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MEMORANDUM

Heller
FROM *The President*

DATE: 9/14/45

TO: Dr. Silver

SUBJECT:

You have probably noticed in this morning's Times the observation of a correspondent to the effect that the British may be talking about placing Cyprus and Palestine under an international trusteeship. This was an item in connection with the Conference of Ministers. The report of Russia's desire for a report on the Red Sea also adds an element to the picture which was not in our thinking before. All in all, I feel very strongly that the suggestion I made at the last meeting of the Emergency Council Executive ought to be considered without delay, namely, that we send someone immediately to London. I believe that if some such person as Mr. Szold and Mr. Neumann could find it possible to go, it would be very helpful.

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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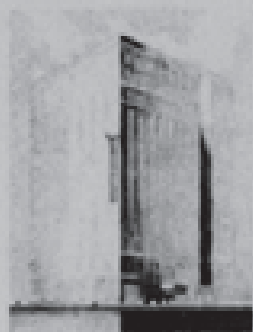
CONVENTION ZIONIST ORGANIZATION HOTEL ST CHARLES ATLCTY=

EXCEDDINGLY SORRY MY INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ZIONIST
CONVENTION DUE TO ILLNESS I SHOULD HAVE WANTED TO JOIN THE
THE TRIBUTE TO YOU WHICH WILL NO DOUBT FIND EXPRESSION AT THIS
IMPORTANT GATHERING AND THAT YOU SO WELL DESERVE FOR YOUR
AGGRESSIVE/LEADERSHIP IN OUR POLITICAL ACTION YOUR COMING TO
THE HOME OF OUR MOVEMENT AT THIS TIME WILL INSURE THE
CONTINUATION AND FRUITION OF THE POLICIES YOU HAVE ENUNCIATED
AS AN ARDENT SUPPORTER OF YOUR VICOURS LEADERSHIP AND AS
PRESIDENT OF THE HISTADRUTH IVRITH I WANT TO PLEDGE TO YOU AND
YOUR ADMINISTRATION EVERY MEASURE OF SUPPORT AND COOPERATION
LEAD AND WE SHALL FOLLOW =

SAMUEL J BOWOWSKY..

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Nov. 20th, 1945

Rabbi abba Hillel silver, D.D.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Leader in Israel: -

I visited our Homeland
twice. I am the first Ameri-
can Rabbi who preached
in various Synagogues,
in various towns, in I.R.P., Z.N.K.

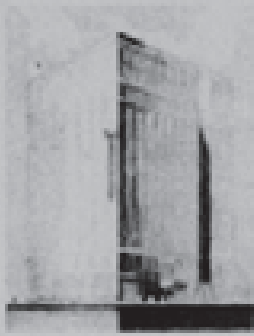
Therefore I am spiri-
tually happy that ^{you} have
been elected President of

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RABBI GUSTAV N. HAUSMAN, LITT. D.

HOTEL MONTEREY
BROADWAY AT 94TH ST.

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the Zionist organization of America.

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accept, please, my
716 131"

Obediently yours
in Zion

Gustav H. Harman

Member of the C.C. of A.R.

D. S.

years gone by I
was Rabbi of Temple
Emmanuel, Grand
Rapids, Michigan.
therefore I knew the
Zinkes and Mays, your
wife's relatives.

G. M. H.



THE PLAZA
FIFTH AVENUE AT 59TH STREET
NEW YORK

Nov. 20, 1945.

Dear Dr. Silver -

My heartiest congratulations to you - and if I could write the Z. O. A. - as such - I would send them my congratulations on your election to the presidency - My wishes for you for success in office really come

"from the bottom of my heart."

If I may add a word of advice it would be to use all the help you have available throughout the country and don't confine your advisors to the New York crowd. And if I may add a bit more advice it is here in an article by Walter Lippman

in to-day's Herald Tribune. I don't think
he named Truman's fundamental
trouble but he did describe a man
who in business we would say "is
too busy to make money."

I am also enclosing an article
from the Times, the last lines of
which are underscored. If you adopt
a policy of non-coöperation with the
Anglo-American investigating committee
here is one more example to sustain
our charge of bad faith.

I hope I will see you soon -
Meanwhile the best of luck - (and
you'll need it)

Sincerely

office
murray Bdg
Adey L. Hamburger
Baltimore

Arlington Park apt

[November 20, 1945]

MENAHEM G. GLENN, Ph. D.

1139 BRIGHTON BEACH AVENUE

BROOKLYN 24, NEW YORK

114 COOKE ST.

Waterbury 25, Conn.

אמיל ס' נא, ילד

אב' יהי. ד' אבא הא סולד'ר, א'א!

יאלה: אבובק, אדוני, אהרן'לך נקלא לא ההסתבחה חלואת
באחרונה. אי ימן שבימין אביא נלמך תעשמה לא שמואלך
באר' אבא.

והפני: י' אי פ' א'ן א'א מי יא'ל הפס'ל,

החכור א'ן א'א "הלכה" אה"ל" הו'ש. י' ש'ב' א'ר

הפס'ל הנח זה א'א א'ר לא הצ'ן חלד. גש'ת א'א

היה ה'א יד'ב' האב, בה'ל' א'ר

ש'א'ר (הש'א'ר). קב'ל א'ר א'ר. קש'ל אה'ל י'ד'ב'

לא ה'ב'ר (ה'ל' לא ה'ב'ר לא "ה'א'ר", בה'ל'א" ו'ר).

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יהא ב'ל'א'ר אה'ל' נ'כ'י-א'ר ב'ל'י ה'ש'א'ר א'א א'א א'א

ביד'ב'ר א'ר

מנחם ג. גלן

א' אה'ל' ב'ב'ת ה'ל'א'ר:

114 COOKE ST.

Waterbury 25, Conn.

JACOB ISH-KISHOR
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

November 20th, 1945

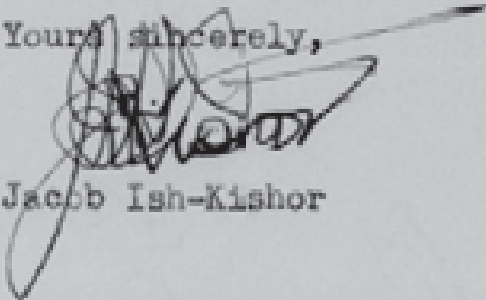
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept my sincere felicitations at your unanimous election as President of the Zionist Organization of America. I am convinced that our Organization could not have made a wiser and more excellent choice.

In the task that you have now taken over, I am sure, every sincere Zionist will rally to your support in your great efforts in behalf of our cause and our hard-pressed people. May God grant you strength and health to lead our battle for a Zion rebuilt.

Yours sincerely,



Jacob Ish-Kishor

JIK:CG

Nov. 21/45

Dear Abba,

A cold kept me from attending the convention. I would have loved to have had the privilege of casting a vote for you as President of the Z.O.A. For I do not believe that there is anyone who is endowed with the gifts of mind and speech to lay the cause of our people before the world as you are.

I was therefore delighted with the news of your election. I am not desiring for any remunerative post nor for any honor... but if you feel that I can be of any aid to you and the movement my attitude is "YES"

Esteemingly

Bernard Heller.

P.S. The enclosed will appear in The New Leader - [Abba majestic sponsor - John] in next a succeeding issue. It is an answer to Dan Goldenblat's proposals. I find our previous argument widely quoted.

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THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

MIZRACHI WOMENS ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA EXTEND TO YOU
HEARTIEST FELICITATIONS UPON YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT
OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA STOP WE FEEL CONFIDENT
THAT UNDER YOUR BRILLIANT AND COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP ZOA
AND THE ENTIRE MOVEMENT WILL GO FORTH FROM STRENGTH TO
STRENGTH AND REALIZE SPEEDILY THE FULLIMENT OF OUR AINS

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A JEWISH STATE IN ERETZ ISRAEL STOP CHAZAK VEAMATZ TZEISCHA
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BELLE J GOLDSTEIN NTAL PRES.

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From the desk of - - -

הרב מרדכי געללער
RABBI MAX GELLER

November 26, 1945
21st Kessler 5306

Dear Rabbi Silver,

accept my
congratulations and best wishes
on your election to the
presidency of the Z. O. A.

May our Heavenly Father
give you the strength and
courage to carry on the
Holy work of this organization
to a complete victory over our
enemies.

Yours truly,
Kindest regards.

Max Geller
Rabbi

Rabbi Max Geller
BETH JACOB CONGREGATION,
Cleburne at Hamilton St.,
HOUSTON 4, TEXAS.



Rabbi Aba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland
Ohio

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December 3rd, 1945

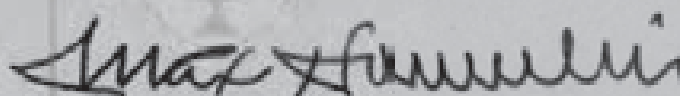
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Congratulations and best wishes for success and good health in your being elected unanimously to the Presidency of the Zionists of America.

I was very pleased to hear of your election and I am sure that under your leadership something worthwhile will be accomplished, for the Jewish people.

Sincerely yours,



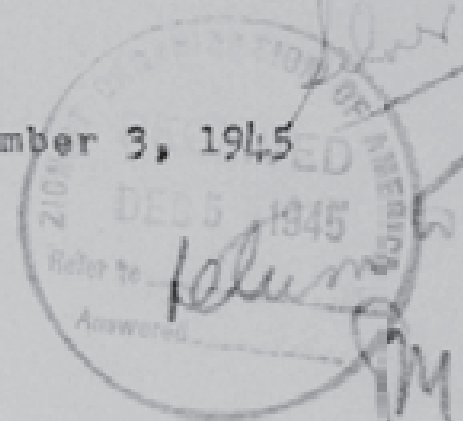
Max Harmelin

mh/tz

WILLIAM GORDON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
148 STATE STREET
BOSTON 9
CAPITOL 9872

December 3, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Zionist Organization of America
1720 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 9, D.C.



My dear Rabbi Silver:

Unobtrusive news notes from time to time tell of Zionist Organization of America leaders who urge Jewish youth, citizens of our country, to emigrate to Palestine as chalutzim. Seemingly, these leaders contemplate the permanent integration of the chalutz (from the United States) into the Palestinian Jewish Community. I distinguish such proposals from the unobjectionable lending of American experts to the Jews in Palestine.

These exhortations disturb me, and I address this inquiry to you for an authoritative answer. The narrow question is this: is it part of the Zionist Organization of America program to foster, directly or indirectly, the emigration - as chalutzim or otherwise - of Jews, who are resident citizens of our country, to Palestine for permanent residence there?

My view, as a believing member of Zionist Organization of America for many years, is this: The Zionist Organization of America, an organization of United States citizens - under the current notions of political nationality and loyalty which I, and assumedly the Zionist Organization of America, accept - should not foster (1) the permanent emigration of desirable United States citizens to Palestine and (2) the related change of political allegiance from our country to the Jewish community in Palestine. I pass by the refinement of the international lawyer who may wonder whether it is legally possible to change political allegiance from our country, a juridical state in being, to the Jewish Community in Palestine which as yet has none of the attributes of statehood. I merely assume that political loyalty to the Jewish Community in Palestine by Palestinian Jews is a fact and that the adoption of such loyalty is necessarily implicit in emigration to Palestine by a chalutz.

