second largest Jewish community in the United States. I am hoping that this year some gratifying new start will be made to get a Zionist enrollment in Chicago commensurate with the size of its Jewish community.

I cannot see that anything is to be gained in starting a competition in newspaper advertisement between the Bergson outfit and the Zionist Organization of America. If you wish to run ads later on in connection with my visit to Chicago as part of the Membership Campaign, I can see no harm in it, but these ads should not be in answer to any of the Bergson ads. They should, in a positive manner, state the objectives of the Zionist Organization of America, etc. etc. I am sure that you could get someone in Chicago to compose an effective ad, or our office in New York would be very happy to cooperate.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

February 14, 1946

Mr. Paul J. Gaiser, President
Ohio Valley Zionist Region
503 Keith Building
Dayton 2, Ohio

My dear Mr. Gaiser:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 5 and your gracious invitation to address the Eighth Annual Convention of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region.

While my program is an exceedingly crowded one, I will make an effort to be with you. I would be free to address a meeting of the Convention on a Sunday evening. I would arrange to leave for Dayton in the afternoon so as to be able to occupy my own pulpit in the morning.

I should like my coming, however, to be of direct help to our Membership and Expansion Fund Campaigns. Other communities utilize my presence at a public Zionist gathering to present to me a certain sum for the Expansion Fund or a certain number of new Zionist memberships. It would be very helpful if the delegates in various cities coming to the Convention would present to me that evening the contributions of their communities to the Expansion Fund, if they have not previously made these contributions direct to New York headquarters.

I would be grateful to get your opinion and cooperation on this matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

Zionist Organization of Chicago

220 SOUTH STATE STREET

WABASH 1285

Office of the President

February 15, 1946
14th Day of Adar, 5706

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

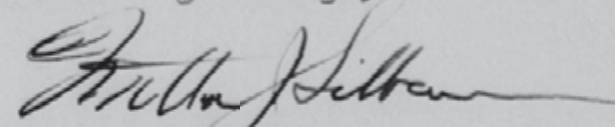
Yours of the 12th before me, and I do share your opinion that nothing is to be gained by a newspaper campaign with the Bergson outfit. I did though want the committee to know that this was not only my opinion, as well as Judge Fisher's, but that our national leader should set the pattern and does for our activities.

With reference to the Membership Campaign, you can be sure that I, too, feel the lack of membership that Chicago has shown during the past years, but as you know, we have just completed a "mild" shake-up. With the current campaign in swing and continuing after your visit with us on March 11th, when it will receive that "shot in the arm" that only you can give, Chicago, this year, will show an enrollment in a true comparison to the size of its Jewish Community.

The other day I mailed a check for \$5,000 to Dewey Stone on behalf of the Expansion Fund which leaves \$2,575 still due on the pledge of \$10,000 and which will be forthcoming shortly. We are preparing our preliminary work for the Expansion Fund luncheon that you are to address on March 11th, and I assure you that it will be a successful undertaking.

I note from your letter that you are leaving earlier than contemplated, but you do not say if by train or by plane and the time of your scheduled arrival. I would appreciate hearing from you, for I would want to be on hand to meet you; or if you choose, you can proceed directly to the Stevens Hotel where I can communicate with you after your arrival. I shall be at your disposal.

With kind personal regards and Zion's greetings,


Milton J. Silberman
President

MJS:sp

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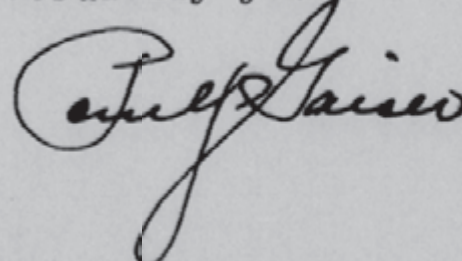
It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge your letter dated February 14th. I was overjoyed to learn of your gracious acceptance of our invitation to address the Eighth Annual Convention of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region at Dayton, Ohio, and in behalf of the Region, I thank you most heartily for your kind cooperation. As stated in my letter of February 5th, we shall defer all matter relative to technical proceedings for the Convention until you confirm the date.

We have reserved tentatively the date of Sunday, June the 16th for the Convention in one of our best hotels. However, all arrangements connected with the Convention, including hotel reservations, will depend upon your confirmation of that date. Immediately upon receipt of confirmation from you, we will proceed at once with arrangements for the Convention. ✓

I can assure you, Dr. Silver, that we will do everything in our power to utilize your presence at the Convention for the purpose of reaching the maximum in Zionist membership, Expansion Fund, and general Zionist awakening in this part of the country.

Trusting that the date stated is satisfactory with you and that you will confirm the same as soon as possible, I remain with kindest regards and best wishes

Cordially yours



PJG:EM

February 18, 1946

Mr. Milton J. Silberman, President
Zionist Organization of Chicago
220 South State Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Silberman:

I have taken the liberty of replying to your letter of February 15 in Dr. Silver's absence from the office today.

Dr. Silver plans to leave Cleveland on the late train Sunday night, arriving in Chicago early Monday morning, March 11. He would like to leave Chicago that same night as he has to be back in Cleveland Tuesday morning. Will you kindly make a reservation for Dr. Silver on the train leaving Chicago for Cleveland around midnight on March 11?

