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May 23, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
% The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Some time ago, I had the privilege of writing to you about the formation of a General Zionist Chalutz group - the first of its kind. You were kind enough to reply, in a positive tone, despite your preoccupation with many important matters.

Since that time, this small "garin" has grown slowly but surely. Plugat Aliyah, the name by which we are known, is expanding.

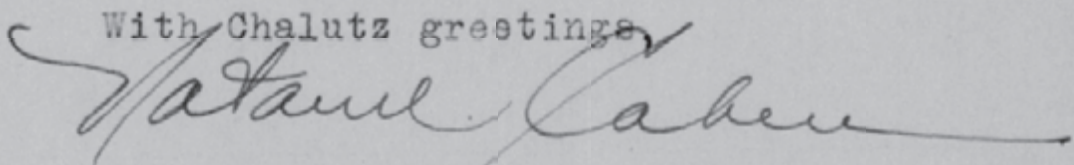
We feel that an important moment is at hand for us which may well shape our future - and therefore the future of Chalutzit in General Zionist ranks.

We feel that General Zionist youth, never before directly approached and called upon for the realization of the maximum consequence of their Zionism, will face the challenge and the call which you so stirringly phrased in Palestine and in your previous letter to us.

We would therefore respectfully request, realizing your burden of activity, the opportunity of meeting with you in the near future. We would like to present ourselves to you, so that you may know us more personally. We would like to inform you of our plans and our problems, so that we may have the benefit of your advice and guidance.

We place ourselves at your convenience for such a meeting to which we look forward in the near future.

With Chalutz greetings


Natanel Zvi Cohen
Rosh, Plugat Aliyah

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

July 8, 1946

Dear Rabbi:

The results of the recent Zionist local election on June 30th and July 1st were very discouraging. The loss of votes can be blamed on the inability of many voters not having received their Shekolim in time to vote. Another reason was due to the missing names on the Master Cards at the voting places. In my own family and friends there were 12 master cards missing and these people did not receive their shekolim. To face these many persons who bought and paid for their shekolim and yet were denied to vote is very embarrassing. One thing is certain that these people cannot be approached again for a Zionist purpose for their anger is indescribable.

In the New Palestine, last issue, the editorial stated that "3 months of preparation which the ZOA had utilized to the maximum was more than sufficient." Therefore, the extension of another two weeks should have made it doubly sure that the ZOA was ready and its preparations complete. Instead the whole strategy was a failure. There were no signs of planning. The opposition had it all to themselves this time. The most disappointing thing was the fact that the rank and file of the Zionist membership did not turn out to vote because they were told that they must bring their blue shekel and many of them never received it or lost it, also their names were not on the master cards even if they could vote.

The master minds who devised that system of voting certainly played into the hands of the opposition very easily. If only the system of our country's national election could have been adopted the loss of those votes and the embarrassment could have been avoided. In our national elections once a citizen is a registered voter he is not asked to produce his birth certificate to be able to vote at the polls. When he comes to vote they ask him his name and his address and if it checked with the master lists he is given the ballot to vote. Had this simple system been adopted the ZOA could have gained a thousand votes besides the meager number which voted. Once a person registered because he bought the shekel it should have been sufficient to check with the master cards and given the right to vote. If the cause of those mistakes is an example of Zionist efficiency woe to the cause. A complete house cleaning is very necessary now.

With Zion's Greetings,
Ben Cohen

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321 West 78th St.
NY City - Aug. 8th 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Doctor:-

We are all with you in your desires and endeavors against a divided Palestine - such as proposed very recently by Great Britain.

Great Britain should be punished- They should be thwarted in their intention to have a permanent strong grip on Palestine, so as to maintain their Military forces there in place of Egypt, who is dispossessing them -

At present Great Britain is fomenting, and abetting dissension between Arab and Jew, and as between the two peoples, is not hesitating to side with the Arab, and persecuting the Jewish Minority.

At state, is the 1.500.000 European Jews.

Can it not be possible to get to-gether with the Palestinian Arabs, to create a Palestine with equal Jew and Arab political domination, allowing both sects to feel and live to-gether as citizens of a united country? This would allow full immigration for both peoples, full liberty to buy and sell land, trade, etc.

United and peaceful, Great Britain would have no excuse for remaining, and can be invited to step out of Palestine.

Great Britain has appeased the Arab world, where to-day the Arabs can hold the balance of power in the Eastern Mediterranean. It is good policy for the Jews to be on good terms with them.

