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Rabbi John J. Zucker
820 Nixon Avenue
Reno, Nevada

September 19, 1945.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

My Rosh Hashonah wishes are late as always since my sermons and all the other necessary preparations take precedence. Still, my wishes are not less cordial for you, Mrs. Silver, and your two sons. May the New Year be a year of happiness for all of you.

Since your main interest is Zionist work, I want to tell you about Zionism in Nevada.

We have here Zionists and Non-Zionists, but no Anti-Zionists. Therefore, I am better off than all my Zionist friends from California to Maryland and Pennsylvania and wherever undemocratic rich Jewish people lavishly spend their money on the Council for Judaism. I appreciate this fact because I am not hampered in my political work for Zionism through them. Without taking undue credit, I can say that Nevada's Zionism is me. For all is done by me:

In January 1944, we had Judge Kross here. I had her talk in my Friday night services and had an audience of 50 Jews and 70 Gentiles. (To get them to attend Jewish services was at the same time best Anti-defamation work.) Such attendance is marvellous for a city of 23 000 inhabitants. With Judge Kross, I called on the Governor and the Catholic Bishop. In February 1944, I arranged a meeting with Senator Pat McCarren on whom a committee of Jews and Gentiles called.

In July 1944, I had Richard E. Evans talk in my Friday night services with 40 Jews and 50 Gentiles in attendance.

In November 1944, I persuaded our Governor to issue a statement on Balfour Day.

In February 1945, I single handedly lobbied through a Palestine Resolution of the Nevada State Legislature.

In May 1945, I received a call from Salt Lake City that our Governor had not signed the governors' petition to Truman. By then, I was already so chummy with him that I got action by a mere telephone conversation with the Governor.

All the various wire campaigns to our Senators, the Congress man, to the State Department, and the President had to be organized by me.

In general, I had all the good will of the Jews in Reno, although they are too lazy to do anything by themselves. Sometimes, I just took a few telegram blanks with me and waited, until they had filled them in and I sent them off.

Editorials on Palestine are, of course, inspired by me.

Aside from the Zionist aim that I hope~~d~~ will be helped a little by putting Nevada on the Zionist map, I appreciated that such work gave me always opportunities to get in touch with the big shots in the State so that at the same time I could fulfill the duty which Jews seem to expect from their rabbi as his most important task: to be an ambassador of good will with~~h~~ the Gentiles. I do not know how far you regard this as important, but I am sure you would not overlook it if you would be the only ordained rabbi in your state.

Interfaith work and prison work are the other features of my job here which I cultivate beside my work within the congregation. All diplomacy possible is necessary in order to keep good relations with the Catholic Bishop. In February, I was in charge of all the arrangements for the Interfaith Dinner and at the end presided over it. Since I never liked that we get a Catholic priest to represent his church who would tell jokes only, I insisted that the Bishop would come. He asked me, how long he should talk. I said ten minutes. He talked for thirty and had no good word for the Protestants and the Jews. Since Rabbi Stern of Oakland whom I had invited to speak for the Jews took sick after his arrival in Reno, I had to substitute for him at the last moment in spite of my being the toast master for the whole evening. But this gave me the opportunity to iron out the poor impression the Catholic Bishop had made. Besides, I had the Lieutenant-Governor, sitting next to my wife, the State Supervisor of Public Instruction, the President of the University, a Protestant minister, the Mormon Bishop, and the Negro minister of Reno as speakers. The latter was an innovation of my own. I set the Negro minister at the speakers' table next to the Episcopal Bishop. All in all, it was a good affair, which gave credit to our group, who had to sponsor it this year.

As yet, I have not succeeded in persuading my members to build a synagogue. To pay me off for all the good Zionist work I do here, I think I should ask you to come out and to use your gifts of persuasion to put it over. Since you were ^{my} God-father in my coming to America, Thou Art The Man.

My daughter Miriam goes to Kindergarten already. My son David is three years old and very tall. You should see them both.

L'shomo Tovch to you and Mrs. Silver, also in the name of my good wife,

Yours as ever,

Isidore F. L. Chag.

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September 29, 45

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

Special Delivery
Air Mail

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In the present emergency, you will be interested in learning of the replies which I received from U.S. Senator Carville to a wire of mine sent on September 13 th. I give you a copy of my wire and his replies as well as copies of the wires which I received from U.S. Senator McCarran and U.S. Representative Bunker.

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"Honorable E.P. Carville U.S. Senator from Nevada
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

With reference to present negotiations in London, England I should deeply appreciate your kind offices in conveying to President Truman that the Jewish people insist on the fulfillment of the Palestine program as pledged by President Roosevelt and the last Democratic Convention, to wit: Unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine and the reconstruction of that country as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth. As you know, I work for this cause in Nevada for nearly four years. This allows me to claim that I speak the sentiments of all the Jewish people in our state as well as of many non-Jewish people. You will kindly remember that the Nevada State Legislature endorsed this program in a resolution. I feel confident in appealing to you since you have publicly as well as privately to me stated that you are in accord with this aim of the Jewish people.

With kindest wishes for you,

Most sincerely yours,
Rabbi John J. Zucker

September 29, 45

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United States Senate
Committee on Bankin and Currency

September 19, 1945

Rabbi John J. Zucker
820 Nixon Avenue
Reno, Nevada

Dear Friend:

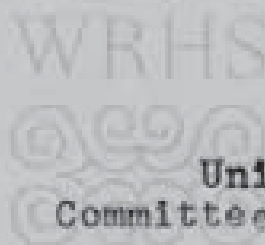
I have written President Truman relative to your telegram of September 13.

I pointed out that I was in hearty accord with the sentiments expressed by you on behalf of the Jewish people of Nevada. Whenever I can be of any service to you in any way do not hesitate to call upon me.

With very best personal wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

EPC/r



(sig) E. P. Carville
U. S. Senator

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United States Senate
Committee on Banking and Currency

September 25, 1945

Rabbi John J. Zucker
820 Nixon Avenue
Reno, Nevada

Dear Rabbi Zucker:

I want you to know that the White House today advised me that my letter relative to your telegram on Jewish immigration to Palestine had been received.

The President thanked me for allowing him to study the reactions of the Nevada Jewish people as pointed out in your message.

He also informed me that he was submitting my letter and a copy of your telegram to the acting Secretary of State for further consideration.

With every best wish and hope that I can again be of service to you and those you so ably represent,

Sincerely yours,
(sig) E. P. Carville
U. S. Senator

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On September 13 th, I had sent similar wires to Senator Pat McCarran and Representative Berkeley L. Bunker. These are the replies which I received.

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Rabbi John J. Zucker
Reno Nev

Reurtel I have advocated the policy which you set out in your wire and will continue to advocate it to the State Department to the President and to others. Kindest regards
Pat McCarran

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Rabbi John J. Zucker
820 Nixon Ave
Reno Nev

In complete agreement with sentiments expressed in your telegram. Depend upon my full and enthusiastic support. Kindest regards

Berkeley L Bunker MC.

Before I received the two letters of Carville, I sent copies of the two above wires to Harry L. Shapiro. With this mail, I shall send a copy of this my letter to him so that his file on Nevada will be complete.

With best wishes

Yours as ever,

John J. Zucker
John J. Zucker, Rabbi

Rabbi John J. Zucker
820 Nixon Avenue
Reno, Nevada

October 1, 1945

Dear Friend:

As a Jewish citizen of Nevada, you will be interested in a recent wire exchange and correspondence with Senators E. P. Carville and Pat McCarran and Representative Berkeley L. Bunker.

I enlisted the help of these three men since my friends and I fear that the present conference of Foreign Ministers of the United Nations in London, England, will not honor the pledges of the late President Roosevelt, of the Democratic and the Republican Parties at their last conventions as well as of the British Labor Party regarding unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine and the establishment of that land as a Free and Democratic Jewish Commonwealth.

As you will learn in reading the below, our representatives in Congress are in accord with us and ready to support our demands.

Yours very sincerely,



John J. Zucker
John J. Zucker.

COPY of my wire of September 13 to Senator CARVILLE

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With kindest wishes for you

Most sincerely yours,

Rabbi John J. Zucker.

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Committee on Banking and Currency

September 19, 1945

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With best personal wishes, I am,
Sincerely,
(sig) E. P. Carville,
U.S. Senator

EPC/r

COPY of Senator Carville's Letter of September 25

(Letterhead and address as above)

September 25, 1945

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Sincerely yours,
(sig) E. P. Carville
U.S. Senator

EPC/r

Senator McCarran and Representative Bunker received similar wires with the same request as was sent to Senator Carville.

COPY of Senator McCarran's telegraphic reply

Sep 14 358 pm

Rabbi John J. Zucker
Reno, Nevada

Reurtel I have advocated the policy which you set out in your wire and will continue to advocate it to the State Department to the President and to others. Kindest regards

Pat McCarran.

COPY of Representative Bunker's telegraphic reply

Sep 14 1055 am

Rabbi John J. Zucker
820 Nixon Ave., Reno, Nevada

In complete agreement with sentiments expressed in your telegram. Depend upon my full and enthusiastic support. Kindest regards

Berkeley L. Bunker MC,

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United States Senate

October 4, 1945

Rabbi John J. Zucker
Reno, Nevada

My dear Rabbi Zucker:

I thought you be might be interested in the attached copy of a letter from Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State, relative to the Palestine immigration problem.

Mr. Acheson wrote me, as you will note, in response to your telegram and my letter which had been forwarded to him by the White House.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours
(sig) W. P. Carville

COPY

October 3, 1945

My dear Senator Carville:

I acknowledge the receipt, by reference from the White House, of your letter of Sept. 18, 45, with which you enclosed a copy of a telegram from Rabbi John J. Zucker of Reno, Nevada, regarding Palestine.

As you know, the problems concerning Palestine are difficult and complex, and this Department is giving and will continue to give constant and careful attention to those aspects which may concern it.

You are assured that your observations and recommendations with respect to this problem will be given all possible consideration. Your courtesy in forwarding a copy of Rabbi Zucker's telegram is appreciated: I am returning it for your files.

Sincerely yours,

(sig) Dean Acheson

(Acting Secretary)

P. S.

I know that this letter of Acheson is non-committal, But he would not send non-committal letters if a Resolution by Congress would dictate the direction of the policy of the State Department.

John J. Zucker

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October 9, 1945

Rabbi John J. Zucker
Congregation Beth-Or
820 Noxon Avenue
Reno, Nevada

My dear Rabbi Zucker:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me copies of the telegrams which you sent to the senators and congressman of your State. I am happy that you did it and I was delighted to receive the replies from Senators Carville and McCarren. I am sure that they will be helpful.

We had a splendid national Emergency Conference last Thursday in Washington attended by over 600 delegates from 40 states. These delegates called upon their congressmen and senators. I am sure that they made a great impression. I am hoping that good will result from the many demonstrations of an aroused public opinion.

I also read with keen interest your letter of September 19 and of the good work which you are doing in your community and in your State. More power to you!

I trust that you and your family are well. Mrs. Silver joins me in sending you our warmest greetings. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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BERT GOLDWATER, SECRETARY

RENO, NEVADA

ABE MELNER, PRESIDENT

JOHN J. ZUCKER, PH.D., RABBI
820 HIXON AVE. PHONE 5220

November 20, 1945

Air Mail

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The present situation anent Palestine worries me as it worries all of us. It induces me to write to you about policy. Being far away from Washington, I cannot be aware of all the factors to be considered; still, working in the country and trying to respond to all the many demands, issuing forth from Mr. Shapiro, I seemingly arrive at other conclusions than you and Rabbi Wise.

It appears that the Emergency Council has concentrated on winning over the Executive Branch of our Government and that we in the country are asked to support this aim by sending a stream of letters and wires to the President. It cannot be denied that our success was limited with Mr. Roosevelt as well as with Mr. Truman. The pressure which we tried to exert was never sufficient to attain the ends we were striving for. Letters and wires, sent by plain citizens, are not read; at best, they are counted. The State Department answers with empty form letters. In addition, it becomes more and more difficult to get Jews and Non-Jews to send letters or wires to the President or the State Department.

At the same time, we in the states have been urged to bear pressure on our Senators and Congressmen. Although I in the State of Nevada on account of its small population may have easier access to our representatives in both Houses of Congress than Jews in other states, I doubt whether the situation is much different in other states. The larger Jewish communities are in the more populous states. Thus, Jewish pressure is keenly felt there, too. Anyhow, we have lined up the majority of the Senate and of the House; we have their promise to support us; but for reasons, unknown to me, the fight in Congress in the sense of the Wagner Taft Resolution is not accentuated any more for one year. Congressman Bunker of Nevada said to me only a few days ago that he is willing to vote for us. Senators McCarran and Carville have continuously declared that they are in accord with us. Indeed, we should concentrate on Congress. Certainly, the Senators and Congressmen are by far more sensitive to what a group of voters

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nov. 20, 45

want than the President who is elected on more general issues. That Stettinius was successful in obstructing us in November and December 1944 before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee does not mean that the same will happen again. The Administration cannot overlook and disregard any move of the Legislative Branch; nor can the British be oblivious of the temper of U. S. Congress. After all, the Administration will not put through its program on Full Employment, Health, Military and other legislation without catering to Congress. Nor will the British get their loans.

My own small experience proves it already: Truman will never see a letter, written by me or any other Nevadan, sent directly to him. But he read the copy of a wire which I had sent to Senator Carville because Carville forwarded it to him. (Please, glance at the enclosed for a moment).