I do not question the legal and moral right of any American Jew to emigrate to Palestine or elsewhere. I do not question the desirability of organized effort by American citizens to promote such emigration. Nor am I concerned with the Anti-Zionist thesis of double allegiance as applied to the American Zionist. I am concerned about the change of single allegiance from the United States to the Palestinian Jewish Community and the moving from the United States of useful citizens, sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America. That few persons are affected is unimportant.

Sincerely,

William Gordon

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I apologize for the delay in replying to your letter of December 3rd, but since the matter you bring up is a long-range question rather than an urgent one, I hope that you will not mind it too much.

You are aware, of course, that personal participation of American Jews in the upbuilding of Jewish Palestine is not a new phenomenon. To name but a few instances, the great health work done in Palestine is due almost entirely to the initiative and personal participation of nurses, physicians, and public-spirited women from America. The Hebrew University is very largely the work of Dr. Magnes and other Americans who settled in Palestine and made possible the development of that great institution of learning. Several important industries are the work of a group of American Jews who built them up with their skill and capital. And a number of agricultural settlements are the work of American Jews who are providing an example for the entire Yishuv in applying a dynamic American approach to the problems of Palestine.

That in post-war conditions, such participation of American Jews in the upbuilding of Palestine is desirable on an increased scale, no one will question. The physical deterioration of European Jews and the loss of so many of them who possessed the necessary training and leadership qualities, make it essential that the immigrants of the next few years should have the help of American-trained engineers, physicians, social workers, nurses, agricultural experts, skilled manual workers, and the healthy and hardy Jewish youth of America.

In going to Palestine to help build the Jewish Homeland, American Jews are not only performing a natural service for their kinsmen overseas

in an hour of need, but are also acting in accordance with a great and noble American tradition. Whenever one of the oppressed nationalities *with kin in America* ~~represented in the American people~~ succeeded in establishing national freedom in their respective homelands, Americans ~~of these particular extractions~~ went by the thousands to help in that work. This was the case with Americans of Irish, Polish, Czechoslovak, Yugoslav, and other extraction, and their help contributed not a little to the establishment of countries which learned from the experience of America, adopted many of its ideals, and became its loyal friends.

Even where no such kinship between foreign nationalities and a group of American citizens was involved, our country took and continues to take great pride in the role which selfless Americans take in the development of backward foreign areas. American missionaries, physicians, and engineers who go to live abroad, for several years or for life, and contribute there to human welfare and the improvement of social and economic standards, are justly praised for the part they play. Of late, their role has been appreciated still more since it is generally recognized to what extent these activities create lasting friendship for the United States in foreign countries.

All these factors have been present in the case of Jewish Palestine, but here the poignant tragedy of Jewish fate in Europe makes the desire of many American Jews to help building the Jewish Homeland still more understandable. The Zionist movement in this country naturally welcomes the readiness of many American Jews to go to Palestine to participate in this endeavor. And just as the Zionist movement encourages American Jews to support the upbuilding of Jewish Palestine by financial contributions, it has not the slightest hesitation in encouraging them to support it by personal participation.

The point which you raise, whether some of these American Jews who go to Palestine would not like to stay there permanently and thus might finally decide to give up their American citizenship and exchange their allegiance to America for Palestinian citizenship, is entirely outside the purview of ~~American Zionism~~. ^{our present effort.} What we are concerned with is ^{substantiated} to have a number of American Jews give a hand in the upbuilding of Palestine, ~~not to influence them to become permanent residents of Palestine or to assume Palestinian citizenship.~~ In a free world, individual citizens of ^{one} ~~any~~ country do some times take up residence in a foreign country, and ^{occasionally} ~~some times~~ take up foreign citizenship. ~~But, generally speaking, this never becomes a mass movement unless people are driven by persecutions or extreme wants. Until such measures develop in the United States, I don't think the motion will assume any considerable proportions, and nothing is farther from the minds of the Zionist movement than to organize or encourage any movement of this kind.~~

~~Sincerely yours,~~

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to Dr. Marks
with letter 1/2/46

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In addition there are a few hundred candidates organized by the Hechalutz from amongst the war veterans, for study at the Hebrew University and the Technical School at Haifa. The Veteran Administration in Washington has approved these schools as a part of eligible schools for American war veterans, and guaranteed the payment of tuition and maintenance. Many more will join this organization if at least a small fraction of candidates can arrive in Palestine by March 1946. We suggest that at least a 125 war veterans shall arrive in Palestine in the first group on student visas or as tourists.

4. It is obvious that the growth of Hechalutz in America can be most properly secured by the presence of a large delegation from Palestine. Some of the schlichim are already in the United States and more are required. It is important that the work of the Palestinian Delegation be supported by the entire Zionist movement in America.

By Joseph Israeli.

Jerusalem, 11th December, 1945.



December 19, 1945

Mr. Max Harnelin
Max Harnelin Agency
3 William Street, Cor. Broad St.
Newar 2, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Harnelin:

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,

December 20, 1945

Dr. Bernard Heller
425 Riverside Drive
New York 25, N. Y.

My dear Bernard:

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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Rabbi Max Geller
Beth Jacob Congregation
Cleburne at Hamilton St.,
Houston 4, Texas

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With Zion's greetings, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

December 21, 1945

Mrs. Samuel Goldstein, President
Mizrachi Women's Organization of America
1133 Broadway
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Goldstein:

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 to you and to the members of the Mizrachi Women's Organization 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,

December 21, 1945

Dr. Menahem G. Glenn
114 Cooke Street
Waterbury 25, Conn.

Dear Dr. Glenn:

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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I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Hefez of Jerusalem; he presided at a public meeting in Tel Aviv which I addressed, and was also the presiding officer at a luncheon in my honor, attended by the newspaper owners and editors in Tel Aviv.

At the moment, I am unable to send you any statement, as I have not been able to catch my breath. Later on perhaps, I will have something for you.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

December 21, 1945

Mr. Samuel J. Borowsky, President
Histadruth Ivrit
165 W. 46th Street
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Borowsky:

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 to you and the members of the Histadruth Ivrit 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,

December 21, 1945

Mr. Jacob Ish-Kishor
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ish-Kishor:

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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Most cordially yours,

December 21, 1945

Rabbi Gustav N. Hausman,
Hotel Monterey
Broadway at 94th St.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Hausman:

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Mr. Adolf L. Hamburger
Munsy Building
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Hamburger:

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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 that I may have the pleasure of seeing you soon. Why don't you contact me some day when you get to New York; I am there very often. Please telephone the office of the American Zionist Emergency Council. I should like to talk a few things over with you.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

WORCESTER ZIONIST DISTRICT...

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

401 SLATER BUILDING
WORCESTER 9, MASS.



WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

AFFILIATED WITH

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

December 30, 1945

PRESIDENT

JOSEPH GOLDBERG

VICE-PRESIDENTS

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HON. VICE-PRESIDENTS

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Dear Doctor:

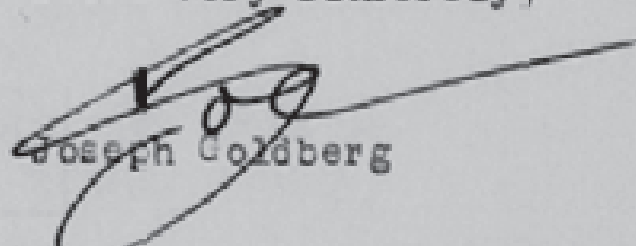
It was really thrilling to participate in the first meeting of the Executive Committee upon your return from Palestine, and even though I was there only in the position of a guest, I enjoyed the evening very much.

I do not intend to burden you with all the problems of membership, but I thought that my first directive to the office might be of interest to you, so I am enclosing a copy of my suggestions. The first "chat letter" will most likely come to your attention.

You will see from this plan that we are embarking upon a very energetic campaign and that it is my intention to do everything humanly possible to reach the goal that we have in mind. I thought that you might be interested in reading this first communication.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours very sincerely,


Joseph Goldberg

jg-ecs

January 2, 1946

Mr. Yale Goldberg
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Yale:

I did not have much time to talk to you when I saw you in New York at the meeting of the Executive Committee, and I want to outline a few matters to you now.

I trust the first "chat letter" will go to all of the people that I designated. The reason I want it to go to the presidents of the districts as well as the membership chairmen and to the regional people and to the national people as well is due to the fact that I want each to serve as a sort of check and balance against the other. As it now works out, there are many chairmen of committees that receive communications and throw them into the basket - - and that applies to presidents of districts as well. When a number of people get the same communication there is an opportunity that each will check against the other and that is what I am interested in.

Secondly, I would like a list of the vice-presidents of the National Membership Committee and its personnel so that we can have a meeting, perhaps prior to the meeting of the National Administrative Committee, and map immediate plans for extensive membership activity.

Thirdly, you were to get me the Geiser suggestions for membership promotion.

And fourth, I think we ought to make up, immediately, special membership letterheads - - something very dramatic, similar to the letterhead that is being used by the Radio Committee, with huge letters 250,000 emblazoned on it. This ought to also be used in the form of a weekly or bi-weekly bulletin showing membership increases for all the districts in the

country, with special mention being given to districts that are making marked progress. This is something that I would like to have issued all during the year. I think it will be very effective and very helpful. I feel sure that your printer or your publicity man can devise a very attractive heading for this regular bulletin. May I urge you to please get this bulletin in form and functioning immediately.

Then, I would like to have a telegram sent under my name to the Southwest Regional Conference that I understand will be held on the week-end of January 20th, and one to the Regional Conference that will be held on the week-end of January 27th, and I would like a copy of same. The essence of the telegram should be -

(Membership is our immediate concern)
(and we must enroll at least 250,000)
(members - - that no community has)
(done an adequate job - stress the)
(importance of completing the)
(membership drive at once.)

Next, I would like to have your publicity department devise an attractive, colorful circular dedicated to our membership month. I do not think that this can wait until Passover because if we are to start the sale of Shekolim, then our membership must start at once and must be concentrated with great efficiency and dispatch. It is therefore important that we dedicate either the month of February or the latest, the month of March, to a "Liberation Membership Campaign." The analogy should be drawn of the Jews being liberated from the bondage in Egypt and the liberation of the Jews from the slavery and persecution of Europe. We could have cuts made showing the Jews being led out of Egypt by Pharaoh, and the Jews streaming out of Europe on the road to Palestine for their liberation. On the back of the circular we could have the numbers - - 250,000 starting very small at the top of the page and running all the way down the page larger and larger until they stand out in a dramatic

form in huge, large figures. This is the type of a circular that I would like to have drawn up.

Then we would contact every district in the land for a simultaneous campaign. We would wire them every day to make sure that it was being carried on effectively. They would be supplied with the membership manuals and suggestions that we outlined when I saw you in New York. This must be started immediately, also.

Then again, if we are to have the meeting of the National Administrative Committee in New York on January 13th, Saturday night I would like to have a dinner meeting in New York of the regional membership chairmen, the district membership chairmen at least from the larger metropolitan areas, also. This will start our membership campaign off with a tremendous impetus.

