



## The Abba Hillel Silver Digital Collection

Featuring collections from the Western Reserve Historical Society and  
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

### **MS-4787: Abba Hillel Silver Papers, 1902-1989.**

Series 1: General Correspondence, 1914-1969, undated.

Sub-series A: Alphabetical, 1914-1965, undated.

---

Reel  
84

Box  
29

Folder  
1835

Zionist Organization of America, Shekel campaign, 1946.

February 28, 1946

MEMORANDUM TO DR. A. H. SILVER

Report on Meeting of the  
Central Shekel Board, which was  
held at the Hotel Biltmore, New York,  
Friday, February 22, 1946, at 10 A.M.

Representing the Z. O. A. were Dr. Sidney Marks, Mr. Jacques Torczyner, Mr. Mendel Fisher, Mr. Robert Silverman, Mr. Charles Ress, Mr. Joseph Greenleaf, and Mr. Kretchmar Israeli.

Mr. Gottlieb Hammer of the Jewish Agency, reported that his last information indicated Tel Aviv, early in August, as the place and time of the World Zionist Congress. There was nothing final about this information. Under the circumstances, he urged that the Shekel campaign be terminated early in May and that elections be held in June. He indicated that the Emergency Council is lending its facilities to publicize the operations of the Shekel Board. Mr. Charles Ress was elected temporary Chairman and Miss Julliette Benjamin of Hadassah was elected temporary Secretary.

The first question that arose was ~~whether~~ the problem of Mizrachi's request for an additional vote. This was requested by Rabbi Zembrowsky but was contested by Mr. Wertheim of Poale Zion who stated that his organization had 34 delegates to the last Zionist Congress and was entitled to 7 representatives on the Shekel Board if the Mizrachi gets 4. He indicated that this unilateral action on the part of Mizrachi does not follow the key established. A motion was made to poll the parties and Poale Zion insisted on a strict adherence. We recommended that Mizrachi be given this additional vote and Mr. Wertheim felt that the General Zionists put Poale Zion "on the spot." No definite action was taken in these respects ~~but~~ it was tabled.

The next order of business on the agenda was as follows: Election of officers, staff and budget, the distribution of shek-olim, the establishment of local shekel boards and committees, and finally, bank resolutions, auditors, dates to be set for voting and regular time of meeting of the Shekel Board Committee.

It was felt in the interests of orderly procedure that by-laws and permanent officers should be obtained. Mr. Wertheim made a motion for a sub-committee for the election of officers as well as a sub-committee for by-laws. This was opposed since there was a full representation of all parties present. Mr. Robert Silverman moved that the following officers be constituted: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Director. It was carried unanimously.

A conflict thereafter ensued wherein the Labor bloc with which Hashomer Hatzair allied itself, voted against all nominations since they felt that the method of procedure was a break with tradition. This was based upon the contention of Mr. Wertheim that the Poale Zion was entitled to either the Presidency or Executive Directorship. After a discussion, it was decided to proceed with the elections upon the insistence of the General Zionist bloc, the Z.O.A. and Hadassah, - which voted solidly throughout the entire proceedings after discussions had taken place between representatives of both of these groups. Mr. Charles Ress was elected as Chairman, - a vote of 15 to 8, Rabbi Zembrowsky was elected Vice-Chairman, by a vote of 14-8.

In the case of Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, Mr. David Wertheim was nominated by us but refused these nominations. It was obviously the tactic of the Labor block to refuse to participate at all in these elections.

At this juncture, Jacques Torczyner voted that the office of Co-Chairman be created and reserved for Poale Zion. It was passed by the General Zionist block together with Mizrachi which voted consistently with us. Under those circumstances, Rabbi Zembrowsky was permitted to withdraw his Vice-Chairmanship since that position was abolished.

Rabbi Zembrowsky was thereafter elected as Treasurer, Miss Julliette Benjamin was elected Secretary, and Mr. Abe Tannenbaum was elected as Executive Director of the Shekel Board.

It was decided that two committees be appointed - one, an office committee and two, a By-Law committee which should render reports at the next meetings on both of these scores.

It was unanimously decided that the name of the Shekel Board, on recommendation of Mr. Hammer, be the United States Shekel Board. The By-Law and office committee shall consist of the Chairman and a representative of each party.

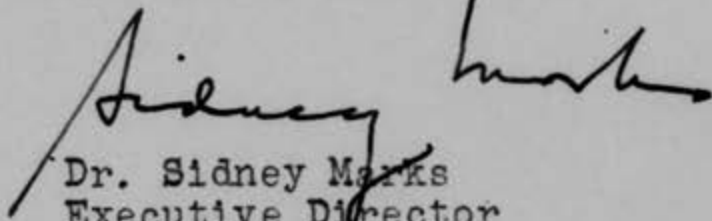
A discussion then took place on the question of the sale of shekolim. At this point, Hadassah, under the leadership of Miss Benjamin, took a stand against the position of the Z. O. A. This new coalition insisted on the shekel campaign starting March 1st with the intervening period being devoted to the distribution of shekolim to the various parties. It was also indicated that the campaign shall continue until May 27th with elections being held during the third week of June. We were overwhelmingly defeated on our proposal to wait until the first week in April. Mr. Torczyner indicated that it will be satisfactory since the shekel machinery could not be undertaken for a month after distribution.



A discussion thereafter ensued on the problem of finances. It was decided that 20% of all membership ~~shekolim~~ *shekolim payments* would cover the expense of the various parties. 10% of all shekolim except membership shekolim would likewise be retained by the parties, the balance of 10% to be placed into a general fund for propaganda. In this discussion, the question was raised whether there would be adequate moneys for this purpose. There was something of an understanding that the Jewish Agency would make additional allocations.

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

sm:rk



M E M O R A N D U M

March 22, 1946

To: Mr. Harry Shapiro

From: Daniel Frisch

Re: Shekel Campaign

You will forgive me, Harry, for bothering you again after having told you in person a few days ago how deeply concerned I am with the status of the shekolim campaign.

I am writing this note to you because I know that you and the several people who personify the impact of the Emergency Council revitalized, had a great deal to do in influencing Dr. Silver to accept the Presidency of the Z. O. A. and other burdens he now carries.

I had the opportunity to spend two and a half hours with Dr. Silver on Tuesday at which time I saw that he feels that there is a group of men who are keenly and consistently watching out for the activities and success of the things which surround him and for which he is responsible.

As you know, the shekolim conference will take place Monday at a great cost of money and energy. Being the first such gathering, it should have been so organized that its impact should have been anticipated throughout the country and reflected in the press, both Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish, neither of which, I am sorry to say, had anything about it.

Today is Friday. I made it my business to see Barbarash a few minutes ago to find out what he is going to do in the next issue of the News Reporter which is going to press tonight, on the question of the shekolim conference, only to find that he knows next to nothing of anything which is going on.

Now, why am I saying all this to you? It is not because I wish to blame anyone since I know that it is my responsibility as much or perhaps more than anyone else's. What prompts me to write to you is the fact that I think that the Emergency Council is at the present stage of our political work, not overburdened with tasks and responsibilities, and that you could, if you will, see to it that part of your organization assumes the responsibility of this Congress struggle, the result of which will be more telling than anything else which has occurred of late, both as regards the personality of Dr. Silver, his destiny as a leader, and what is more, the welfare of our movement.

Mr. Harry Shapiro

March 22, 1946

Neither Abe Tannenbaum, effective as an organizer as he undoubtedly must be having been chosen by Neumann, and Jacques Torcsyner who is keenly attuned to political overtones, not to mention their unquestionable loyalty and devotion to the scope of the campaign and to the personality of Dr. Silver, are in my judgment, inadequate to carry the burden and to do the planning though they can count on my unstinting help.

The reason for their inadequacy is their lack of knowing the country, its personalities, regions, etc., etc.

I need not tell you any more, Harry. I know your singleness of purpose as regards this issue just as I know that it is not for me to tell you how much we must stand by and with Silver.

Roll up your sleeves, the after effect of which will be that within 96 hours, the shekel campaign will reflect the magic hand of the master behind the wheel.

df:rk



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N.Y.

March 27th, 1946

FROM: DR. SIDNEY MARKS

TO : Presidents and Secretaries of all Regions and Districts  
Members of the National Administrative Council  
and the National Executive Committee

The Shekel Campaign is now in full swing. Z.O.A. leading the General Zionist forces, has proclaimed a goal of one million shekolim. Simultaneously, intensive Shekel drives are also now being undertaken by other Zionist parties throughout the country. Our own instructions for an intensive campaign, both for sales and governing elections, are reaching you.

As General Zionists, the Z.O.A. represents a political ideology in Zionism which will be reflected in our own platform to be presented to our constituents and to the Zionist voters throughout the country. The Zionist Organization of America will seek to elect a slate representing your viewpoint to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress in Palestine this August.

It is recommended that your District and Regional meetings be utilized for the presentation of the cause of General Zionism. We have been informed that some Districts are arranging meetings for representatives of other Zionist parties. In view of the shortness of time, the impending elections, and the extreme importance of impressing our members with the great and pivotal merit of the General Zionist position, it is felt that other points of view can best be reviewed by our own speakers and that the viewpoint and platform of the Zionist Organization of America be stressed.

I solicit your cooperation.

My kindest personal regards.





ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

# *Shekel and Election Campaign*

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, *Executive Director*

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Public Relations Director*

No. I  
April 1946

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *President*

JACQUES TORCZYNER,  
National Shekel Chairman

## ZOA SHEKEL CAMPAIGN GAINS IMPETUS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

RALLY UNDER ZOA BANNER - NATIONWIDE CALL

Young Zionists Rush to Aid Parent Organization. -  
Jewish War Veterans Join the Fight.

Local Shekel Committees organized in hundreds of  
communities. - Thousands of volunteers enlisted.

Steps taken to bring out unprecedented voting for  
Z O A ticket.

## LARGE ZOA DELEGATION TO CONGRESS IMPERATIVE FOR FUTURE OF MOVEMENT.

- SILVER -

Preliminary reports indicate huge shokel sale total.

- - -

The ZOA shokel drive has encompassed more than 700 communities in every state of the union, with local Shokel Boards operating at full steam, and spurring on the enrollment of thousands of Jews -- men, women and adult children -- as shokel payers toward the goal proclaimed by the General Zionists of this

country. Reports streaming into the national ZOA headquarters from regions and districts everywhere reflect a growing awareness among American Jews of the significance of the shekel as a symbol of support of the Zionist program and as a demonstration of solidarity with the Yishuv in its fight for freedom and nationhood.

Rally Under ZOA Banner -- Nationwide Call

The nationwide ZOA shekel campaign was given a considerable spurt with the publication of the Declaration issued over the signature of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, ZOA president, and unanimously ratified by the national administrative council, ruling body of the Zionist Organization of America between conventions, setting forth the principles and platform of the ZOA to the World Zionist Congress. Sounding the theme of "a united front, outwardly and inwardly", the declaration calls upon American Zionists to rally under the banner of General Zionism - the Zionism above parties.

The urgency of sending a large ZOA delegation to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress was stressed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in his statement that a large delegation will have a decisive and beneficial influence on the future of the movement and of Jewish Palestine.

The shekel this year is more than a credential of the holder which gives him the franchise to vote for delegates to the Congress. It represents a vote in a world wide referendum which is to demonstrate to the United Nations that the Jews of this country, the Jewish community in Palestine and Jews everywhere are determined to fight for the national preservation of the Jewish people -- that they are determined to fight for recognition of their just demands -- which is primarily a matter of life and death for the million and a half surviving Jews in Europe.

Local Shekel Committees Organized in Hundreds of Communities. --  
Thousands of Volunteers Enlisted.

Under the direction of Jacques Torczyner of New York, chairman of the national ZOA Shekel Committee, an extraordinary effort has been launched to bring into the ZOA shekel and election campaign the many thousands of non-affiliated Jews through their various fraternal organizations, particularly through the Jewish centers, clubs and landsmannschaften in the communities of the land.

Jewish War Veterans Join the Fight.

Of historic import is the action taken by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, who have for the first time publicly aligned themselves with the cause of a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine. Through their National Commander, Maxwell Cohen, the Jewish War Veterans have joined in supporting the shekel and election effort of the Zionist Organization of America and are urging every American Jew to become a shekel buyer. The endorsement of the ZOA shekel effort was made through National Commander Cohen in a letter to Major Herschel Auerbach, director of the Veterans Bureau of the Zionist Organization of America.

"We are wholeheartedly in favor of your shekel campaign and urge every American Jew to become a shekel payer," Commander Cohen said in his letter.

ZOA district officers are therefore urged to communicate with the local posts of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States with a view to enlisting their active participation, both in the distribution of shekolim and in bringing out the vote for the ZOA delegates slate.

It is gratifying to note that the Zionist youth organizations, such as Masada, and Young Judea, have rushed to the aid of the ZOA, their parent organization, in helping to roll up huge shekel totals for the organization.

"The ZOA cause is our cause," declare the young Zionists in stirring calls addressed to their memberships. Our parent body -- the Zionist Organization of America -- under the militant leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, has proclaimed the mobilization for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress of one million Jews under the General Zionist banner. We young Zionists have been called upon to act as the vanguard -- the recruiting officers -- of the army of liberation for our people."

Members of the Masada, Avukah and Young Judea are each pledged to enroll at least 100 shekel payers for their parent body through their families and friends.

"The ZOA fights for the rights of our people. Join in the fight of your parent body!" is the cry of these youthful Zionists.



Radio programs

Radio is playing a vital role in augmenting our shekel campaign. In New York City, Jewish advertisers sponsoring commercial programs on the air are interrupting their regular broadcasts with brief spot announcements to make the public shekel conscious. Among the generous donors of radio time are:

Heinz - Station WEVD (Yiddish)  
Tuesday through Thursday, 8:15 - 8:30 P.M.

Stuhmer's Bread, Station WEVD (Yiddish)  
Sunday, 12:15 - 12:29 P.M.  
and  
Station WHN (English)  
Sunday, 1:29 P.M. (between Gailmore and Harry  
Hirshfield programs).

All Zionist districts throughout the country that are broadcasting THE DRAMA OF PALESTINE radio series over their local stations will cooperate by replacing their usual "live" announcements during the program with appeals for the purchase of shekolim. A suggested spot announcement, 100 words in length, is furnished herewith:

Suggested spot announcement:

The first post-war World Zionist Congress meets in Palestine in August. The Jews of America, together with the Jews of Palestine and the whole world, will demonstrate their determination to help the surviving remnants of decimated European Jewry settle on their own soil in Jewish Palestine.

The Zionist Organization of America is mobilizing American Jewry for the Congress. Election of delegates takes place in June. Only the holder of a shekel, which costs 50 cents, can vote for delegates. A shekel signifies your support of the Jewish Commonwealth of Palestine.

Buy a shekel today and vote for the ticket of the Zionist Organization of America.

Shekel Drive Theme of Passover Sermons Throughout Country.

During the Passover holidays, the ZOA shekel effort was the theme of sermons delivered at hundreds of congregations, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform, throughout the country.

ATTENTION ZOA MEMBERS!!!

Please make sure to return to your District Shekel Chairman all stubs of the shekel receipt book which you have sold. The shekel receipt alone will not entitle the purchaser to vote in the election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress -- only a shekel certificate gives one the right to vote.

It is therefore of the utmost importance that the stubs and remittances be mailed immediately, so that shekel certificates may be forwarded to the purchasers.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL STUBS HAVE ACCUMULATED. Send them in - with remittances - as collected.

In a special communication addressed to district officers and Shekel Board chairmen, Dr. Sidney Marks, ZOA Executive Director, has urged districts to approach immediately their B'nai B'rith lodges, American Jewish Congress units, men's clubs, sisterhoods, and every other Jewish organization in their community to prevail upon them to sell ZOA shekolim to their membership and in June to have them vote the ZOA slate.

The next few weeks will see the holding of regional and communal conferences in every area of the United States, at which plans will be made for spurring the shekel effort. The first of these conferences were successfully held in New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Los Angeles and Cleveland. The Cleveland conference was addressed by a number of chaplains who had recently returned from overseas.

1. The price of a shekel is 50¢. Members of the ZOA do not have to purchase shekolim. It is included in the dues.
2. Hebrew Schools and Young Judaea Clubs.  
Arrange through the children to have their parents, brothers, and sisters over 18 years of age purchase shekolim.
3. Masada - Colleges - Veterans  
Veterans should be approached through a Veterans Committee.  
  
Masada must be represented on your shekel committee, and they should work with the young people and on the college campus.

4. Arrange a series of mass meetings. We will send you speakers who will present the issues involved, and give the reasons for voting the ZOA ticket.
5. Family Groups  
The shekel should be sold not only to the men - but to husband, wife, and all children over 18 years of age.
6. You will be supplied with booklets containing 10 receipts -- "Receipt for a Shekel." The actual shekel will be mailed from the national office to each shekel holder a few days before election. Keep a record of each receipt sold -- name and address. Forward the stubs to our office together with 50¢ for each receipt. Use the forms with which you will be supplied.
7. Make your shekel remittances every week until further notice.

Joseph Jacobson, of Rehovoth, Palestine, will address several meetings in Los Angeles. He will also make a number of other speeches under the auspices of the ZOA in connection with the shekel campaign.

Note to ZOA Districts and Regions: Please furnish weekly reports on the progress of your shekel and election effort for publication in this bulletin and in The New Palestine News Reporter, addressing the copy to Ernest E. Barbarash, director of public relations, Zionist Organization of America, 41 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.



First list of shekel chairmen - more in next issue:

Sol Collins, Westchester; Dr. F. M. Falkman, Cleveland Zionist Society; David Friedman, Seaboard Zionist Region; Henry Goldman, Jersey City, N.J.; David Gubin, Philadelphia; Barnett Kerman, Atlantic City, N.J.; Max Kabatznick, New England Zionist Region; Sam Portman, Savannah, Ga.; Herman Quittman, San Francisco; Oscar Robins, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rabbi Rudolph M. Rosenthal, Cleveland Zionist District; Louis J. Sagner, Baltimore Zionist District; Joseph Schickler, Long Island, New York; Judge Jacob Schwolsky, Connecticut; Howard Sell, Western New York; Milton J. Silverman, Chicago; Emanuel Stavish, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Theodore Strimling, Los Angeles.

Samuel Eisenberg, Bridgeport, Conn.; Rabbi Leon Fram, Detroit; Charles Garlen, Glens Falls, N.Y.; J. H. Green, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Philip Lazar, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Simon Melmed, Burlington, N.J.; S. B. Levinson, Newburgh, N.Y.; Irving Rachlin, New Britain, Conn.; Morris Rabbi Silverman, Hartford, Conn.; Samuel Silverman, New Haven, Conn.; Samuel Umansky, Meriden, Conn.

Joseph Lerner, Newark, N.J.; Morton Kass, Glens Falls, N.Y.; Jacob Hecht, Woodridge, N.Y.; Mr. Stein, Rugby District, Brooklyn, N.Y.; David Cohen, Brooklyn, New York.

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Rabbi Irving Miller, Dr. A. H. Silver, Dr. Sidney Marks

From: Abe Tannenbaum

Re: Shekel Campaign

In connection with the Shekel Conference which will be held Monday, March 25, I would like to suggest the following general program:

A - Morning session...10 A.M...Presentation of the campaign program and strategy for the entire country which will cover:

1. Local Shekel sales committees
2. Publicity
3. Lists
4. Organizations unaffiliated with Zionist groups
5. Mass meetings
6. Regional conferences
7. Method of setting up local Shekel and election board
8. Literature
10. Elections
  - a. telephone squads
  - b. ads in newspapers
  - c. automobile squads
  - d. radio spot announcements
11. Senior Young Judean Clubs
12. Masada
13. Distribution of Shekolim. The immediate sale of Shekolim presents among others one great danger, namely, ~~that the Shekel presents among others one great danger, namely,~~ that the Shekel will be lost between the time of sale and the time of voting, and so a person who has lost his Shekel will be deprived of his vote. To overcome this difficulty, I would like to suggest that the ZOA prepare a "Receipt For A Shekel" which will be sold now, and shortly before the elections, the regular Shekel will be mailed to those who purchased Shekolim and also to the membership of the ZOA. This will serve the purpose of making sure that the Shekel holder has his Shekel receipt, and it will give us the opportunity of sending to each one a piece of literature on the issues involved, and "suggestions on how to vote". This procedure will not only entail a great deal of work, but a substantial expenditure of money, but it definitely has in its favor

the fact<sup>d</sup> of control and a greater assurance of getting out the vote.

B - Afternoon session...2 P.M.

It is my suggestion that the afternoon session be held in the form of a closed conference. Only those who are invited to attend will be permitted to remain. I make this suggestion with the idea in mind that a closed session will give each person present an added feeling of importance and second, will perhaps make them feel that being brought in on the "inside", they will have to exert greater efforts on the Shekel campaign.

1. Presentation of platform

2. If Hadassah agrees to a joint Shekel campaign and a united slate with the ZOA, it will be necessary to present this matter to the conference.

3. Discussion of the issues involved not only in the Shekel campaign from the point of view of enrolling a tremendous number of Jews for obvious political reasons, but for a discussion of the internal Zionist problems in connection with other parties in the World Zionist Organization. This information, which in my opinion should be direct and factual, and will make the people present understand the significance not only of a large Shekel campaign, but more important, of bringing out our general Zionists to vote.

C - Speakers:

I think it is most advisable for Dr. Silver and Rabbi Miller to be present at both sessions. If it were possible to have someone from Palestine, who is a general Zionist, present at this conference, it would be very stimulating. May I please have your reactions, suggestions, corrections, additions and deletions quickly, so that we can proceed without delay.

*Abel*



### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SHEKEL CAMPAIGN

- A. Appoint a Shekel Chairman for your District. The committee should consist not only of members of the District, but of representatives from Synagogues, Ladies' Auxiliaries, men's clubs, social, philanthropic, and educational organizations, Senior Young Judea Clubs, Masada. The representative of each organization should be made responsible for the sale of Shekolim to all members of his organization.
- B. Call a Conference of the representatives of all Jewish organizations (not Zionist groups) for the purpose of launching the Shekel Campaign and organizing the Shekel Committee outlined above. Endeavor to obtain commitments from each organization to enroll the membership enmasse.
- C. The price of a Shekel is 50¢. Members of the Z.O.A. and other Zionist organizations do not have to purchase Shekolim. It is included in the dues.
- D. Hebrew Schools and Young Judea Clubs.  
Arrange through the children to have their parents, brothers and sisters over 18 years of age purchase Shekolim.
- E. MASADA - Colleges - Veterans  
Veterans should be approached through a Veterans Committee. Perhaps it can be arranged to have the first Shekolim sold to a group of Veterans. Have a group picture taken in uniform, each veteran holding his Shekel receipt. Release the picture to your local papers, and send us a copy for the New Palestine. Masada must be represented on your Shekel committee, and they should work with the young people and on the College Campus.
- F. Arrange a series of mass meetings. We will send you speakers who will present the issues involved, and give the reasons for voting the Z.O.A. ticket.
- G. Family Groups  
The Shekel should be sold not only to the men -- but to husband, wife, and all children over 18 years of age. This will create a family interest in Palestine, insure a large sale and more votes.
- H. You will be supplied with booklets containing 10 receipts -- "Receipt for a Shekel." The actual Shekel will be mailed from the national office to each Shekel holder a few days before election. Keep a record of each receipt sold -- name and address. Forward the stubs to our office together with 50¢ for each receipt. Use the forms with which you will be supplied.
- I. Return the enclosed requisition for Shekel Campaign Material.
- J. Make your Shekel remittances every week until further notice.

From  
U.S. Central Shekel and Election Board  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York, 17, N. Y.  
Tel. - Murray Hill 2-5476.

FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT

SEVEN ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS UNITE IN  
MOBILIZING LARGEST AMERICAN DELEGATION  
IN HISTORY FOR WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

New York, April 3, 1946.

The total mobilization of American Jewry in the 1946 Shekel Roll Call was urged today in a Proclamation issued by the seven national Zionist bodies which comprise the United States Central Shekel and Election Board. The Proclamation calls upon every Jew in the United States to have a voice in determining the destiny of the Jewish people by purchasing a shekel and thereby becoming an elector to the 22nd World Zionist Congress which takes place in Palestine this summer.

The Proclamation was issued by the Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah, Poale Zion, Mizrachi, Hashomer Hatzair, Left Poale Zion and the Jewish State Party.

The document calls attention to the crucial importance of this first post-war international assemblage of Zionists following upon the greatest catastrophe in Jewish history and the decimation of European Jewry.

"Out of World War II, the Jewish people have emerged shattered, reduced in number, uprooted and despoiled. But the will to live has survived", the Proclamation states. "That WILL must be strengthened and guided toward freedom and liberation. Even as of old, we will be heard and counted through the shekel, the ancient-modern symbol of Jewish solidarity."

(more)

## 2- Total Mobilization of American Jewry Called For

The Proclamation emphasizes the determination of "American Jewry, 5 million strong, the largest, freest, community in the world, to assert its demand for a Jewish Commonwealth and affirm its solidarity with the heroic Yishuv".

Since the number of American delegates to the Congress depends on the number of Shekolim sold, the importance of the Shekel Campaign among all Zionist organizations becomes manifest.

"The purchase of a shekel is the act of adherence and solidarity with the Jewish people", the Proclamation declares. "We call upon every Jew to buy a shekel. He who holds a shekel -- he alone will vote as an elector to the World Zionist Congress. He who holds a shekel -- he will participate most directly in determining the future of the Jewish people".

The signers of the Proclamation are: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president, Zionist Organization of America; Mrs. Judith G. Epstein, president, Hadassah; Leon Gellman, president, Mizrachi; Dr. Hayim Fineman, chairman, Poale Zion; and by Charles Ress and David Wertheim, the chairmen of the United States Central Shekel and Election Board.

The 22nd World Zionist Congress, the first since 1939 and the first to be held in Palestine, will open in Tel Aviv on August 7. Its decisions will command world attention. The action to be taken by the assembly will depend in large measure upon the report of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine which is expected to be submitted by the time the Congress convenes.

(more)



### 3- Total Mobilization of American Jewry Called For

Zionist leaders are being urged to set up local Shekel and Election Boards in their own communities to secure maximum participation in the election of delegates to the Congress. Voting for delegates will take place in June.

The complete text of the Proclamation follows:

#### A Proclamation to the Jews of America

Out of World War II, the Jewish people have emerged, shattered, reduced in number, uprooted and despoiled. But the will to live has survived. That WILL must be strengthened, and guided toward freedom and liberation.

The voice of the Jewish people will speak again with authority, dignity and determination through their democratically elected representatives at the twenty-second World Zionist Congress which will convene in Palestine in August.

This year the Zionist Congress must again be the "Voice of the Jewish people". Even as of old, we will be heard and counted through the shekel, the ancient-modern symbol of Jewish solidarity. American Jewry, 5 million strong, the largest, freest community in the world, must assert its demand for a Jewish Commonwealth and affirm its solidarity with the heroic Yishuv.

He who holds a shekel - he alone will vote as an elector to the World Zionist Congress. He who holds a shekel -- he will participate most directly in determining the future of the Jewish people.

We call upon every Jew to buy a shekel. The purchase of a shekel is the act of adherence to and solidarity with the Jewish people.

We call upon all the Jews of America to stand shoulder to shoulder with all Israel, to rally by the millions to the sacred cause of Zion.

Buy your shekel now! This is the day and the hour.

|||||  
|||||

From Janet White  
ZOA Shekel Campaign  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York, 17, N. Y.

FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT

Joseph Jacobson, Palestine's leading Citrus Grower, arrives in the United States. Will Speak for ZOA Shekel Campaign.  
New York, April 5.

Joseph Jacobson, of Rehovoth, Palestine, a fourth generation Palestinian Jew, and the foremost citrus grower of that country, has arrived in the United States on his first visit.

A General Zionist, Mr. Jacobson will make a number of addresses under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America, in connection with the Shekel Campaign to enroll one million voters for the 22nd World Zionist Congress.

He is en route to California to study citrus production there and to purchase the most modern equipment for use in this industry.

Mr. Jacobson is one of Palestine's leading citizens. He is a member of the Jewish National Assembly, chairman of the Joint Citrus Committee, and a director of the Farmers' Federation. He is also the owner of the National Diamond Manufacturers in Nathania, and a manufacturer of textiles. He heads the Macabbi, the major sports' organization of Palestine.

Mr. Jacobson will address several meetings in Los Angeles that are being arranged by the Shekel Campaign Committee of that city, which is headed by Theodore Strimling, one of the West Coast's prominent Zionists.

####

From Janet White  
ZOA Shekel Campaign  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York, 17, N. Y.

FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT

Dr. Silver Calls National Speakers' Conference for  
ZOA Shekel Campaign

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, is calling a National Speakers' Conference to be held at the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday, April 14, for the purpose of acquainting speakers and leaders of the Zionist Organization of America with the Shekel Campaign now under way.

The Shekel Campaign seeks to enlist one million voters for the Zionist Organization of America who will elect delegates to the 22nd World Zionist Congress to be held in Palestine this summer. The purpose of a shekel grants the voting privilege.

The Conference will include a luncheon and an afternoon session at which Dr. Silver will speak. In attendance will be Chaplains who have recently returned from overseas, rabbis, and many laymen who have volunteered their services for the Shekel Campaign.

####



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: 4/8/46

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Shekel Campaign

This somewhat brief summary of our first meeting of the National Staff will indicate to you the scope of the operations we are undertaking. Forgive the brevity of the report and its abruptness since it is compiled "on the run".

I might add that as soon as this meeting concluded, printers and poster men as well as every department undertook this work with all the zeal which could be mustered. I wish to assure you that our office has been converted into a shekel machine and you can expect a real job to be done within the week. You will receive regular periodical reports as to our progress.