My dear Rabbi Silver, I do not want to give you lectures on the right course to be steered, but I feel that we in the country who have to bring about the actual pressure know where we can be effective. And this is Congress and not the Administration

With kindest regards for you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

John J. Zucker
John J. Zucker.

Encl.

21st November, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FROM H. A. MOWAT

Members of the Empire Parliamentary Association and their friends in the Senate and the House of Commons who are members of the Canadian Palestine Committee were privileged to hear a most arresting address Wednesday evening by Mrs. Lorna Wingate in Room Sixteen of the Speaker's suite.

The career of her late soldier husband, Major-General Wingate was the subject of her address and the major portion of it dealt with his tour of service with the British Forces in Palestine. She described the difficulties of the British Administration with the Arab problem in Palestine during her period of residence there from 1936 to 1939 and the matchless efforts of her husband which were successful in suppressing the Arab terrorists.

The Parliamentarians were spellbound listening to her dramatic tale, a story which in many of its phases exceeded the most fantastic fiction. When she had concluded and had received an ovation from the hundred Parliamentarians present, Mr. John Bracken captured the attention of the Chairman and paid a most moving and spontaneous tribute to Mrs. Wingate. He stated that he had shared with the other members enjoying the hospitality of Mr. Roebuck the privilege of listening to an address more impressive than any he had ever heard in the House of Commons. Similar tributes were paid by the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Hon. Gaspard Fauteux and the Hon. Thomas Vren. Seldom have Members of Parliament in Ottawa been able to listen to a story that had such hallmarks of eye-witness authenticity, or such moving power. Many of the guests afterwards expressed personally to Mrs. Wingate their profound gratitude for the accurate knowledge they had received regarding the forces still at work in the Middle East. All parties were unanimous in their praise and on every hand was expressed the wish for a return visit from Mrs. Wingate.

Mrs. Wingate stressed emphatically in her address that the highest British interest would be served by more Jewish immigration to Palestine and by the complete implementation of the Balfour Declaration policy. She stressed further that in the opinion of the Arab masses increased Jewish immigration was desirable inasmuch as it meant the continuance and the extension of the marvellous progressive work which had been achieved in Palestine by the Jewish people in the establishment of the Jewish National Home. Reports of violence of Jewish extremists in Palestine should not be misinterpreted but should be understood

as acts of despair on the part of individuals among a despairing people.

Those who returned thanks to the speaker did not forget to mention the great obligation every one felt to Senator Roebuck who had made it possible for them as guests to share a treat of oratory which was associated with remarkable intellectual competence and feminine charm.



P. J. Jacks
100 Adelaide St. West
Toronto

Nov. 22/45.

Dr. A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I did not get a chance to see you at Atlantic City after your election as President, and I therefore want to take this opportunity to offer you my sincere congratulations.

I did, however, hear and read of your stand on political matters and I feel that your view is sound, especially in the matter of inviting Russia and other nations to participate in the Mandate. There has been developing a sense of futility in the minds of the small nations as to the desirability of even having foreign policies at all in the light of the actions of the Big Three, hereto. It seems unquestionable that a more democratic world will result from the participation of all nations.

Speaking as an individual, I have followed your Zionist activities very closely in the last few years. I have admired your stand on many occasions and noted the foresight you have so often shown. I want also to express the gratitude of our movement in Canada for the leadership you have given Zionism on this continent.

You will be interested to know that Mrs. Lorna Wingate spoke in Ottawa at a joint meeting of members of the Senate and House of Commons, under the auspices of the British Parliamentary Association. I am enclosing a copy of the memorandum covering this meeting. Mrs. Wingate was entertained by the Speaker of the House of Commons and Leader of the Senate, in addition to the joint meeting at which most of the Federal Cabinet Ministers were present.

We propose to have her come back to Toronto to speak at the Eaton Memorial Church and before the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. We also plan to have her address a large mass meeting of non-Jewish Labour and the

Dr. A.H. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Political Science Club at the University of
Toronto. At the Labour mass meeting a resolu-
tion from Canadian Labour will be sent Atlee.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Samuel J. Zacks

SJZ/rh.



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December 19, 1945

Rabbi John J. Zucker
Congregation Beth-Or
820 Nixon Ave.
Reno, Nevada

My dear Rabbi Zucker:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter of November 20. I have been away most of the time in Palestine and I have just returned.

There are certain times when it is necessary to concentrate pressure on the Executive Branch of our government, and at other times, on the Legislative. The Zionist Emergency Council watches the situation very closely and while there was a time when it was found necessary to bring public opinion to bear on the White House, it did not relax its work in behalf of the Palestine Resolution in Congress. After nearly two years of hard, and at times heart-breaking work, the effort is now being crowned with success. As you probably read in the press, the Senate of the United States has approved the Resolution. The House Foreign Affairs Committee approved of it unanimously yesterday, and I am now waiting to hear of the final action in the House.

I know of the fine work which you are doing in your community and in your State. Keep it up.

With all good wishes to you and to the members of your family in which Mrs. Silver warmly joins me, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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December 19, 1945.

PERSONAL

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I greatly appreciate your telegram of December 18th.

I am glad you are satisfied with the ultimate Senate Resolution. I do not need to tell you that the problem has been difficult. But I think we have done as well as could be hoped under all the circumstances.

I shall hope to see you the next time you are in Washington. There are some amusing things which I can tell you but which I would not care to put on paper. I mean they would be "amusing" if we were not dealing with such a desperately serious subject.

I continue to be entirely at your service in any way I can be helpful.

With warm personal regards and best wishes,

Cordially and faithfully,

Arthur H. Hays

THE VETERAN AND THE Z. O. A.

by Herschel Auerbach

I

Zionism demands aggressive action for the fulfillment of its aims. The situation at the moment is fraught with innumerable possible developments with which we must be prepared to cope. To successfully carry out the decisions of aggressive Zionist leadership an energetic, enthusiastic, fearless and devotedly active Z.O.A. is necessary.

In the Jewish community the group exists which fills the bill for this type of membership. The Jewish veteran has the necessary qualities to vitalize and strengthen the organization. In an article in "The Jewish Social Service Quarterly", Vol. IX, Abraham Duker says, "Jews . . . have been benumbed by the fear of anti-semitism, and so overwhelmed by the line-up of forces against them that many of them are incapable of taking a vigorous stand on anything . . .". This could not be true of the Jewish soldier whose fearless leadership could capture the imagination of the whole Jewish community.

Americanism surrounds the veteran like a halo. The little golden discharge pin in the lapel denotes a man who has made a sacrifice for the United States. His loyalty is not easily questioned. In his patriotism he can stand up with anyone as an equal. This quality, and the fact that he is usually native-born and educated and has the American point of view, makes him additionally valuable to the Z. O. A.

Approximately 15,000,000 Americans are veterans of World War II. Most of them have joined or will become members of various Veteran Organizations. These organizations, such as the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars, formerly exerted their pressure and influence in political matters only when a specific veteran's issue was involved. Bonuses, pensions, medical care and other privileges and benefits for veterans were their primary interest. This picture is in the process of changing. With the appearance of organizations such as the American Veterans Committee, Amvets, etc., on the scene, veterans groups are broadening the basis of their political operations. Foreign policy had become one of the major factors involved in this exertion of political pressure.

Increased activity on the part of the new veterans groups is beginning to force the older organizations to expand their interests too. This situation will result in a number of powerful bodies, all acting in the name of veterans, putting pressure on the government to influence it. They will be listened to very respectfully, and where their desires are backed by sufficient numbers the government will probably act as closely in accord with their wishes as will be possible.

For the Z. O. A. this means that veterans organizations must be on our side. From the American Legion to the Catholic War Veterans, Palestine must be thought of as a Jewish Commonwealth. This thought association can only be successfully inculcated by the Z. O. A. public relations program. However, as Colonel Berman, Executive Director of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. stated, "It takes a veteran to talk to a veteran". His years of experience in the field of veterans organizations has taught him that they will not listen as attentively, nor will they give as much weight to the opinions of a man who is not himself a veteran.

A half a million Jewish veterans of this war are the potential mouth-piece of the Z. O. A. There is no one who can replace them in this work. They are the ones to talk Zionism to veterans organizations and to all non-Jewish groups. The Jewish veteran is essential if it is desired to propagandize in all corners of the American scene.

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Leaving the field of political Zionism for a moment, the veteran also assumes importance as regards Palestine itself. Many of our returned soldiers have gained technical knowledge and skills in their military service. These skills are often being wasted, as the civilian field is closed, and the veteran finds it necessary to accept a position in some other line, or he may even be unemployed. Palestine needs men with "know-how" and men who are adaptable to new conditions of life and a new environment. The serviceman had to learn to adapt himself and many of the veterans have the necessary "know-how". These men might possibly find a future in Palestine and their activities there would help to increase the absorptive capacity and further the economic development of the country.

Today, immigration to Palestine is, for all practical purposes, at a stand-still; but we do not know about tomorrow. Whether the veteran should or would go to Palestine on a permanent or temporary basis can be decided upon at a later date. However, their value to the country must be recognized.

Internally, Palestine is seething. There is no necessity to go into a description of the situation however the thought cannot help but enter our minds that the next demand upon us may be for something similar to the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Upon the training, experience and size of this kind of a force may depend the continued existence and furtherance of the gains which have grown out of the toil and sacrifices of the past thirty years. Only the Jewish veteran can be the nucleus and can make up such a group. If we already have veterans, the job will be immeasurably facilitated; without them it might result in the proverbial "Too little and too late".

III

Much has been written and said about the character and attitudes of the returned serviceman. Opinions are often in conflict with one another and the same facts lead different "experts" to arrive at widely divergent conclusions. There are certain basic decisions which can be made and some very definite conclusions can be drawn; but we must be careful.

In "The Returning Serviceman" published by the Vassar Political Association, Emmy A. Berger writes, " There seems to emerge a pattern of thought about 'Our Boys' characterized by two extremes: On the one hand we seem to think they will have been relatively unaffected by the world shaking events they had to witness and participate in, that their main desire and hope is to come 'back to normalcy', to the proverbial corner drug store, ice cream soda and Saturday night movie with his favorite girl. On the other hand we find various statements to the effect that they left home as happy, young lads, but will return as grim, embittered, cynical men with deep lines in their faces expressing a fundamental change within

"It may be safe to generalize and point out that communal life and regular, constant contact and association with one particular and regular group of men will

heighten the soldier's social consciousness It seems pure common sense to reason that a Jew or a Negro previously meekly accepting his inferior status might demand recognition equal to that accorded to any other fighting American".

The demands of veterans who are members of groups which are discriminated against is further discussed in "The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science", March, 1945 by Dr. Roy V. Peel. ". we can count on an awakened sense of importance, an invigorated and righteous wish for the retention of equal rights on the parts of the submerged classes: Women, Negroes, Jews and Orientals. . ."

On the basis of the above quoted opinions, with which I have found no disagreement, we can assume that the Jewish veteran is ready to join the Zionist movement. We can analyze the matter further by recalling the influence to which a Jewish serviceman was subjected.

A young Jew called into the service was often snatched from a relatively secluded life revolving around a local Jewish community. The totality of his contacts with non-Jews was perfunctory. His whole economic and social life took place within the Jewish community and only occasionally did he even speak more than a few words, as on business matters, to a Gentile.

In the Army he was dropped into the midst of a conglomeration of Americans -- Jews and non-Jews from all sections of the country. For the first time in his life he lived intimately with Gentiles. He encountered the problem of anti-semitism on a highly personalized plane.

Whereas anti-semitism may previously have been a vague concept, it was now a recurring reality with which it was necessary that he cope. The problem faced him directly and spurred on his thinking of his position as a Jew. He had to ask himself why he, as a Jew, was discriminated against; and what he could and should do about it. His Jewish consciousness was aroused and, voluntarily or involuntarily, he began to ask himself questions and look for the answers. Most veterans are not yet quite certain as to what the answers are, but they are now conscious that they are Jews and that problems exist. Therein lies great possibilities for the Z. O. A.

The experience with anti-semitism has been gone through by every last one of our returned Jewish soldiers. How many are still mulling the problem over in their minds today is anybody's guess. In many cases, however, all that is necessary to secure membership is letting the veteran know that the Z. O. A. exists as an organization for him to join.

Europe was the theatre of operations in which many Jewish veterans served. They were often rudely awakened by what they saw there. The impressions made upon them by the Jews of Europe will not be easily forgotten and it can be unequivocally stated that nearly every continental Jew, met by an American soldier, asked when he could leave for Palestine. How many of our Jewish soldiers were asked by the half alive, half dead remnants of European Jewry to open the doors of Palestine cannot be counted. To these Jewish soldiers the necessity of Zionism has been indelibly etched on their conscience. They cannot ignore it, but they must be approached to be enrolled as members.

We can draw a very definite and concrete conclusion -- Jewish consciousness has been awakened in the Jewish veteran. He is looking for his niche in the Jewish community and will join our ranks if only spoken to.

IV

Many promises and bright hopes have been held out to the veteran. Few of these live up to expectations and the result is that the former serviceman is alienated from those who attempt to aid him.

"A few of the veterans spoke rather sharply about the publicity program of public and private agencies offering services for veterans. One man told me that he had heard so much of the word 'rehabilitation' that he hoped no one would even mention it to him again," is how Milton Goldman describes this in the "Jewish Social Service Quarterly" for September, 1945.

Charles Bolte also warns us in the "Veteran's Outlook" for October, 1945. In an article entitled, "Why the Run Around", he says, "... The loud assertions, the fanfare over the G. I. Bill of Rights, the endless and much publicized seminars on rehabilitation have all held out a tremendous promise to the returning soldier but the gap

between promise and performance is very wide. And in the 12,000,000 veterans who are disillusioned with the promise of Democracy there lies a great potential danger to America."

