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לכבוד  
ד.ר. אפא סילבר,

ד.ר. סילבר הנכבד:

לכבוד גדול ייחשב לנו, אם כ' יסכים להשתתף מזמן לזמן, במאמרו על נושא ציוני פשיל פמאונטו, די אידישע וועלט ו"עסטאדא כוד'א".  
צורך השעה הוא שגדולינו יפיהו רוח חיים פעצמות היבשות של יהודי התפוזות ולעודדם למעשים בפירים פעד עמנו וארצנו ודבריו הנשמעים פענין כה רב פארצות הפריה, יתקבלו פענין רב גם כאן, אצלנו.  
פתקוה, כי כ' ימלא את פקשתנו, אנו מודים לו.

פכל רגשי הכבוד ונברכות ציון

ד.ר. משה סלינין  
כגן נשיא



מיכאל גרייבר  
מזכיר ראשי



Sam. H. Bereovitch  
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Alexandria, August 5, 1946.  
(Egypt)

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
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Washington 9, D.C.

AT 5  
8/16/46

Dear Sir,

It's somewhat a stranger who writes to you. And before going into the matter, I should ask your indulgence for my English writing; but I hope you will understand.

I am a stranger for you, but you are not one for me. As a fervent Zionist, I know much about your Zionist activities. And the trends actually being what they are, not at all in favour of our ~~aim~~ vital aims, they being critical, I want you to hear my voice.

I have to raise a personal alarm, for my heart is shocked and bitter at the events which have occurred and which may yet occur, thus putting an end to every hope of the Jews to create a National Home in its broad sense. This would be a blow to a whole young generation and some ~~and~~ or ~~few~~ elder ones, but it's the young which, if Palestine is then denied as a goal where to live in freedom and statehood, will go in a bitter despair about their senseless lives, and of what might be their future in the countries where they live at present.

I do not understand how it comes that with five or six millions of Jews in America, it has been allowed such recent events to happen. The U.S. Government has given us much hope, but it seems very strange that they have not been of any use by hampering the recent events which have taken their course under the misleading British policy. Why if Mr. Truman says that he wants 100,000 Jews to enter Palestine, does not he stick to that and bear with all its influence on the British Government? It's comforting to read very often about the admission of these 100,000, but what of the execution since this was uttered?

In the meantime all is going worse. And now we hear of a Federation of Jewish and Arab provinces, as if in fact those provinces do not already exist. A full mockery. You have to fight hand and elbow to avoid this. Palestine has already been partitioned once and it's quite enough: Transjordan has been artificially created for a prince who had to be fitted with a kingdom (had he?) Now, 10,000 square kilometres are to be allowed to the Arabs and 3,500 to the Jews and.... the well intentioned Governments which have so much done in order that six million Jews do not be slaughtered, will seek the goodwill of other countries for the establishments of European Jews. Are the Gentiles so stupid, do not they understand, or do they not want to understand that this wandering of the Jews at the mercy of other people, must come to an end? Is it that an ordinary citizen when he becomes a minister or something like that, loses every bit of his common sense? Our humanity, which has made so much progress in every section of life since 2000 years, would she be unable to resolve the Jewish problem, or does she not want to resolve it? The English say: "When there is a will, there is a way." And unhappily, this will has lacked since the beginning before 25 years; you know all about that. Why have those tiny countries as the Lebanon, Syria or the medieval savage and backward Yemen without any

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history in the race of Humanity towards progress, why have they to have a voice in the concert of nations and not the Jews? Why have we Jews to depend always on the goodwill of the others to secure our destinies? What a nonsense for the British Government to invite the Arab States to discuss on the future of the Jews? Can't they mind their own business of which they have a lot if they want sincerely to tackle them? Must our destinies depend on a Yemen, a Lebanon, a Syria or an Arabia? That's very degrading indeed, to say the less.

The new scheme must not come to life. "Let the Arabs be encouraged to move out as the Jews move in. Let them be compensated handsomely for their land and let their settlement elsewhere be carefully organised and generously financed. The Arabs have many wide territories of their own; they must not claim to exclude the Jews from this small area of Palestine, less than the size of Wales."

This extract of the official Labour Policy was Mr Attlee's motion on behalf of the National Executive of the Party in December 1944. In America, I do not understand why do not you give a widespread diffusion of all the Labour Party's motions and of all the speeches the actual British Ministers have made during the White Paper debate in 1939? You have to make them know day after day to the American People and Government. Now this tiny little country, less than the size of Wales, they want to partition it. How Governments are selfish and do not care for their pledges is the most appalling thing and may make one despair of humanity.

Please, raise the whole Jewish people of America and America itself, so as an irreparable thing may not happen. It would be full of consequences for the Jewish people, for a lot of Zionists bred in the Zionist faith, and for Humanity. Your millions of Jews can and have to act as a formidable lever in order that finally the Jews attain their goal. If the powerful Jewish Community of America do not act, with decision, day after day and boldly, what could you expect from the Yishuv and from the other dispersed countries? We are all at your mercy. Do not deceive us. Press upon your Government for a quick policy and to stop the reactionary trends of the British Government misled since 25 years by colonial officials with colonial mentalities.

You have to raise strongly your voice about the whole Palestine Government, who governs nothing and let the things go as they go, only reacting when they are themselves involved, not caring a nickel for the people they are supposed to care for. In brief, for this is not for the moment the principal object of my letter, I should mention:

the arab boycott, the misleading informations given by the Official Information Bureau of Palestine, the Acre Prison Case, the scandalous and provocative stationing in Palestine of the Arab Legion and Transjordan Forces and above all the scandalous repeated requisitions of Buildings in Rehovoth (firstly for the Poles and now for no definite purpose) and Jerusalem (shops of the Russian Building, the Assicurazioni Generali and the Anglo-Palestine Bank) It seems that those Jews who are in Palestine will be allotted 3500 square kilometres and in the new scheme, immigration allowed principally for craftsmen, only in order that the British Military Authorities may have within reach of a people building for them, breeding cattle, cultivating land, etc. etc. for them, just as they did during this war, just to settle an example amidst the Arab States for the benefit of British military strength. How much could they be more sure of that if they give a much more better attention to the Jewish People's needs!