When I was in New York, at the meeting of the Executive Committee, Mr. Freudenheim gave me a song that he had written in conjunction with membership activities. I am enclosing it. If you think that we can use it - - all well and good.

I also wish that you would let me know about any special large meetings or conferences as they are scheduled so that, if possible, I can plan to attend them and participate in their deliberations, especially as far as membership is concerned. Not that I am looking for any opportunity to make speeches - - but I feel that if we are to reach 250,000 members, it is necessary that we keep driving this business of membership every single day in the year.

Then I would also like to visit some of the larger communities and address mass membership rallies. I went to Revere, Mass., the other night, and as a result of the picture that I conveyed to them we will have an increase in the membership of Revere of at least 150-200 members. Of course, it

is impossible for me to visit every community but I only point this out to you as an example. Mr. Ben Frack, who was elected president on Wednesday, December 26th, of Revere District, when I spoke there, is going to do a real job and I think that this ought to be pointed out in the New Palestine.

On Sunday, January 6th, I am speaking in Bangor, Maine, and there again I will try to stimulate membership. This meeting is under the chairmanship of Myer Minsky, and there I know we will also increase the membership. For that reason, I would like to have you arrange an itinerary for some of the larger communities which I will be willing to visit, provided the right type of a meeting is arranged.

I am very anxious that we reach our goal of 250,000 members, and for my part I want to do everything that I can. Of course, the technicalities of making up the letterheads, literature, and the bulletin is something that must be done by your staff and I urge that all of my suggestions be implemented at once.

I would like to hear from you as to your reaction to these suggestions and I know that they will go into effect at once.

And finally, I think that the issue of the New Palestine that concerns itself with general news during the month of February or March, whichever we dedicate as membership month, should be devoted entirely to membership work. We should have an appeal from Dr. Silver and from other dignitaries in the movement. Then we should carry pictures of the regional membership chairmen and pictures of membership chairmen of the larger districts. There should be a page devoted to the mechanics and techniques of membership

campaigning. I think that Mr. Barabash should start working on a membership issue right now.

I am calling the first regional campaign dinner meeting in New England on January 7th at the Hotel Statler, in Boston. Please note the Revere, Bangor, and this regional meeting in the New Palestine in connection with our activities.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Goldberg

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January 2, 1946.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was in Cleveland last week, and attended Sunday morning services at the Temple. I was sorry to learn that you were ill, and trust that you have completely recovered. You will be pleased to learn that at the first post-war Convention of Tau Epsilon Rho, the largest Jewish legal fraternity in the United States, which was held in Cleveland last week, that I was successful in leading the fight for the passage of a resolution favoring "the reconstitution of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish National Homeland", against the opposition of some of my Cleveland fraters, who adhere to the view of the American Council for Judaism. Judge Samuel Silbert of Cleveland, who was on the Resolutions Committee, was very helpful in fighting with me for the passage of this resolution.

I am also enclosing herewith a copy of my report to Dr. Sidney Marks on "The Wheeling Story", which I think you will find interesting, particularly since it originates in the Eoff Street Temple and in the City of Wheeling, where I believe you had your first pulpit.

With best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year,

Sincerely
Samuel Goldstock
SAMUEL GOLDSTOCK

THE WHEELING STORY

On November 26, 1945, at the request of Dr. Sibey Marks, Secretary of the Z.O.A., and of Rabbi Joseph Wagner, President of the Wheeling Zionist District, I attended the organization meeting of the American Council for Judaism, held in the city of Wheeling, W.Va.

Prior to the meeting I had dinner with a group of Wheeling Zionists, and with Dr. Craig of the Fourth Street Methodist Church of Wheeling, who I was informed is chairman of the Ministerial Association of Wheeling and also Chairman of the local Christian Council for Palestine. While we were at dinner, we tuned in on a radio talk by Rabbi Elmer Berger which was being broadcast on a local station. The radio talk, on the whole, was innocuous, and full of the familiar propaganda line of the American Council for Judaism. Dr. Craig informed me that on the same morning when Rabbi Berger was scheduled to speak in Wheeling, that he introduced a strong pro-Zionist resolution before the Ministerial Association of Wheeling, which was adopted unanimously.

I was accompanied to the meeting by Dr. Craig, Mr. Lester Cohen of the Uniontown (Pa.) Zionist District, Robert Goldstock of Pittsburgh (who had just returned from military service overseas), and Mr. Maurice Kaufman, a Wheeling Zionist, who was a member of the Reformed Temple of Wheeling, from whose membership most of the thirty odd men and women who attended this meeting were drawn.

When we arrived at the meeting place, we were handed literature which contained the Statement of Principles of the American Council for Judaism, and also a membership blank and other propaganda. We also received a blank form for written questions, which stated that questions to Rabbi Berger be put in writing, as the sponsors of the meeting believed that most people are reluctant to express themselves in public. The obvious purpose of this method of receiving questions was to censor or eliminate any questions that might prove to be embarrassing or undesirable.

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Rabbi Elmer Begger spoke for more than an hour. In fact Dr. Craig, who was one of the two non-Jews present at the meeting (the other being Judge Harold J. Brennan of the U.S.Circuit Court, who, I was informed is also sympathetic to the Zionist cause) had to leave the meeting before Rabbi Berger concluded in order to attend another meeting at his church. Before he left, Dr. Craig left a written note with me to the effect that I should be given an opportunity at the meeting to make a counter- statement, in order to refute what was said by Rabbi Berger.

I shall not attempt here to recite all of the many mis-statements, distortions of fact, and malicious innuendos contained in Rabbi Berger's talk, although I took copious notes of all that he said, and I believe that the Wheeling Zionist Organization had a stenographer present, who took down his remarks in shorthand. You are quite familiar with the kind of tripe that Rabbi Berger and his confreres of the Council spew forth. However, I believe that you will be interested in some of the things that he said.

In the first place, Rabbi Berger identified himself as a " mid-Western American of the Jewish faith." He said that he did not understand the "Eastern Jews of New York" (here also we have Ostjuden!) As a specific example he stated that he was quite perturbed by what he witnessed in New York City several weeks before at the Madison Park Rally, when he saw hundreds of Jewish school children parading through the streets of New York City carrying Zionist flags and signs reading: "Do not barter Jewish lives for Arab oil." (I would be proud to have my child do the same.) He implied that these poor innocent school children who did not know any better were taken advantage of by their Jewish "nationalistic" parents.

Another incident that Rabbi Berger said disturbed him a great deal occurred in the City of Oakland, California, when he and Rabbi Reichert addressed a meeting in a Jewish Center on behalf of the American Council for Judaism. There was a Zionist flag on the speaker's platform beside the American flag. Rabbi Reichert refused to speak from a platform on which

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there was a Zionist flag. Out of deference to Rabbi Reichert the Zionist flag was removed. Some "crude" person in the audience shouted: "Where is our flag." Rabbi Reichert drew himself up and pointed to the American flag, and said: "That is the only flag I recognize." Whereupon, says Rabbi Berger, Rabbi Reichert was booed and hissed by the audience.

(And this is the sort of Jewish anti-Semitism which I heard from the lips of one who professes that he is a Rabbi and "of the Jewish faith" uttered in the presence of a mixed audience of Jews and Gentiles.)

Rabbi Berger, like all dishonest public speakers, used that time-worn device of quoting a single sentence from the speech of some prominent Zionist leader, without giving the full context of the speech, in order to create a deliberate false impression. For example, he quoted Dr. Silver as saying at the London Zionist Conference: "We will fight our own (American) Government, if necessary, in order to achieve a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine." (the innuendo of treason). And again, he quoted Mrs. Judith Epstein as saying at the Hadassah Convention in Cleveland: "Zionism is a radical and a revolutionary movement." (the innuendo of something akin to Communism).

When Rabbi Berger concluded his remarks, I requested permission from Mr. Milton D. Gutman, the Chairman of the meeting, to make a counter-statement, in order to refute a number of things that Rabbi Berger had said. I made this request with as much quiet dignity and self restraint as I could command. I informed the Chairman that I had heard Rabbi Berger's radio talk wherein he had invited the "general public" to attend this meeting, and I also had before me an invitation to the meeting which stated that the purpose of the meeting was to "throw enlightenment on the subject of Palestine." I observed that the only way to "throw enlightenment" on a controversial subject like Zionism was to afford an opportunity to this audience, which was composed of both Jews and Gentiles, to hear both sides of the question. The Chairman stared at me in open-mouthed wonderment at the "chutzpah" of a Zionist who would come to a meeting sponsored by the American Council for Judaism. After a brief pause, he asked me to

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identify myself. I told him that I was a lawyer from Pittsburgh, a Zionist, and that I spoke only on my own behalf. After another pause, he advised me that he would consider my request and let me know in a few moments whether he would permit me to speak. He then went into a whispering huddle with Rabbi Berger on the platform in full view of all who were present, and then came out of the huddle with this gem: "We will permit only citizens of Wheeling to speak at a Wheeling meeting."

I then rose to my feet, and quickly retorted: "This sounds suspiciously like a meeting of the America First Committee. In fact, the American Council for Judaism and the America First Committee seem to have a number of things in common. If the abridgement of freedom of speech is one of them, I suggest that you incorporate that also in the Statement of Principles of the American Council for Judaism, which you have distributed at this meeting to-night."

Whereupon Rabbi Berger arose and said: "We are fully familiar with the technique of Zionists trying to steal our meetings. This meeting was bought and paid for by the American Council for Judaism, and its purpose is to expound the principles of our Council."

To which I replied: "Rabbi Berger, you cannot buy and pay for American public opinion. That can only be won by an appeal to justice and truth, and the American spirit of fair play, which involves hearing both sides of a question. And if the purpose of this meeting is only to expound the principles of the American Council for Judaism, you should have so stated in the written invitation to this meeting, instead of representing to the public that the purpose of the meeting was to "throw enlightenment on the subject of Palestine."

I also called to the attention of Rabbi Berger that Dr. Craig had requested before he left the meeting that I should be given the opportunity to make a counter statement. This put Rabbi Berger in a very embarrassing position. He finally agreed to permit me to ask no more than two questions, but would not permit me to make a counter statement. I then sat down.

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There were only four or five of us ^{Zionists} present at the meeting, and therefore, prior to the meeting, we carefully divided among ourselves the questions that we thought were most necessary to put to the speaker. These included the (1) results of the Roper Poll. Rabbi Berger did not agree with the results of the poll, and said that it depended upon the manner in which the questions were framed as to what results would be achieved by the poll. He said that he did not believe in polls generally, although he volunteered the information that a poll conducted by the American Council for Judaism showed that 60% of the Jews of America favored the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine; (2) Rabbi Berger's endorsement by Gerald L.K. Smith in his publication, the Cross and the Flag, and Lessing Rosenwald's affiliation with the America First Committee (No comment necessary); (3) Since the Council claims that the basis for unity among Jews is religion, what is the Council doing to promote religion? Rabbi Berger's astounding reply to this question was that he did not think that the question was pertinent. (4) Rabbi Berger stated that the Jews of America should integrate themselves into the American community. He was asked this simple question: "What do you mean by the term integration." His very interesting reply to this pointed question was that he did not like to use the word "assimilation" because the latter term had a bad connotation, but he left no room for doubt as to what he meant.