My kindest personal regards.

*Sidney Marks*

P. S. We have just secured free spot radio announcements as a result of this afternoon's activities. We are on the way.

MINUTES SHEKEL MEETING  
OF NATIONAL STAFF  
3 PM, MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1946

Present: Esther Lopatin, Judith Daniel, Yale Goldberg, Oscar Leonard, Abe Tannenbaum, Ernest Barbarash, Hershel Auerbach, ~~MMM~~ Simon Bernstein, Isidore Cooperman, Jeanette Steinberg, Joseph Greenstein, and Dr. Sidney Marks.

Dr. Marks instructed those present as to the steps to be taken in their particular departments to further the sale of shekolim.

The following suggestions were made by the staff:

The Zionist Organization of America should not become subordinate to the General Zionists in any phase of contact.

A special delivery letter or telegram is to go out to every District which has not as yet appointed a shekel chairman.

All Rabbis should be contacted immediately so that they can stress the shekel campaign during their holiday sermons.

Special bulletin should be sent out immediately to every District for them to submit reports.

ZOA Posters must be obtained immediately.

Flyers and handouts in English and Yiddish must be sent out immediately.

Every speaker must be given a manual on the shekel.

A luncheon or dinner meeting must be called to be attended by officers of the organizations such as Bnai Brith, American Jewish Congress, veterans and landstmannschaften.

An extraordinary conference must be held with the organizations affiliated and subsidized with us and by us, such as: Bnai Zion, Masada, Avukah, Young Judea, etc.

Contacts must be made with some of the firms who are members, such as Benrus, Maneishewitz, etc, for spot announcements on their Yiddish programs.

Community centers and YMHA's to be contact for ads in their papers and displays on their bulletin boards. also Office of Jewish Information.

Yiddish speakers such as Isaac Carmel and Morris Zeldin.

Yiddish writers.

Shekolim to be sent out in bulk to every district in the country

Shekel buttons with slogans.

Automobile squads to be organized to sell shekolim and bring voters to the polls.



Make slogans to indicate that on the vote depends the salvation of the Jews and their desire to go to Palestine, etc.

Have a luncheon for the writers.

Have the conservative synagogues become polls.

Yiddish theatre could be used. Space in their program journals, sale in the lobbies and appeals during the intermission.

Veteran organizations to be solicited and to be asked to sell shekolim.

In order that there be coordination of staff activity, every morning until further notice there will be a meeting at 10 o'clock.



Shekel Campaign, Zionist Org. of America  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York 17, N. Y.  
April 9, 1946

FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT

#### JEWISH WAR VETERANS ENDORSE ZOA SHEKEL CAMPAIGN

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States are giving their support to the Shekel Campaign of the Zionist Organization of America, and are urging every American Jew to become a Shekel buyer.

Maxwell Cohen, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, announced this endorsement in a letter to Major Hershel Auerbach, Director of the Veterans' Bureau of the Zionist Organization of America.

"As you know, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, at its last National Encampment held in Atlantic City, passed a resolution in favor of the immediate creation of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine", Mr. Cohen's letter states. "It follows naturally, therefore, that we should be definitely interested in everything which strengthens the Zionist movement and is likely to effectuate the purposes of the resolution . . . We are wholeheartedly in favor of your Shekel Campaign and urge every American Jew to become a Shekel buyer".

The purchase of a Shekel grants to the buyer the privilege of voting for delegates to the 22nd World Zionist Congress to be held in Palestine in August. The Zionist Organization of America which represents the overwhelming majority of enrolled Zionists in this country hopes to have a majority delegation at the Congress.

###

Shekel Campaign, Zionist Org. of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT

JACQUES TORCZYNER HEADS NATIONAL SHEKEL CAMPAIGN  
OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA;  
CHAIRMEN ANNOUNCED FOR CITIES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

- - - - -

New York, April 9 ----- Jacques Torczyner, of New York City, member of the National Executives of the Zionist Organization of America has been named chairman of the National Shekel Campaign of the Zionist Organization of America, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president, announced today. In this capacity, Mr. Torczyner will coordinate the efforts of local Shekel chairmen throughout the country in the campaign to enroll one million voters for the Zionist Organization of America who will elect delegates to the 22nd World Zionist Congress which takes place in Palestine in August.

Mr. Torczyner, a member of a distinguished family of Belgian Zionists is also secretary of the Manhattan Zionist Region.

Numa Torczyner, father of Jacques, was president of the Belgian Zionist Federation for ten years. Jacques himself was editor of the official publication of the Federation.

Prominent Zionists are heading the ZOA Shekel Campaign in their own cities. Mr. Torczyner today announced the following Shekel chairmen:

Sol Collins - Westchester; Dr. F.M. Falkman - Cleveland Zionist Society; David Friedman - Seaboard Zionist Region (includes South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia); Henry Goldman - Jersey City, N.J.; David Gubin - Philadelphia; Barnett Kerman - Atlantic City, New Jersey; Max Kabatznick - New England Zionist Region; Sam Portman - Savannah, Georgia; Herman Quittman - San Francisco; Oscar Robins - Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rabbi Rudolph M. Rosenthal - Cleveland Zionist District; Louis J. Sagner - Baltimore Zionist District; Joseph Schickler - Long Island, New York; Judge Jacob Schwolsky - Connecticut; Howard Sell - Western New York; Milton J. Silverman - Chicago; Emanuel Stavish, Brooklyn, New York and Theodore Strimling - Los Angeles.

###

*copy for Dr. A. Silver*

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Sidney Marks

FROM: Dr. S. Bernstein

Date: April 9, 1946

Subject: SHEKEL COMMITTEE

I am sorry I could not come into the meeting this morning. You saw how crowded my office was; they simply would not let me get out of the room.

I desire to submit herewith to the Shekel Committee the following:

- 1) A special department should be created immediately for the sale of "block-shekels", i. e., that a group buys the shkolim for all its members and their wives.
- 2) The Rabbinical Assembly of America should be immediately approached with the request that they send a telegram to all their congregations and their rabbis urging them to buy block-shekels for the members of their congregations.
- 3) Together with each shekel should go a short leaflet containing the following appeal:

"Save the remnants of our people in Europe by bringing them to Palestine. By giving them your vote you are helping them towards this end--vote for List #1 headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver."

- 4) A group of young men of Masada should be immediately mobilized to attend to each synagogue and temple by supplying the shekel holders with material until election day.
- 5) Each congregation should be declared as a voting station.
- 6) A similar action could be carried out also with a large number of Landmanschaften. Material given to them must also be in Yiddish. Should you need my help in the preparation of this Yiddish material, I shall try to do it.



ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1720 - 16TH STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

New Address:  
41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

April 9, 1946

Dear Friend:

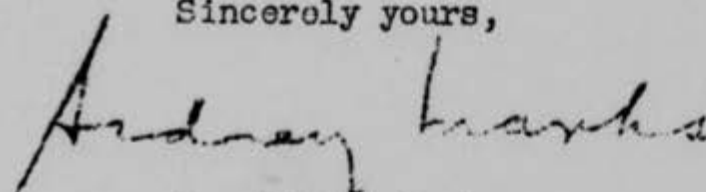
This is sent you by Special Delivery. It involves a matter affecting the prestige of the ZOA. The call for united action has been spurned by other parties. The country is being flooded by propaganda attacking the General Zionists who are represented in the country by the ZOA, the membership of which has been carrying the major burden of the Movement and of the fund-raising efforts for almost half a century.

The nation-wide drive launched by the ZOA for one million shekel payers must be a success if the ZOA is to take its rightful place in the councils of the world Zionist movement. This is not enough. Every shekel payer must be urged to go to the polls on election day to cast his vote for the ZOA slate. As our President, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, indicated, a large ZOA delegation to the World Zionist Congress will have a decisive influence on the future of Zionism and of Jewish Palestine.

You are, therefore, urged, upon receipt of this letter to appoint (if you have not done so already) a Chairman of your local District Shekel Committee and telegraph his name to us so that we may immediately communicate with him and furnish him with all instructions and literature. This is of the utmost urgency. Please act this very day.

Please accept my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

SM:ab

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, Cleveland, Ohio  
*President*

DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD, Baltimore, Md.  
*Hon. Vice President*

DR. LEON FEUER, Toledo, Ohio  
JACOB FISHMAN, New York, N. Y.  
DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN, Chicago, Ill.  
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, New York, N. Y.  
DR. JAMES G. HELLER, Cincinnati, Ohio  
EDMUND I. KAUFMANN, Washington, D. C.  
JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL, Philadelphia, Pa.  
LOUIS LIPSKY, New York, N. Y.

RABBI IRVING MILLER, Far Rockaway, N. Y.  
DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN, New York, N. Y.  
JUDGE BERNARD A. ROSENBLATT, New York, N. Y.  
CHARLES J. ROSENBLOOM, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG, New York, N. Y.  
ELIHU D. STONE, Boston, Mass.  
ROBERT SZOLD, New York, N. Y.  
DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, New York, N. Y.

*Vice Presidents*

ABRAHAM GOODMAN, Miami Beach, Florida  
*Treasurer*

DANIEL FRISCH, New York, N. Y.  
*Chairman, Nat'l Adm. Council*

MARK SUGARMAN, Coatesville, Pa.  
*Associate Treasurer*

MILTON POLLACK, New York, N. Y.  
*Chairman, Finance Committee*

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, Washington, D. C.  
*Secretary*

CHARLES S. BROWN, Los Angeles, Calif.  
SOL COHEN, Richmond Hill, N. Y.  
A. K. EPSTEIN, Chicago, Ill.  
HON. M. MALDWIN FERTIG, Bronx, N. Y.  
JUDGE HARRY FISHER, Chicago, Ill.  
RABBI LEON FRAM, Detroit, Mich.  
ERNEST S. FREUDENHEIM, Buffalo, N. Y.  
HAROLD GOLDENBERG, St. Paul, Minn.  
ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN, Hartford, Conn.  
HON. NATHANIEL GOLDSTEIN, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
SAMUEL GOLDSTOCK, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
ISRAEL R. GOODMAN, St. Louis, Mo.  
RABBI SIMON GREENBERG, Philadelphia, Pa.  
JOSEPH L. GREENLEAF, Mount Vernon, N. Y.  
JOSEPH HALBERT, Atlantic City, N. J.  
RABBI HARRY HALPERN, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
JULIUS LIVINGSTON, Tulsa, Okla.

ABRAHAM M. LUNTZ, Cleveland, Ohio  
MORTIMER MAY, Nashville, Tenn.  
ISAAC POTTS, Baltimore, Md.  
ABRAHAM A. REDELHEIM, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
JUDGE HYMAN J. REIT, New York, N. Y.  
HON. ALBERT D. SCHANZER, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
ALBERT SCHIFF, Columbus, Ohio  
JUDGE JACOB SCHWOLSKY, Hartford, Conn.  
EZRA Z. SHAPIRO, Cleveland, Ohio  
RUDOLF G. SONNEBORN, New York, N. Y.  
DAVID SPIEGEL, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
DEWEY D. STONE, Brockton, Mass.  
WILLIAM B. SYLK, Philadelphia, Pa.  
JACQUES TORCZYNER, New York, N. Y.  
ELKAN C. VOORSANGER, Milwaukee, Wis.  
MORRIS WEINBERG, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
HERMAN L. WEISMAN, Scarsdale, N. Y.

*Executive Committee*  
*(In addition to National Officers)*

Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N. Y.  
April 10, 1946.

FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT

Zionist Organization of America Reports

Spurt in Sale of Shekolim; Regional Conferences Being  
Held for Shekel Campaign

Reports flooding the national headquarters of the Zionist Organization of America indicate an extraordinary volume of activity in the sale of shekolim by ZOA districts throughout the country, it was reported today by Jacques Torczyner, chairman of the ZOA Shekel Campaign.

The Declaration issued by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president, and unanimously ratified by the National Administrative Council, calling for the mobilization of American Jews under the General banner in the forthcoming elections to the World Zionist Congress, has met with enthusiastic response.

Plans for spurring the ZOA Shekel Campaign have been made at Regional Conferences held in Albany, Baltimore and New York City. Similar conferences will be held shortly in Chicago, St. Louis and Los Angeles.

Dr. Silver addressed a National Speakers' Conference held in Cleveland on April 14. The Conference was attended by a number of chaplains who have recently returned from overseas, Rabbis, and many laymen who have volunteered their services in the nation-wide effort to secure a million enrolled voters for the ZOA ticket.

In a communication to all ZOA districts, Mr. Torczyner reiterated the call for the formation of shekel and election boards in the respective communities, and the appointment of Shekel chairmen. Local mass meetings are being arranged to acquaint Zionists with the issues involved and the significance of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

Mr. Torczyner urged that notification of the sale of shekolim be made before Hebrew Schools, Young Judaea meetings, Masada clubs, college campus groups and veterans groups. He stressed the fact that the shekel should be sold not only to men, but to women and all persons over 18 years of age. The price of a shekel is 50 cents. Members of the Zionist Organization of America do not have to purchase shekolim to vote in the elections, since it is included in the dues.



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: 4/10/46

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

SUBJECT:

Enclosed herewith please find a brief summary of discussions which took place at todays staff meeting with reference to the shekel campaign.

My kindest personal regards.

MINUTES STAFF MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

A factual program manual will be set up which will be presented to every District throughout the city of New York together with every District throughout the entire country.

New England Conference is being held on April 18th.  
Philadelphia Conference is being held on April 18th.  
West Coast probably will be held April 28th.

Spot announcements are being made over several programs, such as Heinz, WEVD on Sunday on Yiddish and on English programs. A release will be sent to every District in the Metropolitan Area to inform members of this radio activity.

The text of Dr. Goldstein's general speech will be circularized for Districts to pattern speeches after.

Postal cards to every member in New York to list radio programs.

two Shekel books are to be sent directly to every member in the metropolitan area, together with a personal appeal by Dr. Silver asking these members to sehl shekolim.

A communication will be sent to every District in the United States asking if a direct mailing from this office should be made to their membership with shekel books and the message from Dr. Silver.

100-word form to be sent to every District throughout the country so that if they cannot advertise through the "Drama of Palestine", they may be able to get special spot announcements on the air.

Regional Directors will organize meetings, committing key people in the area to appeal on behalf of shekel sales.

Regional Directors will meet in the office before the Shekel meeting on Thursday, 4/11/46.

Every conservative synagogue in the country will be contacted.



MINUTES - STAFF MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1946

The staff was called together by Dr. Marks at 10 o'clock in the morning and the following is the substance of the discussion which took place at that time.

Shekel manuals for districts will be completed tomorrow and will be released before the end of the week.

The immediate implementation of the Cleveland meeting on Sunday and routing speakers on definite tours is being plotted and will be put into effect at that time.

A luncheon meeting for our constituent organizations and other Jewish organizations is being staged for next Thursday.

A Midwest tie-up between the Zionists and Bnai Brith lodges, where the latter's strength is greatest, is being arranged.

Mass purchase of shekolim by Brith Sholom of Philadelphia is being negotiated tomorrow; Brith Sholom of Baltimore will be handled by the end of the week.

West Coast and Southeast meetings are being arranged.

ZOA Posters and cartoon throw-aways for mass distribution will be back from the artist on Wednesday and the run-off for distribution will be had by the end of this week.

Every community throughout the country, large and small, will receive their Shekolim before the week's end.

Every veterans group in New York and the country at large are being contacted.

The proofs for campaign bulletins were ordered yesterday, received today and approved, and are being delivered tomorrow.

Bulletins are being prepared and will be sent throughout the country this week.

Avukah, Masada, and the Intercollegiate Zionists are being contacted and enlisted in our efforts.

Radio spot announcements have been cleared in New York City and the country at large are using new closing texts for the "Drama of Palestine" outlets.

A letter to all Rabbis under Dr. Silver's signature is being mailed today throughout the country with a copy of the ZOA Declaration to be read from the pulpit.

A letter to every District President, Secretary, Administrative Council member, Executive Committee member and Finance Committees asking for all Shekel Chairmen to be telegraphed to us is being sent out today.

News Releases to the Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish press are being sent out.

A careful check is being undertaken to note the sales progress of shekolim in every community. A breakdown of all cities into major and minor, also according to degree of Jewish population concentration and Districts are being set up for shekel sales this week.

We are engaging special personnel for the West Coast, Chicago and New York, and, if necessary, for other centers of major Jewish concentration.

Meeting adjourned until 10 o'clock on Wednesday.



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: 4/11/46

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

SUBJECT:

Enclosed herewith please find a brief outline of discussions which took place at todays staff meeting with reference to the Shekel campaign.

My kindest personal regards.

MINUTES STAFF MEETING - THURSDAY, 4/11/46

Program material will go out to every District in the country.

A complete manual has been prepared with a list of every District and Regional President and every Shekel Chairman included.

Addresseograph plates are being made containing the names of all Shekel Chairmen to facilitate mailings.

Wires will be sent to all District Presidents who have not as yet submitted the name of their Shekel Chairman by Monday, April 15th.

An Air Mail, Special Delivery letter will be sent to each Regional Director containing the names of the Districts in his Region which have not as yet submitted the name of their Shekel Chairman. This letter will also list those shekel Chairmen already selected.

A memo has gone out to all of the field men containing the date of elections, deadlines for remittances, etc., instructing them to transmit this information personally to every District and to see that these dates are met.

Weekly report forms are to be submitted ~~to this office~~ to this office containing the number of shekolim receipts sold.

The first Shekel Bulletin is going out today.

The poster drawing will be completed Saturday and will be ready as soon as the printer can do so. This will be expedited to get the best possible delivery on the finished posters so that they will be in the mail by the end of next week.

The Speakers manual will be ready this afternoon.

A 15-minute speech has been prepared and will be printed on cards to be distributed to the speakers present at tonight's ~~main~~ meeting and to District Presidents and all speakers throughout the country.

If the number of luncheon acceptances warrant it, Dr. Silver may be asked to address the meeting since he will be in the city on that day.

A minute and a half has been secured on WHN. Two spots have been secured on WEVD. Radio Chairmen will receive a flash informing them of the space secured. WEVD has been approached and after Passover, we may secure additional space.

Major cities and population centers will be contacted in an effort to get spot announcements.

Masada has been contacted. Avukah will be contacted during the Cleveland conference. Young Judaea and Masada have received copy for ads in their publications.

Ben-Rus and other Jewish and Kosher food outfits will be contacted to include ads in their announcements and commercials.

Drama of Palestine is being approached through the MZF to include Shekel announcement on WMCA.



The United Synagogues and others, such as the Progressive Synagogue, and the Community Centers and YMHA's will be contacted.

A Rabbinical Committee is to be formed, the members of which will undertake the job of contacting all of the Rabbis and Synagogues to be reached.

Shekel Buttons are being designed.

A group of select writers will be seen individually.

Posters will be placed in the Yiddish theatres lobbies and ads will be inserted in their program manuals. Maurice Schwartz and Menasha Skulnik will be contacted.

Routes have been set up for all of the speakers.

In Yiddish speaking neighborhoods, sound trucks will advertise the shekel sales in Yiddish and English. Voting shall also be advertised from these sound trucks.

Speakers can be stationed on street corners in Yiddish neighborhoods.

The possibility of securing Madison Square Garden for a rally on the eve of Elections (June 15th) will be explored.

Tri-State Conference will be held May 12th.

Cartoon throw-away will be printed.

40,000 shekel<sup>receipt</sup>/books have gone out. 40,000 books will be received today and 50,000 will be received next Thursday. 100,000 receipt books will be ready on Monday, April 22nd. Shekel receipt books are going out to the entire country.

An enclosure has been prepared to go into the envelope with the receipt books.

An enclosure is being prepared to go into the envelope with the actual Shekel.

Some way is being sought whereby a pamphlet with Dr. Silver's personal message can be sent with the Shekel, with a slit in which the Shekel can be placed to try to avoid loss.

A political bulletin will be sent along with the Shekel giving the shekel payer an awareness of existing situations and with "inside information".

Press releases have been going out continuously.

If our people do not respond quickly, a form letter will be ready to prod them and a second notice to impress them with the urgency of submitting their money and stubs. We will enclose return envelopes for same.



Additional personnel will be hired for Chicago, New York and the West Coast.

Every member of the Field Staff will be contacted and instructed to call their people for maximum attendance at tonights meeting.

The three presidents of the Cleveland Districts will receive a wire to make sure that the people of Cleveland attend this Sunday's Conference.

- buttons
- out-door - st. com.
- road - twists
- two - ~~seas~~
- Munie seas



MINUTES STAFF MEETING - FRIDAY, 4/12/46

There was a general discussion on the meeting held at the Biltmore last evening. It was generally agreed that a great deal of knowledge can be derived from several experiences of last evening which knowledge can be useful in the successful planning and implementation of future meetings.

The meeting hall, as such, was too large and the ~~atmosphere~~ informal atmosphere was entirely missing ~~that~~ <sup>which</sup> is important in a meeting of this type is planned. This was essentially a meeting when speakers were to be committed and trained for the job to be done. At the last minute, ~~Convened~~ <sup>Convened</sup> Speakers Guides were distributed and several commitments were obtained; these ~~may~~ <sup>would</sup> not ordinarily have been received.

In the future, even if it means interrupting the meeting, it might be advisable to ask those present to fill out cards which they would find in their seats, using methods similar to those ~~of~~ <sup>employed by</sup> Red Cross and March of Dimes appeals in the theatres. This method will be tried in Cleveland.

Copies of the Agenda will be distributed to those present at the Cleveland meeting, and at other meetings throughout the country. These agendas can be prepared in this office and sent to the communities in which the meeting is being held.

A schedule of meetings is on hand and the communities will be contacted to ascertain the attendance anticipated, the type of meeting planned and the facilities at hand and we will endeavor to teach them the proper technique to be used to insure the success of their meetings.

It may be advisable to create a manual of instructions on the procedure to be followed in preparing for a meeting which will give us a reasonable assurance that we can get the meeting under way with the basic essentials of a good meeting provided for.

We must always be sure to provide a Zionist and American Flag for these meetings.

Due to the upset created when Mr. Kipsky did not appear as scheduled, in the future, speakers will be contacted, and in the event that the meeting planned is a small one, all of the invitees will be contacted to insure their attendance.

In planning our ~~future~~ future meetings, we will not limit ourselves to hotels, due to the fact that there are a good many fine halls in the city of New York which may not be affected by the overcrowded conditions.

Unless something concrete is ~~gotten out of~~ <sup>derived from</sup> a meeting, the entire effort has been wasted. We must strive for a direct personal contact with every individual in the group by a card or a commitment from him. Future meetings will be planned scientifically so that we can come out of that meeting with our purpose accomplished.

At future meetings, it may be possible to turn the meeting over to the various groups represented so that they can formulate their plans immediately.



A program will be <sup>prepared</sup> ~~made~~ up here in New York to be taken to the Cleveland Conference, together with pledge cards, forms, literature and all other stationery and supplies.

A list of conservative ~~synagogues~~ ~~synagogues~~ synagogues will be received from the United Synagogues today.

Re. Community Centers and JWB: The latter organization will receive complete shekel kits from this office, which they will cover by a Special News Memorandum and distribute for us.

Early Monday, an automobile squad will distribute to all of the synagogues Shekel Receipt books which can be sold during the holiday services. These synagogues should be sent an average of 100 to 150 books and the mobilization pamphlet. We shall use the list of conservative synagogues received from the United Synagogues. There will be a covering letter with these distributions.

Bnai Brith in Chicago will be contacted.

We are making good headway with Brith Sholom of Philadelphia.

We are also having excellent results with the Jewish War Veterans. Maxwell Cohen, National Director, has written a letter urging the membership to purchase shekolim and he has also accepted our invitation to luncheon next Thursday. At that time, we are entertaining representatives of the various landstmannschaften and organizations such as the American Jewish Congress, Bnai Brith, Free Sons of Israel, Brith Abraham, Fed. of Palestinian Jews and the United Synagogue of America.

<sup>addresses for</sup>  
The speakers ~~material~~ will be ready in time for the Cleveland Conference.

The poster was submitted to Jack Cohen and will be ready for distribution on Friday, 4/19/46. We are exploring the possibility of having his shipping clerk or one of our staff mail these posters directly from his factory to affect a saving of time. ~~Labels~~ Labels will be prepared in advance to further facilitate this measure.

Brith Sholom of Baltimore has been contacted and they have promised cooperation.

A definite ratio was established of a book for every member and by the middle or end of next week, these books will be in every community in the country. Special delivery will be used to insure their receipt.

Telegrams will be sent on Monday to prod those communities which have not as yet submitted the names of their Shekel Chairmen.

The sale of receipts will be checked by means of a double postal card. Every week a different color set will be mailed with a new slogan on which they can return the number of books sold to date.

Weekly report forms are completed.

A Second Shekel Bulletin is being compiled.

A political bulletin will be set up over the weekend.

<sup>copies</sup>  
2,000 of the first suggested speech is being made up for general distribution throughout the country and a second speech will be prepared for distribution to the speakers.

Postal cards on the Radio programs and announcements will be in the mail on Monday.

Shekel Buttons will be ordered after there is a clarification of the ~~present~~ <sup>joint state</sup> situation.

The suggestion to use sound trucks is being investigated.

We will have a schedule for every District meeting in the metropolitan area and we expect district meetings to be held throughout the country because of a directive sent to all of our people.

A <sup>manual</sup> ~~directive~~ is to be <sup>prepared</sup> ~~turned out~~ to indicate the technique to be followed in running street corner meetings.

Instructions are to be issued to all Districts indicating that under no circumstances should they accept an arrangement with the other parties by which blocs of non-members will be distributed ~~exclusively~~ <sup>in equal proportion</sup> for the ~~follow through~~ by specific parties. Instructions should be sent to our Districts to try to get the complete list of non-members. This is in line with the practice that is being attempted ~~to~~ to be fostered upon the ZOA districts by the other parties in various communities throughout the country.

A series of empty stores might be rented in neighborhoods of Jewish population concentration. The store could ~~be~~ display posters and contain visual education media concerning the shekel campaign and equipped with recording machines that played Yiddish music to attract attention and have recorded messages by our leaders urging the purchase of shekolim, which would be available on the premises.





ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

# *Shekel and Election Campaign*

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, *Executive Director*

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Public Relations Director*

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *President*

JACQUES TORCZYNER  
*National Shekel Chairman*

TO: All Shekel Chairmen, District and  
Regional Presidents and Secretaries

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

DATE: April 12, 1946.

Read This Memorandum Carefully

We are enclosing herewith a Shekel Manual which comprehensively covers many of the questions you will be asked in connection with your Shekel campaigns - both sales and election.

We know that you will want to impart this information to your Districts and a convenient, streamlined Shekel program has also been prepared for you.

Both manual and program were prepared by our Joseph Greenstein.

Please - please read this material carefully. Be prepared to speak authoritatively on the subject. Spread this information to the workers in your Districts.

Distribute the Shekel receipt books which we are sending to you (or would you want us to mail them directly to your members) and set up your local campaigns.

Make sure that the ZOA District sells every member of his family, his friends - every Jew or Jewess 18 years of age or over who is not affiliated with any Zionist Group -- A Z.O.A. Shekel -- And then have them vote the Z.O.A. Slate.

I know, of a certainty, that we can "depend on our dependables".

Yours for Victory!

SM:dh





ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

# *Shekel and Election Campaign*

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, *Executive Director*

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Public Relations Director*

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *President*

JACQUES TORCZYNER  
*National Shekel Chairman*

April 15, 1946.

Dear Shekel and Program Planner:

You have an important role to play in the Shekel Campaign.

The Campaign is divided into three parts:

1. Informing the Zionist and the Jewish community as to what the Shekel and the Zionist Congress are and the crisis facing Jewish life.
2. Selling the Shekel.
3. Getting out the vote.

You, as Education or Program Chairman of the Zionist District, can do a great deal on the three-fold aspects of the Shekel Campaign; especially on the initial phase - Education.

To help you with this tremendously important work, enclosed find:

- A. A Suggested Program
- B. General Shekel Literature
- C. "To the Jewish People" - Handbook for the Zionist District Shekel Committee containing the Proclamation of the World Zionist Executive; the Z.O.A. Platform; Questions and Answers on the Zionist Congress; Instructions for the Shekel Campaign; Shekel Campaign Aids.

Remember - the entire machinery of the Zionist Organization of America is behind you in your efforts.

"Aseh v'hazlah!" (Act and success to you!)

With Zion's greetings,

Joseph Greenstein  
In charge of Shekel Programming

# THE SHEKEL-SYMBOL OF JEWISH UNITY

## A SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR THE ZIONIST DISTRICT

(All the material for use in connection with this program is in the enclosed handbook, "To The Jewish People".)

- I. CREATE THE PROPER ATMOSPHERE by displaying Shekel posters and placing on each seat the leaflet, "Mobilization of American Jewry in Support of the Jewish Commonwealth".

Also, in your letter inviting the members to the meeting, enclose a flyer on the Shekel.

- II. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS should end with the reading of the Proclamation of the World Zionist Executive.

### III. PANEL QUIZ

(Questions and Answers on the Shekel and the World Zionist Congress)

This Panel should consist of three experts from the District membership, with the questions asked by the Chairman. At the close of the quiz and at the discretion of the Chairman, the floor should be thrown open for questions. If he does so he should summarize.

### IV. THE Z.O.A. PLATFORM

This should be read by an outstanding leader of the District. Here again, at the Chairman's discretion there might be a short open discussion which should be summarized by the Chairman.

### V. WHAT CAN WE DO?

At this point the Chairman of the Zionist District Shekel Committee should present in detailed form the steps and the ways and means for the Shekel Campaign in his community, after which there should be an open discussion from the floor.

