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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1720-16тн STREET, N. W. WASHINGTON 9, D. C. Dec. 31, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached is an air travel card which I secured for you from T.W.A. We have a deposit account with this company and the card will facilitate your air travel on behalf of the Organization.

Kindly sign the card in the space indicated. It can be used for all airlines listed on the reverse side and the charges will come through on our monthly bills from T.W.A.

The printed notation on the card "valid 1941-1942" does not mean anything. They are economizing and using up old stock.

Sincerely yours

Julia Kirtz

Assistant Comptroller

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Zionist Organization of America

WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

January 22, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I take the liberty of approaching you in a matter of great importance to the progress of our organization?

Our district in New Haven, Connecticut, is planning a testimonial reception for John J. Fox, President of the Connecticut Region, and past president of the New Haven Zionist District. A tentative date has been set for Sunday, February 24.

A membership campaign is in progress for the purpose of presenting to Mr. Fox upon his retirement from the presidency of the district, 500 new members. Zionists from all over the Connecticut Region will attend this event and there will be an audience of more than thousand people.

We have been requested to extend to you their cordial invitation to address this meeting. In view of the great task which has been accomplished by Mr. Fox in quadrupling the membership of the New Haven District during the term of his office, and in view of the fact that 500 new members will be enrolled in New Haven before the date of that meeting and initiated that night, I feel justified in imposing upon your valuable time and asking you respectfully to accept this speaking engagement.

If the suggested date of Sunday, February 24th would be inconvenient to you, the district would gladly make arrangements in conformance with your calendar.

I am eagerly awaiting your favorable reply and remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Howard Daniel, Secretary, Speakers' Bureau

January 23, 1946 Mrs. Howard Daniel Secretary, Speakers! Bureau Zionist Organization of America 1720 - 16th Street, N.W. Washington 9, D. C. My dear Mrs. Daniel: Thank you for your kind letter of January 22. I wish I were free to come to New Haven for the testimonial dinner for Mr. Fox. Unfortunately, my commitments for the next few months are so numerous that I cannot, in justice to myself, take on any additional out-of-town engagements. I am sure that our good friends in New Haven will understand. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: GR

MEMORANDUM

FROM Yale Goldberg

DATE: February 8th, 1946

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

SUBJECT:

Enclosed herewith please find a summary of the comparative membership as of January 31st, 1946.

Kindest regards

YG:rel encl. Jale Holdberg

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

SUMMARY OF COMPARATIVE MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

PEGIONS	Totals	JANUARY 31, 1946		
REGIONS	1944-45 Sopt.30,1945	NEW	RENEWALS	TOTALS
Bronx	5,306	1423	3059	4,482
Manhattan	7,572	1297	4306	5,603
Brooklyn	14,893	2638	7688	10,326
Long Island	7,180	1587	4327	5,914
Westchester .	1,838	151	972	1,123
Western, N.Y.	3,309	375	1421	1,796
Empire State, N.Y.	3,507	960	1725	2,685
Scaboard	5,533	666	2624	3,290
Eastern Pennsylvania	3,418	524	2150	2,674
New England	10,519 RHS	875	5254	6,129
Rhode Island	1,412	55	461	516
Connocticut	5,186/600	577	3116	3,693
Southeastern	7,658	703	3471	4,174
New Jersey	7,031	1624	3097	4,721
Tri-State .	7,705	140	2876	3,016
Upper Mich. & Ohio	6,064	439	3157	3,596
Ohio Valley	4,234	260	1787	2,047
Mid-Wost	11,170	383	4283	4,666
West Coast	5,885	788	3087	3,875
Southwestorn	4,772	237	1523	1,760
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Miscollaneous Philadelphia Chicago Miscellaneous Army Foreign Membership TOTALS:	7,342 5,056 — 38 2 136,630	2239 317 3 1 18,262	205(8 2880 38 2	1 4,297 3,197 41 3 83,625

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

February 8, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver;

Dr. Marks has referred your communication dated February 4th to me.

It is the practice of the Z.O.A. Speakers Bureau to endeavor to provide speakers to our districts, and to cooperate with brotherhoods, Jewish community centers and forums exploring Zionist questions.

