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#### JOSEPH H. LERNER

COUNSELLOR AT LAW 1060 BROAD STREET NEWARK 2, N. J. HITCHELL 2-6830

September 24th, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the Zionist Council of Essex County, New Jersey, I want to extend an invitation to have you address our Jewish Community at a date in the near future, acceptable to you.

The Zionist Council is the constituent body representing all of the various Zionist Organizations in the Essex County Area. The Essex County Area has approximately 90,000 Jewish residents, and this area has not had the pleasure of meeting with you since 1942.

You will recall that I was chairman of the Arrangements Committee at the Mosque Theater in Newark, together with Joel Gross, who was chairman of the evening at the time you last visited Newark. Since that time, I have been a staunch Silverite and have worked faithfully and energetically, both on the National Administrative Committee of the Z. O. A., and in the State of New Jersey, in support of your policies.

I believe that it would be a tribute to the work of your supporters in my state, and a tremendous boom for Zionist activity in this area, if it is at all possible for you to meet with us.

I want to thank you in advance for your consideration of this letter, and your early reply, and want to wish you a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH H. LERNER

JHL: FM

October 9, 1945 Mr. Joseph H. Lerner 1060 Broad Street Newark, N.J. My dear Mr. Lerner: Permit me to thank you for your letter of September 24 and for your kind invitation to address your Jewish Community some time this season. I wish I could come to you. Unfortunately it is quite out of the question for me to take on add tional out-of-town lecture engagements for the remainder of the season. As t is, I am away from Cleveland three and four days a week and I must devote all my spare time to those urgent Zionist tasks which are pressing heavily upon all of us. I trust that you will understand. "ith all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

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Jacob S. Richman 1410 North American Bldg. Broad and Samson St. Philadelphia, Pa.

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### Committee on UNITY FOR PALESTINE

of the Zionist Organization of America

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RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD
Executive Director

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Secretary

November 21, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple E. 105th Street Cleveland, Chio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Permit me to offer my congratulations on your election to the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America. I want earnestly to please my full support and that of my fellow workers in this Committee.

We wish you Godspeed on your coming trip to Eretz Israel. May your labors in behalf of our people be blessed with the full fruition of our hopes under your leadership.

Very sincerely.

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld Executive Director

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#### RABBI GEORGE B. LIEBERMAN, LITT. D. MCKINLEY AVENUE TEMPLE CANTON. OHIO

November 29, 1945

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Your election to the Presidency of the Zionist Organization of America is worthy of sincere congratulations. It will, of course, place heavy burdens upon your time and strength, but it is a great hour in Jewish history.

when I heard the news, I found myself uttering a prayer for your well-being to face the challenge. We all know that you will give to the office that quality of leadership and dignity that has marked your ministry and statesmanship until now.

I have never had a chance to prove of service to you and to the Cause. That I am eager to do so, is beyond question. Should you feel that, in spite of my limitations, I can be of some help, please command me.

Faithfully yours, Scory

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Rabbi Enoch H. Kronheim 58 Lakin Ave JameStown, N.Y. November 30,1945 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver B. 105th St. & Ansel Rd. Cleveland 6, Ohio. Dear Rabbi Silver: I am taking this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly elected rabbi of the Congregation "Gates of Hope" in Cleveland. When I was in Cleveland a few weeks ago, I tried to get in touch with you, but you were out of town and I asked Mrs. Silver to convey my regards to you. Today it gives me a great pleasure that in my first letter to you I can extend my heartfelt wishes to you on being elected President of the Zionist Organization of America. At the Same time, I have the feeling that this organization too has to be congratulated. It is a great thing to carry the responsibility as a leader in Israel in these critical and deciding days, and I pray that you may have full Success. I have always admired your work and liked to listen to your words. SME 223 8 237 763 pill Enach H. Kraupin

#### 606 CITY HALL PHILADELPHIA

December 19, 1945.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

First, let me welcome you back to the country. I am anxious to hear from you, at first hand, the news in Palestine about which we have been hearing vague rumors.

I want to congratuate you on the remarkable progress made in connection with the Congressional Resolution. This morning the Philadelphia Record, of which J. David Stern is the publisher, had a ridiculous cartoon and editorial, which I am enclosing. I think it is important for you to meet with David Stern at your early convenience. He can be converted from a confused, although well intentioned maverick, to a useful, and perhaps valuable, instrument for the benefit of our On one recent occasion when I asked him cause. why he has not worked to help the official Zionist bodies like the Emergency Council, the Z.O.A., etc., he answered that he had never been asked to do so and that the Bergson group her person ently solicited his aid.

I have suggested to Emanuel Neumann that perhaps some newspaper publishers' committee might be organized with him as chairman. Stern seems to have a wide circle of influential friends throughout the country and also in England.

With kind personal regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself, I am

Cordially fours. Died

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#### The Latest \$64 Question: What's Happened to Harry? Congress, with its eye on the Christmas

recess expected this coming week-end, has finally shown a burst of speed. The Senate has passed—with only Sen.

Connally voting No-a resolution urging establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine. Quick approval is expected in the House.

But—that resolution is the one measure

before Congress on which President Truman did not want fast action. Whatever the merits of the resolution, it

makes the U.S. now appear to be going in two directions at once. Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes wanted to mark time on Palestine until the British-American Palestine Committee reports in 120 days. While rushing down to the finish line with

a measure Truman doesn't want, Congress ignores nearly a dozen bills Truman docs want and which the country needs. There has been no action on extension of

the Second War Powers Act, which expires the end of this month. Truman's program for control of scarce building materials in order to relieve the critical housing shortage depends on that extension. No action, either, on Truman's liberal program for a real Full Employment Bill and his proposal to increase unemployment compensation. Nobody asks what's wrong with Congress. Everybody wants to know what's wrong

It's become a kind of national game. It's

something to discuss when when tired of wondering about the atom borne, the weather and, my, aren't the mores crowded? piedgy The game has produced some wonderful nonsense.

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the Mississippii River on one of his junkets. That kind of class-cornsov, addle-pated criticism makes us want that im both Delaware and the Schuylkill. Same thing happens of Iruman's appointments.