Yours very truly with a heartfelt Chalom and with a last "Do not deceive us". *Beroutel*

If it happens that you answer to me, do not make your address apparent on the envelope; put a white non-printed one, please. *MS*



LOUIS D. BRANDEIS ZIONIST DISTRICT  
1529 - 16th Street, N W  
Washington, D C

September 10, 1946

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
Zionist Organization of America  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Louis D. Brandeis Zionist District of the Zionist Organization of America, in special executive session on August 18, 1946, has passed the resolution enclosed herewith:

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the Louis D. Brandeis Zionist District of Washington, D.C., in meeting assembled, while aware of the political responsibilities carried out by the Zionist Executive at the National level, nevertheless is gravely disturbed at the lack of leadership exercised by that Executive in relation to hundreds of thousands of Zionists throughout the country, organized into hundreds of districts: Zionists who are chafing for organized, militant, positive action: Zionists who are daily humiliated at the blows rained on our cause: Zionists who feel helpless, when in their numbers they could by effective leadership and coordinated action be politically strong; Zionists who must read the press to know the Zionist position, which by democratic rights, they should have created after having been informed of alternatives,



NOW, therefore, the Louis D. Brandeis Zionist District Executive Committee requests that the National Executive of the Zionist Organization of America prepare, direct and carry through one, or a series, of Zionist demonstrations simultaneously in every community where Zionists are organized; that efforts be made to enlist in these demonstrations groups of Zionists - Labor, Mizrachi, Collegiate, Hadassah, etc.; whole Jewish Communities; labor organizations; Veteran's organizations; civic groups; and friendly non-Jewish groups such as the Christian Palestine Committees,

THAT preparation for these demonstrations be made through sermons in synagogues, temples, friendly churches and newspaper advertising,

THAT during the demonstrations, all Jewish places of business remain closed, with signs on their windows and doors and ads in the papers explaining their reasons for being closed,

FURTHER, that, these demonstrations be made educational by the free use of large visual aids outlining the basic facts behind our cause, such as international commitments, treaties, statements of presidents, resolutions of Congress, areas of land, contributions of the Yishuv to the war effort, economic structure and democratic organization in the Yishuv as opposed to the feudal and medieval Arab conditions, compatability of Zionism



and Americanism, fatuity of American Council type arguments, unsuitability of other proposed refuges, Crum statements, etc., THE Louis D. Brandeis District further requests that the National Executive direct the establishment in every organized Zionist Community of Political Actions Committees, with the following purposes:

- 1 - To determine the attitudes towards our cause of the various candidates for elective office
- 2 - To inform these candidates of the numerical strength of those who ardently favor unlimited immigration of Jewish refugees to Palestine and the establishment there of a Jewish National Home
- 3 - To educate these candidates in the facts of our case and the compatibility of our cause with the highest type of Americanism
- 4 - To report to their memberships the attitudes of these candidates

THE Executive Committee further requests that the National Executive undertake a national campaign, if necessary through competent high-powered public relations experts, of press releases to editors, columnists, commentators, and through the Christian Palestine Committees, to the clergy, so that they may be educated in the facts of our case and we may counter the



poisonous propoganda of the British Foreign and Colonial  
Offices, the oil companies and the stooges for the "Middle  
Eastern Desk".

With Zion's greetings.

Louis D. Brandeis Zionist District





[September 25, 1946]

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לכבוד הנהלת המועצה, רבו אהא גייל סולברג,  
נשיא הסתדרות הציונים בארצות הברית.

נשיא המועצה!

השם חזרו אל המועצה והשם ל החזרו ל  
ה מועצה הציונית בהוסתן. הנני מתבקש לזרז אותן ואת ראשי  
המועצה מרר סולברג אל המועצה. זכרתי לך טובה  
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באחיותי מחנה הציונים.

תהי השנה השנייה לך פאניה בהצלחה  
המאולה והנני אתך ולך ונחמה לך ולך ולך.  
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הבהא ובזנן און למור.

מלך ציוני בהוסתן.

ב. רבסקי.

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October 7th, 1946.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
President, Z. O. A.  
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

In connection with the impending Convention of the Z.O.A. in Atlantic City, October 25, 1946, I take the honor to submit to you this paper, supplementary to my first memorandum on the appointment of a Jewish Juridical Commission, of December 27th, 1945, and a supplementary page delivered to you before the Paris Conference.

I plead for placing on the agenda of the Atlantic City Convention our legal issue, consisting of two sections: 1. the Law of the Mandate; and 2. the legality of Jewish Immigration into Palestine.

- FIRST. To reinstate the Palestine Mandate in its full force as a living LAW OF NATIONS, and not be treated as a thing forgotten and "buried alive"
- and SECOND. To cooperate with the Palestine Yishuv in its struggle against making the LAWFUL Jewish Immigration into Palestine look like something "illegal". To share fully in carrying the burden. Should the threat of the Palestine Administration to stop communal subsidies be carried into effect, we should be ready to remove that financial burden from the shoulders of the Yishuv.

Both these points are pressing!

The first, the defense of the Mandate, should be rigorously carried on through the World Zionist Congress by the American Zionist Delegation. For we have nothing else to depend upon, and we have before us not the 11th, but the 12th hour! Politics and diplomacy have proven always in our disfavor, even if it is not mere talk but "action". However, right in law is nothing else but RIGHT IN LAW, meaning RIGHT ACTION!!! Even the enemy must surrender to it.

The moment is critical: in all probability the Palestine issue will be put before the UN shortly. In the present chaotic condition, and the absence of any clear-cut authoritative presentation of the matter, everyone must interpret the situation as he sees fit. It is, therefore, imperative to place before UN officialdom a brief, concise and powerfully documented account of our legal strength, presenting the whole structure of the British Mandatory destructive diplomacy, which has systematically and continually undermined the Mandate.



No less important is the second issue: to raise American Jewry, both Zionist and general, to the standard of ACTIVE COOPERATION with Palestine Jewry in its present condition, apart from charitable or partisan financial aid. No matter how one views it, we, American Jewry, are actually involved in this great national struggle, even if only for the sake of saving Ambassador Pauley's Million Jews!

Such cooperation would mean action, not just help, and the impression upon the Yishuv will be tremendous, and its strength to withstand all misfortunes will be increased tenfold. Of no less importance is also the need for the world to learn something about today's Jewry, and stop dividing us into Zionists and Jews.

Insuring sufficient means for the LAWFUL Jewish Immigration to Palestine is also a powerful TACTICAL MOVE to frustrate the enemy "detention-camps" tactics! A showering mass of boatloads, both in scope and speed, may overthrow all preparations, and calculations of the enemy. Organized Jewish Will, supported by determination and means, may exhaust the energy, and break the stubbornness of the brute.

I should like to ask Mr. Jacob S. Richman, of Philadelphia, to make a personal presentation of the subject before the Zionist Conference in Atlantic City, based on my papers, viewed by Dr. Sidney Marks as "legal briefs", and with the presentation of the Resolutions for adaptation.

For the Sake of Zion,

Cordially yours,

*Zalmon Berul*  
Zalmon Berul.

