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November 7, 1945.

HENRY ELLENBOGEN
JUDGE

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

It gives me great pleasure to advise you that the writing of names in the testimonial album which we presented to you at the dinner in Pittsburgh on October 17 has been completed and that the album is going forward to you under separate cover.

It is our hope that whenever you become weary and tired of the tremendous efforts that you are putting forth daily in the struggle to bring about the opening of the doors of Palestine and the establishment of the Jewish Commonwealth in the Holy Land, you will find new strength and encouragement in the pages of this album. It represents a sincere tribute from your Pittsburgh friends for your genius of leadership, the high statesmanship that you have shown, and your strength of purpose.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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CONGRATULATIONS UNDERSTAND YOU WERE MAGNIFICENT WOULD HAVE GIVEN ANYTHING TO HAVE BEEN THERE WANT TO HELP CARRY YOUR BURDEN JUST COMMAND ME REGARDS=

LEON FEVER.

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OFFICE OF THE RABBI
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701 FARMINGTON AVE.
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November 20, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Abba:

May I offer you my warm personal greetings upon your election to the Presidency of the Z.O.A.? I do not know where you get the strength and the time to do all that you are doing. All the more earnestly do I pray that God may assist you in health and strength as you give of your superb gifts in such unstinting measure to the service of our faith and people.

With affectionate greetings, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, D.D.

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November 20, 1945

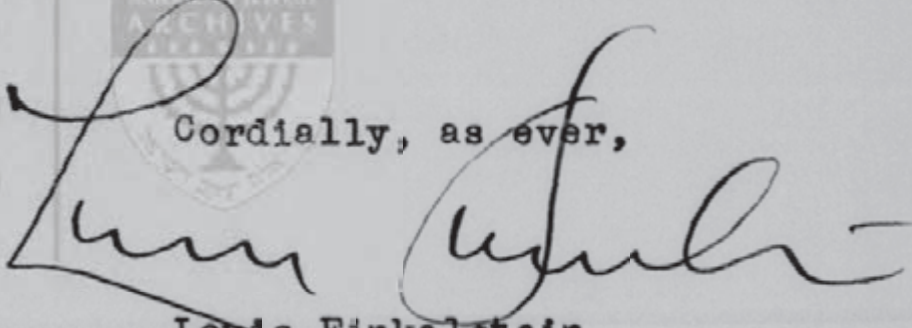
Dear Doctor Silver:

I want to join with your many other admirers in extending most cordial congratulations upon your election as President of the Zionist Organization of America.

I hope that it may be given you to bring about a realization of our hopes for Eretz Israel.

With warmest regards,

Cordially, as ever,


Louis Finkelstein

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

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November 26, 1945.

Rabbi Silber
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The Joint Councils of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, meeting at Cleveland Ohio Nov. 15, 1945 register our protest against the consideration of granting any loan of the money of the American Tax Payers to Great Britain, until all of our American Boys now in the military services abroad are returned to the United States, and until every subjected people held in political bondage by the British Government are given the right of self government through free elections as express in the recent statement of President Truman.

We oppose the establishment of any Anglo-American Joint Committee to study the Arab-Jew-Palestine problem and assert that such a proposal is a buck-passing devise to circumvent the responsibility of Great Britain to carry out the terms of the Balfour Declaration. The Congress of the United States is on record in support of the Balfour Declaration; no further study of the problem is necessary. The progress of the Jews in Europe is serious from every report available. Great Britain has it within her power to permit not 100,000 but half a million or a million Jews a year to take up a homeland in Palestine.

The United States is now in a position to force Great Britain to make good her pledge to the Jews of the world. Any appeasement of the question is an evasion. Stop all loans to Great Britain, and action will be forthcoming.

We appeal to the American people to express their sentiments on this important issue to President Truman, and the Congress of the United States.

Respectfully submitted.

Mary K. Duffy

Mary K Duffy. National
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[Nov. 27, 1945]

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DRAFT BY

IRVING FINEMAN

for the proposed

COMMITTEE TO "OPEN PALESTINE NOW!"

Hollywood, California

December 11, 1945.

The COMMITTEE TO "OPEN PALESTINE NOW!" is being formed in Los Angeles. Its name indicates its sole objective.

It seeks the expressed approval and support of all Jewish organizations -- Zionist and non-Zionist -- together with many other national organizations -- political, civic, professional, labor, humanitarian, welfare, religious, etc., -- representing all aspects of American life.

This Committee proposes to appeal directly to American public opinion for insistence on the immediate opening of the doors of Palestine to those surviving Jews in Europe who wish to go there.

Its appeal will be to the traditional sense of humanity and justice of the American people, by informing them of the plight of the million and a half surviving Jews and by reminding them of the still unkept promise of a national home made by the United States together with the other signatories of the League of Nations Mandate.