It is therefore obvious that for the Z. O. A. to embark upon any kind of servicing program for veterans is extremely dangerous. It would not only appear puny when compared to the work being done by established Jewish and non-Jewish agencies, but could antagonize rather than attract and could negate any results from good work along other lines.

However, the veteran does think of himself as different. He is different and expects this to be recognized. "These men gave many indications that they thought of themselves as a special group, entitled to special consideration and deserving of priority service from the community," is what Milton Goldman says further along in the article quoted above.

The former serviceman's belief that he deserves priority is not the only way in which he feels that he is different from the rest of the population. The mode of life and experiences which were his as a soldier also influenced him along social lines. That is why veterans organizations are always rewarded with great initial success in their membership enrollment. Willard Waller describes this in his book, "The Veteran's Attitudes".

He says, "The veteran had the almost mystical experience of solidarity with his fellows. This solidarity, or comradeship characteristic of soldiers since time immemorial, is one of the few rewards of military life. When the man who has tasted this loyalty, which is stronger than the love of life, returns to the dog-eat-dog existence of civilians, he finds it unsatisfying. Therefore, the veteran is often the victim of extreme disillusionment or else he spends himself in a vain effort to find in civilian life a solidarity which does not exist. This fruitless attempt to recapture his vanished comradeship and the resentment of the fact that it cannot be found explain much of the veteran's behavior."

The solidarity of comradeship of striving towards a common goal -- Zionism -- could very well be a partial answer to this problem for the returned Jewish soldier.

However, the atmosphere of the Zionist districts of which the veteran is a member must be an active one without the usual superficial finery and embellishments. As Waller says, "For various reasons, but particularly because Army life does not permit discussion of orders, the soldier comes to value action and be impatient with talk. . . . important effects of this impatience with talk arise in the political sphere."

Group activity of an aggressive nature built around Zionism can be combined with a well-planned social life to take advantage of these attitudes on the part of the veteran. Social adjustment is quite important in the sphere of veteran's problems. Whereas attempting to service the returned serviceman by job placement is dangerous, providing an opportunity for comradeship is not. In "Marching Home", Morse A. Cartwright says, "It is to be emphasized first in facing the general problem of veteran adjustment, that job placement is only one of the objectives to be sought. Social adjustments loom quite as large on the serviceman's or woman's horizon as do vocational adjustments."

Understanding these characteristics and desires we can readily build a veteran's program and plan veteran's activity. We have a basis upon which to work and from which we can go forward into other fields.

V

Keeping the above discussion in mind we turn to the book, "Jews in The Post-War World", by Max Gottschalk and Abraham G. Duker and read that "A community-of-fate concept has long been and may continue to be, a cohesive force of great importance. Anti-semitism and historical tradition, the one negatively, the other positively have combined to make the Jews feel that they belong to one community, though this in no way affects their civic and national fidelities, and their relationship to their non-Jewish neighbors. . . ."

"It is historical tradition that offers the greatest hope for survival. It is here that the dynamism of survival must originate. . . . Such historical tradition can only quicken the pride in those who are aware of it. . . ."

It is superfluous to say that any discussion of historical tradition must revolve around Palestine and modern Zionism. Pride kindled by knowledge of historical fact

can be fanned into a flame by knowledge of Jewish achievements in modern Palestine. But the relationship of Palestine to anti-semitism, i.e. the effect of a Jewish Commonwealth on anti-semitism, has not been sufficiently underscored. Anti-semitism is that problem which has made the Jewish veteran aware of his role as a Jew, and we must approach him on his attitude towards Palestine in the light of this fact.

Not only must we show a picture of Palestine as a place of refuge, and not only must we arouse his Jewish pride by pointing out the heroic work of the Yishuv, but we must show him that the Jewish Commonwealth will have a profound effect on the world as regards anti-semitism. Palestine as a Commonwealth will effect his personal status as a member of a minority group in the community, it will add to his dignity.

VI

The major Jewish organization in the veteran field is obviously the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. It is enrolling thousands of Jewish veterans. The program and activities are of particular interest to us, especially as regards what we can expect from them as to Zionist activity.

As we know, at their last National Convention, the J.W.V. passed a very strong Zionist resolution. However, as stated to me by Colonel Borman, Executive Director of the organization, they will not engage in active Zionist propaganda on a National scale for fear that this would jeopardize their position and standing with other veterans organizations which are non-Jewish.

The J.W.V. builds its program around veteran servicing, in cooperation with the Jewish Welfare Board, anti-defamation work, and patriotic activities. This, however, does not satisfy them as it is not sufficient to keep their members interested, and definitely it does not satisfy us. We obviously want a strong Zionist Program on the part of the J.W.V., and this is within the realm of achievement.

The major problem for the J.W.V. is a program of activity for its various posts all over the country. Every local and national leader of the organization is trying to think up new ideas for such a program. When offered Zionist speakers or movies they gladly accept with the eagerness of a drowning man grasping at a straw. This leaves us a wide open door for work.

In some communities the local J.W.V. Post and Z. O. A. district are holding a joint meeting for the purpose of enrolling all Jewish veterans of the community in both organizations. There is no objection on the part of the J.W.V. to our actively attempting to enroll veteran membership. Usually the opposite is true -- they favor this.

The situation can, therefore, be simply summed up by saying that the J.W.V. is enrolling returned soldiers as a specific veterans organization for servicing them. At the same time, his membership there helps develop his Jewish consciousness and prepare him for entering the Z. O. A. In cooperating with the J.W.V. we will gain a goodly number of their members as our own.

Other Jewish organizations are making strong attempts to enroll returned soldiers. The methods used range from free dues and waiving of the initiation fee by some B'nai B'rith lodges, such as the one at Irvington, New Jersey, to the call of the National Jewish Workers Alliance in the "Alliance Voice" for each of its chapters to set up a veterans committee which should visit every returned soldier and approach him for membership.

VII

Much discussion has been heard about where the veteran belongs -- the Z. O. A. or Masada. In Philadelphia this problem has been resolved by setting up a veterans chapter and letting the individual member decide which group he desires to join, with all veterans, whether Masada or Z. O. A. members, meeting together. The purpose being to have a Zionist group which can speak in the name of veterans. However, each community has its own peculiar conditions and will have to resolve the problem for itself. In approaching the question of Masada, though, we can learn a great deal by referring to the book by Morse A. Cartwright previously quoted.

"The returning veteran constitutes a challenge to adult education - the greatest in history. And it should be borne in mind first, last, and all the time that the returning veteran, irrespective of age, is adult. War service precipitates maturity. Any idea that the veterans can be 'palmed off' on existing agencies for childhood and youth education and there absorbed and dismissed is both false and unrealistic.

Disastrous experiences in schools and colleges following World War I testify to this effect. The returning veteran calls for special handling, for special facilities, for special instruction, and all on an adult level with an adult philosophy. . . .

"The psychological value of recognizing the adult nature of the problem is not to be minimized. Youths who have waged war-fare in the European, Mediterranean and Pacific theatres of operations may still be youths in years when they return, but they will be peculiarly -- almost painfully adult in outlook and point of view."

Based on a survey made by the Army in late 1943 we can approximate the age groups of veterans as follows:

27% of our veterans are between 20 - 22 years of age
33% of our veterans are between 23 - 26 years of age
21% of our veterans are between 27 - 32 years of age
19% of our veterans are over 30 years of age

Some veterans may and will find their place in Masada, but a large number will react unfavorably just to the title "Youth". These will only join the Z. O. A., the "adult" group.

VIII

The degree of success which a Z. O. A. campaign to enroll veterans will have is largely dependent upon the thoroughness with which it is carried out. We have seen that the returned soldier has an aroused Jewish consciousness and is anxious to find his place in the Jewish community; therefore, it is up to us to go out and show him that he belongs in the ranks of the Z. O. A.

A Veterans Committee set up in each district to carry on this campaign and approach every returned Jewish serviceman is essential. Veterans should be gone after on a group basis and on a personal basis. A group basis could include activities such as a joint meeting with the local J.W.V. Post, a welcome home dinner or meeting, social functions with movies of Palestine or any other such approach. One idea, for example, which exploits the veterans reactions to anti-semitism, could be a meeting with two of them as speakers. One of these ex-G.I.'s who had been in Europe and seen the tragedy of the Jews, could tell of his experiences and of the desire of the remaining European Jews to immigrate to Palestine. The other soldier, one who visited Palestine, could

paint the positive picture of the Yishuv and the constructive work there with special stress upon arousing the veterans pride in Jewish accomplishments. But it must always be born in mind that a veteran will listen to another veteran much more receptively than to an "outsider," even if the "outsider" be a famous man.

The personal approach to veterans to induce them to join the Z. O. A. is probably the more important of the two. This simply means that every returned soldier must be visited by someone and spoken to regarding his enrollment. To reiterate, wherever at all possible the one talking to the veteran should himself be a discharged soldier. The ground for such a visit may be prepared by previously mailing the veteran a pamphlet or throw-away specifically drawn-up to appeal to him.

The immediate initiation of such a membership campaign is a primary factor for consideration. Now is the time when a discharged soldier is settling down in the civilian community, joining organizations, and establishing his basis for a social life. He can therefore, best be approached at present. If we wait until the Fall for example, it may be altogether too late as the veteran may already have joined non-Zionist groups and it will be much more difficult to get him to join with us. Let us give the Jewish veteran his niche in Jewish life today.

IX

However, just getting veterans in as members is not enough, we must also keep them. To have them remain we need a program. It must be a positive program requiring active participation by each and every member. We must keep him busy politically and socially.

The first point in such a program for veterans who are members of the Z. O. A. is based upon their public relations value. They should be utilized as speakers before veterans groups and before non-Jewish groups. The function of the veteran in the Z. O. A. should be to plan and carry on the district program for public relations among Gentile organizations. Every American, even though he is not a Jew, must be made to associate the name Palestine with the thought of a Jewish Commonwealth there. There are also hundreds of small, relatively unknown, veterans organizations in America

today. If the veterans within the Z. O. A. keep contact with each of these, see that the Z. O. A. is represented in one way or another at their affairs, and keep them on their toes regarding Palestine, an invaluable job will be done to further the cause of Zionism. Naturally, the major public relations activity will revolve around the local J.W.V. Post. If we are active enough and are thorough in influencing enough J.W.V. Posts, it may even be possible to "capture" the whole organization. Nationally, we should plan joint projects with the J.W.V., give them something to keep their member's interested, and gain for Zionism. One such project could revolve around sending veterans to Palestine or having the J.W.V. support a particular project there, for example, a colony for veterans of the Jewish Brigade. It might even be possible for the J.W.V. also to give scholarships to Jewish veterans going to Palestine to study under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

In addition to doing this public relations work among returned servicemen and non-Jews, a veteran in the Z.O.A. can, at the present time, be utilized very effectively as a speaker in a general membership campaign. Whereas, the usual speaker at the Zionist meeting is a man with a "name", a known-personality, the Jewish serviceman who has been in Palestine or Europe also has something to say. His story, due to its simple and direct appeal, can often be more effective than any other speech and it will certainly not be the usual run-of-the-mill product.

The second portion of the veterans program should be well-planned social functions, and even athletics if deemed advisable. Social functions revolving around the close comradeship of the veteran members will fulfill their needs which were discussed above. It is true that this is also offered by other Jewish organizations, but we cannot overlook its importance. We have to offer this to the veteran so that he does not have to look elsewhere for social life.

To satisfy the returned serviceman's innate desire to be proud of his Jewish heritage we can offer him Palestine. Giving him an opportunity to familiarize himself with what is being done there through straight-forward education accomplishes this. Lectures, movies, literature and all other methods can be utilized just as they are for the general Zionist membership. We should also train the future leadership of the

Z. O. A. from among its members who are veterans. At any rate, they will certainly assume leadership if given the opportunity and in many cases will demand it.

There is practically an inexhaustible field around which a veteran's program can be built. However, action must be taken rather than just talking about it. Other points in veteran activity can be as regards veterans going to school in Palestine, veterans going to Palestine to help build up the Yishuv, veterans sponsoring specific projects in Palestine (The Haganah?), and even fund raising work.

In attempting to point out a program for veterans and make the Z. O. A. as satisfying an organization for them as is possible, it might be found necessary to have the Z. O. A. veterans groups partake in all phases of Jewish community life even if Zionism and Palestine aren't involved. For example, an anti-defamation project might sometimes require participation, or a project which involves all minorities in the United States might interest them. Although such activities would be secondary they might very well be found to be essential.

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There are several internal organizational problems which arise when veterans are under discussion. These were brought to light in visits to Newark, Albany, Syracuse, Utica, Harrisburg, etc. and in discussions of the problem with many people. The one most often discussed is the dues question. The payment of full dues by veterans seems to be a very important factor in enrolling them. It is claimed that while a man is changing from army life to civilian life and is trying to establish himself economically, the dues payment is quite a dent in his budget. This is quite true in a large number of cases and some arrangement should be made regarding dues; not as an inducement for veterans to become "bargain" members, but so that the financial obligation should not be a deterrent to their joining the Z. O. A.

The question of separate chapters within the district composed exclusively of veterans is also to be considered. In some cases the character of the general membership of the district is such as to alienate the veteran simply because of differences in age and interests. In other instances a veterans group has been found advisable

because it can be used as a youth group within the district; or it can be valuable because it can speak in the name of veterans only. No set rule can be laid down but each community and Z. O. A. district will have to solve this problem on the basis of the conditions peculiar to it. In many cases the veteran fits into the district very readily and all that is necessary is a veteran's committee to carry out the veterans program.