### VI. CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chairman will summarize the discussion and launch the Shekel Campaign with the distribution of Shekel Receipt Books.

---

### NOTES:-

- (1) The District can run this Program as a Sunday Breakfast, in which event the members should immediately cover the neighborhood or community and make every Jew a Shekel-holder.
- (2) The Panel Team that presented the above program before the District can present the same program before other groups and end the program with the selling of Shekolim.
- (3) Make your plans now for a rally on the day of voting so that you can have your people at the polls.

Dr. Nathan Becker, Arlington, Va.; Hal Weiner, West Hudson District, Arlington, N.J.; Bernard Kobrin, Bronx, New York; E. Stern, Atlantic City, N.J.; Albert Issokson, Portland, Me.; Morris Pepper, Ocean Parkway District, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Hyman G. Bedrich, Borough Park District, Brooklyn, N.Y.; J. A. Kamerow, Louis D. Brandeis District, Washington, D.C.

Cantor Myro Glass, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rabbi Joseph Rothstein, North Adams, Mass.; Leonard J. Feingold, Taunton, Mass.; Nathan Finkelstein, Flint, Mich; Dr. Ilie Berger, Providence, R.I.; M. G. Rosenberg, St. Petersburg, Fla.



MINUTES STAFF MEETING- THURSDAY, 4/18/46

Dr. Marks indicated to the staff that the Cleveland Conference on Sunday was an example of a well-run meeting. We secured speakers who will cover many communities and pledges and have activated shekel activity in the Cleveland Districts.

On Monday, packages of shekel receipt books were delivered to all of the synagogues in the metropolitan area.

Special delivery packages of shekel receipt books will go out to all of the Districts which have not as yet received these books.

There has been a general mailing of books to members in the metropolitan area, and we are also sending general mailings to those Districts which desire same.

The programs, program manuals went out to the Presidents and Secretaries of all Districts; Executive Committee members, Administrative Council members and Shekel Chairmen. These were mailed on Monday.

The shekolim are being sent to all paid members and the Registration sheets are being prepared. The envelopes have been delivered in which we will mail shekolim and they are being prepared. Election materials are being prepared.

Additional clerical help is being hired. ~~and~~

Telegrams will go out today to all Districts which have not as yet ~~named~~ named their shekel chairmen.

All of the receipt books will go off this week to insure every District's having them in their possession.

We will check with Chicago to ascertain whether they have received their booklets.

Posters will be ready by the end of the week and will be mailed directly from the printers office. There should be one in every synagogue and community center throughout the country.

A kit of shekel information and material, plus a covering letter, will go to every community center in the metropolitan area. Additional will be sent throughout the country. These are also being sent to the Jewish War Veteran Posts and Auxilliary posts with shekel books.

Bulletins have gone out and 150,000 copies of the New Reporter will be mailed this week, this edition devoting a great deal of space to the shekel campaign.

100,000 flyers and Yiddish literature are being delivered today.

Ads must be placed in the Yiddish papers, which are not carrying enough ZOA shekel information.

Flyers can be distributed by hand in Jewish neighborhoods.



Street corner meetings will be limited to Jewish neighborhoods. We must be sure to notify the local precinct that these street corner meetings (and also the sound trucks) are political campaigns and not religious meetings. There would be legal difficulty in case they are not so notified..

Mr. Posy has investigated the possibility of renting stores to use as information centers. The field directors will contact the Districts in these neighborhoods to find likely locations and to ask for volunteers to man these stores.

We had two radio spots on Sunday.

We have in our possession a list of every synagogue in the country.

We will contact I.J. Caplan to approach the Longines-Wittnauer Watch Co. to inject shekel information in their radioannouncements.

It was suggested that we send shekel information and material under the seal of the Unity Committee, such material to be sent to their mailing list.

A memorandum will be sent Air Mail special delivery to the field directors to arrange tours and district meetings for the speakers in their areas, listing the names of the speaker volunteers.

All of the manuals, such as program and speakers manuals as well as speakers kits will be sent to the speakers.

A weekly follow-up is going out to the communities which have received shekel books reminding them to record with us their sales.

Field directors, Administrative Council and Executive Committee members, and shekel chairmen are receiving all of the literature which is being prepared. These people will be urged to take trips on behalf of the campaign as well as to sell shekolim in their communities.

A page will be taken in the "Sports On Parade" manual to advertise shekel and ~~Expansion Fund~~ campaigns. There will be a booth on the premises with literature and cards which will be distributed.

We will try to include Jewish War Veteran posts on the tours of our speakers.

Dr. Silver will be contacted to ascertain what action will be taken on Brith Sholom of Philadelphia.

A meeting will be called of the ZOA members who are also members of the various landstmanshaften.



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

# Shekel and Election Campaign

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, *Executive Director*

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *President*

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Public Relations Director*

Jacques Torczynor,,  
Chairman Shekel Campaign

TO: The Field Directors, Regional and District  
Presidents, Secretaries, and Shekel Chairman

READ THESE MEMORANDUMS CAREFULLY

The Shekel Campaign is underway.

A determined and concerted effort must be immediately undertaken by you.

1. Every community within your area must be contacted in person, by telephone or the most efficient direct method you can devise. This must be done regularly and constantly during the next two months.

A. Shekel Receipt books are being mailed to all your Districts.

B. These receipt books must be returned to us with a postmark no later than May 24th, with remittances.

C. Elections will be held on Sunday, June 16th from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. throughout the country.

Elections in the cities of Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Baltimore will be held on Two Days.

Sunday, June 16th, from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.

Monday, June 17th, from 12 Noon to 10 P.M.

Get your people to buy shekolim, sell shekolim and vote, vote, vote.

2. It is imperative that every district in your region hold a meeting within the next two weeks in order to discuss and stimulate the Shekel Campaign. A thorough job covering every community must be done at once.

3. Please submit to me immediately a schedule of the meetings arranged in your region and a regular weekly report of the number of Shekolim sold by each district.



4. Full manuals, program materials, bulletins and all the paraphernalia of a full dress campaign are on their way to you and to your Districts.

I know we can count on your cooperation. Yours for Victory.

*Sidney Manka*



## ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

# Shekel and Election Campaign

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, *Executive Director*

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Public Relations Director*

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *President*

JACQUES TORCZYNER  
*National Shekel Chairman*

TO: All Shekel Chairmen, District and  
Regional Presidents and Secretaries

FROM: Joseph Greenstein  
In Charge of Shekel Programming

DATE: April 21, 1946

SUBJECT: The Synagogue and the Shekel Campaign

The Synagogue is a stronghold of Zionist sentiment. It is up to you to crystallize this sentiment into shekel holders and Z.O.A. slate voters.

Below is a check list of things you can do to achieve this end. Set yourself the immediate goal of having checked off each item on the list.

### CHECK LIST

- ☐ 1. I have made a list of synagogues in my neighborhood (or community), and have made arrangements with them as follows:
- ☐ 2. To post Z.O.A. shekel material on the bulletin board.
- ☐ 3. To have a Z.O.A. Shekel Booth in the lobby.
- ☐ 4. To have a section in the Synagogue Newsletter devoted to the Z.O.A. Shekel Campaign.
- ☐ 5. To address the next meeting of the Congregation on the Z.O.A. Shekel Campaign.
- ☐ 6. To address the next meeting of the Men's Club on the Z.O.A. Shekel Campaign.
- ☐ 7. To address the next meeting of the Sisterhood on the ZOA Shekel Campaign.
- ☐ 8. To address the next meeting of the Young Folks League on the Z.O.A. Shekel Campaign.
- ☐ 9. To have announcements dealing with the Z.O.A. Shekel Campaign made with regularity at the services.

Continued -

CHECK LIST

- \_\_\_ 10. To have the Rabbi devote a Sermon on the Z.O.A. Shekel, the Z.O.A. Platform and the General Zionist Program in the immediate future.
- \_\_\_ 11. To have an Oneg Shabbat deal with the Z.O.A. Shekel Campaign in the near future.
- \_\_\_ 12. To have a Friday Night Forum deal with the Z.O.A. Shekel Campaign in the immediate future.
- \_\_\_ 13. To have the Congregation and all its affiliates run a Z.O.A. Shekel Dance in the immediate future. (Admission by ZOA Shekel receipt only).
- \_\_\_ 14. To have the Congregation and its affiliates sponsor a ZOA Shekel Rally in the immediate future (using the program "To the Jewish People").
- \_\_\_ 15. To have the Congregation and its affiliates present a Night of Palestine Art (and sell Z.O.A. Shekolim during intermission).
- \_\_\_ 16. To have a letter to the Congregants explaining the Z.O.A. Shekel Campaign and the Z.O.A. slate sent under the signature of the President and the Rabbi.
- \_\_\_ 17. To have a mass Z.O.A. Shekel enrollment, by block purchase, if possible, by the Congregation.
- \_\_\_ 18. To address the next meeting of the Parent Teachers Association on the Z.O.A. Shekel Campaign.
- \_\_\_ 19. To address the next Teachers' meeting of the Religious School and/or Sunday School on the Z.O.A. Shekel Campaign.
- \_\_\_ 20. To have an assembly of the Religious School or Sunday School in the immediate future deal with the Z.O.A. Shekel Campaign. (The Zionist District can sponsor an Essay Contest for the pupils on the subject "What The Z.O.A. Shekel and General Zionism Means To Me").
- \_\_\_ 21. To address the next assembly meeting of the Adult School, Institute, or College of Jewish Studies on the Z.O.A. Shekel campaigns, the Z.O.A. Platform and General Zionism.

Above all:

Get every man and woman in your community to purchase the Z.O.A. Shekel and vote the Z.O.A. Slate.





ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

# *Shekel and Election Campaign*

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, *Executive Director*

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Public Relations Director*

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *President*

JACQUES TORCZYNER  
*National Shekel Chairman*

No. II

A p r i l 1 9 4 6

## *MASS RESPONSE TO ZOA SHEKEL CALL*

National Organizations Join in Support of ZOA Slate.

Rallies in New York, Cleveland, Boston and Other Large Communities Spur Mobilization Under ZOA Banner.

## *SHEKEL CAMPAIGN TO END MAY 24*

Elections of Delegates to be Held on Sunday and Monday, June 16-17.

Brooklyn and Bronx Each Adopt Quota of 100,000 Shekolim.

Jewish Veterans in Vigorous Effort for ZOA Shekel and Election Campaigns.

The nationwide ZOA Shekel Campaign entered its third week with a redoubled tempo, shattering all previously rolled-up records in the sale of shekolim. With few exceptions, every one of the 600 ZOA Districts has plunged into their local campaigns with gratifying results. In addition to the entire Metropolitan Area of New York, intensive drives are now also under way throughout New England, Seaboard Area, in the Southeast, on the West Coast, and other parts of the country.

by the interest American Jewry manifests in the Congress elections.

REMEMBER

The size of the ZOA delegation to the World Zionist Congress is determined by the number of votes cast by shekel-holders.

REMEMBER

The Shekel Campaign closes on May 24. By your ZOA Shekel now!

REMEMBER

Enroll under the banner of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA). Vote the ZOA slate on election day, June 16-17.

The ZOA will lead us to victory ---

VOTE THE TICKET OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA (ZOA)

Shekel Campaign Closes May 24

Time is of the essence. You have until May 24 to sell shekolim to all unaffiliated men and women in your community. See to it that every adult (18 and over) member of each household - husbands, wives and daughters - is enrolled as a shekel-payer. To insure that every shekel-payer receives his shekel certificate in time, please arrange to return to your district shekel chairman for transmission to the ZOA headquarters all stubs of shekel receipt books sold by you. The shekel receipt alone will not entitle the purchaser to vote in the election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress. Only a shekel certificate gives one the right to vote.

Don't wait until stubs have accumulated - send them in with remittances as collected.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE ZOA PRESIDENT  
TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION

Dear Friend:

A situation has arisen which impels me to address this personal appeal to you as a loyal member of our organization.

The forthcoming World Zionist Congress will meet at a time when the future of Jewish Palestine will be decided for generations to come. To be adequately prepared for any contingency, the ZOA has undertaken to mobilize under its banner the largest mass of supporters of our cause in its history. This mobilization is to take place through the formation of an army of shekel-payers who will constitute the army of Jewish liberation.

As the organization which carried the major burdens of the Zionist movement and of Palestine fund-raising in the past half century, the ZOA must come to the forthcoming Congress with a delegate commensurate with its size and prestige. A large ZOA delegation, representing as it will the bulk of General Zionists, will have a beneficial influence on the future of our movement and of Jewish Palestine.

I therefore urge you, in all earnestness, to enlist every adult member of your family, your neighbors and friends as shekel-payers and to cast their vote for the ZOA ticket in the elections of American delegates to the Congress which will be held in June. Make full use of your shekel books. When sold, write to the National ZOA headquarters for more. I count upon you. Please do not fail me.

With cordial regards and Zion's greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Abba Hillel Silver  
President

Metropolitan Area of New York Rolls Up Large Shekel Totals

All sections of the Metropolitan Area - Manhattan, The Bronx, Brooklyn and Long Island - are in the midst of intensive Shekel Drives with increasingly large shekel totals rolled up daily. Brooklyn, under the direction of Emanuel Stavish, regional shekel chairman; Jack B. Cohen, regional membership chairman; and Rabbi Harry Halpern, regional president, has unanimously



adopted a goal of 100,000 shekolim for the borough. All district meetings from now until election time will be devoted exclusively to the sale of shekolim. Each district has appointed shekel chairmen.

Joseph J. Schicklor, chairman of the Long Island regional shekel campaign, reports a vigorous activity in all districts of the region. All indications point to the attainment of the goal set there.

The following pieces of ZOA shekel and election literature are available:

1. Colored poster for display in store windows, public meeting places, bulletin boards of Jewish centers, YMHAs and other public assembly places.
2. English and Yiddish pamphlets.
3. Series of special campaign bulletins.
4. Shekel and Election Manual.
5. ZOA platform.
6. Shekel receipt books.

Write to the national ZOA headquarters listing your requirements.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ZOA MEMBERS

ZOA membership dues include the shekel. District membership chairmen and officers are therefore urged to prevail upon all members in arrears to pay up for the current year.

#### Polls to be Set Up on Election Day

Election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress will take place throughout the country on Sunday, June 16. In the following cities, however, voting will take place on two days - June 16 and 17: New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, St. Louis, Detroit, Pittsburgh,

Chicago. On Sunday, voting hours will be from 9 AM to 9 PM. On Monday, voting hours will be from 12 noon to 10 PM.

The location of polling stations to be set up will be announced later. Consult your local shekel committee.

NOTICE TO DISTRICT OFFICERS

To stimulate interest in and to clarify the issues of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, it is suggested that you call a general membership meeting to discuss the shekel and the Congress.

We direct attention to the last issues of THE NEW PALESTINE and The NEWS REPORTER, containing material for discussion.

Additional shekel chairmen - more names in next issue:

Hyman Gross, Middle Village, Long Island; Arthur Seder, Worcester, Mass.; Alfred Mayercyk, District No. 92, Manhattan; Sol Goldman, St. Louis; Henry Ginsburgh, Washington, Pa.; Herman J. Stern, South Fallsburg, N.Y.; Rabbi Jacob M. Danziger, W.Va.; A. B. Fickman, Cannonsburgh, Pa.; Raphael Chasan and Joseph Cohen, Schenectady, N.Y.; William Greenburg, Camden, N.J.; Jack Frank, Warren, Ohio; Sam Isaac, Butler, Pa.; Herman Luckoff, Columbus, Ohio; Solomon Catton, Syrian District No. 56, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Fred Freedman, St. Paul, Minn.; Isaac Abramson, Shreveport, La.; Dr. Jacob Kajdan, San Mateo, Calif.; Paul Richmond, Roosevelt Zionist District, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bert Abramson, Watertown, N.Y.; Ira J. Katchen, Long Branch, N.J.; Louis Dince, District No. 30, New York, N.Y.; Rabbi J. Gerson Tolochko, Goldsboro, N.C.; Cantor Martin Adolf, Paterson, N.J.; Joshua N. Kahn, El Paso, Texas; Michael Kaufman, Carbondale, Pa. Joseph Clapman, District No. 84, New York, N.Y.; William Kline, Hudson, NY;

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1720 SIXTEENTH STREET, N. W.

WASHINGTON, 9, D. C.

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: 4/24/46

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

SUBJECT:

Enclosed please find a brief resume of this mornings  
staff meeting on the shekel campaign.

My kindest personal regards.





STAFF MEETING- April 24th

The entire country has been covered by Shekel Receipt books. A second check is being made to avoid error.

100,000 additional books have been received and will be distributed.

The 11 major cities which are going to have two days of shekel elections will receive another batch of books and material.

The first of the series of shekel sales reports have gone out.

The Mt. Vernon District is receiving an individual mailing of receipt books.

Posters have been mailed throughout the country. An additional batch of posters will be sent to the 11 major cities. A poster will be sent to every JWV post in the country, every synagogue and every Jewish community center.

The Association of Kosher Butchers will receive posters to display in their stores.

The Regional directors will receive the names of non-member shekel payers and they will see that these people are reached to assure their voting.

Another follow-up will be made of those districts that have not submitted the name of their shekel chairman.

The Jewish War Veterans posts are receiving their material and shekel receipt books. They have received a basic letter and are now receiving a letter with shekel books, which are being mailed today. These will be sent Air Mail where distance makes it necessary.

The Young Judaea groups have agreed to stuff letterboxes with shekel material and information.

A staff meeting of the Field men will be called for Monday morning. Intensive plans will be worked out.

A mass distribution is being made on the West Coast. The Southeastern Conference is being arranged. We have had speakers on tour in the Southwest. A man is going into the Midwest and another into the Tri-State Region. There is a conference scheduled for the Seaboard Region.

Every member of the Speakers Bureau have received their complete kit and will receive all the material being mailed. A second speech will be prepared for their use.

The second shekel bulletin has gone out.

The election pamphlet is being prepared.

Mr. Frisch's article is being reprinted and will be mailed on a mass mailing on Friday.

The staff was instructed to insert a short paragraph or P.S. in every letter to urge the sale of shekolim and ~~the same~~ ask support for the ZOA slate.

We shall use the report of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry and whatever protest there may be as a form of message with reference to shekel.

We shall set up our machinery for the establishment of a women's shekel committee in every district. These can be tied up with the Jewish War Veterans Auxilliary and the other women's groups we have contacted.

Mr. Posy will go to the West Coast.

On Sunday night, there will be aorum of Baa1 Zion. A member of the staff will be there and posters and material and receipt books will be displayed and distributed.

At the Levy Testimonial Dinner in the Bronx, there will be shekl books and material distributed.

On Monday night, when Dr. Neumann speaks at City Centre, we will have a staff on hand to distribute Shekel materials, receipt books, etc. These shall be placed on each and every one of the chairs.



ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1720 - 16TH STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

New Address:  
41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

April 26, 1946.

Dear Friend:

We know that you are cognizant of the crucial significance of our Shekel Campaign and that you are exerting all your efforts to insure the success of this drive. The sale of shekolim takes on added significance in view of the impending report of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry. One million shekel payers in the U.S.A. will represent a demonstration of the united will of American Jewry.

The synagogue and Temple in your community constitutes a very important medium for the enlistment of non-affiliated Jews under the ZOA banner. Many thousands of Jews who attend weekly services can be rallied as shekel payers for the ZOA and subsequently brought to the polls to vote the ZOA slate.

May I, therefore, earnestly suggest that you contact the Rabbi and President of your local synagogue and Temple urging them to circularize the members of their respective congregations asking them to purchase a ZOA Shekel. With little over three weeks remaining until the closing of the Shekel Campaign, I am certain that this will be taken care of forthwith.

Deeply appreciative of your cooperation, I remain with kindest regards and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

*Sidney Marks*  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

SM:ab



DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, Cleveland, Ohio  
*President*

DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD, Baltimore, Md.  
*Hon. Vice President*

•

DR. LEON FEUER, Toledo, Ohio  
JACOB FISHMAN, New York, N. Y.  
DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN, Chicago, Ill.  
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, New York, N. Y.  
DR. JAMES G. HELLER, Cincinnati, Ohio  
EDMUND I. KAUFMANN, Washington, D. C.  
JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL, Philadelphia, Pa.  
LOUIS LIPSKY, New York, N. Y.

RABBI IRVING MILLER, Far Rockaway, N. Y.  
DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN, New York, N. Y.  
JUDGE BERNARD A. ROSENBLATT, New York, N. Y.  
CHARLES J. ROSENBLOOM, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG, New York, N. Y.  
ELIHU D. STONE, Boston, Mass.  
ROBERT SZOLD, New York, N. Y.  
DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, New York, N. Y.

*Vice Presidents*

•

ABRAHAM GOODMAN, Miami Beach, Florida  
*Treasurer*

MARK SUGARMAN, Coatesville, Pa.  
*Associate Treasurer*

DANIEL FRISCH, New York, N. Y.  
*Chairman, Nat'l Adm. Council*

MILTON POLLACK, New York, N. Y.  
*Chairman, Finance Committee*

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, Washington, D. C.  
*Secretary*

•

CHARLES S. BROWN, Los Angeles, Calif.  
SOL COHEN, Richmond Hill, N. Y.  
A. K. EPSTEIN, Chicago, Ill.  
HON. M. MALDWIN FERTIG, Bronx, N. Y.  
JUDGE HARRY FISHER, Chicago, Ill.  
RABBI LEON FRAM, Detroit, Mich.  
ERNEST S. FREUDENHEIM, Buffalo, N. Y.  
HAROLD GOLDENBERG, St. Paul, Minn.  
ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN, Hartford, Conn.  
HON. NATHANIEL GOLDSTEIN, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
SAMUEL GOLDSTOCK, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
ISRAEL R. GOODMAN, St. Louis, Mo.  
RABBI SIMON GREENBERG, Philadelphia, Pa.  
JOSEPH L. GREENLEAF, Mount Vernon, N. Y.  
JOSEPH HALBERT, Atlantic City, N. J.  
RABBI HARRY HALPERN, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
JULIUS LIVINGSTON, Tulsa, Okla.

ABRAHAM M. LUNTZ, Cleveland, Ohio  
MORTIMER MAY, Nashville, Tenn.  
ISAAC POTTS, Baltimore, Md.  
ABRAHAM A. REDELHEIM, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
JUDGE HYMAN J. REIT, New York, N. Y.  
HON. ALBERT D. SCHANZER, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
ALBERT SCHIFF, Columbus, Ohio  
JUDGE JACOB SCHWOLSKY, Hartford, Conn.  
EZRA Z. SHAPIRO, Cleveland, Ohio  
RUDOLF G. SONNEBORN, New York, N. Y.  
DAVID SPIEGEL, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
DEWEY D. STONE, Brockton, Mass.  
WILLIAM B. SYLK, Philadelphia, Pa.  
JACQUES TORCZYNER, New York, N. Y.  
ELKAN C. VOORSANGER, Milwaukee, Wis.  
MORRIS WEINBERG, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
HERMAN L. WEISMAN, Scarsdale, N. Y.

*Executive Committee*  
*(In addition to National Officers)*

## SHEKEL AND ELECTION BOARD

for the City of \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES CENTRAL SHEKEL AND ELECTION BOARD  
41 EAST 42ND STREET  
NEW YORK 17, NEW YORK

This is to certify that a Shekel and Election Board has been duly constituted for the above city with the following officers and members:

[illegible]

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

*Secretary, Shekel Board*

# UNITED STATES CENTRAL SHEKEL AND ELECTION BOARD

41 EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK 17, NEW YORK

MURRAY HILL 2-5476

CHARLES RESS  
DAVID WERTHEIM  
*Chairmen*

JULIET N. BENJAMIN  
*Secretary*

RABBI S. M. ZAMBROWSKY  
*Treasurer*

ABRAHAM TANNENBAUM  
*Executive Director*

## BOARD

SAMUEL BONCHEK  
MRS. HAVAH COHEN  
MRS. LEO I. DANA  
MENDEL FISHER  
DANIEL FRISCH  
DR. B. FRYMER  
MRS. ELLIOTT F. GLASSBERG  
MRS. BENJAMIN GOTTESMAN  
JOSEPH W. GREENLEAF  
MRS. SAMUEL W. HALPRIN  
ELEANORE LEVENSON  
RALENE LEVY  
DR. SIDNEY MARKS  
ABE REDELHEIM  
DVORA ROTHBARD  
LEON RUBINSTEIN  
CHARLES STERN  
I. STOLARSKY  
DAVID TELZNER  
JACQUES TORCZYNER  
YONA YANAI

To the Presidents and Secretaries  
of all Local Zionist Groups

Dear Fellow Zionist:

You have been requested some time ago to organize a Shekel and Election Board for your community. To date we have not received a report indicating that you have organized the Board.

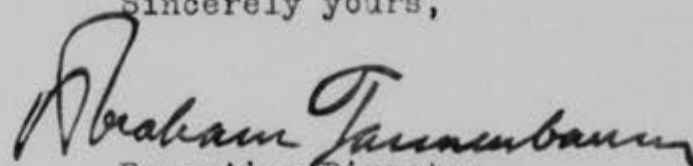
It is imperative that you take immediate action to set up the Board, so that elections can be held in your community for delegates to the World Zionist Congress.

The Shekel and Election Board is to consist of representatives of the Zionist Groups mentioned below on the following basis:

Z. O. A.	7 Rep.	Hashomir Hatzair	1 Rep.
Hadassah	6 Rep.	Left Poale Zion	1 Rep.
Poale Zion	6 Rep.	Jewish State Party	1 Rep.
Mizrachi	3 Rep.		

Please contact the Zionist Groups in your city at once, and organize your Shekel and Election Board. Fill out the enclosed report and send it to us by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

  
Executive Director



ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1720 - 16TH STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

New Address:  
41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

April 29, 1946.

TO ZOA DISTRICT AND REGIONAL  
PRESIDENTS AND SHEKEL CHAIRMEN

Dear Friend:

You will be delighted to learn that the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, under the able direction of its national commander Maxwell Cohen, has wholeheartedly joined us in the furtherance of our shekel effort. Translating its expressions of support into action, the Jewish War Veterans organization has directed all its local posts throughout the country to give its support and cooperation in the campaign. Accordingly, every post is being furnished by our national headquarters with adequate quantities of shekel books, literature and other material. In addition to the national organization of the JWV, the ladies' auxiliary is also lending its full cooperation.

The importance of bringing the Jewish War Veterans into the orbit of our organization by means of the shekel and the ballot cannot be overestimated. A splendid opportunity is afforded us to reach the half-million returning Jewish war veterans in this all-important undertaking. To this end it is most urgent that our district officers and workers lend a helping hand to the local JWV posts, to guide them and to direct their activities through the proper channels.

I would, therefore, strongly suggest that you contact forthwith the commander of your local JWV post and arrange for a speaker to address their next meeting. The groundwork has been laid through mailings from our national office. The actual enrollment of the veterans as shekel payers, as members and as voters for the ZOA ticket can be done only through local spade-work. The success of this effort lies in your hands, and I am certain that you will do your utmost.

With warm regards and Zionist greetings,

Sincerely yours,

*Abba Hillel Silver*  
Abba Hillel Silver

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, Cleveland, Ohio  
*President*

DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD, Baltimore, Md.  
*Hon. Vice President*

•

DR. LEON FEUER, Toledo, Ohio  
JACOB FISHMAN, New York, N. Y.  
DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN, Chicago, Ill.  
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, New York, N. Y.  
DR. JAMES G. HELLER, Cincinnati, Ohio  
EDMUND I. KAUFMANN, Washington, D. C.  
JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL, Philadelphia, Pa.  
LOUIS LIPSKY, New York, N. Y.

RABBI IRVING MILLER, Far Rockaway, N. Y.  
DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN, New York, N. Y.  
JUDGE BERNARD A. ROSENBLATT, New York, N. Y.  
CHARLES J. ROSENBLOOM, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG, New York, N. Y.  
ELIHU D. STONE, Boston, Mass.  
ROBERT SZOLD, New York, N. Y.  
DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, New York, N. Y.

*Vice Presidents*

•

ABRAHAM GOODMAN, Miami Beach, Florida  
*Treasurer*

DANIEL FRISCH, New York, N. Y.  
*Chairman, Nat'l Adm. Council*

MARK SUGARMAN, Coatesville, Pa.  
*Associate Treasurer*

MILTON POLLACK, New York, N. Y.  
*Chairman, Finance Committee*

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, Washington, D. C.  
*Secretary*

•

CHARLES S. BROWN, Los Angeles, Calif.  
SOL COHEN, Richmond Hill, N. Y.  
A. K. EPSTEIN, Chicago, Ill.  
HON. M. MALDWIN FERTIG, Bronx, N. Y.  
JUDGE HARRY FISHER, Chicago, Ill.  
RABBI LEON FRAM, Detroit, Mich.  
ERNEST S. FREUDENHEIM, Buffalo, N. Y.  
HAROLD GOLDENBERG, St. Paul, Minn.  
ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN, Hartford, Conn.  
HON. NATHANIEL GOLDSTEIN, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
SAMUEL GOLDSTOCK, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
ISRAEL R. GOODMAN, St. Louis, Mo.  
RABBI SIMON GREENBERG, Philadelphia, Pa.  
JOSEPH L. GREENLEAF, Mount Vernon, N. Y.  
JOSEPH HALBERT, Atlantic City, N. J.  
RABBI HARRY HALPERN, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
JULIUS LIVINGSTON, Tulsa, Okla.