This public appeal will be made:

a: by weekly or twice-weekly full-page advertisements in some twenty of the principal newspapers at the centers of population from coast to coast -- these advertisements to be undersigned by all the supporting organizations.

b: by dramatic radio programs and frequent radio spot plugs.

c: by motion-pictures and other media of publicity.

This Committee intends to disseminate to the British public as much as possible of this material. This Committee is prepared to enlist in Hollywood and elsewhere the nation's finest talents and most influential public figures for writing, producing and disseminating the press, radio and motion-picture materials; and to obtain the finances required for an estimated expenditure of some \$40,000 weekly -- \$25,000 for press and \$15,000 for radio.

This Committee proposes to send copies of its published materials together with indications of the public reaction thereto, to President Truman and to members of Congress, as well as to members of the British Government with a demand for ~~the speedy passage of legislation that the~~ ^{prompt action to open} doors of Palestine be opened.

When that -- the opening of Palestine to the surviving Jews of Europe -- is accomplished, this Committee will disband.

This Committee believes that unless this effort is clearly undersigned by a full united front of Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, it will not impress and arouse nation-wide public opinion sufficient to bring about intergovernmental action, nor succeed in obtaining U. S. official action, which has heretofore been baffled by apparent division of Jewish ranks.

This Committee believes that its efforts should be limited to the foregoing program because the American public is not now prepared to consider the question of the nature of the state to be established ultimately in Palestine.

This Committee intends to confine itself strictly to the foregoing program; it does not intend to concern itself with matters involving American foreign policy regarding Palestine; and it does not intend that the approval and support of its program -- namely, the opening of Palestine to surviving European Jewry on the basis of the Balfour Declaration -- shall in any way constitute a limitation on the present policies and activities of the several undersigned organizations whose aims with regard to Palestine go beyond those of this Committee and will naturally continue after this Committee has achieved its immediate objective and ceased to exist.

In the months I have been working with Mr. and Mrs. Rogers my first impression has been confirmed: that they are two uniquely excellent people, whose remarkable devotion to the cause of Jewry is unquestionable, and whose motives in this particular instance have nothing to do with the enhancement of the League for Free Palestine. Mr Rogers was prepared to spend a considerable sum on this project and Mrs. Rogers, a very energetic and capable young woman, was ready and able to enlist the aid and support of influential, talented and moneyed people in this vicinity. They left the formulation of policy entirely to me and I consulted with Rabbi Nussbaum who saw in the project a possible force for good if the Z.O.A. approval of it could be obtained. What we hoped to do was to get local representatives of all the organizations important in American life to join us in asking their main offices to support it on a nation-wide basis. It was soon apparent that we could get all the important individuals and organizations we wanted; but when we approached the local Zionist leaders we ran into a stone wall.

Their opposition - obviously intensified by emotional antagonism aroused by the League affiliation of the Rogers - expressed itself incontrovertibly as an unwillingness to support any movement which did not strive for the full Zionist program including the establishment of the Jewish State.

Although I am for the establishment of the Jewish State I think it unfortunate that Zionists do not see their way clear to support a movement for opening the doors of Palestine now - a movement which would in no way suggest the curtailment of their total program or prevent the continuance of their efforts for the achievement of their ultimate aim, and which would indeed, by speedily increasing the Jewish population of Palestine, inevitably assist in the achievement of that end.

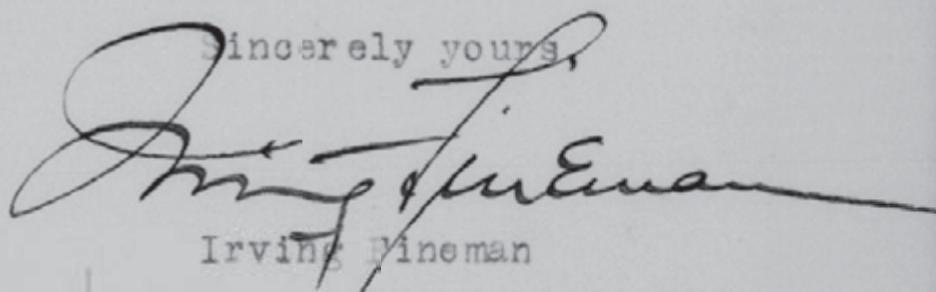
I noted that in your inauguration address you asked for a stronger appeal to "the non-Jewish world" and "an enlightened public opinion" to back our Government, and it seemed to me that this project would be an effective answer to your call; that our radio, press and motion-picture publicity would evoke a large latent public sympathy for the plight of European Jewry which could bring about the opening of Palestine, but that we could not hope to bring the American public to decide right now on the question of the Jewish State, something it would be much easier to do after American public opinion had been roused to demand the opening of Palestine.

I had hoped, when I started this, that something might be done this winter to get many suffering Jews out of Europe and into Palestine. And were this program under way now it might have an important influence on the investigating Commission.