He's been criticized for loading the Federal payroll with Missouri Democrats. Marquis Childs, Drew Pearson and other

Washington commentators have explained

that the kind of men Truman wants in gov-

ernment don't want to serve. They feel the war's over. They want to get back into private business to make some money. But everybody asks what's the matter with Harry Truman? Certainly, it's true that Truman doesn't have the magnetic personality of Roose-

He doesn't have Roosevell's ability to arouse enthusiasm for a crusade. He doesn't

have Roosevel:'s sense of timing. But there was only one Roosevelt. We, too, wish that Truman would fight We wish he would go harder for his bills. over the heads of Congress to the people as

Roosevelt used to. We wish he would crack the whip, as Roosevelt knew how to do. But that doesn't excuse the rest of us-Congressmen, those asked to serve their country in time of crisis-from doing our

part. We have a President in the White House, not a scapegoa". We have a President, not a Fuehrer. Let's keep on prodding Truman in the direction he thinks he should That's our privilege as American citizens. But let's not forget to ask once in a while

what's the matter with Congressman Bunkum or Citzen Smith? Welcome to Moscow!

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Dr. George B. Lieberman McKinley Avenue Temple 631 Renkert Building Canton, Ohio

My dear Georges

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 deeply grateful to you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I know that I can count on your wholehearted cooperation in the great work which lies shead for all of us.

I have heard nothing but enthusiastic praise on the work that you are doing in Canton. More power to you.

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld Executive Director Committee on Unity for Palestine Zionist Organization of America 41 East 42nd Street New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Lelyvelds

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 te till win through in the end.

With Zion's greetings, I remain,

December 20; 1945

Rabbi Enoch H. Kronheim 58 Lakin Avenue Jamestown, New York

My dear Rabbi Kronheims

Upon my return from Palestine, I found your gracious note of November 50. Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in sending me your congratulations upon my election to the Presidency of the Zionist Organization of America.

I am happy to hear that you have been elected Rabbi of the Congregation "Gates of Hope" here in Cleveland. Let me welcome you as a colleague to this splendid community. I hope that you will find much happiness here; I know that you will have a great field for service. Please come in to see me when you come to Cleveland.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Mr. I. Montefoire Levy, Honorary President 7th District 186 Riverside Drive New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Levy:

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 sanding me your good wishes.

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Mr. Samuel Z. Korff
5436 Wyndals
Philadelphia, Pa.

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With Zion's greetings, I remain,

Dr. Abbe Hillel Silver Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Rabbi;

As an ardent Zionist, I am writing to you in the hope that you may be interested in hearing from one of the individuals who make up the blur of faces in your audiences.

Perhaps it is presumtuous on my part to offer any suggestions to you but you must agree that the past leader-ship of the World Zionist Organization has brought that movement to virtual bankruptcy at the time of its greatest need. Certainly a change of leadership is long overdue. For sheer stupidity I offer you the recent wisit of Dr. Weitzman to the White House accompanied by the British Ambassador.

By all means the most urgent need is the immediate dismissal of Dr. Weitzman and the election of a strong American Jew in his place.

It is also time that a "Declaration of Independence" was issued and the Jewish Agency came forward with a demand that it be admitted to the United Nations. Along with this there should be the slogan " Taxation without Representation is Tyrany " and all the Jews in the Yishuv be asked to stop paying taxes, to the British Government.

Another step should be the setting up of a Jewish War Crimes Tribunal to try all war criminals who have not been tried by the other tribunals. This court should also indict and try Winston Churchill and his war cabinet on the charge of murder. The theory of this charge is that when any person seeing an apartment house on fire deliberately locks the doors so that those inside cannot escape, he is guilty of murder. Of course Churchill would ignore the summons of such a court but a trial in absentia and a finding of guilty and a sentence of death would create serious thought on this subject by the entire world.

It seems that although Great Britain has declared war on the Jews and is using arms, we Jews are still trying to get somewhere by appeasement. It is time we realized the truth, we will get nothing except by force. We must fight for our lives, and use every weapon at our disposal. One weapon now available is the U.S. loan to England. Without revealing that the Jews are behind it a strong attack can be made on this loan in Congress. It is even possible that it may be defeated if it is attacked in a very simple but effective way. I believe that this can be accomplished if petitions are presented in every large city in the country, on the streets or by house to house canvas demanding that Congress vote against this loan. These petitions can be signed by non-Jews if teams of solicitors are organized to obtain signatures. I would gladly offer my services gratis to organize and direct some of these teams, but I am not able to finance the

costs of paid solicitors. If this loan is defeated it will be a severe blow to Great Britain, and may bring them to their senses.

At this time when the most important fund raising should be directed toward helping " Hagana " only half hearted action is directed in that direction but great emphasis is being put behind a drive to raise funds for a Medical Center and the Weitzman Institute. Let us look at things in their proper light. It certainly is more important to get Jews into Palestine first and even then the funds should be spent on housing and farm implements or industry before we build buildings and laboratories for science or for the Arabs.

If I have accomplished nothing else with this letter perhaps I can impress upon you that many of those Zionist members who think of Zionism as more than a \$6.00 expense per year are not satisfied that their leaders have been competent. It is an unfortunate fact that the great majority of Z.O.A. members think only of the \$6.00 it costs them and do not care what or who the leaders are or do.

Harry Kimball 24 Lincoln St. Boston, Mass.

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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER THE TEMPLE ANISEL ROAD & 105 ST. CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEAR DR. SILVER:

YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE SENDING RALPH MCGILL TO PALESTINE.
YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION
BOUGHT THE SERIES OF ARTICLES BY MEYER LEVIN ON PALESTINE
WHICH I AM ENCLOSING. THEY ARE FIRST RATE.

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VERY SINCERELY YOURS,

MANAGING DIRECTOR

January 2, 1946

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

Judge Levinthal
606 City Hall
Philadelphia, Pa.
My dear Judge Levinthal:

I should very much like to meet with J. David Stern. He is a wall-intentioned men I am sure, but one who has already done, I am afraid, considerable mischief.

I shall be attending the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America in New York on Sunday January 15. I am wondering whether Stern could meet me for lunch in New York on the day before, Saturday January 12. Would you ask him, or do you think that I should wire or telephone him direct?

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

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

### The New Palestine

The American Zionist Fortnightly Devoted to Jewish Affairs
1720 Sixteenth Street, N. W.

WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

Lupwic Lewisonn, Editor 57 Montgomery Place Brooklyn 15, N. Y.