ABRAHAM M. LUNTZ, Cleveland, Ohio  
MORTIMER MAY, Nashville, Tenn.  
ISAAC POTTS, Baltimore, Md.  
ABRAHAM A. REDELHEIM, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
JUDGE HYMAN J. REIT, New York, N. Y.  
HON. ALBERT D. SCHANZER, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
ALBERT SCHIFF, Columbus, Ohio  
JUDGE JACOB SCHWOLSKY, Hartford, Conn.  
EZRA Z. SHAPIRO, Cleveland, Ohio  
RUDOLF G. SONNEBORN, New York, N. Y.  
DAVID SPIEGEL, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
DEWEY D. STONE, Brockton, Mass.  
WILLIAM B. SYLK, Philadelphia, Pa.  
JACQUES TORCZYNER, New York, N. Y.  
ELKAN C. VOORSANGER, Milwaukee, Wis.  
MORRIS WEINBERG, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
HERMAN L. WEISMAN, Scarsdale, N. Y.

*Executive Committee*  
*(In addition to National Officers)*



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

# *Shekel and Election Campaign*

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, *Executive Director*

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Public Relations Director*

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *President*

JACQUES TORCZYNER  
*National Shekel Chairman*

No. III  
M a y 1 9 4 6

## ZOA SHEKEL CAMPAIGN MARCHES ON

Local Shekel Committees Organized in 450 Communities. -

Shekel Activities Given Primary Attention by all  
ZOA Regions and Districts

## ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMISSION REPORT UNDERScores MOBILIZATION NEED THROUGH ZOA SHEKEL

Tens of Thousands Shekolim Sold to Non-Members. -

May 24th Closing Date for Sale of Shekolim. -

Fraternal Organizations Spur Sales Among Memberships. -

Jewish War Veterans In Forefront of Shekel and Local  
Drives. -

## NATIONWIDE SLOGAN: FOR A JEWISH STATE, VOTE ZOA SLATE!

With barely three weeks remaining until the closing date for the sale of Shekolim (May 24th), ZOA regions and districts throughout the country are giving primary attention to the mass sale of Shekolim amongst all adult members- men and women - of their local communities. The Shekolim drive is being considerably spurred following the publication of the report of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry which accentuated the need of mobilizing and consolidating all constructive Jewish forces in



the country to continue the fight for the ultimate objective of the Zionist movement - the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State - the only permanent solution to the problem of Jewish homelessness. Coupled with the efforts of promoting the largest possible sale of Shekolim by the ZOA, a sense of awareness of the need to secure a large turnout at the polls and in the elections on June 16th - 17th (in small communities on June 16th only) on behalf of the ZOA slate is firmly taking root.

Election of ZOA Leaders.

The success of the ZOA slate in the elections to the World Zionist Congress is taking on crucial significance in the light of the political situation growing out of the report of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry. A vote for the ZOA slate signifies support of the ZOA, the foremost Zionist organization in America, which in the past half century has carried the major burden of the movement and raised the major portion of the funds which made possible the phenomenal growth of Jewish Palestine. Moreover, a vote for the ZOA ticket will signify endorsement of its leadership, headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who have so militantly represented American Zionism to the world, who have consistently championed the maximal Zionist program for the establishment of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth. Furthermore, a vote for the ZOA slate will serve to uphold the hands of the leaders of the Zionist movement of America at the World Zionist Congress.

The forthcoming World Zionist Congress which will meet in Palestine early in August will mark the turning point in the history of our movement. The eyes of the entire world will be focused upon its deliberations. The forthcoming Congress will determine the future political status of Palestine, and formulate plans for the post-war development of Palestine and for the

absorption of large masses of Jewish immigration. The American Zionist delegates will play a pivotal role in the discussions and decisions of the Congress. The interests of the movement call for the sending of a full complement of ZOA delegates to the Congress.

#### IDENTIFICATION AT THE POLLS

The following rules governing the voting for delegates will be strictly observed:

1. Every Shekel holder who will come to the poles to cast his vote will be required to produce a positive identification. The U.S. Central Shekel Election Board has indicated that the following identifications will be acceptable:
  - a. Selective Service Card
  - b. Drivers or registration license
  - c. Ration Book
  - d. Letters addressed to the voter which appear to be responsible
2. Only the holder of the Shekel will be permitted to vote. No duplicate Shekolim will be issued for lost ones.
3. Provisions for Absentee voting will be made within the next week.
4. All districts which are located near Army camps are urged to set up Shekel boards in the various camps for the benefit of Jewish Servicemen.

National and Fraternal Organizations Join

Amongst the first National organizations to join actively in the sale of ZOA Shekolim was the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress which, at a meeting of its National Board, voted to support the Shekel program of the ZOA. Miss Milly Brand was named Chairman of its Shekel Committee, according to an announcement by Mrs. A. H. Vixman, Vice-President.

The Brith Sholom of Philadelphia, national fraternal organization headed by Grand Master Alex F. Stanton, and the Brith Sholom of Baltimore are canvassing their entire memberships for the sale of ZOA Shekolim.

Sales of ZOA Shekolim are also being conducted amongst the members of other organizations including the Men's Division of the American Jewish Congress, the Free Sons of Israel, and a large number of landsmanschaften.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Shekel Chairmen and Secretaries are again urged to bring to the attention of all Shekel volunteers that shekel receipt stubs and remittances should be turned over immediately to the districts or to the National ZOA headquarters so that Shekolim may be mailed forthwith to all those who paid for them.

Receipt stubs will not entitle the holder to vote in the elections. Only a shekel will entitle one to cast his vote.

May 24th is closing day for the sale of Shekolim.

Overwhelming Support for the ZOA Slate

Wholehearted support of the Zionist Organization of America slate



was unanimously voted at the conference of the Seaboard Zionist region, represented by the States of Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D. C., North Carolina, and Virginia.

Jacques Torczyner, National Campaign Chairman, has visited a number of key communities throughout the country, notably St. Louis.

A mass rally for the ZOA Shekel was held in Hartford, Conn. on May 6th, under the chairmanship of Judge Joseph Clau with Judge Bernard Rosenblatt as principle speaker.

The Tri-State region will hold a conference on May 12th at which Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Abraham Goldstein, Hartford and Dr. Sidney Marks will speak.

A vigorous campaign for Shekolim is being waged in Detroit. Rabbi Irving Miller addressed a large rally. Another city-wide shekel rally will be held on May 14th with Dr. Sidney Marks, ZOA Secretary, as speaker.

In Chicago, representatives of some 40 communities from the Mid-West held a successful Shekel conference, speakers including Daniel Frisch, Chairman of the Administrative Council, A. K. Epstein, and Dr. S. Marks. The entire community is being aroused. Milton Silberman, Chairman of the Chicago Zionist Organization, is giving direction to the formation of teams and the enlistment of veterans for the sale of Shekolim. Every Jewish War Veteran's post has been contacted.

Sam Sokolow, Director of the Metropolitan Fund, has just left for the West Coast for the purpose of coordinating the Shekel drives in that area.

Manny Posy, Director of the Expansion Fund, is visiting Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington, and is continuing his tour down the coast.

In New England the Shekel activity has received considerable impetus under the direction of Louis Brenner. A number of mass rallies have been arranged.

Herman Weisman, Chairman of the Youth Commission, addressed the first meeting in Boston.

Gratifying reports are also being received from the Southeast and Southwest through Adalbert Friedman and Julius Israel, regional directors, respectively.

A regional conference has been scheduled for May 12th in New Jersey.

Long Island, under the direction of Ben Doft, has canvassed every community on the Island.

#### New York

All boroughs of New York are now in full swing. Brooklyn has held a series of Shekel meetings. The public campaign is high-lighted by many street corner meetings. Stores have been rented for the display of posters and the distribution of Shekel material. A vigorous campaign is also under way in the Bronx.

Leonard Lifton has undertaken the campaign in Manhattan.

#### Additional Shekel Literature

A new attractive folder entitled "For a Jewish State, Vote ZOA Slate" is now available in large quantities for mass distribution. Other Shokel literature which may be obtained free of charge include:

1. Illustrated poster
2. Mobilization folder
3. Yiddish pamphlet
4. Special campaign folder
5. "Throw-Aways"

### HOUSE- TO-HOUSE CANVASS

District and Regional Chairmen of Shekel Committees are particularly urged to arrange immediately for house-to-house canvasses to sell shekolim to all adult members - men and women - of each Jewish household. Receipt stubs should be forwarded forthwith, together with remittances, to the national ZOA headquarters, so that shekel certificates may be mailed to the Shekel buyers in time to enable them to vote in the elections.

### SHEKEL ROUND-UP

#### Newport, R.I.

"Newport practically 100 percent covered," is assurance of Dr. Gerald G. Feinberg, Shekel Chairman for that community.

#### East Texas Area

East Texas pledges wholehearted cooperation in drive for one million shekel payers. Hyman Hurwitz is president and Henry Feldman heads the shekel campaign for the area.

#### Durham, N. C.

With the shekel campaign making excellent progress, Mr. Mutt, president, wires, "Everything under control." Moze Fogel is Shekel Chairman.

#### Teaneck District, N. J.

Under the chairmanship of Sidney Joseph who is also vice-president, the Shekel and Election Campaign is well advanced in the Teaneck District. Herbert A. Chary is President.

#### Toledo, Ohio

The Toledo Zionist District, Rabbi Nehemiah Katz, shekel chairman, is taking all measures to speed up the sale of shekolim and to strengthen the vote for the ZOA ticket.

#### Seaboard Region

The Shekel Campaign is in full swing in the Seaboard Region and Eastern Pennsylvania under the chairmanship of David Friedman. Local chairmen are: Dr. Glasser for Norfolk, Israel Krohn for Easton and Jack Spector for Hagerstown.

#### Worcester, Mass.

The Worcester Zionist District is in the midst of an extensive shekel campaign. Arthur Seder, vice-president, is also Shekel Chairman and heads a large committee for the sale of shekolim. Joseph Goldberg is president.

#### Nashville, Tenn.

A joint membership-shekel drive is being held in Nashville, with many new shekel buyers becoming affiliated. The campaign is headed by Mortimer May.

#### Baltimore, Md.

Over 300 Jewish groups in this city have been enlisted in the Shekel Drive. Louis J. Sagner, chairman, reports splendid results.

#### Carbondale, Pa.

Michael Kaufman, Shekel Chairman, is confident of success in Carbondale. The community has undertaken an all-out shekel drive.



SHEKEL ROUND-UP (Cont'd)

Manhattan Zionist District

Under the leadership of Earl H. Peltin, shekel activities are in full swing. Special meetings are being held in all Districts. District No. 7, the largest in the country, is conducting its Shekel Campaign under the direction of Jacques Torczyner.

Indianapolis, Ind.

Cantor Myro Glass, Indiana Shekel Campaign Chairman, reports a vigorous activity to enroll every Jew - man and woman - under the ZOA banner. Cantor Glass voiced conviction that the goal will be attained.

New England Zionist Region

Large shekel totals are being rolled up in the New England Region. Chairman of the Shekel Drive is Max Kabatznick, Honorary President and Past President of the Region.

Third List of Shekel Chairmen: -

Charles E. Baker, Wheeling, W. Va.; Morris N. Bauman, Los Angeles, Calif.; Louis Berkowitz, Joseph Clapman, Louis Kossowsky, co-chairmen, District No. 84, Manhattan; Jacob Corkland, Knoxville, Tenn.; Rabbi Abraham Danzig, Rockford, Ill.; Max Fluss, District No. 81, Manhattan; Samuel Edelstein, New Castle, Pa.; Dr. Gerald G. Feinberg, Newport, R.I.; Henry Feldman, Overton, Texas; Moze Fogel, Durham, N. C.; Jack Freedman, Huntington Park District, Los Angeles; Joseph Gallay, Lawrence District, Lawrence, Mass.; E. L. Henry, Jacksonville, Fla.; Sidney Joseph, West Englewood, N.J.; Rabbi Nehemiah Katz, Toledo, Ohio; Samuel Katz, Winthrop, Mass.; David Krinsky, Oakland, Calif.; Sylvester Lacher, Duluth, Minn.; Murray J. Lefcourt, Hillcrest District, N. Y.; Rabbi Carl E. Manello, Wichitaw, Kansas; Jacob Mishler, Astoria District, N. Y.; Bertram Nachman, Troy, N. Y.; I. Papermaster, Fargo, N. D.; S. W. Rivkin, Davenport, Iowa; Irving Schatz, Spring Valley, N. Y.; Abe Shaftal, East St. Louis, Ill.; Maurice Shecter, San Francisco, Calif.; Rabbi Abraham Shoulson, Erie, Pa.; Rabbi William B. Silverman, Gastonia, N. C.; Nathan Sinoway, Toms River, N. J.; Jack W. Sloan, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Henry Spack, Kansas City, Mo.; Aaron Weinstein, Reidsville, N. C.; Philip Zack, Southbridge-Webster-Putnam, Conn.

Arthur A. Ury, Astoria, N.Y.; Sol Stein, Hempstead, N. Y.; Semi Sonn, Jackson Heights, N. Y.; Jacob M. Dinnes, Kew Gardens, N. Y.; Charles Grodensky, Long Beach, N. Y.; Samuel P. Rose, North Shore, N. Y.; Jacob Wilson, Queens Village, N. Y.; Dr. Max Levine, Richmond Hill, N. Y.; Lou Rose, Far Rockaway, N. Y.; Jack Blickstein, Rockville Center, N. Y.; Max Elbaum, Glen Cove, N.Y.; Joseph Fine, Great Neck, N. Y.; Samuel Grossman, Rego Forest, N. Y.

New England Region, Max Kabatznick, Chairman:- Benjamin Rabalsky, Boston Zionist Club; Sam G. Kransberg, Beverly District; Jacob Rabinovitz, Brookline District; Samuel Elkins, Chelsea District; Samuel Levin, Everett District; Mendell Selig, Fitchburg-Leominster District; Betty Rosenfield, Herzl District; Benjamin Wolman, Holyoke District; Rabbi Israel Harburg, Lynn District; Abraham Savan, Manchester District; Dr. Harry Fishman, Dr. Edward Rosenberg, David Nissenbaum, Sidney Sugarman, co-chairmen, Middlesex District; Louis Traister,

Newburyport District; Rabbi Joseph Rothstein, North Adams District; Herman Miller, Northampton District; Henry Gesmer, Quincy District; Leonard I. Feingold, Taunton District; Bernard Resh, Waltham District; Mrs. B. Seligman, Chaim Weizmann District; Ruth Benjamin, N.E. Senior Council of Young Judaea; Miriam Putack, Greater Boston Leaders Council of Young Judaea; Oscar J. Toye, Mattapan Post Jewish War Veterans.

Seaboard Region, David Friedman, Chairman: - Dr. Glasser, Norfolk; Israel Krohn, Easton; Jack Spector, Hagerstown.

Manhattan Region: - Maurice Spelter, Morris Rothman, Gramercy Park District No. 2; Hugo Goiten, Maccabi Athletic Club; Jacques Torczyner, District No. 7; Leon Merker, Hakoah Athletic Club; Marcus Zetkin, District No. 10; J. Golub, District No. 22; William M. Waldman, United Zionist District No. 84; Charles Nassau, Sol Lewine, William Zuckerman, Hamilton Grange District No. 87.

Brooklyn Zionist Region, Emanuel Stavish, Chairman: - Mr. Bedrick, District No. 17; J. L. Kantrowitz, District No. 19; Dr. Charles Dumay, District No. 24; Isidore Perlmutter, District No. 55; Harold D. Silvey, District No. 32; Benjamin Braverman, District No. 15; Louis J. Merrell, District No. 27; Alfred Moss, District No. 28; Maurice Platt, District No. 38; William Gilder, District No. 55.

#### Notice to Chairmen

The following articles by prominent Zionist leaders are for use - in whole or in part - in the local Jewish or Anglo-Jewish press and for your own publicity.

A MESSAGE FROM DR. SILVER

TO EVERY Z.O.A. MEMBER

Dear Friend:

A situation has arisen which impels me to address this personal appeal to you as a loyal member of our organization.

The forthcoming World Zionist Congress will meet at a time when the future of Jewish Palestine will be decided for generations to come. To be prepared adequately for any contingency, the ZOA has undertaken to mobilize under its banner the largest mass of supporters of our cause in its history. This mobilization is to take place through the formation of an army of shekel-payers who will constitute the army of Jewish liberation.

As the organization which carried the major burdens of the Zionist movement and of Palestine fund-raising in the past half-century, the ZOA must come to the forthcoming Congress with a delegation commensurate with its size and prestige. A large ZOA delegation, representing as it will the bulk of General Zionists, will have a beneficial influence on the future of our movement and of Jewish Palestine.

I therefore urge you, in all earnestness, to enlist every adult member of your family, your neighbors and friends as shekel-payers and to cast their vote for the ZOA ticket in the elections of American delegates to the Congress which will be held in June. Make full use of your shekel books. When sold, write to the National ZOA headquarters for more. I count upon you. Please do not fail me.

With cordial regards and Zion's greetings, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
President, Zionist Organization of America



Z O A - B U L W A R K O F Z I O N I S M

By DR. STEPHEN S. WISE

As the oldest surviving founder of the Zionist Organization of America, I call upon every adult Jew in America - man and woman - to cast his and her vote for the ZOA slate of delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. The ZOA, as the bulwark of General Zionism, has carried aloft the banner of our movement in this country, rallying within its orbit all sections of the American Jewish community regardless of party or political affiliations. In the close to half a century of its existence, the ZOA has carried the major burden of the movement, constituting the spearhead and the main body in carrying on the political and fund-raising activities in behalf of Palestine.

The success of the movement dictates that the majority of delegates sent to the Congress represent the ZOA slate and the endorsement of the General Zionist platform issued by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and unanimously adopted by the National Administrative Council.

"General Zionism has always championed the principles of social justice and human rights as fundamental concepts in the Jewish State which we wish to establish." This basic statement, embodied in the ZOA platform, merits the enthusiastic and wholehearted support of every Jew -man and woman - by voting for the ZOA slate in the elections.

It is the bounden duty of every Jew - man and woman - to buy a ZOA shekel and to vote ZOA.

\* \* \* \* \*

## LET US COUNT OUR LIVING

By Rabbi Irving Miller

A sacred duty rests today clearly upon the shoulders of every Zionist and every Jew. The shekel has been these many years a badge of honor identifying its holder with the hope for Zion rebuilt and for Israel redeemed. The shekel signifies citizenship in the Jewish people. Today more than at any other time in history, Jews must stand up and be counted among those who are deeply concerned with the future of their people, with the fate of Israel and with the survival of the remnants of our people abroad.

The shekel has even wider significance. The shekel antedates even the Zionist Congress. It is linked with sacred tradition. The selling of shekolim is an historic custom invested with the dignity and sacredness of a Biblical injunction. This was the manner in which in olden days, when Israel was still wandering in the wilderness, a census was taken of the existing Jewish community.

The shekel had a two-fold significance, symbolic and utilitarian. Its symbolic significance was the badge of the unity of our people. It spoke for the oneness of our people - it was a sign that our people stood together united. Its utilitarian significance derived from the fact that the shekolim replenished the public treasury of the household of Israel.

### Building a Home

Our enemies are now attempting to divide us from without and from within. You may be certain that such an attempt will soon be made from within the Jewish camp itself. But we shall not sell our birthright for any attractive offer made to us. We are not concerned with only building a haven for homeless Jews - we are concerned with building a home for a homeless people. Our test has come. Did not Mr. Bevin give us notice when he said "Zionists on the one hand, and Jews on the other hand"? Our answer must be - "There is no difference between Jews and Zionists." Through the shekel we will demonstrate this sense of unity. Millions of shekolim must be sold in order that millions of Jews may be counted as standing side by side with their brethren in the Yishuv and with their fellow-Jews on the other side whose only hope is Palestine.

The shekel will constitute the source from which we will repair the House of Israel and restore again the lives of our people.

### "Pick Up a Torch"

How can we lift up the standard of Israel which today is in the dust? Only by counting the members of the Jewish household, by pointing to every Jew and saying, "Stand up where a Jew has fallen; pick up a torch from the hand of a Jew who dropped it when he was led to his destruction."

The world counts the dead Jews;  
let us count our living Jews.

Let every one of you go out and count your friends - make them stand up and be counted and after you have sold them a shekel, take them to the polls and ask them to vote for the ZOA ticket. By voting for the ZOA slate in the elections on June 16th-17th, you will make sure that your leadership, headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, whom you have identified these many years with the struggle for Eretz Israel, will go forth as your elected representatives with your mandate, fortified by your support, to work at the World Zionist Congress on behalf of our people and for the future of Israel.

\* \* \* \* \*

P A R L I A M E N T   O F   O U R   P E O P L E

By JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL  
Former ZOA president

\* \* \* \* \*

Convening for the first time in Palestine, the forthcoming World Zionist Congress will truly represent the Parliament of our people. It will be a Congress of Decision. The recommendations of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry will of course comprise the major topic of discussion. Action to be taken will undoubtedly call for a mobilization of public opinion on a world-wide scale unprecedented in the annals of our movement.

The World Zionist Congress must, therefore, assume the aspects of a demonstration of the solidarity of American Jewry with the valiant Yishuv in the fight for the survival of the Jewish people. American Jewry must contribute to the shaping of the future of Palestine and to the molding of the destiny of our people.

The Zionist movement has provided the instrument by which we can identify ourselves with the decisions and resolutions of the Congress - Zionist membership and the shekel. ZOA membership includes the shekel, but the ZOA administration under the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, is not content merely with a greatly increased enrolled membership. Our administration has set a goal of one million shekolim in its current shekel effort. This goal can and must be attained. With one million shekolim secured by and through the ZOA, we shall not only reinforce the world Zionist Congress as the spokesman of the masses of our people; we shall also help to strengthen General Zionism and to assure the Zionist Organization of America its rightful role in the councils of our movement.

\* \* \* \* \*



AMERICAN JEWRY'S DECISIVE ROLE IN THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

by

Dr. Israel Goldstein

Vice-President and Former President, Zionist Organization of America

\* \* \* \* \*

The World Zionist Congress which is to meet this summer, probably in Palestine, will not be in a mood of appeasement. Jewry has suffered too much, actively at the hands of the Nazis and passively, through human indifference, to accept anything less than free, unconditional Jewish immigration into Palestine, and its establishment as a Jewish State as soon as the Jews form a majority of the population. This coming Congress may prove to be of epoch-making importance.

American Jewry, now the largest Jewish community in the world, will have a powerful voice in the decisions of the Congress. Its credentials will be not only its numerical and its economic advantages, but its sense of responsibility towards Jewish Palestine, its willingness to bear burdens in the difficult task of securing for the remnant of European Jewry a highway to Palestine and converting Palestine into Eretz Israel.

With Great Britain no longer in the Balfour Declaration mood, and with the United States public opinion unmistakably pro-Zionist, American Jewry may emerge at the Zionist Congress as the chief cornerstone of Zionist hopes.

American Jews have an opportunity to indicate their own awareness of historic responsibility. The Zionist shekel offers that opportunity. If the million American Jews heretofore unaffiliated with Zionist organizations would purchase the Zionist shekel and thereby indicate basic adherence to the Zionist movement, it would be the incontrovertible proof that the Jews of America are Zionists.

A million new shekel-holders would give the lie to Mr. Bevin's insinuation that Zionists are a group apart from the mainstream of Jewish life. It would discredit the American Council for Judaism in the eyes of the American public. It would strengthen the hands of men in government who wish to forward our program. It would be a well-merited signal to the Jews of Palestine that we stand with them in their valiant resistance to the illegal and immoral White Paper. It would be a heartening token of fellowship and encouragement to the miserably afflicted of our brothers and sisters in Europe who long for salvation in Zion.

Since it speaks for the overwhelming majority of the enrolled Zionists of the country, the Zionist Organization of America expects to send the largest American delegation to the World Zionist Congress. Since it has borne the major responsibility for the building of the Jewish homeland over a period of 45 years, it will play a major role at the Congress in the determination of policies affecting Jewish Palestine and in the choice of leadership of the World Zionist Movement.

The Zionist Organization of America will represent the General Zionists. It is from the ranks of this section of the Zionist movement that Theodor Herzl, Max Nordau, David Wolffsohn, Louis D. Brandeis and Chaim Weizmann - the great names of Zionism have been drawn. The establishment of the historical Zionist institutions - the Jewish National Fund, Palestine Foundation Fund and the World Zionist Congress - are among the notable achievements of General Zionists. General Zionists have in the main raised the millions of dollars to carry on the development of Palestine. The Balfour Declaration - the political basis of the Jewish homeland - was brought about largely through the efforts of General Zionism.

The temperature will be high in Palestine this summer. And the passions of the 300 elected delegates who will assemble there for the 22nd World Zionist Congress will run high, too. For the Jewish people are weary of delays. The Jews of Palestine found a desert and transformed it into farms and gardens and cities. All the substantive essentials of a Jewish State exist in Palestine today. What is lacking is the international recognition. The World Zionist Congress will demand that recognition and the Zionist movement will struggle for it until the victory is won.

\* \* \* \* \*

UNITY ESSENTIAL NOW FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF JEWISH COMMONWEALTH  
by  
JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG  
President, Jewish National Fund and Former President of the ZOA

\* \* \* \* \*

The forthcoming World Zionist Congress will meet at the most critical moment in the history of the Jewish people. Who but the insensitive and callous can or will remain indifferent to the issues on which decisions have to be made? Those who would abstain constitute, fortunately, an insignificant minority within Jewry. The action of the American Jewish Conference on the Palestine problem and the recent polls of public opinion are conclusive proof of the dominating Jewish influence in Palestine.

The Zionist movement, as a democracy is comprised of parties and groups reflecting different points of view on the social and spiritual aspects of Jewish life in Palestine. Appeals for support are being made by those of the right and of the left. I am of the opinion, however, that the platform presented by the Zionist Organization of America offers that bridge of unity and an opportunity for that fusion of common effort for Palestine upbuilding which have been so largely responsible for past achievements and which is so indispensable in the present political struggle for the attainment of the Jewish Commonwealth.

It is also of the utmost significance for the future of the Zionist movement that a large ZOA delegation take part in the proceedings of the Congress as a co-ordinating influence and a balance wheel against the partisanships which impede the progress of Zionist ideals.

Since time immemorial the Shekel has been a symbol of Jewish unity and a bond of Jewish fellowship. Today it is an expression of our people's will to survive.

\* \* \* \* \*



THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS MUST BACK RIGHTEOUSNESS WITH FORCE

by

MORTIMER MAY

Member, National Executive, Zionist Org. of America,  
and one of the outstanding Zionist leaders of the South.

\* \* \* \* \*

To write about the major problems of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress is particularly difficult, for we know that in addition to the fortuitous there is the certainty of a report from the "Inquiry Commission"; although we can only guess what it will recommend.

I shall hazard the likelihood of an unfavorable report from the "Inquiry Commission" as part of the background of the Congress. Then what? There can be little debate on the course to be pursued which must be based on the mandate. Every effort to whittle this down must be resisted in both principle and practice. Our position will be morally invincible, but we recognize unfortunately the low level of the international ethos. Ergo, besides asserting our rights we shall in a limited way at least have to fight for them which means an affirmation by the Congress of the Haganah. In the world of today, righteousness falls on deaf ears unless it is supplemented with a degree of force. The fact is that injustice seems to be conceived of as such only when it becomes aggravated enough to produce violence in resisting it. To acquiesce to wrong without physical resistance implies acceptance of evil as if it were good. Adjusted to the present we must, therefore, not only proclaim the injustice of the conduct of Britain, but assert it as well.

A word about an internal problem of the Congress. The destruction of most European Jewries is going to make this Congress like none in the past. The power will be entirely in the hands of the Americans and Palestinians. In order to give this remnant of Europe even a feeble voice in the Congress, it would be well to apply to them the principle used in Palestine of making a shekel sold there of double value. This was done in the case of Palestine in recognition of their comparatively small numerical status vis-a-vis the greater stake they had by being in the land itself. In the case of the decimated European groups their desperate need for Palestine gives them a similar claim which should thus be met. We Americans must decide the problems of the Yishuv not alone by our strength of numbers, but by putting those who live there and those who want to go there on a basis that at the Congress their voices can be effectively heard, and their claims effectively presented.

Here at home it is our urgent duty to sell a maximum number of shekolim. This will be a demonstration of Jewish solidarity. We must always remember that we are a political movement; that we can exhibit our strength most impressively to those in political positions of power by the enrollment of large numbers. The sale of 1,000,000 shekolim would, we may be assured, not go unnoticed by those upon whom the fate of Palestine depends. It ought to be mentioned that as General Zionists it is important that we be well represented. In a Congress in which weighty and difficult decisions will be made, the presence of a large bloc of our group will have a moderating and stabilizing influence. We have always taken the position that our major consideration is to obtain Palestine; that we cannot indulge in the luxury of numerous ideologies, and, thereby attenuate this major effect. This message as never before will be needed at the forthcoming Congress. No group is so well qualified as are we to proclaim it.

We have by now grown somewhat weary of the reiteration of the warning of critical situations so rapidly have they followed one another. Yet the decisions to be made in the next few months may well determine the fate of our people for generations to come. Upon each of us rests the responsibility and to each is afforded the privilege of participation in determining through the next Congress the destiny of Israel.

\* \* \* \* \*



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

# *Shekel and Election Campaign*

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, *Executive Director*

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Public Relations Director*

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *President*

JACQUES TORCZYNER  
*National Shekel Chairman*

No. IV  
M a y 1 9 4 6

MAY 24TH

## CLOSING DATE FOR SHEKEL SALES OPENING DATE OF ZOA ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Friday, May 24th, the closing date for the sale of Shekolim, marks the beginning of the second and most important stage in the ZOA drive for the election of a large delegation to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

In a joint communication addressed to all regional and district presidents and shekel chairmen, Jacques Torczyner, National Shekel Chairman and Dr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director of the ZOA, pointed out the fact that the election of the ZOA slate is entirely dependent upon the number of votes cast. A minority party, although it may have sold one half or one third or even less of the total number of shekolim than sold by the ZOA, can easily lead in the elections if their members come to the polls while our shekel payers stay at home.