I still think such a program would be sensible and valuable; and, if you think so too, I recommend that either it be undertaken under Z.O.A. auspices or that the Los Angeles Zionists be advised that their cooperation with such a program would be approved.

You have my sincere good wishes in the arduous task you have undertaken.

Sincerely yours,



Irving Pineman

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland
Ohio



December 20, 1945

Dr. Azriel Eisenberg
Bureau of Jewish Education
10501 East Boulevard
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Eisenberg:

Upon my return from Palestine, I found your gracious note of congratulations upon my election to the Presidency of the Zionist Organization of America. I am very grateful for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in sending me your good wishes.

The days ahead are likely to be critical and decisive ones for our Movement, but I feel confident that with the loyal and wholehearted cooperation of all our people we will win through in the end.

I have been out of touch with the situation here. Please drop in to see me whenever you are free.

With Zion's greetings, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

President
MRS. SAMUEL S. KATES

First Vice President
MRS. ABRAHAM STRAUSS

Second Vice President
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December 21, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland 22, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Greater Cleveland may I extend congratulations to you on your recent election to the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America. With all our hearts we wish you success in your most important mission on behalf of world Jewry. It is our fervent hope that the gates of Palestine will soon be open to our people and that a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine will be attained. Federation has expressed itself unequivocally as favoring such a program and it stands ready to throw its full forces into the struggle.

Again may we wish you complete success in the tremendous task which lies before you.

Cordially yours,

Dorothy D. Kates

Mrs. Samuel S. Kates
President

December 21, 1945

Dr. Louis Finkelstein, President
The Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Northeast Corner, Broadway and 122nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Finkelstein:

Upon my return from Palestine, I found your gracious note of congratulations upon my election to the Presidency of the Zionist Organization of America. I am very grateful for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in sending me your good wishes.

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With Zion's greetings, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

December 21, 1945

Rabbi Leon Feuer
Collingwood Ave. Temple
Collingwood & Acklin Aves.
Toledo, Ohio

My dear Leon:

Upon my return from Palestine, I found your gracious note of congratulations upon my election to the Presidency of the Zionist Organization of America. I am very grateful for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in sending me your good wishes.

The days ahead are likely to be critical and decisive ones for our Movement, but I feel confident that with the loyal and wholehearted cooperation of all our people we will win through in the end.

I hope to see you in the near future and tell you about my very heartening experiences in Palestine.

With all good wishes to you and Hortense, and your boy, I remain, as ever,

Yours,

December 21, 1945

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, D.D.
The Congregation Beth Israel
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Abe:

Upon my return from Palestine, I found your gracious note of congratulations upon my election to the Presidency of the Zionist Organization of America. I am very grateful for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in sending me your good wishes.

The days ahead are likely to be critical and decisive ones for our Movement, but I feel confident that with the loyal and wholehearted cooperation of all our people we will win through in the end.

With Zion's greetings, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

Samuel A. Friedman
RABBI, B'NAI ISRAEL CONGREGATION
1208 Grace Street
Wilmington, North Carolina

December 26, 1945

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President,
Zionist Organization of America
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver;

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Heartiest Congratulations upon becoming our President of the Zionist Organization.

I join with Zionists the world over in personal good wishes for your successful leadership and the hope that during your tenure of office we shall reach our Jewish Commonwealth in Eretz Israel.

With Zion's Greetings,

Sincerely yours,
Samuel A. Friedman

January 2, 1946

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

Mrs. Samuel S. Kates, President
Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations
of Greater Cleveland
237 Chester-Twelfth Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Permit me to thank you and, through you, the members of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Greater Cleveland for your thoughtfulness in writing to me, and in congratulating me upon my election to the Presidency of the Zionist Organization of America.

I felt deeply heartened by your words of felicitations. The work which lies ahead is hard, but I am confident that it will prove rewarding especially that all the important forces of Jewish life are marshaled to that end. I have come back from Palestine with a clearer understanding of the problems which lie ahead, and with even greater confidence in the capacity of the Jewish people to solve them.

With all good wishes to your splendid organization, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

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

January 4, 1946

Rabbi Samuel A. Friedman
B'Nai Israel Congregation
1208 Grace Street
Wilmington, North Carolina

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

Upon my return from Palestine, I found your gracious note of congratulations upon my election to the Presidency of the Zionist Organization of America. I am very grateful for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in sending me your good wishes.

The days ahead are likely to be critical and decisive ones for our Movement, but I feel confident that with the loyal and wholehearted cooperation of all our people we will win through in the end.

With Zion's greetings, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

January 9, 1946

Dr. Leon Feuer
Collingwood Temple
Collingwood and Acklin
Toledo, Ohio

My dear Leon:

I have appointed you to represent the Zionist
Organization of America at the forthcoming session
of the American Jewish Conference, which will be held
in Cleveland beginning Sunday February 17. I trust
that you will be able to serve.