Above all, get the English out of Palestine -

Yours Truly -

(SIGNED) Mandel E. Cohen

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September 9, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your recent letter advising me of my appointment as a member of the Constitutional Revision Committee. I deeply appreciate the confidence you place in me and accept the appointment with the greatest pleasure.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Samuel Caploe

Samuel Caploe
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October 16th, 1946.
21st Day of Tishri, 5707.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I respectfully call your attention to my letter of September 23rd, wherein I solicited the honor of receiving for publication in the Yearbook of the Zionist Organization of Chicago the contribution of an article by you of approximately 1000 to 1500 words.

Not having heard from you to this date, I am fearful that the matter may have escaped your attention.

The time for going to press is rapidly approaching, and it would be a keen disappointment to our Committee should we fail to receive the benefit of your friendly expressions in behalf of the Zionist ideal.

Awaiting your kind favor, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Milton J. Silberman
President.

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RECIPIENT SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

FRANK COHEN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

October 30, 1946

Dear Fellow-Zionist:

Please accept my thanks for the time and thought you spent on my letter. I did not follow through sooner because I had mailed out about two thousand letters over the country in a three week period, and I wanted to allow enough time for responses. Meanwhile, I had to make a hurried business trip to Europe. This added to the delay.

May I explain why I sent my letter. I was intensely affected by my last trip to Palestine during July of this year. My previous three trips were in the early 20's when I actively participated in laying foundations and when for about three years I traveled throughout Palestine and neighboring countries, establishing agencies for and distributing American petroleum products. Throughout the past twenty-five years of a varied and extensive business career my interest and cooperation for Palestine have been keen and active.

I have no vested interest in any Zionist activity or organization. I have no desire to launch a new organization. I have no time to sponsor groups within the organizations for political or other purposes.

On this trip, within the limitations of curfew and under the wing of the U. S. Embassy and the British administration, I covered considerable territory and conferred with most of the outstanding personalities in Palestine in political, cultural and industrial fields. I took time away from business in Europe to go to Palestine to select a site for an industrial village for refugee youth for which my associates and I had set aside our own monies.

I returned with the following definite impressions:

1. A tremendous physical expansion has taken place. Palestine is now "feeling its oats". It is stretching its muscles. It has grown up. Ballyhoo days are over and it must seriously look into the future. Therefore, now is the time, for its sake and for the sake of 5,000,000 Jews in the United States to consider the ultimate objectives of our relations.

2. The sweat and time that is going into Palestine could be enormously saved if America properly came to its aid. Palestine must have and is entitled to have the benefit of American imagination, American "know how", and what is even more important, American thought in building up Palestine. If Palestine is to enter into an industrial era, who is better fitted than Americans to participate? After all, we are concerned in Palestine with a small area and presently, of perhaps one hundred thousand industrial workers. Just a few of us have been and are responsible for more than that number in our businesses.

3. We in the United States must begin to think of what we expect and hope for in Palestine and what effect Palestine will have on the Jews in the United States. Let us for a moment imagine that, due to a depression, American Jews may go broke and be unable to contribute monies. Then what? Surely we have more to give than just money. If so, what and how?

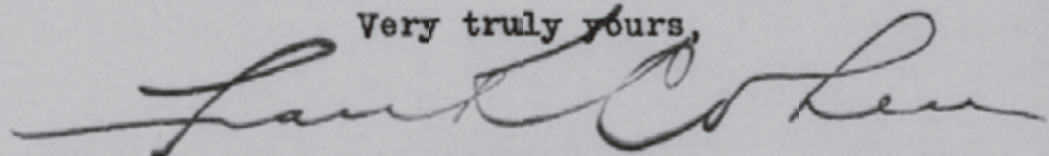
I decided when I returned from Palestine that the best way I could spend some of my money for Palestine was to start throwing some questions at all the responsible Zionists I could reach. I wanted to start chain thinking. Therefore I wrote you my letter. In it I tried to emphasize that America should not be placed in a "money giver" position exclusively; nor should it be treated on such a basis only. I intended to emphasize that the various Zionist organizations should take the above position, make this public and back it up. I tried to point to those departments where America could best fit and where political ideologies would be least affected, i.e., finance, industry, public health and sanitation.

I have received a great many responses and they still seem to be coming in. The interest is alive and serious. I am attaching a digest of a cross-section of the replies. From these, some conclusions are obvious.