January 3, 1946

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

Dear Doctor Silver,

It seems exceedingly strange to me--- eerie almost---that I am obliged to address myself to you today in such terms as I must use. I am reasonably free from common vanity and I find it hard to put into words, as though you needed a reminder, that from the publication of my book "Israel" (1925) through that of "Breathe Upon These" the other day I have been widely held to be the creative voice of American Jewry, a fact confirmed by translations of my works, both fiction and non-fiction, now in progress in the Argentine and, above all, in Palestine. I never pictured myself saying that. Well, I can say it more easily to you, because in the course of the years you have given me many evidences of your admiration and friendship, which have been actively reciprocated.

I must say these things today because a criticism has arisen of my editorship of The New Palestine-my evident function within our movement, my destined practical service to our cause-which is at once sweeping and without direction, which proposes no alternative of policy or method, which limits itself to blank negation. I was wholly unprepared for such criticism. The evidence that has come to me from colleagues and members was of an entirely different character and my editorials have been reprinted and translated all over the Zionist world.

There is another angle. I have been the first to deplore the mediocrity--amid far more that was brilliant and telling and very hard to get--of a limited number of contributions. But within our inner circle the cause for that should be abundantly clear. It is to be sought primarily in the flight from their Jewishness of nearly all our gifted younger men. You are acquainted, of course, with the Contemporary Jewish Record symposium "Under Forty"; you read, equally of course, the admirable article by the poet A.M. Klein in our November number. Even less equivocal Jews, like Max Lerner, will not write for us. There is nothing in this direction which I have left unattempted. This thing is tragically so --today. Nor is this all. There are those within our innermost ranks who, aware of that situation, have not felt a corresponding responsibility toward The New Palestine. I have worked alone, unaided, without the cooperation of those on whom I ought to have been able to count. There were other circumstances which limited my freedom of action.

Finally, however, I am a disciplined Zionist; I have been for years. It accords with m y convictions. If a committee representing the administration desires to consul, with me concerning a change of policy, method,

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character, I should, needless to say, accept all reasonable directives which leave The New Palestine the bearer of the creative and persuasive word of Zionism. I have, for instance, always deplored that a hange of some years ago which made our magazine look like a second-rate imitation of an American "slick" publication. There are other improvements which I have plead for in vain. In brief: need I say that my only fundamental motive is the service of our cause? You know that. And hence I address myself to you with the complete assurance of your understanding and cooperation.

Faithfully yours,

Ludwig Lewisohn

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LORAIN, OHIO Jan. 3, 1946.

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

Dear Colleague,

Belatedly I wish to congratulate you on your election to the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America, an honor which should have come to you several years ago. It seems that history reserved your leadership for this year of trial, when it is most needed. I pray that under your guidance the Zionist Organization and cause may speedily emerge > non) Tic >3 x > | x.

The purpose of this letter is not only to extend to you my good wishes, but also to convey a thought that occurred to me. It might be a good idea for seventy-five or a hundred rabbis or more from all over the country (one from a city, except in the case of the very largest cities) to be requested to submit sermons dealing with all phases of Zionism, with achievements in Facestine, with present Jewish conditions in Europe, with the possible relations between the homeland and the diaspora Jewries, and with Britain's betrayal; this volume to be printed not under the imprimator of the Zionist Organization, but ostensibly as a private undertaking. It could be dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Alexander S. Welf of St. Louis, who passed away a month ago and who said immediately after the issuance of the Balfour Declaration, "Don't trust England; perfidious Albion will cheat you." Dr. Wolf was a wery staunch Zionist and during his student years in Vienna served for a time as secretary to Dr. Theodore Herzl.

Such a book could furnish answers to the Countil for American Judaism, the American Jewish Committee, and the "Christian Century". Britain's ruling clique, I think, would also take notice of it.

If you think there is any merit in my suggestion, I should like to hear from you.

Sincerely yours, Julius Kerman

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JANUARY 3, 1946

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER THE TEMPLE 105 ST. & ANSEL RD. CLEVELAND, CHIC

DEAR DR. SILVER:

GEORGE BACKER AND I HAD A MOST SATISFACTORY TALK YESTERDAY WITH MR. CRUM. THE STORY IS MOST UNBELIEVABLE. ONLY THREE WEEKS AGO, THIS MAN WAS AN ANTI-ZIONIST, BUT AFTER PERUSING MATERIAL FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND PARTICULARLY AFTER READING LOWDERMILK'S BOOK, HE BECAME A FULL-FLEDGED ZIONIST.

HE IS MOST EMPHATIC THAT THE UNITED STATES AND ENGLAND KEEP THEIR COMMIT-MENTS TO THE JEWS. THERE MUST BE FURTHER IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE, AND ONCE THE JEWS ARE A MAJORITY, THEY MUST BE FREE TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH.

HE HAD HARDLY ARRIVED IN NEW YORK WHEN AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTING THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION CALLED ON HIM. THAT OFFICIAL WAS RATHER STARTLED WHEN CRUM SUGGESTED THAT THE RUSSIANS BE INVITED IN ON THE DELIBERATIONS. HE ALSO TOLD US THAT THE FRENCH CONSUL IN SAN FRANCISCO CALLED HIM TO ASK WHY FRANCE WAS BEING KEPT OUT. HE MENTIONED THAT RUSSIA IS WILLING TO LET IN ALL JEWS WHO WANT TO IMMIGRATE INTO RUSSIA.

HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT OPENING ITS DOORS FOR THE JEWS. THE JEWS, IN HIS OPINION, SHOULD HAVE THE CHOICE OF COING TO EITHER THE UNITED STATES OR OF SETTLING IN THE COUNTRIES FROM WHICH THEY HAIL. HOWEVER, HE EMPHATICALLY ASSERTS THAT THE JEWS SHOULD BE FREE TO GO TO PALESTINE IF THEY WANT TO DO SO.

HE STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT THE IDEA OF THE JORDAN VALLEY AUTHORITY IS AN EXCELLENT ONE. IN HIS CPINION, THIS WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR MILLIONS OF JEWS TO SETTLE IN PALESTINE.

SOME OF H S BIGGEST CLIENTS ARE ANTI-ZIONIST. BUT THIS DOES NOT AFFECT HIS ATTITUDE. HE IS VERY FIRM. HE IS A VERY CHARMING AND GENUINELY LIBERAL PERSON.