The other two members representing the ZOA are Dr.
Emanuel Neumann and Judge Louis E. Leventhal.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

copy sent to
Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn

ROBERT FINKELSTEIN
353 HARRIS AVENUE
WOONSOCKET, R. I.

Handwritten initials and notes in the top right corner.

Jan. 10, 1946.

Handwritten notes and initials on the right side of the page.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

The writer is a member of the Zionist Organization and was present at the meeting described in the enclosed news article.

If Mr. Ludwig Lewisohn's statement that ---

"If 30 or 40 percent of Harvard were Jewish I might like it personally, but Harvard wouldn't be Harvard, so I can see how right it is to restrict registration. On the other hand, the Jewish people should set up its own universities" ---

reflects the policy of the Z.O.A. (which I doubt), it is indeed tragic, or if just reflects his own muddled thinking, then it is unfortunate that he is permitted to hurt the cause of Zionism by injecting these thoughts in his talk on, "The Jewish Case before the Bar of History".

Here we have a prominent Zionist using the same arguments that are used by both reactionary and anti-Semitic elements in this country. Is Mr. Lewisohn trying to make the position of the Jews in America even more untenable than it is by lending "aid and comfort to the enemy"?

There are too many Jews who are either anti-Zionists or non-Zionists and we can ill afford to increase their ranks. The writer would appreciate knowing whether the statements by Mr. Lewisohn reflect the policies of the Zionist Organization of America.

Sincerely yours,
Robert Finkelstein
Robert Finkelstein

RF:MC

Encl

January 18, 1946

Mr. Robert Finkelstein
353 Harris Avenue
Woonsocket, R. I.

My dear Mr. Finkelstein:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of January 10,
and for the clipping which you enclosed. I shall take
this matter up with Mr. Lewisohn at the earliest oppor-
tunity.

Some Zionist spokesmen in their eagerness to drive home
a point sometimes overshoot the mark and make statements
which are regrettable.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
1720—16TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 20, 1946

Mr. William C. FitzGibbon
Washington Bldg., Rm. 312
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. FitzGibbon:

In response to your letter of January 15th, I want to assure you of the continued wholehearted cooperation on the part of the entire membership of the ZOA in the peace-time Savings Bond Program of the U. S. Treasury Department.

I have asked Mr. Barbarash, secretary of our War Bond Effort, to communicate with you with a view to promoting the Savings Bond Program among our Districts through the media of our publications and literature.

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

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Far Rockaway Jan. 22 nd 1940

Honorable Mr. Abe Lillel Silver

Rabbi and Executive of the

American Zionist organisation

Dear Rabbi.

Last year I took the pleasure to write a poem on your name and to your honor, begging you at the same time to honor me with your autograph but did not receive till now.

I have a hobby to collect autographs from outstanding personalities of the whole world and U.S. and happened that I am just invited to exhibit my collection four Albums full on the 4th of February at the auditorium of Kearns sponsored by the American Jewish Federation. and would like to have your autograph near Rabbi Stefan S. Wise. The collection would not be complete without your autograph,

I hope you will do it now am very

respectfully yours

Isidor Elfenbein

Cousin of Rabbi Dr. Elfenbein from the Misrachi.

1106 Neilson Ave.

Far Rockaway N.Y.

January 23, 1946

Miss Mary K. Duffy
2136 Noble Road
East Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Miss Duffy:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter. I have been both out of the country and out of the city in the last few months, and my correspondence has lagged. I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in expressing your sentiments concerning the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine.

I fully share your opinion, and I have taken the liberty of sending your letter on to the National Office of the American Zionist Emergency Council in New York. Please convey to the members of your organization our profound appreciation for their cooperation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD
1212 EUTAW PLACE
BALTIMORE - 17, MD.

February 22, 1946.

Dear Doctor Silver

I regret keenly
that I shall be unable
to meet you & welcome
you on the important
occasion of your visit to
Baltimore. But I do
want you to know how
greatly we all appreciate
your coming here & how happy

that Baltimore Zionists
are that you will bring
your inspiring influence
to the Jewish Community
of this City.

With every good wish
I am as ever yours

Harry Friedmann

Irving Fineman
730 N Camden Drive
Beverly Hills
California

February 25, 1946

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to tell you of my failure to accomplish a pro-Palestine project, because I think it should interest you.

Late last year I was invited to a meeting called by Mr and Mrs Will Rogers Jr. I then knew very little about the League for Free Palestine and it was only at that meeting that I learend of their connection with it. Mr and Mrs Rogers spoke for the formation of a committee of all pro-Palestine forces whose object would be to arouse general public opinion in America for the immediate opening of Palestine to the remnant of European Jewry.