1. American representation on the Jewish Agency should be increased and more Americans should receive cabinet positions.
2. More American expert personnel should be brought into the various administrative bureaus in Palestine.
3. Fains should be taken to account for monies spent in Palestine comparable to the effort put in by Americans when collecting funds for Palestine.
4. A clear policy should be announced by American Zionist Organizations outlining what should be the relationship of America to Palestine and vice versa.

I wish again to express my thanks to you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Cohen".

Frank Cohen

The following is a digest of the cross-section of some of the replies to my letter.

Practically all agree that America has something to contribute to the Palestine Ideal. Practically all agree that the questions raised are important and should be followed through. On the implementation, some agree entirely; others partly. Some take offense while others are grateful that these questions are raised.

Opinions vary and often contradict each other.

As to Personnel:

Americans should work for but not head the bureaus.

Americans should come as volunteers and work and live in Palestine before given leadership.

Americans should be only observers and critics.

Americans should be represented and sit on the Agency.

Chalutzim movement should be started in the United States.

Americans should settle and live in Palestine to have a voice.

We must do this but through the Zionist Congress. Americans must insist on greater representation.

We must carry this through but through the American Zionist Emergency Council.

You will never be able to succeed until you change present representation, etc.

Supervision yes, but not on a political basis.

Important that good men be selected but not necessarily limited to Americans. Any able Jews from anywhere.

There should be a better tie up between Palestine and America in social, educational and economic matters, etc.

Present agencies should hire specialists, exchange personnel.

Etc. etc. etc.

As to Supervision:

America should spend as much time and effort supervising as they do collecting.

Americans should not have more rights because they have more money, etc.

Important that we supervise, but not differentiate between money from American Jews and from all Jews everywhere.

America should send the money and let Palestine decide on the expenditure, but ask for accounting.

America should stop giving the money unless it supervises; but supervision must come through the regular channels of existing organizations.

America should contribute through independent groups who should spend, supervise and use their own funds according to their own ideas, to set models for Palestine.

Palestine should be compelled to first submit a future budget and accounting for past funds before any money is given them.

Etc., etc., etc.

When and How:

"Now is not the time to raise the question. There is enough confusion already."

"Palestinians will welcome any American effort to help them develop."

"Palestine will resent any American effort."

"Palestine must not be treated as an American colony by having our supervision."

Palestine needs and will welcome American imagination, but it will be a long time before they accept Americans.

Palestine should send young men here to be trained and then they should return and take their place in Palestine.

America should select and send young men there to spread American ingenuity and "know how".

The men now in charge of bureaus doing an excellent job. Americans not needed.

The economic trends in Palestine favor labor, not capital. Hence Palestine should be given opportunity to work out its own destiny and to set new patterns of a new social order. American supervision and cooperation not needed.

America should have a voice in shaping Palestine.

America should leave Palestinians alone to work out their own salvation helping only when called upon.

"I've heard such things for years but no one does anything about it. Wish you success."

"When will you find these men and send them?"

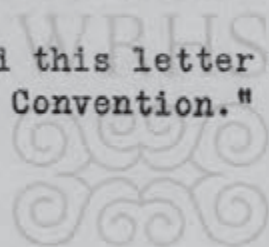
"I heartily agree. Will you keep me informed."

"It must be done. How can I help?"

"When can I come to see you to discuss this?"

"We have discussed this letter and agree it is important enough to be brought before the Convention."

Etc., etc., etc.



November 5, 1946

Mr. Milton J. Silberman, President
Zionist Organization of Chicago
220 South State Street
Chicago 4, Ill.

My dear Milton:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter of October 16. I wish I could send you an article for the Yearbook of the Zionist Organization of Chicago. But you know how overburdened I am with work. Why don't you abstract from the address which I delivered before the ZOA Convention in Atlantic City what in your judgment will best meet the requirements of your Yearbook, and use that?

I assure you that it is not unwillingness, but sheer lack of time which makes it impossible for me to write a fresh article.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 5, 1946

Mr. Nathan D. Kaplan
Zionist Organization of America
220 S. State Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Nathan:

Many thanks to you for your telegram of October 28.
I deeply appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing
to me.

I am sorry that you did not attend the Convention.
I believe that you would have enjoyed it very much.
It was uplifting and stimulating.

I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in
the not too far distant future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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314 West 91st Street
New York City
January 17, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
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Dear Dr. Silver:

A group of friends of our dear, departed friend, Jacob Fishman, met and decided to arrange a memorial meeting to be held Sunday evening, February 8th at a centrally located place in New York.