After all of the written questions were exhausted, the Chairman then turned to me last, and informed me that I would be permitted to ask no more than two questions. I thanked the Chairman for his gracious permission, and then added the following: "I want to thank you and Rabbi Berger even more for your refusal to permit me to make a counter statement, because your refusal to permit me to speak under these circumstances is more eloquent than anything that I could possibly say."

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I then proceeded to ask the following two questions: (1) Was the late Justice Louis D. Brandeis a good American? (following the reading by me of the familiar quotation from Brandeis on Americanism and Zionism) Rabbi Berger dodged this question completely, and instead went into a long harangue about how shabbily the Zionists or Jewish Nationalists treated Judge ~~Brandeis~~ Brandeis at some of the Zionist conventions. I reminded Rabbi Berger that he had not answered my question, but he refused to give me a direct answer, and I, of course, could not engage in debate with him under the rules laid down by the Chairman.

I then proceeded to my next question: (2) Reminding Rabbi Berger of his statements that he was greatly perturbed by what he witnessed in New York City (Jewish children carrying Zionist flags, etc.) and in Oakland, California (the presence of a Zionist flag on the platform at a Jewish meeting), I asked Rabbi Berger whether he saw anything wrong in thousands of Irishmen parading down the streets of New York City, carrying the Irish flag on ~~Sabbath~~ Saint Patrick's Day, or in hundreds of American citizens of Italian ancestry marching through the streets of Pittsburgh on Columbus Day, carrying the American and the Italian flags side by side, or in the presence of the Greek, the Yugo-Slav or the Russian flag on a public platform beside the American flag at the many relief meetings sponsored throughout the United States during the war. The piece de resistance of the whole meeting occurred when I then ~~asked~~ called to the attention of Rabbi Berger that there was a BRITISH FLAG beside the American flag on the very platform on which he was then speaking, and I asked him whether there was anything objectionable about the British flag being on the platform beside him. He was caught quite by surprise, as he did not know obviously that there was a British flag on the platform on which he had spoken that evening.

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The Chairman of the meeting then arose, and explained that the American Council for Judaism had nothing to do with the presence of the ~~British~~ British flag on the platform that evening, and further explained that the room where the meeting was being held was the regular meeting room of the Kiwanis Club of Wheeling. I then asked the Chairman whether he saw anything wrong with the Americanism of the Kiwanis Club of Wheeling because they had a British flag beside the American flag on the platform in their meeting room. The Chairman did not reply to this question. I then followed up not by asking a question (since I had ~~exhausted~~ exhausted my quota) but by making the observation that it was only a Jew like Rabbi Berger who saw anything wrong with the presence of the Zionist flag beside the American flag on the platform at any meeting in free America.

There followed immediately a motion to adjourn by one of the loyal followers of the Council. Before the motion to adjourn was put, Mr. Maurice Kaufman of Wheeling, one of our good Zionists who was present at the meeting (all of the others by a self imposed restraint did not attend in order not to give Rabbi Berger an audience which he did not merit) demanded and received the floor. He excoriated the Chairman and the sponsors of the meeting for their refusal to permit me to make a counter statement, and said that ~~their~~ ^{their} conduct that evening was a disgrace to the Jewish community of Wheeling. One of the followers of the Council then complained that his wife had phoned the Jewish women of Wheeling, inviting them to attend the meeting, and that she had received a great deal of insult and abuse from many of the women whom she had called. The meeting then broke up with a great lack of decorum.

An interesting aftermath of the meeting was that Judge Harold J. Brennan of the U.S. District Court, who was the only non-Jew who remained until the end of the meeting, criticized the Chairman for his refusal to permit me to refute certain of the remarks of Rabbi Berger. He also told me that there was "nothing that Rabbi Berger said that could not be answered."

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Another interesting aftermath of this meeting was the impromptu Zionist meeting which we held at the home of one of the good Wheeling Zionists. We gladly accepted the challenge which Rabbi Berger and the American Council for Judaism had hurled at us. I have seldom witnessed such enthusiasm and determination to meet the challenge by an overwhelming increase in Zionist membership, the Expansion Fund, the Jewish National Fund, and all other phases of Zionist activity. That is the answer of the Zionists of Wheeling to the American Council for Judaism.

Respectfully Submitted,

Samuel Goldstock



Fieldhane
Meylan, Pa.

January 3, 1946

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
A. Z. O.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Like most conscientious

Jews I am infuriated by the present predicament of our fellow Jews in Europe and Palestine. We belong to B.O.A. and Hahassah and help raise funds but that is insufficient. I've just protested to Lord Halifax about General Morgan and the discontinuance of immigration into Palestine. I hinted in my letter that I might write my Congressman not to vote the British loan. Of course, that may be naive and detrimental to our ultimate national and international welfare, what do you and your

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economist advisers think.

Have you any suggestions for more effective methods of showing disapproval to Britain and our own government?

Sincerely yours,

(Mae) Gertrude E. Gouley



January 4, 1946

Mr. Samuel Goldstock
615 Berger Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of January 2, which I read with keen interest. Let me congratulate you upon the action which was taken at the Convention of the Tau Epsilon Phi legal fraternity.

The account of the meeting in Wheeling intrigued me greatly, as I know the community quite well. You did an excellent job there.

I am anxious that we succeed unusually well in our two major activities—Membership and the Expansion Fund. This is a Congress year. The first post-war World Zionist Congress will be held this year and we should marshal our maximum forces for demonstration purposes. I should like Pittsburgh to show a marked increase in membership this year. As you know, we want to raise 100,000 more members than were registered last year.

We need, too, a much larger Expansion Fund if we are to carry on the numerous activities which we must at this time. Dewey Stone has taken the chairmanship of a one million dollar Expansion Fund for the ZO.A. What are you planning to do in Pittsburgh to raise your quota?

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

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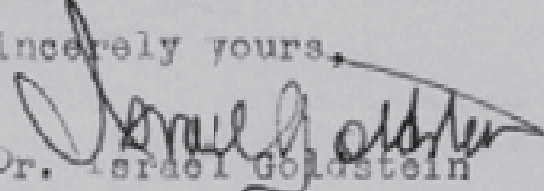
Dear Dr. Silver:

In the closing months of my administration, it was decided to establish four Fellowships and one Lectureship at the Hebrew University, these to be financed by the Expansior Fund. A Committee was organized to consist of the President of the ZOA, the Chairman of the Education Committee, the Chairman of the Youth Commission, together with Professors Einstein, Albright, Ginzberg and Harry Wolfson.

Before proceeding to call the committee together, I felt it would be proper, in view of the fact that the Committee was not called together during my administration, to leave it to you to decide whether it should be the present incumbent of the ZOA or your predecessor who should serve.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Israel Goldstein

January 6, 1946

Mr. Joseph Goldberg
Worcester Zionist District
401 Slater Building
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My dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of December 30. I am delighted to note the energetic way with which you are moving forward. It would be highly gratifying if we could reach the quarter of the million goal which we have set for ourselves.

This is Congress year. The first World Zionist Congress, since the war, will be held this summer. It is of utmost importance that we marshal our maximum strength and demonstrate at this Congress. Our great potential is in the four or five big cities. That is where most of our energy should be concentrated.

I wish you every success in your great cause. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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Jan. 11, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Shaker Hts., Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Regarding the ins and outs of the matter of Palestine I am profoundly ignorant though I am interested.

I want to ask you whether you think a proper agency, say the Union of Nations, could settle the question by buying out the governmental rights of Palestine or so much of the country as the Jews want, such agency to hold and administer until such time as the Jews could take over, refunding of course the purchase price. The transaction would be somewhat like the purchase of Alaska and other parcels by the United States.

I do not know what government now claims Palestine. I know that England was assigned a mandate then after the first World War but England must have taken the place of some formerly acting government. Those mandates ought not to stand forever, anyhow.

Very Truly,

Henry H. Hosford.

Address as above.

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Dear Doctor:

I regret exceedingly that I could not wait until the end of the Administrative meeting Sunday, because I had to catch a train back to Worcester, and so I had to leave a little after 5 o'clock.

I asked Yale Goldberg to talk to you about certain matters relative to membership activity and he told me he would. However, we both felt that it would be wise for me to write to you so that you would have a few of our plans before you.

First, - we feel that it would be very helpful if a recording was made by you so that we could have these records available to send to districts all over the country in connection with specific membership activities and in conjunction with the "100,000 Silver Membership Class." I understand that Yale Goldberg is going to Dayton, Ohio, and we can even make arrangements with the broadcasting people to have this record made in Cleveland so that you will not have to come to New York especially to do it. I trust that you will agree with us that this is a worthwhile activity.

Secondly, - we would like your authority to publicize the fact, in conjunction with our membership campaign, that if you are to visit any community in conjunction with a Zionist function that it is the wish of the Membership Committee that a class of members be presented to you on that occasion. For example - - we feel that when you go to Chicago, that the districts of Chicago should present to you a membership class of at least 5000. If we have your authority to do this and to say to other large communities that you will be willing to visit them provided a membership class is presented to you of no less than 500 new members, I think that will result in marked increase in membership activity.

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I want to make it quite plain that we will not burden you with too many such trips, but I trust that you may be willing to do this in conjunction with the very large communities, where of necessity we must concentrate. Perhaps, as I said at the meeting, at an unusually large affair in New York we may present to you a very large membership class.

These are the two main items that we would like your consent on.

The other matters relating to awards, prizes and the activity is something that we shall carry on without burdening you, but inasmuch as these two matters concern you directly, I have taken the liberty of writing to you.

I think that you can see that the Membership Committee is trying to do everything within its power to really - - do a job.

I only want to add in closing that after discussing the question of veterans with people from every part of the country, there is a very strong sentiment that we ought to permit them to come in at \$1.00. I feel that in that way we could get at least 25,000 additional members. It might be wise, (even though the Executive Committee has already discussed this and it is regrettable that we may have to take the time again,) to discuss this at the next meeting of the Executive once more. In presenting this to the Administrative Committee, I was under the impression that this discussion would be welcomed. I did not realize that there was so much on the agenda - - but if you and others feel that it is worthwhile to rediscuss this, I think it might be wise. If not, then we might as well let it go as is.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Goldberg

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January 16, 1946

Mrs. Gertrude E. Gouley
Field Lane
Moylan, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Gouley:

Thank you for your kind letter. I appreciate deeply the great interest which you are taking in the cause.

The American Zionist Emergency Council is doing its utmost to bring the sentiments of the American people to the attention both of our own Government and of Great Britain. You readily understand that the Zionist movement is such that it cannot and will not take any position on the British loan. American citizens as such are, of course, free to express themselves on the subject.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

January 16, 1946

Mr. Joseph Goldberg, President
Worcester Zionist District
401 Slater Building
Worcester 8, Mass.

My dear Friends:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 14. I met with Yale Goldberg and we talked over the situation. I am prepared to make a recording as was suggested. It would be a service to me if you could make arrangements with the Cleveland people to make this record to save me a trip to New York.