Members of the Z.O.A present at that meeting expressed their suspicion of a project engineered by members of the League, but I was impressed by the sincerity of Mr and Mrs Rogers, and, moved by the urgent need of those homeless Jews and my long time interest in the Jewish homeland, I offered my services and joined Mr and Mrs Rogers in organizing this project. I drew up the following resolution, which I suggest you read before proceeding with my letter:



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February 27, 1946.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President
Zionist Organization of America
1720 Sixteenth St., N.W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in forwarding to you a resolution which was unanimously adopted by the regional conference in appreciation of your great services to our movement and in pledge of our wholehearted support of your administration.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Adalbert Freedman
Adalbert Freedman.

Encl.

February 28, 1946

Dr. Harry Friedenwald
1212 Eutaw Place
Baltimore 17, Md.

My dear Dr. Friedenwald:

I was delighted to receive your note conveyed to me through Dr. Levine. It was a joy for me to visit Baltimore. I was delighted with the meetings and with the enthusiasm and earnestness of the Zionist leaders in the community.

I am sorry that my stay in Baltimore was so brief that I could not give myself the pleasure of calling on you. I trust that you are well, and with all good wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 7, 1946

Mr. Adalbert Freedman, Exec. Dir.
Zionist Organization of America
Southeastern Region
1107 First National Bank Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Mr. Freedman:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of
February 27 and for the resolution of the Southeastern
Regional Conference which was adopted.

Please convey to the officers of the Region my profound
appreciation for the action which was taken and for the
confidence and good wishes which they express. I was
very happy to learn how very successful the conference
was.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

C O P Y

April 3, 1946

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, President
Hadassah
1819 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Epstein:

At a meeting on March 19th the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America adopted a resolution urging Hadassah to join with the Zionist Organization of America in the sale of Shekolim and in a joint slate of delegates to the forthcoming Zionist Congress.

On March 24th committees representing our organizations met at the Hotel New Yorker at our invitation. In conveying to you the above-mentioned resolution our committee urged upon yours its acceptance on the ground that since no ideological differences existed among us as General Zionists and in view of the pivotal role which General Zionist delegates will be called upon to play at the next Congress, a joint ZOA-Hadassah slate of delegates to the next Congress on a parity basis would serve the best interests of our common cause.

This remains our firm conviction. It is fortified all the more by the fact that the men and women of other Zionist groups are indeed united. Our memberships would find it difficult to understand why we alone among the Zionist organizations must conduct separate Shekel campaigns and be represented at the Congress by separate delegations.

We earnestly hope that you will reconsider your position and make it possible for us to unite in a common and heroic effort to mobilize American Jewry for our cause and to achieve victory for Zionism and the Yishuv.

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

Very sincerely yours,

Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman
Inner Committee

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REGRET THAT I CANNOT ATTEND PERSONALLY BECAUSE OF VERY COMPELLING PRIOR
ENGAGEMENT. KINDEST REGARDS.

Abba Hillel Silver

GR

May 19, 1946

Mr. Saul Danaceau
1560 E. 21st Street
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Danaceau:

I trust that you have made provisions for large advertisements in the Jewish Independent and Jewish Review and Observer, as well as in the Jewish World for the Election campaign of the ZOA. I note that the other parties have already inserted such advertisements. The text can be procured from the headquarters of the ZOA in New York or can be obtained here.

It will, of course, be too late to ask for the purchase of shekolim, but it is all important that we ask all Zionists and holders of shekolim to vote the ZOA slate. There will be just two or three issues of these papers in which the "ads" can appear before election.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR

P.S. You may wish to telephone me about the matter.

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WANT A REPLY?

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The Honorable Judge Harry Fisher
Circuit Court of Cook County
Chicago, Ill.

RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM. WIRED HEADQUARTERS TO PUT NAME OF DR. GOLDMAN ON ZOA SLATE. HOPE THAT IT IS NOT TOO LATE. HOPE THAT DR. GOLDMAN WILL JOIN WITH YOU AND OTHER LEADERS TO BRING OUT A GREAT VOTE FOR THE ZOA SLATE JUNE 16 AND 17. INTENSIVE CULTIVATION IN CHICAGO IS NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS. KIND REGARDS

Abba Hillel Silver

June 7, 1946

Dr. F. M. Falkman
14128 Superior Rd.
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

My dear Dr. Falkman:

The lists of the membership of the Cleveland Zionist Society have been distributed and will, I believe, be covered by telephones. Our membership will also receive the letter which you are sending out.

But we have not yet taken care of the Shekel purchasers who do not belong to any Zionist Society or District in Cleveland. Dr. Marks informs me that these Shekel purchasers of Cleveland have been compiled on index cards, which will be sent to Saul Danaceau in a day or two. I believe, however, that a letter should go out to them, urging them to come out and vote the ZOA slate.

I am enclosing herewith the kind of letter which should be sent to them. Enclosed in the envelope should also be a list of the voting places with the heading "Please go to your nearest voting place and cast your vote for the ZOA slate."