I would appreciate hearing from you. With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

February 20, 1946

Mr. Paul J. Gaiser, President
Ohio Valley Zionist Region
503 Keith Bldg.
Dayton 2, Ohio

My dear Mr. Gaiser:

Permit me to thank you for your letter
of February 15. I shall make every effort
to be with you Sunday, June 16th.

With all good wishes and hoping that you
will have a very successful conference, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Zionist Organization of Chicago

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Office of the President

February 22, 1946

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 18th
addressed to Mr. Silberman.

Will you kindly advise me as to what train Dr.
Silver will arrive in Chicago on on March 11th so
that Mr. Silberman can arrange to meet him at the
station.

As soon as I hear from you, I shall arrange for
Dr. Silver's return transportation to Cleveland
around midnight on March 11th.

With Zion's Greetings,

Shirley Polley
Secy. to M.J. Silberman

SP:s

February 25, 1946

Miss Shirley Pollyea
Zionist Organization of Chicago
220 South State Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Miss Pollyea:

Thank you for your letter of February 22.
Dr. Silver will leave Cleveland on the New York Central
Train #89 at 12:20 A.M. on March 11, arriving in Chicago
on Monday morning, March 11 at around seven o'clock. I
do not know the exact time of arrival in Chicago.

Please make a reservation for Dr. Silver
back to Cleveland that same night on the train that
leaves Chicago around midnight.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

Zionist Organization of Chicago

220 SOUTH STATE STREET

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Office of the President

February 27, 1946
26th Day of Adar, 5706

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

We eagerly await the date of March 11th when you will be with us in Chicago. I know that not only your fellow Zionists but the entire community will be enriched by your presence and message.

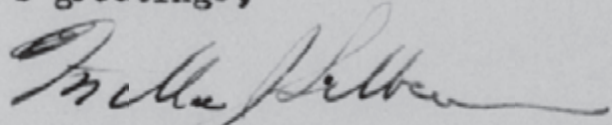
From the information your secretary has sent us, your train is due in Chicago at 7:30 A.M., March 11th, and as it is rather early in the A.M., may I ask that you proceed to the Stevens Hotel where a suite has been reserved for you. I will communicate with you there during the early morning.

At the request of your secretary, we have reservations for you to return either by New York Central at 11:40 P.M. or if the weather is clear and if you choose, we have ticketed return flight over the United Airlines, leaving Chicago at 12:15 A.M. Tuesday, February 12th. Both reservations will be in my possession, and you can avail yourself of either one.

We are going ahead with our plans for you to address the luncheon in behalf of the Expansion Fund and the Mass Installation Meeting that evening. I would like to arrange, either before or after the luncheon, a press conference, and unless I hear from you to the contrary, we will proceed along these lines. We feel that your presence with us that day is of singular importance for the press and both our Christian friends and Jewish brethren to be appraised of it and your message.

As I communicated with you earlier, I shall be completely at your service.

With kind personal regards and Zion's greetings,


Milton J. Silberman
President

MJS:sp

PAUL J. GAISER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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February 27, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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My dear Dr. Silver

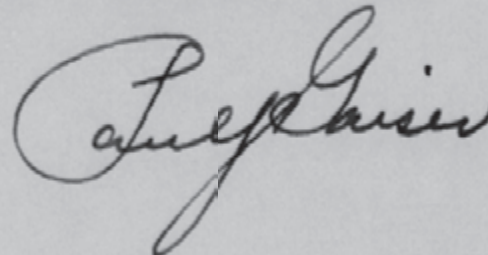
I was very happy to receive your letter dated February 20th, in which you confirm the date of Sunday, June 16th to address the Convention of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region. "Lsimchati Ein Keitz".

I have conferred today with Mr. Joseph Thal, one of the richest Jews in this community, regarding the Expansion Fund for the purpose of obtaining a respectable contribution. When I left he promised that he, together with his brother, Sam Thal, would mail me a respectable check within the next few weeks upon the return of his brother from Florida. (Both brothers are considered the richest Jews in the city).

I will, therefore, take this privilege, if I may, to ask you to write a letter to Mr. Joseph Thal at the following address: Thal's Fashion, 17 S. Main Street, Dayton, Ohio, for I am sure that your letter will have a great effect upon the amount of the expected check. I told Mr. Thal that we are expecting you in this city in the near future, and that we would like to present you with a check for the Expansion Fund. I trust that you will find it advisable to write, as aforesaid.

I thank you for accepting our invitation, and anticipating the privilege with you on the date set, I remain

Very cordially yours



PJG:EM

Zionist Organization of Chicago

220 SOUTH STATE STREET

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Office of the President

March 6, 1946
3rd Day of Adar, 5706

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Relative to our telephone conversation concerning the radio broadcast, Mutual Broadcasting System advised me that it was difficult for them on such short notice to clear the channels for Monday night, but they are very much interested in having you speak over their outlet on some Sunday evening in the future. When I will be with you next Monday, we will discuss this further and see what arrangements can be made.

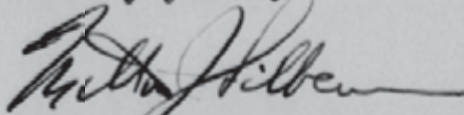
In my letter to you last week, I asked if you would care to have me arrange a press conference for Monday, preferably in your suite at the Stevens Hotel at 10:30 A.M. No doubt, in view of the fact that you have been at the Conference in Cincinnati, you have not been able to go through all of your correspondence. I would appreciate your wiring me upon receipt of this letter so that I can make the necessary arrangements for a complete press representation.