It can be readily agreed upon, however, that there should be a separate section of the Speakers Bureau composed of returned servicemen who are available as speakers. Each district and region should have such men and utilize them to the fullest extent.

There must also be some sort of Manual of outlines for speeches to be presented to non-Jewish groups by veterans as such speeches must be carefully prepared and planned. It is often difficult for the district to assume the responsibility of sending men to Kiwanis or Rotary clubs, for example, as they are afraid of saying the wrong thing. Such a Manual would help tremendously.

The answer to the question as to whether the Z. O. A. needs a National Veteran's Bureau depends upon how well the organization can do the necessary work without one. There is a necessity for speaking to the veteran straight from the shoulder in his own language. There is also educational, membership, and administrative work to be carried on. However, a staff which does this type of work is already in existence and possibly, it can cover the veterans field as well.

The "veterans approach" may feasibly be gotten from National, Regional and District Veteran's Committees composed of members of the district who are themselves discharged soldiers. Irrespective of the Veteran's Bureau, these committees must be established and must be energetic, enthusiastic, and devotedly active in their work. They must do everything reasonable, and even unreasonable, to immediately enroll tens of thousands of Jewish veterans in the Z. O. A. Without the participation of such veterans committees even a Veteran's Bureau could do little; and Zionism today demands that veterans join our ranks.

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December 20, 1945

Mr. Samuel J. Zacks
100 Adelaide St. West
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Mr. Zacks:

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

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

I was very happy to read that Mrs. Lorna Wingate spoke in Ottawa at a meeting of the Senate and House of Commons and that she will speak in Toronto. She makes a wonderful impression.

With Zion's greetings, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

Temple Israel

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December 20, 1945

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
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Dear Friend:

It is gratuitous to repeat the congratulations and good wishes, extended personally in Atlantic City. But I shall do so anyway. And welcome home! Of course, we are all very proud.

Knowing full well how busy you are, we are reluctant to trespass on your time and strength. However, this is very important (to us). Can you possibly come here any time within the next month or so? We are launching a Temple expansion program combined with the H.U.C. Foundation Fund drive. You can be immeasurably helpful to us and the College.

With affectionate good wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyous civil New Year,

Earnestly,

Marcus

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December 21, 1945

Mr. David Wolpaw
Park Plaza Hotel, Rm 614
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Mr. Wolpaw:

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Most cordially yours,

December 21, 1945

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Vandenberg:

I wish to thank you for your kind note which I enjoyed reading. I hope to be in Washington within the next few weeks and I shall give myself the pleasure of calling on you. I should like to tell you of some of the things which I saw on my visit to Palestine, from where I have just returned.

The adoption of the Palestine Resolution is very gratifying. Although it isn't as comprehensive as I should have wished it, nevertheless coming at this particular moment it will, I believe, be immensely helpful.

I read with joy this morning your appointment, and your confirmation by the Senate, as one of the principal delegates to the Assembly of the UNO. I know of the major contribution which you made to the organization of the UNO at San Francisco and the leadership which you gave to the cause from the very beginning. That you will now continue as our spokesman in this organization, which is now the sole hope of mankind for universal peace, greatly enheartens us and gives us an increased measure of confidence.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

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December 28, 1945

לשרת ה' נאמר, ונאמר דורש ונאמר אמונה דבר' אלק
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E'nai B'rith HILLEL FOUNDATION
Madison, Wisconsin

December 31, 1945.

Mr. Herman Weisman
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Dear Mr. Weisman:

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I returned on December 26th from Chicago just a bit weary from the sessions of the Intercollegiate Zionist conference. The weariness, I'm afraid, was more than physical: the spiritual atmosphere of the convention was something less than inspiring. I cannot recall ever being in a group that was more petty, contentious and ill-mannered than this one. Sadly enough, there were many student delegates who reacted just as I did, so that I can't even charge off my feeling to on-coming old-age.

I attended the conference, as you know, in an entirely unofficial capacity. Personally I am deeply interested in the advancement of Zionism on the campus. In Hillel, moreover, I have a special responsibility for this aspect of the total program. For these two reasons, then, I felt the urgency of taking these three or four days out of a very busy month to sit in and to help, if I could, in the deliberations of the conference.

I am writing to you at some length about my reactions to the conference and my evaluation of its achievements because I feel it is important that you receive an outsider's point of view and since there seemed to be no other adult present who might make such a report to you. I offer the following comments in a constructive spirit and after due consideration, knowing full well some of my observations may evoke a considerable adverse reaction from some of the young people of the new Federation and perhaps even from some of their elders.

1) At the outset I must say that I feel the conference was called without sufficient forethought and preparation given to it by our adult Zionist leadership. I know, of course, how busy all these people are in these crucial days; still I feel that either the conference should have been given more specific preparation - or it should have been

postponed until such time as it could have been properly set up. The one crucial point upon which it seems the very existence of the new Federation may depend, viz. sponsorship vs. affiliation, should have been clarified by the AZYC simultaneously with the calling of the conference, thus giving the delegates to the conference a definite frame of reference within which they could then have operated.

2) Together with the above - or at least as a substitute therefor - the AZYC and/or ZOA-Hadassah should have been strongly and officially represented at the conference. Miss Pearl Franklin of Hadassah attended and "observed" faithfully, but made it clear she had no authority to speak for Hadassah. Both you and Dr. Tannenbaum had to leave before the conference really got down to cases. Lillian Schwartz and Shirley Pineus (both of whom, by the way, deserve both thanks and commendation for their untiring efforts) had neither the authorization nor the prestige necessary to speak for ZOA-Hadassah. - - As a matter of plain fact, the only adults who were present and participated throughout the conference and who were on hand for the crucial latter sessions were 1) the observer from Habonim, 2) Aaron Yelow of Avukah and 3) myself. Under these circumstances there could be no certainty, no definitive answers to the major questions which had to be answered if the delegates were to act with intelligence and understanding. I am convinced that the conference would not have ended, as it did, in a wild stampede if someone could have outlined for the delegates clearly and specifically the position of ZOA-Hadassah on the matter of affiliation. . . . But more of this in a moment.

3) I felt that the conference started out making considerable progress, ^{toward} its goal of a representative, all-inclusive federation of student Zionists; and this despite the fact that it met in an atmosphere that was oppressive with suspicion and mutual distrust; despite even the bare-knuckled, rough and tumble politics which degraded the conference and disgusted large numbers of the delegates. (I might add here that those students, particularly, whose Zionist interest and activity are comparatively recent, to whom Zionism is a movement and an ideal, -- those students were disgusted and revolted by the spectacle of young people who claim to be Zionists fighting wildly, without courtesy and without manners, obviously for personal power or for petty organizational prestige.... In more than a few cases I found it necessary to re-assure these students who came to me in disgust that this was not Zionism but a sordid caricature of the politics that some Zionists sometimes play; that Zionism as they know it and work for it on their campuses does have significance, and that they must return and continue to work for that conception of Zionism despite the depressing experience of the conference.) . . . I felt that progress was being made at the beginning: organizational details were being worked out; conditions of membership were laid down (e.g., leaders who are in reality no longer students but adults of 25 to 30 years of age were eliminated by a constitutional provision); an excellent statement of program and activities was drawn up, pooling the experience of many delegates; - - then came the focal issue of affiliation. (This was late on Tuesday afternoon, the last day of the conference.)

4) Since it is at this point that I feel the conference "fell apart" I shall go into some detail. The issue was: Shall the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation affiliate with ZOA-Hadassah (through the AZYC) or

shall it simply accept their moral and financial support (sponsorship) along with that of other Zionist parties who are to be equally represented on the advisory board which is contemplated? The report of the Committee on Relations with Other Organizations specified that no organization could claim this Federation as its affiliate. . .

A substitute resolution, introduced by a delegate from Rutgers, was ruled out by the chairman, Sumner Alpert, on what I thought was a sham technicality and, on an appeal from the decision of the chair, was literally howled down by a large majority of the delegates.

What was this resolution and who were those who shouted it down?

There was but one essential difference between the Rutgers resolution and the committee report: the former called for an interim affiliation with ZOA-Hadassah through the AZYC until such time as the executive committee of the new Federation could work out the details for setting up the inter-party sponsoring commission. (Let me say that in view of the invitation extended to Habonim and other Zionist youth groups officially to participate in this conference, and considering that the goal set up was one all-inclusive campus federation, this "Rutgers plan" seems to me the maximum that ZOA-Hadassah had a right to expect by way of affiliation.)

Make no mistake about ^{it}! The delegates who led the fight against affiliation knew full well what they were doing! They knew also that they were risking the loss of AZYC financial support, for a number of students had the temerity to point this out on the floor of the conference.... The resolution rejecting any General Zionist affiliation carried, however, 1) because it was supported by a strange coalition, and 2) because the delegates who had no axe to grind were confused and bewildered — and because the absence of any official statement by the AZYC led them to believe that there was no real issue here! Many of these latter delegates voted for the committee position because it seemed to them logical -- as indeed it is if the AZYC intended the Federation to be simply an all-embracing campus set-up with no special relationship to its original sponsors.

I am more concerned, however, with the coalition which actively pushed this resolution against affiliation. The two elements in it are quite different and, in my estimation, poles apart in the quality of their motivation. On the one hand there are the Habonim students who represent definite campus groups and who were specifically invited to join in the conference. These people are, on the whole, serious and sincere Zionists. To most of them Zionism is synonymous with Labor Zionism, and affiliation with ZOA-Hadassah, whom they look upon as an increasingly aggressive political alignment within the movement, would clearly be an infringement upon their Zionist political integrity (notwithstanding their freedom to pay their Shekel through their own party). — It was this element in the coalition that gave it its idealistic cast and the appeal of reasonableness which were its strength..., while on the other side of the case there was little except the very earthy argument that "unless it affiliates, the Federation might well lose the financial support of ZOA-Hadassah." From the Habonim point of view it was well worth taking any and all chances on the ZOA-Hadassah reaction, for they had everything to gain and, from their point of view, nothing to lose.

The other partner in the coalition had, I am convinced, less lofty motives. I regret very much having to express this conclusion, but I must say I found the national leadership of Avukah playing an opportunistic political game whose objective was much more the salvaging of the Avukah organization together with its personnel than it was the advancement of Zionism on the American campus. (Knowing Avukah's temper and reaction-time, I'm sure I've just stuck my head ~~in~~ into the lion's mouth; but this is my considered judgement based on observations that go even beyond the conference itself.)

On the particular issue of General Zionist affiliation, the Avukah leaders as well as rank and file, en bloc with Habonim delegates, went all-out against any ZOA-Hadassah association, however temporary. There are two possibilities: they may have been sincere in their objection, - in which case they lay open to serious question the ZOA-Hadassah affiliation of their previously existing organization, Avukah. Just how honest and honorable can that affiliation be when the self-same individuals who accept it in Avukah fought tooth and nail against it at this conference? - Surely the left hand must have some ~~idea~~ idea of what the right hand is doing!

The other, and to my mind the more likely possibility is that Avukah at this conference was not really fighting against General Zionist affiliation at all, but rather was using Habonim and this issue 1) to sabotage the new Federation by imposing at the start a condition which they felt sure would be unacceptable to ZOA-Hadassah, in order that 2) the way might be cleared for Avukah's recall as the only acceptable campus Zionist group. . . . From watching the proceedings at the conference, from listening to the Avukah "line", from seeing how Avukah leaders knowingly and deliberately took an active part in this repudiation, I am forced to the conclusion that they were neither honorable nor sincere -- except insofar as they may sincerely believe that the future of American Zionism lies in the Avukah organization and its present leadership.

I am convinced that Avukah set out from the very beginning to gain control or to scuttle The new federation, whatever the cost to the Zionist Movement! Being clearly outvoted all down the line, beginning with the very first roll-call on the issue of a federation name, they adopted an obstructionist strategy, in which unfortunately they were greatly assisted by the vague and vacuous position of the AZYC itself. Curiously enough, their scuttling tactics were doubly successful, for they so demoralized the conference that in the end a majority of old Avukah leaders were jockeyed into control of the new Federation, - the new constitution being duly "set aside" for the time being, of course. This means that an Avukah-dominated Executive Committee is now in a position to personally supervise the completion of the scuttling job and/or to manipulate the situation in such a way that the wider representation of student Zionists who came to the conference will be shut out from whatever organization ultimately takes control.

Speaking for myself as a General Zionist, I cannot see how ZOA-Hadassah can ignore or lightly pass over this betrayal by the leadership of its campus "affiliate". Should the establishment of this new Federation not go through to a positive conclusion, for whatever reason, I can

December 31, 1945.

see no choice for the AZYC but to reevaluate and reconsider its entire approach to the campus situation. Surely the present leadership of Avukah has forfeited any claim to our confidence, whether they operate within the old framework of Avukah or in their newer setting of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation.

These, I am aware, are serious charges. I offer them as my personal evaluation of the situation for whatever value they may be to you in mapping out the future policy of the AZYC re the college campus. It seems to me that during the 60-day period before the new Federation goes officially into operation, a candid and complete study of the situation must be made, and realities must be faced squarely and fearlessly. If the conference is to be of any value at all, we must learn something from its experience that will guide us in planning campus Zionist activity and organization in the future.

I am not without hope. The many sincere, if politically naive student Zionists who represented dozens of eager and earnest campus groups all over the country are a reservoir of fine human material. They can and must be mobilized for Zionism, - Zionism without the political horseplay that has unfortunately characterized not only this conference and the events which led up to it, but the student Zionist movement in many of its aspects and for a long time.