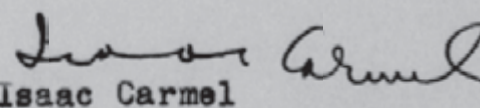
We are contacting the various organizations with whom Jacob Fishman was connected that they sponsor this meeting. I was authorized by this group to write to leaders of the various great Jewish movements and ask them to join as members of the committee. I, therefore, take the liberty of asking you to become a member of the Jacob Fishman Memorial Committee. We would also deem it a great tribute to Mr. Fishman if you could arrange to be here to address the meeting.

The members of the committee have contributed towards a fund to cover the expenses of this memorial meeting and have selected Mr. Rubin Fink, 151 West 40th Street, New York, as Treasurer. Mr. Morris Margulies assumed the duties of contacting the ZOA and the American Jewish Conference about giving their names as sponsors of this meeting.

Hoping this will meet with your approval, I remain

With Zion's greetings and warmest regards,

Yours most sincerely,


Isaac Carmel

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FRANK COHEN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

January 17, 1947

Dear Fellow-Zionist:

Recently, I attended a public meeting at the Manhattan Center, New York, in honor of the returning Z.O.A. delegates to the World Zionist Congress. To the best of my recollection, this is what I heard:

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the World Confederation of General Zionists, emphasized the important role of American Zionists. He described the need for the independent man in Palestine, the efforts to unify the educational system instead of what is now prevalent - a party system of education, the decision to insure equality of opportunity in immigration and colonization for all, without partiality.

Judge Morris Rothenberg, President of the Jewish National Fund in the United States, spoke of his determined efforts to keep the J.N.F. independent and to prevent the attempt to merge it with the general treasury, to insure its being kept separate and accountable for its specific purpose.

Daniel Frisch, Chairman of the Administrative Council of the Z.O.A., spoke of the determination to end the control of Zionist affairs by one party, as well as to recognize the singular role that American Jewry is to play in Zionist democracy.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Z.O.A. and head of the American section of the World Zionist Executive, emphasized the prominent role of American Zionists at Basle. He stated that American Jews are mature enough to contribute not only money, but brains, leadership, etc. etc.

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I am almost tempted to say that my series of letters have performed.

Many have been disturbed by these letters. By and large, however, the response indicated agreement, that raising these issues was important and that serious thought should be given to solving the issues raised.

The Manhattan Center meeting indicated that our leaders have reached the first step toward solution, a recognition of the primary problems. Let us help them in the next step, to carefully study the problems and apply the solutions.

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Since it is recognized that American Jewry is to play a new and significant role in Palestine affairs, I suggest that we request our new leadership to

appoint a Commission of American Jews, twelve in number, to "spy out the land".

These men should be outstanding American Jews in the fields of religion, education, sociology, public health and sanitation, economics, and industry and labor, men who are not office holders, professional or lay, in any of the Zionist organizations.

Let this Commission spend three months in Palestine appraising the situation and report:

- a) what has been accomplished
- b) wherein have we failed
- c) what is still to be desired
- d) how can the desired goals be achieved

Let us have an accounting of our - the Jews of America - present relationship to Palestine and a directive for our future program.

I am confident that such a Commission will be of inestimable value.

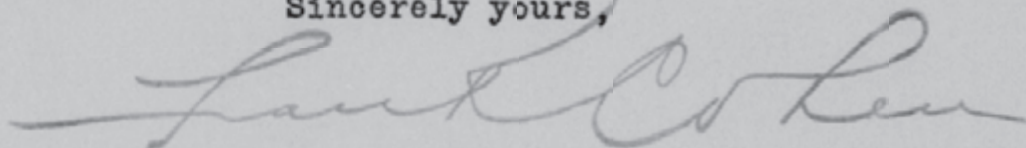
Within the next few weeks, I intend to call for a round table discussion of the issues I have raised and to discuss the appointment of a Commission. If you believe in such a Commission and if you have suggestions as to how its members should be chosen, please advise me.

Others are continuously appointing Commissions to study us in Palestine, in order, apparently, to learn how to thwart our ambitions. Let us appoint a Commission of "twelve men good and true", good for us Jews and true to Palestine.

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Thanking you for your courteous interest in reading this, my final letter of the series, and all the preceding ones, and hoping that they may have brought about creative thinking for the benefit of Palestine, I am

Sincerely yours,



Frank Cohen

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[1947]

January 22, 1946

Mr. Isaac Carmel
314 West 91st Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Carmel:

Thank you for your letter of January 17.