Attention is called to the fact that the elections will be by secret ballot that a shekel payer -- man and woman -- regardless of the organization and group through which he or she purchased a shekel is free to cast his or her vote for whatever list he has chosen.



Intensive Campaign of Enlightenment: -

To insure the success of the ZOA slate headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President, all districts and regions are called upon to conduct a most intensive campaign of enlightenment and education between now and election day. To this end it is urgently requested that community-wide rallies be held between now and June 16th with outstanding Zionist personalities as speakers for the purpose of impressing upon every shekel payer -- man and woman -- to come to the polls on election day to cast his or her vote for the ZOA ticket.

The urgency to insure the success of the ZOA ticket is particularly underscored by the present political situation. The election of a majority of ZOA delegates to the Congress will mean the support of its leadership which has so militantly represented American Zionism and championed the maximum Zionist program.

The hands of the leaders of the Zionist movement must be upheld at the World Zionist Congress. American Zionism can best be represented at the Congress through the leaders of American Zionism who will be the ZOA delegates. The ZOA leadership has furthered the political interests of the movement and also its economic interest in Palestine. Now, more than ever, they must be given a vote of confidence, they must become strengthened before the world. The interests of the movement and the prestige of our organization demand it.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO VOTERS

1. Every voter must bring to the polls the shekel which is his registration certificate together with a means of identification, such as, driver's license, selective service card, ration book or a charge account bearing the signature of the owner, or a veteran's discharge certificate.

Any one of these identifications will be acceptable as well as bonafide letters or bills of public utilities addressed to the voter.

2. In communities where there are two or more polling places, the voter may cast his vote at any of these polling stations.
3. Only a holder of a shekel will be permitted to vote. No duplicate shek-olim will be issued to replace lost ones.
4. Shekel boards may be established at any of the army camps for the benefit of Jewish servicemen.

Remember:

The number of ZOA delegates to be elected depends upon the number of votes cast.

Go to the polls! Bring with you all adult members of your family, friends and neighbors -- men and women -- who are shekel holders and ask them to cast their vote for the ZOA slate.

Use your franchise. It is a valuable privilege and sacred duty!

In the following communities election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress will be held on two days -- Sunday, June 16th and Monday, June 17th.

On Sunday, June 16th, the polls will be open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

On Monday, June 17th, the polls will be open from 12 noon to 10 P. M.

New York  
Philadelphia  
Baltimore  
Boston  
Cleveland  
Pittsburgh  
Detroit  
Chicago  
St. Louis  
Los Angeles  
San Francisco  
Newark

In all other communities not listed here elections will be held on Sunday, June 16th only.

Additional Important Information

No voting will be permitted by mail. No one may vote on behalf of another or of others. Each voter must go to the polling station in person, prove his identity and his right to vote. Each voter will be required to sign the voting register. The ballot is secret.

The local Shekel and Election Board has the right to designate one or more polling stations, as it deems advisable. Polling stations are usually set up at synagogues, Center buildings, Y M H As, etc.

Where there is more than one polling station in a community, the local Shekel and Election Board must prepare an alphabetical list of all the voters in that community and supply each polling station with a complete list. The alphabetical list is made up from the certified lists which will be sent to the local Shekel and Election Board by the U.S. Central Shekel and Election Board.

If a shekel-holder is in a community other than his own on election day, he may go to any polling station and vote by delivering up his shekel, giving his name and address and the name of the city where he is registered, and then casting his ballot. The ballot, the shekel and the name and address of the voter are then deposited in a sealed envelope and forwarded to the U.S. Central Shekel and Election Board for verification and counting.



Philadelphia

David Gubin, chairman of the local Shekel Campaign, reports fine cooperation on the part of the 15 Zionist Districts, the Rabbis of the various congregations and the leaders of many large organizations. A large army of workers has been organized for the Campaign.

Englewood, N. J.

The Englewood Zionist District, under the leadership of its president, Mervin D. Hyman, reports considerable progress in all its activities. The community is in the midst of a concentrated shekel and election campaign under the chairmanship of Nathan Lerner.

Bloomsbury, Pa.

Under the chairmanship of Jack Sloan, the sale of shekolim is proceeding briskly as we approach the deadline of May 24.

Hudson, New York

The Shekel Campaign in Hudson District is being ably headed by William Kline, a life member of the ZOA, who is leaving no stone unturned in the drive to enlist every eligible person in his community as a voter for the ZOA slate.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

An educational campaign, together with an admonition to every member of the Pittsburgh Zionist District to "Go to the polls and vote the ZOA ticket!" has characterized the Shekel Campaign here. Chairman of the Shekel Committee is Oscar Robins

Miami, Fla.

Zionists in Miami have doubled their efforts in the drive to sell at least 15,000 Shekolim before May 24th. Co-chairmen in the Shekel Campaign are Abe Goodman and Harry Simonoff.

Flint, Mich.

The Flint Zionist Organization is combining its Shekel Campaign with a drive to enroll new members. Jacob Pines, chairman of the membership drive, announces that they are fast approaching their goal of 300 members. Rabbi Jacob Hurwitz is president of the Flint District, and Nathan Finklestein, chairman of the Shekel Campaign.

Omaha, Nebraska

A drive to bring the membership total to 1,000 has been announced by Arthur Cohen, president and Al Sophir, membership chairman of the local ZOA District. The membership drive is being conducted in conjunction with a concentrated and all-out Shekel Campaign to bring to the polls every Jew - man and woman - over 18 years of age.

San Francisco

The ZOA of San Francisco is winding up a vigorous Shekel and Election Campaign under the chairmanship of Herman Z. Quittman. A proclamation to the Jews of San Francisco has been issued, calling for support of the ZOA in the forthcoming elections.

Connecticut

The Shekel and Election Campaign in Connecticut is being carried out with vigor and intensity, it was announced by John J. Fox, Connecticut Regional President, and Judge Jacob Schwolsky Regional ZOA Shekel Chairman. Veterans and Fraternal Organizations have joined the drive to elect the ZOA slate.

Additional List of Shekel and Election Chairmen:

Chester Sitrin, Utica; Alvin Davis, Nashville; George Lehr, Dayton O.; Samuel Berkman, Canton, O.; Mark M. Krug, Buffalo; B. G. Rudolph, Syracuse, N.Y.; Sidney Friedenthal, Toledo; Abraham Eisen, Toledo; Rabbi Alex Klein, Portland, Oregon; Rabbi Eleazar Levi, Detroit; Mendel Brown, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Rabbi Maurice J. Bloom and R. D. S. Robinson, Newburgh, N. Y.

Oscar Willenzick, Pensacola, Fla.; Jerry Rosenberg, District No. 101, Brooklyn; Dr. Morris Kaufman, Perth Amboy, N. J.; Jack Bagan, Salem, N. J.; Nathan Glesin, Seattle; Arthur L. Gordon, Lincoln, Nebr.; Alfred Stone, Miami Beach; George Levy, Fort Smith, Ark.; Isadore Smith, Mountaintale, N. Y.; Rabbi Israel Harburg, Lynn, Mass.; M. S. Marks, Cincinnati, O.; Joseph Rosenthal, Charleston, W. Va.; Al Glassman, Lubbock, Tex.; Nathan Finkelstein, Flint, Mich.; Maurice Rochman, Harrisburg, Pa.; Oscar Altshuler, Youngstown, O.; Mrs. Simon Burick, Dayton, O.; Rabbi William Buchheim, Hagerstown, Md.; Daniel Harrison, Columbus, O.; Dr. David S. Robinson, Newburgh, N. Y.

Theodore Zeiler, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Meyer Tarlowe, Elizabeth, N.J.; Israel Krohn, Easton, Pa.; Ben Slater, Shamokin, Pa.; Sam Schutzer, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Max J. Selig, Lakeland, Fla.; Julius Fisher, Roanoke, Va.; Rabbi Zeiger, Roanoke, Va.; Louis Becker, Elyria, O.; Max Weiss, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Dr. Max Levine, Woodhaven, N. Y.; M. S. Williams, Houston, Tex.; Charles E. Baker, Bellaire, O.; Charles I. Levine, Trenton, N. J.; A. Abend, Tulsa, Okla.; Nathan Lerner, Englewood, N. J.; A. J. Goodman, Middletown, N. Y.; Dr. Samuel Freedman, Bayonne, N. J.; Saul Danacean, Cleveland, O.

Connecticut: Judge Jacob Schwolsky, Regional Chairman; Thomas Dryer, Bridgeport; Harry H. Kleinman, Hartford; Julius Fradin, Manchester; Samuel Umansky, Meriden; Irving I. Rachlin, New Britain; Samuel Silverman, New Haven; Morris Mallove, New London; Leon Schoenhaus, Norwalk; Dr. Harry A. Cohen, Norwich; William Kosersky, Waterbury; Joseph Silverman, Torrington; Samuel Levison, Bristol; Joseph Dember, Colchester; Abram W. Spiro, Danbury; Joseph Hoberman, Middletown; David Schpero, Naugatuck Valley; Louis M. Altman, Stamford; Samuel Moskowitz, Willimantic; Joseph Kummer, Wallingford.

Rhode Island: Dr. Gerald G. Feinberg, Newport; Dr. Ilie Berger, Providence; Joseph Shorr, Woonsocket.

Julius Haber, District No. 10, Manhattan.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland Ohio

Ex





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

**THE TIME IS SHORT! ONLY THE HOLDER  
OF A SHEKEL CAN VOTE FOR DELEGATES.**

"A large Z.O.A. delegation to the World Zionist Congress will have a decisive influence on Jewish Palestine and our movement."

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Your minimum quote is \_\_\_\_\_ Shekolim Books.

THIRD REPORT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Dear Dr. Marks:

To date our district has sold \_\_\_\_\_ shekolim.

Please send us the following additional materials:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Shekolim Receipt Books
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Pamphlets
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Posters

\_\_\_\_\_  
District

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shekel Chairman

- ☐ Please send shekel receipt books directly to our members.

\_\_\_\_\_  
address  
\_\_\_\_\_



WASHINGTON TEL.:  
Michigan 4480

NEW YORK TEL.:  
MURRAY Hill 2-3205

# SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION

*Of the Zionist Organization of America*

1720—16TH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

LOUIS E. SPIEGLER  
*President*

JOSEPH W. SPECTOR  
*Chairman, Administrative Comm.*

ISIDORE HERSHFIELD

LEONARD G. KARP

ISAAC POTTS

HYMAN GOLDMAN

MORTON CUSHNER

*Vice-Presidents*

PAUL GORDON

*Treasurer*

DR. MICHAEL D. HAKLAI

*Regional Director*

*Office of Regional Director*

~~At East 42nd Street~~  
~~New York 17, N.Y.~~

May 7, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At Dr. Sidney Marks request, I am attaching herewith a copy of the Shekel Campaign Resolution which was adopted at our conference, which was held in Richmond, Virginia at the Hotel John Marshall from May 4 to May 6.

With very best wishes to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Barbara Fox*

Barbara Fox  
Secretary

bff/s  
encl.

SHEKEL CAMPAIGN RESOLUTION  
ADOPTED AT THE SEABOARD  
ZIONIST REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
HOTEL JOHN MARSHALL  
MAY 4-6, 1946  
RICHMOND, VA.

Whereas, the Zionist Organization of America has been in the forefront of political accomplishment, fund-raising and the activities of the American Jewish Community, and,

Whereas, the World Zionist Congress convenes in August of this year in Jerusalem and will pass upon issues which affect the future of Palestine and the future of world Jewry, and

Whereas, it is to the best interests of the American Jewish community to send the delegates of the Zionist Organization of America to the World Zionist Congress in order to responsibly reflect the opinions and ideas of the American Jewish community and,

Whereas, the Seaboard Zionist Region is determined to render every support to the Zionist Organization of America in its campaign for election.

Now, therefore, it is;

Resolved: That the Seaboard Zionist Region unanimously support the election of the Zionist Organization of America slate and it is further resolved that the Seaboard Zionist Region and its districts accept a shekel sales regional quota of at least four times its membership, to be sold by May 24th, and it is further resolved that every district shall instruct and implement the election campaign by ensuing through the communities within the Seaboard Zionist Region be urged to vote the ZOA slate at the elections on June 16th except in Baltimore, when they are urged to vote on June 16th and 17th and we pledge our support to the Zionist Organization of America and its national leaders, our outright support and pledge that by overwhelming sales and overwhelming votes, it will send the largest delegation of delegates of the Zionist Organization of America to the World Zionist Congress.



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

# *Shekel and Election Campaign*

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, *Executive Director*

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Public Relations Director*

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *President*

JACQUES TORCZYNER  
*National Shekel Chairman*

May 9, 1946.

TO: All ZOA Regional and District Presidents and Shekel Chairmen:  
FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash, Director of Public Relations

Attached herewith is a copy of an advertisement which was published in the Yiddish press and in The New Palestine - News Reporter.

I would strongly suggest the publication of a similar ad in your local and Jewish newspapers in furtherance of the Shekel and Election Campaign in your community.

Campaign Bulletin #3 which you will receive in the mail contains important statements by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Louis Lipsky, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Rabbi Irving Miller and Mortimer May which may profitably be used in your local publications for publicity purposes.



**MEMORANDUM****TO:** ALL DISTRICT & REGIONAL PRESIDENTS**DATE:** May 10, 1946.**FROM:** DR. SIDNEY MARKS

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

**SUBJECT:**

We are in receipt of a telegram from Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise on behalf of the American Zionist Emergency Council as follows:

"NEW SITUATION FOLLOWING REPORT ANGLO AMERICAN COMMITTEE NECESSITATES CONVENING NATIONAL MEETING LOCAL EMERGENCY COUNCIL CHAIRMEN. IMPERATIVE WE REVIEW ACTIVITIES TO DATE AND TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER ON FUTURE PROGRAM. IM- POSSIBILITY OF SECURING HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS LIMITS US TO FULL DAY CONFERENCE BEGINNING 10 a.m. THURSDAY, MAY 23rd, at STATLER HOTEL, WASHINGTON. URGENTLY REQUEST THAT YOU OR REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR COMMUNITY ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT SESSION. PRIOR TO COMING TO WASHINGTON, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU SECURED APPOINTMENTS WITH YOUR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS. ADVISE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WHETHER YOU WILL BE PRESENT. PLEASE ACT ON ANOTHER IM- PORTANT MATTER: BECAUSE OF BRITISH TACTICS DESIGNED TO DELAY INDEFINITELY MOVING OF HUNDRED THOUSAND TO PALES- TINE, IT IS MOST URGENT YOU HAVE NUMBER OF TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS SENT TO THE PRESIDENT URGING HIM USE POWERS OF HIS OFFICE TO INSURE THERE IS NO DELAY IN CARRYING OUT HIS ORIGINAL PRAISEWORTHY SUGGESTION OF TRANSFER OF HUN- DRED THOUSAND, AS UNANIMOUSLY ADAPTED BY THE COMMITTEE, IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE ADVISE US ON STEPS YOU TAKE IN THIS REGARD.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
STEPHEN S. WISE, 342 MADISON AVENUE".

It is imperative that this matter be given your immediate atten- tion and a representative be sent to the Conference from your District. Kindly advise us immediately what action is being taken in these respects.

My kindest personal regards.

*Sidney Marks*

# WHO

## Should Represent American Jewry at The Zionist Congress?

***Elections on June 16-17***

***Closing Date for the Sale of Shekolim — May 24***

The question as to who should represent American Jewry at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress is of paramount importance to Palestine and to hundreds of thousands of homeless Jews. In the next few years, the political fate of Palestine will be determined. In the next few months and years, hundreds of thousands of Jews will have to be transferred to Palestine. Whence will come the political support? Whence will come the huge sums to cover the cost of immigration and settlement? Upon whom will Palestine and the millions of homeless Jews rely for help?

Who were those who up until now conducted a strong and vigorous political activity for Palestine? Who were those in the United States who furnished the bulk of the national funds and investments for Palestine? The ZOA leadership and membership. From these you should send delegates to represent you at the forthcoming Congress! They should be entrusted with the responsibility for the continued progress of the Jewish National Home in the coming few years. They—the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) delegates—will lead the movement to success.

## ***These Are the Delegates You Should Elect***

### ***1. Zion Unconditional!***

Palestine should be built for all Jews regardless of affiliation—socialists and non-socialists—orthodox and reform. Delegates should therefore be sent to the Congress who represent the entire people, all its interests—Israel as a whole and not only its own segments.

### ***2. Who Were the Main Supporters of Palestine?***

<sup>While</sup> ~~With~~ other Zionist factions in this country were constantly engaged in raising their own funds, we devoted our entire energy to the great national funds. The ZOA carried the major burden in raising the bulk of the funds which were remitted to Palestine from this country.

We owe no one an apology for "Group B" or other kinds of Zionists. They do not exist in America. We here support the progressive Yishuv with all our resources. Our help made possible the success of the Labor movement in Palestine in which we all take pride.

### ***3. Zionists who Represent American Jews***

The ZOA has a larger membership than all the other Zionist groups and parties combined. The ZOA comprises in its membership all segments of the Jewish community. The ZOA is entitled to speak for the bulk of American Jewry.

**REMEMBER**—only a shekel gives one the right to vote for delegates to the World Zionist Congress. Sell shekolim to all members of your family—men and women—and to every man and woman among your friends and neighbors. Above all, bring them to the polls on election day and have them cast their vote for the ZOA slate on June 16-17. (In smaller communities on June 16 only.)

Organize automobile squads—Canvass every Jewish household in your neighborhood!

**ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA**

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

May 15, 1946

TO ALL ZOA REGIONAL AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS;

Dear Friend:

The campaign for the sale of shekolim will close on May 24th. Thus, only a few precious days remain to step up your efforts in rolling up the largest possible total of shekel sales for the ZOA.

While May 24th marks the closing of the shekel sale, it will usher in the second and the most important stage of our current drive in preparation of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. May 24th will be the opening of our nation-wide campaign to bring about the election of the ZOA slate headed by our President, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Not for one moment must we lose sight of the fact that the election of our slate is entirely dependent upon the number of votes cast. A minority party which may have sold one-half or one third of the total number of shekolim than that of the ZOA can easily lead in the elections if their members come to the polls while while our shekel payers stay at home.

It is also important to note that a shekel payer, regardless of the organization, group or party through which the shekel was purchased, is free to cast a vote for whatever list is chosen by the shekel holder.

The success of the ZOA slate, therefore, calls for a most intensive campaign of enlightenment and education between now and election day. To this end, we urgently suggest that you arrange between May 24th and June 16th, one or two community-wide rallies for the purpose of impressing upon every shekel payer -- man and woman -- to go to the polls on election day and cast his or her vote for the ZOA ticket. This rally should be addressed by a speaker who is familiar with the present political situation and with the issues confronting the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

Wherever possible local talents should be utilized. Our Speaker's Bureau (Mrs. Howard Daniel) is ready to help you in securing a speaker. Call upon us immediately.

With kind regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney Marks



ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET

• MURRAY HILL 2-3205

• NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

May 15, 1946

TO ALL DISTRICT AND REGIONAL PRESIDENTS  
AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS IN N.Y. STATE

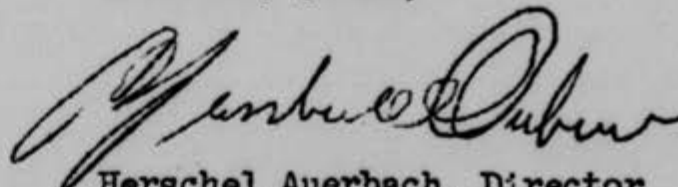
Dear Friend:

Attached is another communication which will be of particular value in approaching Jewish War Veterans' Posts to buy Shekolim. New York State Department Commander, Isadore Ginsberg, has written every one of the Posts in the State and asked that they buy the Shekolim which we sent from the National Office. However, to get a full coverage and the maximum number of veterans buying a Shekel, it is essential that we spend these last two weeks in following-up the previous work done. We must remember that every Shekel bought is another knock on the door to the world's conscience asking that Palestine be a Jewish Commonwealth.

Use the attached letter and see that every Jewish veteran is a Shekel buyer and votes the ZOA slate.

With Zion's greetings,

Cordially yours,



Herschel Auerbach, Director  
Veteran's Bureau

HA:RW  
Enc.

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, Cleveland, Ohio  
*President*

DR. HARRY FRIEDENWALD, Baltimore, Md.  
*Hon. Vice President*

DR. LEON FEUER, Toledo, Ohio  
JACOB FISHMAN, New York, N. Y.  
DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN, Chicago, Ill.  
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, New York, N. Y.  
DR. JAMES G. HELLER, Cincinnati, Ohio  
EDMUND I. KAUFMANN, Washington, D. C.  
JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINthal, Philadelphia, Pa.  
LOUIS LIPSKY, New York, N. Y.

RABBI IRVING MILLER, Far Rockaway, N. Y.  
DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN, New York, N. Y.  
JUDGE BERNARD A. ROSENBLATT, New York, N. Y.  
CHARLES J. ROSENBLUM, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG, New York, N. Y.  
ELIAB D. STONE, Boston, Mass.  
ROBERT SZOLD, New York, N. Y.  
DR. STEPHEN S. WISE, New York, N. Y.

*Vice Presidents*

ABRAHAM GOODMAN, Miami Beach, Florida  
*Treasurer*

DANIEL FRISCH, New York, N. Y.  
*Chairman, Nat'l Adm. Council*

MARK SUGARMAN, Coatesville, Pa.  
*Associate Treasurer*

MILTON POLLACK, New York, N. Y.  
*Chairman, Finance Committee*

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, New York, N. Y.  
*Secretary*

CHARLES S. BROWN, Los Angeles, Calif.  
SOL COHEN, Richmond Hill, N. Y.  
A. K. EPSTEIN, Chicago, Ill.  
HON. M. MALDWIN FERRIC, Bronx, N. Y.  
JUDGE HARRY FISHER, Chicago, Ill.  
RABBI LEON FRAM, Detroit, Mich.  
ERNEST S. FREUDENHEIM, Buffalo, N. Y.  
HAROLD GOLDENBERG, St. Paul, Minn.  
ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN, Hartford, Conn.  
HON. NATHANIEL GOLDSTEIN, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
SAMUEL GOLDSTOCK, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
ISRAEL R. GOODMAN, St. Louis, Mo.  
RABBI SIMON GREENBERG, Philadelphia, Pa.  
JOSEPH L. GREENLEAF, Mount Vernon, N. Y.  
JOSEPH HALBERT, Atlantic City, N. J.  
RABBI HARRY HALPERN, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
JULIUS LIVINGSTON, Tulsa, Okla.

ABRAHAM M. LUNTZ, Cleveland, Ohio  
MORTIMER MAY, Nashville, Tenn.  
ISAAC POTTS, Baltimore, Md.  
ABRAHAM A. REDELHEIM, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
JUDGE HYMAN J. REIT, New York, N. Y.  
HON. ALBERT D. SCHANZER, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
ALBERT SCHIFF, Columbus, Ohio  
JUDGE JACOB SCHWOLSKY, Hartford, Conn.  
EZRA Z. SHAPIRO, Cleveland, Ohio  
RUDOLF G. SONNEBORN, New York, N. Y.  
DAVID SPIEGEL, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
DEWEY D. STONE, Brockton, Mass.  
WILLIAM B. SYLK, Philadelphia, Pa.  
JACQUES TORCZYNER, New York, N. Y.  
ELKAN C. VOORSANGER, Milwaukee, Wis.  
MORRIS WEINBERG, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
HERMAN L. WEISMAN, Scarsdale, N. Y.

*Executive Committee*  
*(In addition to National Officers)*

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

FOR RELEASE ON RECEIPT

SHEKEL MOBILIZATION DAY PROCLAIMED BY THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA ON  
SUNDAY, MAY 19th . . . . . CHILDREN AND ADULTS WILL JOIN IN THE OBSERVANCE  
OF THE DAY WHICH ALSO COMMEMORATES JEWISH FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE

A Shekel Mobilization Day on Sunday, May 19th, has been proclaimed by the Zionist Organization of America in preparation for the election of the American delegates to the 22nd World Zionist Congress which convenes this summer for the first time since 1939. The Day also marks the festival of Lag B'Omer which commemorates the fight for national freedom of the Jews 1900 years ago.

The purpose of the Shekel Mobilization is to intensify the sale of the shekel by the ZOA, to every Jewish person over 18, which gives him the privilege of voting in the elections of American delegates to the Congress. These elections will be held on June 16 and 17 in New York City and other large communities and in smaller cities on June 16th.

Hebrew schools, Jewish community centers, Jewish youth organizations and other institutions will hold special ceremonies in observance of the day. House to house canvassing for the sale of shekolim will be conducted in Greater New York and elsewhere. Rallies under ZOA auspices will take place in many communities.

In announcing Shekel Mobilization Day, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America, recalled that the Festival of Lag B'Omer which falls on May 19th symbolizes the fighting spirit of the Jewish people and honors those valiant Jewish warriors who under Bar Kochba and Rabbi Akiba waged their last fight for national independence.

"We are in the midst of a similar struggle today for the permanent solution of the problem of Jewish homelessness, but this time we cannot fail", said Dr. Silver. "Millions of American shekel-holders will furnish the spiritual armament for a World Zionist Congress which must chart the future of our struggle. Million of American shekel-holders will show to the world a united American Jewry under the Zionist banner. I call upon every Jew to buy a shekel - that ancient device of Jewish census-taking--for only in this way can he stand up and be counted as a defender of our historic and legal right to a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine".

5/13/46  
46/39/AD



Zionist Organization of America  
Ernest E. Barbarash, Director Public Relations  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

RELEASE ON RECEIPT

HARRY HERSHFIELD A ZOA SHEKEL-HOLDER

Harry Hershfield, noted comedian, is now the holder of a ZOA (Zionist Organization of America) shekel, which entitles him to vote in the elections this June for delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

On his regular Sunday program over radio station WHN, Mr. Hershfield has been urging every Jew -- man and woman -- to purchase a shekel and "Vote the ZOA Slate for a Jewish State".

"I finally sold myself on the idea", said Mr. Hershfield as he handed over his fifty cents and pocketed his shekel. "But seriously," he added, "I really didn't need much persuading. I know that the time has come for every Jew who has the least vestige of conscience to do all he can to help save the remnant of our people in Europe. The poor handful of our fellow-Jews who have miraculously survived the Hitler machine now face certain death for the second time -- death from starvation, death from exposure, death from the organized anti-Semitism that still flourishes in Europe. It is up to the Jews of America, who have not known the hell of the last decade in Europe, to come to their aid. And the best way I know of right now -- and for all time -- is to fight for a Jewish State in Palestine.

"That's why I'm voting to elect the ZOA slate -- to elect the Jewish State!"

5/20/46

46/46/A

**MEMORANDUM****TO:** DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND SHEKEL CHAIRMEN**DATE:** MAY 22, 1946**FROM:** DR. SIDNEY MARKS

New Address:  
41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

**SUBJECT:**

I wish to clarify the procedure on the mailing of the Shekolim as well as the preparation of the registration sheets.

To make certain that Shekolim are not misplaced or lost, we are mailing the Shekel directly to each member as well as to the Shekel purchaser. The schedule calls for the mailing of envelopes West of Chicago and South of Virginia on June 7th; East of Chicago on June 10th; and North of Virginia. The envelopes are being prepared now and are being put through our Pitney Bowes machine. There will, therefore, be no delay in getting the envelopes to the Post Office on the above mentioned dates.

Regarding the registration sheets, we are not following the procedure of some of the other parties who are having the sheets prepared locally by their Shekel Committees. For your convenience, our registration sheets are being prepared in this office and are being submitted daily to the U. S. Central Shekel Board.

Should you desire any further information on procedures, please do not hesitate to communicate with me immediately.

Remember -- Get every man and woman in your community to vote the Z.O.A. Slate!

*Sidney Marks*

Dear Friend:

You will receive this week from the Zionist Organization of America your Shekel, which entitles you to vote next Sunday June 16, or Monday June 17, for delegates to the World Zionist Congress.

Please be sure to come out and cast your vote for the ZOA slate. Bring your Shekel with you.

The ZOA is the foremost Zionist Organization in this country. Its leaders have militantly represented American Zionism, and have waged a powerful and successful campaign to win American public opinion for the establishment of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. Vote to uphold their hands!

The ZOA stands above parties. It represents the General Zionists from whose ranks have come the world leaders of our movement - Herzl, Nordau, Brandeis and Weizmann. The ZOA has carried the major political burden of the movement, and the major portion of the responsibility for raising the large funds for the development of Palestine.

The ZOA Slate - Slate No. 1 - is headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Zionist Organization of America.

Go to the polls. Let every adult member of your family - man and woman -

VOTE THE ZOA SLATE.