HE CLAIMS, BY THE WAY, THAT THE INSTRUCTIONS FROM OUR GOVERNMENT ARE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. HIS STATEMENTS MAKE ME FEEL VERY OPTIMISTIC.

I WAS VERY SORRY TO LEARN THAT YOU HAD THE FLU. I HOPE YOU WILL RECOVER WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, WITH KINDEST REGARDS,

P.S. GEORGE BACKER DID AN EXCELLENT JOB IN FORTI-FYING MR. CRUM'S SENTIMENTS. HE PROMISED HE WOULD GET JUDGE SLOSS TO BIVE HIM A DINNER WHEN HE RETURNS. HE WILL PERFORM A MIRACLE IF HE SUCCEEDS IN DOING THIS.

SINCERELY YOURS.

MACOB LANDAU MANAGING DIRECTOR

Jan. 3, 1945 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, 1720--16 St., N. W., Washington, 9, D. C. Dear Rabbi Silver: Please be assured that this district will do its utmost to help the realization of the Zionist ideals. Your wise and aggressive leadership comes to us as a beacon of light in these dark and trying days; and we stand ready to cooperate with the policies of the National Executive, no matter how bold they may be. Be strengthened with the support of this district, as well as all others throughout the States, who are in full accord with you. we share your burdens and your great responsibilities in this crisis. with warm Zion's greetings, Respectfully yours, Jack Becker. JB, a

January 4, 1948 Mr. Harry Kimball 24 Lincoln Street Boston, Mass. My dear Mr. Kimbell: Thank you for your kind letter, which I read with a great deal of interest. Some of the subjects to which you referred are being given serious consideration. I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. With all good wishes, I remain, Most cordially yours, AHS: GR

January 6, 1946 Rabbi Julius Kerman Agudath Binai Israel Congregation 9th Street and Reid Avenue Lorain, Ohio My dear Rabbi Kermans Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I appreciate very much your good wishes. Your suggestion for a volume in memory of Dr. Alexander S. Wolf has great merit to it, and I shall bring it to the attention of the executive committee of the ZOA, when it next meets. Dr. Wolf was of the faithful Old Guard, and rendered our Movement extraordinary service during a long and distinguished career. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS#GR

Mr. Jacob Landau Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc. 108 East 41st Street New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Landaus

Thank you so much for sending me a report of your interview with C. It is indeed very interesting.

I am also glad to learn that you are sending Ralph McGill to Palestine.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: GR

P.S. Would it be possible, through Swope and Baruch, to arrange a meeting with Churchill when he arrives here.

January 9, 1946 Mr. Mendel N. Fisher Jewish National Fund 41 E. 42nd Street New York 17, N. Y. My dear Mr. Fisher: Here is a letter from a Mr. Nehemia Yehuda, a former member of the Hebrew Brigade, who spent twenty-five years in Palestine and wants to work for our cause. Perhaps you can use him in connection with some work for the Jewish National Fund. Please mention the fact that I have referred his letter to you. Most cordially yours, ARS: GR Enc.

January 9, 1946 Mr. Ludwig Lewisohn 57 Montgomery Place Brooklyn 15, N. Y. My dear Friend: Thank you for your letter of January 5, The subject of The New Palestine has been greatly under discussion, as you know, for some time. There is a general feeling that some drastic reorganization is indicated. No final plans have been made. Certainly none will be made without discussing the matter fully with you. I shall be in New York over the seekend to attend meetings of the 20A. Please get in touch with me at the Commodore Hotel where I will be from Saturday on, and we will arrange to get together for a chat. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: GR

January 15, 1946

Mr. Albert B. Lefton, Secty. Cleveland Zionist Society Standard Building Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Alberts

I am enclosing herewith the receipt for the \$500.00 scholarship which the Cleveland Zionist Society contributed this year to the Hebrew University.

I am also enclosing a letter from Mr. Finkel, Director, inquiring about the contribution which Mr. Sam D. Wise made last year out of the S. D. and Mae Wise Foundation, also \$500.00 to the Hebrew University. I would suggest that you write a letter to Mr. Wise recalling his contribution last year which was deeply appreciated, and inquiring whether he would wish to renew the grant for the coming year.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

AHS: GR

January 15, 1946 Mr. Jack Becker Jacksonville Zionist District 345 W. 11th Street Jacksonville 7, Florida Dear Mr. Becker: Thank you for your gracious note of January 3. I om very grateful for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in sending me your good wishes. The days shead are likely to be critical and decisive ones for our Movement, but I feel confident that with the loyal and wholehearted cooperation of all our people we will win through in the end. With Zion's greetings, I remain, Most cordially yours, AHS: GR

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

As you may know, a national campaign has been launched to build a Medical School in Palestine as part of the Hebrew University and the Rothschild-Hadsssah-University Medical Center.

We urge you to join us in the leadership of the campaign by serving as one of the Honorary Vice-Chairman of the undertaking. The campaign has already been acclaimed by outstanding Jewish leaders of every shade of opinion, as well as by prominent non-Jews in the medical and scientific world. Among the scientific sponsors are fifteen Nobel prize winners in whose honor the opening function was held recently in New York City.

Under separate cover we are mailing you an illustrated brochure describing the project more fully than can be done in the enclosed pamphlet. The sponsor-ship of the American Friends of the Hebrew University and Hadassah, who are conducting the campaign jointly, will indicate the character of its support.

Because of the pressing need, the campaign, which is for \$4,000,000, must be concluded within the short space of two years. It will achieve its goal only if persons of understanding and goodwill such as yourself give their active support.