I think it is a worthy project to hold a memorial meeting in tribute to Jacob Fishman. I shall be very happy to serve on the Memorial Committee which is to sponsor this meeting. I wish I were free to come to New York for the meeting on February 8. Unfortunately that will not be possible.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:GR

Plugat Aliyah

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January 22, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

For myself, and on behalf of Plugat Aliyah I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your very kind reception at our personal meeting on Monday, and for your most encouraging and positive reaction at the Z.O.A. Executive meeting regarding our Chalutz movement.

Word of Z.O.A. action has spread very quickly to all the members of our movement and I am sure that I need not elaborate on the great pleasure with which the news was received. We feel certain, now, that Plugat Aliyah will spread rapidly and with strength; and that we will, in the near future, see the growth of a strong General Zionist Chalutz movement.

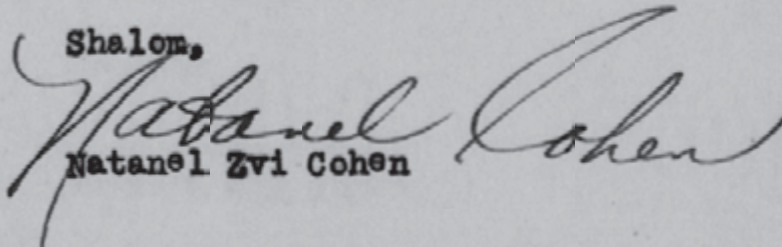
I myself feel that I can leave for Palestine knowing that a most important decision has been reached and a great stride forward achieved. I shall be in touch with the Z.O.A. and with our own movement from Palestine and shall continue to do all I can for the realization of our Chalutz movement.

I feel very strongly that the Z.O.A. will have reason to look back upon its adoption of Plugat Aliyah with pride and honor. It is our honest hope and sincere wish, that in a very short space of time we shall see a General Zionist Kibutz in Palestine containing many and increasing numbers of our Chalutzim from America.

Under separate cover, I shall take the liberty of submitting to you a further memo incorporating our future plans and ideas concerning Chalutzit and our movement.

With Zion's greetings and sincere thanks.

Shalom,


Natanel Zvi Cohen

GENERAL ZIONIST CHALUTZ ORGANIZATION

[1947]

NATANEL ZVI COHEN

January 24, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

To me, and to my chaverim, it is infinitely more than a matter of pleasure, that the President of the Zionist Organization of America, and one of Zionism's great leaders, has made the call for and the promise of American chalutzim to the Yishuv. It has given us, if we may take the liberty, a personal identification with you.

It has been some time since any American Zionist leader has spoken openly and positively about Chalutzit and Chalutzim from America.

But your remarks, Dr. Silver, had a more important significance for us. For I am writing on behalf of a group of General Zionist Chalutzim - young men and women who come from the ranks of Jr. Hadassah and Masada. We have, all of us, over a period of years and as a result of our close association in the movement, come finally to the conclusion of "hagshama atsmi".

I do not believe that our "Plugat Aliyah" is yet well-known. We do not flourish on publicity. But we have, in addition to our "Pluga" in New York, nuclei for additional "plugot" in at least four other cities, as well as "Bod'dim" in many other cities. I do not think I am overestimating the present extent or the great possibilities for the future of a General Zionist Chalutz movement. We are already working, and in February, two of our girls are going on Hachshara. I felt that you would be interested in this information - in this fruit of an old realization.

Perhaps it is presuming on your valuable and occupied time to invite you to one of our small meetings. But we would like you to know us and of us. If there is any further information concerning "Plugat Aliyah" which you would like to have, or if it would be possible for some of us to meet with you, we would be most happy to comply.

With Chalutz greetings,

Sincerely,

Natanel Zvi Cohen

2026 - 72nd Street
Brooklyn, 4, New York

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of the Zionist Organization of America



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

Dear Dr. Silver:

At a rally in the Taft High School, Bronx, New York, on Wednesday evening, April 16, 1947, in which addresses were made by the Hon. Bartley C. Crum, City Comptroller, the Hon. Lazarus Joseph, City Magistrate, the Hon. James W. Donoghue and others, the attached resolutions were unanimously adopted and are herewith submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Max Cohen
Regional Director

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY AT
BRONX, NEW YORK, MASS RALLY, APRIL 16, 1947