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## RESOLUTIONS

### I. On the Restitution of the Palestine Mandate According to its Lawful Intent.

WHEREAS, the fate of Palestine, as a Land conquered by the Allied Powers from the Ottoman Empire in World War I, could be lawfully decided by none other than those Powers; and

WHEREAS, their decision, formulated by the League of Nations in the Palestine Mandate, and signed by the 52 participating Nations, assigned Palestine to the Jewish People, to be reconstituted as the Jewish National Home, with civil rights guaranteed to all other inhabitants, including the Arabs; and

WHEREAS, Great Britain in the role of a Mandatory for the promulgation of the provisions of the Palestine Mandate has followed a course of systematic and continuous violation of the trust, acting particularly in favor of Arab obstruction to the Mandate; that since 1939 that Arab obstruction was enforced by engaging even outside Arab forces from the neighboring countries to cooperate in the design to transform Palestine into a State with a guaranteed Arab majority against the Jewish population as 2 to 1, with further Jewish immigration stopped; that thus the Palestine of the Mandate has been replaced by a Palestine of the "White Paper" of 1939, done arbitrarily and carried into effect over the rejection by the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations; and

WHEREAS, the final British intention, as revealed in the so-called "Federalization Plan" is the virtual transformation of the Rule of Palestine from Mandatory to ownership Rule over the Land, with sections of its territory turned to the needs of Great Britain, and to that end continue British Rule over the Land indefinitely; and



WHEREAS, the illegal and arbitrary action of the Mandatory brought about the extremely abnormal condition where Arabs from neighboring countries, and total strangers to the Palestine case are given authority in the matter to participate in a so-called Palestine Conference held in London and to seek final decision of the fate of Palestine to become an Arab State leaving just civil rights to the present population of Palestine with no further Jewish immigration into the Land, thus bringing to naught the decision of the League of Nations laid down in Article 2 of the Palestine Mandate of Palestine as the Jewish National Home with civil right guaranteed to the Arabs, and breaking the Law of nations just because this is the wish of the breakers of the Law; Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That immediate legal steps be taken to restore the Law of Palestine as provided by the Palestine Mandate signed by the Nations of the World.
2. That to that end a special juridical Commission of Experts be appointed to prepare an official and documented account of the intentional systematic and continuous violation, and the final breaking of the Law of the Palestine Mandate by entirely arbitrary rule and administration and to institute legal proceedings for the restitution of the Law of the Land by the UN, and if need be, through the International Court of World Justice.
- and 3. To request the appointment of such Commission by the World Zionist Congress in December, 1946.

II. On Immigration.

WHEREAS, in the Law of the Palestine Mandate for reconstituting the



Jewish National Home, Jewish Immigration into Palestine, from all over the world, is the basic principle, without which all other provisions of the Mandate are worthless; and

WHEREAS, the British Mandatory, in its design to finish completely with the Palestine Mandate, is now attacking Jewish Immigration militarily in enemy fashion, in spite of the fact that world conditions have turned Jewish Immigration into Palestine, under the Law of the Palestine Mandate, from a personal quiet and individual wish into a turbulent MUST of supreme urgency; and

WHEREAS, the demand of the President of the United States of America, and of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry, to transfer immediately 100,000 Jews to Palestine, **is** being rejected by the British Government, and act which has made it extremely urgent for the remnants of European Jewry plagued by pogroms, persecution and concentration camps, to run for their lives under all circumstances and make use even of intolerable means of travel; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation of \$100,000 by the Palestine Jewish Community for the purpose of helping this tragic immigration suggest the necessity for all other Jewish Communities of the World to make like appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Palestine Administration has advanced the threat to the Vaad Leumi, that further subsidies to the Palestine Jewish Communities in the sum of \$3,500,000 will be stopped in retaliation for the financial support of Jewish Immigration, and there is the possibility that this threat may be carried into effect; Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:



1. To call upon the American Jewish Community to fully co-operate with the Palestine Yishuv in this urgent matter of Jewish Immigration in proportion to the populations of both Jewish communities as 10 to 1. Therefore, to call for an appropriation of \$4,000,000 for that need.
2. As the matter is extremely urgent, to avoid any funds-raising campaign and to take it out of the realm of "charity"; to make a \$4,000,000 appropriation from reserve-funds in possession of American communal, fraternal and Zionist treasuries according to the principle of ~~MM~~ MAASER: from Zionist funds, from a minimum of 2 to the full maximum of 10 units of the Maaser Tax, and from all other religious, relief, fraternal, educational, charitable, and other communal funds of all communities of America, from a minimum of 1 to a maximum of 5 units of the Maaser Tax, depending on the size, designation, and urgency of the respective reserve fund for local need.
3. The Zionist Organization of America shall take the initiative to constitute the Maaser Commission in cooperation with the American Jewish Conference, American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee, and the United Jewish Appeal.
4. If the threat of the Palestine Administration to deprive the Yishuv of communal subsidies is carried into effect, the American Jewish Community pledges itself to make good the damage to avoid communal disaster for Palestine Jewry.

Philadelphia  
September 29, 1946.

Isaacson Keren  
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New York 27, N.Y.



Tuesday, Oct 13/46.

Dear Dr. Marks, - A.H.S.  
18/11/46

Kindly attach the enclosed ms. "The Law is Our Proper Key" to my letter with the Resolutions, presented in person last Wednesday, in my vain hope to save time.

In the meanwhile the Laks British terms to the Jewish Agency, with the "Morrison Plan" as basis, simply make any further steps pointless, save that of Legal Struggle against British annexation of the Holy Land.

American Jewry is luckily free from British domination, and defeatist bacteria; but this is exactly what makes our still graver our own responsibility for the final decision on the fate of Zion. We are the only Jewish Community with the



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Mr. Sidney Marks  
Ex. Director Z.O.A.  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York, City.

Strength to prevent the extinction  
of Israel's Hope, nurtured through  
out history, and not to permit it  
to be overwhelmed by momentary  
motives of diplomatic tricks of  
all kinds. (See the first page, on  
Jewish Breaching the Mandate.)

No conditions permit to wait  
another year for a 30<sup>th</sup> Con-  
vention, and two more years  
for another World Zionist Con-  
gress?

Hope you will give the matter  
your immediate and earnest  
attention

Cordially yours

J. Boral



## THE LAW IS OUR PROPER KEY.

### I

Conditions in and about Palestine are definitely chaotic. War operations in the Land, against a "peaceful" background, are continuous and systematic; just as "peaceful" are the war operations against our "illegal" immigrants within and without Palestine territorial waters. This suggests the nature of the "final" decision on the fate of Palestine concocted at the British-Arab Conference in London. The Jewish Agency and the Zionist Executive resolved to boycott that Conference seemingly without the ~~proper~~ power of decision.

With the British intention to retain Palestine for itself under all circumstances, so shamelessly brought to light by the so-called "Morrison Plan", the partition venture of the Jewish Agency is to say the least, unbelievable. For the Jewish Agency now becomes a full partner with the British in breaking the Mandate! This partition scheme, and any partition scheme, is absolutely illegal, and can in no way to be considered obligatory for the Jewish People.

In the fact of such obvious frivolity on the part of the Agency in breaking the Palestine Mandate territorially, why should the British be denied the privilege of breaking the Mandate not only territorially, but also substantially? Either the Mandate exists as an act solemnly granted to the People of Israel before the whole World, and thus stands as a Law commanding the respect of the whole world, and a Law to be obeyed, or enforced, by Jews, Arabs, and British alike, or it is just nothing. And if we, too, are prone to make it appear as nothing, then there is no basis for any claim to Palestine!