We hope that you will give this matter your earnest consideration and that we may count upon your acceptance as a member of the National Committee of Sponsors.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund J. Kaufman Edmund I. Kaufmann

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January 18, 1946 Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn The New Palestine 1720 - 18th Street, N. W. Mashington, D. C. My dear Dr. Lewisohn: I am enclosing herewith a letter and a clipping which I received from Mr. Robert Finkelstein of Moonsocket, R. I. I do not know whether the newspaper quoted you correctly, but as it reads it is subject to serious misinterpretation. Most cordially yours, AHS: GR Enc.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND COUNCIL 10609 St. Clair Avenue CLEVELAND 8, OHIO From Office of President MARVIN A. KANE January 21, 1946 2621 E. 9th St. Dr. Abba H. Silver The Temple Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio Dear Dr. Silver: I wish to acknowledge your letter appointing me Member-at-Large of the National Administrative Council. I wish to express my appreciation and please to you my full cooperation at all times. Zion greetings. Sincerely yours, MAK: 88

January 23, 1946 Mr. Jacob Landau Jewish Telegraphic Bulletin 106 E. 41st Street New York 17, N. Y. My dear Mr. Landaus I read a few days ago that Dr. Leo Baeck flew back to Europe. Does he intend to return soon? The Central Conference of American Rabbis extended an invitation to him to address his Convention in June. I thought that you may perhaps have information about the matter. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: GR

January 25, 1946 Mr. Kleszar Kaplan c/o Jewish Agency 342 Madison Avenue New York, N. Y. My dear Priends You may be interested in the enclosed excerpt of a letter from the wife of Dr. Walter Clay Lowdernilk. I have taken up the matter of the Zionist Emergency Council budget. Unfortunately, Mr. Shapiro is on a vacation in Florida, and upon his return he will send you a more detailed budget than the one which was submitted to you. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: GR Enc.

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January 30, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple E. 105th St. & Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your letter dated January 28th addressed to Rabbi Lelyveld, and relating to Mr. Gessow's analysis of the prepaganda of the American Council for Judaism, arrived in Rabbi Lelyveld's absence from the city. I am forwarding it to him and am certain that he will look into the matter further.

Sincerely yours,

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Rachel Lev, Sec'y, to Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld

Executive Director

#### LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL 606 CITY HALL PHILADELPHIA

January 30, 1946.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

In reply to your letter of the 28th, I write to inform you that Mr. Bernard G. Richards is now ergaged in the preparation of the American edition of Israel Cohen's book "The Zionist Movement".

The arrangement made with Mr. Richards was approved by the Z.O.A. Executive Committee which calls for the payment of \$600.00 to Mr. Richards for the revision of the original manuscript so as to eliminate the undue emphasis of British, Canadian and South African aspects and to give proper treatment to the development of Zionism in this country. An additional chapter of about 25 pages giving a cursory review of the history of the movement in the United States is being specially prepared by Mr. Richards.

About ten days ago stenographic assistance was requested by Mr. Richards in our New York office so that he might complete the manuscript for the printer. I understand from Sidney Marks that this has been arranged.

I tried to get the Jewish Publication Society to undertake the printing of the book when ready. Unfortunately, the J.P.S. cannot accept this order as it will be tied up for the next six months with its own publications. It would probably be best to have the New York printer who is doing most of our work also to undertake this volume. I would suggest that the matter be referred to the Office Committee of the Z.O.A. for action.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours. Lewicel

#### THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

January 30, 1946

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

Dear Friends:

At a Zionist meeting held a few months ago,
I referred to the resolution adopted at a Zionist Congress,
which made it obligatory for every Zionist to contribute
to the Keren Hayesod, and declared that a Zionist who has
not discharged his duty to the Keren Hayesod is not permitted to hold office in a Zionist body.

The resolution to which I referred was adopted by the 18th Zionist Congress held in Prague in August, 1933, and reads as follows:

"The Congress renews and reaffirms the resolution that every Zionist is obliged to contribute to the Keren Hayesod. The Congress resolver that in the elections to the Zionist Congress and to all Zionist bodies, the candidate for election is bound to prove that he has discharged his duty to the Keren Hayesod."

The importance of this resolution is emphasized by the fact that when Zionists from all countries convened for the first time, after a period of six years, at the World Zionist Conference held in London in August, 1945, the following resolution was passed:

"The World Zionist Conference draws the attention of the Zionist institutions to the resolution of the Zionist Congress that only Zionists who have fully implemented their obligation to the national funds and the campaigns organized on their behalf are entitled to represent the Zionist movement and its instituations wherever they may be."

I feel it my duty to ask the leadership of the Zionist parties and the national funds to see to it that the demands of these resolutions are carried out in letter Zionist Organization of America

January 30, 1946

and in spirit. No one should be permitted to hold office in any of our institutions, eith nationally or locally, who has not fully discharged his obligation toward the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth or, as is the case here, to the campaign organized on its behalf, the United Jewish Appeal.

Furthermore, with regard to the forthcoming Zionist Congress, it goes without saying that no Zionist should be nominated as a candidate for election without proving to the Elections Committee to be set up, that he has discharged his duty as required by the resolutions quoted above.

I trust that all of you will cooperate with the Executive of the World Zionist Organization in this important matter.

With Zion's Greetings,

I am,

Cordially yours,

Eliezer Kaplan Member Executive World Zionist Organization

February I, 1946 Mr. Louis Lipsky Chairman, Executive Committee 521 Fifth Avenue New York City Doar Mr. Lipsky: On behalf of the ZOA, may I inform you that in the list of the General Committee, the vacancy created by the death of Herman Shulman will be filled by Emanual Neumann. If Dewey Stone does not come, as is presently indicated, his place will be filled by Rabbi Leon I. Feuer; and if habit. Levinthal does not come, as is now indicated, his place will be filled by Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt. Sincerely yours, Dr. Israel Goldstein These names were confirmed at a meeting of the Inner Committee of the ZOA Executive held January 31, 1946.

February 4, 1946 Mr. Edmund I. Kaufmen Medical School Campaign Hebrew University and Hadassah 16 East 46th Street New York 17, N. Y. My dear Mr. Kaufmen: Permit me to thank you for your letter of January I shall be very pleased to serve as an Honorary Vice-Chairman of the campaign for the Medical School of the Hebrew University and Hadasseh. With best wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, AHS: GR

February 6, 1946 Mr. Ezekiel Leikin 136 E. 17th Street New York 5, N. Y. My dear Mr. Leikin: Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 27. I forwarded your letter to Dr. Sidney Marks, Secretary of the Zionist Organization of America, and I am sure that he will give earnest consideration to your application. I would suggest that you call on Dr. Marks so that you can talk over the matter with him. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: GR

February 14, 1946 Mr. Maxwell Cohen National Headquarters Jewish War Veterens of the United States 278 Fifth Avenue New York 1, H. Y. My dear Mr. Cohen: May I tell you how perfectly splendid was your letter which you addressed to the British Ambassador in protest against the return of Zemal Russeni to Palestine-vigorous, timely, and telling. Very cordially yours, AHS: GR

41 East 42nd Street New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Fishers

I received the enclosed letter from Mr. B. G. Browdy. What are the facts in the matter?