In most cases where the speakers are to address Zionist districts, we reimburse their traveling expenses. A great number of speakers listed in our brochure "Speakers on Palestine and Zionism" and our supplementary lists charge an honorarium. Many voluntary speakers accept engagements because of their intense desire to be of service to the organization, but when it becomes necessary for them to leave their pulpit or their profession for any length of time, they are considerably out of pocket, and reasonably enough, expect some compensation.

It is our practice to endeavor to have districts pay the honoraria involved and we carry traveling expenses. However, many of our districts, especially the newer and smaller ones, are unable to pay these fees, and in cases which we deem justifiable, we pay the fee or share it with the district. We feel that it is important to stimulate the community to Zionist activity. Of/course, we always attempt to obtain voluntary speakers first, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to do so.

We have had many requests for Rabbi Miller, but unfortunately he has not as yet found it possible to accept any engagements proposed to him by this office by reason of pressure of activity.

February 8, 1946 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - 2 -The Cleveland Zionist Society, as well as all other districts throughout the country, have been regularly supplied with speakers' lists. During the past year, we have not had any request from this district. On January 3, 1946, we wired Dr. Falkman offering him Dr. Max Nussbaum as speaker for a meeting. However, the district did not avail itself of this opportunity. We have received urgent requests from Dr. Falkman to book Pierre Van Paassen. We approached Mr. Van Paassen repeatedly trying to induce him to visit this district, but were informed that at the present time he was not in a position to go to Cleveland. We wired Dr. Falkman on January 8, 1946 to this effect, and requested him to advise us whether we could secure other speakers for him. We have not as yet had an answer to this telegram. We trust that we will have the opportunity of servicing the Society. Enclosed herewith, please find our brochure "Speakers on Zionism and Palestine" and supplementarylists, Numbers 1, 2 and 3. Very sincerely yours, Mrs. Howard Daniel Secretary, Speakers' Bureau HD:mg Enclosures

SPEAKERS' BUREAU ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST #1 July 1945

DR. KARL CHWOROWSKY

- Unitarian Minister, Brooklyn, N.Y.

PROF. CARL J. FRIEDRICH

- Professor of Government at Harvard
University.

PROF. EDUARD C. LINDEMAN

- Professor of Social Philosophy, New
York School of Social Research.

JAMES McDONALD

- Chairman of the President's Advisory
Committee on Political Refugees.

JOHANNES STEEL

Radio Commentator and Columnist.

ALEXANDER UHL

Foreign Editor of "P.M."

These leading personalities are available for limited engagements only.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST #2 September 1945.

S. MARTIN ADELMAN	-	Former special assistant to New York State Attorney General; active in Jewish communal affairs in New York City and Long Island.
FRANKLIN COHN	-	Rabbi, Herzl Conservative Congregation, Seattle, Washington; Co-Chairman F.E.P.C. State of Washington; well-known lecturer for German Zionist Organization; recently completed enthusiastic tour of Pacific Coast for Z.O.A.
FREDERIC A. DOPPELT	WR	Rabbi, Temple Achduth Vesholom, Fort Wayne, Ind.; has lectured extensively throughout the country; forceful and eloquent speaker. Topics: Zionism as an Historic Necessity; Palestine as a Redeeming Force in the World; The Romance of Zionism; What Palestine Means to the American Jew; Palestine in the Post-War-World.
IRMA EHRLICH		European educator and sociologist; assisted husband, Dr. Jacob Ehrlich, formerly Town Councillor of Vienna and for many years President of Zionist Organization of Austria, in intensive attacks on anti-Jewish decrees; former member of staffs of Prague and Vienna Colleges.
EPHRAIM FISCHOFF	-	Member of Faculty of Hunter College, New School for Social Research (graduate Faculty) and the Jewish Teachers Seminary; member, research de- partment of American Zionist Emergency Council.
SAMUEL J. FOX	-	Rabbi, United Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis, Ind.; conducts Questions and Answer Column on Jewish Customs and Ceremonies syndicated in Anglo-Jewish newspapers throughout the U.S. and Canada.
LEON FRAM	-	Rabbi, Temple Beth-El, Detroit; President, Detroit Zionist District; member Administrative Council Z.O.A.: leader of movement for popular

Council Z.O.A.; leader of movement for popular adult Jewish education.