No surrender of our Mandatory Right, not a single dunam of the territory of Palestine as defined in the Palestine Mandate, can



be given up by the Agency particularly with any such authority voted by the Jewish People.

The two extraordinary events,--the forthcoming Zionist Congress, and Ambassador Pauley's most vigorous request for action to save the remnant of European Jewry--demand of us not to lose sight of the basic problem, the problem of obtaining our Rights. For no hope has been left to us but the Right in Law.

After all our sad experience with politics and diplomacy, is there still any reason to stick to it, and continue to proceed in the very same fashion? Surely everyone can see now how much trust we can place in British politics of an Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry, to bring in its recommendations on Palestine not later than within 120 days, just to be thrown overboard, as entirely useless, half a year later. Indeed after the 13th Commission, Britain could evade the issue <sup>no</sup> longer, and was forced at last to reveal her true intentions; and so came the "Morrison Plan" to make it clear: the Jews demand Palestine, because the Palestine Mandate is theirs by Law; the Arabs demand Palestine, because they reject that Law. Britain does not demand, but has Palestine without the need of any Law! She takes the Negeb part of the Land as a needed military base for the Middle East, and the rest of the Land just for the good purpose of not giving up the British Rule over Palestine.

And all arguments are worthless. And politics, and diplomacy of high wisdom to no avail. Three single words rule the scene: PALESTINE R E M A I N S BRITISH! All else is just loose talk, if you wish, or fine talk, if you prefer.

In this hour of crisis and decision we may lose our Land forever if we continue in the same fashion. And our children, and children's - children will lament:



If our ancestors did believe that their's was the right in Law, why did they not get the Muftis and Bevins before the judges of the world whose decisions are controlled by LAW? Why did they leave the judgment to the politicians whose decisions are governed by power politics?

## II.

We must dwell with much greater resolution and decisiveness on our two most outstanding issues:

1. The restoration of the Mandate in its force of Law; and
2. The continued Immigration into Palestine as LEGAL action.

Let us take a closer look at that "illegal Immigration". It is a somewhat new term bewildering to the human mind, for it persists even in defiance of tear-bombs and fire-hoses, running the blockade by a great World-Power.

This is not "immigration". A human mass has lost its faith in the lands of pogroms, gas-chambers, and crematories, and runs,-- that is all! It is just natural for them to run to their own land, to the land to which they have legal title. Running for life is anything but illegal, according to all laws of God and men. To hamper their run for life is the "illegal" affair, the brutal crime which is deeper than the abyss. When done by a Power whom the League of Nations appointed as the Trustee for these unfortunate victims of human brutality, it adds a fiendish touch to that crime: inhumanity plus political betrayal.

No matter how much the British brutal practices against the pitiful refugees, do make the run to Palestine look like "illegal immigration", no sane person, can accept that term. British attacks upon the vessels with refugees may convey the impression that these immigrants are violating some law, but no one knows what Law! Generally people do have some idea of Palestine as belonging to the



Jewish People, and that there is a Mandate for that. But who knows of the "White Paper" as a Law for Palestine, and that the victims of Hitler's gas-chambers are supposedly violating that "law"? Also here just four words rule the scene: JEWISH IMMIGRATION IS LAWFUL!

Great Britain never acted to <sup>stop</sup> that ILLEGAL DEATH of the 6 Million European Jews, though each one of them can be counted as charge in British trust, as a potential or real immigrant needed for the restoration of Mandatory Palestine. So also did Great Britain never act to stop that kind of ILLEGAL life which the Jewish "winners of the war" still carry on in the concentration camps. But Great Britain found it both moral and legal to act to stop their ESCAPE both from that life, and from that death! The Great Leaders of that Great Power seem afraid neither of the wrath of God, nor of the condemnation of man, for they need the Jewish Land for themselves, and show no less zeal for their Empire than did the Tituses and the Neros for their's in the old attack upon Israel.

Can such selfishly motivated brutality be stopped, or counter-acted, by political argumentation? Never! It can only be dealt with by proper repudiation:

- FIRST: To actually repudiate--by intervention of Law--all illegal British acts against the lawfully proclaimed restoration of Palestine as the Jewish Historical Homeland by the Palestine Mandate.
- and SECOND: To actually repudiate--through not resorting to force--all British war-like attacks against Jewish Immigration, pending the intervention and final decision of Law.

Touching on the "immigration", it must be added that, in its general sense, immigration is an economic or political affair of sociological nature. But this Jewish kind of Immigration to Palestine is of an entirely different nature: a block of surviving mass-



humanity is subjected by world conditions to a life-and-death run which is a human affair of biological nature. Although powerless to counter the enemy's attacks with organized force, this run for life cannot be checked, for it <sup>is</sup> driven by the biological urge to live. It is extremely tragic, but inevitable, as the only lawful counteraction against British brutality, until the intervention of World Justice.

The Tsarish-Nazi-Polish persecutions were at least "legally correct". They tortured their own Jews within the province of their own sovereignty. Jewish reaction to Tsarish or Nazi pogroms could never acquire the nature of state-right reaction, for state-brutality within one's own territory is a sovereign "right", ruling out the intervention of any law, (at least that's the interpretation as recently as the Neurenburg Tribunal's.) Therefore their Jewish victims had just to submit to their fate.

British persecutuion, however, occurs outside her own territory and sovereignty. So also are neither the Jews of Palestine, nor immigrating refugees subjects of His Britannic Majesty. Thus her persecutions fall both without the province of her own land, and upon citizens, or subjects of other countries. This is a new phenomenon in exercising the "right" of state-brutality, even without possessing the "sovereignty privilege."

Palestine sovereignty belongs to the Allied and Associated Powers of World War I, and is under the jurisdiction of the Nations of the World of the former League of Nations. Most of the Nations are most certainly opposed to such acts of oppression and persecution, and imposition of terror upon Jewish people <sup>as</sup> away of fulfilling the Palestine Mandate by the Mandatory Power. Such open brutality on a



military scale is a case of unprecedented violation of International trust, and, inevitably requires the invocation of the Law of Nations against the self-styled behavior of the Trustee to whom the Land had been assigned only for temporary administration, only until the work of restoration of Palestine by the Jewish People is completed.

Just as the British attack upon the normal process or reconstituting of the Jewish National Home manifests a hostile act of state, so is defensive Jewish action, based on law, of the nature of an act of state. Taking legal action for the restoration of the rights of the Jewish People to its Land Internationally sanctioned by the provisions of the Palestine Mandate,--is state action. So also is the continuation of Jewish Immigration into Palestine, which is a pre-requisite to the mandatory provision of "reconstituting" Palestine as the Jewish National Home.

### III.

It is the direct obligation of the Jewish Agency, officially placed in the capacity of a "public body", to see that the Palestine Mandate is carried properly into effect, without any violation of the provisions of the Mandate. Now, after all our tragic experiences with the British Mandatory Power, it has long since been the duty of the Jewish Agency to institute the proper legal proceedings against the British violation of the Mandate before the United Nations, and, if necessary, before the International Court of World Justice.