# RABBINICAL COMMITTEE FOR THE Z.O.A. SLATE

FORTY - ONE EAST FORTY - SECOND STREET



MURRAY HILL 2-3205 • NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

## Co-Chairmen

ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN, *Hartford*

GERSHON HADAS, *Kansas City*

## Secretary

ROLAND P. GITTELSON, *Rockville Centre, N. Y.*

## COMMITTEE (INCOMPLETE)

MAURICE BLOOM, *Newburgh, N. Y.*

PHILIP D. BOOKSTABER, *Harrisburg, Pa.*

BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN, *Allentown, Pa.*

ARMOND E. COHEN, *Cleveland, Ohio*

FRANKLIN COHN, *Seattle, Wash.*

LEON FRAM, *Detroit, Mich.*

ISRAEL M. GOLDMAN, *Providence, R. I.*

DAVID A. GOLDSTEIN, *Omaha, Nebraska*

ABRAM V. GOODMAN, *Davenport, Iowa*

TED GORDON, *Madison, Wis.*

HERMAN HAILPERIN, *Pittsburg, Pa.*

HARRY HALPERN, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

EDWARD J. KLEIN, *New York, N. Y.*

PHILIP A. LANGH, *Oakland, Calif.*

ARTHUR LELYVELD, *New York, N. Y.*

AHRON OPHER, *New York, N. Y.*

WENDELL A. PHILLIPS, *El Paso, Texas*

SYLVAN SCHWARTZMAN, *Augusta, Ga.*

MILTON STEINBERG, *New York, N. Y.*

ISRAEL TABAK, *Baltimore, Md.*

SAMUEL THURMAN, *St. Louis, Mo.*

JEROME UNGER, *New York, N. Y.*

JOSEPH H. WAGNER, *Wheeling, W. Va.*

Dear Colleague:

It is vitally important that our rabbinical leaders give their energetic support to the current Shekel campaign and to the Z.O.A. slate in the coming election for the World Zionist Congress. This activity will help register the support of American Jewry for the Zionist movement and insure a united front at the Congress through a strong General Zionist delegation. The hands of those who have so successfully led the Zionist movement in America must be upheld. Anything less would be a disavowal of our own spokesmen.

We rabbis must convey to our own communities the truth about the coming elections. One false impression must be combatted - the impression that support of the Z.O.A. slate is incompatible with support of the Histadrut and the Labor movement in Eretz Israel. The Histadrut is a labor federation and not a political party. Those of us who support the Histadrut and the development of a progressive society in Palestine - and which rabbi does not - in no way betray our convictions when we support the Z.O.A. slate. Rather, such support gives priority to our effort to win for Palestine through united action that freedom in which a society founded on Jewish prophetic ideals will be able to develop.

We ask you to aid us in two primary objectives:-

- (1) Sell as many shekolim as possible in the few remaining days during which sale will be permitted (THE SALE ENDS ON MAY 24TH), and

- (2) Get out the vote on June 16th and 17th.

We are enclosing two shekel books, one for each day on which the sale will be legal after you receive this letter. We count on you to sell these shekolim to members of your community who do not already hold them, and who will thus register and secure the right to vote in the Congress elections.

Send us word of your support!

Faithfully,

Roland B. Gittelson  
Secretary

# הנהלת ההסתדרות הציונית

## THE EXECUTIVE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANISATION

תחלקת הארגון  
ORGANISATION DEPARTMENT

Ref. No. No. 118 מספר

י ר ש ו ר י  
J E R U S A L E M  
P. O. B. : 92 : ד. ת.  
CABLE : ZIONIT, JERUSALEM : מלגרוס  
CODE : BENTLEY'S : ד. ת.  
TELEPHONE : 4671 : 11970

May 29th, 1946

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL,  
ZIONIST FEDERATIONS, SEPARATE UNIONS,  
NATIONAL SHEKEL COMMISSIONS AND CENTRAL ELECTION BOARDS  
-----

Dear Sirs,

Re: The 22nd Zionist Congress.

Further to the news communicated by cable and through the press, we wish to inform you herewith of the resolution adopted by the Inner Zionist General Council at its session held in Jerusalem on May 28th, by which it was decided, in altering the date previously agreed to, to convene the 22nd Congress in the month of December 1946 in Palestine. The exact date will be announced as soon as possible.

Among the reasons which prompted the General Council in their decision were considerations originating in the general external situation and also some connected with the internal position of the movement, especially in the countries affected by the war. It was hoped that many difficulties at present standing in the way of proper representation of such countries at the Congress would be removed by then.

2. Elections: When convening the Congress originally for the month of August, the General Council adopted a series of emergency measures concerning the "Rules for Election of Delegates" etc. in view of the short time then available for the preparations for the Congress. The reasons which had then justified those extensions have become obsolete by the postponement of the Congress to December 1946, and it has therefore been decided to withdraw and cancel the emergency alterations and to restore the "Rules for Election of Delegates" and the "Regulations concerning the World Election Lists" with all provisions as to date etc. contained in them, to their former validity.

-- 3. The text of the resolutions of the Inner Zionist General Council is enclosed with this circular letter.

4. Instructions will be issued in a few days regarding the implementation of these resolutions and, in particular, announcing the exact date of the Congress and the dates and periods governing the completion of the Shekel drive and the conduct of the elections.

We invite the cooperation of all Zionists and Zionist bodies in the implementation of the resolution which, though upsetting many arrangements already made, offers, by prolonging the time available for preparations, an opportunity for a substantial increase of the Zionist electorate and for arranging the Congress elections in good order and in an atmosphere ensuring the success of the Congress.

With Zion's greetings,

Yours faithfully,  
EXECUTIVE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANISATION,  
*Abraham H. Averbach*  
Organisation Dept.

# UNITED ZIONISTS-REVISIONISTS, INC.

(NEW ZIONISTS AND JEWISH STATE PARTY)

55 WEST 42ND STREET - NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

*President*

MEIR GROSSMAN

*Vice Presidents*

MAJOR WILLIAM R. FRIEDMAN

COL. MORRIS J. MENDELSON

DR. MORRIS ROSE

June 4, 1946

*Chairman, National Council*

LEO WOLFSON

*Vice Chairman, National Council*

DR. RAPHAEL KURZROK

*Executive Director*

BENZION NETANYAHU

*Administrative Committee*

JOSEPH BAER

JOSEPH BEDER

JACQUES CHORON

PHILIP J. CHARAK

DAVID EPSTEIN

OWSEY GANDEL

MORRIS GILONI

I. M. GRINGORTEN

SAMUEL KATZ

EDWARD E. KOLE

DAVID KRAKOW

JACOB LACKOW

DR. MOSHE LEV

ADOLPH LIEBLICH

MARTIN MARDEN

SAM MARKMAN

ISRAEL POSNANSKY

AARON Z. PROPES

I. RAICHEL

G. H. RAKOWITZKY

RABBI J. H. RALBAG

BEN REICHEK

I. REIFER

SAMUEL ROSEN

JOSEPH SCHECHTMANN

DAVID SHECKET

JACOB SPECTOR

MARCUS M. SPERBER

DR. M. J. STEINER

CHARLES STERN

Z. H. WACHSMAN

BENJAMIN WEINBERG

EMANUEL ZAPINSKY

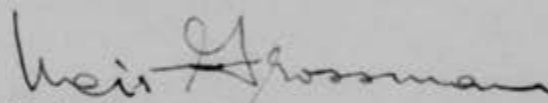
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We wish to call your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter we sent to the Central Shekel and Election Board.

The contents are self-explanatory and will, we are sure, be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Meir Grossman  
President

MG:RR



# ועד עסקנים עבריים למען השקל הציוני הכללי

ארגון

חבר נכבד ויקר!

אנו עומדים עתה ערב הקונגרס הציוני ה"ב. קונגרס זה, הבא אחרי שבע שנות הרס וזוועה בחיי עמנו, עומד להתכנס בשעה קשה ומכרעת בתולדות המפעל הציוני. ארץ-ישראל הדלה מהיות ארץ של מפלגה או מפלגות בישראל ונעשתה ארצו של כל ישראל, לכל שדרותיו ומעמדיו.

שארית הפליטה של יהדות-אירופה נושאת עין בצפיה לארץ-היעודה וההצלה ויהדות שאר הארצות קושרת בה בארצנו את תקוות-החיות והתקומתה באשר היא שם.

יהדות אמריקה תמלא תפקיד מיוחד בקונגרס הבא, כי על כן נתרכזו בה ביהדות זו כחות רבים, פוליטיים, כלכליים וצבוריים, העתידים להשפיע השפעה עצומה על המדיניות הציונית, באמצעותה ובזכותה של המדיניות האמריקאית.

מתוך הכרה עמוקה זו נתעוררו כל המפלגות הציוניות שבארצות הברית למפעל השקל ולמלחמת הבחירות, כי הכל מכירים ויודעים שאמריקה תתפוס מקום בראש בעבודה הציונית בימים הבאים.

הכל מרגישים שאנו עומדים בפני שינויים בדרך המדיניות הציונית. לחץ המאורעות מכית ומחויץ, במשך שבע השנים האחרונות, הוא שהכשיר את הקרקע לשינויים האלה.

כולנו מרגישים שאנו עומדים בשער תקופה חדשה במדיניות הציונית.

מטעם זה פונים אנחנו, החותמים מטה, אליך, כאל חבר-לדעה ברעיון התחייה ואח-לעבודה בשדה תרבותנו.

אנו, הציונים-העבריים, הרואים בציונות השלמה חזות-הכל, מאמינים שיש צורך לחזק בכל כח את המחנה הציוני הכללי, הכולל תוכו את שדרות כל העם, ואינו מפצל אותו למעמדות ולמפלגות.

יודעים ומבינים אנחנו את ערכן של המפלגות השונות בתנועה הציונית, מכירים ומוקירים אנחנו את פעולתן תיחן הרבות לטובת בנין הארץ — אבל מעל כל המפלגות ומעל כל הסיעות עומד הכח הכללי והמרכזי, היא ההסתדרות הציונית הכללית, המדברת בשם כלל-ישראל לשם טובתו של כלל-ישראל. היא האם, שילדה וטיפחה את הבנים. היא מקור האזרחות הציונית לכללנו.

ביחוד אנו רואים חשיבות רבה בביצורה והיווקה של ההסתדרות הציונית הכללית באמריקה, המדברת בשם המוני-העם, בשם הכחות הדימוקראטיים שבצבורנו.

ההסתדרות ציונית זו היא היסוד והיא חוט השדרה של כל התנועה הציונית בעולם החדש. היא שהכניסה רבוא-רבואות של יהודים, אשר עמדו מרחוק, תחת כנפי הציונות. היא שעיצבה ועוררה את דעת-הקהל האמריקאי לטובת הציונות, היא שהשיגה והמציאה את רוב האמצעים החמריים לבנין ארץ-ישראל והיא גם עתידה לגייס את הכחות הכלכליים הכבירים, שיידרשו לפיחותה ולפריחתה של הארץ בשנים הבאות.

ולכסוף: היא ההסתדרות הציונית היחידה פה המשתתפת בפועל בעבודת התנועה המאורגנת באמריקה.

לפיכך אנו פונים אליך במכתב זה ומבקשים מאתך להספה למחנה הציונים-העבריים ולהפיץ את השקל הציוני הכללי בין ידידיך ומכריך. הסבר לחם את בעיות הציונות בשעה זו! הצבע והשפיע גם על חבריך שיצביעו בעד רשימת הצירים של הציונות הכללית, של ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה!

אנו שולחים לך בזה פנקס של שקלים, מתוך תקווה שיעלה בידך להפיצם במחירות. ואם תהפין בשקלים נוספים — פנה נא אל מזכיר הוועד שלנו על פי הכתובת המצורפת, ותקבל את מבוקשך בלא איחור.

הודרו-נא כי קצרה השעה!

בברכת התחייה העברית והגאולה השלמה

בשם הוועד:

שמואל י. בורובסקי

ד"ר ש. ברנשטיין

ד"ר א. מ. דושקין

ב. מרגולין

צבי פ. פירסט

שמואל פישמאן

מנחם ריבולוב

א. שפיזהנדלר

כתובת המזכיר:

DR. S. BERNSTEIN, c/o Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.

## THE ZOA EFFORTS FOR A UNITED SLATE WITH HADASSAH

### STATEMENT BY ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Hadassah has rejected the proposal of the ZOA for a united shekel effort and a joint General Zionist slate of delegates to the World Zionist Congress. The ZOA offered Hadassah parity in the number of delegates to the World Zionist Congress, equal representation on Congress committees and commissions and proper representation on the Jewish Agency Executive.

The National Board of Hadassah resolved to continue its separate shekel campaign and to present a separate slate at the elections because it wishes to reserve for itself the right to act as an independent political entity at the World Zionist Congress.

This action of the National Board of Hadassah is deeply regretted by the ZOA. There exist no ideological differences between the two organizations to justify such action which will weaken the role which General Zionist delegates should play at the next Zionist Congress.

The Hadassah announced its independent action without any prior consultation with the ZOA. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the National Executive of the ZOA on March 19th, when by unanimous action it was resolved to approach Hadassah and urge upon it the desirability of a joint slate and a joint shekel campaign. A committee representing the ZOA met with representatives of Hadassah on March 24th.

On April 3rd, Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Interim Committee in the absence of Dr. Newmann, addressed a communication to Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, President of Hadassah, reiterating the invitation extended by the National ZOA Executive and urging its acceptance by Hadassah on the ground that "... a joint ZOA-Hadassah slate of delegates to the next Congress on a parity basis would serve the best interests of our common cause." The

communication further emphasized "the fact that the men and women of other Zionist groups are indeed united, and our membership would find it difficult to understand why we alone among Zionist organizations must conduct separate shekel campaigns and be represented at the Congress by separate delegations."

In response to this invitation, Mrs. Epstein, Hadassah President, in a letter dated April 5th, stated that in addition to parity as to delegates and committees and proper representation on the Executive of the Jewish Agency, Hadassah demanded a free hand to act independently at the Congress and the right to hold its own separate caucuses.

The National Executive of the ZOA considered Mrs. Epstein's proposals at a special meeting on April 11th. This meeting again unanimously registered its conviction that in order for the General Zionist bloc at the Congress to be effective, both Hadassah and the ZOA must work as a unit at the Congress and that action should be determined by majority in accordance with democratic processes. It was pointed out that the ZOA did not ask of Hadassah anything that it was not prepared to do itself.

The offer of the ZOA for a joint effort in the interests of the cause and of General Zionism was brought to the National Hadassah Board in person by Rabbi Irving Miller, head of the Negotiations Committee, who made a strong plea for such unity of effort. Following Rabbi Miller's personal appearance before the Hadassah Board, Mrs. Epstein in a communication dated April 24th, on behalf of Hadassah, reiterated its insistence upon independent political action.

The following communication addressed by Rabbi Irving Miller to the President of Hadassah, sets forth in clear terms the efforts of the ZOA to secure Hadassah's agreement to a joint General Zionist shekel activity and election slate:



C  
O  
P  
Y

April 25th, 1946.

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

Dear Mrs. Epstein:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 24th which was submitted to the Inner Committee of the Zionist Organization of America on the same day. Very earnest consideration was given to the contents of your letter. I regret to inform you that the Committee found nothing new in your communication to warrant a change in the position which was taken by the Executive of the ZOA at its meeting on April 11th.

It is clear from your letter of April 24th, as well as from your previous communication of April 5th that while the Hadassah wishes to be assured of parity as to delegates to the forthcoming Zionist Congress, equal representation with the ZOA on all Congress Committees and Commissions and appropriate representation on the Jewish Agency Executive -- all of which the ZOA was prepared to accept -- it also wishes to reserve for itself complete freedom of action at the Congress. It does not wish to be bound by any caucus and no majority vote taken at a caucus of all the delegates which would, of course, include both ZOA and Hadassah on a 50-50 basis, would be binding on Hadassah delegates. Furthermore, Hadassah insists on the right to hold its own separate caucuses at the Congress.

To all intents and purposes Hadassah wishes to act at the Congress as an independent political party. But if Hadassah intends to act independently at the Congress, as if there were no general American Zionist bloc, then a joint slate is meaningless.

You are entirely correct when you state in your letter of April 24th that the point upon which we diverge is that of independent action. This indeed is the crux of the whole matter. The Zionist Organization of America, realizing the importance of a large and effective General American Zionist bloc at the Congress, is urging unity of action and is willing to abide by the decisions of a General American Zionist bloc at the Congress whose rule of procedure would be determined by the delegates comprising it.

April 25, 1946.

Hadassah is unwilling to enter into such an arrangement. That being the case, it is quite pointless and would be, I am afraid, most misleading both to the Zionists of America and to General Zionists everywhere to have a joint slate in this country.

May I repeat to you what I have stated in my previous communication that the primary purpose of a joint ZOA Hadassah slate is to send to the Congress a large and well-organized General Zionist bloc which will, through concerted action, exercise a decisive influence upon the Congress and the future organization of our movement. If the General Zionists of America are not to be bound by the resolutions of their bloc, if each delegate will act for himself as his spirit moves him, if our two large organizations will each go its separate way whenever their spirits move them, then we shall be as helpless at the forthcoming Congress as we were at all previous Congresses. The ZOA cannot agree to such disintegration which would render us ineffective at the Congress. It is far better for us to go our own way now than be confronted at the Congress with a split in the ranks of General American Zionists with the possibility of Hadassah being played off against the ZOA.

The idea of a General American Zionist bloc working as a unit does not, of course, contemplate binding delegates on matters which involve conscience. No majority can conceivably be rallied at a general Zionist caucus to favor such complusion. However, on all other matters both of policy and procedure. If the general Zionist bloc is to be effective it must work as a unit, and in a democracy it is the majority which determines action. A General American Zionist bloc in which Hadassah would have fifty percent representation would formulate its own rules of procedure and they would be liberal enough, I am sure, to protect the individual delegates in matters which involve conscience, as well as to protect our respective organizations in what they may regard of a special concern to them.

We have asked the Hadassah to do no more than the ZOA is prepared to do, to make no sacrifices -- if one can call coordination of effort and coordinated action, sacrifices -- for the sake of discipline and efficiency that we are not prepared to make. Neither of our organizations would be majorized. Neither could possibly impose its will upon the other.

We regret that Hadassah cannot go along with us in what we believe to be the sound and desirable course for two bodies which have no ideological differences, either political or economic to justify separate slates, and whose common Zionist interests would be best served by united action.

Very sincerely yours,

Irving Miller,  
Chairman, Inner Committee

IM:ab

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All District Presidents, Shekel Election  
Chairmen, and Members of the Executive  
and Administrative Council

**DATE:** June 4, 1946.

**FROM:** Dr. Sidney Marks

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

**SUBJECT:**

Under separate cover, by the fastest possible delivery, we are sending to the Shekel Chairman or District President a full list of the names of shekel purchasers, by outside sale through our organization. The names of Z.O.A. members appear on the registration sheets.

We have compiled these upon index cards at tremendous expense for the express purpose of insuring a SYSTEMATIC, ORDERLY AND EFFECTIVE election campaign. It would be a terrible pity if no use is made of these cards. ↓

Your Election Committee should divide these cards and the names on the registration sheets among themselves for the express purpose of "pulling out the vote for the Z.O.A. slate." Make sure that your watchers at the polls know who has voted and by telephone, automobile, or personal contact, through squads deliberately organized for that purpose, those who have not voted are to be approached and brought to the polls. Every vote for the Z.O.A. slate is a "must" and "counts." We cannot afford to lose a single vote. If there was any time in the history of our organization when a call made upon its leaders throughout the country to maintain the prestige of the organization and to ensure that the entire community, every man and woman, supports the political leadership which has brought all major political accomplishments -- THIS IS THE TIME.

Support Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and the Z.O.A. slate on June 16th and 17th.  
FOR THE GOOD OF PALESTINE, FOR THE GOOD OF JEWRY, FOR A JEWISH STATE.

V O T E   T H E   Z.O.A.   S L A T E !

V O T E   T H E   Z.O.A.   S L A T E !

V O T E   T H E   Z.O.A.   S L A T E !



# UNITED ZIONISTS-REVISIONISTS, INC.

(NEW ZIONISTS AND JEWISH STATE PARTY)

55 WEST 42ND STREET - NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

## C O P Y

### *President*

MEIR GROSSMAN

### *Vice Presidents*

MAJOR WILLIAM R. FRIEDMAN

COL. MORRIS J. MENDELSON

DR. MORRIS ROSE

### *Chairman, National Council*

LEO WOLFSON

### *Vice Chairman, National Council*

DR. RAPHAEL KURZROK

### *Executive Director*

BENZION NETANYAHU

### *Administrative Committee*

JOSEPH BAER

JOSEPH BEDER

JACQUES CHORON

PHILIP J. CHARAK

DAVID EPSTEIN

OWSEY GANDEL

MORRIS GILONI

I. M. GRINGORTEN

SAMUEL KATZ

EDWARD E. KOLE

DAVID KRAKOW

JACOB LACKOW

DR. MOSHE LEV

ADOLPH LIEBLICH

MARTIN MARDEN

SAM MARKMAN

ISRAEL POSNANSKY

AARON Z. PROPOS

I. RAICHEL

G. H. RAKOWITZKY

RABBI J. H. RALBAG

BEN REICHEK

I. REIFER

SAMUEL ROSEN

JOSEPH SCHECHTMANN

DAVID SHECKET

JACOB SPECTOR

MARCUS M. SPERBER

DR. M. J. STEINER

CHARLES STERN

Z. H. WACHSMAN

BENJAMIN WEINBERG

EMANUEL ZAPINSKY

June 4, 1946

U.S. Central Shekel and Election Bd.  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

We understand that you adopted a rule to the effect that nomination lists submitted in proper time to the Central Shekel and Election Board shall receive consecutive numbers, and the lists shall be published in the order of their numbers.

On May 22nd, at 9:03 A.M., our representatives, Messrs. Charles Stern and Israel Posnansky, filed the list of our party by turning over same to the secretary of the Board, Mr. Abraham Tannenbaum, who issued them a receipt for same.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, May 28th, our representatives were surprised to hear that Mr. Tannenbaum submitted a report to the effect that the Zionist Organization of America had filed their list on May 22nd at 12:02 A.M., and that the lists of the Poale Zion and the Mizrachi were filed on May 22nd at 12:10 and 12:14 A.M. respectively. At the same meeting our representatives contested the veracity of the said report.

In connection with this matter, we desire to present for your consideration the following points and observations:

- (1) The usual business hours of the office begin at 9:00 A.M.
- (2) To the best of the knowledge of our representatives on the Shekel Board, no resolution was adopted authorizing the office to be open on May 22nd at midnight for the receiving of lists, and no information to that effect was given to our representatives.
- (3) That on May 21, at the meeting, Mr. Posnansky asked Mr. Tannenbaum at what time the office would open the next day (May 22). He answered, "9 o'clock as usual."
- (4) That we are in possession of definite proof that the office was closed May 22 at 12:00 midnight and that no one of the Shekel Board was in the office at that time, or at any time thereafter until 9:00 A.M., when Mr. Tannenbaum came to the office and found our representatives at the door.
- (5) It was published in the press that the list of the Zionist Organization of America was nominated at the meeting of the National Zionist Administrative Council held in Washington, subsequent to May 22nd, to wit Friday, May 24th.

(6) Mr. Tannenbaum did not inform our representatives on May 22nd at 9:00 A.M., when they delivered our list to him, that the other organizations had already filed their lists at midnight. In fact, he was utterly surprised, looked quite dismayed, and most reluctantly issued a receipt marking the time 9:03 A.M.

(7) We question the veracity of the statement that the Zionist Organization of America, the Poale Zion and the Mizrahi filed their lists on May 22 at 12:02, 12:10 and 12:14 A.M. respectively.

(8) We demand a thorough investigation of the alleged filing of the lists at the said time. If the Board should refuse to take such action, the Zionist Organization of America, the Poale Zion and the Mizrahi owe it to their own sense of honor to make such an investigation and repudiate the zealousness of their partisans.

It seems to us that in order to defeat the rule hereinabove referred to, according to which our list should have been Number 1, some persons connected with the Shekel Board have resorted to the use of improper means.

This action constitutes a reflection on the integrity of the entire Board, and we do not believe that the individual members of the Board, with full knowledge of these facts, will want to make themselves a party to the same. There is a limit to partisanship, and no partisanship should demand the sacrifice of elementary honesty, integrity and honor. We are quite certain that the leaders of the various parties, knowing all of these facts, will refuse to be benefited by actions of a questionable character.

We are sending copies of this letter to Dr. Lauderbach, World Zionist Executive Jerusalem, and to the members of the Executive in New York, as well as to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Z.C.A., Mrs. Moses Epstein, President of the Hadassah, Mr. Leon Gelman, President of the Mizrahi, Mr. David Wertheim, Secretary of the Poale Zion, and the other groups affiliated with the Shekel Board.

Sincerely yours,

*Meir Grossman*  
Meir Grossman  
President

MG:RR

# RABBINICAL COMMITTEE FOR THE Z. O. A. SLATE

FORTY - ONE EAST FORTY - SECOND STREET



MURRAY HILL 2-3205 • NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

## Co-Chairmen

ABRAHAM J. FELDMAN, *Hartford*

GERSHON HADAS, *Kansas City*

## Secretary

ROLAND B. GITTELSON,  
*Rockville Centre, N. Y.*

June 5, 1946

## COMMITTEE (INCOMPLETE)

MAURICE BLOOM, *Newburgh, N. Y.*  
PHILIP D. BOOKSTABER, *Harrisburg, Pa.*  
BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN, *Allentown, Pa.*  
ARMOND E. COHEN, *Cleveland, Ohio*  
FRANKLIN COHN, *Seattle, Wash.*  
SAMUEL COOPER, *Charleston, W. Va.*  
ELIAS CHARRY, *Philadelphia, Pa.*  
FREDERICK A. DOPPELT, *Ft. Wayne, Ind.*  
LEON I. FENER, *Toledo, Ohio*  
LEON FRAM, *Detroit, Mich.*  
ISRAEL M. GOLDMAN, *Providence, R. I.*  
DAVID A. GOLDSTEIN, *Omaha, Nebraska*  
ABRAM V. GOODMAN, *Davenport, Iowa*  
THEODORE GORDON, *Madison, Wis.*  
HERMAN HAILPERIN, *Pittsburg, Pa.*  
HARRY HALPERN, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*  
DR. BERNARD HELLER, *New York, N. Y.*  
EDWARD J. KLEIN, *New York, N. Y.*  
PHILIP KLEINMAN, *Portland, Oregon*  
PHILIP A. LANCH, *Oakland, Calif.*  
ARTHUR LELYVELD, *New York, N. Y.*  
LEE J. LEVINGER, *New York, N. Y.*  
GEORGE B. LIEBERMAN, *Canton, Ohio*  
AHRON OPHER, *New York, N. Y.*  
WENDELL A. PHILLIPS, *El Paso, Texas*  
DAVID POLISH, *Waterbury, Conn.*  
JACOB P. RUDIN, *Great Neck, Long Island*  
SYLVAN SCHWARTZMAN, *Augusta, Ga.*  
MILTON STEINBERG, *New York, N. Y.*  
SAMUEL THURMAN, *St. Louis, Mo.*  
JEROME UNGER, *New York, N. Y.*  
JOSEPH H. WAGNER, *Wheeling, W. Va.*  
IRVING A. WINGERT, *Des Moines, Iowa*

Dear Colleague:

A great many rabbis from all sections of the country have responded to the call to join the Rabbinical Committee for the Z. O. A. Slate. It was a gratifying experience watching the telegrams of acceptance pile up, pledging support of the Shekel campaign and the Z. O. A. ticket headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. I wish to take this occasion to express my personal thanks to all of you who have acted.

Judging from the initial return mail, most of our rabbinical leaders are giving full support to the first of our two primary objectives: selling Z. O. A. shekolim. But the work has only begun and I know we can count on you. There remains our second important job: getting out the vote on June 16th and 17th. Every man and woman in your community should be approached and urged to vote the Z. O. A. slate. If you haven't yet joined the Committee, please do so now. Wire collect.

Due to an inadvertance, in the flurry of preparing "copy" for the printer, the name of Dr. Israel Tabak of Baltimore was included among the Committee members printed on the letterhead of our first mailing. Rabbi Tabak, a fine Zionist, has requested that his name be removed from the list as he is a member of the Mizrachi Executive.

With best wishes and Zion's Greetings,

Faithfully,

Roland B. Gittelson  
Secretary



# CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

# WESTERN UNION

A. N. WILLIAMS  
PRESIDENT

1220

## SYMBOLS

DL = Day Letter

NL = Night Letter

LC = Deferred Cable

NLT = Cable Night Letter

Ship Radiogram

The filing time shown in the date line on telegrams and day letters is STANDARD TIME at point of origin. Time of receipt is STANDARD TIME at point of destination

NB436

(NB435) NL PD=NEW YORK NY 6 1948 JUN 6 PM 7 27

RABBI A H SILVER THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

SHEKEL ELECTIONS DEFINITELY WILL BE HELD JUNE 16TH. DR. SILVER APPEALS TO YOU COUNTING ON YOUR FULLEST COOPERATION CONGRESS ELECTION JUNE 16TH. MOMENTOUS ISSUES INVOLVED. TICKET #1 MUST TRIUMPH TO AVOID PARTISANSHIP YISHUV. MAKE SURE ELECTION BOARD SET UP. OTHERWISE TAKE INITIATIVE TO CREATE ONE. ALL SHEKELS BEING MAILED DIRECTLY INCLUDES MEMBERSHIP WHICH MUST BE PRESENTED ELECTION DAY. SHEKEL HOLDERS MUST ALSO PRESENT IDENTIFICATION. OUR BATTLE CRY IS A STRONG ZOA DELEGATION TO REPRESENT OUR MOVEMENT WHICH CARRIES MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY AND TO SAFEGUARD OUR RIGHTS. DR. SILVER AND ASSOCIATES RESPONSIBLE MAJOR POLITICAL WORK THIS COUNTRY ENTITLED TO SUPPORT OUR CONSTITUENCY. VICTORY WILL DEPEND ON WORK. EVERY SHEKEL PAYER MUST BE CONTACTED. PLEASE PHONE, WRITE CONTACTING ALL ZIONISTS YOUR AREA. THIS IS A CRUCIAL PERIOD. WE MUST STAND UP AND MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES. DR. EMMUEL NEUMANN CHAIRMAN INNER COMMITTEE JACQUES TORCHETTER CHAIRMAN ZOA SHEKEL COMMITTEE DR. SIDNEY MARAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

TO 35 #1 YISHUV.

