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Rabbis

James G. Heller Samuel Wohl

July 10, 1946

Administrative Council,  
Zionist Organization of America,  
41 E. 42nd St.,  
New York City 17, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

I had not intended making any issue of my exclusion from the slate of the ZOA for the World Zionist Congress. For some time I had resolved to bear silently the many indignities and injustices that have been emanating from the present administration. But I cannot permit the text of the last minutes of the Administrative Council, which reached me only a few days ago, to go unanswered and unexplained.

I am not able to find a copy of the telegram which came to me asking for a 150-word statement in regard to the Shekel Campaign. As I recall, it contained nothing else. There was no word in it that this was to be regarded as a condition for exclusion as a nominee of the Zionist Organization; and to use it for this purpose is both dishonest and unworthy. I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that I did not reply to the telegram. It is a matter of common knowledge that I have always been in favor of the platform advocated by General Zionism. I have changed no white in this respect. But the matter was not as simple as that. Everyone is cognizant of the fact that the political fortunes of the present President of the Zionist Organization of America is his quest after the position now occupied by Dr. Chaim Weizman. Again, I have no hesitancy in saying that, in my opinion, this would be a calamity. Finding myself in this equivocal position, unable to endorse the one without the other, I preferred to remain silent.

I might add, that from all the knowledge I possess, the whole tactics employed in this instance, and stated without explanation to the Administrative Council at its last meeting, is against the very principles on which the Congress rests. Delegates are not to be instructed or bound. And, if to serve the Zionist cause means to follow every whim and every political ambition of individuals, then I am compelled to serve it in other ways.

I must add that it is a tragic deprivation for me to be estopped at the present time from any help that I might render. My heart goes out to my brethren in Palestine, whom I learned to love and admire so deeply when I had the privilege of being with them for two months last Summer.

This letter is written to be read, I hope, to the next meeting of



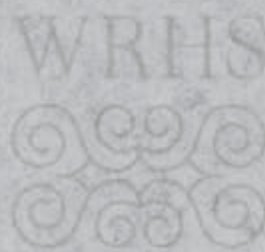
the Administrative Council and is a considered protest against the unfairness and the unwisdom of the action taken at the last meeting.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ James G. Heller

Rabbi James G. Heller

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# HECHALUTZ

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July 11, 1946

Mr. I. Redelheim  
Committee on Chalutzit  
c/o Bnai Zion  
220 Fifth Ave.  
New York City

Dear Mr. Redelheim:

When the Committee on Chalutzit was established after several months of delay, we hoped that it would be the first practical step to encourage and strengthen chalutz activities in this country. Regardless of the bitter experience in the past, when Hechalutz was left without full Zionist support, we were inclined to hope that a change had been brought into American Zionism, and chalutzit would become a real issue supported by all Zionists.

There is no need to say more about the crucial time in Palestine and the crying need for a strong Hechalutz movement in America. Therefore we placed our faith in the Committee on Chalutzit which started four months ago under your chairmanship. We sincerely thought that this committee meant business, and we are quite shocked and upset that the committee has ceased to exist after only three or four informal meetings. It is indeed discouraging that in these trying weeks and months such a promising body stopped working. And the Hechalutz Organization of America, overburdened with old activities and new obligations of hachshara and aliya is still alone.

Our practical suggestions are as follows:

- 1- To call the Committee on Chalutzit immediately in order to start the entire machinery in motion again.
- 2- To activate the small committee which promised to get immediate financial aid for the various chalutz organizations.
- 3- To call all Zionist parties in the United States for an emergency meeting to carry out a few extraordinary chalutz actions in answer to the situation in Palestine.

We would very much appreciate your immediate reply.

Sincerely yours,

HECHALUTZ ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Yona Goldberg

Shmuel Ben Zvi



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To DR. A. H. SILVER

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IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING PARIS CONFERENCE WHERE POSSIBLE POLITICAL SOLUTIONS WILL  
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Aug 10/46

Dear Alisa.