The new year definitely brings to the AZYC a new challenge. I hope it will be met with wisdom and with courage.

With kindest personal good wishes for a happy new year, and with Zion's greetings, I am

Yours sincerely,

(Rabbi) Theodore H. Gordon

cc: Dr. A. H. Silver
Mrs. Moses P. Epstein

January 4, 1948

Mr. Herman Weisman
c/o American Zionist Youth Commission
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Weisman:

I received, a few days ago, a copy of a letter addressed to you by Rabbi Theodore H. Gordon, which must have disturbed you as much as it disturbed me. I should like to get your comments on Rabbi Gordon's letter.

More especially, I should like to get your idea of what should be done during the coming year to intensify our Youth work. There was a clear demand on the part of the delegates at the Atlantic City Convention that the ZOA do a more intensive job in this field. Has your committee a program for this year?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:GR

January 4, 1948

Rabbi Theodore Gordon
508 State Street
Madison 5, Wisc.

Dear Ted:

I have your letter of December 31st, 1945.

I can understand how a good deal of your evaluational comments were justifiably provoked, but do not at all agree that the decisions of the youngsters were due to a lack of any definite policy on the part of the Youth Commission. Some of your general observations I sincerely agree with. They are the product of hindsight.

We plan shortly to send a report of the conference to the Z.O.A. and Hadassah which will better serve as a reply to your letter than anything I can take time to say now. I am sorry that you saw fit, in advance of such report, to send a copy of your personal comments to me to Dr. Silver and Judith Epstein. My associates on the Office Committee of the Youth Commission, embracing members of Z.O.A. as well as Hadassah, feel with me quite strongly that this action was quite inappropriate. I should add that none of us feel that this was more than an error of judgment on your part.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Herman L. Weisman,
Chairman

HLW:LR

c/o Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Mrs. Moses P. Epstein

January 4, 1948

Prof. Chaim Tchernowitz
620 Riverside Drive
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Tchernowitz:

Let me thank you for your very lovely and gracious note. I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

I greatly enjoyed my visit to Palestine, in spite of the fact that it was rather brief. I found the community strong, sound, and in a very determined and hopeful mood. The Jewish community of Palestine is far ahead of the official Zionist leaders, both in vision and in courage.

I do hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the very near future.

With all good wishes, and thanking you again for your kindness in writing to me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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January 7, 1946

Dr. Abba H. Silver
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

You are, of course, familiar with Fichman's Sefer Ha-Aretz and Yaari's Igroth Eretz Yisrael. It seems to me the Z.O.A. could render a major service by publishing an English anthology of the best material in these two books. Now if ever is the time to make available to the English reader, Jew and non-Jew, the overwhelming evidence of Hebrew creative expressions throughout three thousand years, and more, testifying to the bond linking Israel with Eretz Yisrael.

Sincerely yours,

Trude Weiss-Rosmarin

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January 8, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of January 4th regarding Rabbi Gordon's letter of comments on the recent Intercollegiate Conference. A copy of my reply to Rabbi Gordon has been sent to you. A full report and analysis is being prepared.

We do have a program for this year which is subject, of course, to reshaping by the Youth Commission as reconstituted by new appointments which you are expected to make. Tomorrow I am meeting with the sub-committee which the committee of seven appointed. The Youth Commission is badly in need of volunteer manpower of standing and ability. I am quite confident that a very vigorous and fruitful program can shortly be put into effect. I will write you again as soon as I can in more concrete terms.

By way of indicating the mood of young people all over the country, I am enclosing a copy of letter which just came to me from the Coast, written by Rabbi Franklin Cohn, which is as disturbing as the set of resolutions adopted by the Intercollegiate Zionist Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Herman L. Weisman,
Chairman

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January 9, 1948

Mr. Joseph M. Wekstein
Street Napoles 30
Mexico City, Mexico

Dear Mr. Wekstein:

On behalf of the American Zionist Emergency Council, I wish to express our deep appreciation of your devoted and effective cooperation on behalf of Zionism.

We have had enthusiastic reports from the American Christian Palestine Committee as to your contribution to the International Conference for Palestine, held in Washington, D. C., by getting a strong delegation from Mexico in attendance and by your constructive influence in setting up the World Committee for Palestine.

When the Conference was over, your interest, contact and advice was of great value to us here in the United States. Such a gigantic task as we face can only be accomplished by cooperation on an international scale. The cause is all-important, and complete devotion to it, such as you displayed, will be the basis of our success.

We will deeply appreciate your continued effort.

Best wishes to you for the coming year, and high hopes for the progress of Zionism.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:GR

January 9, 1946

Dr. J. Marshall Taxay
Temple Israel
133 Merriman Road
Akron 3, Ohio

My dear Taxay:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind note. I have been confined to my home for the last ten days with the flu, and prior to that time I was more than busy trying to catch up with the work which accumulated here during my absence from the country.

Thank you very much for your good wishes on the occasion of my election to the Presidency of the ZOA. It is another heavy burden on top of many others, but one must be a good soldier in these trying times.

I should very much like to come to you in connection with your Temple expansion program, but I must conserve my health. I have been burning the candle at both ends. I must decline many invitations which, normally, I should be most happy to accept. I am sure that you will understand.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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January 11, 1946

Mr. Herman L. Weisman
c/o American Zionist Youth Commission
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Herman,

Thank you for your reply of January 4th to my letter.

Certainly I have no desire to let our correspondence take on the character of an argument over the conference or my reactions to it. I wrote solely with the hope that my comments and evaluations might be helpful in solving what I consider a very serious Zionist problem.

I certainly did not anticipate and do not expect complete agreement with the judgments expressed. Some of my observations, of course, are blind-sight as you suggest. Others, however, were quite clearly anticipated in my letter to you of October 22nd.

I am sincerely sorry that you and the office committee of the Youth Commission feel it was "inappropriate" that copies of my letter were sent to the respective presidents of E.O.A. and Hadesseh. It may or may not have been an error of judgment; you may be sure it was done out of genuine desire to be helpful.

I am forwarding a copy of this note also to Mrs. Epstein and Dr. Silver, not in a spirit of continuing a controversy, which this is not, but simply for the sake of the record. I am looking forward to the opportunity to read your report on the conference. Among other things, it will be important as a basis for determining the official position of the Hillel Foundations with respect to the Federation.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Rabbi) Theodore H. Gordon

AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION
381 Fourth Ave.
New York City

January 11, 1948

Rabbi Franklin Cohn, Chairman
Public Relations Committee
1107-51st Avenue
Seattle 22, Washington

Dear Rabbi Cohn:

This is in further reference to your letter of January 4th, concerning the proposed participation of Young Judaea in a political actions committee to be formed in your community.

A meeting of the Youth Commission will not take place in time for you to have an answer before January 14th, as requested in your letter and as indicated in Mr. Weisman's tentative reply. For this reason we take occasion to discuss the matter with you somewhat further in advance of such meeting.

As you know, the political activity of the Zionist movement in America is evolved and sponsored by the American Zionist Emergency Council in which Hadassah and the ZOA are not only represented, but have a controlling vote.

The formation of political actions committees by youth groups obviously is inspired and even encouraged by the activity of the Zionist Emergency Council. It would, therefore, not be feasible to prevent or even to discourage such activity in any specific community. However, the program of activity of such a committee should follow reasonably closely the policies laid down by the Zionist Emergency Council. In that way they will be in harmony with the policies of General Zionism as well.

In your community, therefore, it would be desirable, even necessary, to have, in any political actions committee established, proper representation of the General Zionist youth groups. The ratio of representation might follow the pattern set by the National Emergency Council given below.

It would seem to be also in order to have the chairman or a representative of the local Youth Commission a member of the political actions committee. In your own community you would seem to be the logical person in view of your chairmanship of the Public Relations Committee of your district and of your council. I believe in this

Rabbi Franklin Cohn

January 11, 1946

wise it will be possible to afford youth an opportunity for their impulse towards political expression and at the same time keep in harmony with the major lines of decision and action of the National General Zionist bodies.

As already stated, this is a statement in anticipation of a consideration of this entire matter by the Youth Commission at its next meeting.

Cordially yours,

Albert P. Schoolman, Chairman
National Young Judaea Committee

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Representation on National
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Hadassah	5
Z.O.A.	3
Mizrachi	1
Poale Zion	1

Representation on Local
Emergency Council *

Hadassah	5
Z.O.A.	3
Mizrachi	1
Poale Zion	1

*The number of people on the local Councils depends upon the size of the particular community.

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January 12, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

To make sure that this letter reaches you as quickly as possible, I send you this as a copy of a letter, directed to Cleveland. Another copy will be addressed to the ZOA offices in Washington. If the telephone strike would not have interfered, I would have called you by phone. In case you were in Cleveland on Sunday, you will have received the following wire:

"San Francisco Bay Area Zionists asked Sidney Marks to appoint me part time Bay Area Regional Director. Part time rabbinical position in Alameda already secured. Would appreciate your support in getting quick positive answer".

Mr. David Krinsky, Secretary of the ZOA in Oakland and one of the leading Zionists here as well as Dr. Harry May, Western Area Director wrote to Dr. Marks.

Temple Israel in Alameda, 10 minutes ride from the heart of Oakland and 35 minutes from the Business District of San Francisco, wants me to serve as its rabbi, but is not in a position to pay a living salary. It agrees to my devoting half of my time to Zionist work if the ZOA consents. The ZOA would have the advantage of gaining a worker for half a living salary.

Since I was able as you know to secure all the political support of Nevada for Zionist aims that was asked by the Emergency Council, I believe that I shall be successful in this greater field in this area. Living in the West for four years, I know the problems of this territory, the political and the religious forces, and also the destructive work of the American Council for Judaism, quite active here. I have already established contact with the Protestant Clergy here, when I gave a lecture on "The Trial of Jesus" before The Western Area Meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews last Monday. I am sure, indeed, that the money, laid

at present:

143 Hillcrest Road
Berkeley, California

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out by the ZOA for this purpose will be well spent.

Naturally, I like to get a decision as soon as possible. May I ask you to use your favorable judgment and your kind offices in bringing about a quick and positive answer.

I am staying here with relatives of my wife and shall be here until Wednesday or Thursday. (Address above).

Appreciating whatever you will do in this for me, I am

With kindest regards

Yours most sincerely,

John F. Fuchs



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January 16th, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

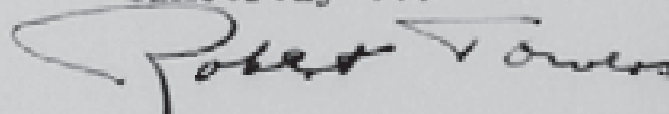
Pursuant to our telephone conversation of yesterday, I would like to take a few further moments of your time and ask you to peruse this letter.

The reason I am so anxious to have you speak to an audience of Grossingerites, is that for the past thirty years, Grossinger's has been a prime factor in metropolitan, national and world Jewish affairs. Causes like the Hadassah, the United Jewish Appeal, the Zionist organization of America, Youth Aliyah, Yeshiva College, and others, have been furthered by the hearty response of Grossinger guests. Figures in world Jewish affairs .. Chaim Weitzmann, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Maurice Samuel ... have been our guests and have graced our lecture platform. You will find here, at the Grossinger Country Club, a most representative group of American Jews. You will find that the message you have to give and the cause you represent will be greatly enhanced by a visit here.

I say all these things knowing very well the demands on your time. I hasten to assure you, however, that the time you devote to an appearance at Grossinger's will not be in vain.

With kindest regards ...

Sincerely ...



Robert Towers

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Regional and District Presidents, Membership Chairmen and Veteran Committee Chairmen

DATE: January 17, 1946

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT: Enrollment of Veterans

After due deliberation and careful consideration of the entire matter, the National Executive Committee, at its meeting which was held on Saturday night, January 13th, decided that the enrollment of veterans to our organization shall be made at dues prescribed by the constitution of the Zionist Organization of America, without any reduction.

In the course of the discussion, it was felt by all present that veterans do not want special classification, categories or privileges and appreciate being included in normal categories.

This should not preclude districts from financing the enrollment of veterans under any arrangements they deem advisable, provided the provisions of the ZOA Constitution are met.

It was further felt that the question of enrollment of veterans is not dependent upon an inducement of a reduction in dues but rather upon the approach made by the districts to these men.

A full program of activity and literature is being planned by us and will be forwarded to you as soon as they are available. I urge you to activate all veteran chairmen and committees in your district to engage in wide-spread enrollment of those returning men who have become Zionists through the sheer virtue of their war experiences in other lands. I know, of a certainty, that we can expect your whole-hearted cooperation.

My kindest personal regards.

Sidney Marks

January 18, 1948

Miss Trude Weiss-Rosmarin
The Jewish Spectator
110 West 40th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you for bringing to my attention Fichman's
and Yaari's books. I have referred your suggestions
to our Publications Committee, the members of which
I am sure will give serious consideration to the
matter.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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PHONE: MURRAY HILL 3-9080

January 18, 1946

Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter which was sent to Dr. Marks, concerning the dismissal of one of the staff members of the Zionist Organization.

Since Dr. Marks is out town, we would like you, as President of the organization, to look into the matter so that we may all be sure that no injustice is being done.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Taras".

Mark Taras,
Union Representative

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January 18, 1946

Dr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42 Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Marks:

Your letter to Mr. Leonard of your organization, who is a member of our Union, informing him of his dismissal from employment as of Feb-18th, was referred to me.