I told Mr. Goldberg that I would be prepared to visit two or three of the larger cities in connection with the membership campaign of the ZOAs. I think that you ought to write to the Chicago people and tell them that it would be proper and helpful to utilize my visit to Chicago to present a Membership Class of at least 5000. I shall be very happy to come to a meeting in New York for the induction of a large class of members. I would not, if I were you, tell the communities that I am prepared to come everywhere where 500 new members are enrolled. I simply have not the time or the energy for it. It may be possible for me to visit one or two additional cities where you think I can be helpful.

As far as the Veterans' dues is concerned, I have no objection if you wish to bring up the matter again at the next meeting of the Executive. Personally, I feel that the matter of the dues as between \$1.00 or \$5.00 is not the decisive factor in the situation.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

January 18, 1948

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2911 South Moreland Boulevard
Cleveland 20, Ohio

My dear Dr. Hosford:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 11.

Before the first World War, Palestine was part of the Turkish Empire. With the defeat of Turkey, and after a few years of political shuttling, her territories in the Near East over which she had ruled were divided and set up as a group of separate independent or semi-independent Arab States, - Syria, Iraq, Saudi-Arabia, etc. Palestine, according to the terms of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate, was set up as a separate political area wherein the Jewish National Home was to be established. Great Britain received from the League of Nations the Mandate to administer that country for the primary purpose of the establishment of the Jewish National Home, thereby facilitating Jewish immigration and colonization.

There is, therefore, no question involved of buying out any governmental rights of Palestine. It seems that the United Nations Organization will have the final say on the ultimate political setup in Palestine.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



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January 21, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have had to keep a number of engagements out-of-town during my stay in USA, and hence have not had the opportunity of meeting with you on the occasion of your visits to New York. I do not, however, wish to return to Palestine without meeting with you. I know, of course, that your agenda, like mine, is very crowded when you come to New York, but will be glad if we could find a mutually convenient time for discussion of our common interests.

I shall return from Canada at the end of January and will remain in New York then until 13th February when I leave for Mexico.

I should be glad to know if you propose to be in New York during that time.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

A. Granovsky

Abraham Granovsky, Chairman
Board of Directors.

AG:EG

January 23, 1948

Mr. Abraham Granovsky, Chairman
Board of Directors
Jewish National Fund, Inc.
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Granovsky:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 21. I, too, regret that we have not had a chance to get together and to talk over things of mutual interest.

I shall undoubtedly be in New York the early part of February for meetings of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and I shall be most happy to see you. I am sure that Mr. Fisher would know when these meetings are scheduled and could inform you of the date, or you may have the office telephone the office of the Emergency Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

January 28, 1946

Mr. David Gessow
4553 North 12th Street
Philadelphia 40, Pa.

My dear Mr. Gessow:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of December 19 and to ask your pardon for the long delay in replying to it. As you probably know, I have been to Palestine recently and since my return, I have been immersed in numerous activities which brought about a lag in my correspondence.

I read your memorandum with a great deal of interest. It is a very thoughtful and helpful analysis of the propaganda of the American Council for Judaism, and your suggestions on how to counteract this propaganda should prove very helpful.

I am taking the liberty of sending your communication on to the Executive Director of the Committee on Unity for Palestine of the Zionist Organization of America, which is charged with the responsibility of counteracting anti-Zionist propaganda. I am sure that you will hear from the Director, Rabbi Lelyveld.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

C O P Y

CONGREGATION E'NAI JESHURUN
New York 24, N.Y.
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February 1, 1946

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization
1720 16th St. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sidney:

I appreciate the compliment of my designation to be the Chairman of the Shekel Committee, but I am unable at the present time to say that I can accept this difficult and arduous responsibility. I may be in a better position to give you an answer in a week or ten days. If the matter can wait I shall be glad to discuss it with Dr. Silver and Mr. Neumann when they are next available.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein

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February 6, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

A meeting of the Z. O. A. - Hadassah Committee
on General Zionism will be held next Tuesday, February 12th,
at 11:30 A. M. at my study, 270 West 89th Street, New York.
A number of matters have arisen which require discussion.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Israel Goldstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Israel Goldstein
Chairman

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Rabbi Alba Hillel Silver
c/o Zionist Organization of America
1720 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 9, D.C.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing you this letter at the request of many people in our community. When I came to the ZOA Convention, I have asked of my friends, Mr. Tuvim, and Mr. Shapiro, two favors for having been a strong proponent in bringing the Ohio Valley Region into the Silver fold. One of them was a request that you come and address our Indianapolis Zionist District.

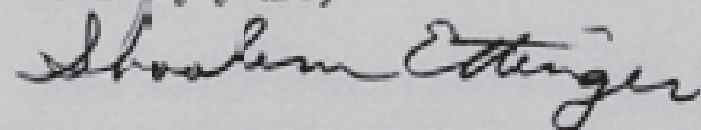
It was explained to me that because of your health and political pressure, you were unable to do so, and I reluctantly withdrew my request. At this writing I am again asking you, and I sincerely ask you to please consider my letter carefully.

We have just finished a membership drive, and into a community that is already a great Zionist community, we have enrolled at this writing 407 new paid members. Before March 1st we are certain that we shall have 500 new members in our local organization.

We would like very much for you to come to our city during the month of March (preferably the later part) of March and address a Victory Banquet in Honor of this drive.

We are drawing to the close of a magnificent year in Zionism from many angles, and we feel that this would be a fitting climax to the work we have done. I await your reply and I sincerely hope it will be an affirmative one. With Zion's greetings, I am

Cordially yours,



SHOOLEM ETTINGER, PRESIDENT
INDIANAPOLIS ZIONIST DISTRICT

Dr. Silver

SAME LETTER SENT TO JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG, PRESIDENT, JNF

February 13, 1946

Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt
Chairman, Keren Hayesod
41 E. 42nd Street
New York City

My dear Judge Rosenblatt:

At a meeting attended by Mesdames Epstein, Halpern, Pool and Shulman on behalf of Hadassah and Mr. Neumann and myself on behalf of the ZOA, I was asked to communicate to the KH and the JNF the request that in drawing up the UPA contract for 1946 provision be made for an unallocated sum not exceeding \$500,000. Should there be any difficulty in doing this, we suggest that you keep the contract open until there will be an opportunity to discuss this point.

At the next meeting of the ZO's Executive Committee, the matter will be discussed fully, but we want to make sure that the UPA contract will not be closed until this matter has been discussed.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein

Dr. Silver

February 14, 1946

Mr. Lavy Bakstansky
Zionist Federation of Great Britain
77 Great Russell
London, England

Dear Lavy:

The other day we had a meeting with the Hadassah group dealing with General Zionism. They approved the reply which I sent to your cables.

They do not wish to seem arbitrary in the matter, but they are convinced that the coming of Segal and Kubovitsky at this time is not necessary but perhaps at some future time it might be advisable to have a conference with those best qualified to confer with us (not at all excluding Segal and Kubovitsky) regarding our program.

We are making an effort to take up the question of an allocation from the UPA for our work in Palestine. It is going to be very difficult but we shall try it. For that purpose, we must have as detailed a budget as you can give us to indicate how the money is going to be used. The budget should show what could be done for \$250,000 and what could be done for \$500,000. We may ask for \$500,000 and settle for the smaller sum.

This material should be in our hands as soon as possible as the next meeting of the ZOA Executive may take place within a couple of weeks.

The committee is very eager to know how the money which Hadassah and ZOA have sent you is to be spent and also what other sums you have received and how the budget is working.

I trust that by this time Naomi, the children and you are all settled and comfortable. Bert joins in sending our cordial regards to all.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein

P.S. We would appreciate hearing from you about any other matters of interest to General Zionism in connection with the planning of the next Congress.

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February 27, 1946

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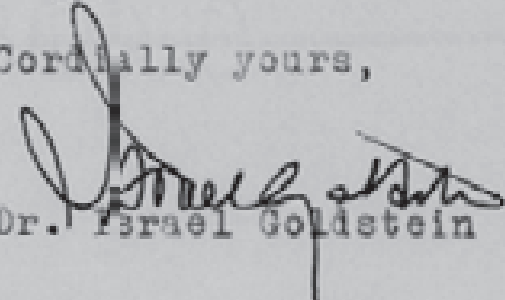
Dear Dr. Silver:

There are several matters of Z. C. A. relevancy which I would like to talk with you at a time when we can sit down for half hour or hour.

Knowing how rushed you get when you come to New York I would like to take this opportunity of suggesting that you set aside an hour during your next visit to New York.

With all good wishes I am

Cordially yours,


Dr. Israel Goldstein

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Samuel Finkel of the Friends of the Hebrew University has made a suggestion which I think is worth adopting. He feels that our Committee on the University Fellowships ought to include at least one member who is connected with the University itself and suggested Professor Baron, Dr. Dushkin or Dr. Israel Wechsler. Dr. Dushkin has been sitting in with our Committee at one or two of its recent meetings. Perhaps he or Dr. Baron would be the best two to add. Would the addition of these two names have your approval?

We have already received about a dozen applications and there will be many more coming in.

Sincerely yours,

Israel Goldstein
Dr. Israel Goldstein

March 7, 1946

Mr. Reuben Goldman
851 Powers Building
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Goldman:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city most of the time.

I wish I could come to Rochester to inaugurate your Membership Drive. It would give me great pleasure indeed. Unfortunately, I am already so heavily dated up for out-of-town engagements in connection with our Zionist activities that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional burdens.

My health has not been of the best ever since I returned from a rather strenuous trip to Palestine, and I am compelled to forego quite a number of engagements which, under normal conditions, I should be most happy to accept. I am sure that you will understand.

I wish you every success in your Membership Drive, which is going along splendidly throughout the country. Please convey my greetings to all my friends in your city.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:CR

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February 25, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

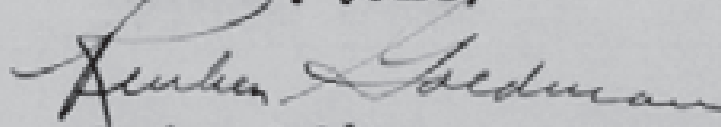
You may recall that last week Ernest Freudenheim and I spoke to you regarding the prospects of your coming to Rochester to inaugurate a membership drive.

I know that by now you are pretty much familiar with the situation herein Rochester. Having served as the chairman of the Western New York Region for two years and President of the District for three years, I know that Rochester needs you to stimulate the interest that would be needed to conduct a successful drive. Otherwise we would not impose upon you knowing full well how much you are occupied with matters of great importance.

The Rochester District is prepared to open its drive any time during the month of March so that most any date in March will be acceptable to us.

I do hope that you will let me have an early reply and that you will be able to come to Rochester sometime in March.

Sincerely yours,


Reuben Goldman

RG:LS

March 7, 1946

Dr. Israel Goldstein
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun
257 West 88th Street
New York 24, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of February 27. I have just returned from the Convention of the Union, which was held in Cincinnati.

I should be very happy to meet with you sometime during my next visit to New York, which will be on Tuesday March 19. I will probably stay over Wednesday. Perhaps we can arrange a meeting some time Wednesday morning, say at 11:00 o'clock.