I would also appreciate your furnishing me with a good number of advance excerpts of the address you intend to deliver on Monday evening in order that same can be arranged and prepared for distribution to the press representatives at the Conference. You will recall that on October 15th last we were quite successful in receiving a good press report throughout the United States and also in other countries. This was in conjunction with the Mass Meeting held at the Stadium.

I know how rushed you are, yet I would greatly appreciate your forwarding this to me by special delivery airmail.

Awaiting your arrival in Chicago Monday morning next when I will see you at the Stevens Hotel, I remain

Faithfully yours,



Milton J. Silberman
President

MJS:sp

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March 7, 1946

CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Mr. Milton J. Silberman, President
Zionist Organization of Chicago
220 South State Street
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Silberman:

I am enclosing herewith some excerpts
from the address which I shall deliver in
Chicago.

I note that I am to have a Press Conference
at the Stevens Hotel on Monday morning at 10:30 A.M.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

He, whose names are affixed and made part of
this scroll, new members who have joined the Zionist Organization
of Chicago and their sponsors, promise to our great leader

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

President of the Zionist Organization of America, our devoted
support and cooperation in strengthening and furthering the cause
of Zionism in our community to the end that his efforts in
behalf of the establishment of Eretz Israel as the Jewish
Commonwealth shall have the unanimous support of American
Israel so that the hope of all Israel shall be speedily
realized.

Presented to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President,
Zionist Organization of America, in the City of Chicago,
State of Illinois, March 11, 1946, the 8th day of Adar 2, 5706.

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March 13, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I want to personally convey my sincerest thanks to you for your visit to Chicago. Your presence has already left a mark on the community and, I am sure, will help to stimulate greater Zionist life in Chicago.

I also want to take this means of apologizing to you for not having bid you farewell that evening. I became so involved in visiting with various people in the ballroom and had forgotten that you were leaving the same evening. I beg your forgiveness for this act of disrespect.

Let me assure you that we shall do everything possible to build up a strong organization in Chicago, both in quantity and in quality.

With sincere best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Charles L. Levin
Charles L. Levin
Executive Director

CLL:sf

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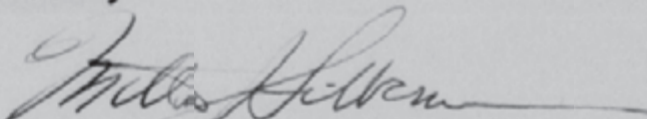
My dear Dr. Silver:

Let me extend to you on behalf of the Zionist Organization and myself our deep gratitude for your participation in the Mass Membership Enrollment Meeting on Monday evening.

As I have said before and I again repeat, it was an imposition, but I want you to know that we are enriched so much more now by that "shot" in the leg that you gave us that we will keep our feet as well as our hearts and minds going until we can prove to you that Chicago Jewry is upholding your hand.

The only closing remark that I may say is that may the Almighty in his wisdom grant you the strength to carry on in behalf of our people.

Shalom,


Milton J. Silberman
President

MJS:sp

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Rabbi Hillel Silver

The Temple

E. 105th Street at Ansel Rd.

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver

I was informed by the National Office that June 16th has been set aside for Shekel voting, and consequently we may have to postpone the Convention of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region to Sunday, June 23rd.

However, the continuation to date afore-said will depend alone upon your availability to address the Convention on Sunday, June 23rd (instead of June 16th). The entire success of this Convention, from every point of view, depends conclusively upon your participation, and unless you will be here to address our Convention on Sunday, June 23rd, we will not postpone the date and will be compelled to proceed as originally planned.

Will therefore appreciate very much if you will please advise without delay of the afore-said, for all arrangements connected with the work of the Convention are held in abeyance until I receive definite word from you. Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I remain

Very truly yours

Paul Gaiser
ew

PJG:EM

CC: Mr. Daniel Harrison
Mr. Wolfe Marcus

April 10, 1946

Mr. Paul J. Gaiser, President
Ohio Valley Zionist Region
503 Keith Building
Dayton 2, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of April 4. The change from Sunday the 16 to Sunday the 23 is quite satisfactory, and I shall schedule my appearance before your Convention for Sunday, June 23.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR

P.S. How are you progressing with the Shekel Campaign in your community and in your region? For the ZOA to have a voice in the forthcoming World Zionist Congress it is important that we sell a maximum number of Shekolim and bring out a maximum vote. I should be pleased to hear from you about your progress in this matter.

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Dear Rabbi Silver

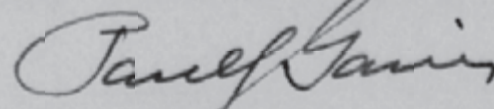
I am in receipt of your letter dated April 10th confirming the date of Sunday, April 23rd to address the Ohio Valley Regional Convention on said date at Dayton, and I thank you very much for your courtesy and cooperation in the matter.

I am doing everything possible in stimulating activity in our region in all important branches of Zionist work, including membership, Expansion Fund, and Shekolom. I am confident that at the Regional Convention at Dayton we may be able to present you with a respectable account in all the aforesaid. I am now engaged in an extensive tour through the districts in our region in connection with membership, Expansion Fund, and Shekolom Campaign, and I trust that, in the near future, I may be able to report the result of my efforts.