ESTI D. FREUD

Formerly Professor of Speech at University of Vienna; traveled extensively throughout Europe and North Africa; first hand knowledge of all aspects of Jewish positions in World affairs. Topics: Sigmund Freud;

The Woman behind the Great Man; My Four Years Flight from Hitler; Theodor Hangl:

Theodor Herzl;

Modern Hebrew and Jewish Literature.

ISAAC S. HELLER

Prominent New Orleans attorney; formerly president of Council of Social Agencies and New Orleans Zionist Districts; Representative to American Jewish Conference, Council of Federations and Welfare Fund, Jewish Welfare Board, etc.

SYLVAN D. SCHWARTZMAN -

Rabbi, Congregation Children of Israel, Augusta, Gain great demand as speaker in Congregations, civic clubs and churches throughout the Southeast.

DR. WILLIAM L. STIDGER

Radio preacher, author, poet, and world traveler; head of Department of Preaching in Boston University School of Theology and preacher in Church of All Nations, Boston.

LEON STITSKIN

Rabbi, Beth Joseph Center, Rochester; eloquent speaker, addressed Zionist groups in all large communities in the Mid-West.

ALBERT C. WYLER

Member, American Society of International Law; formerly attorney in Berne, Switzerland; active in Zionist Organization of Berne.

SPEAKERS! BUREAU

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST #3
Docember 1945.

HALLETT AREND

New York Times! Chief Far Eastern Correspondent, 1926-41; author of Treaty Ports, Ramparts of the Pacific, Pacific Charter, My Life in China, etc.; contributor to Readers Digest, Saturday evening Post, Look Magazine, Liberty, American Mercury; extremely well-informed on Zionist affairs.

BERNAHD COHEN

Lawyer and Zionist leader; President of the Syracuse, N.Y. Zionist District and a vibrant platform figure; a challenging thinker in the Zionist sphere, he is a new personality who warrents your attention.

DR. ALFRED JOSPE

Rabbi, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, Bloomington, Ind.; formerly Babbi in Berlin, active in Jewish social work despite Nazi persecution; author, orator, creative thinker, militant Zionist, he offers to the American Jewish community an approach that is most vital and interesting.

EDMUND A KOBLENZ

Prominent lawyer from Albany, N.Y.; formerly Special Assistant Attorney General of the State of New York. Well versed in every aspect of American political life and the position of the Zionist movement in the political thinking of our country. A significant platform figure.

TEON Y KOHN

Vice-President of District #7 in New York, one of the largest in the country; member, National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America; member, New York Zionist Region Administrative Council and its Youth Commission; member, Histadruth Ivrith; energetic speaker, persuasive and creative thinker, he is known for his brilliant analysis of the contemporary Zionist scene.

ELEAZAR LIPSKY

Assistant District Attorney of New York; experienced and versatile lecturer on contemporary Jewish problems; son of Louis Lipsky and a formidable Zionist thinker in his own right.

DR. ERIC MANN

Lecturer: world traveler; historian, formerly of Vienna, Austria; dynamic, authoritative and courageous speaker; a life-long Zionist.

EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER

This brilliant war correspondent is conversant with every phase of the European Jewish scene. He is a vigorous exponent of the Jewish National Home in Palestine and his searching analysis of the contemporary Zionist political scene at the Convention in Atlantic City was enthusiastically received.

REV. RAYMOND M. O'BRIEN

Director of Religious Education and Youth work of the Diocese of New York; formerly Rector, Church of the Ascension, West Park, N.Y.; member, Diocese of New York Board of Religious Education; charter member, Ulster County Committee on Minority Problems; a great Christian Zionist with a vigorous message.

RABBI RALPH SIMON

Conservative rabbi at Chicago, Ill.; formerly affiliated with the staff of the Jewish Theological Seminary; an ardent and well informed Zionist, whose facility in the use of clear and lucid exposition of the Zionist problem has created an enviable reputation for him.