I have been asked by the Chapter to write to you, in accordance with the provisions of our agreement, indicating that we desire to challenge this dismissal and that we desire a meeting to consider this question, as stated in the terms of our agreement, within two weeks.

May I point out that your dismissal did not follow the procedure outlined in our agreement, covering such matters. You did not notify the Union in writing, nor did you present the charges against the employee and the reasons for his dismissal, to us, as also you did not give the employee the proper amount of notice.

The Chapter of the Union in your organization, feels quite perturbed over the dismissal of a colleague and fellow-employee who has, in their opinion, been a loyal staff member of the organization. May we hear from you as soon as possible on a meeting?

Very truly yours,

Mark Tarail,
Union Representative

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c.c. Dr. Neumann
Mr. Bernstein
Rabbi Silver
Mr. Barbarash

January 23, 1948

My dear Mr. Towers:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 16.

I appreciate very much your invitation to address an audience at Grossinger's. It would give me great pleasure indeed to do so. At the moment I am not free. Should my schedule ease up a bit to enable me to accept invitations which under normal conditions I am most happy to accept, I shall be very pleased to come to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:GR

Mr. Robert Towers
221 West 57th Street
New York 19, N. Y.

ALEXANDER WINNICK
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
902 CHAPEL STREET
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Telephone 7-1166

January 23, 1946

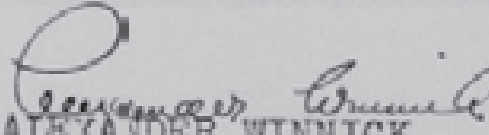
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple Anselrode
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I presume that by this time you have received a communication from the Speaker's Bureau requesting your appearance in New Haven on February 24, 1946. On that date the Zionist District is planning a reception for John Fox recently elected president of the New Haven District. The undersigned is his successor.

A campaign is now underway to present him with 500 new members in the Z.O.A. on that night and the campaign will be successful. I therefore urge that you accept our invitation to be with us on that night as principal speaker of the evening.

Very truly yours,


ALEXANDER WINNICK

President, New Haven Zionist District

AW:AS

January 24, 1946

Mr. Alexander Winnick
902 Chapel Street
New Haven 10, Conn.

My dear Mr. Winnick:

Thank you so much for your kind letter.

With reference to my attending the testimonial which is to be given for Mr. John Fox, the newly-elected President of the New Haven District, I assure you that it would have given me the greatest pleasure to attend such a meeting, both to pay my respects to Mr. Fox and in appreciation of the fine effort which the New Haven Zionist District is making to enlist 500 new members in the Z.O.A. But I am sure that you understand what heavy burdens I am carrying at this time and how much of my time is already committed to Zionist causes. It is simply impossible for me to take on any additional out-of-town engagements for the next few months. Perhaps later on if things ease up a bit, I will be able to visit some of the communities in New England and it will give me great pleasure indeed to come to New Haven.

I wish you and your successor in office greatest success in your Zionist activities. Please convey my best wishes to all the members of the District.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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January 29, 1946

Dear Mr. Alkow:

We urgently request that you bring the attached memorandum to the attention of Dr. Silver as soon as possible.

It is apparent to us that the activities of the Young Zionist Actions Committee have developed to the point where it is essential that the contents of this memorandum be given immediate consideration, and acted upon.

Sincerely,

Paul Byne
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MEMORANDUM TO DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

1. The Young Zionist Actions Committee was organized in January, 1944, by representatives of the National Zionist Youth movements in New York, for the purpose of pooling their resources and energy to collectively accomplish, in terms of political Zionist activity, that which any one found incapable of undertaking single-handedly.

At the present time its direct focus of activities is confined to the Metropolitan New York area, although its influence has radiated to a much wider sphere. It is composed of leading representatives of all New York Zionist youth groups, headed by officers and an executive committee democratically chosen.

At present it receives a subvention of \$150 a month from the Emergency Council, plus the uses of the Council's office facilities. It employs a part-time secretary.

2. Since the inception of the YZAC it has grown in importance and effectiveness and has begun to make its weight felt in Zionist work. Its impact has been specifically exercised along two channels:

- a. The staff of the Emergency Council has frequently utilized YZAC for various specific activities. Thus YZAC was called upon to aid in the Madison Square Garden Rally, through distribution of leaflets, publicity, ushering, etc. The Committee of Unity of the ZOA is also beginning to use YZAC in counteracting propaganda of the American Council for Judaism.

- b. The bulk of the work of YZAC has consisted of activities resulting from our own initiative and resourcefulness:

- 1) The March of Youth in connection with the Madison Square Park Demonstration -- 15,000 participating.

- 2) The Hunter College Rally -- 1500 youth present.

- 3) Daily picketing of the British Empire Building --

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an activity that has received national and international publicity.

- 4) Mass demonstration and picketing in front of the British Consulate at 25 Broadway, and a resulting interview with the British Consul.
 - 5) Mass mobilization of letter and wire campaigns.
 - 6) Petition of 1,000 college professors to the President of the United States, against the White Paper.
 - 7) Petitions now being circulated among servicemen and veterans, favoring the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine.
3. Although YZAC, as stated above, is a New York Committee, it has served as a model for the creation of YZACs in other communities throughout the land. In Cleveland, Boston, St. Louis, Chicago, Atlanta, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Buffalo, have local YZACs sprung up, modelling their program and activities upon the New York pattern.

Our BULLETINS, mailed to a strategic mailing list throughout the country, serve as an impetus for aggressive local action. Picketing of British Consulates conducted in other cities as well, has received national and international press coverage. Letters, telegrams, etc., on a nation-wide scale, have also been prompted by YZAC's initiative. Local communities have been writing to us for aid in organization of local YZACs. YZAC is becoming a central clearing agency for Zionist literature and material among young Jews and non-Jews throughout the country.

4. At present we stand at the point of planning a number of activities of far-reaching consequences, with the disquieting apprehension of not being able to carry them through. For example, we are planning:
- a. SERVICEMEN AND VETERANS PETITION FOR PALESTINE -- a campaign to attain at least 200,000 signatures.
 - b. Street-Corner meetings in strategic localities throughout New York.
 - c. Parlor meetings with Jewish and Christian youth leaders.
 - d. Radio programs.
 - e. The enlistment of prominent personalities for our daily picketing, to make it more effective.
 - f. An immediate project is the organization of the nation-wide celebration of the publication of the Judenstaat in Zionist youth circles.

Unfortunately we doubt whether we can successfully conduct these important activities with our existing facilities. The leadership of YZAC consists of leading members of various Zionist youth movements who find themselves unable to devote the requisite time to direct the day-to-day activities of YZAC.

5. We believe that the insurance of the success of these activities will come only with the appointment of an executive director and secretary..

It is our sincere feeling, stemming from the past few years' experience, that there is a definite need for a strong Young Zionist Actions Committee, not only for the Zionist youth groups, but even more so, for the implementation of the Emergency Council program among non-Zionist Jewish and Christian young people.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Byne
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Harry Sosewitz
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Joseph P. Sternstein
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STEERING COMMITTEE, YZAC

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Mrs. Jacob M. Weisman
Berlin, New Hampshire

January 29th, 1946.

Dear Dr. Silver :

In an issue of the "New Palestine" I was reading your address, held at the Zionist Convention in Atlantic City last November, and after I had finished reading it, I couldn't help but write a few lines, a copy of which I inclose.

You will notice that I am not a poetess, I am writing little poems here and there, dealing mainly with events in Jewish history. I would greatly appreciate it, if you would advise me whether to have this poem published or not. I have sent a copy of it to my brother Samuel Weger, now living in Tel-Aviv, Palestine. He left Germany in 1936. My only other brother, Dr. David Weger, died in Baltimore, Md., in 1939, after a stay of only six months in this country.

May I thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Incl.

Rebeka Weger Weisman
(Mrs. J. M. Weisman)

WE WERE BETRAYED.

Six Million of our people slain,
The world heard our cry
That thousands of these would live to-day
If not for Britains' lie.

Withdraw your hands from Palestine,
You have misused your trust,-
For every inch of land we'll fight,
Great Britain, if we must! --

Your tanks and guns , they stop us not,
We know your evil aim,
Hold land by force for selfish want,
Great Britain, bow in shame ! --

Don't you incite the Arab world
Of jewish influx to beware,
For not to lift the ignorance
In Arab lands you care. --

Land experts' figures proved this land
With irrigated soil
Could shelter Jews a thousandfold,
If they were free to toil.

You send commissions to this land,
Dividing it with ease,
When only we ask here to live
In dignity and peace.

Great Britain, you have left, indeed,
A blot in history,
Beware -- intrigues and treacheries
Wipe out democracy! ---

December 1945.

Rebecca Weger Weisman.

Mrs. Jacob M. Weisman
Berlin, New Hampshire

HOTEL CHELSEA
ATLANTIC CITY N J

January 31, 1946

Rabbi David Wice
315 Warwick Avenue
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Rabbi Wice:

Neither Miss Downey nor Mr. Tousley are connected with the hotel at the present time. However, I find some correspondence which began October twentieth and closed November sixth without coming to any definite conclusion.

This was probably due to the fact that it was not feasible for them to arrange for a convention for the last part of June as the summer business for steady customers who take accommodations for the entire summer begins about June fifteenth.

We do have a small group leaving here on the twenty-second of June, and if you can reduce your number to one hundred persons, occupying approximately fifty rooms for the 23d, 24th, and 25th of June, we could probably take care of you.

We could also take care of a dinner on the night of June twenty-third for one hundred-twenty-five persons, possibly more, if they do not sleep here, as requested by Mr. Arthur L. Reinhart.

Awaiting your further advice, we are

Cordially yours,

JOHN F. SANDERSON (signed)

General Manager

JFS/bm

February 4, 1946

Mrs. Jacob M. Weisman
Berlin,
New Hampshire

My dear Mrs. Weisman:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of
January 29, and for the poem which you enclosed
which I read with much pleasure.

You might consider sending it to some Jewish
publication whose editors, I am sure, will be
happy to consider it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GE

February 6, 1946

Mr. Jacques Torcsyner
2 West 48th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. *Jacques* ~~Torcsyner~~:

The enclosed is a proposed list of the Board of Directors of the UFA, submitted to me by Mr. Rosenbloom. I am to discuss the list with him next Monday.

Please go over the list with Mr. Neumann and indicate which of the proposed names are acceptable to us, which should be dropped, and what names if any should be added. You will note that there are 164 names suggested. Under all conditions, the clear majority should be names which the KH and the KK would be prepared to recommend as their own representatives.

Please return this list to my office at the Zionist Emergency Council by Monday morning.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR
Enc.

THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, INC.

Hadassah

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February 7, 1946

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Washington D.C. Chapter of Hadassah is celebrating the completion of its fundraising by a banquet on Tuesday evening, March 26th, and are most anxious that you be their guest speaker.

From the dozens of requests that come to this office for you we have carefully sifted all through them and are writing to you at this time with this request because it is so very important. In fact, Washington is in a unique position, being the nation's capital and an active Hadassah chapter, and is entitled to the very finest that we can offer. May I therefore, Rabbi Silver, ask you to consider most seriously this request.

Hoping that your calendar will be free that day and that the community of Washington will be honored by your presence, I am

Sincerely yours.

Tulette F. Aschner
Mrs. Paul W. Aschner, National Chairman
Hadassah Speakers Bureau

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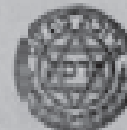
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February 8, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Colleagues and Friends:

Concerning arrangements for the Conference at the Chelsea, you will recall that I sent you a copy of a letter dated November 1st written to Miss Adele M. Downey, Convention Manager at the Chelsea, asking that the rates quoted in her letter of October 20 should apply the day before and the day after the fixed dates of the Conference. I had no answer to this communication and was assured verbally that when the new manager took over after the first of the year, I would have confirmation of all arrangements.

When I did not hear by the middle of January, I asked Mr. Victor Jacoby, Executive Secretary of the New Jersey Hotel Association, a member of my Congregation, to investigate. After a series of phone calls I received the enclosed letter from the new general manager, Mr. John F. Sanderson. I immediately phoned Mr. Sanderson again, reminding him that the letters of October 20 from the then manager, Bennett E. Tousley and Convention manager, Adele Downey, fixed the arrangements and that the only negotiation was with regard to the rates the day before and after the Conference. It is quite obvious that with no OPA ceiling on rentals and a season which formerly opened July 1 now being pushed to May 1, at all seaside resorts, he is trying to break the arrangement. Sanderson promised me on Monday of this week that I would have a letter from him by the middle of the week. Now on Friday morning I have still heard not one word. I feel confident that if we wish to hold them to this arrangement we can do so, though they in turn could make it so unpleasant for us that we would not have the kind of Conference to which we are entitled.

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If in your opinion we should meet in this area, my advice would be to keep away from Atlantic City and week one of two alternatives: (A) a hotel in New York which would accommodate us or (B) explore the possibility of a camp not too far from New York which would accommodate us before their season officially opens. If you feel this is advisable, I would immediately check all possibilities and try to have this information in hand by the time we meet in Cincinnati. If any of you have other contacts or ideas I of course will defer to your judgment. In other words I now await your suggestions as to what my attitude should be toward the Chelsea and whether you wish me to pursue other possibilities.



Faithfully and fraternally yours,

David

DHW:FJ

February 12, 1946

Mrs. Paul W. Aschner, National Chairman
Hadassah Speakers Bureau
The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.
1819 Broadway
New York 23, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Aschner:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address a banquet arranged by the Washington, D. C. Chapter of Hadassah for Tuesday evening, March 26. I should indeed be very happy to come. Unfortunately, my crowded program will not permit me to take on any additional speaking engagements. I know that you will understand.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AES:GR

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February 12, 1946

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"Answer by WESTERN UNION"
or similar phrases may be
included without charge.