Incidentally, Rabbi Silver, I wonder if you corresponded with Messrs. Joseph and Sam Thal, Dayton, Ohio, relative to their pledge to the Expansion Fund, which I suggested to you in my previous correspondence. I am sure that your approach will result in a very respectable contribution from these brothers toward the Expansion Fund. Mr. Joseph Thal has promised me a respectable contribution, and I will appreciate very much if you will correspond with Mr. Joseph Thal, c/o Thal's Fashion, S. Main Street, Dayton, Ohio.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you in Dayton at the time aforesaid, I remain

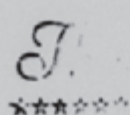
Very sincerely yours



Paul J. Gaiser

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Ohio Valley Zionist Region BULLETIN

Issued by the O.V.Z.R.

APRIL 30, 1946
558 E. Rich Street Columbus 15, Ohio

Bulletin No. 26

Tentative Program Seventh Annual Ohio Valley Regional Zionist Convention, June 23, Biltmore Hotel, Dayton, Ohio

Saturday Evening, June 22, 9:30 P. M.

Reception to Delegates.

B. A. U. Synagogue Center, 1306 Salem Avenue.

Sunday, June 23, 9:00 A. M.

Registration—Biltmore Hotel.

OPENING SESSION, 10:00 A. M.

Reports of Activities by District Presidents.

Jewish National Fund, Cantor Myro Glass.

ZOA Expansion Fund,
Shoolem Ettinger.

Discussion.

Appointment of Committees.

LUNCHEON SESSION, 1:00 P. M.

Rabbi Samuel Cooper, presiding.

Symposium "Youth and Culture."

BUSINESS SESSION, 3:00 P. M.

Paul J. Gaiser, presiding.

Secretary's Report, Daniel Harrison.

Treasurer's Report, Fred R. Marks.

Reports of Committees.

Discussion.

Election.

BANQUET, 7:00 P. M.

Daniel Frisch, Chairman National Administrative Council, Toastmaster.



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President Zionist Organization of America, will be guest speaker at the banquet of the Convention, Sunday, June 23, Dayton.

Invocation.

Musical Program.

Address, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
President of the Z. O. A.

Hatikvah.

WELCOME DELEGATES

On behalf of the Dayton Zionist District, the host District for the Seventh Annual Convention of the Ohio Valley Region, I wish to extend to all the delegates a most cordial welcome. The membership of our District considers it a distinct honor to be your host in this most important gathering.

The tempo of Zionist activities has been so greatly accelerated in the past year that I feel it most important that this convention have a one hundred per cent delegate attendance. Here is an opportunity for each and every delegate to participate in deliberations on Zionist problems. This is something that is very difficult to achieve in large national conventions where the program of the convention is superimposed upon the delegates.

At this Regional Convention each delegate should come prepared to present constructive criticism and a constructive plan for improving the operation and activities of our various Zionist Districts and if we all keep this in mind I am positive that this Seventh Annual Ohio Valley Region Convention will set a new pace in Zionist work for the nation.

Wolfe W. Marcus
Pres. Dayton Zionist Dist.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Wolfe W. Marcus, President of the Dayton Zionist District, was appointed by the Regional President, Mr. Paul J. Gaiser, Chairman on Convention Arrangements for the Seventh Annual Ohio Valley Zionist Convention. Mr. Charles Zwelling of Dayton was also appointed by Mr. Gaiser as Convention Chairman. Mr. George Berger is chairman on Hotel Reservations.

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS EARLY

Delegates desiring to make hotel reservations for the Seventh Annual Regional

Convention, please communicate with the Chairman for hotel accommodations, George Berger, 1014 Callahan Building, Dayton 2, Ohio.

RABBI SILVER TO ADDRESS REGIONAL CONVENTION

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, President, Zionist Organization of America, graciously accepted our invitation to address the Seventh Annual Regional Convention on June 2 at the Biltmore Hotel, Dayton, Ohio.

February 14, 1946

Office of the President.

My dear Mr. Gaiser:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 5 and your gracious invitation to address the Seventh Annual Convention of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region.

While my program is an exceedingly crowded one, I will make an effort to be with you. I would be free to address a meeting of the Convention on a Sunday evening. I would arrange to leave for Dayton in the afternoon so as to be able to occupy my own pulpit in the morning.

I should like my coming, however, to be of direct help to our Membership and Expansion Fund Campaigns. Other communities utilize my presence at a public Zionist gathering to present to me a certain sum for the Expansion Fund or a certain number of new Zionist memberships. It would be very helpful if the delegates in various cities coming to the Convention would present to me that evening the contributions of their communities to the Expansion Fund, if they have not previously made these contributions direct to New York headquarters.

I would be grateful to get your opinion and co-operation on this matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER.

Minutes of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region Executive Meeting January 20, 1946

An Executive Meeting of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region was held in Dayton, Ohio, on Sunday, January 20, 1946, at the B. A. U. Synagogue Center. Paul J. Gaiser, Regional President, presided.