As a Jew and as a fellow Zionist I want to convey to you my sense of indebtedness for the superb (and utterly demolishing) reply to the specious and impudent statement of the Colonial Office. The British have copied not only the moral callousness of the Nazis but they adopted the propaganda methods of Goebbels. We must be unremitting in our efforts to expose their brutality and hypocrisy and mendacity.

I just returned from a lecture <sup>sponsored</sup> ~~given~~ by the University of Michigan.

My opponent was a Prof. Hopkins who worked with Arabs in Egypt. Prof. Simon

**Lectures**  
Forum: The Unrest in Palestine:  
A lecture and discussion, led by the  
Rev. Bernard Heller, Ph.D., author  
of "The Odyssey of A Faith," formerly  
with Hillel Foundation, in the  
Rackham Amphitheatre, Sunday,  
August 4, at 8:15 p.m.

the historian - gave an impartial factual preface.

I am told that the audience was on my side throughout the debate. From this & other meetings I feel that we are neglecting a great opportunity in moulding the minds of rural and midwestern town teachers who come to centers of learning during the summer months to add to their knowledge & obtain a fresh slant on current issues. Favorable attitude of the American public to us is & will be essential.

Extremely  
Bernard



# The BILTMORE

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ADJOINING GRAND CENTRAL

MADISON AVENUE AT 43<sup>RD</sup> STREET

*New York City*  
TELEPHONE - MURRAY HILL 9-7920

16th of September 1946.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I received the following information today which I thought I ought to transmit to you immediately:-

Sir Norman Brook, a very prominent figure behind the scenes on the question of Palestine and one of the men entrusted with most of Mr. Attlee's ideas on the present conference, has had a number of private conversations with Faris el-Khoury and Emir Adil Arslan, the representatives of Syria and last Saturday, the 14th inst. Camille Bey Chamoun, representative of the Lebanon was asked to attend.

These conversations circled round the fear of the Syrian representatives that emissaries of France would use the present conference for pressure against their countries. The British Government was known to have been presented with these fears before and dismissed them. But now, the repeated meetings between the above parties seems to suggest that the British Government accepts at least



some of the fears expressed by their Arab friends. There is no direct report about these meetings, but one of my contacts reports that Chamoun felt " much happier " after he had met Sir Norman.

It is also suggested by my friends that the inclination by the Agency to accept finally an invitation has been greeted with great relief by all important people like Mr. G. Hall, Mr. Creech-Jones, Under-Secretary for the Colonies and Sir George Gater, Permanent Under-Secretary for the Colonies, the latter, as you will know, is one of the most important members of the Colonial Office and is known to have expressed the opinion that should no Jews attend the conference it would be a waste of time and at the same time a successful attempt by the Agency to ridicule the British Government. Sir George is anything but a friend of Zionism, as you may well know.

There is very little else I can tell you at the moment, but should the Agency really attend, the reaction on the Arab side will be immediately transmitted to me and thus to you.

I am sending this without comment and for what it is worth, it may assist you in your own plans.

Be so kind as to acknowledge receipt of this letter to me at this hotel, Room 447.

Yours sincerely,

*W. E. Hart.*

W. E. HART.

PS please use this information to the best advantage but without referring to me.



September 19, 1946

Mr. William E. Hart  
Biltmore Hotel  
Room 447  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hart:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of  
September 16, which I read with a great deal of  
interest.

I shall be very happy to hear from your friends in  
London.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



Atlantic City District  
Zionist Organization of America

September 21, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

In answer to your letter of September 13th, I must advise you that a Drive to raise money for the Expansion Fund will have to be held in abeyance until after the forthcoming Z.O.A. Convention for the following reason -

As you know it was not so many years ago that the Atlantic City Jewish Community made the poorest showing of the entire country in the raising of funds for Overseas and Palestine. Only by the efforts of the Zionist District here have we been able from year to year to slowly increase such amounts.

Four years ago our District fought for and won through for a separate Oversea Drive. As you will recall, when we held the first separate Oversea Drive, in 1943, (I was the Chairman, and you were the Guest Speaker that night) in Atlantic City, the response was so miserable that you left the room. However, we did make our quota that year, which was only \$35,000.00.

This year the funds raised totaled \$350,000.00, or ten times as much. In order to insure the success of this year's Drive, all Organizations agreed to hold no other Drives whatever during the year.

It is unfortunate, but true, that those who can give the most, refuse to give anything on the argument that this year's Drive was all inclusive. Therefore, the only way our District can raise money for the Expansion Fund will be in some form of a Drive - appealing to the average person. Such a Drive is not feasible until after the forthcoming Convention, in accordance with our agreement with the local Federation.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for a Happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Joseph Halbert*  
Joseph Halbert,  
President

3809 Ventnor Ave.,  
Atlantic City, N. J.



September 27, 1946

Mr. Joseph Halbert, President  
Atlantic City District  
Zionist Organization of America  
3809 Ventnor Avenue  
Atlantic City, N. J.

My dear Friend:

I received your kind letter of September 21. Frankly, I am deeply disappointed. This is the second year that the Atlantic City Zionist District has made no contribution to the Expansion Fund. I fully appreciate that you have your local problems. So do other communities. But as a loyal and devoted Zionist you must realize, I am sure, that the ZOA made large financial commitments on the strength of this Expansion Fund, which was voted by two Zionist Conventions held in your city.

I have heard from Mr. Manuel Posy, Director of the Expansion Fund, the full story of the negotiations which have been carried on with your district relative to this fund during the past year. Our representatives visited your community on more than one occasion in connection with this fund. Plans were projected and promises were made, but nothing was carried through.

It seems to me that you still have time, before the ZOA Convention meets again in your community, to make a determined effort to raise a substantial sum of money as Atlantic City's contribution to this fund. It will not look well when the report is rendered at the Convention to have it pointed out that Atlantic City has again failed to contribute its share to this fund.

Money-raising is never a pleasant job as you and I know from long experience. But you cannot make bricks without straw.

With all good wishes for a very Happy New Year, and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you at the Convention, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR



# Englewood Zionist District

ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

October 9, 1946

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

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Dear Uncle Abba:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Englewood Zionist District, through its Expansion Fund chairman, Abe Wise, today mailed a check for \$1,300. to Dewey Stone.

This sum represents the Englewood Zionist District quota for 1945-46 and is the result of the total efforts of 240 members of our District.

It may also interest you to know that the Englewood Zionist District raised this sum in its first full year of existence, a feat of which we are eminently and justly proud.

Your niece, Ruth, joins me in sending best regards to Aunt Virginia and the boys.

Sincerely yours,

*Mervin D. Hyman*

Mervin D. Hyman

President

172 West Palisade Avenue  
Englewood, New Jersey



INDEPENDENT POLITICAL CIRCLE

The Chairman of the Convention  
of the Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42 Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

15th October, 1946

Dear Friends:

Your Convention is taking place at what may well prove to be a turning point in our history, and we wish to place before you the views of a section of the Yishuv which while, owing to inadequate organisation, has failed to be fully articulate, is, we believe, important in numbers and of substantial moral weight.

The above organisation aspires to create a bond between those members of the Yishuv and other Zionists abroad, who regard with apprehension the growth of certain tendencies in our public life which detract from the great accomplishment of our people in Palestine. We are concerned to ensure that the future of our people here should correspond to the high hopes Jews everywhere repose in the Yishuv and the Zionist Organisation, and to the fulfilment of which we are all dedicated. We regard the rebuilding of Palestine not exclusively for the purpose of providing a haven, indispensable though that is, for those Jews in the Diaspora who by force of economic or political circumstances, are obliged to emigrate to Palestine. We perceive in Eretz Israel the continuation of Jewish civilisation, the creation of a politically free, democratic, and economically secure and sound National Home of the Jewish People. From this viewpoint we are concerned to cooperate in bringing about certain urgent reforms in our public administration and political organisation.

In pursuance of the aims outlined below we have found it proper to join forces with the "Aliya Hadasha" organisation because it endorses a similar programme in the interests of the Yishuv as a whole.

In the elections of Knesseth Israel we supported "Aliya Hadasha" as Independents, and its list secured second place after Mapai.

We have not, however, identified ourselves with "Aliyah Hadasha" as such, because of its largely Landsmannschaft (German) character and its name. It is our hope, by gathering support for the programme below from Zionists of all countries, to change both these features. This should facilitate cooperation on a domestic programme of essential reform between Zionists who may differ in other spheres of policy.

1. We urge the encouragement of substantial immigration to Palestine from the free democracies in addition to facilities for the Displaced Persons. In particular we need manpower and technical assistance from the Zionists in the English-speaking countries. Such immigration will strengthen the capacity of the Yishuv to expand and govern itself, as well as strengthen the bond between Palestine and English-speaking Zionists. This policy calls for organisational machinery, which should include also encouragement of students from the USA and elsewhere, tourist activity, and cultural bonds between Eretz Israel and the Diaspora.

2. Only by a full ventilation of our problems in a spirit of tolerance and self-criticism can we hope to eliminate the faults and defects of our growing organism. Considerations of propaganda should not prevent us recognising undesirable tendencies. We plead for a free democracy based on constitutional safeguards, whereby the Executive is responsible to its Constituency. A free and independent press should be



encouraged; civil service chosen for its merits and qualifications; and the right for every individual to all the benefits of national services irrespective of his political creed or outlook.

3. The limits of competence as between the Palestine Zionist Executive representing the World Zionist Organisation, and the Knesset Israel representing the Yishuv, are not clearly and realistically defined. In consequence there is overlapping and duplication causing a waste of energy, while constructive initiative is thwarted.

4. The present electoral system favours an excessive splintering of the Yishuv into too numerous political parties and groups. Although, as in the case of the Zionist Executive, the Vaad Leumi is formally a coalition, the fact is that, as in the case of the Zionist Executive, the various parties composing this coalition, persist in opposing one another, and decisions taken represent not so much a coalition compromise, as a bargain between conflicting interests. We recommend the reform of this electoral system so as to ensure that delegates should represent geographic constituencies, rather than parties only, and so as to give the elector the opportunity of voting for the individual in whom he has confidence, rather than for a list of people who are selected by the party secretariat.

5. Financial Control.

The disbursement of our public monies calls in our opinion for stricter control, both in respect to the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi. The budget for the current year is sometimes adopted long after the year has begun, and there is excessive latitude in changing or exceeding budgetary items without provision for current representative check.

6. The influence of political parties, especially those representing the majority, is excessive in respect to current administrative capacity. The party key determines both major and minor decisions. The so-called coalition precludes the wholesome influence of a constitutional opposition. Inasmuch as most parties represent the material interests of their members, public affairs are directed not so much in behalf of the people as a whole, but in accord with the party tug-of-war or bargaining.

7. We consider that the economic policy pursued by the dominant Labour party, which in fact controls all our central institutions, is biased. It limits the expression of individual outlook within its ranks and it restricts the opportunity of those outside to take their full share in public affairs. We favour a planned economy which will reconcile individual and collective interests without suppressing initiative or crushing minority representation. If private enterprise is legitimate, it should benefit from our national capital and services; otherwise, it should not be invited.

8. So important a matter as our educational system is subject to the control of the main political parties. We appreciate a differentiation in the curriculum of our schools in accordance with the wishes of parents. But at present there is no effective integrated control. The Vaad Leumi, nominally responsible for the Educational Department and liable for the budget, is in practice subject to the power of the Labour and Mizrachi parties. The latter regard the schools as nursing grounds for their future members. Under such circumstances we can hardly hope to build up a truly unified single nation.

9. We favour a national rather than party youth service dedicated to the general needs. We deprecate the indoctrination of young children with ideologies, thus splitting our youth before reaching maturity.



10. Such public services as health, social insurance, security, and athletic training should be on a central national rather than a political party basis.

11. We urge a reform of our self-government administration to permit of supreme elected bodies to meet for adequate periods to permit of current control of executive action, discussion of budget, etc. The Zionist Congress Constitution should be brought into harmony with present conditions so that those who carry the burden, should also be able to express and carry out their convictions in respect to policy and its implementation.

12. The great gap between policy and performance of the Palestine Zionist Executive is illustrated especially in respect to the terrorist campaign. The Executive has repeatedly asserted its condemnation of terrorist activity, but has failed to suppress it. Its authority is not recognised by the terrorist groups. We consider that the Executive is bound to resign and, in accord with recognised constitutional procedure, give way to a body that enjoys the confidence of the electorate.

We have confined ourselves here only to domestic affairs deferring the question of foreign policy, in order to establish a measure of agreement upon issues that can and should be determined irrespective of all political viewpoints.

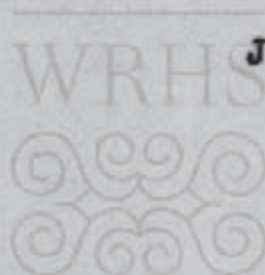
Yours with Zion's greetings,

For the Independent Political Circle;

Elias M. Epstein

Joseph Meyuchas

Eliezer Rieger



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# LONG ISLAND ZIONIST REGION

## ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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October 16, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President  
Zionist Organization of America  
The Temple  
East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At its meeting of October 14, the Executive Committee of the Long Island Zionist Region unanimously adopted the enclosed resolution.

As you know, the Region has been in the forefront of Zionist work, ardently championing the policies and pressing the program of the Z. O. A. leadership. In the past year the Region has realized \$20,000 for the Expansion Fund. It has furnished \$3,000 to the Emergency Fund and \$3,000 to the Silver Testimonial Fund, which amount we hope to increase during the season. The Region also raised \$47,000 for the J. N. F. last year. In the light of these concrete contributions, as well as our great growth in membership, the Region feels it is not asking too much in making the request embodied in the enclosed resolution.

Support of this resolution by the Administration would greatly encourage the Region in its work and, we feel, redound valuably to the benefit of the National Organization.

Sincerely yours,

*Judah B. Hellman*  
Judah B. Hellman  
Secretary



RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

LONG ISLAND ZIONIST REGION, OCTOBER 14, 1946

The Long Island Zionist Region, as one of the leading Zionist bodies in the country and a consistently loyal supporter of the national Zionist administration, keenly feels it is entitled to greater recognition and representation in the National Executive Committee.

Therefore, the Region strongly urges that at the forthcoming convention, in addition to the re-election of Mr. Sol Cohen to the Executive Committee, the Administration support the election of Mr. Benjamin J. Doft as an Executive Committee member.

Mr. Doft has long been a leading worker for the cause. During his two terms as President the Region has shown marked growth and progress in all aspects of its functioning. This has been due in large measure to Mr. Doft's influence, energy, and qualities of leadership. His interests and activities have transcended Regional limits. He has served and given unstintingly to virtually every cause consonant with the Zionist outlook.

But it is not merely or mainly as recognition of his past performance that we urge Mr. Doft's election to the Executive. We are confident that he will prove an invaluable addition to the national administration and serve as brilliantly on the wider scene as he has done in Long Island and New York.

This resolution is the unanimous sense of the Executive Committee of the Long Island Zionist Region, representing 40 Districts aggregating 10,000 members.

Judah B. Hellman  
Secretary



October 18, 1946

Mr. Mervin D. Hyman, President  
Englewood Zionist District  
Englewood, New Jersey

My dear Mervin:

Thank you so much for your nice note of October 9.  
It was very pleasant to learn that the Englewood  
Zionist District has made a generous contribution to  
the Expansion Fund.

Please thank Mr. Abe Wise and the membership of your  
District for its loyal cooperation. I am delighted  
that a District so young is making such notable progress  
and is doing such fine work.

I send my love to you and Ruth.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



October 20, 1946

Mr. Judah B. Hellman, Secretary  
Long Island Zionist Region  
163-18 Jamaica Avenue  
Jamaica 5, N. Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 16th,  
enclosing the resolution which was adopted by the  
Long Island Zionist Region.

I know of the splendid work which your Region has  
done, and I also know of the outstanding contributions  
which Mr. Doft has made to our cause. I shall be very  
happy to transmit the resolution to the Convention  
Committee on Nominations, and I hope that it will be  
possible to comply with the request of your Region.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR



5533 Black St.  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
October 29, 1946.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It gives me great pleasure and confidence of your having been re-elected president of the Zionists. Permit me to congratulate you, and please accept my best wishes for your health and successful future accomplishments.

In this era of readjustment and rehabilitation, our people are confronted with a struggle which requires more of such leadership and guidance which you have so courageously advanced. Work and sacrifice by all, as ~~we~~ ever before in the past. For it may decide our future for ages to come.

The hope for a better way of life and understanding among



jews and christians, is the necessity of the establishment of a Jewish State. For if there be justice among men, and in order to inspire confidence among all free nations in a free world, and in order to conserve, and advance the great social, cultural, and spiritual values, we must have Eretz Israel again.

For this age old struggle, for over five thousand years we have striven and given our lives, and we will continue to strive with ever more increasing devotion, for the cause is just, for the deed is sacred, for the work and sacrifice is noble and beautiful!

Sincerely yours  
Samuel Halpern



November 5, 1946

Mr. Joseph C. Hyman, Director  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
270 Madison Avenue  
New York 16, N. Y.

My dear Friend:

I received the enclosed letter a few days ago  
and I wonder whether you can do anything about  
it. Will you please communicate with Mr.  
Honeyball.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR  
Enc.



November 5, 1946

Mr. M. Lincoln Hirsh  
152 W. 42nd Street  
New York 18, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hirsh:

Thank you for your kind letter which I read with much interest.

I hope that during the coming year our movement will be able to make decisive progress. The surest guarantee for the success of our cause is the loyalty and steadfastness of Zionists everywhere.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR



M. Lincoln Hirsh  
152 W 42nd St.  
N.Y. 18, N.Y.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
19810 Shaker  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please find inclosed herewith a copy of a letter to President Truman suggesting a solution of the Palestine problem.

The writer is aware that there is a considerable body of the Jewish people in favor of an undivided Palestine as a Jewish state. The writer would like to number himself with that body if he thought it were possible of attainment.

If Britain and America would petition the United Nations to give the Jewish people a mandate over Palestine under a United Nations trusteeship, and this petition were successful, I am confident that the Jewish people would grant Britain and the United States naval and military bases in Palestine to safeguard their interests in the Near East. The question is, can a Jewish mandate be secured by this procedure?

If not, it is self-evident that a divided Palestine on the lines suggested in the letter to the President would be far better than no Jewish state at all.

I feel satisfied that if the Jewish people talk tough to Britain and insist on all or nothing, Britain can be still tougher and determine to stand pat on her do-nothing policy or even decide to subjugate the Jewish people, in which case she will find a willing ally in the Arab world.

Under such circumstances, can anyone imagine interference by the United States? The writer does not believe the world political situation would permit it. If things do come to this pass, all the heroism that the world now knows the Jewish people are capable of would be of no avail. The Jewish people in Palestine would indeed be courting entire extinction.

Trusting you will be so kind as to acknowledge the receipt of this communication and its inclosure, I am,

Respectfully yours,  
*M. Lincoln Hirsh*  
M. Lincoln Hirsh



November 5, 1946

Mr. Samuel Halpern  
5533 Black Street  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Friend:

I received your lovely letter of October 29, and I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in sending me your good wishes.

I hope that during the coming year there will be a marked improvement in all matters which have to do with the upbuilding of our National Home. The surest guarantee for the ultimate success of our work is the loyalty and steadfastness of Zionists everywhere.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR



November 12, 1946

Mr. Sidney Herold  
Herold Cousin & Herold  
Slattery Building  
P. O. Box 1467  
Shreveport, La.

My dear Mr. Herold:

I received yesterday the enclosed confidential report of Mr. Eliahu Epstein. He also telephoned me, urging that we take immediate steps to counteract this intensive anti-Zionist propaganda of the oil interests.

I should be very happy to hear from you as to what should be done. I know that you did a fine job last June in educating some of the chief executives of the oil companies on our cause.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



MORDECAI HALEVI, Executive Director

מרדכי הלוי, מזכיר-מנהל

November 18, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Pres.  
Conference of American Rabbi's  
E 195th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

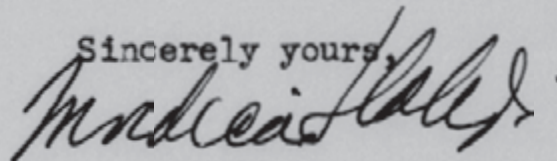
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find a copy of a prospectus which deals with our new venture along educational lines, namely a Correspondence Course in Hebrew.

We are interested in bringing this matter to the attention of various communities through their Rabbi's. Could you advise us how to reach the hundreds of Rabbi's which compose the membership of the conference of which you are chairman? We can, of course, send several hundred copies to your central office for distribution, or we may send directly to each Rabbi, if we were to be given their addresses.

Please let me know how to go about this matter. With Hebraic greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,



MORDECAI HALEVI  
Executive Director

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*Shreveport Louisiana*

November 18th, 1946.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I trust you will approve  
the enclosed letter, the result of much  
thought on the part of Mr. Taubman and  
myself.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Isaiah Herold*

SLH/nb



November 19, 1946

Mr. Sidney L. Herold  
Herold Cousin & Herold  
Slattery Building  
Shreveport, Louisiana

My dear Mr. Herold:

Thank you so much for letting me see a copy of the letter which you addressed to Mr. Rockefeller. It is an excellent statement. I shall be interested to see what he replies.

Many thanks for your prompt action in this important matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



November 25, 1946

Mr. Mordecai Halevi, Exec. Dir.  
Histadruth Ivrit of America  
165 West 46th Street  
New York 19, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Halevi:

Replying to your letter of November 18; the membership list of the Central Conference of American Rabbis is to be found in the Yearbook of the Conference, which I am sure you can obtain in the Public Library in New York, or in the library of the Jewish Theological Seminary or the Jewish Institute of Religion, or from any Rabbi in New York who is a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. I have not an extra copy of the Yearbook available.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



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50 BROADWAY, NEW YORK 4

January 13, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I hope you will pardon my delay in answering your cordial letter of November 11, 1946. As your letter came just before you went abroad, I thought I would wait until your return before writing you.

I appreciate very much indeed your kindness in asking me to reconsider my decision to resign from the Council. I have given the matter very anxious consideration these past several weeks and have recanvassed the many commitments that I have assumed for the coming year, to see whether I could not fit into my schedule the duties that membership in the Council entails. I do not, however, believe that it will be possible for me to continue my work on the Council.

My heart, of course, is still in Zionism and I shall always endeavor to make myself available for any ad hoc assignment which may come up.

With all good wishes,

Respectfully yours,

*Milton Handler*



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April 30, 1947

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

*A.H. Silver*

Dear Dr. Silver,

We take pleasure in sending you by same mail our April issue in which you will find your kind message published on page III.

As to the photograph we made great efforts to obtain one of your most recent portraits, and after several endeavours succeeded in procuring the one we published from the Palestine Post, Jerusalem.

Yours very sincerely

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5/18/47

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are enclosing a copy of Habonim's  
ad on ~~Hafana~~ in Monday's P.M.

We are paying for this by members  
contributing one week's salary or one  
week's spending money.

We hope to receive your contribution  
by return mail.

Sincerely yours,  
Elyse Celler

Habonim has started the fund work - Bless them!



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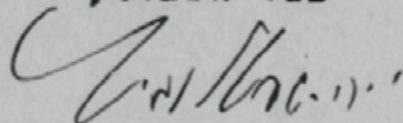
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כה לחיו,

בכל הכבוד,



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The Temple

East 105th Street & Ansel Road

Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are writing you this because we are fully aware that you have always been a great protagonist for Chalutzit in America.

The need for training Chalutzim along industrial lines has been felt for a long time. A number of organizations have been discussing the matter, but Hapoel Hamizrachi is the only Zionist Organization in America that has taken the initiative to organize an Industrial Hachshara.