I also understand that high politics kept you from attending my testimonial dinner last Sunday. What are the facts in that matter?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: GR Enc.



## JEWISH DAILY FORWARD

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March 28, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi:

As per conversation through the \*phone, I am sending you the original letter of the late President Roosevelt to the Member of Congress, George Grant; and also the letter that Mr. Grant sent to a friend of mine, Mr. I. Bauman, in Montgomery, Alabama. From another letter of Senator Hill, you will learn about another document which might reach me soon.

I hope that this may be in your hands some tool for our deal. It may be of some help, and therefore I am rushing it to you.

As soon as you can obtain a copy or as soon as you are through with it, I would apprefiate it if you would return it to me by registered mail.

Since re ly yours,

to Jo Colon





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Overseus News Agency, Inc. 101 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK 17. H. Y. MURRAY HILL 3-2007 April 1, 1946 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver 342 Madison Avenue New York City Dear Dr. Silver: I phoned you this morning but you had already left your hotel room. Ferhaps I can mention in this letter what was on my mind. When I last saw you, you were kind enough to promise me that, in addition to writing to Charles Rosenbloom, you would write me a letter expressing your appreciation of the JTA and ONA . I would be very grateful indeed it I could have these letters. Very sincerely yours, parol lank JL:je Jacob Landau Menaging Director



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My dear Dr. Silver:

I hope it wasn't from the excitement, but I just got back to the office. I haven't been well for the last couple of days.

I was very proud of the remarkable Dinner given in your honor last Sunday night. Despite the fact that you had a bad cold, you delivered one of your great messages. I have had someone transcribe the entire address and I shall send it on to you for correction, as we have received many requests for the full text of the speech.

I am very happy to advise you, as you will see from the attached, that our good friend, Joe Weingarten of Houston, Texas, has been kind enough to contribute \$1,000.00 towards the Nachlath Silver Project.

Cordially yours,

Mendel N. Fisher, Executive Director.

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LAW OFFICES OF JOSEPH E. KLAU TELEPHONE 2-2201 36 PEARL STREET, HARTFORD, CONN. April 3, 1946 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio Dear Dr. Silver: It is only because of the overwhelming demand upon the part of the members of the Hartford Zionist District that I am so bold as to ask you to give some part of your precious time to a visit to Hartford for the purpose of installing approximately 1000 new members, which will have been obtained by the time you arrive here. A suggested date is Monday, May 6th, or, if that is impossible, Monday, June 3rd, which is the regular meeting date for the District, and the purpose of the visit would be to install our new membership. For its population, we believe that the Hartford Zionist District is the largest district in the country, and at the present time, its membership is approaching 2000, over a 50% increase in cur present rolls. Aside from this purpose, a visit to Connecticut would be of tremendous value in stimulating the Zionists of this region, which you well know has always lent its strength to the movement whenever called upon. In these dark days, I know that your time is taken tenfold but even under the stress of circumstances, a visit from you will have a tremendous effect in this part of the country. Trusting that I may have a favorable reply from you, and with Zion's greetings, I am Sincerely yours, Joseph E Klau
President, Hartford Zionist District JEK: MM D

Mr. Jacob Landsu, Managing Director Overseas News Agency, Inc. 101 Park Avenue New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Landaus

I have been reading in the Cleveland Plain Dealer the series of articles of Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor of the ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, and made available to the public by the Overseas News Agency. The articles are exceptionally well written, the work of a keen and sympathetic observer and analyst. They represent a distinct contribution to the spreading of the truth about Palestine, and are a real service to our cause.

This is not the first time that the Overseas News Agency made available to the American public the investigations made by competent and reliable men of conditions affecting Jewish life in many parts of the world. Every Jewish leader will testify to the utmost importance of having such information available in these critical times. Of course, the Jewish Telegraphic Bulletin is indispensable to everyone who wants to know, day by day, the news of what is transpiring in the Jewish world.

I send you my warmest greetings, and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: GR

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית 41 EAST 425D STREET MUrray Hill 2-3205 NEW YORK 17, N. Y. April 8, 1946 Dr. Abba millel Silver The Temple Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio Dear Dr. Silver: Enclosed herewith you will find a letter from hr. Maxwell Cohen. Mational Commander of the Jewish Wer Veteran's of the U. S. As you can see, he supports the Shekel Campaign and even recommends membership in the Z. O. A. With Mr. Cohen's ocoperation we have the whole membership of the Jewish War Veterans as potential Shekel buyers. I believe, that it would be approportate for you to write Mr. Cohen directly as we naturally desire further cooperation from him. We may even be able to achieve the buying of a whole block of Shekolim by the Jana Va If you would send me a copy of your letter to Commander Cohen, I would greatly appreciate it. Respectfully yours, Herschel Ausroach, Director HA:RW Veteran's Bureau Enc. 190 490

April 10, 1946 Mr. Joseph E. Klau, President Hartford Zionist District 36 Pearl Street Hartford, Conn. My dear Friends I deeply appreciate your kind letter and your gracious invitation. I am delighted that the Hartford Zionist District has made such remarkable progress. Indeed, you are to be congratulated. Your achievements, I am sure, will be an inspiration to the entire country. I wish I were free to come to you. It would give me great pleasure indeed, But believe me, the burdens which I am already carrying are so heavy that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional obligations. I have been compelled to decline many an invitation which normally I should be most eager to accept. Our political work is becoming increasingly more urgent as we approach the deadline of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. There is a tremendous amount of work which I am compelled to do in Washington, New York and elsewhere. If therefore I am constrained to decline your gracious invitation, I am sure that you will understand and appreciate the reasons for it. Some day when things ease up a bit, I should be most happy to come to you. With all good wishes to you and my good friends in Hartford, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: GR P.S. How is your Shekel Campaign progressing? The General Zionists to be effective at the next World Zionist Congress wast sell a maximum number of Shekolim and bring out a maximum number of voters.

Major Herschel Auerbach of our Organization has sent me a copy of the letter which you directed to him on April 3. I need not tell you that I was deeply moved by the spirit of your letter. We are all profoundly grateful for the full measure of cooperation which you and your great organization have given us.