The following attended: Leonard Becker, Joseph Cunix, Ben Kopelove, George N. Lehr, Leon Nizny, Rabbi Jacob B. Agus and Wolfe Marcus, all of Dayton; Maurice Chanis, David Gaiser, Ben Grossman, Dr. M. P. Kanter, Sidney Katz, Leonard Manekin, Fred Yenkin and Daniel Harrison, all of Columbus; Gabriel Cohen, Shoolem Ettinger, Ben Prince and Cantor Myro Glass, all of Indianapolis; Ben Goldfarb, Harry Winston, both of Charleston; Harry Frankel of Cincinnati; Sam Schechter of Springfield; Jacob H. Gilbert of South Bend; Prof. Max Astrachen of Yellow Springs; I. G. Simon of Pittsburgh; Morris Negler attended as proxy for Philip Hershman of Cincinnati and Mr. Turkow as proxy for Meyer Ruchman of Fort Wayne.

Daniel Harrison, Executive Secretary of the Region, reporting on the activities of the Region, stated that the total membership enrollment in the region for 1944-45 was 4,234 comparing with the previous year of 3,944, showing an increase of 290 members. During the last year 928 new members were enrolled. Mr. Harrison urged the members of the Regional Executive Committee to greater efforts in behalf of new membership and particularly to re-enroll those members which are already on the roster of the Zionist organization.

Mr. Harrison further reported that since the last meeting in June a Regional

Bulletin was issued during last August and that the Regional office has made available eighteen speakers to the various districts in the region. Mr. Harrison expressed his appreciation to the Speakers Bureau of the national office for their co-operation in securing speakers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Regional Treasurer, Mr. Fred R. Marks, Mr. Harrison made the following report in behalf of Mr. Marks:

Balance in the bank as of	
June 9, 1945	\$1,352.73
Deposits	1,869.88
Total	\$3,222.61
Expenditures	2,574.13

Balance in the bank as of	
January 10, 1946	\$ 648.48

(Note: \$118.95 of balance on hand is Youth Fund money.)

Sidney Katz of Columbus made a motion that the Regional Secretary advise each district president the names of those who attended the Executive Meetings throughout the year so that they may guide themselves accordingly whom to retain on the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. M. P. Kanter and carried.

A motion was made and carried that proxies at executive meetings may participate in all the deliberations of the meeting except voting.

Mr. Gaiser extended greetings to Mr. Harry Frankel of Cincinnati, upon his return to the activities of the OVZR.

Shoolem Ettinger of Indianapolis was

appointed National Vice Chairman of the Expansion Fund Activities. Mr. Ettinger reported that Indianapolis assumed a quota of \$8,000 for the expansion fund of which \$4,000 has already been raised.

In the absence of Benjamin Piser of South Bend, chairman of Constitutional Revision, Professor Max Astrachan reported on the proposed revision of Article VII, Section I, of the OVZR constitution as follows: Branch A to read "The Executive Committee shall include the officers, past presidents of the region, and presidents of districts within the region. Branch B: The Executive Committee of the Region shall further include representatives of each district on the basis of one for every one hundred members in good standing or major fraction thereof, but in no event less than one representative from each district." Branch A of said proposed revision was voted upon and unanimously adopted. Branch B was voted upon and rejected, whereupon Prof. Astrachan moved to refer Branch B of said proposed revision to a committee for further study. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winston of Charleston, and carried.

In the discussion that followed with reference to Branch B of said proposed revision, Mr. Katz of Columbus moved that this numerical question should remain as it is. The motion was seconded by Mr. Frankel of Cincinnati. Mr. Winston of Charleston made an amendment to Mr. Katz' motion as follows: Since the president of a district is automatically a delegate, he should be considered one of that number (one out of fifty). The amendment was yielded, and the original motion was carried.

Rabbi Jacob Agus, Chairman of Regional Youth Activities, addressed the assembly and reported on work during the past year.

Rabbi Agus further reported that it was necessary to abandon youth work here, and suggested that the remaining money (approximately \$200.00) for youth work be given to the Zionist Youth Commission of the Central States Region located in Cleveland, Ohio, in which most of our region is included.

A motion was made by Daniel Harrison, and seconded by David Gaiser that whatever Youth Funds there are in the Regional Treasury earmarked for youth activities be turned over to the Zionist Youth Commission of the Central States Region. The motion was carried.

Prior to the Executive Meeting Mr. Gaiser appointed a nominating committee to nominate three representatives from our region on the National Administrative Council. The committee consisted of Sidney Katz, Gabe Cohen, and Leonard Becker as chairman. Mr. Becker presented the report of the nominating committee and after a brief discussion and nominations from the floor, the following were nominated: Simon Meyer, Charleston; Shoolem Ettinger, Indianapolis; Fred Yenkin, Columbus; Rabbi Samuel Cooper, Charleston; Wolfe Marcus, Dayton, and Jacob Gilbert, South Bend. The vote was taken by a ballot and the following were elected to serve on the National Administrative Council for the current year: Rabbi Samuel Cooper, Shoolem Ettinger and Fred Yenkin.

Cantor Myro Glass, Regional Chairman of the Jewish National Fund reported on J. N. F. Activities in the Region and urged the district leaders to do more in behalf of the Ohio Valley Zionist J. N. F. Nachla. Mr. I. G. Simon, Executive Director of the Tri-State Region appealed to all those present to concentrate all their efforts on membership and the expansion fund.