If you need help in addressing these envelopes Mrs. Richards in my office will assist you. Get the letter printed. You will need about 3500, and 3500 cards, containing the addresses of the voting places.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS/
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June 9, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

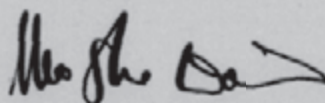
Under separate cover, I am sending you a brief summary of the work of the Hebrew Arts Committee during this past year.

We shall complete our season of activities with the Pargod performance of "Bar Kochba" at Times Hall this coming week. Sunday evening, June 16th, will be Z.O.A. Night at the last performance of "Bar Kochba." Representatives of the general, Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press will be present.

There could be no greater honor to the entire event than your presence. Could you, amidst your troublesome duties, find time to spend this evening with us? You will be participating in a performance which, because of its historical import and literary genius, can give us all strength for our struggle.

With fond remembrance of the role you played in the earliest beginnings of the Hebrew theatre,

Sincerely yours,


Moshe Davis

[June 13, 1946]

SAMUEL I. FEIGIN
ORIENTAL INSTITUTE
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
CHICAGO 37, ILLINOIS

13 ביוני 1946

לכבוד דר. אבא הלל סילבר נשיא ההסתדרות הציונית, שלום!

ראיתי את רשימת הקאנדידאטים לקונגרס הציוני

ונוכחתי כי ידידי דר. שלמה גולדמאן, מי שהיה נשיא ההסתדרות

הציונית ואחד המנהיגים הגדולים ביותר שיש לנו, אינו ברשימה

הזאת, בשעה שכל הנשיאים בעבר אחרים, אפילו אלו שאין פעלם ניכר,

ישנם בה. מבין אני כי יש כאן חשבונות פרטים ופעוטים, שאינם

לכבוד להסתדרות הציונית, שצריכה היתה להיות הסתדרות מוסרית.

אם הקובעים את הרשימה אינם יודעים להעריך אישים כדר. גולדמן

אינם ראויים לעמוד בראש הסתדרותנו; לא כל שכן אם הרברים נעשו

במזיד, בהכרה ברורה, כדי להתנקם על איזה מעשים כלליים או

פרטיים. צר לי מאד שגזלתי זמן תורתך והלכתי למכור שקלים

בשביל ההסתדרות הציונית. כמובן שאני לא אצביע יותר בעד

ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה. ולא עוד אני יוצא מן ההסתדרות

הציונית בתור מחאה ואני מחזיר לך בזה כרטיס החבר שלי,

החתום על ירך.

בברכת ציון וברכת טהרת המחנה

נ.כ. הכותב את המכתב כתב פעם מאמר בקורת על ספרך "מבקשי
הקץ".

June 14, 1946

Dr. Samuel I. Feigin
Oriental Institute
University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

My dear Dr. Feigin:

I read your letter and I am afraid that you are laboring under a serious misapprehension. It would have been in order for you first to learn the facts before you proceeded to write the kind of a letter which you did, reflecting upon the moral integrity of the ZOA and of its leadership.

The facts are these. Dr. Goldmann, along with the other officers of the ZOA, was asked by the Secretary of the ZOA to issue a statement endorsing the election platform adopted by the ZOA. Only two refused to comply with the request—Dr. Goldmann and Dr. Heller. Dr. Goldman replied, in so many words, that the telegram must have been sent to him by mistake inasmuch as he had not heard from the ZOA in three years. (I am President of the ZOA only since last October). He furthermore stated that he had not seen the Declaration. I instructed the Secretary to send Dr. Goldmann a copy of the Declaration and to repeat the invitation. No reply was received. The Nominating Committee of the ZOA thereupon assumed that Dr. Goldman was not interested in the forthcoming Congress elections and therefore did not include his name in the nominating list. Neither was Dr. Heller included. All other officers of the ZOA, whether former friends or enemies of the present ZOA leadership, were nominated. I explained the reasons for the absence of the names of Goldmann and Heller from the nomination list to the full Meeting of the Administrative Committee, which met in Washington on May 23. I stated at the time that should these gentlemen indicate their interest in the campaign ways would be found for putting them on the slate, if it is not too late.

A few days later, Judge Harry Fisher of your city telephoned me about this matter of Dr. Goldmann. I gave him the facts as I am giving them to you. A few days later I received the following telegram from Judge Fisher:

"WRITTEN RABBI GOLDMANN AS FOLLOWS "DO YOU APPROVE THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PLATFORM OF THE ZOA" TO WHICH HE REPLIED "I DO APPROVE THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PLATFORM ADOPTED BY THE ZOA RESERVING THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT TO SUCH PART THEREOF, IN ANY, WHICH MIGHT BE FOUND TO BE CONTRARY TO THE LAWS OF THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS" IM SURE YOU WILL BE HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS. BEST WISHES.