I am happy to learn from Major American that you stand ready to help our movement in the Shekel Campaign, which will mobilize the Jews in America in behalf of our great cause. The wholehearted participation of the Jewish War Veterans will be a great inspiration to the campaign throughout the country.

With all good wishes for a very happy Passover and in the hope that our people may soon come to celebrate another great festival of liberation, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: GR

## UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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They Must Never Be Homeless Again

April 11, 1946 Mr. I. Klinor United Palestine Appeal 41 East 42nd Street New York 17, N. Y. My dear Mr. Klinor: Thank you so much for your kindness in forwarding to me the letter of Mr. Enamuel Neumann, which I read with great interest. I am very anxious to see you. I shall be in New York next Thursday and Friday. Please communicate with me at the office of the American Zionist Emergency Council, 342 Madison Avenue. With all good wishes for a very happy Pesach, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: GR

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New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

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Our organization as such has not yet decided upon its stand in regard to the place where the next Zionist Congress should be held. Sentimental reasons are all in favor, of course, of the holy city of Jerusalem. Other considerations may tend to incline one towards the United States. I hope that very soon our board will meet and take into account all angles and considerations, when it will make known its crystallized opinion.

Considering, however, the resolution adopted by the ZOA Administrative Committee that the 22nd Zionist Congress be held in the United States, I should like to contribute a foolish thought which may be worthwhile taking into account namely, that if the Congress be held in the United States an attempt be made to obtain the UNO Headquarters in Hunter College for that purpose. I understand that the UNO leased the building only up to May 15th and expects to vacate at that time. It would have great psychological and public-relations value for world Zionism to meet in the very same auditorium in which the UNO deliberated on the security of the world. (We hope that our deliberations for the security of world Jewry will meet with greater success.)

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours.

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RABBI MAX KIRSHBLUM Executive Vice-President





Executive Vice-President
Mizrachi Organization of America
1155 Broadway
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Rabbi Kirshblum:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 11.

I think your suggestion of using Hunter College for the meeting of the Congress, should it decide to come to the United States, has certainly a great appeal to it. Until such time, however, as the Executive in Jerusalem decides that it will hold the Congress in the United States, there is no point in pursuing the matter here with reference to the locals.

Sometime ago I received a cable from Rabbi Fishman, urging us to ask for the holding of the Congress in the United States.

With all good wishes for a very happy Pasach, I am

Most cordially yours,

AHS: GR

April 17, 1946 Dr. Zvi Cahn Jewish Daily Forward 175 East Broadway New York, N. Y. My dear Ir. Cahn : Permit me to thank you for your kindness in permitting me to see the letter of the late President Roosevelt, addressed to Congressman Grant, and also the letter of Congressmen Grant to Mr. Bauman, as well as the letter of Senator Lister Hill. I read them all with the keenest interest. I should be most happy to see a copy of President Roosevelt's letter to the House of Commons regarding the Balfour Declaration, if you receive it. I am returning the letters to you with profound thanks. With all good wishes for a happy Passover, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: GR Enc.

# JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES 276 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y.

April 22, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Chio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

MAXWELL COHEN

Thank you for your kind letter of April 10, 1946. Believe me when I tell you that no thanks are due me for the letter that I wrote to Major Auerbach with reference to the Shekel campaign.

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States have told America and American Jewry in particular, how they feel about the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine at their last national convention in Atlantic City. I am therefore simply fellowing through what I consider as a mandate.

Looking forward to meeting with you in the very near future, I am,

Sincerely yours,

MAXWELL COHEN,

NATIONAL COMMANDER

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April 25, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

When I saw you in Cleveland the other week, I spoke to you about your long-standing but unfulfilled promise to address the Long Island Zionist Region.

The annual convention of the Region will take place on Sunday, June 9th and will consist of a morning, afternoon and evening session. The morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted to committee meetings, reports, and transactions of conventions affairs. The evening session was usually in the form of a banquet. It has been decided to change this into an evening meeting, first because of a request to conserve food, and second in order to reach a larger audience in view of the fact that it is a week before the Congress elections. The convention will most likely be held in Cedarhurst and the meeting in the evening, in the Lawrence High School where we are quite certain that we can have an attendance of 1000 to 1500 people. The executive committee of the Long Island Zionist Region cordially extends an invitation to you to be the guest speaker at the evening session.

I know that you are fully aware of the very loyal and devoted support and cooperation that you have had from the Long Island Region in the last two years. We were one of the first "in the fight" and saw it through to a successful conclusion. As one indication of this support the Region this year gave \$20,000 to the expansion fund as against a smaller sum previously. And in all other fields of Zionist work, we have been toeing the mark quite well.

Prior to the evening meeting, we would like to arrange a private dinner for a group of people to interest them in the silent \$500,000 campaign. We have a group of people in our community who are very liberal and such a meeting with you present can result in thousands of dollars for this purpose.

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On previous occasions I realized, as did all of us, that you had good reasons for postponing your acceptance of our invitation. I feel confident that now we will receive an affirmative reply from you. Will you be good enough to wire me immediately so that we can put all the necessary machinery in motion.

Kindost regards,

Abraham Tannenbaum

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HT:lg





Mr. Abraham Fannenbaum 41 E. 42nd St. New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

I received your kind letter of April 25. The date which you suggest for my appearance before the Long Island Zionist Region is unfortunately most inconvenient for me. We hold the closing rally of our Religious School on that day, and I already have three weddings scheduled. June, as you know, is a very popular month for weddings. I am still under obligation to serve my congregation here and I cannot absent myself from all congregational duties. The Sunday School raily is a particularly important event in the life of our religious educational system.

I really wish that I could come to you, first in appreciation of the Zionist activities of the Long Island Region, and secondly in appreciation of your own Zionist leadership. But I am sure that you will understand.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Mr. J. Linton Jewish Agency 77 Great Russell Street London, England

My dear Mr. Lintons

The bearer of this note, Mr. Ben Arnold, is visiting England and would like to meet some of the leaders of the Zionist movement in London.