Mr. Gaiser then declared the meeting adjourned.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS WITHIN THE REGION

- Round Table Discussion (Zionist Creed), October 17, 1945, Dayton.
- Senator Robert A. Taft, October 21, 1945, Columbus.
- Mrs. Esti Freud, October 21, 1945, Indianapolis.
- Rabbi H. J. Wagner, October 22, 1945, Bluefield.
- Rabbi Elias Charry, November 5, 1945, Springfield.
- Rabbi Elias Charry, November 6, 1945, Indianapolis.
- Rabbi Elias Charry, November 7, 1945, Fort Wayne.
- Rabbi Hyman Chanover, December 3, 1945, Dayton.
- Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, December 3, 1945, Charleston.
- Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, December 4, 1945, Indianapolis.
- Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, December 5, 1945, Lexington.
- Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, December 6, 1946, Louisville.
- Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, December 12, 1945, Hamilton.
- Rabbi Samuel J. Fox, December 12, 1945, Lafayette.
- Col. Edwin H. Cooper (Film), January 9, 1946, South Bend.
- Daniel Frisch, January 9, 1946, Lafayette.
- Rabbi Leon Fram, January 27, 1946, Columbus.
- Rabbi Leon Fram, January 28, 1946, Springfield.
- Rabbi Leon Fram, January 29, 1946, Huntington.
- Rabbi Leon Fram, January 30, 1946, Bluefield.
- Rabbi Leon Fram (Lions Club), January 31, 1946, Charleston.
- Rabbi Leon Fram, January 31, 1946, Charleston.
- Rabbi Frederick Doppelt, February 3, 1946, Dayton.
- Rabbi Hyman Chanover, February 7, 1946, Dayton.
- Rabbi Leon Fram, February 11, 1946, Cincinnati.
- Rabbi Samuel Horowitz, February 12, 1946, Evansville.
- Col. Edwin H. Cooper, February 18, 1946, Columbus.
- Col. Edwin H. Cooper, February 18, 1946, Indianapolis.
- Charles Auerbach, March 3, 1946, Terre Haute.
- Rev. W. Phillips (Jointly with Bnai Brith), March 11, 1946, Columbus.
- Mrs. Abraham Granovsky (Jointly with Hadassah), March 27, 1946, Lafayette.
- *Cantor P. S. Pinchik and Izler Solomon String Quartet, April 7, 1946, Columbus.
- Paul J. Gaiser, April 9, 1946, Indianapolis.
- Senator Homer Capehart, April 24, 1946, Indianapolis.
- Paul J. Gaiser, April 25, 1946, Springfield.
- Rabbi David I. Cedarbaum, April 30, 1946, Charleston.
- Rabbi David I. Cedarbaum, May 1, 1946, Bluefield.
- Rabbi Jerome Unger, May 2, 1946, South Bend.
- Rabbi David I. Cedarbaum, May 3, 1946, Louisville.
- Rabbi David I. Cedarbaum, May 7, 1946, Fort Wayne.
- Paul J. Gaiser, May 9, 1946, Hamilton.
- Rabbi Frederick Doppelt, May 14, 1946, Columbus.
- Paul J. Gaiser, May 15, 1946, Louisville.
- Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, May 21, 1946, Indianapolis.
- Paul J. Gaiser, May 29, 1946, South Bend.
- Dr. Alfred Jospe, June 6, 1946, South Bend.

*The Columbus Zionist District presented a concert of Jewish Music with Cantor P. S. Pinchik and a local highly talented string quartet. The concert was unusually well attended and enthusiastically received. The entire proceeds were for the ZOA Expansion Fund.

OVZR YOUTH FUND

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last Regional Executive Meeting as indicated in the minutes elsewhere in this bulletin, the balance of the Regional Youth Fund in the amount of \$206.95 was forwarded to the Central States Zionist Youth Commission which headquarters are in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Regional Executive Committee at a meeting in November, 1942, passed to establish a Regional Youth Fund in order to carry on youth activities in the Region. At the Regional Convention in Cincinnati in 1943, it was further resolved that the Region establish a youth fund of \$2,500.

The following communities contributed to the Regional Youth Fund:

Fort Wayne	\$ 25.00
South Bend	25.00
Dayton	25.00
Indianapolis	275.00
Columbus	650.00
Springfield	10.00
Bluefield	83.00

Total Income \$1093.00

The following are the disbursements:

Regional Administrative Youth Expenses	\$ 62.00
Regional Youth Conference in Cincinnati	300.00
Mrs. J. Gurvitz, traveling expenses to Youth Conference	24.05

Subsidizing Scholarships to Brandies Camp:

Indianapolis	\$ 80.00
Columbus	30.00
Dayton	60.00
Louisville	60.00
Lexington	50.00
Cincinnati	110.00
South Bend	30.00
Fort Wayne	30.00
Regional Young Judea Executive Meeting in Columbus	50.00
Central States Zionist Youth Commission	206.95

Total Disbursements \$1093.00

MEMBERSHIP

The Comparative Membership Report below speaks for itself. It is to be regretted that the districts in our Region are not keeping up with the tempo of membership enrollment set by other districts in the country. Our Region has an enviable record of leading other Regions in all the ZOA Activities particularly in membership. It is not too late yet, if all the districts will concentrate on membership during May and June we can still increase our enrollment considerably. All the district leaders are urged to give their undivided attention to the task of enrolling new members as well as re-enrolling last years members. Do it now so that you can submit a complete report at the Regional Convention.