WHEREAS, the Palestine issue has been placed on the agenda of the United Nations for consideration at the Special Session convening on April 28, 1947; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish people look to the United Nations as the trustee of the world's conscience and expect it to live up to the promises of a Jewish Homeland contained in the League of Nations Mandate of 1922; and

WHEREAS, the British Government is today enforcing the 1939 White Policy, declared illegal by the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations and condemned by men of good will in every land; and

WHEREAS, acting under that illegal policy the British Government has imposed totalitarian measures of repression on the entire Jewish Community of Palestine culminating in the ignoble hanging of the four young martyrs of Israel; and

WHEREAS, the plight of Jewish survivors in Europe is steadily increasing, making it imperative that they be permitted to leave Europe and go to the land of their choice, Palestine, at the earliest possible moment; and

WHEREAS, the seizure and mass deportation to Cyprus of Jewish immigrants by the British is in direct violation of the Mandate, of the principles of the Atlantic Charter and of every moral and democratic concept; and

WHEREAS, the Government and people of the United States of America, through the passage of Resolutions in both Houses of Congress, through planks in the platforms of both major political parties, and through declarations of the Presidents of the United States, are committed to the policy laid down by the framers of the Palestine Mandate: free Jewish immigration into Palestine so that the Jewish people may reconstitute that country as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this assembly, that we respectfully call upon the President of the United States to take all necessary steps to insure that during the forthcoming special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations the delegate of the United States shall advocate the program for Palestine which our country has reaffirmed time and again; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the President of the United States to bring the great weight of the United States Government to bear on the Mandatory Government to the end that pending a final settlement of the Palestine issue by the United Nations, an interim policy based upon the terms of the existing Mandate for Palestine be set into motion at once -- a policy providing for immediate large-scale Jewish immigration into Palestine and the removal forthwith of the discriminatory land restrictions in the Jewish National Home, as asked by the Jewish Agency for Palestine; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution go forward to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Under Secretary of State, the American Delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations, and members of both Houses of the Congress of the United States.

April 24, 1947

Mr. Max Cohen, Regional Director
Bronx Zionist Region
673 Broadway -- Room 430
New York 12, N.Y.

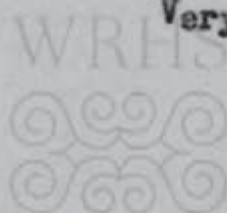
My dear Mr. Cohen:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the Resolution which was adopted at the rally of the Bronx Region on April 16. I hope that you have sent copies of it to all those mentioned in the Resolution who are to receive copies of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER:

PRESIDENT ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42 ST NYK=

¶ TRI CITY ZIONISTS AND COMMUNITY WILL HONOR SAM RIVKIN, PRESIDENT, WITH DINNER AND GOLDEN BOOK INSCRIPTION FOR OUTSTANDING TIRELESS EFFORTS AND LEADERSHIP FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS.

¶ DURING LEAN YEARS OF ZIONIST INTEREST RIVKIN MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUING ZIONIST ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA; PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS RAISED FOR ALL TYPES OF FUNDS.

¶ RIVKIN GREAT ADMIRER OF YOURSELF PERSONALLY AND YOUR POLICIES AND STRONG AGGRESSIVE BACKER OF YOU IN MIDWESTERN REGIONAL MEETINGS.

¶ THIS DISTRICT NEVER HAD HONOR OF VISIT FROM NATIONAL PRESIDENT DESPITE LONG HISTORY OF SUBSTANTIAL WORK AND FUND RAISING. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR HONORING US WITH VISIT FOR RIVKIN AFFAIR TO BE SCHEDULED AT YOUR CONVENIENCE DURING LAST OF MAY OR EARLY JUNE.

¶ INVITATION MADE DESPITE KNOWLEDGE OF EMERGENCY CRITICAL PERIOD AND DEMANDS ON YOU. AFFAIR FITTING YOUR STATION AND PRESTIGE WOULD BE ARRANGED IN THIS IOWA-ILLINOIS=

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TRUSTING YOU CAN REPLY FAVORABLY=

DAVID CETRON, SECRETARY TRICITY ZIONIST DISTRICT COURT
HOUSE DAVENPORT IOWA.



April 29, 1947

Mr. David Cetron, Secretary
Tri-City Zionist District
Court House
Davenport, Iowa

Dear Mr. Cetron:

Your telegram addressed to Dr. Silver was received this day. I am delighted that Sam Rivkin will be honored. He is one of the great Zionists of our day and it is surprising how his reputation is known from coast to coast. I regard him with more than affection.