HARRY TORCZYNER

Lawyor and political observer — Mr. Torczyner has spent many years with the Office of War Information and is a foremost authority on Zionism and public reaction; a keen, brilliant student of international political trends, he offers a grand opportunity to Zionist audiences for an insight in the moulding of Zionist public opinion.

DAVID H. WHITE

Editor of the "Jewish Herald Voice" of Houston, Texe; Publicity Chairman, Southwest Zionist Region; makes a real down-to-carth talk, forceful and elequent speaker.

We are happy to list herewith the names of the newly elected members of the National Executive who are prepared, within reasonable limitations, to accept speaking engagements:

Mr. Charles S. Brown

Mr. Sol Cohen

Mr. A. K. Epstein

Hon. M. Maldwin Fertig

Dr. Leon Feuer

Mr. Jacob Fishman

Judge Harry M. Fisher

Babbi Leon Fram

Mr. Ernest S. Freudenheim

Dr. Harry Friedenwald

Mr. Daniel Frisch

Dr. Solomor Goldman

Mr. Harold S. Goldenberg

Mr. Abraham Goldstein

Dr. Israel Geldstein

Hon. Nathaniel Goldstein

Mr. Abraham Goodman

Mr. Israel I. Goodman

Rabbi Simon Greenberg

Mr. Joseph Greenleaf

Mr. Joseph Halbert

Rabbi Harry Halpern

Dr. James G. Heller

Mr. Edmund I. Kaufmann

Judge Louis E, Levinthal

Mr. Louis Lipsky

Mr. Julius Livingston

Mr. Mortimer May

Rabbi Irving Miller

Dr. Emanuel Neumann

Mr. Milton Pollack

Mr. Isaac Potts

Mr. Abraham A. Redelheim

Judge Hyman J. Reit

Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt

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Judge Morris Rothenberg

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Mr. David Spiegel

Mr. Dewey T. Stone

Hon. Elihu D. Stone

Mr. Mark Sugarman

Mr. William H. Sylk

Mr. Robert Szold

Mr. Jacques Torczyner

Mr. Elkan C. Voorsanger

Mr. Herman L. Weisman

Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

February 12, 1946 Mrs. Howard Daniel Secretary, Speakers' Bureau Zionist Organization of America 1720 -16th Street, N.W. Washington 9, D. C. My dear Mrs. Daniel: Permit me to thank you for your letter of February 8th. Rabbi Miller addressed the Cleveland Zionist Society on Sunday evening, February 3rd. I would suggest that the ZOA reimburse him for his traveling expenses. Please get in touch with him to learn what his expenses were. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: GR

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

February 15, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 12. I have immediately contacted Rabbi Miller in order to learn the amount of his expenses incurred on his trip to Cleveland. Immediately upon receipt of his reply, I will issue a voucher and send him a check.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Howard Daniel Secretary, Speakers! Bureau

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Zionist Organization of America

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

NEW YORK OFFICE 41 EAST 42ND STREET NEW YORK 17. N. Y.

March 12, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Marks referred to me your letter dated March 7th regarding Mr. Charles Auerbach's speaking engagement in Terre Haute.

The Speaker's Bureau has booked Mr. Auerbach quite frequently, and we have invariably received enthusiastic reports.

As you probably know, our districts are always clamoring for "prominent" speakers and we find it usually difficult to induce them to accept lesser-known figures. We take pride in having been instrumental in bringing an Orator of the caliber of Mr. Auerbach to the attention of the Jewish public.

I have requested Mr. Auerbach to advise me of the expenses incurred on his trip, and will reimburse him as soon as I receive his answer. We will, also, pay him a honorarium of \$50.00.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Howard Daniel

Secretary of Speakers Bureau

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

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

April 26, 1946.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I want to express my celight in the very fine participation you gave to the Cleveland conference. I know it was cone at a great sacrifice of your time and energies, but 4 do believe that the results are most promising. We have already "booked" many of the speakers, and the broad and comprehensive survey of the Shekel Campaign will stand them in good stead. It occurs to me, as a matter of reflective thought. that this type of meeting should not be isolated to Shekel Campaigns. A well informed body of speakers could play an effective role in our organizational set-up. The trend towards "big names" is unfortunate since it drains the energies of our leaders which can be best employed in the field of policy-making. By training our speakers, we can find new talent and develop new leadership. Under the circumstances I sincerely recommend that we continue this course of contact throughout the entire year at regular stated intervals. I have informed Dr. Marks of these thoughts, and he is in full agreement with me.