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: ZOA Presidents and Chairmen  
of Election Committees

DATE: June 7, 1946

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

New Address:

SUBJECT: ZOA Election

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

A T T E N T I O N

Only votes actually cast will count in determining the success of the ZOA ticket. Every shekel holder who remains at home is a vote lost. The rounding-up of shekel holders on Election Day on June 16th (in larger cities, June 16th and 17th) is therefore of paramount urgency.

To secure the maximum turn-out at the polls, the following action is suggested:

1. Contact every member and shekel holder - man and woman - by phone and by personal visits.
2. Organize telephone and automobile squads to bring the voters to the polls.
3. Organize watchers to check the election lists and returns at the polls and request identification of all voters.
4. Arrange for public rallies in the preceding days before the election to clarify the issues facing the World Zionist Congress and to impress upon every shekel holder to cast his vote for the ZOA ticket (No. 1 on the ballot).
5. It is important to remind every member and shekel holder to bring his or her shekel to the polling station. The location of each polling station can be ascertained from the local shekel board.
6. It is important to publicize the fact that only one single vote can be cast for the ZOA slate. A split vote will nullify the ballot. A vote can be cast for the entire slate only, not for individuals.
7. A list of polling stations which can be obtained from your local shekel board should be furnished to all members of your committee. The formation of automobile squads is a primary requisite in transporting voters to the polls.

VOTE FOR TICKET NO. 1 - ZOA SLATE

SUPPORT ZOA WHICH HAS MAJOR POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY

VOTE FOR THE SLATE HEADED BY DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AND LEADERS OF  
AMERICAN ZIONISM



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



# A FINAL WORD *to our Colleagues*

THE ELECTIONS FOR THE WORLD  
ZIONIST CONGRESS WILL BE HELD

**SUNDAY and MONDAY, JUNE 16th and 17th**

- Remind your congregation that it is vitally important that they exercise their franchise—that they

## **GET OUT AND VOTE**

- Tell them why they must uphold the hands of those who have led the Zionist fight in America—tell them to

## **VOTE THE Z.O.A. SLATE!**

Give this cause your support from your pulpit . . . in your congregational bulletin . . . in public notices . . .

LET'S DEMONSTRATE THE ZIONIST UNITY OF AMERICAN JEWRY!

**RABBINICAL COMMITTEE FOR THE Z.O.A. SLATE    41 E. 42nd ST., NEW YORK 17, N. Y.**

## ZOA SHEKEL HOLDERS TO GO TO THE POLLS ON JUNE 30th AND JULY 1st

### Two Weeks Postponement Will Not Dampen Enthusiastic Turnout by ZOA Despite Wishful Thinking By Certain Parties

Maneuvering of Poale Zion and Mizrahi To Force Postponement Arouses  
Great Indignation and Protest

Blame for Postponement Placed Directly Upon Shoulders of Poale Zion and  
Mizrahi

INTENSIFY YOUR ELECTION EFFORTS

-----

The tactics employed by the Poale Zion and Mizrahi in forcing a two weeks postponement of the elections to the World Zionist Congress which were scheduled for June 16th has aroused considerable indignation and protest among Zionists throughout the country. Resorting to paltry technicalities by invoking an obscure archaic rule which has not been enforced for the past 48 years, the Poale Zion and Mizrahi announced their intention to abstain from participating in the elections unless their demand for a postponement is acceded to. The truth of the matter is --- and this fact was openly admitted by representatives of the parties --- that the Poale Zion and Mizrahi were not ready to go to the polls fearing that the ZOA ticket will emerge with a sweeping victory.

The original date (June 16th) was set months ahead by unanimous decision of the U.S. Shekel and Election Board in which all parties were represented. In fact the Poale Zion and Mizrahi began the sale of shekolim and electioneering campaign months ahead of the ZOA. In fact the ZOA completed its shekel and election campaign within a brief period of six weeks while other parties were engaged in such campaigning for the past four months.

The Poale Zion and Mizrahi had not expected the ZOA to do such a thorough job. They had not expected such an enthusiastic and magnificent response on the part of the ZOA district leaders and workers. The

Poale Zion and Mizrachi were virtually stunned by the reports they received from their own representatives throughout the country, indicating that the ZOA districts and regions are poised and geared in bringing out the largest vote for the ZOA ticket on June 16th in the history of the movement.

Something had to be done to counteract this spirit which engulfed every community - large and small - and which pointed to overwhelming success for the ZOA at the polls on June 16th.

The postponement of the Congress gave the parties the excuse to try to hold back the rising tide of the ZOA votes.

#### Majority Flouted

The World Zionist Executive in a cable to the ZOA in America made it clear that the setting of the date of elections is within the province of the U.S. Shekel Board and that they will not interfere in this issue. The U.S. Shekel Board by a majority reaffirmed its decision to hold the elections on June 16th. The Poale Zion and Mizrachi, which have all the years proclaimed their love for democratic procedure, nevertheless, found it expedient to repudiate the majority and to announce their non-participation in the elections unless their demand is acceded to by the majority. Thus, the ZOA and Hadassah, representing a majority force in the movement have been reduced again to a minority status by the tactics of the minority parties.

The position of the ZOA has been repeatedly presented by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver who declared that any postponement of the elections at this late date would cause serious confusion and additional expense later on and would needlessly prolong electioneering and partisan controversy at a time when Zionist energies must be directed to our great political tasks.

At a special meeting of the National ZOA Executive Committee, members from all parts of the country voiced their vigorous protest and indigna-



tion at the tactics adopted by the parties to force the postponement at this late date and interpreted such tactics as a maneuver to dampen the spirit of the ZOA electorate, who have been keyed up to go to the polls on the original date.

#### Maneuver Will Not Work

At the same time while agreeing to the postponement under duress, for the sake of the good name of the movement and unity, the ZOA membership made it clear that they are more determined than ever not to permit themselves to be outmaneuvered and to urge with all their strength upon the ZOA electorate in every nook and corner in the country to hold themselves in readiness and to go to the polls on the postponed date, namely, on Sunday, June 30th and in larger communities on June 30th and July 1st.

We state these facts in order that you may convey to your constituency the true reasons behind the forcing of the postponement of the elections and to place the blame where it belongs.

You, as the leaders of our movement in your community, have a great and solemn obligation to continue your election efforts in an unabated tempo. We know that you will even step up and accelerate your efforts to prevail upon every shekel holder -- man and woman -- to go to the polls on Sunday June 30th (in larger communities also on July 1st) to vote the ZOA slate for a Jewish State.

#### Bevin's Attack

The dastardly and vulgar attack of Mr. Bevin upon the Jewish people makes a large turnout at the polls of transcendent, historic significance. Every vote cast will be a demonstration of our unswerving determination to fight for free immigration, free land sales, and a Jewish state. Every vote will add to the contempt which American Jewry, particularly American Zionists entertain for the anti-semitic utterances of Bevin, who posing as a leader of Socialism, destroys every

tenet and every principle for which his party stands.

Your Duty Is Clear:

Contact immediately every member and shekel holder -- man and woman -- by phone and personal visits -- ask them to hold themselves in readiness to go to the polls on June 30th and July 1st to vote the ZOA ticket.

Organize watchers to check on election lists and returns at the polls.

Ask every member and shekel holder to hold on to his shekel, to keep it in a very safe place and to bring it with him and with her to the polls on election day -- June 30th (in larger communities on July 1st).

The success of the movement, the future of Palestine -- the prestige of your organization, the Zionist Organization of America is in your hands!

WE COUNT ON YOU !!!



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

# *Shekel and Election Campaign*

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, *Executive Director*

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Public Relations Director*

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *President*

JACQUES TORCZYNER  
*National Shekel Chairman*

## THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE ELECTIONS TO THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

A statement by the Zionist Organization of America

(1) Our representatives in the National Shekel and Election Board yielding to pressure by certain parties and their threat to boycott the elections set for June 16th, agreed to a postponement of the elections to June 30th and voted accordingly. But we cannot pass over this painful incident without an expression of protest and making our position absolutely clear to our constituents and to all concerned.

(2) Never before in the history of American Zionism has such a situation been created. After the date of the elections had been determined months in advance by the National Shekel and Elections Board, with the consent of all parties, after all preparations had been made, both nationally and locally throughout the country, at a great cost of precious Zionist energy and money, certain groups took it upon themselves to withdraw from the elections on the ground of technicalities. Flouting the majority decision of the Shekel and Election Board, they published a declaration that "No official and legal elections will take place on June 16th", thereby sowing confusion in the minds of large numbers of qualified voters.

(3) We declare that all the parties and groups had exactly the same opportunity to prepare for the elections and none were placed at any disadvantage. We further declare that the technicalities seized upon as



an excuse for demanding postponement were obviously nothing more than a flimsy and transparent excuse for imposing the will of the minority upon the majority.

(4) For weeks past unceasing propaganda was carried on by word of mouth calculated to create doubt as to whether the elections regularly and legally scheduled, would take place. At the same time we were under constant pressure to make a "deal" on the distribution of mandates to the various parties and cancel the elections. We steadily resisted all these efforts to undermine the elections. We firmly adhered to the view that it was contrary to political morality and to the interest of the movement to deny the hundreds of thousands to whom shekolim were sold, the right and the opportunity to exercise the privilege of voting which they had thus acquired. We honestly believed that after the passage of nine years since elections were last held in this country, it was necessary to give renewed vigor and vitality to the democratic principles and processes on which the World Zionist Organization is based; and we feared the hurt that would be caused to the movement by a refusal to proceed with the democratic elections as promised.

(5) Since the efforts to postpone the elections or to force a "deal" were made long before the technical legal points were raised, it is impossible to escape the conclusion that the real reason for these efforts was a fear - or knowledge - on the part of certain groups that the elections' results would not be favorable to them. They evidently desired to secure partisan advantage either by gaining time or by negotiations.

(6) Such tactics are inadmissible from the Zionist point of view. No Zionist party should pursue its partisan interest to such an extent, especially

at this critical juncture, and in the light of the political situation confronting us. No party has a moral right to plunge the movement into confusion and precipitate an internal "crisis" for the sake of gaining a few extra delegates to the Congress. The damage to the cause is out of all proportion to the partisan advantage which it was hoped to gain.

(7) The Zionist Organization of America has yielded most reluctantly in order to avoid further bickerings and public scandal. We still regard the postponement as most unfortunate because it needlessly prolongs the inter-party struggle in the midst of a serious political crisis for our movement. Moreover, this postponement inflicts a great hardship and a further strain upon our districts, workers and committees throughout the country. It diverts their energies from other urgent Zionist tasks. But we will not shrink from the burden which has been imposed upon us and are calling upon our loyal and devoted fellow-Zionist everywhere to make all the necessary readjustments and proceed with the elections on June 30th.

(8) We deeply regret and deplore the great inconvenience involved and the next tax upon the strength and energies of all concerned; but it is clear that the responsibility rests upon those who created this internal "crisis" with so little regard for the general political situation and without an adequate sense of proportion and relative values. It will be our purpose in the future, to seek ways and means of preventing any possible recurrence of such a painful experience. Party interests must not be permitted to inflict harm upon the movement as a whole.

#####

THE ZOA EFFORTS FOR A UNITED SLATE WITH HADASSAH

STATEMENT BY ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Hadassah has rejected the proposal of the ZOA for a united shekel effort and a joint General Zionist slate of delegates to the World Zionist Congress. The ZOA offered Hadassah parity in the number of delegates to the World Zionist Congress, equal representation on Congress committees and commissions and proper representation on the Jewish Agency Executive.

The National Board of Hadassah resolved to continue its separate shekel campaign and to present a separate slate at the elections because it wishes to reserve for itself the right to act as an independent political entity at the World Zionist Congress.

This action of the National Board of Hadassah is deeply regretted by the ZOA. There exist no ideological differences between the two organizations to justify such action which will weaken the role which General Zionist delegates should play at the next Zionist Congress.

The Hadassah announced its independent action without any prior consultation with the ZOA. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the National Executive of the ZOA on March 19th, when by unanimous action it was resolved to approach Hadassah and urge upon it the desirability of a joint slate and a joint shekel campaign. A committee representing the ZOA met with representatives of Hadassah on March 24th.

On April 3rd, Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Interim Committee in the absence of Dr. Newmann, addressed a communication to Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, President of Hadassah, reiterating the invitation extended by the National ZOA Executive and urging its acceptance by Hadassah on the ground that ... "a joint ZOA-Hadassah slate of delegates to the next Congress on a parity basis would serve the best interests of our common cause." The



communication further emphasized "the fact that the men and women of other Zionist groups are indeed united, and our membership would find it difficult to understand why we alone among Zionist organizations must conduct separate shekel campaigns and be represented at the Congress by separate delegations."

In response to this invitation, Mrs. Epstein, Hadassah President, in a letter dated April 5th, stated that in addition to parity as to delegates and committees and proper representation on the Executive of the Jewish Agency, Hadassah demanded a free hand to act independently at the Congress and the right to hold its own separate caucuses.

The National Executive of the ZOA considered Mrs. Epstein's proposals at a special meeting on April 11th. This meeting again unanimously registered its conviction that in order for the General Zionist bloc at the Congress to be effective, both Hadassah and the ZOA must work as a unit at the Congress and that action should be determined by majority in accordance with democratic processes. It was pointed out that the ZOA did not ask of Hadassah anything that it was not prepared to do itself.

The offer of the ZOA for a joint effort in the interests of the cause and of General Zionism was brought to the National Hadassah Board in person by Rabbi Irving Miller, head of the Negotiations Committee, who made a strong plea for such unity of effort. Following Rabbi Miller's personal appearance before the Hadassah Board, Mrs. Epstein in a communication dated April 24th, on behalf of Hadassah, reiterated its insistence upon independent political action.

The following communication addressed by Rabbi Irving Miller to the President of Hadassah, sets forth in clear terms the efforts of the ZOA to secure Hadassah's agreement to a joint General Zionist shekel activity and election slate:

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ZOA AGREES TO ELECTION POSTPONEMENT UNDER PROTEST

New York -- The National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America held a special session last night in New York to consider the situation created by the ultimatum presented by other parties to abstain from participating in the elections to the World Zionist Congress next Sunday, June 16th, unless their demand for postponement is acceded to. Representatives from all parts of the country in attendance registered their vigorous protest against these tactics by the parties in resorting to technicalities for the purpose of forcing postponement to suit their election purposes. They reported that in keeping with the majority decision of the United States Central Shekel and Election Board to hold the elections on June 16, considerable effort and expenditures have been invested in preparations for elections and that the machinery in all communities has been set up to bring all Zionist voters to the polls.

It was reported that for weeks past certain parties had repeatedly tried, by various means, to bring about cancellation of the elections. These parties evidently feared that they would not do well in the elections but the ZOA leaders had steadily insisted upon carrying out democratic elections in accordance with the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization and the instructions of the World Executive. Surprise and resentment were expressed that certain parties who constantly claimed to be speaking for the democratic masses were desperately trying to avoid democratic elections which would give the masses the chance to express themselves at the polls.

Speakers maintained the postponement of elections which have been publicly announced in the press over a lengthy period of time, will cause considerable resentment amongst Zionists and will serve as a let-down. Such reports were rendered by I. R. Goodman of St. Louis, Abraham Goldstein of Hartford, Louis Falk for the state of New Jersey, Sol Cohen for Long Island, Marcus Abramson of the Bronx, Albert Schanzer and David Spiegel of Brooklyn, and others.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann analyzed the unprecedented situation which had been created by the minority parties and the difficulty at this late date of recalling the elections set for next Sunday, even if it was desired to

do so. He maintained that this was another instance in which the will of the overwhelming majority of organized Zionists in this country was being frustrated. He warned that such tactics might play havoc with the democratic foundations of the movement.

Mr. Abraham Goodman of Brooklyn pointed out that outside of paltry technicalities, there exist no legal and no ethical reasons for postponement of the Congress elections.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the ZOA who presided, reiterated his position that the postponement of the elections at this late date would cause serious confusion and needlessly prolong electioneering and partisan controversy at a time when Zionist energies must be directed to our great political tasks, but he voiced concern lest the holding of the elections without the participation of the other parties might create unpleasant incidents which would be misinterpreted by the outside world and harm the Zionist cause. He therefore believed that the ZOA has no alternative but to agree, under duress, to postpone the elections for two weeks.

Following lengthy discussion in which Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Jacques Torczyner, Abraham Redelheim, Herman Weisman, Charles Ress, and Abraham Tannenbaum participated, a motion presented by Daniel Frisch was unanimously adopted for the appointment of a committee of five with power to act on all matters dealing with the elections. A motion was also adopted limiting any possible postponement to a maximum period of two weeks.

#####

6/12/46  
46/55/



June 14, 1946

Dear Editor:

Nothing has created more confusion and misunderstanding in American Jewish life in years than the sudden postponement of the Zionist Congress elections. Because you as editor of an Anglo-Jewish paper should be fully informed, I am enclosing, for your information, a short resume of the facts leading up to the postponement.

Should you desire to pass some of this information on to your readers, you may do so editorially, or by publishing the short article which I have also enclosed.

I know you will want to tell your community exactly what happened - and why.

Sincerely yours,

*Carl Alpert*  
Carl Alpert

## WHY THE ZIONIST ELECTIONS WERE POSTPONED

By Carl Alpert

I think the Zionists of America are entitled to know the REAL REASONS for the postponement of the Zionist Congress elections, originally scheduled to be held on June 16th, and now delayed until June 30th. Everybody is going to offer a different explanation, and there will certainly be some who will seek to show that the delay is beneficial.

Postponement was NOT for the best interests of Zionism. Jews the country over, irrespective of the group or party to which they belonged, had been told to prepare to go to the polls on June 16 and express their preferences in democratic fashion. Broadsides, advertisements, speakers, campaign propaganda in every shape and form emanated from the national offices of all Zionist groups, and excitement reached fever pitch in many communities.

Then suddenly, on only four days' notice, the whole thing was called off, the vast voting machinery was halted, the brakes put on, the date postponed for two weeks. A few party leaders sitting in their offices in New York may have found it easy to force this decision by threats of boycott, but it came as a terrific blow to Zionists in the field, to those who are engaged in the day to day work of getting members, raising funds, promoting Zionist activity, again, irrespective of party affiliation.

It is about time that these party leaders learned that the enthusiasm of the average Zionist-in-the-street can not be systematically roused, developed to climatic pitch, and then abruptly turned off like a water spigot. It's time they learned that the great mass of General Zionists should not be trifled with.

I find it difficult to restrain my indignation in the face of this flagrant disregard of the Zionist rank and file, this thoughtlessness of what the pre-election period has meant to him in terms of organization, effort, energy, nervous wear and tear, and expenditure of funds, particularly because I know how NEEDLESS THIS POSTPONEMENT WAS.

THESE ARE THE FACTS.

The June 16th date was set in March, over three months ago, and all parties agreed unanimously that it was the best date, prior to the inevitable summer slack. When the World Zionist Congress was postponed until December the question of deferring the elections was raised at the U.S. Central Shekel Board by the Revisionists, but all the other parties felt that too much money, time and effort had already been devoted to preparing for June 16th, and that postponement would mean a needless waste of additional funds and energy. The election date was unchanged.

NOT UNTIL JUNE 11 - one week before election day - was the bombshell burst, when the Poale Zion, supported by the Mizrachi, asked the U.S. Central Shekel Board to delay elections for another two weeks. The trivial technicality offered as reason for the delay was such an insult to the intelligence, that a Poale Zion spokesman blandly admitted he stood on the technicality merely on legal grounds, but that the real reason was that his group wanted additional time to prepare for the elections. Similar admission was made by the Mizrachi.

The Z.O.A. and Hadassah representatives argued reasonably that delay would serve needlessly to prolong the pre-election controversy, which was already approaching the stage of bitterness; that more than three months had been available to all groups for their "electioneering"; that the June 30 - July 1st dates would find many voters away from the city and at summer resorts where they would have no access to polling places; that all the publicity and preparation had been designed to culminate on June 16th; that delay would place a strain and hardship upon the Zionists in the field; and that Zionist energies were badly needed in more constructive Zionist work.

In view of these powerful arguments the Central Shekel Board decided, by a majority, to proceed with the elections as scheduled. Thereupon the Poale Zion and Mizrachi announced that they would refuse to recognize the legality of the elections, and would instruct their party members to abstain from voting. This they did, immediately giving rise to a flood of rumors, and creating a state of



uncertainty and confusion which doubtless bewildered every Zionist in the country.

It would have been perfectly legal and proper for the Z.O.A. and Hadassah to proceed with the elections, even without the smaller parties. I wish they had. I believe they should have. But the Z.O.A. was confronted with an admittedly difficult situation. There were threats that party members holding ballot forms, as officers of local Shekel boards, would not release them for voting. There was danger that scuffles might ensue at the polls. It was also obvious that the Poale Zion would appeal the validity of the election to the Labor-dominated World Zionist Executive, where they were sure of a very sympathetic hearing. It was a case of political blackmail. It was a case of placing party interests paramount, irrespective of the effects on the movement as a whole. It was a case of a minority effectively gagging a majority by threat. It was a clear case of the WAIVING OF DEMOCRACY!

The Z.O.A. finally yielded and reluctantly agreed to the two weeks' postponement, under duress.

As I write this it has been decided to vote on June 30th. I can't help wondering what other tricks shrewd party leaders may have up their sleeve by which to outsmart the General Zionists once more, and whether they won't leave the Z.O.A. and Hadassah holding the bag after all.

What they're betting on, of course, is either that the General Zionists will have gone off on their vacations in large numbers and will fail to vote at all, or else that the Z.O.A. and Hadassah leadership can be bludgeoned or intimidated into entering a pre-election inter-party agreement, under pressure, for apportionment of the Congress delegation among the parties, and thus make an election completely unnecessary.

I wish the elections had been held on June 16th. Now that they are postponed, I hope they WILL BE HELD, and that every Shekel holder will go to the polls and cast his vote. And when he votes I hope he will bear in mind this outrageous intimidation, this trifling with Zionist democracy, this willingness to jeopardize the strength and unity of our sacred Zionist cause for selfish, partisan advantage.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE FACTS BEHIND POSTPONEMENT OF THE ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTION

At a meeting of the United States Central Shekel and Election Board, held in New York over three months ago, it was unanimously decided to hold Shekel elections for the World Zionist Congress on Sunday, June 16, and Monday, June 17. All parties were fully represented at this meeting, and none made objection to these dates.

Immediate announcement of the dates was made, and all parties directed their efforts and energies, first to promoting the sale of Shekels, and then, increasingly, to urging Shekel holders to vote for one or another of the lists offered on the ballot.

Upon receipt of word from Jerusalem that the Zionist Congress had been postponed until December, the representative of the Jewish State Party (Revisionists) on the Central Shekel Board requested that the date of the elections be postponed until the fall. This suggestion was rejected by the Board, and all parties continued their campaign and publicity activity, seeking to stimulate increased support at the polls.

On Sunday, June 9, one week before the date set for holding the elections, the Shekel Board representatives of the Poale Zion suddenly requested postponement of the elections for two weeks on the grounds that there had been a technical infraction of the regulations. But it was made unmistakably clear, that the objections raised by the Poale Zion, supported by Mizrachi, were motivated by a desire to serve the best interests of their parties, and that they were utilizing the admittedly technical objection as a means of gaining more time to improve their chances.

After considerable discussion the vote was taken, and the Central Shekel Board decided by a majority, Hadassah representatives siding with the Z.O.A., that the elections should NOT be postponed, but should be held on June 16th as scheduled.

Thereupon the two parties, Poale Zion and Mizrachi, announced that they would abstain from participating in the elections, and issued instructions to their constituents accordingly.

With less than a week before election date, the National Executive Board of the Z.O.A. met on June 11 to consider how the best interests of the movement could be served in view of the ensuing confusion. Though there was every legal justification for proceeding with the elections on June 16, it was the considered opinion of the leaders of the Z.O.A. that nothing further should be done which might injure Zionist unity, or provoke additional dissension and divisiveness. It was therefore decided to yield to the pressure brought by Poale Zion and Mizrachi, and to agree to postponement of the elections, even though such delay would mean tying up constructive Zionist activity for two more weeks, and prolonging the campaign period, which had already been so expensive to all parties, in both means and energy.

The Central Shekel Board met on June 12, reconsidered the postponement in view of the Z.O.A. action, and decided to advance the election date to June 30. The Z.O.A. voted with Poale Zion and Mizrachi for such postponement. Hadassah refrained from voting, making it clear that they wished the elections held on the date originally set.

It is the dispassionate judgment of many observers that the sudden objection of the parties to the holding of elections on June 16 stems from revelation of the total Shekel sales by the groups participating. Those totals indicated that the Zionist Organization of America, with 322,204 Shekels, was more than 80,000 ahead of the Poale Zion. An additional 247,634 Hadassah Shekels gave the General Zionists such an overwhelming majority that it was clear how the elections would result, allowing even for considerable possible deviation in the actual voting.



More than one Poale Zion member has been heard to observe that postponement would serve to injure the voting machinery of the Z.O.A., which had been primed and prepared to produce a maximum vote on June 16th, and that a delayed election, as far as the Z.O.A. was concerned, would be anti-climactical.

Deep and bitter resentment has been aroused in every part of the country at the unfair and undemocratic tactics which have thus prolonged the campaign period two weeks unnecessarily, at a time when Zionist activity and effort should be devoted to other, more vital tasks. There are indications that this indignation will manifest itself in a sweeping and overwhelming vote for the Z.O.A. which emerges from the sorry business as the only American Zionist group whose primary consideration and concern is the welfare of the Zionist movement as a whole.



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

# *Shekel and Election Campaign*

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, *Executive Director*

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Public Relations Director*

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *President*

JACQUES TORCZYNER  
*National Shekel Chairman*

## SPECIAL BULLETIN

The personal smear campaign launched by the Poale Zion in paid ads in the Yiddish press last Sunday against Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has evoked a wave of indignation and protest among Zionists throughout the country. Stooping to a violent outburst which cannot be excused even by the heat of election campaigning, the Poale Zion have charged the leader of the Zionist movement in this country with sabotage, all because Dr. Silver is adhering to the democratic principle of permitting the million shekel holders in this country to go to the polls and cast their votes for the delegates of their choice.

The shameful personal attack of the Poale Zion has aroused an extraordinary degree of resentment which is reflected in the numerous telegrams and messages of protest that have swamped the national headquarters of the ZOA from all parts of the country. It is ironic that this venomous attack should emanate from the Poale Zion which have been proclaiming their love for democracy and democratic procedure. Their repudiation of a majority vote of the National Shekel and Election Board against postponing the elections from June 16th, their threat to boycott the elections unless their demand for postponement was acceded to, and their present attack upon Dr. Silver for insisting that the voters be given the right to express their will at the polls on June 30th, is indeed a travesty on their claim to democracy.

It is a matter of deepest regret that at this critical juncture, in their misguided effort to catch votes, the Poale Zion should resort to such a venomous personal attack upon Dr. Silver who is the universally recognized leader of American Zionism. The deep sense of resentment felt by Zionists was voiced by delegates at various Zionist conferences held during the week-end in different parts of the country, including the Annual Conference of the Ohio Valley Region in Dayton, the Long Island Zionist Regional Conference held in Long Beach, L. I., and at the annual convention of the Order Sons of Zion in Asbury Park, N. J.

#### VOICE OF EUROPEAN JEWRY

The voice of European Jewry joining in protest was also heard in a strongly worded statement issued by Samuel Segal, national secretary of the Zionist Organization of France, on the eve of his return to Paris last Sunday. Mr. Segal declared that the attack of the Poale Zion upon the person of Dr. Silver will be received with great dismay and indignation by European Jews, particularly in Displaced Persons Camps where the name of Dr. Silver is highly revered for his militant stand and leadership to rescue surviving European Jews through their settlement in Palestine. Mr. Segal added that the Poale Zion attack is reminiscent of the tactics employed by the Poale Zion in Europe in their effort to besmirch American Zionist leadership in the eyes of European Jewry and of the Yishuv in Palestine.

Why is Dr. Silver for the holding of democratic elections and why does he want the people to be given a voice in the election of the slate of delegates of their choice? Here are the reasons:

- 1) For the past eleven years, the Jewish masses have not been given opportunity to cast their votes for delegates to the World Zionist Congress. They must not be denied this privilege.

- 2) Free democratic elections are the very foundation of the Zionist movement and it is harmful and dangerous to deprive Zionists of their right;



the election will tend to strengthen Zionist consciousness, and will be a demonstration of the strength and vitality of the movement.

3) By going to the polls, Zionists will exercise their franchise and manifest their interest in the movement. Democratic elections are the highest expression of human organization and cooperation.

4) The political crisis in Palestine does not constitute any valid argument against elections. In Palestine itself, elections to the Congress will be held. America successfully conducted its national election for president in the midst of a world war.

5) For four months the Jewish public has been aroused and urged to purchase their shekel and go to the polls. It will be a mockery of the franchise were the elections shelved by a few party leaders, sitting in a smoke-filled room who would settle the representation of American Jews at the Zionist Congress without the direct participation of the masses. Such a procedure will forfeit the confidence of the masses in our leadership and organization.

6) To call off the elections at this late date after the whole country has been prepared and organized would expose the movement to scorn and ridicule and arouse justified resentment from hundreds of thousands of shekel payers who would be denied the right to vote.