As no legal steps have been taken since the enactment of the White Paper of 1939, a Memorandum submitted to the American Jewish Conference, December 27, 1945, by Mr. Zalmon Berul, of New York,



suggested to take the initiative with the Jewish Agency about the appointment of a Jewish Juridical Commission for action on legal procedure. Copies of the paper were presented to Dr. Nahum Goldman, President of the World Jewish Congress, and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Zionist Organization of America, and later also to Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Agency, and to Isaac Ben-Zvi, President of the Vaad Leumi of Palestine. Action is still pending.

It is the direct obligation of World Jewry to provide the means required to properly facilitate the present state of COMPULSORY Jewish Immigration into Palestine in order to prevent the completion of the second phase, the post-Hitler phase, of the extermination of European Jewry. An extermination of the surviving million by more peaceful factors than the crude and inhuman gas-chambers and crematories of the Maidanek-Oswiecim-Treblinka pattern! This immigration must proceed in scope, and with the speed envisaged in the terrifying Report on the surviving million Jews of Europe, submitted to President Truman by his special ambassador, Mr. Pauley. He urgently requests the speedy removal of nearly the whole remaining million of the former European Jewish Community.

In exercising its autonomous rights, the Vaad Leumi appropriated \$400,000 to help the flow of Jewish Immigration into Palestine, as the Life, prosperity, and the whole future of the Palestine Jewish Community depends upon the completion of the structure of the Jewish National Home, which, in turn, depends primarily upon the normal flow of Jewish immigration into the Homeland. However, this appropriation happens to also signify the start of the non-cooperation of the Palestine Yishuv with the Palestine



Administration ruling by force of terror, and, as a result, the Palestine Administration threatens to cut off the communal subsidies to all Palestine Jewish Communities in the sum of \$3,500,000.

The Palestine Immigration complex is a problem for World Jewry and not alone for the Palestine Yishuv. Therefore it must be met financially and otherwise by the combined efforts and means of all Jewish communities, commensurate with the needs and scope of the immigration, as well as with the urgently required more human condition of travel.

The whole process consists of 3 phases: emigration, transmigration, and immigration. While the latter takes place within the province of Palestinian Jewry, the former two take place outside Palestine, and within the province of World Jewry. It is proper, therefore, that all these and other obligations connected with the problem should by right and justice be appropriated accordingly.

Therefore, in proportion to the appropriation of the Yishuv of \$400,000, it would be right for American Jewry to share with a sum of \$4,000,000, according to the ratio of the populations as 10:1.

It is likewise the duty of American Jewry to soften the effect of the expected cutting of Communal Subsidies. We must, therefore, be financially prepared to remove the disaster threatening the Palestine Jewish communities built up with so much "blood, sweat, and tears."

All this is a matter of the high emergency! The needed funds call for immediate action without resorting to the customary



fund raising campaigns. It would be most proper to enact the MAASER principle (the Biblical 10% Tax) to be applied to reserve-funds now in possession of Jewish Communal, Fraternal and Zionist organizations of America. A duly constituted Commission originated by Zionist initiative in cooperation with the American Jewish Conference, American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee, and the United Jewish Appeal, should stipulate the participation in the "Maaser Fund" according to the following principle:

1. Zionist reserve funds to be subject to Maaser from a minimum of 2, to the full maximum of 10 units of the Maaser Tax, depending on the size, designation, and and the urgent need of the reserve funds in possession of all Zionist groups, chapters, and organizations.
2. Communal and fraternal reserve-funds to be subject to Maaser from a minimum of 1 to a maximum of 5 units of the Maaser Tax, in the same manner depending on the size, designation and the urgent need of the reserve funds in possession of all religious, relief, fraternal, educational, charitable and other communal organizations of all communities of American Jewry.

This would constitute active cooperation with Palestinian Jewry in its present critical position of non-cooperation with the Palestine Administration, as long as the latter continues to rule the Land by the force of terror. Such cooperation will be a constructive step of first magnitude in helping our Palestine Jewry in its state-like self-assertion, and at the sametime keep the Yishuv in a position to proceed, to some extent, in constructive



communal harmony in the scheme of building the Jewish National Home. We must not overlook the fact that, no matter how great has been our share in the Palestine work, it is primarily on the principle of assistance. However, changed conditions require not only assistance but cooperation! For, politically, we had reached the end of the road.

The thesis of the League of Nations calls for Palestine as a Jewish State and civil rights to the Arabs.

The thesis of the Leag of Arabs (in complicity with the British) calls for Palestine as an Arab State with civil rights to the Jews.

The "League of Arabs" vs. the "League of Nations"!!!

However, the Palestine Mandate is still the Laws of the Nations of the World, and the Arab-British combine is nothing but a "law breaking combine"!

Shall we permit that at a time when a UN exists for such, and <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ purpose and International Court of World Justice has been re-established, the LAWLESS shall prevail against the most solemn Law of the whole civilized world?

Philadelphia, September 29, 1946.

*Zalmon Berul*  
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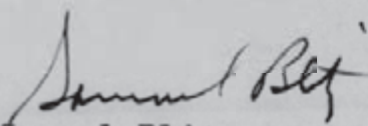
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I came across the enclosed letter from Dr. Nordau which was addressed to the 1919 Convention of the Zionist Organization of America. You may wish to have it reprinted in the New Palestine as it seems to be as timely today as it was when it was written 27 years ago.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Convention in Atlantic City, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
Samuel Blitz  
Executive Vice-Chairman

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October 23, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Zionist National Convention  
Headquarters  
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am delighted to have the opportunity to present  
a statement on my views with reference to the  
establishment of a National Commonwealth for the  
people of the Jewish faith in Palestine.

Thank you most sincerely for the opportunity.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. F. Bradford".

RFB/gh  
Enc.



During five trying years of war men and women throughout the world prayed for the day that would end bloodshed and hatred. To a hopeful mankind the ultimate end of strife held the promise that thenceforth and forever there would be true peace among men and among nations. They recoiled from the idea that ever again there could be another disillusioning peace; that ever again self-interested groups and nations might corrode the promise of the future.

We of American proclaimed our eagerness to dedicate our efforts to the end that the ideals of our own Declaration of Independence, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, become a reality throughout the world.

In our every moment of thanksgiving for victory it is altogether fitting that we call ourselves to account; that we examine our thoughts and our actions in the peace we are making. We cannot shut from our minds the knowledge of what is occurring elsewhere in the world, for throughout the world the four horsemen of the Apocalypse have done their dreadful work. The guilty have found their punishment on earth. What of the innocent? Those innocents impose upon us a compelling duty to help by positive action. No one can be unmindful of the tragic fight of those of the Jewish faith who gave up their lives in the torture rooms and the crematories. Their slaughter is a blot upon civilization that will never be wholly erased. It is not enough for the democracies of the world to cause a Hitler's downfall or to hang a Goering. The voices of those victims will never be stilled within our consciences until that time when we, the living, not only preach,



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but live the ideal of humanity. That ideal, which means true equality, the right to live, the right to be free, and the right to seek happiness.