Rabbi David H. Wice
815 Warwick Avenue
South Orange, N. J.



I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU INSIST ON THE CHELSEA HOTEL FOR THE CONVENTION. PERHAPS A PERSONAL VISIT TO ATLANTIC CITY WOULD STRAIGHTEN THE MATTER OUT.

Abba Hillel Silver

GR

MORRIS ZUCKER
31-04 STEINWAY STREET
ASTORIA, L. I.
PHONE RAVENSWOOD 9-7100

Feb. 12, 1946

Dear Mr. Cohen:

If I thought that the realization of our Zionist aims could be measurably advanced through the medium of another, or a new, Zionist organization, I would not hesitate to act accordingly. Blind loyalty to forms and rituals and personalities is too often the basis of the movements they ostensibly are sworn to advance.

But it is my considered judgment that in a very real, brutal sense it is now or never for the Jewish State; history seldom gives us second chances that count.

My objective now is the Jewish State itself — not another Zionist organization. For that, the ZOA is good enough for me. With all its defects, it never wavered in its fundamental loyalty to our people and the Zionist ideal.

At a certain point in my plans (it is too soon to speak of our plans) I will put the whole matter frankly before the ZOA and the Jewish world — lead and we shall follow; stand fast, and we shall march on toward the goal — the Jewish State!

Sincerely yours,

Morris Zucker

MORRIS ZUCKER
31-04 Steinway Street
Astoria, L. I.

Phone Ravenswood 8-7185

Dear Fellow-Jew:

Permit me to express my profound gratitude for your reply to my appeal for concrete Zionist action.

It was my intention, at first, to answer in writing each of my fellow-Jews who honored me with their correspondence. But the overwhelming mass of letters which came in made this a practical impossibility.

Printed type lacks the warmth of the human hand. Each of those letters represented the outpouring of an individual soul, to be considered with reverence and respect. Forgive this formal reply.

Within a short time - two weeks at most - a preliminary conference will be called to consider practical steps for launching the movement for the Jewish State. Notice of this meeting will be sent to you. We are taking together the initial steps for launching a movement whose repercussions will reverberate throughout the world. Yes, that is how real history is made - by the upsurge of a mass spirit which can no longer be contained by the righteous resolve of a people whose just demands can no longer be denied.

Long live the Jewish people!

Long live the Jewish Republic of Palestine!

Sincerely yours,

Morris Zucker

February 14, 1946

Mr. Paul Byne
Young Zionist Actions Committee of New York
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Friend:

Through Mr. Alkow, I received your memorandum,
which I read with a great deal of interest.

Before I bring the matter to the attention of the
American Zionist Emergency Council, I would suggest
that you talk over the matter thoroughly with Mr.
Shapiro, who I understand will return in a few days.
I will discuss the matter with him when I am next in
New York.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AES:GR

February 14, 1946

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your kind reply. We shall be most happy to print any article that you may choose to contribute on the present Zionist movement or any other subject.

We hope you will find it possible to send us your article in the very near future.

With Zion's greetings and very best wishes,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Chaim Tchernowicz
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February 21, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Some months ago I called you on the telephone with reference to a march that I lead to the White House. I spoke to you about the idea of having a mass petition; a petition that would cover the people of the United States. At that time you felt it was not necessary in view of the fact that you had already several large demonstrations in Madison Square Garden and Madison Square Park.

However, I belong to a small group in the Upper West Side called the Citizens Committee and they sponsored such a project, on a small scale. This committee is made up of gentiles and Jews, white and colored, and we solicit signatures the same way; of all people. We even obtained some Arab names. We presented these signatures, as you will see by the enclosed press release, to Mr. Niles and his answer was that these petitions strengthen the hand of President Truman as he has been continuously stressing that they should admit 100,000 Jews into Palestine immediately. It is extremely necessary for us to continue pressing him because he in turn uses that pressure to help carry out his work.

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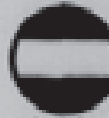
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I hope that you will endeavor to have either the American Jewish Conference or the Zionist Organization of American undertake to sponsor such a mass petition. I found that it was rather easy to get signatures and there is no one who will refuse to sign. I realize that you are doing all that you possibly can, but I still think that you can try this method in conjunction with the work you are doing.

Respectfully yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver;

Approximately a month ago, Yale Goldberg of the ZOA appeared before the Zionist Organization of Pittsburgh and assured us that if we obtained two thousand new Zionist members, he would arrange personally for your appearance at our victory banquet in Pittsburgh.

The Committee prevailed upon me to assume the chairmanship of this campaign, which I was reluctant to accept due to the fact that I have just assumed my Judge's duties in the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County and I am still---in fact, the Congressman of this district. Realizing the plight of our people overseas and having visited the concentration camps on my trip overseas last summer, I assumed this responsibility and conducted a most vigorous campaign with the result that we have not only reached the goal of two thousand, but before the end of this week, I will guarantee to you over 5500 members in the ZOA.

I am proud of this accomplishment because in numbers we can command the respect of not only the Congress, but the U.N.O. in driving at our objective---unrestricted immigration into Palestine and the Jewish Commonwealth. It is important that we keep our pledge to the diligent workers of this district by having you appear at our victory banquet---~~for~~ personally, I want you and the district needs you. Any date you select after March 18th or the early part of April will be satisfactory to us.

Always sincerely yours,


SAMUEL A. WEISS

SAW/eb

P. S. Please reply to Glassport, Pa.

Personal & Stamped

February 25, 1946

Mr. Moses Weiss
Moglen Manufacturing Company
1170 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Weiss:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of February 21, and for bringing to my attention the question of the mass petition. It has been up before our organization a number of times.

The activity to be carried out on a national scale, involving both Jews and non-Jews, calls for a very large outlay of funds which we have not at our disposal, as well as a great outlay in time and energy. Men close to the situation question whether such outlay in time and money would be warranted in view of the fact that the President and the State Department are very well aware of the sentiment both of the Jews of America and of the non-Jews on the subject to Palestine.

Time and again in the last few years, and increasingly so in the last few months, both the State Department and the White House were flooded with telegrams, letters and petitions from all parts of the country. They are aware too of the overwhelming action in the Congress of the United States which reflected the sentiment of the American people. The great organized Jewish bodies of America again brought the fact to their attention through their testimony before the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry.

However, I shall bring the matter up again before the American Zionist Emergency Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



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March 6, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Benjamin Lazrus, President of the Benrus Watch Company, who is Chairman of our Jewelry Division, has requested us to invite you to be the guest speaker at their fund-raising dinner on Thursday evening, April 25th at the Plaza Hotel.

As this industry has a quota of one million dollars, I hope you will find it possible to favor us with your acceptance.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
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March 7, 1946

Congressman Samuel A. Weiss
542 Mon. Avenue
Glassport, Pa.

My dear Congressman Weiss:

I deeply appreciate your kind letter, and I assure you that nothing would give me greater pleasure than to visit Pittsburgh in connection with the Zionist Membership Campaign.

I know of the commitment which Mr. Yale Goldberg, in his enthusiasm, made and I wish I could comply with it. Some of the members of the Pittsburgh Zionist District have written to me about this matter and I have, sometime ago, written to them why it is impossible for me to come.

My health has not been of the best in recent months, ever since my return from a rather strenuous trip to Palestine. I have had to conserve my strength a bit and have limited my out-of-town speaking engagements to those which had been definitely made. As it is, my schedule is a very crowded one and I am away from Cleveland three to four days a week. Inasmuch as I already visited Pittsburgh this season in connection with an important Zionist affair, I felt that I could forego the pleasure of another visit this season and visit some other communities where I had not been in quite a number of years. I am sure that you will understand.

I am delighted with the progress in the Membership Campaign made in Pittsburgh. It will be an inspiration to the country, I am sure.

I do hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future so that we can talk over quite a number of things of mutual interest.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

March 8, 1946

Mr. Samuel Blitz
Executive Vice-Chairman
United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York
250 West 57th Street
New York 19, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Blitz:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 5.

I would suggest that if the Chairman of the Jewelry Division wishes to invite me to be the guest speaker at their fund-raising dinner that he communicate with me in person. I think that this procedure is far better.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ARS:GR

P. J. Zacks
100 Adelaide St. West
Toronto

March 14th, 1946

Dr. A.H. Silver,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a
copy of the cable which was sent
to the Anglo-American Committee
from the Zionist Organization of
Canada, which I thought would be
of interest to you.

Trusting you are keeping
well, I am,

Yours very sincerely,



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SIR JOHN SINGLETON AND JUDGE HUTCHESON,
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Mr. Mendel N. Fisher
Jewish National Fund, Inc.
41 E. 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mendel:

It would please me very much if you would apply our \$1,000.00 gift towards the nation-wide tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in whose honor you are arranging a Nachiah in Palestine.

Warmest regards,

Sincerely yours

JOE

March 27, 1946

Dear Rabbi Silver,

I am taking the liberty of writing to you to ask for an appointment to discuss a situation very vital to surviving relatives in Lodz, Poland and myself.

Briefly the circumstances are as follows: A cousin and her three children are the sole European survivors of this branch of the family. Her recently deceased husband's two sisters and brother live in Palestine. It is their urgent desire to bring the family there.

Several days ago I received a letter from them in which they state that were the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem to receive a cable or letter from an authoritative U.S. citizen the issuance of certificates

would be assured.

I am willing to assume all the expenses of transportation and to help the family become established in Palestine. I've been a resident of Canton since 1921, am a member of the Jewish Welfare Board and an active member of the Zionist Organization. I am greatly interested in Palestine as my parents, two sisters, and brother have resided in Kfar Sara for the past sixteen years.

Hoping to hear from you soon
Yours respectfully,

David W. Warren

1102 22nd St. N.E.

Canton 4, Ohio

March 28, 1946

Mr. Moises A. Toff
The Jewish Agency for Palestine
2210 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington 8, D. C.

My dear Mr. Toff:

Thank you for your kind letter and for the translation of my address which you sent to me, and for the complimentary things which you say about my address. I am very happy that you have made it available to our Latin-American friends.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Abba Hillel Silver

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April 4, 1946

Mr. Joe Weingarten
J. Weingarten, Inc.
Houston, Texas

My dear Friend:

Through the kindness of Mr. Mendel Fisher, I was informed that you made a very handsome donation to the Jewish National Fund to be applied to Nachlath Silver. I need not tell you that I deeply appreciate this lovely act and tribute.

The meeting which I attended in New York City last Sunday evening was a truly remarkable event. I understand that nearly \$100,000 was contributed by the 2,000 people who attended to the Jewish National Fund for this Nachlath. I was very happy that such a substantial sum of money has been added to the Jewish National Fund. Of course, I was very much pleased, too, with the honor bestowed on me.

I trust that you and yours are well, and hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you before very long.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

April 4, 1948

Mr. David W. Warren
1102 22nd Street, N.E.
Canton 4, Ohio

My dear Mr. Warren:

In reply to your letter of March 27, I would suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Simon Bernstein, who handles all matters connected with Palestine immigration. He will give you the latest information on the subject and will, I am sure, do everything possible to assist your relatives.

When you hear from him and you feel that you would still like to discuss the matter with me, I should be most happy to see you here in Cleveland.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

April 8, 1946

JACQUES TORCZYNER

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Tempel
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

As you certainly were aware when Mr. Tannenbaum and I called you last Thursday, the ZOA staff was not 100% behind the Shekel campaign, and was not concentrating all its activities towards its success. Mr. Tannenbaum, who is the Executive Director of the Shekel Board for the entire country and for all parties, found it more and more difficult to cope with the ZOA work. Since I found it impossible to discover an assistant amongst our staff, I preferred to make the following decisions, which I hope will meet with your approval : -

1) I placed the responsibility of the entire campaign where it really belongs, on the shoulders of the Executive Director, Sidney Marks, and Ernest Barbarash, telling them very clearly that they should devote their time and energies exclusively to the mobilization of the country for the Shekel campaign. Keeping in mind the personal relationship between Mr. Tannenbaum and our Executive Director, I made it plain that the Shekel campaign should be led in close cooperation between them.

2) As you know, a Speakers Conference will be held on Sunday, in Cleveland. I hope to be there if I get the necessary train accommodations to return for the first Sedar.

3) Regional Conferences will be held on April 28th in St. Louis and Chicago. Mr. Daniel Frisch and Mr. Abraham Tannenbaum will go to Chicago. Rabbi Leo Framm and myself will go to St. Louis.

4) Posters, literature, & etc., will be going out in impressive quantities.

5) I have urged Dr. Sidney Marks to hire the services of special field men for this campaign and to send them where our position is the weakest, mainly on the West Coast where our director is absolutely not up to standard, and in the Middle West.

6) As I warned Rabbi Miller before, Hadassah has no intention to go on a joint slate with us. The more we negotiate, the more they are under the impression that we are afraid. The only answer to Hadassah is an impressive and all-out Shekel campaign. If we sell Shekolim they will come to terms.

JACQUES TORCZYNER

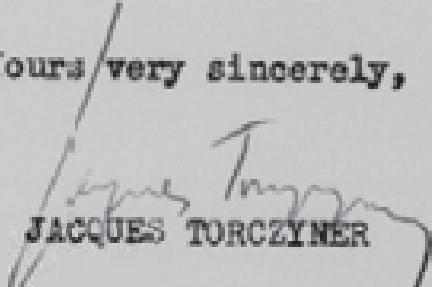
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to:
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

People are trying to "blow hot and cold", giving one day very optimistic reports, and the next day very pessimistic ones. I know that we face a difficult test because Jewish public opinion has not realized yet the importance of the Congress. Our membership is still confused, but I am convinced that we can do a good job if the entire organization devotes itself to this campaign.