	Sept. 30, 1945	New	Renewals	April 30, 1946 Total
Evansville	140	35	73	108
Fort Wayne	185	13	127	140
Indianapolis	730	354	520	874
Lafayette	74	14	65	79
South Bend	327	6	139	145
Terre Haute	98	36	86	122
Lexington	76	5	20	26
Louisville	215	3	141	144
Cincinnati	480	37	363	400
Columbus	962	121	562	694
Dayton	376	76	246	322
Hamilton	38	4	10	14
Springfield	74	4	29	33
Charleston	262	70	224	294
Huntington	98	13	76	89
Southern, W. Va.	90	—	1	1
Miscellaneous	9	13	6	19
Total	4334	815	2688	3503

MESSAGE ON MEMBERSHIP

I have come to the conclusion that nothing that we do in our communities can take the place of real hard work,—“leg work.” We must mobilize devoted, tireless workers who are willing to spend time and actually go out into the community and call upon people and get them to join the Zionist Organization. If this is not done, then we cannot achieve our goal.

Even at the risk of repetition, I must again point out to you that this is a Zionist Congress year—that this is a critical year for our people—that now, more than ever before, the Yishuv looks to us for moral support. How will we meet all of these situations? I know of no more decisive way to do it, than to strengthen our ranks numerically. The stronger we are, the more effective we are. It is your obligation to help us grow stronger and more effective.

I urge you to redouble your efforts as far as membership activity is concerned.

Joseph Goldberg
Chairman, National Membership
Campaign of Zionist Organization
of America



DAVID GAISER, Columbus, Ohio

David Gaiser of Columbus, Ohio, member of the Executive Committee of the Columbus Zionist District and Co-Chairman on membership, also a member on the Regional Executive Committee.

Mr. Gaiser is one of the most loyal and devoted Zionists in the Region and a very active member in his district. In the last three years he enrolled over two hundred and fifty new members in the Columbus

Zionist District. David is always ready and eager to do more for the cause of Zion. Congratulations Dave on excellent services rendered and we hope that you will continue to be a splendid example for others to follow.

ATTENTION DISTRICT PRESIDENTS!

The Shekel Campaign which is now in progress for the election of delegates to the 22nd World Zionist Congress will close on May 24. Sunday June 16 has been designated as the date for the election of the delegates to the World Zionist Congress. Every effort should be made to sell as many Shkolim as possible and what is more that every Shekel holder and ZOA member votes on Sunday, June the 16th.

See to it that everyone votes for the general Zionist ticket.

ZOA EXPANSION FUND

The various district heads were advised of the amounts expected from their respective communities towards the ZOA Expansion Fund. So far only four districts have responded and forwarded the following sums to the ZOA Expansion Fund:

Indianapolis	\$3950.00
Lafayette	590.00
South Bend	250.00
Huntington	250.00

A number of districts are planning to hold campaigns in behalf of the Expansion Fund in the immediate future. The district leaders are urged not to postpone their Expansion Fund Drives and to raise the amounts expected of each community.

The success of the ZOA Expansion Fund will make possible the carrying out of the 10 major projects:

1. Radio "The Drama of Palestine"
2. Combating anti-Zionist activities
3. Publications
4. Youth
5. Education
6. Palestine Investments
7. Palestine Immigration Bureau
8. Veterans Bureau
9. Scholarship at Hebrew University
10. Palestine Films

FIVE HEBREW FELLOWSHIPS ANNOUNCED BY ZOA

The establishment by the Zionist Organization of America of five fellowships at the Hebrew University at Jerusalem for the academic year commencing October, 1946, was announced by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the organization. The Committee on Fellowships is headed by Dr. Israel Goldstein, former ZOA president.

Making public the requirements to be met by applicants for these fellowships, Dr. Goldstein announced that one fellowship will be in the amount of \$2500 and four for \$1500 each. The funds will be furnished through the ZOA Expansion Fund.

The fellowships are open to graduates of recognized colleges or universities without restrictions as to sex, race or creed.

JEWS ON AGRICULTURAL LAND INCREASED TENFOLD

JERUSALEM (ZOA)—The number of Jews settled in rural areas in Palestine has risen tenfold since 1922, according to figures published here.

In 1922 there were 15,200 Jews in rural areas, while in 1946 the number rose to 145,000. Of this total, 111,000 were on the coastal plain and 24,000 in the valleys; another 9,500 reside in mountain villages on JNF land and 500 in the Negev.

During the same period the number of Arabs residing in rural areas increased by 66 per cent, from 477,700 to 793,000.

The Jews thus represent over 15 per cent of the total rural population, forming 33 per cent of the rural population on the coastal plain and 46 per cent in the valleys.

Shoolem Says—

There is only one way to get this money and that is to impress your members with this fund and to go out and get it. It is a good plan to call a few of your good Zionists, especially those who are willing givers to our cause, to a parlor meeting and explain what the money is for and to raise it then and there. This job must be done immediately. Our work cannot wait, and we must have this fund within sixty days.

Shoolem Ettinger, Chairman
OVZR Expansion Fund

AN ENGLISHMAN SPEAKS

JERUSALEM (ZOA)—A recent issue of the Palestine Post published the following letter from an Englishman who resided for two years in Palestine.

Sir: I was stationed in Palestine for two years. During that time I spent a number of my leaves in different Jewish settlements in the country.

The hospitality, friendliness and sincerity shown me there were such as I have never met with before and have a feeling of warm respect for all the people living in them.