We cannot wait for the tides of history to wash away the continuing horror of yesterday. To delay virtually means the death warrant of the remnant of the Jewish people in Europe.

Together with fiftyone other nations our Government in the Charter of the United Nations solemnly covenanted with the Jewish people that the mandated homeland in Palestine should be a homeland in fact.

From humble beginnings since the time of Theodore Herzl cities and towns have risen in Palestine as if by magic. That which has been accomplished will rise to greater achievement upon the fulfilment of the promise of a Jewish commonwealth. That will be true Democracy in action.



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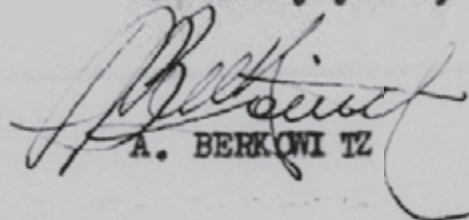
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was your Convention - deservedly. I do not think the delegates will soon forget your masterly chairmanship of the plenum at which, as one of the delegates said, "Even a lowly delegate could become a speaker." Nor shall I forget your brief but inspiring address at the banquet at which you told the beautiful tale from Midrash. God willing, I hope that you will be the fifth to be called twice.

Sincerely yours,

  
A. BERKOWITZ

AB:ejw



November 5, 1946

Lt. Governor Robert F. Bradford  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Executive Department  
State House, Boston

My dear Lt. Governor Bradford:

It was with deep satisfaction that I received your letter and your statement of views with reference to Palestine.

I had the pleasure of conveying your message to the delegates who assembled at the Convention of the Zionist Organization of America in Atlantic City. Your sympathetic understanding of our movement and your help are deeply appreciated by all of us.

With all good wishes, I beg to remain

Most cordially yours,

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Mr. Emanuel Borenstein  
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MR ABRAHAM BERKOWITZ  
SOUTHEASTERN ANNUAL ZIONIST CONFERENCE  
NATIONAL HOTEL  
MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY THAT PRIOR PRESSING COMMITMENTS PREVENT ME FROM ATTENDING YOUR CONFERENCE TO GREET DELEGATES IN PERSON. YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES THROUGHOUT REGION MAY WELL TAKE PRIDE IN GRATIFYING GROWTH OF OUR MOVEMENT IN THAT AREA. SOUTHEAST REGION CONSTITUTES VITAL LINK IN NATIONAL CHAIN OF ZIONIST SOLIDARITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS. UNDER YOUR DIRECTION REGION HAS SCORED ENVIABLE RECORD CONTRIBUTING IMMEASURABLY TO THE INFLUENCE AND PRESTIGE OF ZOA. THE YEAR AHEAD IMPOSES UPON ALL OF US GREATER TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN BATTLE FOR JEWISH STATE~~hood~~. ARMED WITH MANDATE OF RECENT CONVENTION ZOA DELEGATIONS NOW LEAVING FOR CONGRESS WITH CONFIDENCE THAT ITS STAND IN BEHALF OF PROPOSITION THAT ZIONISM IS NOT AN IMMIGRATION OR REFUGEE MOVMENT BUT A MOVEMENT TO REBUILD THE JEWISH STATE FOR THE JEWISH NATION IN ERETZ ISRAEL HAS WHOLEHEARTED SUPPOT OF A UNITED AMERICAN ZIONISM. MAY YOUR DELIBERATIONS SERVE TO RALLY IN



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December 30, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Zionist Council of Essex County is an affiliate organization of about ninety membership organizations, representing more than 15,000 Jewish citizens of Essex County.

As president of this Council, I have been requested to extend to you an invitation to speak in Newark, at a date convenient to yourself in February or March of 1947.

Essex County, in addition to being a stronghold of the Z.O.A., has thousands of Zionists belonging to other groups, and we feel that your presence in Essex County would stimulate Zionist activity and membership.

It has been a long time since you have been with us, and the demand for your appearance is overwhelming. Won't you please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely yours,

ZIONIST COUNCIL OF ESSEX COUNTY

*Nathan H. Brodsky*

Nathan H. Brodsky  
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January 8, 1947

BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN, Ph. D.  
Rabbi

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Welcome back home!

On Friday evening, January 24th I am attempting to speak on the theme of the World Zionist Congress. Naturally, I have all the accounts of the Congress which appeared in the JTA and in the general press. I am wondering, however, if you would care to give me any special or personal insights into the Congress that might be valuable in my presentation.

I hope that you and Mrs. Silver and the boys are in good health. I surely hope that I will get a chance to see you very soon on one of your trips East.

With kindest personal regards, in which Gladys joins me, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Baruch Braunstein*

BB:as  
enc.



[1947]

January 16, 1946

Dr. Baruch Braunstein  
26 North Thirteenth Street  
Allentown, Pa.

My dear Dr. Braunstein:

I was very happy to hear from you and hope that you and Gladys are well. I have been trying to shake off a cold which I brought back with me.

I do not know that I have anything new to tell you about the Zionist Congress. It boils down to this: The people wanted a change. The Zionist line, which was followed for these many years, had led the movement from one political defeat to another. The symbol of that old line of reliance on Great Britain, appeasement, etc. etc. was naturally the President of the World Zionist Organization, Dr. Weizmann. He proposed no new line at the Congress. He opposed all forms of resistance to British illegal acts to Palestine. He tried to tell the Congress that there was no other way but his way, etc., but the Congress was not convinced and refused to reelect him. Those who opposed him belong to no one party and to no one country. He and his line had their sharp opponents among the General Zionists, the Mizrachi, Palestine Labor and Labor outside of Palestine, not to speak of the Revisionists. Among the 171 delegates who voted on the decisive resolution, i.e. not to go to London under existing conditions, there were only 32 members of the Zionist Organization of America. The rest were drawn from the other parties at the Congress.

There are some excellent articles on the Congress in the December 1946 issue of Dos Yiddishe Folk. If you don't receive the periodical, you may get it by writing to the Zionist Organization of America.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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NATHAN H BRODSKY.



489 BEDFORD AVENUE  
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April 13, 1947.

Dear Dr. Silver,

Not being on the Executive or Administrative Council, I am compelled to write this letter in order to submit my suggestions for your consideration, - and I hope you won't mind my troubling you with them.

1. First of all I should like to see our friends in the U.N. Assembly insist upon the point that NO interested parties serve on the proposed Committee, - or whatever it is they will call it. That should include the British.

2. Secondly, I should like to see them insist that the Special Session of the Assembly merely adjourn for a month or six weeks, <sup>and</sup> not close until the regular Session in September. It will not require four months for them to get the necessary facts for their recommendations. They can be ready much sooner.