With all good wishes, and looking forward to seeing you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

March 7, 1946

Mr. Zalman Grinberg
c/o American Jewish Conference
521 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Grinberg:

As you take leave of us to return to your work among our fellow Jews in Germany, may I tell you how profoundly grateful we are for your coming to us, for the message which you brought us, and for the challenge and inspiration which you gave us.

Will you not on your return take back with you a word of greeting from the Jews of America to our brothers in Germany, and more specifically from the American Zionist Emergency Council representing the Zionist movement of the United States, whose Executive Chairman I have the honor to be.

The American Zionist Emergency Council represents all the Zionist political parties in the United States and have worked in unity to achieve the Zionist objective — the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in a free and undivided Palestine.

Please convey to our brethren, who have gone through the terrible trials and tribulations of these last dreadful years, how deeply we are concerned about their fate, how earnestly we are laboring in their behalf — unfortunately not always successfully — and how we are mobilizing the forces of American public opinion behind the program of forcing open the doors of Palestine so that they may find security, dignity, and a home at long last in the historic land of our people.

This task is not an easy one. We have many obstacles to overcome. There are strong forces resisting our efforts. But we are not relaxing, and with increasing determination we are pressing upon our Government your just claims and the claims of our people.

Be strong and of good courage, "until the daybreak and the shadows flee away."

With hope for your quick redemption, I remain

Fraternally yours,

AHS:GR

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March 13, 1946

Mr. Louis I. Gilgor, Grand Secretary
Independent Order Brith Sholem
806 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gilgor:

Thank you for your letter of March 8, which I found on my return to the city. I am trying very hard to get Dr. Silver to accept the engagement to address your convention. It all depends on how busy he may be at the time, or where he may be during those dates.

I am grateful to you for having saved me a trip to Philadelphia while in New York. Our conference gave me a clear understanding of the point of view of the Brith Sholem in connection with collective joining the E O A.

As soon as possible, we shall arrange for the conference in Philadelphia that you suggested. You shall hear from me further on this.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Oscar Leonard

OL:EG

P.S. I have asked my publisher to send you a copy of "Americans All" with my compliments.

March 14, 1946

Mr. Shoolen Ettinger, President
Indianapolis Zionist District
235 Massachusetts Avenue
Indianapolis 4, Indiana

My dear Friend:

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

You know how happy I would have been to accept your kind invitation to come to Indianapolis to address a Zionist meeting. I would have been especially eager to come because of the splendid record which you made in enrolling nearly 500 new members in your district. That is a truly praiseworthy achievement, and you and your co-workers are to be heartily congratulated.

If I cannot come it is simply that I have just so much time and so much energy. I am away from Cleveland three to four days a week. I am working under great pressure as you may well imagine, and it is simply impossible for me to take on any additional obligations, nor has my health been of the best.

I am sure that you will understand that it is not reluctance, but inability which compels me to decline your very gracious invitation. I hope that at some future time I may be of some service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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March 22, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver;

I am glad to send this publicity material on Frank Gervasi for use in connection with his appearance at The Temple Sunday morning, March 31st.

Contracts have been sent to Mrs. Blanche Shepherd at the American Christian Palestine office in New York City.

I hope to be in Cleveland during May and shall take the liberty of writing you in advance for an appointment to meet you personally and to discuss speakers for the 1946-47 lecture season.

Very sincerely yours,

Roxanna Wells
Roxanna Wells

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COPY OF LETTER TO: Mr. Manuel Posy
FROM: Mr. Julius Livingston
Chairman, Southwest Zionist Region

March 22, 1946

Dear Manny:

Last night Dr. Maccoby spoke before about 200 people and I want you to know that he is one of the most effective speakers that we have had in Tulsa. Although it was a long program and he was called upon at a rather late hour, he held his audience for over 45 minutes and could easily have spoken much longer. He did a grand job, has a most pleasing personality and the cry was for the National Office to send us more Maccobys.

I know that his tour will be very effective in the Southwest. However, it is unfortunate that the United Jewish Appeal is opening its campaign this week and next week in many of our cities, particularly at places where he is speaking, and it is going to be most difficult to do any kind of money raising job with everybody working as never before on the United Jewish Appeal, so you cannot measure the effectiveness of Dr. Maccoby by any monetary results reference this tour, but in spite of this I know that he is going to do a great job; he is tops.

Sincerely yours,

JULIUS LIVINGSTON

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Rabbi Abda Hillel Silver
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

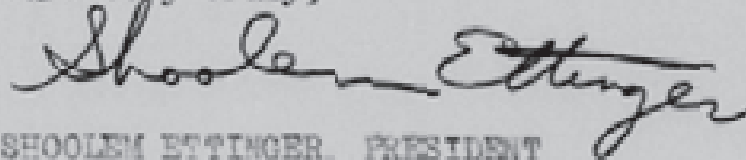
As you no doubt know, I have today received word from the Zionist Organization that you would be willing to come to Indianapolis during the month of May for the purpose of addressing our Zionist group, the ultimate end being the guaranteeing of a certain amount to the Expansion Fund.

I have talked this over with certain of our local Zionist leaders, and there seems to be a unanimity of opinion that it would be a bad month for the reason that this is the month that our local Welfare Fund^{Drive} is being held. Also, since our local quota is so large and the pressure so great, it would meet with disfavor in the community if we would hold such a meeting at this particular time.

I will, therefore, ask you if it would be possible for you to come some time during the later part of June. If you answer in the affirmative I shall take the matter up with our board, and if there is an opinion that we can do the proper job in June we shall hold the meeting at that time.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date and with Zion's greetings, I am

Yours very truly,



SHOOLEM ETTINGER, PRESIDENT
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Miss Bessie Kline

Secretary to Dr. Silver

The Temple

East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

I am sending you herewith three copies of the contract covering the speaking engagement of Frank Gervasi before The Temple on March 31st. Please complete these immediately and send the original and third copy to Roxanna Wells, air mail special delivery, so that everything will be clear.

Thanking you, and with all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
Blanche J. Shepard
Director

BJS:WNV

Enc. 3

March 26, 1946

Dr. Israel Goldstein
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun
257 West 88th Street
New York 24, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

In reply to your letter of March 5, I see no reason why Dr. Dushkin and Dr. Wechsler should not be invited to sit in with our Committee on the matter of the University Fellowships. I believe, however, that the Committee should remain as at present constituted.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

March 27, 1946

Miss Roxanna Wells
393 Seventh Avenue
New York 1, N.Y.

Dear Miss Wells:

In compliance with the request of Mrs. Blanche Shepard, I am returning herewith the signed contracts for Mr. Frank Gervasi's lecture at The Temple this coming Sunday morning.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

March 27, 1946

Mr. Shoolen Ettinger, President
Indianapolis Zionist District
235 Massachusetts Avenue
Indianapolis 4, Indiana

My dear Mr. Ettinger:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of March 25.
It will be possible for me to come to Indianapolis
sometime in June, provided you can do a proper job.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:OR

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March 28, 1946

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

Dear Miss Kline:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 26th and for having taken care of hotel and plane reservation back to Washington for Mr. Gervasi. I have notified Miss Wells, his lecture agent, to this effect.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
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BJS:SR

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401 Slater Building
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March 28, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I know how burdened you are and I hesitate to write to you. But, I feel that if I don't try, that nothing will happen, and it is certainly worth while taking a chance in the hope that you will be able to accept my invitation.

We are planning an outstanding dinner in Worcester for the Zionist Expansion Fund and New England Emergency purposes. This dinner is also planned to be an anniversary dinner. We would also like to present you with a class of new members.

For our size, we are doing an outstanding job as far as Zionist activity is concerned. I think proportionately we rank amongst the top communities in the country, numerically and otherwise.

This will be a \$25.00 plate dinner and I know that if you agree to come to visit with us that it will be a most successful affair. We will be willing to arrange this dinner at any time to suit your convenience, - - in the middle or latter part of June, or even in the fall. As a matter of fact, we will arrange it any time that you happen to be in the east on some other occasion.

I do hope that you will be able to find time to join with us.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Goldberg

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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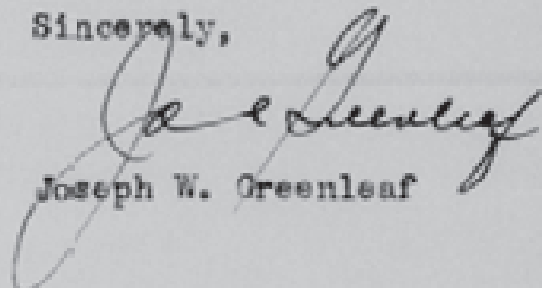
Dear Dr. Silver:

All of us present at the Commodore Sunday were thrilled beyond words of description by your fighting speech. Many Zionists have learned to take fighting speeches on the part of their leaders in the past with some misgivings as to their real convictions, but I know there is no man in Zionist ranks today worth his salt who doubts that you will see our great goal attained, regardless of cost and sacrifice.

I am enclosing a copy of letter received from Mr. Livingston, Chairman of the Southwest Region, regarding his and the region's impression of Rabbi Maccoby. I feel certain that Rabbi Maccoby will be a bulwark of strength for the present Administration whenever he is called upon to render service.

Best wishes and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Joseph W. Greenleaf

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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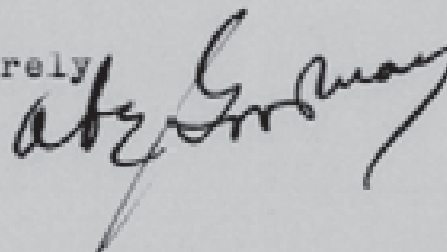
Dear Dr. Silver:

I called you a little while ago in the hope of making an appointment to spend a few minutes with you, but found that you had unexpectedly left for Washington.

The most important item of the matters I wanted to discuss with you was the question of the Washington building. It is my opinion that this property should be disposed of immediately at the most advantageous price we can get for it. From a discussion had with Mark Sugarman and Milton Pollack, I gathered that you were not sure about the advisability of disposing of the property now. Will you please be good enough to let me know whether you agree with my view that we should authorize the sale of the property at the present time at the best possible price.

I expect to be in New York through April 12th and to leave for Florida on the evening of April 12th, so you can guide yourself accordingly in addressing your reply.

Sincerely



AG:RR

April 3, 1946

Mr. Joseph Goldberg
401 Slater Building
Worcester, Mass.

My dear Friend:

I deeply appreciate your kind letter of March 28. I wish I were free to come to Worcester if only to pay tribute to you for the fine work which you are doing in connection with our Membership Campaign, but it is simply impossible.

The month of June is already heavily dated up for me, not alone with congregational duties but with conventions of all kinds. I simply cannot take on any additional out-of-town engagements. As it is, I am carrying a heavier load than I should.

As far as next fall is concerned, I cannot at the present writing commit myself. I do not know what emergencies may arise at that time, but you can get in touch with me early in the fall and we'll see how things stand. Please do not delay your campaign for the Zionist Expansion Fund for the fall on the off-chance that I may be able to come.

I am hoping that under your splendid leadership we will succeed in reaching our membership goal.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

April 4, 1946

Mr. Joseph W. Greenleaf
312 Hawthorne Terrace
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

My dear Joseph:

Thank you so much for your note of April 2nd.