You can readily understand the difficulties which confront Dr. Silver at these very important moments. He is being flooded with requests which, I know, have not the merit of a testimonial to Sam Rivkin. Nevertheless, he is placed in a rather difficult position. It is almost impossible for him to make any commitments at this time. The shape of things to come at the U. N. Assembly is still indeterminate. I cannot even get this telegram to him because he is engaged on political activity exclusively, and any other communications are diversionary. His pulpit responsibilities, his responsibilities as President of the Zionist Organization of America and his other duties are giving way to the prime political task which confronts us.

Under the circumstances, I am taking the liberty of forwarding your communication to him for his receipt upon his return to Cleveland. It will require some time for him before he will answer your letter, and at the same time it will also call for a question whether he will be able to attend. All these are factors which are quite understandable.

I want to assure you, however, that Dr. Silver will give this request every possible consideration. You will understand, of course, that it is only the impossible which will render him unable to attend.

Accept my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

May 12, 1947

Mr. David Cetron, Secretary
Tri-City Zionist District
Court House
Davenport, Iowa

My dear Mr. Cetron:

Please pardon the delay in replying to
your kind telegram.

It would have given me great pleasure to
attend the dinner which the Tri-City Zionists are
arranging in honor of Mr. Sam Rivkin. I know of the
distinguished services which Mr. Rivkin has rendered
our movement, and I would have been delighted to come
if I were free. But I am sure that both you and Mr.
Rivkin understand how overwhelmed with the work of
the preparation and presentation of our case before
the UN I am. I have had to forego many meetings
which normally I should have been most eager to
attend.

Please convey to Mr. Rivkin my warmest
greetings and my deepest appreciation for his
years of outstanding service to the cause of
Zionism and the Jewish people. May he be favored
with many more years of good health and successful
leadership!

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BE

Chicago Zionist Q.

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Leo Pevsner - 5-22-47



FRANK COHEN
88 Central Park West
New York, NY

DELIVERED BY HAND

May 22, 1947

Dr. ~~Ala~~ Hillel Silver

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
749 West End Avenue
New York, NY

Dear Dr. ~~Neumann~~ Silver.

I have just returned from a business trip to some South American countries, particularly Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil. Although this was primarily for business, I took advantage of my relationships with these governments to expound and test a plan I had been carrying in my mind for the past year, namely, to establish villages for Displaced Persons in these countries around industrial projects for the assembling and manufacture of products, for which my companies now have contracts with these governments. In brief, this would involve moving some 25,000 Jewish D.P. families from the American Zone in Germany to South America. The primary factor on which I based the whole plan was that the D.P.s should NOT be dependent when they settled in these countries. They should be efficient and trained for the job they are to do; they should be familiar with the language and customs of the country where they would settle. In short, they should immediately be an asset to the country instead of recipients of favor.

This would involve a vocational training period, culture and education - South American and Jewish - and a period of recuperation. The only place I could carry on all these three parts of the program is in the United States. Therefore, it involved the State Department for visas, etc., the War Assets and Treasury Departments for provisional site, buildings and equipment, the South American countries for eventual admission and settlement, which in turn meant land, for farms, cattle ranch or industry, housing and improvements, live stock and farm equipment, factory plants and machinery, etc.

I had been thinking and planning this for over a year prior to my departure. I decided to explore it. Therefore, I arranged with State of Maine and City of Eastport Maine for the use of Passamaquoddy by their acquiring this site for these purposes from War Assets.

Dear Dr. Silver
This is a copy of
what I meant to
send to you but
sent yours to the Hotel
Commodore only to find
you had left.
Please excuse the
copy & let me hear
from you. I haven't
a hope you have
a pleasant holiday.
Frank Cohen

Talks were carried on thru the Senators and Representatives from Maine and Vermont with the State Department, the same with the War Assets and Treasury. Unofficially we have our understandings for a six to nine months stay in this country for each family provided they would be transferred elsewhere at the end of that period. This must guarantee.

In the South American countries, Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay, I had talks with the Presidents of Uruguay and Brazil and with the Ministers of Finance and Industry of all three countries, with the economic advisors and treasurers of these countries, and with the heads of the government banks, etc.etc.

Unofficially I have my understandings with them. I also have pretty well worked out the methods of financing, etc.

In short I must now MOVE.

By June 1st, I must sign for Passamaquoddy.

By June 1st I also must notify Brazil and Uruguay as to my intention.