3. Thirdly, the delegates should get our story in English, French and Spanish, - including, perhaps, a translation of Bartley Crum's book.

4. Finally, why not ask the U.S. Government to, in the meantime, appoint a Special Representative, of Ministerial rank, to the Jewish Agency? If the Vatican merits it, why not the Agency?

With Zion's Greetings -  
 cordially, James  
 A. D. Graham



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THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

COMMUNITY SHOCKED BY BRUTAL MURDER OF OUR PATRIOTS BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT WE DEMAND ACTION NOT WORDS SUGGEST FUNDS BE RAISED AT ONCE FOR MONUMENTS IN WASHINGTON IN THEIR MEMORY. DEDICATED TO BRITISH BRUTALITY TREACHERY AND LAWLESSNESS WE ARE AWAITING YOUR ADVISE ACT NOW=

NATHAN H BRODSKY.

526 Clayton Ave  
Newark, N.J.



April 18, 1947

Mr. Nathan H. Brodsky  
526 Clinton Ave.  
Newark, N.J.

My dear Mr. Brodsky:

Thank you for your telegram. I share with you the sense of outrage at the action of the Palestine administration. I will bring your telegram to the attention of the Executive of the ZOA when it meets next week. Whether raising funds for a monument in Washington is the best way to memorialize the four brave men is a matter which should be considered. I have received quite a number of other suggestions from Zionists in other parts of the country. All of them will be discussed in the very near future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



April 21, 1947

Mr. A. D. Braham  
489 Bedford Ave.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Braham:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 13. I read it with a great deal of interest and I will present your recommendations to the meeting of the Agency this week. Some of them have already been acted on.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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ABBA HILLEL SILVER, PRESIDENT JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE=

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FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION IN ORDER THAT SOME ONE BODY SPEAK  
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JEWISH STATE=

HENRY BURT CHAPTER LABOR ZIONISTS ORGANIZATION OF  
AMERICA.





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41 East 42nd St., Rm. 600  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

4/4/47

It is impossible for me to adequately tell you how disappointed the members of my Region were because of your inability to be the speaker at the Luncheon Session of our 12th Annual Convention.

This year there will be a follow up to our Convention by a public installation of officers to be held sometime in June. We have refrained from fixing a date for this installation because of the overwhelming desire of our membership to have you speak at these ceremonies.

Would you please advise me as soon as possible what night in June, week night or Sunday, is acceptable. I count upon a favorable reply.

With Zion's greetings,

*B G Browdy*  
BENJAMIN G. BROWDY

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TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
of

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I SEND YOU ALL MY GOOD WISHES FOR THE SUCCESSFUL NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN

WHICH THE ENGLISH GENERAL ZIONISTS ARE CONDUCTING. AT THIS DECISIVE

~~HOOR WE NEED THE MOBILIZATION OF OUR FULL STRENGTH AND BRITISH~~

~~JEWRY CAN PLAY A GREAT ROLE IN THE SUCCESSFUL ATTAINMENT OF OUR  
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May 12, 1947

To HENRY BURT CHAPTER LABOR ZIONISTS ORG. OF AMERICA

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THERE IS ONLY ONE ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED IN THE MANDATE AS A ~~PERITE~~  
SPECIFIC BODY AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK FOR THE JEWS OF PALESTINE AND FOR THE JEWS OF  
THE WORLD IN RELATION TO PALESTINE AND THAT IS THE JEWISH AGENCY. KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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May 12, 1947

Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy, President  
Brooklyn Region, ZOA  
186 Joralemon Street  
Brooklyn 2, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of May 5. I recall that you graciously invited me to attend the annual convention of the Brooklyn Zionist Region. It is not that I am not eager to come to you, but my days, with the preparation and presentation of our case before the UN, have been so heavy that I have had to forego many engagements which normally I would be most happy to accept.

June will also be a very crowded month for me. I must prepare for and attend the convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, in Montreal. I am President of that organization. I shall also have to attend the meetings of the Actions Committee which will probably be held the early part of June. I am sure that you and our friends of the Brooklyn Zionist Region will understand.

When conditions become easier for me, I shall make an effort to come to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Dr. A. H. Silver  
Dr. Emanuel Neumann

DATE: June 3, 1947

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash

SUBJECT:

You will be interested in the attached copy of a letter which the Polish Ambassador in Washington sent to Mr. Charles Schwager in response to his letter of thanks.

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POLISH EMBASSY  
Washington 9, D. C.

May 22, 1947

Mr. Charles Schwager  
1480 Broadway  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Schwager:

Thank you sincerely for your letter.

I appreciated your kind words very much. When, however, speaking before the General Assembly on the Palestine question, I did only my duty. We Poles are of the opinion that the last sufferings of the Jewish people should be recognized by the whole world and the problem of Palestine should be solved in the light of justice.

With best personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Josef Winiewicz  
Ambassador of Poland



May 29, 1947

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 E. 42nd St.  
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

Would you please prepare a message such  
as is requested in the enclosed letter?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.





RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF  
BRONX ZIONIST REGION, JUNE 8, 1947

WHEREAS Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is about to complete two years of leadership as President of the Zionist Organization of America; and

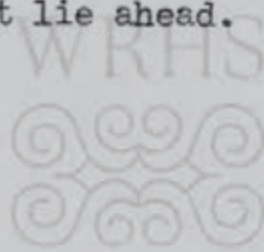
WHEREAS Dr. Silver has simultaneously directed the political activities of the movement as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council; and

WHEREAS Dr. Silver by his brilliant leadership of the general Zionist delegation at the 22nd World Zionist Congress at Basle has brought the full weight and prestige of the World Zionist Congress behind the maximal Zionist program as adopted by the Zionist Organization of America at its last Convention; and

WHEREAS American Zionism is duly proud of the recognition it has received by the designation of Dr. Silver as Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency Executive; and

WHEREAS Dr. Silver has played a major and outstanding role in the historic task of spokesman for the Jewish people before the United Nations;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Bronx Zionist Region in annual conference assembled that we express our deepest sense of gratitude and loyalty to our esteemed leader Dr. A. H. Silver and pledge him our wholehearted support in the difficult days that lie ahead.



*see  
Museum Abramson*



RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF  
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WHEREAS the Zionist movement is today engaged in the most critical struggle of its existence, the outcome of which may determine the fate of the Jewish people for generations to come; and

WHEREAS American Zionism has been mobilized for unprecedented efforts under the vigorous leadership of the present administration of the Zionist Organization of America; and

WHEREAS the program of militant political action initiated and carried forward under the administration of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver with the full cooperation of Dr. Emanuel Neumann has won the full support of the American Zionist rank and file; and

WHEREAS the policies laid down by Dr. Silver's administration have been repeatedly vindicated by events; and

WHEREAS the effectiveness of the program of the Zionist Organization of America has been greatly enhanced and will continue to be enhanced due to the resourcefulness and dynamic leadership supplied by Dr. Emanuel Neumann both on the political and administrative levels; and

WHEREAS in the crucial year ahead the Zionist Organization of America will require leadership of the caliber of Dr. Emanuel Neumann, who will remain true to the policies of Dr. Silver, overwhelmingly supported by the Zionist masses;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Bronx Zionist Region in annual conference assembled favors as the next President of the Zionist Organization of America, Dr. Emanuel Neumann whom we regard as the American Zionist leader best qualified by experience and training to take over the reins of leadership of our national organization at this crucial moment; and

BE it further resolved that the Bronx Zionist Region delegates to the coming 50th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America support and work for the election of Dr. Emanuel Neumann to the Presidency of the Zionist Organization of America.