I trust that I will have the pleasure in the near future of collaborating with you once again in similar projects.

Very sincerely yours,

Judith Paciel

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA 1720 SIXTEENTH STREET, N. W. WASHINGTON, 9, D. C. MEMORANDUM Dr. Abba Hillel Silver TO: DATE: May 2, 1946. Judith Daniel FROM: New Address: 41 EAST 42nd STREET

SUBJECT:

We asked Dr. Wise to address a meeting in Buffalo during the week of May 20th to which his secretary replied:

"Dr. Wise has your note and thanks you for it. It is apparently impossible for him to make any engagements in the week of May 20th - in fact, for the entire month of May - because his days and nights at that time are more than occupied. He deeply regrets this".

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

We have also asked Mr. Louis Lipsky to fill this date but were informed that he cannot accept any engagements during the month of May. Very sincerely, Judith Marriel

May 5, 1946 Mrs. Judith Daniel Secretary of Speakers Bureau Zionist Organization of America 41 East 42nd Street New York, N. Y. My dear Mrs. Daniel: Thank you for your note of May 2. It is quite likely that both Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky are "filled up" as far as their dates in May are concerned. They are very busy people and they plan their meetings far in advance. I know that Mr. Lipsky is to speak in Hartford on May 5 and 6. What you should do is to request both Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky to utilize the occasion of their addresses, during the months of May and June, to stress the importance of the Shekel campaign and the endorsement of the ZOA platform and slate. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: GR

Zionist Organization of America

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

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

May 16, 1946

Confidential

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was distressed to hear from Dr. Marks that Toledo has complained to you regarding the Speakers Bureau. I feel that I owe you an explanation of this situation.

In answer to Toledo's request, we sent the district president and program chairman a complete speakers list. We have also offered to them speakers on tour including Alexander Uhl, Rev. Wendell Phillips and Marvin Lowenthal. On each occasion these offers were rejected by the district. Through this department arrangements were completed for an address by Dr. Maurice Perlzweig in Toledo on February 18, 1946 which was delivered. I am at a loss to understand their complaint about any other engagements.

I have also been told by Dr. Marks that Judge Rothenberg offered his services as a speaker on behalf of the Shekel Campaign. In the past few weeks I contacted Judge Rothenberg many times to address meetings scheduled by our districts. In fact, only last week I gave him a list of five meetings, asking him to accept the ones which were most convenient for him. However, Judge Rothenberg did not see his way clear to accept a single engagement. I understand that he is leaving for Jacksonville and Miami on Friday and I am trying to utilize his presence in those communities on behalf of the Shekel and Election Campaigns.

Please be assured that we always do our best to serve our districts with the utmost diligence and care.

Respectfully yours,

/Mrs. Howard Daniel

Secretary, Speakers Bureau

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

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MUrray Hill 2-3205 • NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

May 30, 1946

Special Delivery - Air Mail

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith please find your ticket and Pullman reservation for your return from New York to Cleveland on Monday, June 3.

Please note that you are holding Drawing Room A in Car No. 892 on the train leaving Pennsylvania station at 11:45 P.M. EST.

Very Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Howard Daniel

Secretary, Speakers Bureau

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET

MUrray Hill 2-3205

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

June 5, 1946.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing the ticket for your return from New York to Cleveland on Thursday, June 13th.

Please note that you hold a reservation on flight #29 (United Air Lines), leaving New York at 12:15 p.m.EST.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Howard Daniel

Secretary, Speakers' Bureau

HD:km encl.

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית 41 EAST 42ND STREET MUrray Hill 2-3205 NEW YORK 17, N. Y. June 18, 1946. Miss Klein Secretary to Dr.Silver The Temple Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio. Dear Miss Klein: This is just to let you know that Dr.Silver's reservations in Dayton for June 23 have been made at the "Biltmore Hotel". I assume that you took care of Dr.Silver's transportation to and from Dayton. Cordially yours, Mrs. Howard Daniel Secretary, Speakers' Bureau HD:km