I must also advise United States War Assets and State Department regarding Passamaquoddy and an additional base in the South. We are now checking one in Louisiana and one in Florida. Before, however, I put all the machinery in gear I want one question cleared.

Will this movement if announced and put into effect at this time, AFFECT PALESTINE ADVERSELY?

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This does not contemplate any public fund raising, etc. This is all strictly a private and government transaction. So far I have done all of this privately without any publicity. I want to continue it so.

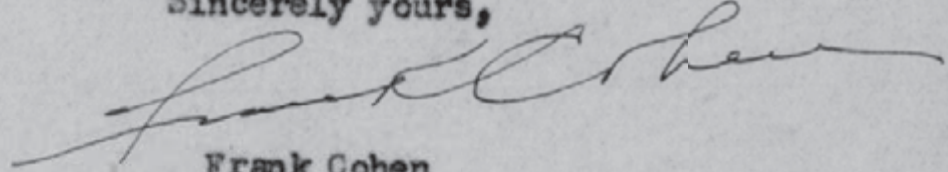
I will call on I.R.O., J.D.C., ORT, HIAS, American Association for Jewish Education, National Jewish Agriculture Association, U.S. Army, etc. for particular phases for which they are best fitted and which is in line with their responsibilities.

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This is a big undertaking and is to be completed within one year from the time our first group arrives in the United States. The families would, after the first six months, move out at a rate of 2,000 a month to villages already set up and waiting for them in South America.

I have a great deal to do. I have, as you know, my own business too. Therefore, I would appreciate your opinion by return mail.

Sincerely yours,



Frank Cohen

FC:hm



May 29, 1947

Mr. Frank Cohen
88 Central Park West
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Cohen:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 22 which I read with much interest. It is difficult to reply to it by way of a letter. I wish I had the opportunity to discuss it with you in person.

I believe that most of the Jewish DP's should go to Palestine. That is where they want to go. I need not urge upon a Zionist such as yourself the reasons why they should go there. Great Britain is determined that only a minimum of them shall be permitted to go to Palestine. The whole strategy of Mr. Bevin seems to be to delay a permanent solution of the Palestine issue until the DP's are demoralized and scattered. The pressure of these immigrants on Palestine has been one of the most effective arguments for the opening of the doors of Palestine and for the abrogation of the White Paper restrictions. Any effort to divert these immigrants in large numbers to other parts of the world will (a) not be successful, and (b) will in the meantime put weapons in the hands of our enemies during the critical months when the United Nations is investigating the problem and is to bring in recommendations for a final settlement.

Frankly, I do not believe that the enterprise which you are proposing to undertake will be of service to our cause in which you are so vitally interested, and for that matter, of service to the DP's themselves. Certainly you should not proceed further with it until you have canvassed the situation not alone with the Zionist bodies, but with other important Jewish organizations which have been dealing with the problem of the DP's.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Cohen, and hoping to see you in the near future, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
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PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

June 14, 1947

My dear Abba:-

I attended a meeting of the subcommittee of the Convention Program Committee, and the question ^{came up} whether to extend an invitation to Wise and Lipsky to address the 50th Anniversary celebration of the J. O. A. on Sunday night.

I believe it would be a great mistake if Lipsky were not invited. My own Region is one of the strongest pro-administration Regions in the country. Yet I know that were Lipsky ignored at a 50th Anniversary celebration of American Zionism, a great number of our delegates would feel that a great injustice had been done. And the few anti-administration delegates, like Konowitz, would use this as a pretext for fanning the flames of resentment. By shedding crocodile tears for the slur to one of the veteran leaders of the movement, they will strengthen their position and thus hurt us,

or at least make it uncomfortable for us.

Mendel Fisher expressed it well when he said that the average delegate who will be with us, will not look with approval at such action.

Lapsky will speak on Sunday night, when everything will be over. What harm could he do then?

And if he says something out of the way, you will no doubt be the last speaker and give him a *panache* or two.

I am writing to you to see to it that the younger men on the committee who are bent on total vindictiveness, do not carry out their plan. We will arouse a feeling of ill-will on the part of many of our loyal supporters who will feel that we are not doing the right thing.

Why should we lose the good-will of our friends for no good reason?

I hope you will intervene.

Kindest regards to Virginia and the boys, in which Anna joins me.
As ever, Sol.

June 17, 1947

Mr. Solomon Cohen
11 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Sol:

Thank you for your letter of June 14.
Both Lipsky and Wise will be invited to the
anniversary celebration.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