June 11, 1947

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 E. 42nd St.  
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

For the convention issue of the New Palestine,  
I wish that you would procure a good sized report of the  
work of the American Zionist Emergency Council. I  
would suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Shapiro  
or Mr. Tuvim at once.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK







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June 23, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the 38th annual convention of Bnai Zion held on June 14, 15 and 16 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Bnai Zion sends its greetings to our great and militant leader, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who, as President of the Zionist Organization of America and as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council has very astutely charted the course of Zionist policy. The statesmanlike presentation of our cause before the United Nations Political Committee by the representatives of the Jewish Agency, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, Moshe Shertok, head of its political bureau and David Ben Gurion, chairman of its Executive Committee, was masterful and gained a host of new friends for our just cause."

Permit me also to convey my own personal admiration for your significant and outstanding work on behalf of our hard-trying people and for the glorious way you have championed our cause. May you live to see, within our days, Zion fully redeemed and a Jewish Commonwealth in actual operation.

Very sincerely yours,

Jacob Ish-Kishor  
Mazkir

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6/27/47

June 24, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 E. 42nd St.  
New York, 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a memorandum which I would like to have you read and give some thought to its contents. As the president of the Zionist Organization of America, from whose ranks there are a number of members on the Actions Committee, your opinion and suggestions would be most helpful.

I have sent the memorandum, at this time, only to you, Mrs. Moses J. Epstein, Leon Gellman and Prof. Hayim Fineman. I would appreciate your early reply as, I believe, immediate action should be taken to prevent this conflict of dates of these two all-important meetings.

With kindest personal regards, I remain, with Zion's greetings,

Very cordially yours,

*A. A. Redelheim*

A. A. Redelheim  
Member of the Actions Committee  
Delegate to the American Jewish  
Conference

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# M E M O R A N D U M

SUBJECT - Actions Committee Meetings

American Jewish Conference - Fourth Session

The Yiddish press last week published a cable from Jerusalem which reported plans for holding the first meeting of the Actions Committee in Paris on August 24th. If true, it should be of grave concern to all the American members of the Actions Committee in view of the forthcoming fourth session of the American Jewish Conference in Chicago during the Labor Day week-end. To my knowledge, most if not all of the American members of the Actions Committee are delegates to the American Jewish Conference and a predominant number of these hold very important positions in the American Jewish Conference. These men and women obviously could not be in Paris and Chicago at the same time.

I believe it would be catastrophic if the American members of the Actions Committee went to Paris and absented themselves from Chicago. On the other hand, a meeting of the Actions Committee in these most critical times without the presence and participation of the American members would be a farce and its decisions would definitely not reflect the true composite thinking of the Actions Committee as the mouthpiece of the World Zionist Organization.

After four long and trying years involving many trials and tribulations we have finally arrived at this significant and epoch-making juncture in the history of our people in the United States - the possibility of creating and establishing a permanent national Jewish body which will embrace all of the Jewish organizations in this country regardless of their social, political, religious or philanthropic leanings, as well as of the communities having 1,000 or more Jewish population.

To the Zionists of America, the American Jewish Conference has been a bulwark of strength and the role which it played in molding public opinion, especially on the Palestine issue, has been and is of inestimable value. The Zionists must continue to wield their influence in the transformation of the temporary American Jewish Conference into a permanent body. I, therefore, repeat that the absence of our Zionist leaders and members of the American Jewish Conference at this critical period in the adoption of the program for Permanent Organization can bring irreparable damage to our cause.

The times demand that the Actions Committee convene as soon as possible at which time the greatest number of its members can be present. It is my earnest plea that the Actions Committee meet in July, not later. This will also enable the Jewish Agency Executive to digest the decisions of the Actions Committee and be properly guided in the preparation of its case before the U. N. General Assembly in September.

We cannot afford to sacrifice either one for the other. Both must receive the full attention of our American Zionists. It can be done!

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. REDELHEIM

Member of the Actions Committee  
Delegate to the American Jewish  
Conference



Emmanuel Borenstein <sup>6/24</sup>

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New  
Zionist Region



6/24/47



June 30, 1947

Mr. Jacob Ish-Kishor, Mazkir  
Bnai Zion  
220 Fifth Avenue  
New York 1, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Ish-Kishor:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of June 23 and for the resolutions which you sent me which were adopted by the 38th annual convention of Bnai Zion. I need not tell you that I am very proud of these resolutions and very grateful for the spirit which motivated them. Please convey my profound thanks to the officers and members of Bnai Zion.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANS:BK



June 30, 1947

Mr. Abraham Bloomenson  
Motor Finance Corporation  
304 1st National Bank Bldg.  
Duluth 2, Minn.

My dear Mr. Bloomenson:

Through the National Office, I learned that you have again contributed this year the sum of One Thousand Dollars to the Expansion Fund Thousand Dollar Club. I need not tell you how very grateful we all are for your continued helpfulness. I am particularly appreciative of the confidence which you have expressed in the work which I am doing, and for your very welcome word of encouragement.

I send you my warmest greetings.

Most cordially yours,

AHS BK



Excerpt from letter

from: Abraham Bloomenson

. . . I wish to reaffirm my loyalty to Dr. Silver's magnificent leadership and I am thereby herewith enclosing my check in the sum of \$1,000.00 so that I may remain a member in good standing of the Thousand Dollar Club.

I am very pleased to note that the Zionist membership has increased tremendously in the last year or so under the guidance of Dr. Silver. I hope that the membership will greatly increase in the following year as we need the strength more than ever before.

I hope that something will materialize from this investigation now going on through the United Nations.

I would appreciate you informing Dr. Silver that it is my fervent hope to go to Palestine this fall, or soon after, to continue with the promotion of the project to which I have pledged \$100,000.00.. . . .





Dr. Shlomo Bardin, Exec. Dir.  
American Zionist Youth Commission  
381 Fourth Ave.  
New York 16, N. Y.

(Filed in AZYC folder)



Dr. Simon Bernstein, Director  
Palestine Bureau  
41 E. 42nd St.  
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Bernstein:

Enclosed is a letter which I received from a Zionist friend here in Cleveland . Is there anything you can do about the matter? Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter, and the request, to Mr. Zipp.

With all good wishes, and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you at the ZOA Convention, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