It is clear that having no real issue with which to oppose the ZOA ticket headed by Dr. Silver, the Poale Zion are now trying to create incitement over false issues which have nothing to do with the issues of world Zionism in these critical and fateful days.

Months ago when the campaign first started, the Poale Zion tried to instigate feeling against the leaders of American Zionism, calling such leaders as Dr. Emanuel Neumann and others "reactionaries", "fascists" and "enemies of labor". These charges fell flat and failed completely because the masses of American Zionists treated these accusations with the scorn they deserved.

The Poale Zion became genuinely frightened beginning May 24th when the

results of the shekel sales were announced. They were dismayed to find that the General Zionists - the ZOA and Hadassah - had to their credit approximately 600,000 shekolim, about twice as many as all other parties combined.

From that moment, the Poale Zion began to concentrate all their efforts and energies on one objective: to prevent democratic elections - to avoid the test of a decision at the polls.

Fearful of the rising strength of the Zionist Organization and the immense personal popularity of its leader, Dr. Silver, they seized upon every excuse, tactic, technicality and stratagem to prevent democratic elections ever since the shekolim were counted.

DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING TO CHANCE!

The Poale Zion and the other tickets are banking on the possibility that the ZOA membership and shekel holders will stay at home or leave town on the day of elections. This is wishful thinking. Nothing must be left to chance. Every single vote must be coralled. The very position and prestige of the ZOA and the movement as a whole is at stake.

Make sure to organize your telephone and automobile squads to round up every member and shekel holder - men and women - and bring them to the polls to cast their vote for the ZOA ticket No. 1.

It is important to publicize the fact that only one single vote can be cast for the ZOA slate. A split vote will nullify the ballot. A vote should be cast for the entire slate and not for individuals.

We count on you - With your help the ZOA ticket headed by our beloved leader, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will emerge victorious.



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

# *Shekel and Election Campaign*

41 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS, *Executive Director*

ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Public Relations Director*

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, *President*

JACQUES TORCZYNER  
*National Shekel Chairman*

## THE LAST FEW DAYS WILL COUNT!

When this bulletin reaches you, only a few days will remain until June 30--the Day of Decision for our movement. What will have been done in the final days of the Election Campaign will perhaps be the most decisive factor in determining the outcome of the elections of American delegates to the World Zionist Congress.

Nothing can and should be left to chance. All other parties and groups are concentrating their entire resources and manpower upon the effort of bringing out the vote in favor of their tickets. We cannot afford to relax for one split second in our own efforts to bring to the poll every ZOA member and Shekel holder--man and woman--to cast their vote for ticket #1.

All ZOA Districts and Regions have done a splendid job in publicizing our case in their respective local communities. Publicity is a valuable aid in our Election Campaign. However, foot work and personal contact will in the final analysis bring out the vote.

### ROUND UP SHEKEL HOLDERS

The rounding-up of shekel holders on Election Day on June 30 (in larger cities, June 30-July 1) is therefore of paramount urgency.

To secure the maximum turn-out at the polls, the following action is suggested:



1. Contact every member and shekel holder--man and woman--by phone and by personal visits.
2. Organize telephone and automobile squads to bring the voters to the polls.
3. Organize watchers to check the election lists and returns at the polls.
4. Arrange for public rallies on the preceding days before election to clarify the issues facing the World Zionist Congress and to impress upon every shekel holder to cast his vote for the ZOA ticket (No.1 on the ballot).
5. It is important to remind every member and shekel holder to bring his and her shekel to the polling station. The location of each polling station can be ascertained from the local shekel board.
6. It is important to publicize the fact that only one single vote can be cast for the ZOA slate. A split vote will nullify the ballot. A vote should be cast for the entire slate and not for individuals.
7. A list of polling stations which can be obtained from your local shekel board should be furnished to all members of your committee. The formation of automobile squads is a primary requisite in transporting voters to the polls.

We are inclosing herewith a message addressed to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver by the Chairmen of all ZOA Regions throughout the country. This message was circularized to the Anglo-Jewish press in all communities.

With your help the ZOA ticket headed by our President, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, will emerge victorious in the elections on Sunday June 30 (in larger communities June 30-July 1).

IMPORTANT TO ABSENTEE MEMBERS!

ZOA members and shekel holders who will be absent from their city on Sunday, June 30th can cast their vote at the nearest polling place in the locality where they are temporarily staying.

It is important that they bring with them their shekel. Upon presentation of their shekel, the member or shekel holder (man and woman) will be permitted to cast his or her vote. However, the ballot will be mailed to the Central Shekel Board in New York City for verification and tabulation.

MESSAGE TO DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
FROM ZOA REGIONAL CHAIRMEN

Dear Dr. Silver:

As the elections approach we wish to assure you for ourselves and co-workers, that no effort is being spared to insure a victory at the polls for the ZOA. We are fully cognizant of the historic importance of the forthcoming Zionist Congress and of the role which American Zionism is called upon to play in these tragic times on behalf of our martyred people. Time and again, you, Dr. Silver, have called upon us to rally our forces in defense of Zionism and the Yishuv. Time and again you have called upon us all to pour out our strength, to mobilize our moral, political and financial resources for the upbuilding of Palestine and the victory of the Zionist ideal. We responded to your appeals. Our constituents and followers, some 200,000 strong have never failed in their duties.

True to our convictions as General Zionists we have never pursued a narrow partisan line. We have cooperated with all groups and parties. Our districts and members have repeatedly given generous support to innumerable projects and activities sponsored by other parties as long as they appeared to be useful and constructive. We are not partisans and we are confident that our organization will never be dominated by a partisan spirit.

However, the course of the Shekel and Election Campaign has revealed certain disturbing tendencies which have startled many of our people in our respective communities. Despite the fact that the ZOA has carried the banner of Zionism in the United States for nearly half a century, despite its glorious record of achievement, despite the fact that it is the driving force behind all important Zionist activities both financial and political, we note a deliberate attempt to belittle it and to deprive it of that influence in the movement which it has richly earned. Even from quarters which have constantly appealed to us for help and cooperation, year in and year out, we are suddenly subjected to a propaganda campaign designed to reduce our great organization from its position of leadership on the American Zionist scene. False issues and irrelevant ideologies are dragged in with the object of deflecting votes from the ZOA slate, for the aggrandizement of small parties whose contribution to the total effort of American Zionism is relatively small. By a loud publicity campaign an attempt is being made to inflate such groups out of all proportion to their true strength throughout the country.

Neither we nor our membership and sympathizers will be misled by this party propaganda. At this critical moment, when the Jewish people is engaged in a life and death struggle for its national future, American Zionists are not and will not be concerned with party ideologies. They are concerned exclusively with two major tasks:

(1) Large scale financial assistance for the practical upbuilding of a Jewish National Home.

(2) The political struggle for free Jewish immigration and a Jewish Commonwealth.



We regard the introduction of all other issues as being irrelevant and untimely and tending to weaken the effectiveness of our united Zionist effort. Whether the Yishuv should develop on Socialist lines or in keeping with Orthodox Judaism, or will develop other patterns of social and religious life is not the question now before us. And it is no service to the cause to project these questions into the forefront of Zionist discussions. The whole future of Palestine is at stake. That and nothing else is the great problem which confronts and unites us all and that must remain our paramount concern until the present crisis is safely behind us.

We are confident that the most far-sighted men of all parties must understand the importance and necessity of maintaining the strength and prestige for the Zionist Organization of America at this time. It has the chief responsibility for the success of our fund-raising efforts, for the Keren Kayemeth and Keren Hayesod, and United Palestine Appeal. It also has the chief responsibility for carrying on our political struggle. If it has these responsibilities it must also have the moral and political authority, without which it cannot continue to exercise effective leadership.

Because of these considerations we wish to assure you, Dr. Silver, of our determination to leave no stone unturned to secure an overwhelmingly large vote for the ZOA ticket in the coming elections. The ZOA has a right to ask the Zionist voters of America for a vote of confidence in itself, its policies and its leadership. We have every reason to believe that such a vote of confidence will be forthcoming.

With best wishes for a Zionist victory and a Jewish State in our days, we are,

Cordially yours,

John Fox, Chairman, Connecticut Region; Joseph W. Spector, Ch. Seaboard Region; Dr. Hyman D. Silver, Bronx; Rabbi Harry Halpern, Brooklyn; Judge Hyman J. Reik, Manhattan; Benjamin J. Doft, Long Island; Paul J. Gaiser, Ohio Valley; Lester Cohen, Tri-State; Abe Berkowitz, Southeast; Julius Livingston, Southwest; Isadore Shapiro, Empire State; Ernest S. Freudenheim, Western New York; Arthur Darman, Rhode Island; Samuel Caploe, New England; Rabbi Max Nussbaum, West Coast; Milton J. Silberman, Chicago; Joseph Kohn, Philadelphia; Louis A. Falk, New Jersey; Ad Estess, Iowa; A. L. Greenberg, Northwestern; Michael Hanin, Eastern Pennsylvania; and I. R. Goodman, St. Louis.

## ZIONIST SELF-SABOTAGE

### A Guide for Zionists in the Shekel Elections

By CARL ALPERT

Out of the confusion of inter-party conflict which has needlessly marked the election campaigns for the World Zionist Congress, it is possible to discern a definite pattern into which many of the arguments and controversies have fallen. There is emerging a clarification of certain questions which, though not pertinent to the election itself, or to the major election issue, that of Zionist political action in the international arena, are nevertheless of interest and importance. Challenging as they do the very basis of the relationship between American Jews and Palestine, it is well that they be discussed openly and frankly, and free from the coloration of the campaign spirit.

The first question: To what extent should world Jewry meddle in the internal affairs of the Yishuv?

Second question: Do American Zionists expect any special privileges in the movement by virtue of their contribution of the major part of the funds?

In view of the reckless partisan accusations which have been made against the Z.O.A. in some quarters with respect to these questions, the time has come for laying at rest some of the misapprehensions which are harbored, and some of the canards which have been deliberately broadcast.

No reasonable American Zionist can even for a moment question the complete freedom of the Yishuv in the administration of its internal affairs. The trend has steadily been for agencies and institutions of Jewish Palestine to assume more and more of the functions of a state, acting on their own, with no supervision, interference or guidance of any kind from abroad. If our goal is the establishment of the Jewish

Commonwealth, we should certainly want to see this trend accelerated.

Conceivably the day may come when the Yishuv will proclaim its complete independence of the rest of the Galut, and repudiate all interest, proprietary or benevolent, which the World Zionist Organization manifests in it, save only a cultural link. Such is not yet the case. There is not an element in Jewish Palestine today which does not recognize the need for political action on an international scale to bring about the desired ends, and the vital role which American Jewry must play in helping to attain those ends. The Yishuv issues frequent and urgent calls for such American support, for more and still more American participation in the necessary work for the consummation of the Zionist ideal.

It is necessary to repeat these truisms because in recent months, motivated of course by the Congress elections, there has been stimulated, in Europe and in Palestine, an "anti-American" sentiment, tinged with a "class warfare", intended to create the impression that American Zionists (meaning the Z.O.A.) and the American leadership (meaning Dr. Silver) are intent upon some sinister plot to seize control of the World Zionist Organization, and to liquidate or weaken labor agencies in Palestine.

Peculiarly, these thoughts have been repeated in this country by small but intense Zionist groups which suddenly disassociate themselves from the rest of American Zionism when it becomes thus fashionable to belittle the movement in this country.

So flagrantly were these charges made in Palestine that some responsible Labor elements felt called upon to warn of the danger in thus fomenting discord between America and the Yishuv where none exists. Ha-Oved Hatzioni, organ of the General Zionist labor block in the Histadruth, spoke out bluntly on the "American" issue:



"Zionist parties, large and small, leftist and rightist, must recognize this elementary truth: the center of influence of the Zionist movement is passing, if not in its entirety, at least in major part, to America. One does not find in American Zionism a movement hostile to Labor and its achievements: on the contrary, it is a complete partner for Zionist creativity and effort. It is the privilege of American Zionism not to follow blindly everything which is done in Palestine, and merely to assume the worry of Zionist collections. American Zionism should be free with its comments and its criticism and its efforts, and should demand full participation both in the realization of Zionism and in the bearing of the responsibility for our constructive work."

This plain speaking from a Labor group in Palestine, which was re-printed with approval in the influential daily, Haaretz, represents more accurately, perhaps, the attitude of the mass of workers in Palestine toward American Zionists, than the expressions of some of the groups in this country which, though loyal and devoted Zionists, often prefer to stand apart from the totality of American Zionism, and assume the martyred role of a minority group. And from this perspective they criticize and belittle everything that the Z.O.A. does and question the motives of its leaders as though some superior wisdom had been conferred upon the party, and some special pipe-line gave them an insight into the life and thoughts and needs of the Yishuv which was not vouchsafed to the General Zionists.

Not a single instance can be found on record where the Z.O.A. has, directly or indirectly, sought to influence the direction in which the internal social, political or economic views of the Yishuv should be directed. Those are questions which, General Zionist leaders in America have always felt, are to be determined only by the Yishuv itself. Members of the Z.O.A., themselves partial to various points of view, have sought to utilize their power and influence only for the attainment of the basic goal, and have left to the Jews of Palestine any decisions with regard to the social or economic patterns which should develop there.

On the other hand, it might be pointed out, when a party like the Poale Zion in this country campaigns on a strictly labor platform, seeks to elect only labor delegates to the Congress, and carries on other political and fund-raising activities which are strictly partisan in nature, they are endeavoring to intervene in internal affairs of the Yishuv, and seeking to bring influence to bear, from these shores, on the social or economic determination of the Yishuv.

To be sure, Poale Zion members here may deem their views to be superior, or necessary, but that is for the Yishuv, and not for them to decide. Thousands of Z.O.A. members defer to no one in their whole-hearted support of the principles of economic social justice for which Labor stands in Palestine, but as Zionists they can not place their devotion to the movement as a whole in second place to any partisan ideology which is itself but part of the movement. The Z.O.A. has confidence in the integrity of the 650,000 free citizens of a Jewish Palestine and in their ability to choose that way of life which they want to live. In those decisions the Yishuv will find approval and support from American General Zionists.

One more important fact should be pointed out. It has been customary in the past for minority parties to cast aspersions upon the quality of American General Zionism, and to charge that Zionists here were interested only in contributing funds, but not in assuming any of the political responsibility entailed in direction of the World Zionist movement. Whatever truth there may have been to this charge at one time has certainly disappeared with the emergence of a strong, politically-conscious American Zionist leadership. Whereupon the parties make an abrupt about-face, and try to find grounds for the claim that the Z.O.A. is seeking to "control" the movement. The inconsistency of these points of view makes one or the other untenable, and indicates

the nature of the opposition to the Z.O.A.

This much must be said, and repeated with vigor and emphasis.

If it is true that large financial contribution to the cause does not automatically entitle American Zionists to participation in the political leadership of the movement, it follows with equal truth that neither does such contribution disqualify American Zionists. It has become disgustingly fashionable to ridicule General Zionists, purely on the basis of the magnificent financial support which they render not only to the U.P.A., the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund, but also to other agencies and institutions, including the Geverkshafen drive and the Histadruth. Mr. Abraham Dickenstein, of the Workers' Bank, might be in a position to elaborate on the remarkable extent to which General Zionists have answered his call for support for this useful Palestine labor institution.

These, then, are the currents which have been stirred up in the pre-election campaigning. The party member may still sneer at General Zionists, but the Z.O.A. and Hadassah have succeeded in enrolling between them some 350,000 individual American Jews in support of the Zionist cause, whereas the party membership is so small that the totals are spoken of only in subdued whispers. Were it not for the General Zionists, the movement would have no more strength or influence in this country than some of the obscure religious sects which appear from time to time.

The Z.O.A. has been patient and tolerant. It has continued to carry the brunt of the responsibility, both political and financial, and has continued to be a tower of strength upon which the Yishuv has learned to lean for that form of support which it needs most now. Yet it is possible to lose patience with partisan tactics which are



concerned chiefly with narrow party interests, with special party dogmas and ideologies, and with ruthless partisan attempts in times like these to undermine the strength of the Z.O.A. by fragmentizing the Zionist vote, and spreading all sorts of unfounded insinuations against its leaders.

The great majority of American Zionists, Shekel holders, fortunately will not be led astray, and will indicate their own aversion for party politics, and their own desire for strengthening American Jewish participation in the broader political aspects of Zionism, by voting for the Z.O.A., and sending to the Zionist Congress a group of distinguished and representative Zionists who can meet with the leaders of Palestine Jewry, and the leaders of surviving European Jewry, as partners and collaborators in the great task that remains to be done.

*Dr. Hines*

Dr. Emanuel Neumann

June 17, 1946

Ernest E. Barbarash

Congress Election Campaign

In view of the postponement of the elections, part of the magazine section of the New Palestine will be devoted to the ZOA election slate. I understand the magazine will be in the hands of every member about a week before June 30th.

In regard to the possibility of publishing another election issue of the News Reporter within that week, I have inquired at the post-office and it is impossible to change the schedule within that short period. However, since the front page of the New Palestine will carry punchy slogans, that issue will more-or-less meet the situation.

As I indicated to you, all district officers and shakel and election chairmen are being swamped with campaign material. In addition, numerous releases, ads and mats are being furnished to the Anglo-Jewish press throughout the country. The Yiddish press too, carries our items almost daily.

I cannot refrain however from adding that the postponement of the elections will cost the ZOA some <sup>thousands of</sup> 50,000 votes particularly in New York. All day yesterday (Sunday) I answered calls from New York people who inquired whether it is true that the elections have been postponed. The overwhelming majority of the people told me that they will not be in town on June 30th. They also manifested a feeling of disgust. We should be realistic about it.

Copy to Dr. A. H. Silver

eebrk

HOLD ON TO YOUR SHEKEL!

Elections to the World Zionist Congress  
have been postponed to

SUNDAY, JUNE 30th  
(in larger communities - Sunday June 30th  
and Monday, July 1st)

The ZOA has strongly fought this postponement and was forced for the sake of unity, to yield to pressure of certain parties who threatened to abstain from the elections unless their demand is acceded.

The ZOA deeply regrets the great inconvenience caused and the tax upon the strength and energies of its members and shekel holders.

HOLD ON TO YOUR SHEKEL!

Bring the shekel with you to the polls on June 30th.  
Bring every adult member of your family and your friends --  
men and women.

-----

ANSWER BEVIN'S ATTACK ON THE JEWISH PEOPLE BY YOUR VOTE!

VOTE THE ZOA SLATE (TICKET NO. 1) FOR A JEWISH STATE!

A vote for the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) will uphold the hands of the leaders of the Zionist movement of America in their fight for a Jewish Palestine. Your vote of confidence is needed to strengthen the influence of the American Zionist Leadership in the Councils of the world.

Help to bring 100,000 Jews into Palestine. Above all, help in the attainment of the ultimate objective -- a Jewish commonwealth -- the only solution to the problem of Jewish homelessness.

VOTE THE ZOA SLATE -- TICKET NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT!



## CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

## SYMBOLS

DL = Day Letter

NM = Night Message

NL = Night Letter

LC = Deferred Cable

NLT = Cable Night Letter

Ship Radiogram

The filing time shown in the date line on telegrams and day letters is STANDARD TIME at point of origin. Time of receipt is STANDARD TIME at point of destination.

Received at  
[

CLEVELAND, OHIO  
JULY 2nd, 1946

MRS. A. H. SILVER

NUMBER ONE TICKET HAS 1614 VOTES NUMBER TWO 1251 NUMBER THREE 661 NUMBER  
FOUR 39 HADASSAH 389

DR. FALKMAN

CHECK SERVICE DESIRED OTHERWISE MESSAGE WILL BE SENT AT FULL RATE	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
FULL RATE	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	CDE RATE
NIGHT LETTER	URGENT
SERIAL	DEFERRED
RESERVATION	NIGHT LETTER
TOUR-RATE	SHIP RADIO

# Postal Telegraph

Mackay Radio  
Commercial Cables



All America Cables  
Canadian Pacific Telegraphs

CHARGE ACCOUNT NUMBER	
CASH NO.	TOLLS
CHECK	
TIME FILED	(STANDARD TIME)

Send the following message, subject to the Company's rules, regulations and rates set forth in its tariffs and on file with regulatory authorities

Form 5

To DR. A.H. SILVER 19

Street Address CONTINUATION TWO

City \_\_\_\_\_

ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ZOA: 13743

HADASSAH: 4595

POALE-ZION: 11576

MIZARACHI: 9967

REVISIONISTS: 2746

IN NEW YORK 6944 INVOLVES THE IMPOUNDED VOTE THAT YET HAVE TO BE

COUNTED. OVER 300 SMALL COMMUNITIES YET HAVE TO BE HEARD FROM.

Sender's Full Name (if not shown) and Address for Reference

Sender's Telephone Number

CHECK SERVICE DESIRED OTHERWISE MESSAGE WILL BE SENT AT FULL RATE	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
FULL RATE	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	CDE RATE
NIGHT LETTER	URGENT
SERIAL	DEFERRED
RESERVATION	NIGHT LETTER
TOUR-RATE	SHIP RADIO

# Postal Telegraph

Mackay Radio  
Commercial Cables



All America Cables  
Canadian Pacific Telegraphs

CHARGE ACCOUNT NUMBER	
CASH NO.	TOLLS
CHECK	
TIME FILED	STANDARD TIME

Send the following message, subject to the Company's rules, regulations and rates set forth in its tariffs and on file with regulatory authorities

Form 5

To Dr. A.H. Silver July 8 1946

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

LATEST ELECTION RETURNS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COUNTRY AT LARGE

ZOA:	37492	51,235
HADASSAH:	28618	33,213
POALE-ZION:	29703	41,279
MIZARACHI:	13912	23,879
REVISIONISTS:	2250	4,996

NEW YORK FIGURES BRONX BROOKLYN MANHATTAN NOT INCLUDED IN NATIONAL TOTALS.

Sender's Full Name (if not shown) and Address for Reference

Sender's Telephone Number

154,602



CHECK SERVICE DESIRED OTHERWISE  
MESSAGE WILL BE SENT AT FULL RATE

DOMESTIC		FOREIGN	
FULL RATE		FULL RATE	
DAY LETTER		COE RATE	
NIGHT LETTER		URGENT	
SERIAL		DEFERRED	
RESERVATION		NIGHT LETTER	
TOUR-RATE		SHIP RADIO	

# Postal Telegraph

Mackay Radio  
Commercial Cables



All America Cables  
Canadian Pacific Telegraphs

CHARGE  
ACCOUNT  
NUMBER

CASH NO.

TOLLS

CHECK

TIME FILED

(STANDARD TIME)

Send the following message, subject to the Company's rules, regulations and rates set forth in its tariffs and on file with regulatory authorities

Form 5

To DR. A.H. SILVER 19

Street Address CONTINUATION THREE

City \_\_\_\_\_

WE WILL FORWARD YOU THE BREAKDOWN OF THE VOTES BY AREA AS SOON AS  
COMPLETED.

MANUEL POSY

Sender's Full Name (if not shown) and Address for Reference

Sender's Telephone Number

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	ORDINARY
DAY LETTER	URGENT RATE
SERIAL	DEFERRED
NIGHT LETTER	NIGHT LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise the message will be transmitted as a telegram or ordinary cablegram.

# WESTERN UNION

JOSEPH L. EGAN,  
PRESIDENT

\$	CHECK
S	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION
F	TIME FILED

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to  
(PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS)

To DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

NEW YORK  
JULY 19 1946

Care of or Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

PLANNING TO BE OUT OF TOWN FOR WEEK END. CAN BE REACHED CARE ABE GOLDSTEIN AMSTON  
LAKE, CONNECTICUT PHONE COLCHESTER 712 REGARDS

EMANUEL NEUMAN

Sender's name and address  
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone  
number

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	ORDINARY
DAY LETTER	URGENT RATE
SERIAL	DEFERRED
NIGHT LETTER	NIGHT LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise the message will be transmitted as a telegram or ordinary cablegram.

# WESTERN UNION

JOSEPH L. EGAN  
PRESIDENT

\$	CHECK
	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION
	TIME FILED

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to  
(PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS)

To ABBA HILLEL SILVER

NEW YORK  
JULY 11

19 46

Care of or Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

PLANNING Z O A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY EVENING COINCIDE WITH EMERGENCY  
COUNCIL MEETING THAT AFTERNOON REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL AND WHETHER YOU WILL ATTEND

YALE GOLDBERG

Sender's name and address  
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone  
number



שמימס בלויז פאר איין ליסט. מאכט א צייכען X ביים נומער פון דעם טיקעט פאר וועלכען איר ווילט שטימען. שטימט ניט פאר איינצעלנע נעמען.

Mr. Moses P. Epstein, New York City  
 Mrs. Samuel W. Halperin, New York City  
 Mrs. Albert P. Schoolman, New York City  
 Naomi Chertoff, New York City  
 Mrs. Edward Jacobson, New York City  
 Mrs. David de Sola Pool, New York City  
 Mrs. Robert Scold, New York City  
 Mrs. Herman Sholinger, New York City  
 Mrs. Samuel J. Rosenzohn, New York City  
 Mrs. Raphael Tourover, Washington, D. C.  
 Mrs. David B. Greenberg, New York City  
 Juliette N. Benjamin, New York City  
 Mrs. Benjamin Gottesman, New York City  
 Mrs. Jack Ginzman, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Mrs. Joseph J. Schwartz, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Mrs. Emanuel Halperin, New York City  
 Mrs. Joseph Hassenfeld, New York City  
 Mrs. Alexander M. Dushkin, New York City  
 Mrs. Shoolen Ettlinger, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Mrs. Siegfried Ettlinger, New York City  
 Rose Bloom, Toledo, Ohio  
 Ruth Ludwin, Hoboken, N. J.  
 Mrs. Julian Ansell, Newton Centre, Mass.  
 Mrs. Abraham Tuller, New York City  
 Mrs. Lewis Sarata, Bridgeton, N. J.  
 Mrs. Jeannette Leibel Lourie, New York City  
 Mrs. Elliot F. Glassberg, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Shepard Nusbaum, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Mrs. C. Joseph Recht, Clairton, Pa.  
 Mrs. Samuel Inselbush, New York City  
 Mrs. Louis Samuels, Baltimore, Md.  
 Pearl Franklin, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Joseph Ginsberg, Orange, N. J.  
 Mrs. Nathan D. Perlman, New York City  
 Zelda Funk, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Jacob Silver, Hartford, Conn.  
 Mrs. Harry P. Furst, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Maurice Silverman, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Dr. Miriam Freund, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Ernest M. Peiser, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Hannah Goldberg, New York City  
 Mrs. Perry Sewel, Memphis, Tenn.  
 Mrs. I. D. Shapiro, Augusta, Ga.  
 Mrs. Louis Rothenberg, Piedmont, Ore.  
 Mrs. Sam Segal, Dallas, Texas  
 Mrs. J. J. Lautner, Portland, Ore.  
 Mrs. Alice Jacobson, New York City  
 Mrs. Samuel Surkus, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Mrs. Z. H. Rubinstein, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mrs. I. H. Levin, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Mrs. Sol Bonaparte, New York City  
 Mrs. Bertha Read Ruccane, Chicago, Ill.  
 Mrs. Carl Spector, Boston, Mass.  
 Mrs. Samuel Gattegno, Yonkers, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Sigmund Braverman, Cleveland, Ohio  
 Mrs. Anna Peimmettal, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Mrs. Louis E. Levinthal, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Mrs. James H. Olshan, Chicago, Ill.  
 Helen Vogel, New York City  
 Mrs. Arthur Greenwald, New York City  
 Mrs. Arthur H. Ellis, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Leo I. Dana, Larchmont, N. Y.  
 Mrs. E. J. Evans, Durham, No. Car.  
 Mrs. George Rossyn, Malden, Mass.  
 Mrs. Abraham Strauss, Cleveland, Ohio  
 Mrs. Israel B. Brodie, New York City  
 Mrs. Paul W. Auchner, New York City  
 Mrs. Maurice L. Lyon, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Mrs. Joseph Schneider, Brookline, Mass.  
 Mrs. Samuel C. Lampert, New York City  
 Mrs. A. H. Fremenson, New York City  
 Mrs. Charles E. Wyanski, Jr., Cambridge, Mass.  
 Elaine Bakowitz, Union City, N. J.  
 Susan Brandeis, New York City  
 Mrs. Voland D. Markson, Brookline, Mass.  
 Mrs. Maxwell Goldman, New York City  
 Mrs. Ezra Shapiro, Cleveland, Ohio  
 Mrs. Sam Franklin, Memphis, Tenn.  
 Mrs. Alexander Winnick, New Haven, Conn.  
 Mrs. Murray Schleifer, New York City  
 Irving Mack, Beranston, Pa.  
 Mrs. Alexander Wolf, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Paul Kunian, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Mrs. J. H. Kulakofsky, Omaha, Neb.  
 Mrs. Lewis Goldberg, Brookline, Mass.  
 Mrs. Florence Forgeston Adams, Red Bank, N. J.  
 Mrs. Morris Smitzer, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Mrs. Joseph L. Kacomer, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Sarah Neiman, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Mrs. Arthur Edelstein, Toledo, Ohio  
 Mrs. Morris Kutman, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Lorraine Blondes, Boston, Mass.  
 Mrs. Samuel Levinson, Seattle, Wash.  
 Mrs. Louis Blech, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Mrs. Leon J. Tiber, Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Ben Garrison, Camden, N. J.  
 Mrs. L. F. Kohn, New Castle, Pa.  
 Mrs. Samuel Levine, Norfolk, Va.  
 Mrs. Marcus C. Nusbaum, Newark, N. J.  
 Mrs. Harry H. Epstein, Atlanta, Ga.