I am delighted that Rabbi Maccoby is doing such a splendid job in the Southwest. We need many more men to do just what he is doing.

Last Sunday evening's affair will long remain with me. I was deeply moved and greatly strengthened by the great manifestation of friendship and confidence.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

April 4, 1946

Mr. Abe Goodman
H. Goodman & Sons
200 Varick Street
New York 14, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Goodman:

I agree with you that the building in Washington should be sold. I do not know what the procedure should be. I assume that we shall require the authority of the Executive Committee to authorize the sale.

You are no doubt familiar with the offer of the Washington Zionists to take over the building — presumably at cost price. Mr. Louis E. Spiegler corresponded with us about this matter. We understand that the building is now in the hands of brokers awaiting submission of bids. If a good bid is offered it should be presented by yourself or Mr. Pollack to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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

Dear Miss Kline:

Frank Gervasi's expenses to Cleveland
amounted to \$25.47.

Thank you for arranging for his flight
trip back. I hope that he did a good job for you
and that your audience enjoyed hearing him.

With appreciation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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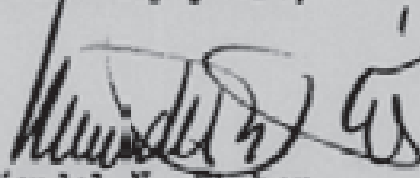
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road at East 106th St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will see from the enclosed copy of a note which I have just sent to Sidney Marks that the Jewish National Fund has paid its share of \$250.00, as I promised you that we would.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,


Mendel N. Fisher,
Executive Director.

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COPY: DR. SILVER

April 29,
19 46.

Dr. Sidney Marks,
Zionist Organization,
41 E. 42nd St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sidney:

Enclosed herewith you will find our check for \$250.00. You will recall the letter Dr. Silver sent you concerning the honorarium for the substitute speaker he had in his pulpit on March 31st, when Dr. Silver was the Guest of Honor at the Bnei Zion Dinner. Dr. Silver asked the JNF to participate to the extent of \$250.00 in this expense, which we were certainly glad to do. The check should have been made payable to Dr. Silver, but since it was issued to the ZOA, I am sending it to you and you will, of course, send to Dr. Silver a check for the total amount.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mendel N. Fisher,
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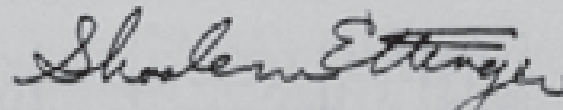
Dear Rabbi Silver:

You will recall that we have had some correspondence regarding your addressing our Indianapolis Zionist District sometime in June.

We have discussed this matter at our last board meeting, and it was the consensus of opinion that June would be a bad month to have the meeting and we could not do the job that we would want to do at that particular time. However, the board did ask me in writing you to attempt to exact a promise that you would speak to us in the early fall. I hope that for the sake of Zionism in Indiana and particularly in Indianapolis that when we ask you in the fall, you will answer in the affirmative.

With Zion's Greetings, I am

Yours very truly,



SHOOLEM ETTINGER, PRESIDENT
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April 30, 1946

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Marks:

Have you taken care of the honorarium of Mr. Frank Gervasi? I understand that the Jewish National Fund has already sent you its share of the honorarium. The total bill, including traveling expenses amounted to \$525.47. The check should be sent to Roxanna Wells, Inc., 393 Seventh Avenue, New York 1, New York.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 3, 1948

Roxanna Wells, inc. Lecture Bureau
398 Seventh Avenue
New York 1, N.Y.

My dear Miss Wells:

Please pardon the delay in sending you the enclosed check to cover the lecture fee of Mr. Gervasi. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged. We were delighted to have had Mr. Gervasi with us. From all accounts he gave a splendid message to the congregation which was deeply appreciated.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

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ZVI LEVAVY
Comptroller

May 3, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Zionist Organization of America
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East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

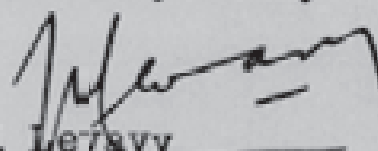
Dr. Marks has referred to me your letter of April 30 regarding the honorarium of Mr. Frank Gervasi.

I have issued a check for the sum of \$550.00 on the basis of your letter to Dr. Marks, dated April 4, 1946. This check was already mailed to you.

Inasmuch as the check was made out to you (as we had no other instructions at the time), I would greatly appreciate it if you would kindly refund to us the sum of \$24.53.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Yours very truly


Zvi Levavy
Comptroller

ZL:CS

cc.: Dr. Marks

May 6, 1946

Mr. Zvi Levavy, Comptroller
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Levavy:

As per your letter of May 3, I am enclosing herewith Dr. Silver's check for \$24.53 which is the difference between the check for \$550 which you sent to Dr. Silver and the amount of the honorarium which was paid to Mr. Cervasi.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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

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May 10 1946

This is to acknowledge with thanks receipt of \$ 24.53

FOR Diff. between check for Dr. Silver ad honorarium for
Gervasi.

Bessie Kline

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Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America

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215 HEATHER BLDG.
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May 16, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The national convention of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America will be held in Cleveland, June 21-24. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to address the opening session of the Convention, Saturday evening, June 22.

We have heard of your desire to meet with youth themselves, rather than with adult sponsors, and we hope you will take this opportunity to meet with our group. It is the unanimous feeling of our executive committee that a message from you, the leader of the American Zionist movement, is needed at this time.

The role that college youth can play in the American Zionist movement has for too long been unrecognized, and today, youth looks to you for clarification.

I sincerely hope you will be able to meet with us on this occasion.

Respectfully yours,

Sumner Alpert
Sumner Alpert
President

SA:yb

P.S. I am sure you will be interested in the enclosed.

May 20, 1946

Mr. Sumner Alpert, President
Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America
215 Heather Building
10111 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Mr. Alpert:

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to
address the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation
on June 22.

Tentatively, I will accept. I do not know at the
present moment whether I will be in the city that
weekend or not. Many things are happening these
days which call for quick adjustments and I do not
wish to commit myself definitely to any lecturing
engagement. If I am in the city I will make every
effort to be with you.

With all good wishes for a successful Convention,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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Dear Colleague:

It has been suggested that many rabbis will wish to include in their congregational bulletins a few brief paragraphs designed to urge their membership to participate in the Zionist Congress elections on June 16 (and 17).

The enclosed item may prove helpful. Where information is already available, it would be wise, of course, to add the exact location of the polls, and hours during which they will be open.

We trust that this item will get to you in sufficient time for inclusion in your next bulletin.

Faithfully,

Roland B. Gittelsohn
ROLAND B. GITTELSON
Secretary

SUGGESTED ITEM FOR CONGREGATIONAL BULLETINS

Every Jew Urged to Vote in
Zionist Congress Elections

Every holder of the Shekel, and it is assumed that most members of the Congregation will receive their shekel, either because of membership in the Zionist Organization, or through purchase, should exercise the privilege of voting for American Delegates to the World Zionist Congress. Elections will be held in this city on June 16 (and 17), and polling places will be set up at

A number of Zionist parties and groups will present lists of candidates, and voters will be asked to cast one ballot, indicating their choice of party. It is perhaps unfortunate that one is not permitted to select individual candidates, irrespective of the party to which they belong, but all things considered, the voter should choose that list which will be able to render the best service as representative of American Jewry.

It is the considered opinion of your rabbi that the Zionist cause can best be served by voting for the Z.O.A. slate. The Zionist Organization of America, as a General Zionist Organization, best combines those elements of political strength, respect for Judaism, support of Palestine's liberal institutions and effective leadership so needed by the movement. Headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, the Z.O.A. list should command the support of every American Jew.

It is your DUTY, if you are interested in the fate and future of our people, to go to the polls on June 16 (and 17) and VOTE!

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Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd. Street
New York 17, New York

Attention: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Pres.

Dear Dr. Silver

We are looking forward to your arrival in Dayton to address the Zionist banquet on Sunday, June 23rd. Reservations were made for you at the Biltmore Hotel.

We will appreciate very much if you will advise the time of your arrival, and also your suggestions in the following matters: (1) The possibility of a radio interview with you at the local radio station; (2) To broadcast your speech from the ballroom; (3) Your speech to be transcribed and broadcast at a later hour; (4) Press interview upon your arrival.

It is important that we hear from you soon regarding the above, so that arrangements can be made accordingly.

Very truly yours

Paul J. Gaiser

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June 16, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Gaiser:

In reply to your kind letter of June 10 I do not know at the moment when I will arrive in Dayton, but I will be there in time for the evening meeting.

I have no objection to having my speech broadcast, but you must find out how much time the radio station will permit. I have no objection to a press interview upon my arrival, which will probably be in the afternoon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Dear Colleague:

I did not expect to be writing you again in connection with the Zionist Congress elections. The voting was to have been over June 17th - now the balloting is scheduled for June 30th and July 1st. This was not the wish or doing of the Zionist Organization of America, which wanted to conclude the campaign and return to the essential business of Zionism as quickly as possible.

The story of the undemocratic maneuvering which forced the Z.O.A. to agree reluctantly to the two-week's postponement is told in the accompanying statement, "The Facts Behind Postponement of the Zionist Congress Election." It points up the need for retaining Zionist leadership in this country in non-partisan hands, in the Z.O.A., headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

I wish the elections had been held on June 16th and 17th. Now that the campaign has been drawn out against our wishes, I must again ask you to urge every Shekel holder, man and woman, irrespective of party affiliation, in your community to vote the Z.O.A. slate, Ticket No. 1.

Help to get out the vote on June 30th and July 1st.

With Zion's Greetings,

Faithfully,

Roland B. Gittelsohn
Secretary

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ANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Academics have shown no greater ability in detecting the dangers of political events than was the case with men in other fields of endeavor. When Hitler came to power few men on the campuses of American universities saw in that event a portent of great evil. When Jews shouted alarms of danger they allowed a gentle smile to settle upon their countenances and characterized their forebodings as the product of racial disadvantage consequent upon a change of political power in Germany. I can recall professors who not only looked with equanimity on the Nazis assuming unbroken power, but even welcomed the event. "Conditions in Germany are chaotic", said they, "and they need a strong man who can command obedience. We must be objective and not let our democratic habits prejudice us against political procedures which will be effective but not to our liking". Others contended that the German Fuhrer was bound to tone down and become moderate with the assumption of responsibility. "The soup is never as hot when it is served as when it is cooked" was the maxim quoted by a history teacher who found the lecture platform more remunerative than the classroom.

Up to the outbreak of the war I was on the campus of a renowned mid-western University and in close touch with men of learning. I recall the gullibility, short-sightedness, and naivete of many professors, deans, and even heads of colleges. The ease with which they fell prey to Nazi

propaganda was comical as well as tragic. When a professor took a trip to Germany, usually as the guest of a Nazi-supported foundation, he returned if not an avowed Nazi sponsor than as a whitewasher who used not plain but scientifically concocted lye. Few Universities displayed an ability to see in the centennial celebrations of ^{German} their centers of learning and the staging of the Olympics, a Nazi ruse to lure candidates for conversion to the totalitarian ideology.