Please accept my very best personal wishes.

Yours/very sincerely,


JACQUES TORCZYNER

JT/cs



April 11, 1946

Dr. Samuel Wurzel
73 John Street
Bridgeport 3, Conn.

My dear Dr. Wurzel:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of April 10.
I have since heard from Rabbi Felman and I have
written to him suggesting that Mr. Carp meet me in
New York, when I next visit the city next Thursday
or Friday.

With all good wishes for a Happy Pesach, and thanking
you for your most helpful cooperation, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

התאחדות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1720 - 16TH STREET, N. W.
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New Address:
41 EAST 42nd STREET
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April 11, 1946

Dear Friend:

The Jewish veterans today, are potentially the most energetic and forceful group in the Jewish community. They are ready to enlist in the ranks of the Zionist Organization of America.

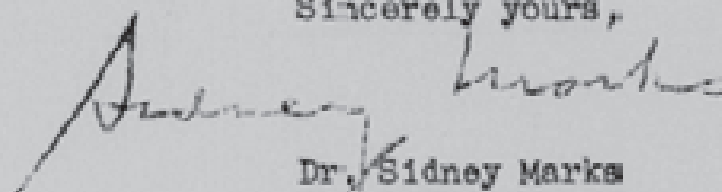
We are preparing to engage in a broadened program of political action for Zionism. The Z.O.A. Shekel Campaign and the report of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry are some of the vital, practical issues which confront us. To implement such a program, we must bring this vigorous element of the community into our ranks. A large enrollment of war veterans will facilitate our tasks. To enable us to stress this activity we have established a Veterans' Bureau in the National Office with Major Herschel Auerbach as Director.

Major Auerbach was the first Military Intelligence Officer engaged in the investigation of war crimes in Germany and is devoting every moment of his time towards fulfilling the responsibilities of American Jewry and the Jewish veteran to Zionism.

Every District and Region should immediately submit the names of their Veterans' Committee Chairman to Major Auerbach at this office. Problems which may arise in connection with veterans' work should be submitted to him. The Veterans' Bureau is preparing a guide to the Veterans' Committees to aid them in their vital task of enrolling the returned Jewish serviceman in the ranks of the Z.O.A.

I solicit your immediate cooperation.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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April 15, 1946

Mr. Arno Wrazlowsky
50 E. 18th Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the JEWISH EXAMINER, which contains your full-page advertisement as President of the Louis D. Brandeis Zionist District. It is a very effective statement and I am sure will bring excellent results. Keep up the good work!

I trust that your district has also organized for a vigorous Shekel campaign. That is most important. The prestige of our movement and the influence of the ZOA at the forthcoming Congress will depend upon the number of Shekels which the ZOA sells and the number of votes which will be cast for the ZOA slate.

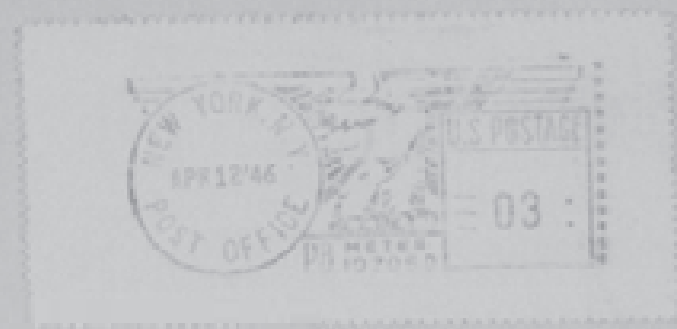
I wish you a very happy Passover.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

ARNO WRAZLOWSKY
50 E. 18th ST. BROOKLYN, N.Y.



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

ARNO WRAZLOWSKY

50 EAST 18TH ST., BROOKLYN 26, N. Y.

April 18th.1946

My dear Dr.Silver:

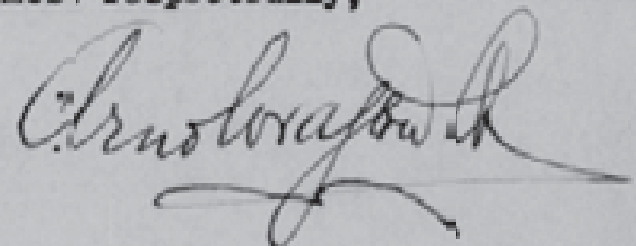
I feel exceedingly happy to have your valued letter of the 15th.inst. If the statement, which the Louis D.Brandeis Zionist District published as a full-page advertisement, at the opening of our combined Membership & Shekel campaign, indeed awakens some of our fellow Jews, I shall feel very satisfied.

Please feel assured, that our District does not overlook the importance of the Shekel campaign. We are directing our efforts on official enrollment, this being a more lasting contribution to our strength. Wherever this is not possible, we shall induce the purchase of a Shekel.

I hope, that I shall have the opportunity of speaking with you prior to my leaving for Eretz Yisrael on June 27th.,where I hope to remain for one year, in order to prepare myself for greater service to our People.

A very happy Pesach to you,Dr.Silver. May God give you the wisdom and strength to wisely lead us during the coming difficult months.

Mos^{re} respectfully,



Dr.Abba Hillel Silver,President
Zionist Organization of America
Cleveland 6,Ohio

W:Z

DR. SAMUEL WURZEL

DENTIST

73 JOHN STREET
BRIDGEPORT 3, CONN.

April 19, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Cleveland Oh.

My dear Dr. Silver:-

You will please recall the conversation I had with you at the Bnai Zion Dinner in the Commodore in reference of contacting Mr. Samuel Carg of Bridgeport who is a brother in law to Molotoff in the interest of Palestine. I am glad to say that this has been done and I reckon by now you have a letter from our Rabbi Meier Felman to that affect. Mr. Carg will meet you in New York at your convenience and talk the matter over with you, if you inform us as to the time and place, we will try to arrange same. I shall be very happy if I could be of any service.

With Zion greetings.

I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

Samuel Wurzel.

ad
COPY

JACQUES TORCZYNER

April 19, 1946

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Ernest:

I just received the New Palestine, and wish to tell you that we are all thrilled by its magnificent appearance. It is readable and looks beautiful! I believe that this will be the first time that our members will find themselves enticed to read our publication.

Heartiest congratulations for a fine job!

Sincerely yours,

JACQUES TORCZYNER

JT/cs

copy for Dr. Silver

April 19, 1946

Dr. S. Margoshes
World Jewish Congress
1354 Broadway
New York City, 23

My dear Dr. Margoshes:

Dr. Silver has forwarded to me your letter of April 10, together with the letters from Poland which you enclosed.

For your information, the American Zionist Organization, having become a part of the General Zionist bloc, after consultation of all groups at the London conference, has made its contribution of \$7,500, Hadassah having contributed a similar amount, I believe, to a fund which is to take care of General Zionist needs in Europe. Of this fund, Mr. Bakstansky and his associates in London are in direct charge.

I am, therefore, writing Mr. Bakstansky, in behalf of the American Zionist Organization, and enclosing the letters from Poland, urging them to attend to this matter immediately and effectively. As soon as I hear from him, I shall inform you accordingly.

May I take this opportunity to welcome you back into our midst and to tell you that I have followed your journey and your reports with keen interest.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you soon in person, I am

Most cordially yours,

Daniel Frisch, Chairman
National Administrative Council

copy for Dr. Silver

AIRMAIL

April 19, 1946

Mr. Levi Bakstansky
Zionist Federation of Great Britain
and Ireland
75 Great Russell Street
London, W.C.1

My dear Mr. Bakstansky:

The enclosed letters from Poland and from
Dr. Margoshes are self-explanatory.

I have discussed this matter with Dr. Silver,
Dr. Goldstein and others, and it is our considered
opinion that you should immediately and effectively
take care of the Polish General Zionist situation, which
I know you will do.

I would appreciate it very much if you would
inform me by return air mail what action you will take
in order to meet the situation, to the extent that it
is within your power to do so.

With best good wishes, I am,

Most cordially yours,

Daniel Frisch, Chairman
National Administrative Council

April 25, 1946

כבודי כי אבא לאו סיליך וי אים אקט

אדוארד הרב העבד.

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התינוקות לנתינתם להדיאור ולא פחות מחמשת אצותם דורצום ולכן אולם לתינוק
 הדבר אידי הוצד הענין מבטלים את החלטה ואסירותים מכובלים קלסותיות
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 וצדק אקלסם לא תפחות אידו מתנות קדש ודמים בלא ולא אידו הדיאור
 ולא אידו הקדשם לא ינתן מניסיונם כי אם אידן המאה הקדושה וצדדי
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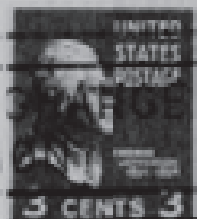
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משה

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Reb's Abba Hillel Silver D.D.
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

D R A F T

התאחדות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

May 1, 1946

To all District and Regional Presidents,
all Field Directors and Veteran's Com-
mittee Chairmen

Dear Friend:

You probably know that the National Executive Committee had its last meeting on April 29th and decided to accept half the annual dues of veterans for the balance of this year. Veteran's dues will now be \$2.50, of which 50¢ remains for the district.

This action was taken because the National Executive is fully cognizant of the tremendous importance of the role of veterans in the ZOA and because many districts and regions claimed that large numbers of veterans could be enrolled at lower dues. It is now the duty of the districts and regions to take advantage of this dues reduction and go all out for the enrollment of veterans. Particular attention should be given to members of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. who have been extensively circularized for the purchase of Shekolim. Having purchased a Shekel for 50¢, they have actually paid part of their dues and can more readily be approached for the full membership fee of \$2.50.

Experience in the past few months has demonstrated that wherever specific action was taken to try to enroll veterans, it has met with overwhelming success. Every district and region should immediately take such action and increase its membership and its strength in the Jewish community.

With Zion's greetings,

Cordially yours,

Herschel Auerbach

Herschel Auerbach, Director
Veteran's Bureau

HA:RW

49 Gladstone
Detroit 3, Michigan
May 13, 1946

Dr. Arthur Wild Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St and Grand Rd
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver.

The other night when you spoke at the Hotel I was very impressed on what you said every word sank to my heart. I only wish some of our non-Jewish friends could hear you especially those who work with, as I took off that night to hear you.

I have recently joined the Zionist organization of America and am buying every piece of Zionist literature that comes off the press. I am just a young man of twenty-seven years old and already interested in all humanity, which a lot of people write. Should I come to Cleveland at any time would it be all right to bother you up?

Yours Zionist friend
Norman Wineman

JACQUES TORCZYNER

2 West 46th St.
New York 19, NY

May 14, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

This is to confirm the following dates
as reserved for eventual Z.O.A. engagements for the Shekel
and Election campaign. :-

May 27, 28, 29,
June 3, 10, 12, and 13.

Before making any decisions about the
place, the Inner Committee shall carefully consider where
our main effort should be directed, and shall thereupon
consult with you.

Yours very sincerely,


JACQUES TORCZYNER.

JT/cs

May 15, 1946

Mr. Arno Wrazlowsky
50 East 18th Street
Brooklyn 28, N. Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 8.

The Zionist Organization of America appointed at its last meeting a Nominating Committee which will present a list of candidates to the Administrative Committee when it meets in Washington on May 25 for action. I am taking the liberty of bringing your communication to the attention of the Nominating Committee, which I am sure will give it their most careful consideration.

A great number of Zionists from all parts of the country have indicated their readiness and willingness to attend the Congress. The number of mandates which we will have at our disposal for such delegates will depend entirely on the number of shekolim which the ZOA will sell, and the number of voters which will come out to vote the ZOA ticket. If we get a large number of mandates, it is clear that many more will be able to go. Preference, of course, will have to be given to candidates from those regions where the largest number of votes will be cast for the ZOA slate.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

May 16, 1946

Senator Howard A. Taft
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Taft:

I wonder whether you would be free to see me for a few moments next Wednesday afternoon, May 22. I am coming to Washington to attend a National Conference and I am eager to take up one or two matters with you and get your advice.

With all good wishes and trusting that you are well,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:CR

Metropolitan Bureau - Z.O.A.
41 E. 42nd Street - N.Y.

M E M O R A N D U M

To : Dr. Emanuel Neumann COPY TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
From : Jacques Torczyner Date: June 8, 1948
Subject: Reference to the matter which I discussed with you and Dr. Silver
the other day for a few minutes.

I wish to remind you of the importance of having appropriate persons at the UN. These people must be capable of doing the lobbying when the assembly meets in September.

My brother, Harry, who is absolutely disinterested in the matter, has worked for the United States Government, and is ready and prepared to assist the Emergency Council in selecting the proper persons and to train them adequately upon selection. I believe that this matter is quite urgent, and that we can secure many votes from the small nations if we start to do the job now.

Best personal regards,

JT

NOTE: (to Dr. Silver)

You saw what impressions Senator Gutierrez gained not only from his visit to Palestine, but through his "Zionist education". There are many people like that at the UN. We must cultivate them.

Sincerely,

JT

May 20, 1946

Mr. Norman Wiseman
49 Gladstone
Detroit 2, Michigan

My dear Mr. Wiseman:

Thank you for your kind letter, which I read
with great pleasure.

Of course, I shall be very happy to see you
should you want to call on me when you come to
Cleveland.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR