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Friday  
September 5, 1941

## Statement by President Edmund I. Kaufmann



EDMUND I. KAUFMANN

Shortly before *The New Palestine* went to press, Edmund I. Kaufmann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, issued the following statement to the Zionists of the country:

"After my recent and protracted illness, my doctors ordered me not to continue the strain of office of President of the Zionist Organization of America. Although the instructions of the physicians were clear and imperative, I refused to consider them as final until I had carefully gone over the entire situation and consulted many associates, friends and advisers as to the future.

"With singular unanimity eyes turned to a personality among the leaders and active workers who would command the respect and active support of all American Zionists—Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia. He is known as an eminent jurist, and a devoted Zionist. As Chairman of the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America for the past two years, Judge Levinthal has earned the affection and admiration of all. I have every hope that the forthcoming Convention of the Zionist Organization of America at Cincinnati, beginning Saturday, will prevail upon him to serve. With such a leader as President of the Zionist Organization of America, the organization can go forward to greater achievements, in a spirit of unity, and of deep devotion to the cause of Zion.

"I shall leave the active office with a profound sense of appreciation of the honors conferred upon me. I shall participate in the work of the organization during the coming year in whatever capacity the convention may see fit to designate. I also want to say that I feel enriched by the many personal friendships which I have made in the past year and which I hope will be permanent."

EDMUND I. KAUFMANN



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Rabbi Abba Hilell Silver  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

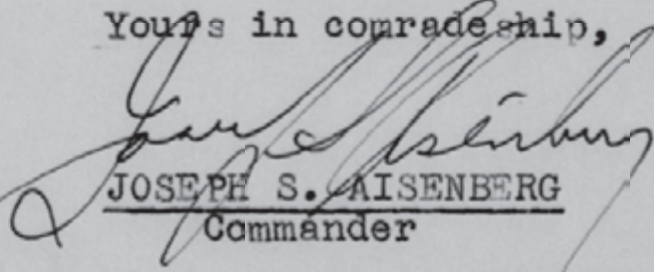
I wish to express my profound appreciation for your kind letter dated August 12, wherein you refer to a recent demonstration of our Organization in Washington in connection with the indignities caused our people by the British Government.

It has become plain, not only to our particular group of people but to the American conscience as a whole that when a so-called great Democratic Nation breaks its word to the end that treachery and misery visit a long persecuted people, the time for concerted action of men of all faiths, is ripe.

It has been with zealous interest that our Organization has regarded your great personal efforts and sacrifices both as a Rabbi and a humanitarian who seeks to help the downfallen and the oppressed.

I wish to make it crystal clear, my dear Rabbi, that the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will continue to stand in the front line of this, the greatest episode in our Ancient History, in order that Justice, not Charity may be achieved. Together, we will be strong!

Yours in comradeship,

  
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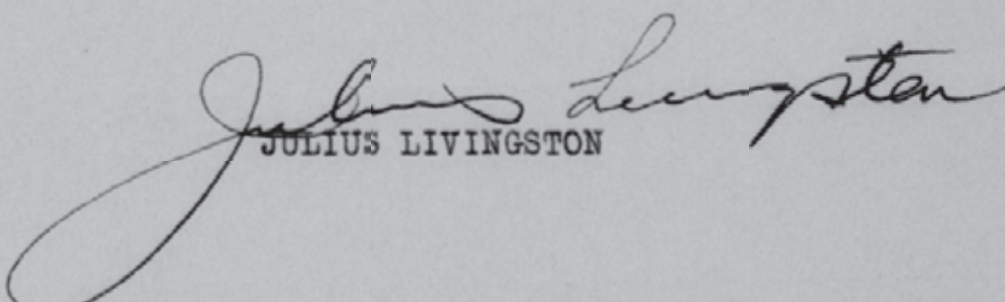
Dear Rabbi -

I wish that I could in some way express to you my appreciation of the great leadership you have given to the Zionist movement this past year, in spite of the almost insurmountable difficulties both from within and from without our ranks, and I want you to know that I for one can appreciate the great difficulties under which you have been laboring and as distressed as I am over events at the present time please, dear Rabbi, don't become disheartened and don't let anything deter you from the goal for which we are striving. If there is anything I can do in any way to be of service to you personally or to our great program, please don't hesitate to call on me.

May God grant you strength and health this coming New Year and may your leadership continue to inspire millions to carry on for our people.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
JULIUS LIVINGSTON

JL:CMH



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO

September 22, 1946

Mr. Samuel Lonschein, Executive Secretary  
Zebulun  
31 Union Square West  
New York 3, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lonschein:

Permit me to thank you for your  
kind letter of September 18. I shall be very  
pleased to serve as Honorary President of the  
United States branch of Zebulun.

With all good wishes for success,  
and for the new year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

*Abner Hibel Silver*

AHS:RK

*Dr. Silver:*

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Mr. Julius Livingston  
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My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in sending me your greetings for the New Year. Your words are very heartening and I am deeply grateful to you for your expression of confidence and your offer of help. Both are deeply appreciated.

I hope that you and your dear ones will have a very Happy New Year.

Most cordially yours,

ARS:GR



*For Dr. Silver*

COPE

11 Rosebank Avenue  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Canada

September 29, 1946

The New Palestine News Reporter.  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Let me compliment you on your improvement in  
your recent editions particularly the cartoons, the "fillers" and the  
general layout. What American Jewry needs most at this moment is  
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(Dictated in Davenport, Iowa,  
October 10, 1946)

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Voss and I received on last Monday your telegram in which you speak of having been "deeply distressed" by our public statement concerning the telegram sent to President Truman, but the pressure of four or five addresses and radio talks a day has left no time until now for reply. We regret, of course, any embarrassment to which you may have been subjected, but we do not share your fears.

You know, without our telling you, that the last thing we would wish to do is to hinder the realization of our common objectives. We acted on our best judgment at a time when consultations were impossible. Our telegram to the President and our release of it to the press were not a "precipitate action", but the results of a considered attempt to meet a specific situation without delay.

We were not naive enough to overlook the political implications of the President's statement. Our Committee's policy, reaffirmed anew at our last executive meeting a fortnight ago, is not to take sides politically, but to press for whatever advantage may come from either side. A statement like President Truman's, which evoked such bitter attacks in the Arab world and in Britain, deserved, it seemed to us, at least a word of commendation from a bi-partisan committee, not the condemnation which cold silence would imply.

Though not action, this seems to us an historic statement wherein Truman reiterates previous convictions, demands for the first time a Jewish state, promises to make available American aid in the development of Palestine (quite obviously a bid for Arab support), and couples with it a prime tenet of those who support the American Christian Palestine Committee, namely, a promise that the gates of the United States of America will also be open, not only for stateless Jews but for other displaced persons.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

We know that Truman's statement reflects the attitude and opinions of our constituency. We feel that the telegram was in accord with the viewpoints of the American Christian Palestine Committee members, a number of whom, like Lindeman, Niebuhr and Atkinson, have made strong representations against a one-sided approach which omits mention of the world-wide problem of displaced persons, of the need for offering the Arabs a quid pro quo, and of the necessity of America to accept more immigration as a parallel to its constant insistence on opening Palestine.

We know that the American Zionist Emergency Council insists on action, and so do we. We agree that action is lacking, and that of statements we have had a surfeit. You will note that we said in our telegram to the President "Newspaper headlines report that British resent your request. America resents Britain's conscienceless policy of delays. We urge your continued insistence that Great Britain carry out immediately the recommendations of the Anglo-American Inquiry Report and fulfill its legal obligations under mandate. We know you will stand firm and reiterate your demand." What further could we have said constructively? To have remained silent was, in our estimation, unwise and ungrateful.

As for the possible "harmful effect" of our telegram, we do not believe that anyone will change his vote by virtue of another statement, by Truman or by us. There are other reasons that might influence one, but those who consider the Zionist issue to be of predominant importance will not be swayed by any promises on the part of the President or the Democratic Party.

The odds on Dewey's election are reported to be four to one. The defeat of the Democratic Party in New York seems almost assured. But we feel we dare not lose sight of the fact that the Democratic Party and President Truman will be in the saddle for at least two more years. Therefore, it is our contention that a word of appreciation from a bi-partisan committee may be helpful in post election contacts.

This incident raises anew the question of closer consultation on policies and procedures. We hope that this may now become possible.

With kindest regards and best wishes as you carry your heavy burdens of leadership, I am

Most cordially,

*Howard M. LeSourd*

Howard M. LeSourd  
Director

Note: This letter was dictated in Davenport, but there were so many errors in the transcription that it had to be recopied in New York.



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October 18, 1946

Mr. Maurice Kesner  
California Jewish Herald  
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My dear Mr. Kesner:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your recent issue of the "California Jewish Herald". I enjoyed reading it, especially the report of the address of Mr. Bartley Crum and your own editorial. Mr. Crum has been a brave and loyal champion of our cause, and he has been tremendously helpful in every way that he could.

You know, of course, that the British Government has rejected the request of the Jewish Agency that its proposal for a viable Jewish State in an adequate part of Palestine, i.e. partition, should be considered as a basis for discussion. That chapter is, for the moment, closed. The United States Government has also not accepted partition as its own solution. President Truman stated that it was his belief "that a solution along these lines, i.e. partition, would command the support of public opinion in the United States" but as far as he and the Government were concerned, he stated "I cannot believe that the gap between the proposals (that of the Agency and the Grady-Morrison Plan) which have been put forward is too great to be bridged by men of reason and good will. To such a solution our Government could give its support". In other words, President Truman favors a compromise between the Agency plan and the Cantonization plan, i.e. a still further whittling down.

It should be borne in mind that questioning the wisdom of the action taken by the Executive of the Jewish Agency on partition, and the manner in which it was carried out, is in no way an attack on the Jewish Agency. No one questions its authority, but the parent body of the Jewish Agency, the Actions Committee, and more especially the supreme authority, the World Zionist Congress, have not yet spoken on the subject. As of the moment, the only program which is binding upon the Zionists of the world is the so-called Biltmore program, which is the classic Zionist program and which was reaffirmed as recently as a year ago this August at the first Post-War World Zionist Congress in London.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

GR



October 18, 1946

Dr. Howard M. LeSourd, Director  
American Christian Palestine Committee  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Dr. LeSourd:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 10.

The point of your long letter, I believe, is summed up in the last paragraph, but one "This incident raises anew the question of closer consultation on policies and procedures. We hope that this may now become possible". I, too, hope so. It is of utmost importance that there be agreement between our bodies whenever public pronouncements are to be made on important statements or events. This can be readily achieved if, before issuing any statements, you consult the office of the Emergency Council.

I think it would also be very helpful if regularly, say every month, you would send me a report of the work of the American Christian Palestine Committee so that I could digest it for the members of the Emergency Council, who are deeply interested in the work of the Palestine Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



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## The St. Charles

ATLANTIC CITY

Monday, Oct 28, 1946.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Pres. Zionist Organization of America

Dear Dr. Silver;

It is hardly necessary for me to express my personal loyalty to you and to the policies for which you stand and how happy and honored I would be to serve with you the Zionist movement as an elected member of the National Executive.

However, upon deep consideration, I offer my resignation, effective at once, for the following reasons:

1. I am President of the Flatbush Zionist district, with a membership of 4300.
2. I am Vice President of the Brooklyn Region.
3. I am membership chairman of the Brooklyn Region, largest in the country and now setting stores a goal of 35000 for the current year.
4. I am a member of the ZOA Finance Committee.

You can readily see that the duties under the above mentioned offices will tax my time and energy to the limit. To assume additional duties would only weaken my effectiveness in my own community. It is my firm opinion that the success of our cause depends on the work done among the grass roots.

Believe me that at some future time when my work in the above offices will be relieved by others, I will gladly accept <sup>the</sup> responsibility and







November 5, 1946

Mr. Philip Lassar  
1384 E. 29th Street  
Brooklyn 10, N. Y.

My dear Phil:

I received your note in Atlantic City. I am sorry that I did not have an opportunity to talk the matter over with you in person. I did have a short talk with Mr. Abe Goodman about the matter and I believe that I understand the reasons which prompted you to take the position which you did take.

I am prepared to abide by your decision. You have been a tower of strength to our movement and I know that you will continue to be that whether you serve on the Executive of the ZOA this coming year or not. I shall be turning to you time and again for help as I have in the past and I know that it will always be forthcoming.

I send you all my good wishes.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



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November 12, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Zionist Organization  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are enclosing a copy of a release which is self-explanatory and which will be sent to 1850 newspapers throughout the land and also to the different Hebrew publications.

Last week the writer had an appointment with Francis, Cardinal Spellman in New York and he graciously permitted his name to appear on all future stationery of the Nurses National Memorial, under the heading of sponsors, stating that he is very much in accord with the project. The Memorial is explained, to a degree, in the material herewith enclosed. I am also enclosing a sheet of our New England stationery which I believe may be interesting to you.

We are about to have new stationery printed, and we believe that the addition of your name to this distinguished list of persons in all walks of life will be helpful to our cause. If we may have your permission at the earliest possible date to include your name, we will be most grateful. Further information regarding our campaign will be forwarded to you upon request.

In closing may I say that this is truly an all-American project in which all Americans will wish to share.

With appreciation for the courtesy which we believe you will extend to this cause, I am

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR H. JOHNSON, Chairman  
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Congratulations and best wishes on the anniversary of the Jewish Advocate.

You have served and are serving the cause of Israel and Eretz Israel. You have been a bulwark of strength in the struggle for the realization of Israel's historic hopes and aspirations. The Jewish Advocate and its editor and publisher, Dr. Alexander Brin, have played a vital part these many years in bringing the message of Zion to countless thousands of Jews throughout New England and other parts of the country.

May you continue to serve in coming decades in ever greater and effective manner to the cause of the rebuilding of Palestine as the Jewish State.

Zionist Organization of America



LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL  
606 CITY HALL  
PHILADELPHIA

November 22, 1946.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am profoundly grateful for your gracious and warm message on the occasion of the dinner tendered me by the Philadelphia Zionists. To have my name linked with a Jewish settlement in the Land of Israel is a tribute far beyond my deserts, but I must confess that I am very happy and proud to be thought worthy of it by my friends.

As I told Emanuel Neumann yesterday, I am trying, if possible, to rearrange my court calendar so as to be able to fly to Basle after all. I do hope I shall be able to attend the Congress and that we may all leave Switzerland in a happier frame of mind as to our prospects for the early realization of our hopes.

With warmest personal regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself, in which Mrs. Levinthal joins, I am

Cordially yours,

*Sam E. Levinthal*



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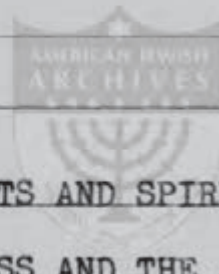
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To THE EDITOR January 4 1946

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PERMIT ME TO CONGRATULATE YOU UPON THE CONTENTS AND SPIRIT OF YOUR EDITORIAL OF FRIDAY CONCERNING THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS AND THE ATTITUDE WHICH RESPONSIBLE ZIONISTS SHOULD MAINTAIN NOW THAT THE CONGRESS IS OVER. THE CONGRESS HAS SPOKEN. A COALITION EXECUTIVE HAS BEEN ELECTED TO CARRY OUT ITS DECISIONS IN A MOST DIFFICULT AND DELICATE TIME. LOYAL ZIONISTS EVERYWHERE WILL WISH TO GIVE EVERY POSSIBLE HELP TO THE INCOMING EXECUTIVE. THEY WILL SUBMERGE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND SOLIDIFY THEIR RANKS. I THANK YOU FOR THE WISE WORDS WHICH YOU SPOKE THROUGH YOUR EDITORIAL. KINDEST REGARDS.

Sender's name and address  
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Abba Hillel Silver

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
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January 8,  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

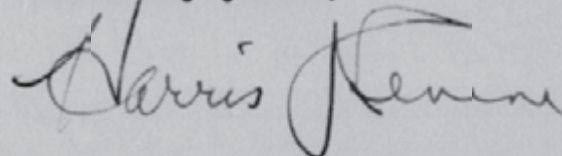
I have just written a note to Dr. Marks, a copy of which is attached.

I will greatly appreciate any suggestions that you may wish to make in regard to the designation of the JNF Committee for the ZOA.

Within the next few days I will have ready for your approval a plan of procedure which I hope will make possible the realization of our goal of 50,000 dunams which the Convention set for us. Will you be good enough to give this your consideration when you receive it.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Harris J. Levine,  
JNF Chairman for the ZOA.

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January 6, 1946

Dr. Sidney Marks  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 E. 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Marks:

Following my designation as the National Chairman for JNF for the ZOA, I submitted to you a list of the members of the committee, all of whom are members of the Executive.

The list that you have approved and to whom I am writing informing them officially of their appointment consists of:

Dr. Harris J. Levine, Abraham Goldstein, A. A. Redelheim,  
Dr. Sidney Marks, Rev. Martin Adolf, Marcus Abramson,  
Benjamin G. Browdy, Sol Cohen, Benjamin Doff, Ernest S.  
Freudenheim, Daniel Frisch, Samuel Goldstock, Joseph W.  
Greenleaf, Paul Kaminsky, Julius Livingston, Isaac Potts,  
Judge Jacob Schwolsky, Philip Slomovitz, David Spiegel,  
William B. Sylk and Theodore Strimling.

I hope that this list will be supplemented later with designations from the various regions and districts. For the present we are confining the membership only to those who are on the Executive.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Harris J. Levine,  
JNF Chairman for the ZOA

HJL:ES

CC: Emanuel Neumann  
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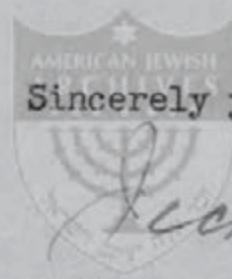
101 PARK AVENUE  
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January 8, 1947

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mrs. Landau and I would be very pleased to have you with us at a buffet dinner on Monday, January 13th, at 7:30, at our home, 1160 Park Avenue.

This dinner is in honor of Miss Claire Neikind, our Rome correspondent, about whose dramatic and daring trip to Palestine and Cyprus aboard the "Four Freedoms" you must have heard. Miss Neikind will tell us of her experiences and observations.



Sincerely yours,

*Jacob Landau*

Jacob Landau

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41 EAST 42<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
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January 10, 1947

TO THE CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES OF ALL ZIONIST REGIONS AND DISTRICTS

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the ZOA, has designated me to serve as National JNF Chairman for the ZOA. I have accepted this responsibility, confident that my fellow-Zionists will respond to the needs of the hour. Our people want to settle on their own land; in their own homes.

We are vitally interested in strengthening this work of the JNF among the Districts. The annexed resolution to commemorate our Jubilee Anniversary by redeeming 50,000 dunams, is self-explanatory.

We must make available the maximum resources for the redemption of this good earth. We must make the work of the Keren Kayemeth an important and vital part of our Zionist program and thus help to strengthen your district activities.

Please designate immediately a JNF Chairman for your District. Kindly send me this information by return mail on the enclosed postal card.

I should welcome any suggestions that you may wish to make.

Thanking you in advance for giving this matter your prompt attention and with Zion's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

DR. MORRIS J. LEVINE  
JNF Chairman for the ZOA



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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. Harris J. Levine  
National JNF Chairman for the ZOA  
41 East 42nd Street, Room 1018  
New York 17, N.Y.



My dear Dr. Levine:

In accordance with your request, we have designated,  
as Chairman of JNF activities for our District:

Name.....

CHAIRMAN

Address.....

Sincerely yours,

(signed).....

Chairman of District.



RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE LAST Z.O.A CONVENTION

"The ZOA undertook a project to establish a Nachlah bearing the name of our Organization. Over one million dollars has already been raised toward the ZOA Nachlah.

"To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the ZOA, this Convention resolves that a tract of fifty thousand dunams be redeemed by the ZOA over a period of two years. This tract will forever associate the name of the ZOA with the ancient soil of Eretz Israel.

"It is the sense of this Convention that a special JNF week be set aside to focus the attention of the American Zionists on this effort."



A. M. Luntz

[1947]

January 12, 1946

Mr. A. M. Luntz  
2821 Drummond  
Shaker Heights, O.

My dear Friend:

I had intended to be with you at the luncheon Monday noon, and had looked forward to the opportunity to meet with our Zionist leaders in the community and talk over with them the needs of the Zionist Organization of America, and more especially its Expansion Fund. Unfortunately, I must leave Sunday evening for New York to meet Mr. Shertok, the political secretary of the Jewish Agency, who is arriving from London for a brief stay. He telephoned me from London requesting that I meet him on Monday for an important consultation. I will also have to forego a meeting of the Board of The Temple, scheduled for Monday evening, which I hoped to attend. I am sure that you will understand.

This year will be the decisive year in Zionist history. We must mobilize our forces and our propaganda to their maximum. Everything which has gone before has been by way of a preparation for the fundamental decisions which are to be made in the near future.

The Zionist Organization of America is the most effective propaganda and education agency of our movement in the world. It is one of the most decisive political factors in the picture -- the one that the British Government is most concerned about, for it represents and makes vocal the sentiment and opinion of American Jewry.

The Zionist Organization of America must be enabled to carry on its work on all fronts without the embarrassment of lack of funds. It is clear to every Zionist that the income from dues of the ZOA is far from adequate to meet even a "down to the bone" budget. It is only the Expansion Fund, which supplements the income for dues, which makes it possible for the ZOA to carry on an effective program throughout the United States, both among our own people and our non-Jewish fellow citizens. Our publications, our youth work, the newly-organized Chaluzith work, our lecture bureau, our support of the work of General Zionism throughout the world, and the substantial subsidies which we make to Hebrew cultural activities in this country depend, in the main, upon our income from the Expansion Fund.

The ZOA must raise this year \$1,000,000.00 through this fund. Cleveland, I am sure, will wish to do its share. We have three important Zionist groups in this city and a large Zionist membership. Our contribution to this fund last year was inadequate. I hope that we shall reach and exceed our quota this year. I appeal for fullest cooperation.



January 12, 1946

With all good wishes and hoping that your meeting will be very successful, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR





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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



41 EAST 42<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
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January 15, 1947.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I hope that in the midst of the great and historic work you are doing for our Cause you will not be annoyed with my correspondence, but I am taking my appointment as National JNF Chairman for the ZOA seriously. I fervently believe that no greater support can be given you in your political work than a strong and determined effort on the part of American Zionists for "Geulah Haaretz".

I would, therefore, like your opinion on the enclosed outline of a plan to implement our Convention Resolution for the redemption of a tract of 50,000 dunams of land by the ZOA. You will note that our efforts are planned along the traditional fund-raising lines.

In addition to the enclosed outline, I would like to make the following suggestions which, with your approval, I would like to present to the next meeting of our Executive Committee.

1. That you or someone you may designate should communicate with Dr. Granovsky, through the JNF Office here, with the view of drawing up an agreement in regard to the redemption of the 50,000 dunams. This tract of land should bear a name associated with the ZOA. We, in this country, should have the right to designate individuals (General Zionists) who will be given preference for settlement on that land, provided, of course, they meet the requirements of Hachshara, etc. We shall also be given the opportunity of creating on that tract a settlement conforming to the principles of General Zionism.

2. That there immediately be set up by the JNF a special or earmarked account bearing the name "ZOA Account For The JNF". Into this account shall be deposited all monies remitted for this purpose.

3. The Districts and Regions of the country should be disciplined into reporting accurately and receiving credit for contributions they or their members make locally. For many years General Zionists, and I include myself



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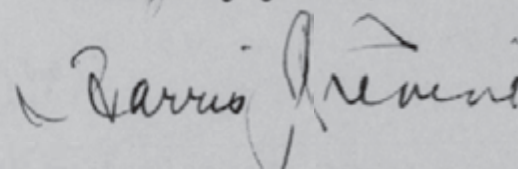
among the guilty ones, have contributed JNF funds, for which other groups have taken the credit.

I do not want to burden you further with some other ideas I have in mind. I feel keenly the need for stepping up our JNF work and for having that and all our other efforts recognized properly for what they are - the main factor in the strength of American Zionism.

Will you be good enough to give this your attention and let me know how you feel about it?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Harris J. Levine,  
National JNF Chairman for the ZOA.

HJL:dl  
Encl.





## R E S O L U T I O N

In order to launch a project to make this Resolution a reality, the Districts and the Regions of the country must be immediately galvanized into action. We must within the two year period ending with our Convention in 1948 provide the funds that will create on the soil of Palestine a Settlement bearing our name, and made possible by our own work and sacrifice.

In this connection, the following observations should be made:

I. The idea of commemorating the Zionist Jubilee Year by redeeming a tract of 50,000 dunams of land is an excellent one and is likely to capture the imagination of all Zionists.

The observance of the Zionist Jubilee Year by increasing the land holdings of the Keren Kayemeth is a particularly happy one, in view of the fact that the principle of the inalienability of land, which is the cornerstone of the Keren Kayemeth structure, has its root in the Mosaic Law of Jubilee (Leviticus 25,24) and is the source of the Zionist Call "Grant Ye Redemption To The Land".

II. If this Resolution is to be translated into reality, it will be far from sufficient to merely arrange for paper credits for the various Zionist Districts in the work of the JNF. Although this is important, it will be necessary to actually activize the Districts for the specific purpose of the Jubilee program and to see to it that they raise or surpass the quotas that will be assigned to them.

III. This can be accomplished without conflict with any other fund-raising effort. Within the framework of the Traditional Keren Kayemeth program, the Jubilee effort of the ZOA for the JNF can be successfully implemented if its full significance is widely understood and the activitated groups are provided with appealing and effective techniques which, when placed in the hands of devoted Zionists, will mobilize sentiment and secure popular support for the program.

To this end, we would like to suggest the following:



1. That JNF quotas be assigned to all Districts of the country, bearing in mind not only their size but their previous record of JNF work.

2. That an understanding be reached with the JNF that proper recognition be given to such Regions, Districts or individuals who may wish to designate a particular section in the Tract to be redeemed by the ZOA. I am making this suggestion on the assumption that the JNF in Jerusalem would agree to such a plan.

3. A special testimonial, either in the form of a Zionist Jubilee Pin - in blue, white and gold - or in some other attractive manner - shall be awarded to those who will have contributed or raised the sum of \$50.00 or more for the redemption of at least one dunam of land.

4. The methods of Fund-Raising should be the Traditional Means. Particularly important would be the following:

a. We should invite all Zionist Groups and Districts to secure Golden Book inscriptions in honor of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, on the occasion of the Jubilee Year. Each inscription will thus become instrumental in the redemption of an additional two dunams of land within the Jubilee Tract.

b. A special Jubilee Dunam Certificate should be prepared, in acknowledgment of dunam land contributions.

c. We issue to the various Districts and affiliated groups Jubilee Forest Booklets containing receipts in acknowledgment of their gifts from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Each of these booklets shall have certificates amounting to \$50.00. The seller of a booklet will be entitled to wear the Jubilee Pin and will receive a Jubilee Dunam Land Certificate.

If this program is approved, we will proceed with the drawing of a leaflet or brochure on the Jubilee Tract Project and proceed with the actual work of fund-raising.

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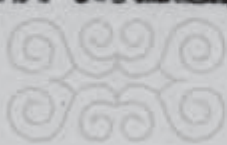
My dear Mr. Landau:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter of January 8.

I deeply appreciate the courtesy of your invitation to attend a buffet dinner at your home in honor of Miss Claire Neikind. I should have been most happy to avail myself of your hospitality and to attend the dinner. Unfortunately, I was unable to get away from Cleveland on that day.

With all good wishes and again thanking you and Mrs. Landau for the courtesy of your invitation, I remain

Most cordially yours,



AHS:GR

Mr. Jacob Landau  
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January 29, 1947

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41 East 42nd Street  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

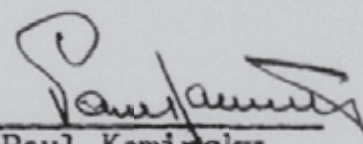
I know you are very busy and might not be able to find the time to read speeches made by some of the local Zionists. However, since I mentioned your name in connection with my address, I thought you might be interested in reading it.

I would like to say in all sincerity, that I thoroughly enjoyed the first meeting of the National Executive Committee. You are an exceedingly able Chairman and you demonstrated a great deal of tact and ability. It was a pleasure to be in your company.

With every good wish and warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely

PK:MCG

  
Paul Kaminsky



ADDRESS MADE BY MR. PAUL KAMINSKY, PRESIDENT OF THE  
M.Z.F. ON JANUARY 27, AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA

Senator Brewster, Attorney General Goldstein, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

On behalf of the officers and directors of the M.Z.F., ~~and in my own behalf~~, I welcome you here tonight. Your presence is a source of inspiration to the leaders of our movement ~~both~~ to our people in Palestine and in concentration camps. Not only are you giving <sup>them</sup> moral support but your financial aid will help us to carry on the work that is so dear to our hearts. Those funds are being used primarily to help arouse and crystalize public opinion of both Jew and Christian alike, to the need for opening the gates of Palestine and for creating a Jewish state, which is so important at this juncture.

Your help may mean the difference between Jews in concentration camps and Jews in the land of Palestine.