I cited the above facts to support my contention that the solutions to a social or political problem which a professor or college dean or even a University president may propose is as much in need of close examination and critical testing as are those offered by business men or divines.

The war has exacted a toll from the Jews of Europe beside which the sacrifice of any other people appears small. The official indictment of the twenty-four Nazi leaders charges that 5,700,000 Jews have been brutally slain. A little over a million remain in all of Europe. Many of them are physically-broken and psychically-wounded individuals. The vast number of the survivors are destitute. Their abodes continue to be barracks from which they can look out and see the crematoriums and gas chambers where the lives of their parents and brothers and sisters were snuffed out so mercilessly. To rescue these victims of Nazi brutality and settle them in surroundings where they may feel a sense of security and perhaps where they may begin to regain their strength and perhaps succeed in erasing from their memories the horrible experiences which they witnessed, has become the task of world Jewry.

The Christian world thus far failed to manifest a sense of guilt over its silence and inactivity when Hitler began to threaten to annihilate European Jewry. The conscience of Christendom appears to be eased with a verbal protest and an expression of sympathy. The Jews understandably are more

disturbed by the unparalleled plight of their brethren and coreligionists. They wish to provide the unfortunate victims with a home where their physical and psychic recovery will be accelerated. Far-sighted Jews realize now more than ever before, that if the Jewish victims of Nazism are forced to remain in Europe, the want and the economic dislocation will be greater than ever and the Jews and the non-Jews will have to compete for the bits of debris which were left by the storm. A program of enforced restitution of property stolen from the Jews (which is made imperative by considerations of justice and safeguards against the repetition of such evil ventures) and the persistence of Nazi indoctrinations are bound to evoke outbreaks of anti-Semitism in the near as well as in the distant future. They are, therefore, bent on aiding the survivors to settle in Palestine and in the course of time establish therein a Jewish Commonwealth where the Jews will be able to be masters of their fate instead of being mere pawns in the hands of rival nationalistic factions who are disposed to look upon them as aliens.

To the solution of the problem of the homelessness of the Jewish survivors of Nazism, Virginia C. Gildersleeve, Dean of Barnard College, proposed the following program: "...Each of the United Nations should accept its proportionate share of these Jews whose seek new homes. The Arab nations have already offered to accept their share. What will be the number the United States should admit? Perhaps 200,000? Then let Congress admit these over and above the usual immigration quotas, and let us stop evading our responsibility by urging that our Government force Britain to force Palestine to take in far more than its share. Thus we may avoid setting the Near East aflame."

(see letter in New York Times, October 9th, 1945)

The eminence of Dean Gildersleeve and the magnanimity which pervades her letter to the New York Times (October⁹ 1945) warrants more than a cursory judgement of her proposal that the United Nations, as well as Palestine, should assume their proportionate share in providing permanent homes for the Jewish survivors of Nazism.

With all due respect to the commendable features, I find the Dean's proposal morally and logically untenable.

1. The Dean ignores the violation of a solemn pledge which was made by Great Britain to the Jewish people when she issued the Balfour Declaration, wherein she promised to facilitate the establishment in Palestine of a Jewish homeland. There was no disagreement at Versailles about the meaning and implication of the Declaration among British and Allied statesmen and by representatives of the Jews and Arab peoples. On the strength of that Declaration, which was endorsed by the League of Nations and the Congress of the United States, Great Britain obtained a mandate over Palestine. Jews then poured millions of dollars into that country. They converted malaria-infested swamps into fertile fields. They terraced the rocky mountain sides with verdant vegetation. They planted trees and forests on arid plateaus. They dug deep into the ground to uncover hidden wells and springs and with the waters irrigated the surrounding country and transformed the waste-lands into blooming gardens. Young men and women of Eastern and Central Europe with vision and foresight tore themselves away from lecture halls and business counters and went to Palestine determined to start life anew there as laborers and tillers of the soil. Other Jews came to Palestine and founded cities which are now thriving centers of industry without whose products the United States would have been hard pressed when the German legions were nearing the strategic Suez Canal.

IN THE FACE OF THE PROMISE EXPLICIT IN THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AND IN FACE OF PICKERING EFFORTS AND THE SACRIFICES OF JEWS IN DEVELOPING PALESTINE, THE ISSUANCE OF THE WHITE PAPER WHICH SHUT THE DOORS OF THE JEWISH HOMELAND TO JEWISH IMMIGRATION AND TOOK AWAY FROM JEWS THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE LAND FROM ARABS WHO WERE WILLING TO SELL IT TO THEM IS EQUIVALENT TO MAKING A SCRAP OF PAPER OF A SOLID PLEDGE.

IRELAND PROCLAIMED TO THE WORLD THAT SHE WENT TO WAR WITH GERMANY BECAUSE ONCE THE KAISER AND LATER HITLER CONSIDERED THE VIOLATION OF A TREATY AS A MATTER OF NO CONSEQUENCE. WILL THE NATIONS' RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AND TREATIES BE STRENGTHENED IF WE ACCORD TO GREAT BRITAIN THE RIGHT TO HAVE A DOUBLE STANDARD OF MORALITY?

2. The Dean's proposal seems to be based on the fallacious premise that the Jew has no greater right to immigrate to Palestine and plant his roots there than he has to immigrate to and plant his roots in America. Whether the Dean's disposition to place Palestine and the United States (or for that matter, any other country) in the same category in regards to Jewish claims is the result of her association with Arab students and teachers of the Near East, or whether it is the product of her failure to understand the Jewish millennial longing and unabated desire to return to the land from which their forefathers were driven by the decree of a Roman Emperor, it is difficult to ascertain from her letter. One should not expect a busy dean of a college to be conversant with the facts of Jewish history during the Middle Ages and the centuries preceding that period. To totally ignore, however, all the data of the Bible on that point is difficult to overlook.

3. The Dean's humanitarianism is cancelled out by the unrealism of her proposal. The survivors of Nazi butcheries would have to continue to languish in their camps for years before the majority of the members of Congress would

feel that it was politically safe to enact a law admitting 200,000 European Jews into the United States. They could be induced to favor such a law only after a barrage of appeals and pleas which would follow years of mass education. If one wishes to see the extermination policy of the Nazis consummated, one has only to advocate the Dean's proposal. There is no surer way of encouraging Arabs to maintain their intransigent position than by telling them that they ought to condition their assent to a higher quota of Jewish immigrants to Palestine by what the United States does in this direction. I can see Jim Crowism eliminated from the South sooner than the barriers would be lifted to 200,000 Jewish immigrants of Poland, Austria and even Germany. The Dean's sanguineness should have been tempered by the attitude of the delegates to the Evian Conference on the response which is given to the suggestion that the 1000 inmates of Oswego be permitted to remain in the U.S.A.

4. In her letter Dean Childersleeve speaks about the Arabs' opposition to Jewish immigration to Palestine without citing a single instance of social injury or economic injustice which the settlers had occasioned them. The Dean seems to be unaware that the Arab League's antagonism is based on willfulness or on the assumption that the Arabs have a divine right to all the undeveloped lands of the Middle East, or that they have been given a command from on high to see that the region continues in its former state of economic stagnancy and social backwardness. If the colonies of North America had given in to a similar desire on the part of the natives or if they would have complied with the Royal Proclamation of 1763 in which England declared the trans-Appalachian country closed to the settlers because of a professed concern for the rights of Indian tribes to roam over the spaces, America would still continue to be a wilderness.

5. In her letter the Dean states: " I believe sincerely in the peaceful settlement of disputes". I am sure that this sentiment will evoke a hearty "Amen" from every Zionist. The Dean also states: "sooner or later the Arab and Jews will have to sit down together and reach an agreement about life in Palestine. Why should they not now gather about a conference table to arrive at some adjustment and avoid violence?" With that sentiment too the preponderant mass of Zionists will also agree. When it comes to concrete proposals, however, the Dean suggests not a give-and-take solution, but the complete capitulations by the Jews of all their rights. To avoid violence and obtain peace by such a procedure is nothing less than a policy of appeasement, which was in vogue in the days of Chamberlain, but should not be the case with the heralded triumph of Justice and Humanitarianism. If one wishes to know whether the Jews or the Arabs are unbecomable extremists, let him contrast the statements and attitude of Chaim Weizmann with that of the pro-Axis Mufti or with Amin Bey Abdul Hadi's reply to President Truman's reported suggestion that 100,000 Jews be permitted to enter Palestine: "Not only a hundred thousand, but not a single one." (New York Times, October 13, 1945)

Dr. Bernard Heller

To: Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President Zionist Organization of America.

Mr. E. Dobkin, Director Aliyah Department Jewish Agency.

Re: Hechalutz Organization in America.

Pursuant to our conversation as of the 11th of December, 1945, I am submitting herewith the following proposals concerning the development of Hechalutz in the United States and Canada.

1. It is imperative to put in some order the process of distribution of Chalus Certificates in the U.S.A. The present Palestine Office, though managed by capable people, must be reorganized in accordance with the decisions of the Zionist Congress and the recent London Conference. The Palestine Office shall include the representatives of all Zionist parties and one representative of Hechalutz in accordance with the established procedure.

The Hechalutz suggests that the above-mentioned Palestine Office shall also be the official Zionist body interested in the development of Hechalutz in U.S.A. and to whom the Merkaz Hechalutz will report about its activities.

2. In order to facilitate the growth of Hechalutz in America it is intended to increase its present membership of 1200 to the minimum of 3000 in 1945/46. It is believed that next year the membership will grow to 5000, provided money will be made available for educational work in the cities and for hachshara in agriculture and industry. A budget of \$ 110,000 is necessary for this year, and a guarantee that if the expansion program proves to be a success a budget will be made available next year.

The American Fund for Palestine Institutions will guarantee \$25,000 towards this budget. The Chalutsim themselves - 15,000. \$15,000 were allocated by the Jewish Agency, and a sum of approximately \$60,000 is lacking. We suggest that this amount shall be given by the Zionist Organizations in America either through initiating a special campaign or through direct allocation from their own funds.

It must be absolutely clearly understood that unless these funds are made available to Hechalutz, no serious expansion program will be possible.

3. There are right now 900 chalutsim in the United States ready for immediate immigration. 450 of them were on hachshara for over four years, and their aliyah is an immediate necessity. We request the Aliyah Department to take the situation into consideration and that the Zionist movement in America, through the Palestine Office, shall give preference to these chalutsim.

In addition there are a few hundred candidates organized by the Hechalutz from amongst the war veterans, for study at the Hebrew University and the Technical School at Haifa. The Veterans Administration in Washington has approved these schools as a part of eligible schools for American war veterans, and guaranteed the payment of tuition and maintenance. Many more will join this

organization if at least a small fraction of candidates can arrive in Palestine by March 1946. We suggest that at least a 125 war veterans shall arrive in Palestine in the first group on student visas or as tourists.

4. It is obvious that the growth of Hechalutz in America can be most properly secured by the presence of a large delegation from Palestine. Some of the schlichim are already in the United States and more are required. It is important that the work of the Palestinian Delegation be supported by the entire Zionist movement in America.

By Joseph Israeli.

Jerusalem, 11th December, 1945.