(Signed) Harry M. Fisher"

June 14, 1946

Upon receipt of the telegram I telephoned headquarters in New York and requested them to put the name of Dr. Goldmann on the slate. I was informed later in the day that the ballots had already been printed and that it was too late, whereupon I asked the Secretary to telegraph Judge Fisher and apprise him of the fact, and to tell him that the ZOA would make every effort to see that Dr. Goldmann is a delegate to the Congress from the "World List"—a special list provided by the rules of the Congress to make it possible for men not otherwise elected to be official delegates to the Congress.

These are the facts, my dear Dr. Feigin. I trust that you will reconsider your decision and that you will send me some word of explanation as to why you presumed to write the kind of a note which you did, without first acquainting yourself entirely with all the facts. I am just as much concerned about the integrity of our movement and its high moral character as you are. You might have given me the benefit of the doubt if you did not choose to ascertain the facts.

I am returning your ZOA membership card. If after reconsideration you still wish to resign, please address your resignation, and the reason for it to the Secretary of the ZOA in New York City.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

June 17, 1946

Mr. Moshe Davis
The Hebrew Arts Committee of
American Zionist Youth Commission
3080 Broadway
New York 27, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of
June 9, and for your gracious invitation to attend
the performance of "Bar Kochba" on Sunday, June 16.

I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I must
remain in Cleveland on that day. I do hope that
good fortune will favor me some day and enable me to
attend one of your performances, of whose high merit
I have heard much.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR

Holy Blossom Temple

TORONTO

THE RABBI'S STUDY

October 1, 1946.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

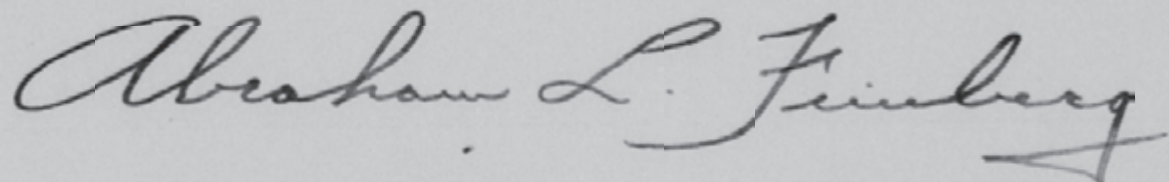
About two weeks ago the General Council of United Church of Canada, meeting in Montreal, passed a resolution deploring unjust criticism of British policy in Palestine "on the part of a section of our fellow citizens." The original resolution, as submitted to the Council, added the phrase "of Jewish faith" and was intended deliberately to specify and condemn opposition to the British program in Palestine by Canadian Jewry.

At Erev Rosh Hashanah Service in Holy Blossom Temple last Wednesday evening, I delivered an address in which I vigorously upheld the right of Canadian citizens, Jewish and otherwise, to express opinion about the Bevin program in Palestine. Herewith is enclosed an excerpt of my address, published in the "Toronto Daily Star" of Thursday, September 26th. The "Star" has the largest circulation of any newspaper in Canada.

It occurred to me that you might be interested in the resolution and my reply to it.

You may be interested to know, furthermore, that the words "of Jewish faith" were eliminated only after an exceptionally-persuasive plea by Dr. David MacLennan, Minister of the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church in Toronto, a friend and neighbour of mine. The entire incident is very disheartening, naturally. Nevertheless, I am convinced that the right of any person to freedom of speech in regard to the policy of Great Britain should be championed without reserve. In fact, I consider it a moral duty that we Jews in Canada address ourselves to this crisis with dignity and firmness.

Very sincerely yours and with every good wish for the New Year, I am,



Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg.

JEWISH HOME IN PALESTINE SEEN NEED FOR WORLD GOOD

"The critical plight of the promised Jewish homeland in Palestine is not an exclusively Jewish problem, but a moral issue involving the articulate opinion of our western civilization," Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg said last night at the service for the Eve of the Jewish New Year, in Holy Blossom temple. He spoke on "Bevin's policy in Palestine and Freedom of Speech in Canada."

"Opposition to the present British government's policy is not confined to persons of the Jewish faith," declared Rabbi Feinberg. "The right of anyone under the crown to differ with Mr. Bevin is an inalienable part of British tradition. Unless that right is exercised without penalty or pressure, by all groups, Jews included, the full privileges of British citizenship or residence have not been accepted. Should any group of persons in Canada accept 'second class' citizenship instead?"