I bring you greetings from our National President, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver with whom I had the pleasure of spending some time last week. Although he is not here with us this evening, I assure you that he too appreciates your presence. He asked me to tell you that the next few months will be the most critical for our movement. He pleaded that we carry out the decisions that were made at the last Zionist Congress. The Congress has acted!! And the Congress is the supreme body of our movement. After long and careful deliberation it arrived at certain decisions which are binding upon every Zionist in the world. I know that I can return a message to him from you, that we will uphold his leadership and uphold his hands which at times are tired with the service he is rendering and has rendered to our people. He certainly deserves the loyal support of all elements of Jewish life.

I wish to take this opportunity of extending my sincerest appreciation to my predecessor, Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein, who has made a splendid contribution to the M.Z.F. not only last year as President but this year as well. In spite of his busy life and arduous tasks in connection with his great office, he impressed upon me that I am always free to call upon him for any help in connection with this campaign. And I did, whether he was in Albany, in Washington or in New York. Whenever we need his council, guidance or advice, he is always there to give it to us and we all owe him a debt of gratitude.



I am going to introduce to you our campaign chairman and our chairman of this evening - Mr. Philip Whitman, one of the outstanding leaders in our city. In his modest, unassuming but effective way, he has made a great contribution not only to our own campaign but to other causes as well, particularly to the U.J.A. and the Hebrew University. Although we drafted him rather late in our own campaign, he has galvanized all of us into action and it was due mostly to his efforts and those of a few others who I am sure will be mentioned here, that this campaign is such a huge success.

It is my pleasure to call upon - Mr. Philip Whitman





February 7th, 1947

Rabbi Saul Leeman  
Agudas Achim Congregation  
822 King Street  
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Rabbi Leeman:

It was good news to learn from you of the action taken by the Agudas Achim Congregation in voting to join the Z.O.A. ranks. In accordance with your kind suggestion, I have today written to Mr. Schwartz as per attached copy.

It is needless to tell how deeply appreciative I am of your own vital role in bringing about this decision. More power to you.

With best wishes and Zion's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

AHS:gg  
Enc.

Abba Hillel Silver.



March 3, 1947

Mr. Paul Kaminsky  
28 West 23rd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Kaminsky:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter. I have been away from the city most of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I enjoyed reading the address which you delivered at the M.Z.F. dinner on January 27. I understand that the meeting was an unusually fine one, and that Senator Brewster delivered a magnificent address.

I trust that the contribution of the M.Z.F. to the Expansion Fund of the Zionist Organization of America will be such as will enable us to carry on the large-scale activities in which we are now engaged and which we were called upon to undertake by the Convention of the Z.O.A. We are leaning very heavily upon the contribution of the M.Z.F.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



170 Bristol Street  
Brooklyn 12, N.Y.  
April 25, 1947.

Honorable Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
President, Zionist Organization of America,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Honorable Sir:

I have a very important matter to discuss  
with you and I should like to arrange  
an appointment with you for a personal  
interview with you at the Office of the  
Zionist Organization of America here  
in New York City.

I shall appreciate far beyond my power  
of expression in words if you will let me  
know when you expect to be here in New York  
City so that I can say before you a very  
important case.

Thanking you most highly for your  
courtesy, helpfulness and services, I am,

Most respectfully yours,  
Morris S. Kitzen.

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Sidney Marks

DATE: 5/5/47

FROM: Seymour B. Liebman of Brooklyn Region

SUBJECT: Installation of Brooklyn Region Officers

Our President, Mr. B. G. Browdy, insists that Dr. Silver deliver an address at the installation of the newly elected officers of the Region. The election will take place on May 18th at our Convention. We have not fixed a date for the installation because we want to meet Dr. Silver's convenience. He can fix his own date any time in June.

Please let me know as soon as possible so that we may secure the necessary meeting place. It can be any week night. I can assure you of a monster turnout. Dr. Silver has not appeared before a regular ~~meeting~~ meeting of the Region proper for several years. The Region was disappointed because Dr. Silver could not appear at our 12th Annual Convention. Please see that appropriate greetings are sent.

I beseech your co-operation.

Sey



May 12, 1947

Mr. Morris S. Kitzen  
120 Bristol St.  
Brooklyn 12, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Kitzen:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 25. I regret that pressure of work makes it impossible for me to arrange for an appointment with you at this time. If you will get in touch with me again in a few weeks, I will try to arrange a time when we can meet.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



120 Bristol Street,  
Brooklyn 12, N. Y.  
May 16, 1947.

Honorable Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105<sup>th</sup> Street at Angel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Honorable Sir:

I have received your letter of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1947, wherein you tell me that I should communicate with you in a few weeks hence, and I wish to express my gratitude for your interest in my problem or case.

I am very happy to feel that you are willing, and disposed to hear my case. As one Jew to another, I have appealed to you as our leader, our sympathetic, thoughtful and modern leader. Your letter gave me *vis vitae* - the vigor of life, hope and inspiration to live and struggle in a cruel, unjust and unsympathetic world, to struggle for justice and attain justice. Your letter was, and is, as in Latin, *vade mecum* - to go with me, a companion, to whom I can relate my case - a case of injustice,



a crock of milt, race prejudice, prejudice  
against a Jew, mercilessness, contempt  
for a Jew, when in the eyes of law and  
morals there is no fault-finding, there  
is no terra firma, - no safe footing.  
But, I am an educated man, and I believe  
that vincit omnia veritas - truth conquers  
all things.

In you, Honorable Sir, Honorable Labor, your  
conscientious leader, I have unshaken  
fides - superabounding faith, that you  
will help me right a wrong, secure  
justice - according to the rules, according  
to the rules of law that prevail in our  
State and in our country; that we  
are all equal, equal in interpretation  
of law, and entitled to the equal protection  
of law.

I appear before you, Honorable Dr. Silver, help  
me correct an error, right a wrong;  
I appear to you as an ambassador of God  
help me; help me in propria persona -  
in person; help me, a Jew, in foro  
conscientiae - before the tribunal of



conscience, before the American people,  
before the people of my State of New York.  
I shall point to the *ipsissima verba* -  
the very words of the law, to Justice according  
to law, not according to prejudice, hate,  
or hatred, unfounded decisions. You  
know, Honorable Mr. Silver, the old Latin  
expression, *imperium in imperio*, a  
government within a government.  
*Jus civile* should be *jus divinum*. I shall  
relate to you, Honorable Rabbi, the case  
*ipse facts* - in the fact itself, and *ipse jure*,  
by the law itself.

I am a Jew, proud of my ancestry,  
my race, my ancient Hebrews, my  
ancient prophets, the race that had  
written the greatest volume of human  
justice - the Old Testament; as a  
Jew, I want to feel and think like a  
Jew; live as a Jew, practice as a Jew,  
remain an entity as a Jew, and  
teach the world as a Jew. As a learned  
Jew, I am a supporter of Zionism with  
all the ideas and ideals concomitant,



accompanying, attending, conjoined  
with that political philosophy for the  
benefit of the Jewish people who still  
are among peoples, races, nations,  
ancient or modern, a chosen people.  
And as a Jew, I shall fight injustice  
until I attain justice as it is conceived  
and intended to be, for, I am an American  
citizen, a greater American because I  
am a Jew, a greater Jew because I  
am an American, educated in American  
political, legal, social and economic  
philosophy and I shall maintain  
the letter, the rule and the meaning of  
American jurisprudence - which is  
justice based on law, justice  
according to law, and not outside of it.

As to myself I am a graduate of  
Sydney University with the degree of  
A.B. & M.A.; and of the Brooklyn Law School,  
St. Lawrence University, with the degree  
of LL.B. I have also studied for one  
year at the Post Graduate School, of



Yale University, towards the degree of Ph.D.  
I won a Scholarship at Syracuse  
University and also one at Yale  
University. I received honors in the  
studies of Philosophy and Religion  
and also the honor of Phi Beta Kappa.

Complying with your request that I write  
to you again in a few weeks, I shall  
happily do so.

Thanking you, Honorable Dr. Silver, for  
your courtesy and helpfulness far beyond  
my power of expression in words and  
phrases, I am,

Most respectfully yours,  
Maurice E. Kitzin.

Lickers 2-5528



Received 5/20/47  
May 22, 1947  
401 S. Chester  
Compton, Calif.  
A. H. S.

Dear Rabbi: -

I am so heartily wrapped up in this Palestinian fight for a haven for our people that I pass nothing up that I think may help the cause along.

I read your plea to the U. N. assembly in the New York Times newspaper which I saw at a friend's house here and believe me it was wonderful.

May God give you strength to carry on in this great humanitarian cause and bless you for many, many, many years to come.

A. H. Katz



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COMMISSION IN PALESTINE ALSO IF NECESSARY AT NEXT GENERAL  
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HARRY KRAFT PRESIDENT.

MEETING IN STRONGLY PC U.N.



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REFERENCE: OAKLAND BANK OF COMMERCE  
MEMBER: OAKLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

458 - 51st street, Oakland 9, California.

June 2nd, 1947.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
President, Temple Sinai,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

My letterhead introduces me and indicates my references.

I have recently received an irrevocable, uncancellable formal order from Mr. Erich Ney, of Tel Aviv, Palestine, (P. O. Box number, 1698), for some 54,200,000 pounds of black steel, welded and galvanized welded steel pipe.

Same is to be used to install an irrigation project in the southern part of the country. They, the contracting firms, have a time limit against them, and they wish to obtain immediate delivery of the materials above listed.

This material is scarce. In fact, it is so scarce that the Office of International Trade has but lately established new and much more stringent regulations concerning the export of this commodity, (steel and iron) out of the United States.

However: since this project is of the type that will bring revenue to the farmers of that country and also eliminate the food gifts now being sent there by this country and others, it would seem not unreasonable to presume that the project will receive the blessing of the licensing committee when my application for a Consolidated Export License comes before them.

But: licenses are handled slowly; unless some powerful factor enters into the picture and insists that early action be taken. Any one with a grain of common sense can see that the project is worthy, but governmental Red Tape is something we always have with us, unless, as stated before, we are able to obtain a favorable recommendation from important organizations, such as your Temple Sinai, and others.

I was advised by Rabbi William M. Stern, of this city, to write to you, and state the situation.

Briefly, in summary form, the problem is this: we can supply the various sizes of pipe in both new and used condition, properly processed to assemble at once upon arrival at Palestine; our suppliers will hold this material a reasonable length of time, (90 days) - then they will sell it to a market which is clamoring for the material at this moment. But, we need a Consolidated Export License, for which I am applying on the proper form, (IT 419) this date. We need the sanction of an interested Jewish Organization of National Scope and Influence, whose efforts should be directed toward inducing the Office of International Trade, Commodities Branch, Department of Commerce, (Secretary of Commerce), to apply immediate action on the application, lest we find ourselves unable to induce our suppliers to reserve the materials.



Further: the prices are very likely to advance as steel becomes more scarce. This material has to be collected from small steel yards all over the United States, then brought to a concentration point and stored, after being properly threaded, re-dipped, etc. The quantity is so immense that the steel will have to be forwarded in partial shipments, as we are able to locate it, in quantities of a few thousand pounds or more per shipment. We plan on a steady flow of material to our consignee so that he may keep his crews steadily employed.

Mr. Erich Ney mentioned, in his first letter to us, that he would welcome our sending an inquiry to Mr. Ellis Gimbel, of the Gimbel Stores, Philadelphia.

Mr. Gimbel answered our letter and stated that Mr. Ney is a distant relative but that he was not at this time fully informed about the project. Later, Mr. Gimbel cabled to Mr. Ney, and so now he, too, is informed of the purpose for which the pipes are intended.

This seems to cover the subject to the extent of our ability at this end, at this time. We are forwarding our license application this date, under our Reference Number C L 3, to the C. I. T.

Hoping you will see fit to sanction our effort to supply our Palestine Principal with this material, and that you will use your best efforts to assist the Department of Commerce in understanding the purpose for which it is intended,

We are, as a firm, and individually,

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Most respectfully yours,

*H. E. Liscombe*

Harry Edward Liscombe  
Peter Spinelli

H. E. Liscombe Purchasing Agency.

HSL:memo.



RABBI MORTON C. FIERMAN  
CONGREGATION B'NAI JEHUDAH  
LINWOOD BOULEVARD AND FLORA AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 3, MISSOURI

June 4, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi,

I have been delegated by the executive committee of the Kansas City Zionist District to invite you to come to Kansas City some time next fall, after the High Holyday Season, to address the Zionists of our community when we begin our drive for the Expansion Fund. It has been quite a long time since our city has had the pleasure of a visit from you. May I say that we all are clamoring to hear you. We realize that your calendar is probably filled with many engagements. Nevertheless, we know that your presence here will inspire us and encourage us to further the work of Zionism in our locality, which certainly needs upbuilding. Please select any date suitable to you, and we shall build our program around the one you supply.

I wish it were possible to see you at the Conference in Montreal, but I will be unable to go this year. There is every possibility, however, that I may attend the ZOA Convention, and I do hope that I shall have the opportunity of spending a few moments with you.

With a prayer that you be given continued strength to further the cause of our people, I am,

Most faithfully yours,

*Morton*

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June 10, 1947

Rabbi Morton C. Fierman  
Congregation B'nai Jehudah  
Linwood Blvd. and Flora Ave.  
Kansas City 3, Mo.

My dear Morton:

Thank you so much for your kind letter and for your gracious invitation. I should love to come to the Kansas City Zionist District, but I cannot at the present writing commit myself to any engagements in the Fall. As you know, the Assembly of the United Nations will be in session then and will be considering the report of its Committee of Inquiry which is to be submitted on September 1. I must keep myself free for those meetings.

I shall be very happy to see you at the ZOA Convention in New York City. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



June 11, 1947

Mr. Harry Kraft, President  
New England Region Mizrachi  
c/o New England Zionist Emergency Council  
17 Commonwealth Ave.  
Boston 16, Mass.

My dear Mr. Kraft:

Thank you for your telegram in which you convey to me the resolution adopted by the conference of the Mizrachi Region of New England urging that Chief Rabbi Herzog be invited to testify before the UN Commission. I have received similar requests from other sources and I have referred them all to headquarters in Jerusalem. Personally, I believe that it would be most desirable and helpful for the Chief Rabbi to testify.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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EDMUND A. KOBLENZ  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
93 STATE STREET  
ALBANY, NEW YORK  
TELEPHONE 3-6689

June 28, 1947

Mr. Jacques Torczyner  
124 West 79th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Jacques:

Have just spoken to Dr. Silver, who I reached at Montreal, and am relaying his instructions.

He wishes you to get a copy into Dr. Neuman's hands at once, so that political committee can prepare either its own resolutions on the same topics or counter-resolutions.

Thus, I am inclosing two copies to you and I am also sending one copy to Dr. Silver.

I am sending the following telegram to Harold J. Goldenberg.

"Acknowledge receipt of your telegram  
~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~. Am interested but  
desire further details and specific  
enlightenment. Would appreciate  
further advice".

Very truly yours

(Signed) Edmund  
Edmund A. Koblenz

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EDMUND KOBLENZ  
93 State St., Alby

A number of us deeply concerned with the Direction of the Zionist Movement, in Palestine and in America would like you to join with us in presenting a program for the consideration of the Zionist Convention. We believe it essential that there be a reaffirmation of certain basic principles and that policies rather than candidates for office should be the major concern of the convention.

With the specific language subject to editing, we submit these major points:

FIRST-- While abhorring the policies of the mandatory government for Palestine, whose lawlessness breeds further disrespect for law and order, we unreservedly condemn the violence of those small groups in Palestine, which represent neither the Yishuv nor the traditional ethics of Zionism. We believe it imperative that the Zionist Organization of America ally itself unequivocally with the Yishuv on this issue, so that the terrorists may know themselves to be completely isolated from-

End Sheet One.



The two great Jewish bodies in Palestine and the United States, at the same time, we affirm our support of Haganah as Palestine Jewry's constituted instrument of resistance to the White Paper.

SECOND: We regard the aims and achievements of the Labor movement in Palestine as the framework of a Jewish society which will make for justice and freedom in Palestine and reflect credit and dignity upon Jews throughout the world. We disavow any program which, by direction or indirection, undermines the strength of the labor movement.

We re-emphasize that the Zionist program aims at establishing in Palestine a self-sustaining, physically and spiritually creative Jewish community.

THIRD: We repudiate as unworthy of American Zionism any attempt to make use of funds raised in the United States for Palestine as a Lever for imposing policies upon the Yishuv, it needs to be stressed that the Jewish communities of America, without regard to ideological preferences, are engaged in a great, sacrificial undertaking to provide.

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The tools for the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home. Such funds are raised specifically for Palestine and to be administered in Palestine, the generosity of American Jews must never be debased for partisan Zionist advantage.

Fourth: We believe that the future of Palestine cannot be isolated from International Society nor from the understanding and support of the big powers. Conscious of the important role that will be played by the American Government in any final decision on Palestine, We stress the necessity of so conducting the policies of the Zionist Movement as to consolidate the support of the United States Government. As American Citizens and as Zionists aiming at the achievement of ultimate objectives, we need a policy which aligns the American Government with the Zionist Movement.

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Fifth: We urge American Zionists represented on the Jewish agency and on World Zionist Bodies to abandon Doctrinaire adherence to program for the immediate future of Palestine that are not attainable. We believe it urgent that as quickly as possible Palestine be enabled to absorb unrestricted Jewish immigration, without which the Jewish National Home is meaningless. We endorse the acceptance of any program for the future of Palestine which will permit unrestricted Jewish immigration and full authority for the autonomous development of an adequate Jewish Palestine.

Please wire me if you and or other delegates from your District are willing to sign such a program and to have your name used to bring about its adoption at the Zionist Convention.

Harold J. Goldenberg



Harry Levine

(Filed in New England Zionist folder)