Today when I hear that these same settlers offering harbour to their homeless, miserable refugees escaping from a hostile anti-Semitic Europe are being fired on and killed or sent to detention camps by my own British people, I am deeply ashamed. Lest the Jewish people think we are all insensitive, I wish to speak for a great many Englishmen who feel as I do. We appreciate the fine brave spirit you are showing and sincerely hope that your honest, worthy hopes and aspirations may be shortly fulfilled.

Yours, etc.,

STEPHEN J. AUSTEN
118, Further Green Rd.,
Catford London.
S. E. 6, England.



REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1946, DAYTON, OHIO



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STORY OF ZIONISM, by J. Mitchell Rosenberg, \$2.50.

These books may be obtained at the ZOA Book Department, 41 East 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y.

A PEOPLE RETURN

By Paul J. Gaiser

From beneath the ashes, chaos, and destruction of a people, the like of which has not been known to any race in history, and while the outcry from the graves of six million martyrs of our people is still ringing out into the void and emptiness of a cold and cruel world, touching the very roots of God's creation and reaching the depths of human conscience, the finger of God is pointed to the East as the answer to the martyrs' plea and in fulfillment of His promise to the Children of Israel.

"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord. For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Isreal and Judah, saith the Lord: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it." JER. 30:3.

Fate has so ordained that we stand at the valley to witness the great revelation by the prophecy of Ezekiel:

"Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord." EZK. 37:12-14.

Upon us the SHERITH HAPLETA has fallen the most sacred duty to implement the prophecies of SHIVAT ZION. We must, therefore, rise as one man to accept the challenge of the ages and the responsibility imposed upon us by history to march forward with undaunted courage

and determination toward the light in the horizon in the East.

No power on earth employed by the ingenuity of man can break or conquer the indomitable spirit and determined will of a people to live and survive so long as the claim for survival is based upon and allied with righteousness, truth, and justice. We have now reached the climax in his history of our people and the period of IKVTA D'MSHICHA. We must wash away the tear, shake off resignation, arise from the ashes and march on toward Redemption and GU'LAH.

The mass awakening of our people is obviously inspired by the destiny of the Jew expressed in Zionism, and it is ERETZ ISRAEL which history has designated the only permanent solution of the Jewish problem and the deliverance of the people from the long, dark, and cruel Goluth.

We must, therefore, utilize this historic opportunity to the utmost and hammer away with all the strength and power at our disposal, knock upon the hearts of men, and pierce into the conscience of the world. Let our voices be heard and let our cry envelope the entire globe and reach the heights of heaven! We must revolt against HEFKERUTH, homelessness, and insecurity, which we suffered beyond human endurance, at any price and sacrifice, for "it is bitter seven-fold a life without hope, without destiny, and without the light of day."

We must all share in the great responsibility connected with the "return" and "redemption." We must all participate in this great privilege which comes only once in the life of man. Everyone who believes in the redemption of his people must



identify himself with this principle and must actually join in this great struggle. Every loyal son of the Jewish race must do his duty to bring the goal nearer towards the realization of the ancient dream.

The will of the people must be registered by joining the movement. If membership is one of the necessary steps in the advancement of our Cause, no one must remain silent at the call of his name. We must solicit the endorsement of every self-respecting living Jew. It is a duty which no Jew can shirk, and a responsibility that every loyal Jew must share. It is a privilege that each member of our race should participate in the fulfillment of the prophecy of Israel less he remains alone and unidentified.

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"Organzie, Organize, Organize—until every Jew in America stands up and is counted—counted with us—or proves himself, wittingly or unwittingly, of the few who are against their own people."

"Loyalty to America demands that each Jew becomes a ZIONIST."

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS.

With a people united and a will undaunted we will attain the goal, and a new dawn will shine upon the broken body of Israel.

"And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." ISIAH 35:10.

"If you willeth, it is not a legend,"
Dr. Herzl.



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President, Zionist Organization of America

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July 20, 1945
10th Day of Av, 5705
"One Day Closer to Victory"

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the Zionist Organization of Chicago I am extending to you an invitation to address the Annual Chanukah Festival of the Z.O.C. on December 5th in the Grand Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel. This evening is set aside annually as the city-wide traditional function of the Jewish community in Chicago.

We, here in Chicago, fully realize the militant stand you have taken for positive Zionist action. We know that within the next few months much might develop in the Halls of Council of the United Nations, and it is the opinion of the Annual Chanukah Festival Committee that in view of the fact that Chicago has not had the opportunity of hearing you since November, 1944, when you addressed the National U.P.A. Conference, we would be highly honored if you could accept our invitation.

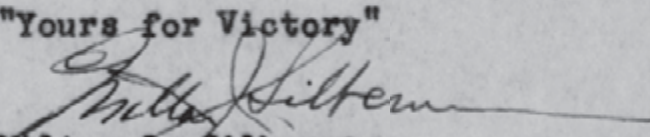
In writing this letter to you at this time, I am of the thought that you may already be on your way to London to attend the World Zionist Congress, and I am, therefore, sending this letter in duplicate in order that your office may forward copy to you airmail and advise you as to your commitments in December.

My secretary will be in Cleveland the latter part of next week, and I am asking her to contact your office there if by chance you have not already left or if they can give her any advice.

Even though you might be in London, may I ask that you cable me your acceptance as it is urgent that we have a definite answer in order to proceed with our complete plans. I am hoping that you will accept and be with us on December 5th.

With kind personal regards and Zion's greetings, I am

"Yours for Victory"


Milton J. Silberman
President

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