We have purchased a four story building at 30 East Third Street, New York City and have equipped it with machine, radio and textile shops, and classes for the study of Hebrew, Palestineography, etc., and dormitories where the Chalutzim live during their training period.

There are at present 20 prospective Chalutzim who are preparing themselves ideologically and technically for life in Eretz Israel.

Hapoel Hamizrachi of America is calling on a number of its friends to help sponsor this worthy endeavor. Will you please lend us your name as a sponsor for this extremely important project for Eretz Israel. This will not involve you in any obligations, financial or otherwise.

With many thanks for your cooperation and with Zion's greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Dr. Simon Federbusch,  
President

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P. S. As mentioned in our telephone conversation this afternoon, we would be very grateful if you would treat this matter as urgent.

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3230 Euclid Heights Blvd.  
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio  
July 29, 1947

Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi  
The Temple  
East 105 Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Western Reserve University Chapter, Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America, it pleases me to invite you to address an all-campus gathering during the week of October 18, 1947. Yours is the choice of any day from among Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The gathering will take place late in the afternoon or in the early evening.

University officials have often suggested to us that we invite you to speak on campus, and it is the unanimous desire of our organization that you accede to our request.

Our efforts to spread Zionism among the collegiate population have never been more important than they are today. Your participation in this event, the major school program of our year would be of great practical value in attaining our mutual goal in this sphere.

In the light of these considerations I hope that you will deem it possible to respond in the affirmative.

Very respectfully yours,

William B. Goldfarb, President  
Western Reserve University Chapter  
Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America

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3230 Euclid Heights Boulevard  
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio  
September 18, 1947

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed is a duplicate of the letter I mailed you during July. You replied at the time that you welcomed our invitation but that you were at that time unable to commit yourself to an engagement the week of October 18, and asked me to recontact you in September.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept and anxiously await your response.

I should also like, at the present time, to be so presumptuous as to wish you good fortune and success in your personal and official efforts on behalf of Zionism at the UN assembly.

— אשר אסף  
אורי אהרן

Respectfully yours,  
William B. Goldfarb  
William B. Goldfarb



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*Announcement*

# HEBREW UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS

*of the*

**ZIONIST ORGANIZATION  
OF AMERICA**

1947-1948

41 EAST 42ND STREET



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*re Albert, Carl*



THE  
Zionist Organization of America  
*is pleased to announce*  
*the establishment of*  
FIVE FELLOWSHIPS  
*at*  
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, JERUSALEM

*to be awarded for the academic year commencing October, 1947,  
or the academic year commencing October, 1948.*



One fellowship will be in the amount of \$2500. Four will be in the amount of \$1500 each. No one individual is to receive the fellowship for a period of more than two years. There is no extra provision for the cost of transportation.

The fellowships are open to graduates of recognized colleges or universities, without restrictions as to sex, race or creed.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States and must present a certificate of health indicating physical ability to carry on studies in the Near East.

Applicants for the \$2500 fellowship must not have passed their 30th birthday at the time of application and must present evidence



of ability to do creative research work in a field in which study at the Hebrew University will prove to be helpful to the applicant in his special field.

Applicants for the \$1500 fellowships must not have passed their 25th birthday at the time of application and while not required to present evidence of creative research work, must indicate a background of previous studies and present interests such as would make a year at the Hebrew University helpful in their further research and study.

The Committee which will decide the awards consists of Prof. William F. Albright, Prof. Clarence Efroymsen, Dr. Albert Einstein, Judge Stanley Fuld, Dr. Simon Greenberg, Prof. Horace Kallen, Dr. Paul Klapper, Prof. Gustave Klausner, Meyer Levin, Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn, Robert R. Nathan, Dr. A. A. Neuman, Dr. A. L. Sachar, Dr. I. S. Wechsler, Prof. Harry A. Wolfson, and Rabbi Armond E. Cohen, Chairman.

Applications must be received by June 10th. The announcement of the awards will be made on or about July 1st.

Application forms will be supplied upon request addressed to the Committee on Hebrew University Fellowships, Zionist Organization of America, 41 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y.



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