Mr. Arnold has been for many years very active in the Zionist cause in the United States. He is one of our key men in the state of South Carolina. I am sure that you will wish to get him in touch with the people whom he is desirous of meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: GR

#### Rabbi Philip Kleinman

626 S. W. Jackson Street PORTLAND 1, OREGON

Congregation Neveh Zedeck

May 15,1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President Zionist Organization of Amerrica Clevland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver;

At a luncheon meeting held Tuesday May 14 it was moved and properly and unanimously carried seconded/ that our community will raise the sum of \$ 5000.00 for the expansion fund and forward same to you at the earliest possible time.

Mr. Charles Auerbach who was the guest speaker at this luncheon made an excellent presentation of the Zionist cause and his appeal to the conscience of the community met with great success.

Hoping that this proves satisfactory to you and with kindest personal regards, I remain with Zion greetings,

Sincerely yours

Rabbi Philip Kleinman

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FELIX A. LEVY Rabbi

May 16, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

In all probability I shall go to Palestine this summer, and would appreciate it if the ZOA would appoint me one of the dolegates to the World Zionists Congress.

I cannot come to New York for the administrative committee where selections are made and boost my own candidacy. I do, however, hope that you can arrange for me to go.as delegate.

Incidentally, we have sold many shekels in our Congregation.

Sincerely yours,

Felix A. Levy

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very happy that your community will raise the sum of \$5,000 for the Expansion Fund.

I trust that your community is organized for a very successful Shekel campaign and that you will bring out a large vote at the Elections on June 18. It is of the utmost importance that the 201, and its leadership, receive a strong endorsement at the hands of the Zionists of America in the forthcoming Elections. We will be by so much the more effective at the forthcoming Zionist Congress.

The 20A carries the major responsibility for Zionist work in the United States from one end of the year to another, and its numerical strength should be effectively registered at the polls. It would seriously cripple our position if we emerged from the polls as a minor political party. I hope that you will bring it forcibly to the attention of the 20A members in your community.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Judge Louis E. Levinthal 155 So. 17th Street Philadelphia, Pa.

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ZOLD. ALSO ZOA VILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Mr. Louis Lipsky Chairman, Executive Committee American Jewish Conference 521 Fifth Evenue New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Lipsky:

With reference to the matter of obtaining expert legal counsel, I have consulted with a few people including Mr. Isidore Lubin, whom I saw yesterday. The following names have been suggested:

Mr. George Rublee, Senior partner of the las firm of Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson and Shorb

Mr. Thomas Corcoren, now in private practice in Washington.

John Lord O'Brian of the firm O'Brian, Hellings, Ulsh and Morey, who is also advisor to the Rublee firm.

I would also suggest that you consult Justice Felix Frankfurter about the matter. It is of sufficient importance for you to make a trip to Washington to see him about it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: CR

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June 4, 1946.

AHS

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver President Zionist Organization of America 41 East 42nd Street New York, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

The 16th triennial national convention of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance will be held at the Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, N.J., from Saturday evening, June 22nd to Thursday evening, June 27th, inclusive. A number of matters pertaining to Jewish life in this country, the world over and the upbuilding of Palestine are among the most important items on the agenda.

The organization, as well as the four hundred delegates attending the convention will be greatly honored if you will accept our invitation in your capacity as President of the Zionist Organization of America, to address the convention. You may choose any date convenient to you between June 22nd and June 27th, to deliver your address.

Hoping that you will accept our invitation and thanking you most sincerely for your kind comperation, I am,

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS SEGAL

General Secretary

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June 14, 1946 Mr. Louis Segal, General Secretary Jewish National Workers' Alliance 45 East 17th Street New York E. N. Y. My dear Mr. Segal: I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address the 16th Triennial National Convention of the Jewish National Workers Allience in Atlantic City. It would have given me great pleasure indeed to attend the Convention and to bring to it my own personal greetings, and those of the Zionist Organization of America. Unfortunately I have to attend the Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, whose President I am, which will be held during the same week in Chicago. I trust that your deliberations at this critical time in the history of our movement will be successful and productive. I send the delegates who will attend all my good wishes. I hope that I may be able to come to your splendid organization at some future time. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: GR

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#### RABBI GEORGE B. LIEBERMAN. LITT. D. MCKINLEY AVENUE TEMPLE CANTON 2, OHIO June 21, 1946 OFFICE OF RABBI **631 RENKERT BUILDING** Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Ansel Road at E. 105th Street Cleveland, Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver: Mr. Charles Auerbach was here Thursday afternoon and to comply with your request I arranged for him a meeting in my study. We are grateful to you for sending him to us. His enthusiasm is indeed contagious and you may feel certain that this community is being well organized for the election on the 30th. What is more, many Hadassah women will also vote the Z.O.A. slate. Mr. Auerbach's visit stimulated greater action. He calls himself a soldier, but he really deserves to be one of the generals .... Perhaps the following detail escaped you. Many of the men of the C.C.A.R. will still be in Chicago on the 30th of June. Some announcement and provision should be made for their voting. If there is anything else that I can do, please feel free to command me. Faithfully your Leage GBL:gn

#### WESTERN DNION

Day Letter

June 22, 1946

Mr. Louis Lipsky, President Bnai Zion Metropolitan Hotel Asbury Avenue Asbury Park, New Jersey

PERMIT ME TO EXTEND TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO DELEGATES ATTENDING CONVENTION BEAT ZION MY WARMEST GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR A MOST SUCCESSFUL AND FRUITFUL CONVENTION. I RECALL WITH DEEP PLEASURE THE CREAT OCCASION THIS YEAR WHEN I WAS THE GUEST OF BNAI ZION AND WHEN SUCH A MAGNIFICENT SUM WAS RAISED FOR JEWISH NATIONAL FUND. THESE SEARCHING AND DECISIVE TIMES FOR OUR MOVEMENT CALL FOR THAT QUALITY OF LOYALTY AND DEVOTION WHICH IS TRADITIONAL WITH YOUR SPLENDID ORGANIZATION AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT UNDER YOUR DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP BRAI ZION WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THROUGH ALL THESE DAYS OF STRUGGLE UNTIL THE BRIGHT DAY DAWNS FOR ISRAEL IN PALESTINE.

Abba Hillel Silver

Mr. Nathen Loeser Mooney, Hahn, Loeser, Keough & Freecheim National City Bank Building Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Nates

I am returning the clipping which you sent me. I do not know the Rabbi Schults who wrote the letter to the new York Times. Some of the facts which he states are true; others I am in no position to verify.

I trust that you are well and with all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

AHS: GR