"Winston Churchill, who symbolizes the fortitude and faith in the British empire, has constantly assailed the Bevin-Attlee Palestinian policy, in the same fundamental terms of British honor and interest as many Jews have uttered. He has been from the start a staunch champion of the Zionist program; to him, the establishment of a Jewish state on the banks of the Jordan would be in especial harmony with the well-being of the British empire. In the British parliament, members of all parties denounced as illegal the white paper which restricted Jewish immigration and land sales. Two of the most brilliant members of the Labor party have written a pamphlet called 'Palestine Munich,' in which they underscore the peril inherent in appeasing the Arabs. The Anglo-American committee of inquiry, set up at the initiative of the British government, unanimously urged last April that 100,000 displaced Jews be transferred at once to the Holy Land—an urgent act of humanitarianism which Mr. Bevin refuses to carry out. In Canada, a political party, and many estimable Christians, have appealed to London for a change in Palestine policy. In all cases, the arguments advanced differed only in detail and natural intensity of feeling from those presented by Jews, to whom the issue is a matter of life or death."

Always An Error

"Unjust criticism of anyone is always an error," the Rabbi continued. "But how is criticism to prove its justice, or be revealed as lacking in justice, unless by full, public, unimpeded expression? If Mr. Bevin is right, we should champion him with fact and figure and argument. If he is wrong, we must marshal the logic to prove it. But it is not possible to make a choice until the entire complex situation is thoroughly examined."

"The essence of democracy is courage of conviction. If a minority silences itself on what it deems a moral issue of crucial import to the building of a peaceful and decent world, it wrongs not only itself but the community of which it is part. Palestine is to Israel a test of the fidelity of the great nations to their solemn international bond, a barometer of the capacity of power to protect weakness. We Jews have no armament save God, the nobility of our cause and our ability to touch the Christian conscience. How then can we do otherwise than submit our case to the bar of public judgment? Are we unjust when we expect a strongly entrenched, ethically minded Labor party to match policy to oft-reiterated promise?"

Not Identical Twins

"Ernest Bevin and John Bull are not identical twins. To criticize the tactic of Mr. Bevin, an elected office holder, in regard to one phase of his foreign policy, does not signify an anti-British motive or belief. The innermost and eternal current of the empire did not begin with one man now living, nor will it be terminated with his departure. The present relationship of official Britain to Palestine Jewry is a temporal human artifact; men have fashioned it and men can alter it. Shall the lofty sanctions and authority of God be tied up with an earthly political, expedient?"

"Am I anti-British? Far from it," stated Rabbi Feinberg. "The Britain of Palmerston and Shaftesbury, of Shakespeare and Wren, of the King James Bible and the Biblical ideals, the Britain of the blitz and the epochal heroism of common people, the Britain which conceives its empire as a stewardship of the gentleman—that is the Britain in whose society of nations the Jews of Canada are happy to dwell."

"In Canada 170,000 Jews are rooted. Under God, here they and their children will remain, grateful for the opportunities and aware of the obligations that brings," the rabbi continued. "They ask that Palestine be made available to any Jews who wish to go there, within the geographical and economic limits of its capacity to receive them. Because we believe that a Jewish dominion, situated on enough of Palestine's soil to heal and rehabilitate the torn fragments of Europe's Jewry, is essential to the highest welfare of Britain and the moral health of the world, we must, in humility but with firmness, knock forever at the door of the Christian conscience, proving thereby that we have the courage of our own self-respect, and ultimate confidence in the moral character of mankind."

BUYING U.S. STEEL SOME DEALERS SAY

Some Canadian users of steel, a survey reveals, are getting orders filled in the U.S., and others are getting it from England.

Standard Sanitary Co.: "We are bringing in pig iron from the U.S. Production of brass products has been curtailed, but we are safe for two months."

Eastern Steel Co.: "What steel we can buy we are getting from the U.S., but this does not make things any better for customers who are seeking materials we cannot supply."

A. B. Ormsby Co.: "The same story . . . we can get steel for the heavy stuff, but light steel is difficult to find. As for steel plates, we have supplies on hand."

Steel Co. of Canada (Swansea): "We are operating, but are just starting to lay men off. It's on a day-to-day basis."

SOVIET ACCUSES U.S. OF AIDING FUGITIVE

London, Sept. 26 — (CP) — The Moscow radio last night accused U.S. officials of helping Dr. Vladimir Macek, vice-premier of Yugoslavia in 1941, escape to America. Macek, described in the broadcast as a "traitor," is wanted by Marshal Tito's government for trial on war crimes charges.

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October 18, 1946

Rabbi Abraham Feinberg
Holy Blossom Temple
Bathurst St. and Ava Road
Toronto, Canada

My dear Feinberg:

Thank you so much for your kind letter, and please pardon the delay in answering it. I have been away from the city most of the time. The holidays, too, have intervened.

I read with keen pleasure your address which appeared in the Toronto Daily Star. I applaud you for your courageous stand.

It seems that a few Jews in Canada are becoming intimidated by the criticism of some of their pro-British imperialist gentile neighbors. I read somewhere recently of a Canadian Jewish doctor who fawned upon a gentile audience by attacking Zionism. It is refreshing to read your statement.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK