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M E M O R A N D U M

To : Dr. Emanuel Neumann

From : Dr. Sidney Marks - 2881 W

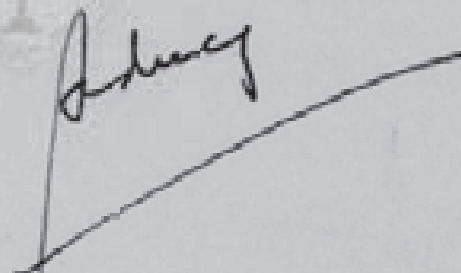
Date: July 17, 1946

Subject: 52

The enclosed letter from Elias Epstein deals with the Weizmann statement and I do believe that several of its features bear reading by you.

My kindest regards.

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ZIONIST ORGANISATION OF AMERICA
NEW YORK, U.S.A.

ELIAS M. EPSTEIN,
PALESTINE CORRESPONDENT
TEL. 2477

Ref.No.46.

P. O. BOX 1159
JERUSALEM 9-7 19 46

Dr. Emanuel Neumann,
Zionist Organization of America,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Emanuel,

E.N.
7/17/46

This morning Dr. Weizmann made his first statement to the Press, of which you undoubtedly received the text by cable. It was a firmer statement than any he has yet made in Palestine. (I am sorry to say that he looks very poorly. There is really a distinct change in him since I saw him in the States, and his eyesight is very bad). However, in reply to questions he rallied, and was somewhat more emphatic in than in the statement. I do not know how much of the answers to questions will reach you. One point was that the Labour Party had ^{even} gone beyond his own desires, as when they spoke of Transjordan for the National Home, and the transfer of the Arab population. He had told them that he was satisfied with this side of the Jordan.

He instanced in regard to the suggestion of Middle East explosion if the Jews were supported, the amputation of Syria when Alexandretta was taken from the Arabs and given to the Turks, and there was no protest.

His main theme in regard to violence was that while he abhorred such methods, there were extenuating circumstances. He said ~~you~~ could not bring people to despair and then ask that they act normally. The situation had been allowed to deteriorate, and then the victims of such deterioration were punished.

He said that the Government was not sufficiently concerned to bring about Jewish-Arab agreement, but he believed it would take place. Another point was that had the Inquiry Committee's Report been implemented at once, the country would have been quiet. It had, however, objectionable features such as its denial of a Jewish State. He thought that that was quite a superfluous comment, pointing out that some people (with whom he did not necessarily agree), thought partition was a solution.

I asked him what he thought about the possibility of negotiation and he said that he did not know how the vicious circle was to be broken: there could be no negotiation until the Leaders were released, and Government showed no indication of releasing the Leaders pending negotiation. He thought that perhaps Government would take such a step as its wise action in having commuted the death sentences.

With kind regards,
sincerely yours,

His

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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• NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS
Executive Director

July 22, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Mooselockmeguntic House
Mooselockmeguntic, Maine

Dear Dr. Silver:

In the absence of Dr. Marks, I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter dated July 20th.

Congressman Emanuel Celler occupies the 49th place on the list of delegates to the World Zionist Congress, as per the enclosure.

I spoke to Mr. Torczyner today with reference to the Metropolitan Zionist Fund and he advised me that he is meeting Tuesday morning with Mr. Sokolow, Director of the MZF.

Mr. Dewey Stone's address is 53 Arlington Street, Brockton, Mass.

Dr. Marks will be in the office tomorrow morning and I will bring your communication to his attention.

With Zion's greetings.

Sincerely yours,

Dolly Hurwitz
Dolly Hurwitz
Secretary to Dr. Marks

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(In addition to National Officers)

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

DATE: July 31, 1946

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

The following instructions were sent to us by telegram by the American Zionist Emergency Council.

"Clearly evident now that Anglo-American Cabinet Committee report reduces Jewish Palestine to ghetto giving Britain tighter control than ever including immigration plus final authority over all action by Jewish community. Henry F. Grady representing State Department in Cabinet Committee says according to New York Times today he is pleased with report and recommends it to American Government. Never before have we or Yishuv been faced with more calamitous possibilities to all our hopes aspirations and future as a people. Despite recent telegram campaigns hot weather, etc. it is imperative that your people, Jews and non-Jews, institute an immediate telegram barrage on White House demanding in no uncertain terms that Administration keep its written and oral pledges to the Jewish people that it follow policy of government as enunciated by President on announcement report of Anglo-American Committee. Adoption now of Cabinet Committee Report means that the 100,000 would not be admitted into Palestine unless and until Jews accept political decisions arrived at by Cabinet Committee which are totally unacceptable. Please have all leaders begin telephone campaign to all constituents and friends to bring about unprecedented wire protest to the President. Also necessary local Democratic political leaders wire President because of possible consequences within their constituencies.

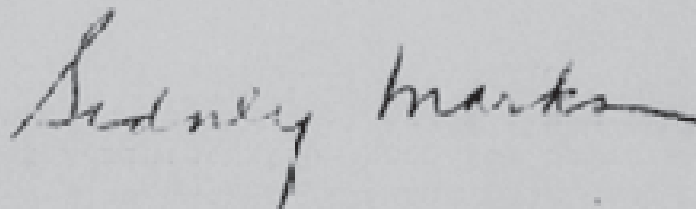
Also arrange for Press Conference leading Jews and Non-Jews your city for Tuesday or Wednesday July 30th or 31st as basis for publicity and additional telegrams. Sending you background material for statement at Press Conference which includes newspaper account of proposed federalization plan plus statement of Emergency Council reacting to plan.

If we are to help Yishuv effectively we must take heroic measures."

We would appreciate your courtesy in implementing this as soon as possible.

Kindest personal regards.

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• NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS

Executive Director

August 1, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is a reminder about Mr. Lionel Gelber, the recently appointed political adviser of the New York office of the Jewish Agency. He remarked to me he thought it strange that he had not met either you or Dr. Neumann and I undertook to arrange a meeting.

My personal interest in Lionel stems from a long-standing friendship with him and his family but there is more than the personal element involved.

Here is a brilliant young man, a Rhodes scholar, a professor at the University of Toronto and a writer of international repute on political subjects (I believe his specialty is Anglo-American relations), affable and Oxford-mannered, a member of a prominent Zionist family in Canada and himself an active Zionist in his youth and for the first time a political writer of such high standard and a man of such contacts and intimate knowledge of high British circles is employed by an American Zionist body. You ought to meet him and help direct his activities into channels where he could be of the greatest influence.

Sincerely yours,

M. Z. Frank

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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DR. SIDNEY MARKS
Executive Director

August 2, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Mayflower Hotel
Plymouth, Mass.

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is imperative that a Chairman for the forthcoming Convention be appointed immediately. Dr. Neumann and Mr. Frisch gave considerable thought to the matter and requested me to convey to you that it was their thought that Joseph W. Greenleaf would be a most desirable choice. If this choice is acceptable to you, or if you desire to make another designation, please advise me immediately. We are proceeding with arrangements in these respects.

With reference to the personnel of this committee, shall the Inner Committee prepare a proposed committee, subject to your approval? Have you any suggestions as to the designees in connection therewith?

Mr. Frisch, as Chairman, is prepared to designate the personnel of the Constitutional Revision Committee and seeks your authority to proceed with the selection. His appointees will be subject, of course, to your approval. Have you any suggested appointees for this committee? What are your advices?

We are following your directives and are making an intensive drive for Expansion Fund monies. We are having a fair measure of success considering the season of the year and the post-election reactions. Nevertheless, I am sure that you will be pleased with the returns.

Mr. Frisch has called a meeting of the Inner Committee for Monday, August 12th at 3:30 P.M. at the Emergency Council. Please note your calendar accordingly. If you are intown, we would welcome your attendance and participation.

Mr. Frisch has proceeded to Chicago for Expansion Fund and organizational purposes dealing with the Midwestern area. He will be at the Stevens Hotel on Monday and Tuesday; in Indianapolis (Lincoln 6569) on Wednesday and returning to New York on Thursday.

I trust that you are enjoying your brief stay after the rather difficult week.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

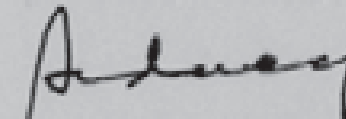
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August 2, 1946

May I add my gratefulness as a Zionist to you for the yeoman's task which you performed in Washington in connection with the Cabinet Commission Report.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Sidney Marks

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August 8, 1946

Mr. Edward Gould
State Stamping Co.
Lorain, Ohio

Dear Mr. Gould:

Under separate cover, I am submitting a letter to you for your use in your effort to obtain an Expansion Fund remittance from your community. It must be clearly understood that under no circumstances can the E.O.A. accept an allocation from any fund if it means that a lesser sum than originally intended will be sent to the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Stein indicated very specifically, when I brought this matter to his attention, that you at the moment enjoy a surplus in your community which is being held for emergency uses and that the surplus that has been retained by your community is after its full quota to the U.J.A. had been met. The letter that is being sent to you is for the use of your district so that the officers of your district, with the information provided, may take appropriate action to insure a satisfactory disposition of the Expansion Fund quota requested from Lorain.

It is not the policy of the Zionist Organization of America to solicit funds from Welfare Funds as we deem the Expansion Fund an intra-organisational activity. Your district, however, has the right of finding ways and means of meeting this quota with any limitations provided.

Sincerely yours,

Manuel Pevy
Director

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American Zionist Emergency Council

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Br. Emanuel Neumann
Mr. Daniel Frisch

Date August 9, 1946

From Dr. Sidney Marks

Enclosed herewith please find copy of a letter
received this day from the Jewish Agency. It is self-
explanatory.

My kindest personal regards.

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The Jewish Agency for Palestine
342 Madison Ave.
New York 17, N.Y.

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of American
41 East 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marks:

We have been requested by Zionist Executive, in
a cable dated August 2nd, Jerusalem, to:

"INFORM ALL ZIONIST BODIES THAT PARTY
LEADERS PALESTINE INSIST CONVOCATION
CONGRESS AS SCHEDULED".

Sincerely your,

Gottlieb Hammer
Comptroller.

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

August 14, 1946
DATE:

FROM: DR. SIDNEY MARKS

SUBJECT: PM, the newspaper, has asked us to be of service to them in their endeavor to reach a large number of readers. Without in any way endorsing the policy or content of the newspaper, I wish to call your attention to the fact that the policy of the newspaper has always favored the Zionist position and their reporting of the Palestine question has been thorough and comprehensive.

Subscription circulars will reach you under separate cover and I would appreciate your courtesy in seeing that they are distributed to your membership.

Accept my kindest personal regards.

SM:dh

Sidney Marks

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
41 E. 42nd Street - Room 600
New York 17, N.Y.

M E M O R A N D U M

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From : Dr. Sidney Marks

Date: August 14, 1946

Subject:

With reference to an inquiry made by you regarding the Committee on General Zionism, I received the following communication from Dr. Israel Goldstein which reads as follows:

"The purpose of the Committee on General Zionism was to concern itself with the problems effecting the General Zionist movement here and abroad, to cooperate with General Zionist organizations in other parts of the world in connection with a World Confederation of General Zionists and to work together with Hadassah for strengthening the General Zionist movement here and for taking our proper place in the World Confederation.

Our objectives are:

- (a) Organizational - to strengthen the General Zionist organizations in Europe so that they can have the proper place in the Zionist movement and secure our moral and material support in a manner similar to the support secured by the Labor Zionists and Mizrahi in Europe from their American kindred bodies.
- (b) To strengthen the General Zionist movement in Palestine and to help General Zionists there become colonized and secure in industry as well as in agriculture opportunities equal to those enjoyed by the members of other groups".

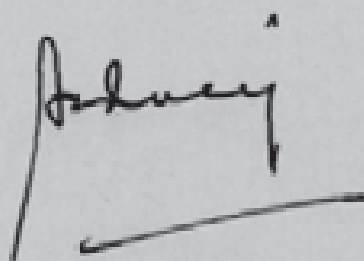
The composition of the Committee is as follows:

Hadassah: Mrs. Herman Shulman, Mrs. David Greenberg, Mrs. Moses Epstein, Mrs. Samuel Halprin and Mrs. David De Sola Poole

Z.O.A. : Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Mr. Daniel Frisch, Jacques Torczyner and Judge Louis E. Levirthal

My kindest personal regards.

SN:dh



MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Emanuel
Neumann and Daniel Frisch

DATE: 8/16/46

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

SUBJECT:

In travelling through communities in connection with Expansion Fund, the effectiveness of selling a political action fund along the lines discussed at the

Inner Committee seems to bear fruit. The idea of the private fund for our leaders which is not earmarked, the conception of political action as expressed by Dr. Silver at the Executive of the Emergency Council in terms of "lining up the voters" and other techniques find full response and favor by the rank and file.

I express these thoughts for two reasons: (1) the need of revamping our structure for Expansion Fund operations for the coming year in terms of policy and (2) to indicate to you that the rank and file are chafing at the bit. This type of political action makes sense to me.

My kindest personal regards.

September 3, 1946

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Marks:

Sometime ago Mr. Cooperman wrote me about a proposal which was made to the ZOA by my publishers to have the remaining copies of my book "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival" bound and mailed to the ZOA for distribution. Has anything been done in that matter?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Dr. Emanuel Neumann

DATE: September 16, 1946

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Enclosed herewith please find an interesting resolution received from the Louis D. Brandeis District, Washington, D.C.

Kindest regards.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

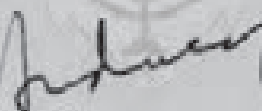
DATE: September 16, 1946

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Enclosed herewith please find copy of resolution of support from the Connecticut Zionist Region. I know that all of us join in these sentiments of regards and esteem.

My kindest personal regards.



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CONNECTICUT ZIONIST REGION

John J. Fox, President
42 Church St., New Haven 10, Conn.

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

The Connecticut Zionist Region at its 26th Annual Convention held in Waterbury, Connecticut, on September 8th, 1946, expresses its great gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President of the Zionist Organization of America, for his untiring and effective efforts carried on in the United States to promote the realization of Zionist aims in unwavering adherence to the basic Zionist Program, and we renew our expression of whole-hearted confidence in his leadership of American Zionism.

CONNECTICUT ZIONIST REGION

Dr. Harry A. Cohen
Executive Director

September 17, 1948

Dr. Sidney Marks, Exec. Director
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Marks:

I believe that more money could be raised in Cleveland for the Expansion Fund. At a meeting of the Board of the Cleveland Zionist Society I appointed a committee to try to raise more money. Some money was contributed at the meeting.

The Zionist District and the Temple on the Heights Zionist District ought to be asked to do the same. I would suggest that you send in to Cleveland someone to stay here for a week or ten days and prod the Zionists here into raising additional funds. I would suggest that you send official communications to the President of the Heights Temple District and Rabbi Cohen of the Cleveland Zionist District, reminding them of the Expansion Fund and of the fact that not enough has been raised in Cleveland.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: 9/18/46

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Many thanks for your letter dated September 27th. I have conferred with our Expansion Fund Director, Mr. Posy, and arrangements will be made by him to comply with every request made by you.

Please be assured that this matter is being given our immediate attention.

Accept my kindest personal regards and please extend them to your wife and family.

RESUME OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DAN FRISCH
ON WEDNESDAY, 9/18/46 FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

"I came to Los Angeles to find that the dinner arranged for me only had several hundred reservations. I requested actual cash in a substantial amount. Alcow, who is a fine friend of the administration, told me about the situation. I activated them and spoke to 250 people at the banquet last night. It went "over the top" as compared with our expectancy and I am convinced today that the least amount I will receive before the first of the month from Los Angeles is \$15,000. I will try to increase it.

I contacted by long distance telephone Portland, Oregon and other communities. Oakland had cancelled the tentative arrangements that had been made. As a result of my calls, Oakland reinstated the engagement and Portland, Oregon, which is engaged in a drive for \$6,000 for us, has promised to remit at least one-half of the cash before the end of the month.

San Francisco: I am speaking at a luncheon Monday noon, and Tuesday night at a mass meeting. I expect to raise an additional eight or ten thousand dollars; they claim that they remitted three thousand and that a balance of seven thousand is owing. I proceed to Salt Lake City for the 29th.

I am particularly concerned with the cash situation in the National Office. Since I will not be back before the first of the month, I do not want to hazard the chance that our bookkeeping shows deficit operation. I therefore urge the following steps: Money derived from Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Detroit. In Detroit, Mr. Jacobs, to whom I explained the situation, as it existed in New York, promised a substantial check regardless of cash collections by the first of the month.

There should be ascertained by the 24th of the month, how much maximum collections will be forthcoming from these and other communities. The difference necessary in order to be solvent can be immediately secured by Dr. Neumann personally contacting Stone and asking him to live up to his \$40,000 cash promise. If the collections, plus the \$40,000 should not make us solvent, some of our good friends in such communities as Pittsburgh and St. Louis, or elsewhere, should be asked to borrow monies privately and advance it to us even if we have to guarantee that the organization will reimburse it despite insufficient returns. It is important that we do not have a deficit.

MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER &
DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN

DATE: (9/19/46

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter with reference to Congressman Celler as a delegate. I know that you will be interested.

My kindest personal regards.

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EMANUEL CELLER
15th District, NY

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NEW YORK OFFICE
1450 Broadway
New York City

New York, Sept. 17, 1946

Dear Dr. Marks:

Upon my return from Europe, I find your letter of Sept. 9.

At the moment, it would appear possible for me to leave New York by boat for the World Zionist Congress in Switzerland on Nov. 23. I believe it would be possible for me to leave New York by boat on Nov. 14.

If any circumstances arise which will force me to change these plans, I shall communicate with you at once.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ E. Celler

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Emanuel Neumann

DATE: September 19, 1946

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

New Address:

41 EAST 42nd STREET

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

SUBJECT:

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I attended a meeting of the Bnai Zion Executive last night and was perturbed by an attitude exhibited by Bob Silverman.

You will undoubtedly receive a communication from Harris Levine with reference to a General Zionist Colony in Palestine.

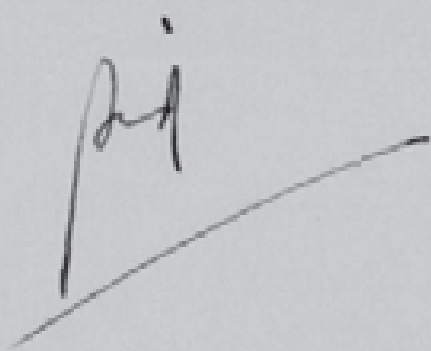
In course of the discussion, a comment was made about the poor condition in which General Zionist Colonies find themselves. I commented upon the sad situation which confronts us in this country and presented a verbal picture of the actions taken which prevented us from securing 1 1/2 million dollars. I also added the fact that there are General Zionist groups in this country who are ready to go to Palestine.

Bob Silverman, obviously representing Henry Montor's point of view, resorted to uncomplimentary language and offered the loose statement that action for an allocation of funds of this nature should be taken by a ruling of the World Zionist Congress. He then entered into a number of rather contradictory remarks - on the one hand urging the raising of independent funds and on the other hand decrying the efforts of the Histadruth and Mizrahi to do just that.

I answered him quite vigorously and most effectively and on the tail of my remarks there was a veritable onslaught of criticism given to Bob Silverman and the UPA for the attitude they took.

I merely furnish this report for your information.

Kindest regards.



SM:dh

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL REGIONAL AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

DATE: September 19, 1946.

FROM: DR. SIDNEY MARKS

SUBJECT:

The American Zionist Emergency Council has provided us with a political directive with reference to the forthcoming elections. I do believe that you will find fulsome appreciation of its contents, which is as follows:

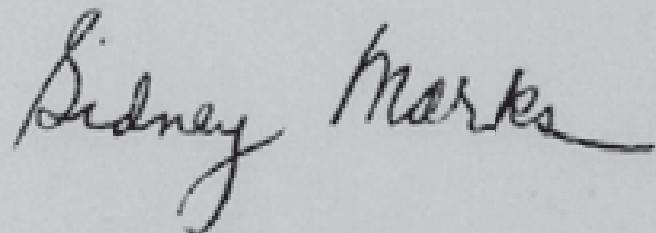
"With the approach of the elections, candidates for office will undoubtedly make statements on the Palestine question, and it is to be expected that pledges of support for the Zionist program will be made repeatedly during the coming weeks. In the present circumstances, it would be most unwise to us to solicit such pre-election promises from candidates. Nor should Zionists lend themselves to the utilization of such statements by political parties for campaign purposes."

"It must be pointed out to all concerned that we are not interested in new promises and new pledges. The old ones are good enough. If the old promises had been kept it would not now be necessary for certain politicians to offer us new ones. Consequently, every effort must be made to impress upon political leaders that we look to them to bring about the fulfillment of America's pledges on Palestine."

"It should be made clear that we ask no special favors and that we speak not only as Zionists; as Americans we have not only a right, but a duty to insist that our country's policy on Palestine be implemented. This policy is well established. It has been stated in the Anglo-American Convention of 1924, planks in the platforms of the Democratic and Republican Parties adopted in 1944, the resolution adopted by Congress thereafter, and the spoken and written words of every President since Woodrow Wilson."

My kindest personal regards.

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MEETING NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH 8 PM
COMMODORE HOTEL NEW YORK CITY. ADVISE IF YOU CAN ATTEND=
DR SIDNEY MARKS ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA.

.30 8. PM.

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September 25, 1946

Dr. Sidney Marks, Exec. Dir.
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Marks:

I am enclosing a copy of a telegram which I received from the Jewish Agency in Paris in reply to a cable which I was supposed to have sent on the 13th of this month, evidently for the Zionist Organization of America. I do not recall what the cable is and what inquiry I made for Warsaw. Do you know anything about it?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR
Enc.

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MEMORANDUM

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
TO: Dr. Emanuel Neumann

DATE: September 30, 1946

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

The enclosure is a copy of a copy letter received by
this office. It merits a reading.

Kindest personal regards.

SM:dh
encl.

Law Offices of
Alfred H. Sachs
501 Guardian Bldg.
Cleveland, Ohio

September 21, 1946

Mr. Berl Frymer, Exec. Secy
Labor Zionist Org. of America
Poale Zion
45 E. 17th St.
New York 3, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Frymer:

I recently received several communications from your office asking me to pay dues to your organization on the ground that your organization was merged sometime ago with the former League for Labor Palestine.

It was always my understanding that most of the professional men who became members of the League for Labor Palestine did so mainly because of their interest in Labor Palestine. At no time were they primarily interested in organizing a new party in American Zionism. It was on that basis that a great many members of the Professional League were general Zionists.

Apparently, no vote was ever taken by referendum of the general membership of the Professional League as to whether or not they want to join the Labor Zionist Organization of America - Poale Zion. The fact that a few members of the Executive Committee took it upon themselves to merge the Professional League with Poale Zion is, in my opinion, neither binding nor appropriate. Frankly, it seems to me that your leadership would accomplish more by endeavoring to get the American Jewish Laboring elements to become Zionists, rather than to endeavor to "entice" general Zionists to become socialists through the medium of the Professional League and your organization. After all, if one wants to join the Socialist Party of America, he can do so directly.

Personally, I have always thought it was deplorable that the Poale Zion has never done a substantial job in getting the American trade union element to join the membership in the Zionist ranks. Furthermore, the more we see what Soviet Russia and Labor Britain have been doing to help Zionism, the less we become impressed with the doctrine of Dr. Syrkin and Mr. Borochow, respecting the inter-relation between the ideals of world socialism and Jewish nationalism.

Under the circumstances, please strike my name from your list of members, as I intend to remain, as always, a member of the ZOA. Personally, I cannot see on what basis you have even embarked upon this indirect program of soliciting memberships in your organization of men who are already members of other Zionist organizations in the U.S. Would you want the ZOA to solicit your membership on the ground of the greater importance in American life of the ZOA? It seems to me that it would be best if each Zionist organization would endeavor to augment its strength through additional membership within its own natural grouping. If you can not get American Jewish Laborers ~~xxxx~~ to join the Poale Zion, then why don't you admit that there is, apparently, no room in this country for a large Labor Zionist organization?

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

CC - Suggs Garber, Cleveland, Ohio

P.S. Notwithstanding the above, I shall be very pleased to continue receiving your very excellent publication "The Jewish Frontier", and pay therefore the usual annual subscription fee.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: 10/1/46

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

WRHS

We finally succeeded in tracing the cable of which you wrote, which made reference to Warsaw. It seems that Dr. Simon Bernstein, of the Palestine Bureau, made an inquiry and neglected to inform us. He was trying to locate the relatives of one of our employees.

I trust that this has not been an inconvenience.

My kindest personal regards.

MEMORANDUM

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
TO: Dr. Emanuel Neumann

DATE: October 2, 1946

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of the resolution
passed by the New England Zionist Region.

Kindest regards.



SM:dh
encl.

RESOLUTION

- 1) The New England Zionist Region hails the magnificent accomplishments of the Jewish Agency during the trying years of the war, its marshalling of the industry and fighting power of the Jews of Palestine on the side of democracy, its organization of the rescue of Jews from the maelstrom of Nazism, and its leadership in bringing to the fore the spirit of militant self-reliance in the Yishuv.
- 2) We appreciate the enormity of the obstacles which have confronted the political negotiations of the Jewish Agency, and we subscribe to its earnest endeavors to find a formula which may bring peace and justice to Palestine and open its gates to the suffering Jews of Europe.
- 3) To the end that we may continue to present a unified front in our political negotiations with the governments of the world, we call for an ever closer cooperation between the Jewish Agency and the great organs of American Zionism - between the representatives of the Agency and our own beloved leader, Abba Hillel Silver.
- 4) We commend these views to the forthcoming convention of the ZOA, with the further understanding that it is the function of the World Zionist Congress not only to receive from the Jewish Agency a careful and detailed report of its six year trusteeship, but also to examine and if necessary, to restate both the basic objectives and the immediate aims of the Zionist movement.

(To be typed on official ZOA stationery and addressed to proper department
of the State Department in Washington)

October 4, 1946

1 Department
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

There are several Zionist leaders now in Paris whom we have invited as guests to attend the 49th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America to be held in Atlantic City within two weeks. We are also anxious to have them here in advance of the Convention for preliminary consultations. The group includes Dr. Moshe Sneh, Dr. F. Bernstein, Mr. Zvi Hermann and Mr. M. Hartmann.

We understand that applications for visas were made in Paris on their behalf by the Paris office of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. We are further informed that Dr. Sneh's application has been refused on instructions of the Department of State in Washington. We are inclined to think that there must be some mistake or misunderstanding for it is difficult for us to believe that the Department will refuse a visitor's visa to so distinguished a Zionist leader as Dr. Sneh, who is a Member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and President of the Confederation of General Zionists in Palestine.

There have been reports in the press that the British authorities in Palestine had intended to detain Dr. Sneh and that he had eluded their search for him. The press has also had reports of a similar desire on the part of the British authorities to detain and intern Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, who is also now in Paris; but that circumstance has not interfered with Mr. Ben-Gurion's free movement in all countries not part of the British Empire, including the United States which he visited some weeks ago.

Whatever views may be entertained regarding the moral and legal validity of the procedure followed by the British Government in making such political arrests in Palestine, we see no valid ground for action by the Government of the United States to bar the entry as visitors of leaders of the World Zionist Movement. To date we have not had the honor of being informed that such is the policy of the State Department and we cannot believe that it is.

We would deeply appreciate prompt action to clarify the situation and the grant of the requested visas.

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

Sidney Marks

Executive Director

M/

October 8, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Marks:

I am enclosing herewith a letter
and a check for \$500 from Mr. Maurice Smoler of
Chicago. This is evidently intended for the
Expansion Fund. Please acknowledge this contribution
in my name.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RK
Enc.

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October 11, 1946 19

To DR. SIDNEY MARKS

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Place NEW YORK, N.Y.

IT WOULD BE VERY DESIRABLE IF MR. HCHARD'S HISTORY OF ZIONISM AND HEBREW SELF TAUGHT
COULD BE PUBLISHED IN TIME FOR THE CONVENTION AND READY FOR DISTRIBUTION. THE
FOREWORD SENT BY COOPERMAN SATISFACTOR. INFORM BARBARA3H THAT DRAFT OF STATEMENT
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

October 11, 1948

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Marks:

In connection with the matter of passports —
I have my passport from my last trip to Palestine,
December, 1945. Will you find out for me whether
I have to make out a new application or just ask for
a renewal of my passport which I believe is on file in
the Passport Division in Washington?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BX

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October 15, 1946

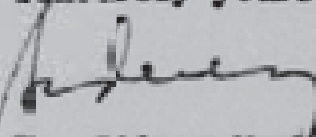
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your letter dated October 8th.
I am acknowledging to Mr. Smoler of Chicago the receipt of
his check in the sum of \$500. This is being done in your
name.

Accept my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM:dk

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312 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.

Vancouver 6-2080

October 15, 1946

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

Handwritten: AHS
10/21/46
[Signature]

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have received representations from the Jewish Welfare Fund of Lorain, Ohio, in regard to the manner in which the Zionist Organization of America has made application for funds. I send you herewith a copy of the letter written by Manuel Posa, one of the ZOA directors, in which he states that the ZOA feels "that many communities are in a position to allocate from their UJA surpluses funds that will meet the quota assessed the community by the ZOA."

Knowing how close you have been to the welfare fund picture and to the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal, I realize that no such letter could possibly have been written with your knowledge.

The ZOA Expansion Fund has a right to raise funds in any community. That goes without saying, but I find it inconceivable that anyone connected with the ZOA should suggest that money otherwise available for the UJA should be diverted to the ZOA.

In view of the fact that this has created a problem with the Lorain welfare fund, some of whose officers are disturbed by it, it would be appreciated if we could have official word that this does not at all represent ZOA policy.

I am holding up any reply to the community, knowing that I may expect prompt action on your part which we can then convey to the community.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Handwritten: Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:LX
Enc.

\$100,000,000 must be raised in 1946!

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

August 8, 1946

Mr. Edward Gould
c/o State Stamping Co.
Lorain, Ohio

Dear Mr. Gould:

In accordance with your conference with our National representative, Mr. Louis Stein, I am submitting to you the information you seek.

The National Quota of the Z.O.A. Expansion Fund is \$500,000.00. As it is very difficult for us to assess a quota per member and after an investigation, we decided that the most adequate thing that could possibly be done was to request our districts to raise sums which would be representative of \$5.00 per member, per capita tax.

Under these circumstances, as of your total membership of the Lorain-Elyria district 115 of your members reside in Lorain and 56 reside in Elyria, the amount of money we seek from Lorain is \$575.00.

As you may be aware, the present political exigencies existing in the Zionist movement has caused us to embark upon a campaign in order to insure our leaders with sufficient funds for a campaign of political action from which the entire Zionist movement is now operating. We feel that many communities are in a position to allocate from their UJA surpluses funds that will meet the quota assessed the community by the ZOA, and at the same time, eliminate the necessity of embarking upon an independent campaign in these respective communities at this time.

The ZOA maintains 10 public relations projects noteworthy among them are: The Committee on Unity for Palestine, Palestine Immigration Bureau, responsible for the coordination of all immigration work on behalf of the Jewish Agency in this country, particularly acts as a clearing house for all organizations, including the Joint Distribution Committee and the World Jewish Congress. Our radio program, "The Drama of Palestine" is maintained with outlets by 232 stations throughout the U.S. Our Veterans' Bureau was organized for the purpose of coordinating veterans' activities on behalf of Jewish aspirations in Palestine. This Bureau was particularly responsible for the successful Veterans' March on Washington which resulted in the complete secession of British propaganda indicating they will require American troops in Palestine.

This particular juncture, when an overwhelming effort is necessary in order to persuade our Government to insist upon the implementation of the favorable parts of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry's report, our political work assumes prime importance and must not be detracted by a lack of finances.

We therefore appeal to you to do everything you possibly can to arrange for the forwarding of a check for \$575 representing Lorain's contribution to this effort.

You understand, of course, that our program goes way beyond political and religious delineation and as a public value to Jews throughout the world, irrespective of their political stand on issues pertaining to the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

Your efforts in our behalf will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Manuel Posy, Director

Henry Montor

October 22, 1946

Dr. Sidney Marks

I have at hand your letter dated October 15th addressed
to Dr. Silver. I am referring it to him for his consideration.

My kindest personal regards.

SMdh



October 18, 1946

Dr. Sidney Marks, Exec. Dir.
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Marks:

The enclosed letter was evidently sent to me
by mistake.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR
Enc.

Mannel Pasy

October 21, 1946

Louis Stein

I found my notes covering my conference with Sol Jacoby and Edward Gould of Lorain, Ohio. I want to repeat for the record the incident as it transpired.

Mr. Sol Jacoby suggested that rather than have an Expansion Fund campaign, as there was a surplus of funds in the community he suggested that Lorain should pay \$5.00 per capita for every Z.O.A. member living in Lorain.

Mr. Gould concurred with this opinion and suggested that a letter be sent to him. He indicated the points that were to be covered and I brought this to your attention. On each and every point you included in your letter of August 8th, the very things he wanted emphasized, were emphasized.

I brought his attention to the fact that the Z.O.A. does not solicit funds from Welfare Funds and he informed me that a communication to be sent to him would be digested by the Z.O.A. people and that they, themselves, would take action independently of the Z.O.A. and reduce this as a local application by the Lorain district. He indicated that the Welfare Fund was essentially organized to raise money for U.J.A. and as they had completed their U.J.A. commitment in full, neither the National Organization of the local Organization would be treading on the toes of the U.J.A. I cannot understand how this matter went beyond the realm of local action as it was contrary to any understanding we every had.

Kindest personal regards.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Sidney Marks

DATE: October 22, 1946

FROM: Manuel Posy

SUBJECT:

Concerning your inquiry on my letter of August 8th to Mr. Edward Gould of Lorain, Ohio., I wish to attach a copy of a supplementary letter sent to Mr. Gould accompanying the letter over my signature which is in dispute.

I also wish to inform you that prior to the mailing of the letter, the contents were checked with Mr. Gould and Mr. Sol Jacoby of Lorain, who indicated at a conference with Lou Stein the subject matter that should be covered in the note. The precautions that were taken were taken merely because we did not want there to be any conflict with the Z.O.A. policy of not soliciting funds from Welfare Funds.

I am attaching, in addition, a full memorandum from Lou Stein giving the specific details of his conference with Mr. Sol Jacoby and Mr. Edward Gould. If you deem it advisable, I suggest that you forward copies of this correspondence to Mr. Henry Montor.

Kindest regards,

MP:fb

*Lu Posy*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: 10/23/46

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

The enclosures are self-explanatory and I would appreciate your advices in connection therein.

My kindest personal regards.

SM:RW
Enc.



C O P Y

October 25, 1946

Dear Sidney:

The present election campaign for Congress delegates for Palestine is not only undistinguished a specific political issue, but also lacks a sense of realism. The lack of a constructive and practical programme on the part of most parties is made up by phrases, catchwords and slogans, and there is for the most part, a competition to produce the most provocative or appealing phrases. The "Davar" today published a cartoon which I enclose, which is a very good satire on the Revisionist "programme". But, as a matter of fact, they do not seem to have realized that it could almost equally be applied to their own "programme". I attach a translation of the statement issued by the Mapai, which is faithfully translated, and I do not think I need add much comment about its fatuity; when you recall that this is the statement of the largest, and and responsible party, you can appreciate to what length the less responsible bodies have gone. Indeed, I do not know how any serious people can be influenced by such statements.

Naturally, as I have indicated, the members of the various parties will vote automatically for their own list, whatever statements the party may make. The propaganda, therefore, is presumably directed towards the non-members of the parties, who, in the aggregate, are more numerous than those organized in parties. However, these non-party voters have no coherence. A few have lent their support to some of the parties with a view to influencing the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ others. However, it seems to me that owing to the fact that the most vociferous parties are all saying more or less the same thing in different words, the non-party voter will find it very difficult to cast his vote, if he seriously wishes to weigh up the differences between one programme and another.

The Hashomer Hatzair, of course, is distinguished by its preference for a bi-national state and cooperation with the Arabs. Aliyah Hadashah is distinguished by its insistence upon internal reforms and greater democratic responsibility. On the external issue it openly supports a Partitioned State or bi-national State, whichever may give the better opportunity. Mizrahi and Poel Hamizrahi also stress the religious appeal. No other party commits itself to Partition in spite of the attitude of the Executive in Paris and London, but all emphasise the Jewish State.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Elias Epstein

TO THE VOTER

YOU ARE CALLED TO THE STRUGGLE; YOU ARE CALLED TO THE DECISION;

AGAINST appeasers, defeaters and cringers.

AGAINST those who reduce our structure and our stature.

AGAINST those who deny the right of our people to an autonomous state.

AGAINST the tricks of "bi-nationality" of Hashomer Hatzair and Aliyah Hadashah.

AGAINST yielding and bowing of the head.

AGAINST the ways of "order and quiet" of Rokach, Weltsch, Smilansky and the circles of the Farmers Association.

AGAINST the irresponsible wild and foolish people whose banner is "Only thus".

AGAINST political and adventurous gangsterism overthrowing national discipline.

AGAINST the Revisionists and their satellites who withdraw and enter again and do not know where they stand, whether outside or inside (the Movement).

AGAINST the empty mouthings and hollow verbal "radicalism".

AGAINST the list of Abduh Avedah and Paale Zion, a party without a programme, WHICH which stammers for a State and against a State, and in the end is for the British Mandate.

AGAINST the party of political hysteria, ideological confusion and public slander, the people of division, incitement and provocation.

AGAINST the competing and confusing minorities of the fictitious "Left", who in fact help the party of the real Right wing and undermine the work of the Labourer in the Zionist Movement.

IN FAVOUR OF the struggle of a militant and constructive people.

IN FAVOUR OF a general and constructive struggle; in politics, Hasfalah, settlement and Defence.

FOR extermination of the White Paper

FOR free immigration.

FOR mass settlement.

FOR a Jewish State

IN FAVOUR OF Strengthening the position of the Worker in Zionism as the responsible directing and guiding pioneer force.

CHOOSE YOUR LIST - THE LIST OF THE PALESTINE WORKERS PARTY AND
INDEPENDENTS. (MAPAI)

C O P Y

October 28, 1946

Dear Sidney:

The elections for Congress delegates take place today, and it has become still clearer that when I first wrote, that no outstanding specific issue is before the constituency. The votes will be cast on the merits of the various parties. In fact, of course, the Mapai should have raised the issue of Partition which the Executive, for which it is largely responsible, has adopted. But it did not have the political honesty to do this. It put on its list - not first - "Jewish State", without any qualification. This has not prevented it being attacked by other parties for supporting Partition, but it has not taken up the challenge.

Mr. Kaplan, as you will have known by now, thoroughly denounced terrorism, which was also not made an issue in the elections except by Aliyah Hadashah, which opposed it outright, and Hashomer Hatzair which opposed it less uncompromisingly. "Haaretz" points out that the non-party voter, who actually is in a majority, will find it difficult to cast his vote: "The General Zionists include both Dr. Weizmann and Dr. Silver. The Mapai includes Ben Gurion and Kaplan". The Mizrahi also comprises two different trends.

This morning came news of Dr. Silver's address to the ZOA Convention against Partition and against Goldmann. I believe that his stand will strengthen the supporters here of the Revisionists and possibly Ahdut Avodah, and weaken the position of Mapai. Mr. Jesse Lurie, in a despatch to the "Palestine Post" states that the Convention is only being told one side of the issue, and that Dr. Goldmann was not even invited to the Convention. In his attack upon the Executive and its record, Dr. Silver will have the support of many parties. In regard to Partition, the Yishuv is not inclined to consider its decision, because the matter has not become realistic enough. We do not know that the British are even willing to talk about Partition, and still less do we know what kind of Partition. But if a fairly reasonable Partition plan was offered, the acceptance of which would mean a halt to friction and tension, then many indeed would be prepared to accept it, at all events among the adult population.

The rumour that the ZOA may ask for the Congress to be postponed or held in USA, has also been published here. While there is much justification for the Congress, even irrespective of the major political problem, since we need new elections and a clarification of internal affairs, it seems somewhat awkward to hold the Congress while the London Conference, at which our representatives are likely to be present, is in session. However, all the administrative arrangements for holding the Congress at Basle on December 9th, are proceeding.

I shall look forward to your comment on the results of the Convention, since the cable reports are not very helpful.

With good wishes,
Sincerely
Elias Epstein

The elections are over and of course the results - they will only be final this evening - will have been cabled. Some surprise has been expressed at the strength of Mapai in spite of the cleavage in the Labour ranks, but I think it must be remembered that apart from the natural popularity of the party in power, the tendency must be strong among members of the Histadrut to vote for the largest Labour party, because their economic interests are so bound up with the Histadrut, which is so largely in the hands of the politically strongest Labour party. This explains in general, in my opinion, the continued support at the polls of Labour, by members of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ of the Histadrut. The Trade Unionist here is protected, as far as his economic and material welfare is concerned, far more by his union than abroad. Such matters as settlement, employment, as well as Health service, are all dependent, not so much on the national authorities, as on the party-union authorities. So that, of the political policy of the Histadrut, or respectively of the Mapai, the tendency is to vote with the strongest group because of these important if not vital, material interests. It is hardly possible to blame the individual of the rank and file for acting thus. But the system that creates such a situation, is certainly not a healthy one and does not foster a free democratic society.

In respect to the increased vote for the Revisionists, this was expected, largely as a reaction against the Government, also owing to dissatisfaction of the non-Labour Right Wing with the Agency and the Labour hegemony; and the support of the Oriental communities which are largely underprivileged. The general lesson appears to be that the Left (Labour) and the extreme Right (Revisionists), gained at the expense of the Centre. The General Zionists have done badly, and Aliyah Hadashah also lost some ground compared with the elections to Assefat Haniivharim. Aliyah Hadashah was the only body to admit publicly readiness to accept Partition. Other parties are known to have the same view - particularly the Mapai - but concealed the fact from the electorate. I do not think that you can classify the voting as for or against Partition, for this reason. Mapai itself and Mizrahi, as well as other groups, are internally split on this subject. But as I have already indicated, until Great Britain offers Partition and we know what kind, it seems unreal to call it an issue.

I attach some expressions of opinion from today's dailies.

"Mishmar" - "The results of the Congress elections again prove that the Labour Movement occupies first place in the Yishuv. Its 3 principal groupings constitute the majority, and the key to the fate of the Yishuv is thus in their hands.

"We shall not exaggerate the importance of the achievement of the Revisionists. They are far from attaining their declared object of conquering the Zionist Organisation from within. But we shall err if we explain the growth of Revisionism by objective causes only. Let us examine ourselves without disguise. The official Zionist policy fed the Yishuv on political fantasy. It developed a feeling of impatience with every opinion or approach other than its own. Its spokesmen denounced every other speaker as a traitor. It obscured the division between Chalutz Zionism and reactionary Zionism or Revisionism. And Mapai, which is among those principally responsible for the Biltmore policy, cannot exculpate itself. Neither can the party of Ahdut Avodah - Paale Zion exculpate itself. We were astonished at the slogans and propaganda language used by them in the elections. Their principal spokesman argues with the Labour parties, but did not raise his voice against the Revisionists. He spoke about a "Militant coalition" without qualification.

"Hashomer Hatzair entered and emerged from the elections with honour. It received the same number of votes alone as it did in the Assefat Hanivharim elections together with Poale Zion. It did not conceal its programme."

"Haaretz" - "The Yishuv has shown by a strong majority its stability and political maturity."

"In recent weeks not a few feared a political landslide. Many divisions were obscured, and it was feared that in the confusion the demagogic groups would benefit most, particularly as they are so experienced in propaganda."

"To some extent this fear still remains. Nearly 30,000 voted for the Revisionists. But their title of "Second Party" is fictitious. It only comprises a little more than 1/3 of the voting strength of the Mapai and not much more than the two other Labour parties, and only 1/8 of all voters, and its moral weight will not rise in consequence. It is clear what caused the increase of the number of their supporters."

"But responsible circles in the Yishuv cannot permit themselves the luxury of ignoring this note. This applies especially to the Ezrachim in the Yishuv. It is not by chance that the Revisionists were at the top of the poll in the 2 Ezrach strongholds of Nataniya and Ramat Gan. The General Zionists received there only 1/3 of the votes of the Revisionists. This is the result of propaganda of many years of Ezrach communal workers and General Zionists, as it were."

"However, the dominant feature is the basic stability of the largest group in the Yishuv, that of the Workers."

"The Ezrach camp declined. Not only did the General Zionists make no progress, but Aliyah Hadashah lost several thousand votes. Here too, the plague of cleavage prevails. There is need and possibility of uniting the separate parts in order to constitute at least a Central power, if not more. What will the General Zionists bring to their large party at the Congress? How will they demand influence there? Unity in this sector is more necessary than elsewhere".

"Devar" - "The elections again prove that the Yishuv in Palestine is a Labour community in its structure and character. The attempt to exploit the governing political situation to form a general front against the Labour Movement, failed."

"The elections proved again the loyalty of the Yishuv to the ideal of a Jewish State and the demand for it. There were some who queried this demand."

"The Yishuv confirmed again its decision to continue the struggle for the withdrawal of the restrictions and the fulfillment of a greater Zionism. The Government policy has not increased "moderation" in the Yishuv."

"It is worth marking the failure of Mr. Rokach, who did not accept the authority of his own party, but supported the doubtful political creation of the Maccabi."

"The number of votes which the Revisionists received, oblige us not to ignore this old-new danger. Their growth is not organic, but the result of collection of incidental votes, due to the British policy. But we must give serious thought to the phenomenon. One of the causes of the growth of Revisionism is the cleavage in the Workers' camp."

"Haboker" - "A shift in the mood of the Yishuv can be noticed towards those parties which demand a more emphatic reaction to the Government policy. The Revisionists and Ahdut Avodah gained more votes. But Aliyah Hadashah, which calls for moderation, declined. Without doubt the atmosphere is not favourable to moderation. During the past year the Mandatory did everything it could to weaken the influence of the moderates.

"We get a different picture in regard to internal relationships. The Ezzrach sector is hardly manifest in the results of the elections, since three quarters of the voters belonged to the Labour Unions Mapai, Ahdut Avodah, Hashomer Hatzair and Hapoel Hamizrachi. XXXXX A common platform was not found between the Ihud Ezzrachi and the Zionist Centre, which weakened the Ezzrach community. General Zionism, after its unification, should have appeared more solidified on a united programme. Conflicting statements during the election campaign from both wings of the party caused confusion.

"The Congress, however, will be determined in its complexion by the results abroad and, as before, will comprise 3 sections: the Left, General Zionists and Mizrachi. But the results in Palestine have a psychological influence on these sections".

With best regards,
Sincerely yours.

Elias Epstein



November 1, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Marks:

Will you find out for me whether space
has been reserved for some of us on the Queen Elizabeth,
sailing November 29?

You will receive a bill from the St. Charles
Hotel. Included on that bill are the hotel expenses
incurred by Mrs. Silver who was with me. Please let me
know what that amounted to and I will send you a check.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ARS:BX

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: November 4, 1946

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

With reference to the Veterans Committee, Mr. Frisch suggested that Mr. William Kapelman, the young man who has been spearheading our Veterans' activities, including his well reported speech before Mr. Acheson in Washington, be appointed to the Chairmanship of the National Veterans Committee with Mr. Schanzer acting as Co-Chairman. Mr. Kapelman has every qualification for this task and I would suggest that he be given your earnest consideration.

What are your advices?

SM:dh

P.S. I might add, with some pardonable pride, that Mr. Kapelman was one of the students who studied under me at New York Law School.

P.S. Dr. Kapelman agreed to The Chronic

M E M O R A N D U M

TO : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
and Dr. Emanuel Neumann

Date: 11/5/46

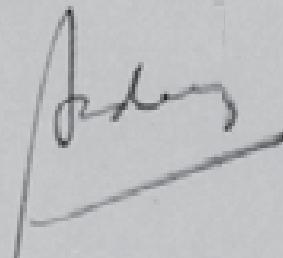
FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

The following 12 names were suggested for reappointment and for appointment to the National Administrative Council:

Jacob S. Richman, 1808 Spruce St, Philadelphia
Philip Lassar, 1384 E. 29th St, Bklyn
Eleazar Lipsky, 17 E. 42nd St, NYC
Dr. Samuel Margoshes, 183 E. Broadway, NYC
Henry Grauer, 275 West End Avenue, NYC
Leo Auerbach, New York City
Sam Berman, 240 West End Avenue, NYC
Jacob Goodman, 200 Varick St, NYC
Charles Auerbach, Leader Bldg, Cleveland, O.
William Koppelman, NYC
Charles Wolf, NYC
Maxwell Cohen, National Commander, Jewish War Vets

It is imperative that these names receive your consideration immediately in order that we may have them present at next Wednesday's meeting of the National Administrative Council. Please advise me immediately.

My kindest personal regards.



MEMORANDUM

TO : Inner Committee Members

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

DATE: 11/6/46

The next meeting of the Inner Committee will be held on Thursday, November 7th, at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room of the American Zionist Emergency Council, 342 Madison Avenue, N. Y. C.

Since a great deal of time has elapsed since our last meeting, and there are many important matters to be discussed, you are urged to attend promptly at 3:30 so that we can cover our agenda.

My kindest personal regards.

MEMORANDUM

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

TO: Daniel Frisch
Ernest E. Barbarash
Carl Alpert

DATE: November 7, 1946

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Dr. Neumann requested me to send to you a copy of the correspondence
which is attached hereto.

Kindest regards.

SM:dh
encl.



November 15, 1946

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

My dear Dr. Marks:

I received the enclosed letter from
Mrs. Samuel Clayman.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK
Enc.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: November 21, 1946

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

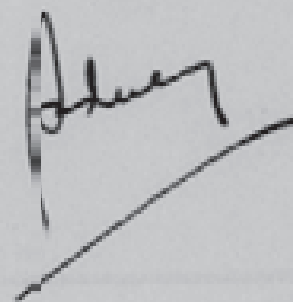
I have at hand a letter from Mr. Irving Morry of 63 Curlew Street, Rochester, N.Y., the President of our District as well as a leader of that community. He writes me, in part, as follows:

"Now with reference to our intended meeting for a Supper Club, we realize that Dr. Silver cannot attend this meeting, we want you to impress upon him from me personally. So, will you therefore arrange for some date in the early part of next year, if possible, on Dr. Silver's return from Switzerland. We want to schedule the reopening in Rochester. Give this your personal attention".

What are your advices?

My kindest personal regards.

SM:dh



C O P Y

NEW ENGLAND ZIONIST REGION

17 Commonwealth Avenue

Boston 16, Massachusetts

December 5, 1946

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Sidney:

Many thanks for your letter of November 26th. As per your request I am herewith submitting the following suggestions:

- a) The appointments to the Political Convention Committee should be made after consultation with the various Regional Presidents. This could be very easily done by notifying the Region as to the exact number of representatives to which it is entitled on this committee, and upon such an allotment the Regional President will proceed to appoint the proper people whom, after all, only he is in a position to know.
- b) With reference to securing caucus rooms at the Convention, it would be very appropriate if each Region was assigned such a room by the Convention Committee or by someone delegated by you in your office, such room to be made known as soon as possible to the Executive Director or to the President of the Region.
- c) Don't you think it would be a good idea if the National ZOA President would arrange some sort of an intimate meeting with the various Presidents of the Regions in the country. It so happens in my own personal case that I share the President's view in toto, but whether the Regional President does or not, prior to the Convention it would be in good taste to have the National President meet and acquaint himself with the ideas of his "assistants".
- d) ~~WEEK~~ While I am dealing with these subjects, might I also say, in passing, that I was not at all happy with the way the selections to the National Executive Committee were handled. I do not want you to interpret this as if I am opposed to the individuals selected. Not at all. As a matter of fact, as Regional President I am rather proud of the fact that we have three men serving on the Executive Committee and one as a Vice President. Nevertheless, I am repeating that I was not at all happy with the way or rather with the manner of choosing.

May I say in concluding that you are always welcome to be present at our Administrative or Executive Committee meetings, and I am looking forward to being able to greet you in person at our very next one, if you can make it. Mr. Berenstein, I am sure, will keep you posted on the dates.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Morton J. Robbins, M.D.
President

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Dr. Emanuel Neumann
Mr. Daniel Frisch

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

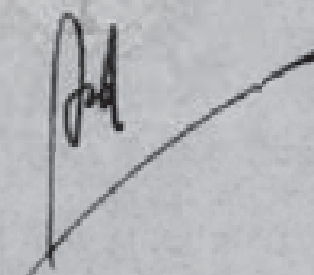
December 10, 1946

Enclosed herewith please find copy of a letter sent to me by Dr. Robbins which bears your consideration and advice. Dr. Robbins is one of our real "effectives" in the New England Zionist Region and his concern is based upon the very best interests of the Organization.

I respectfully request your advices.

My kindest personal regards.

SM:dh
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A handwritten signature, likely of Dr. Sidney Marks, is written in dark ink. The signature is stylized and appears to be 'S. Marks' or similar, with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

C O P Y

copy for Dr. Silver

Suite 618, Missouri Insurance Bldg.
705 Chestnut Street
St. Louis 1, Missouri

December 27, 1948

Mr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Marks:

I want to take this occasion to congratulate you and through you Mr. E. E. Barbarash, Director of Public Relations, for the fine bulletins reporting the Zionist Congress.

For the first time within my memory the Zionist organization reported promptly the news of the Zionist Congress. I, for one, am grateful for it.

With Zion's Greetings and every good wish for a most Happy and Prosperous New Year,

Very sincerely yours,

Hofman

Gustave Klausner

GK:s

December 31, 1946

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Dr. Sidney Marks

Subject: A brief resumé of Z. O. A. activity

The highlights of our operation to date are as follows:

Membership: Paid-up membership is 65,000. The N. Y. Metropolitan area is launching a major coordinated effort. February 15th to March 15th is National Zionist Mobilization Month and a "poll technique" is being employed. All regions and districts are activated. Our National Staff has visited every major community. The general picture is most satisfactory. (Yale Goldberg)

Expansion Fund: Our collections to date are \$51,000. Money collected and awaiting transmission is in excess of \$125,000. The volunteer leadership has been set up country-wide and specific obligations undertaken by each district and region with campaigns organized, each geared for double last year's goals. The indications are good. (Manuel Posy)

Public Relations: The activities of the Public Relations Department during the sessions of the World Zionist Congress included the publication of Flash Congress Bulletins, two issues of The News Reporter devoted to a transcript of Congress proceedings, publication of the bulletin Inside Palestine, furnishing of background material on the Congress to the general press, and special releases covering the forthcoming January 6 ZOA reception to the Congress delegates at Manhattan Center and the National Mobilization Conference in Chicago on January 24. (Ernest E. Barbarash)

Education: Carl Alpert is in charge of Education. Publishing first of educational pamphlet series. Subject is Hagana. Research staff at work on Jubilee Volume on Zionism. Preparing material and negotiating for documentary film on American Zionism and emergence of powerful Z. O. A. Speakers Bureau is very active and Congress delegates being booked for country-wide tours. Program and Educational material sent to districts monthly. Sales promotion and actual publication of Cohen's Zionist Movement and Volume II Palestine Year Book. Entirely different radio series being prepared and cut in collaboration with Harry Torczyner. Book Department recast for profitable operation. Publications projected for coming year. (Carl Alpert)

Committee on Unity: Rabbi Unger becomes director. Toured the Southwest Region and made definite inroads in the anti-Zionist scene with excellent membership and Expansion Fund results. Pamphlet by Nathan Straus III is at printers and bulletins are being circulated. Blocked candidacy of anti-Zionist rabbi for Columbus, Ohio and working on Dayton community for similar action.

National Unity Committee Conference on January 21st in New York.
(Rabbi Jerome Unger).

Miscellaneous: Palestine Bureau is doing an excellent job and the "New Palestine" was issued.

Administration: A study of our processing is being completed. Considerable savings based on flow-chart and time-motion study with increased efficiency. Herschel Auerbach is being placed in charge of technical administration. Mark Sugarman and Milton Pollack were in forefront of administrative operations. We are seeking a new building. Our space is inadequate. We have staffed the West Coast, the Seaboard, the Midwest and are breaking up this vast area into the Rocky Mountain area and two areas based at St. Paul and St. Louis. The Empire State Regional matter has been satisfactorily adjusted. Our budgets have been thoroughly studied by the Staff Office Committee. The Finance Committee meets next week.

Meetings: Annexed hereto are two releases which speak for themselves. The January 6th meeting is a "beat" on all the parties. We have accommodations to house 7000 people. The meeting in Chicago for January 24-27 will be an innovation and appears to be successful. The delegates for this conference will number at least 1500.

General: The situation is well in hand and the organization is making satisfactory progress.

Respectfully submitted,



Sidney Morris

P.S. Its good to have you back.

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To Dr. Sidney Marks

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ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

January 3, 1947

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

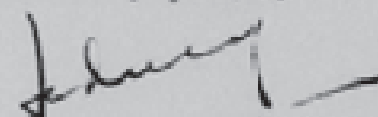
Dear Dr. Silver:

With reference to Monday evening's meeting, I am enclosing herewith copies of letters, contents of which are self-explanatory.

As Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency Executive, you will dwell on the political scene.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM:dh
encl.

January 3, 1947

Judge Morris Rothenberg
305 West End Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Judge:

In my discussions with Dr. Silver regarding the program for Monday evening, it was suggested, in the interests of full reporting, that each speaker dwell upon a specific phase of the Congress.

By virtue of your position as Chairman of the Jewish National Fund, it is recommended that you dwell on the economic aspects of the Congress dealing with land, the J.N.F., etc.

I look forward to the pleasure of greeting you at the session.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM:dh

January 3, 1947

Dr. Israel Goldstein
300 Central Park West
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

In my discussions with Dr. Silver regarding the program for Monday evening, it was suggested, in the interests of full reporting, that each speaker dwell upon a specific phase of the Congress.

As President of the World Confederation of General Zionists, it is recommended that you dwell on the subject of the Confederation, its work and projections for the future. Furthermore, that you preside at this meeting.

I look forward to the pleasure of greeting you at the session.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM:dh

January 3, 1947

Mr. Daniel Frisch
300 Central Park West
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dan:

In my discussions with Dr. Silver regarding the program for Monday evening, it was suggested, in the interests of full reporting, that each speaker dwell upon a specific phase of the Congress.

By virtue of your work at the Zionist Congress, it is recommended that you dwell on the human aspects and the personalities in the proceedings at Basle.

I look forward to the pleasure of greeting you at the session.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

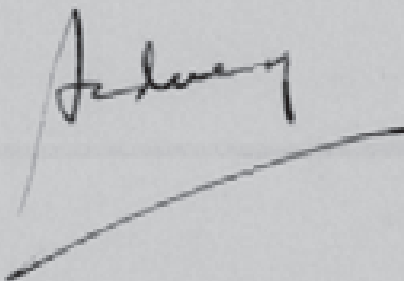
DATE: January 6, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I was distressed to learn that no advance copy of your remarks was delivered to Mr. Barbarash. We do everything within our power to create publicity and stimulation for the meetings but the press is somewhat unconscionable in its demands and it is necessary for us to have an advance copy of your speech in connection with every public meeting that we run. I would appreciate your courtesy, therefore, in the future, to forward an advance copy of your remarks to Mr. Ernest Barbarash in order that he may do justice to this publicity. It would be tragic if we were placed in a position whereby the press might regard any of our meetings unfavorably. I know that you understand the tenor of these remarks.

Accept my kindest personal regards.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: January 7, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

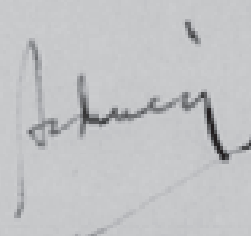
I have just received a telephone call from Nathan Brodsky of Newark, N.J., who is President of the Zionist Council, representing some 92 affiliated Zionist groups within the Newark area. He expressed his concern with reference to the utterances of Rabbi Joachim Prinz.

Rabbi Prinz rendered a very biased and distorted report on the World Zionist Congress at his Temple, Bnai Abraham, which has a Friday evening audience of approximately 1500 people. His attack was personal in nature and included references regarding yourself, Dr. Neumann and the ZOA. According to Mr. Brodsky, his speeches for the past number of months have been "maliciously anti-Zionist speeches". He indicated that Rabbi Prinz should be removed from our Speakers' list. He indicated that the sermons from the pulpit contain the wildest and impossible of statements since he is not subject to a review of his remarks. On the other hand, at meetings he takes a entirely different tack and makes cautious speeches since he would be subject to criticism.

Mr. Brodsky urges you to make an appearance in that community. I ask your consideration of this engagement. They are prepared to run a tremendous meeting on any time or date that you may set. Please let me have your advices.

My kindest personal regards.

SM:dh



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:YOUR COMMUNITY HAS NOT YET NOTIFIED ME AS TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES WHO SHOULD BE INVITED TO THE NATIONAL MOBILIZATION CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO ILLINOIS IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE FULL REPRESENTATION IMPERATIVE YOU NOTIFY ME NAMES BEFORE REGISTRATION LISTS CLOSE. NATIONWIDE ATTENTION TO BE FOCUSED ON CHICAGO NATIONAL MOBILIZATION CONFERENCE JANUARY 24TH 26TH PLEASE REPLY IMMEDIATELY:

DR SIDNEY MARKS ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA 41
EAST 42ND STREET NYC.

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[1947]

MEMORANDUM

TO: R. G. Simon

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

DATE: January 8, 1946

It is my recommendation that the letter addressed to Mr. Braverman, dated December 24 by Manual Posy, be the plan employed to campaign for Expansion funds in the city of Cleveland.

There is every reason why a series of parlor meetings can be successfully run in the city of Cleveland. On the other hand, to operate in a haphazard fashion, "hit or miss", is both dangerous and inadvisable. It is necessary for us to have every district arrange its own particular meetings, a series of them, which would provide an opportunity for big givers to make their donations. Each district undoubtedly has within its ranks men who have homes of suitable character for this express purpose. They are apparently men of affluence who are in position to make considerable contributions in their own right, and would thereby stimulate similar support through others. This should be done under a carefully considered plan and, if possible, these meetings should be bunched together in order that one man can make an appeal over a number of days to each and every one of these meetings. If you find that a parlor meeting cannot be arranged, then I would suggest that simple informal dinners be employed for this express purpose. They need not be lavish and the dinners should reach relatively few people.

I would also suggest that you communicate with Rabbi Armond Cohen and Mr. H. Jacob Goldstein, and their fund-raising committees. You will find that an insistence upon these people to contribute their respective share of effort for this express purpose will enable you to have a completely operative fund-raising machine, and work much sooner than you think.

Let us understand the situation, once and for all. This type of operation entails a collection of \$30,000, which is no small figure. It can be done inobtrusively and effectively provided you are a resident in Cleveland over a period of time. If you can set up the plan and if these people comply with the terms of the plan rather than the converse of the situation, you will find that the job will be comparatively easy. On the other hand, if you are going to employ a letter and leave the weight of the responsibility upon the people in the community to take the initiative, you will get nowhere. As a professional, you can place yourself into an enviable position by authorizing them to operate along particular lines. If you are unable to undertake this method of operation, it will be necessary for me to have you superseded and bring someone else in to do this job. But, it can be done is self-evident in my own mind, judging from the conversations I have had today.

My kindest personal regards.

P.S. There is literature which is being held by Mrs. Richards for the express purpose of employing it in connection with the fund-raising. This can be used in connection with these meetings. Furthermore, a copy of this should be placed into the hands of every man in the community who has been designated for this fund raising. You should meet with each and everyone of them individually and collectively, and hand them a copy of these brochures. In case your recollection is to be refreshed in connection with these committees, they consist of Rabbi Armond Cohen, Isidore Kastin, Dr. Falkman, Mr. Marvin Kane, who is ill, Mr. I. T. Klarrich, Mr. Isaac Evans, Mr. Ed. Braverman and Mr. Meyer Marcus. These are all first-rate men and are the very foundation of fund-raising in all of the Cleveland districts. Make sure to see each and everyone of them personally, and outline the plan you have in mind for them.



January 9, 1947

Dr. Sidney Marks
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marks:

Dr. Silver requested me to send you a copy of a telegram which he received from Mr. Harry Frankel, and a copy of his reply. Will you please see that Mr. Frankel is called on.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

RJK
Enc. 2

Secretary to Dr. Silver

MEMORANDUM**TO:** Dr. Abba Hillel Silver**DATE:** January 10, 1947**FROM:** Dr. Sidney Marks**SUBJECT:**

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the minutes of the Convention dealing with Youth and call your attention to the bottom of page 2 and 3 wherein is contained a resolution on Plugat Aliyah.

I am also enclosing herewith my file on Plugat Aliyah which includes a report and research made on Chalutzit in this country by us for the purpose of discussion at the Inner Committee. This was prepared by Herschel Auerbach at that time and it is first rate. I do believe that this should give you sufficient orientation on the subject.

Mr. Louis Schwefel was appointed Chairman of Chalutzit, with Mr. Abraham Redelheim as Co-Chairman.

My kindest personal regards.

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P.S. Please return this material after you have perused them.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: January 13, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

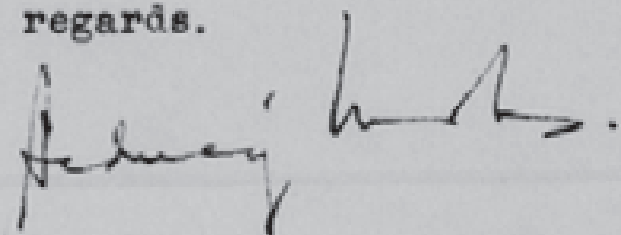
SUBJECT: I had a visit today from Rabbi Reines with respect to a conversation which he had with you in Atlantic City with reference to a subsidy to him from the Zionist Organization of America regarding the publication of certain books which he has projected for the coming year. These books are set forth in full detail on the enclosed slip.

Rabbi Reines indicates that the subsidy for this entire set of books would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$15-20,000 depending upon the actual cost at the completion of the actual printing of the books.

He has asked me to address this communication to you and to offer your advices in connection therewith.

Your immediate courtesy in these respects would be appreciated.

My kindest personal regards.



SM/M
(Enc.)

January 13, 1947

1. ~~אין~~ ~~אין~~ This volume will be printed in Hebrew containing a world of Homelitic material. Rabbi Reines has long been famous as a scholar and preacher.

2. Biography of the late Rabbi Isaac Reines. Rabbi Isaac Jacob Reines has become an historical figure of the last century. He was the father of the idea of establishing a Yeshiva that would give its students not only a thorough religious Jewish background but also in worldly culture. He carried this thought out in his famous Yeshiva Lida. Rabbi Reines as a pioneer in modern Zionism and the founder of Mizrachi was one of the active Chaverai Zion and a co-worker of the late Dr. Herzl. The biography of the late Rabbi Reines is replete with the birth of Zionism and the life in Eretz Israel. Many new facts and factors in the history of Zionism and Mizrachi, which have never been known before, will be revealed. This book will be published in Hebrew, English and if possible in Yiddish.

3. Memoirs - Rabbi Abraham B. Reines has lived through that momentous period in Jewish history predating modern Zionism, being an illustrious son of an illustrious father and one who has traveled and lived extensively in those countries where the Jews played such an important part in Jewish and in World history. He has during his time met the great and near great in Jewish life for over a half of a century. His memoirs promise a world of information and historic significance to world Jewish history. This book will be published in Hebrew, English and if possible in Yiddish.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: January 13, 1947


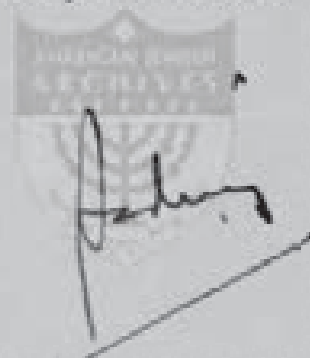
FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

With respects to your inquiry regarding Dr. Lewisohn and
and his appearance on the masthead of "Opinion", I am enclosing
herewith a statement given to me by Dr. Lewisohn which is self-
explanatory.

Kindest regards,

SM:dh
encl.

C O P Y

Memo to: Dr. Marks
From: Dr. Lewisohn

January 12, 1947

Thank you every so much for the information you conveyed to me. I authorize you to say that my name has been on that masthead since a certain day fourteen years ago when in Paris Dr. Wise asked me to help found a magazine because Jim Wise was out of a job. I have never had anything to do with the editing of the magazine. My last contribution, a 150 line Jewish poem, dates six years ago. I never look at the damn thing anymore. I'm not sure I even receive it. It was a disappointment to me from the start. However, I recognize even my remote political responsibilities as the editor of The New Palestine and I think that I will in due time ask Stephen Wise to remove my name from the masthead. At all events, I do not think that anyone should impugn the character of my convictions. In a few days my leading editorial on the Congress and on the political line of our administration will appear in The New Palestine. I think I can say without vanity, that it is the most powerful statement yet written of the political views as formulated by Dr. Silver. And I would be, as everyone ought to know by this time, wholly incapable of having written as an editor what I did not believe in my capacity as a Zionist.

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

January 14, 1947

Miss Bessie Kline,
Secretary to Dr. Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Many thanks for your letter dated January 9th with reference to Mr. Harry Frankel. I am taking immediate steps to implement this matter.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney Marks
Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM:dh

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

C O P Y

January 14, 1947

To the Members of the Inner Committee

Please be advised that an important dinner meeting of the Inner Committee will be held on Monday, January 20, 1947 at 6 P.M. in Room 148 of the Hotel Biltmore, Madison Avenue and 43rd Street, New York City.

Will you please return the enclosed self-addressed post-card indicating your intention to be present.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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encl.

January 15, 1947

Dr. Sidney Marks
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Marks:

In reply to your letter of January 13 relating to Rabbi Reines, I should like to say the following.

The Rabbi Reines to whom you spoke is the son of Rabbi Isaac Reines who was one of the founders of the Zionist movement, and the founder of the *Mizrachi*. He has left quite a number of important manuscripts which his son would like to see published. The ZOA might be interested in making a certain subvention to assist in the publication of some of his works. However, the first responsibility is that of the *Mizrachi*. I would suggest that the chairman of our Publications Committee -- assuming that we have one now -- should contact Mr. Gellman, of the *Mizrachi*, and discuss this matter with him. The ZOA is in no position to make any such subvention in the amount suggested by the Rabbi Reines to whom you spoke. We have no such funds available. But if the *Mizrachi* would undertake to shoulder some of the cost, the ZOA might be prepared to consider a subvention say of two to three thousand dollars.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: January 17, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

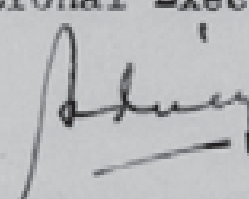
With reference to Chalutzith, the Committee charged with the responsibility for this activity for the ZOA is as follows:

Louis Schwefel, Chairman
Abraham Redelheim, Vice-Chairman
Nathaniel Cohen - Masada
Charles Cowen
M. Z. Frank
Oscar I. Kahn
Siegfried Kamarsky
Joseph Greenleaf
Raphael Pinchas
Dr. Noah Nardi
Judah Pilch
Rabbi Edward Sandrow
Joseph Sternstein

Mr. Schwefel has called me and he apparently is excited about the Frank article, and this Committee is, in part, his choice of personnel. In all events he is anxious to get started and I indicated to him that it might be wise to see you when you come into New York on Monday. He stated that he would like to meet with his Committee before speaking to you although he will see you at the National Executive Committee.

My kindest personal regards.

SM/M



MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

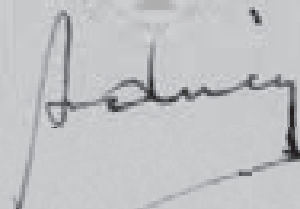
DATE: January 17, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Many thanks for your letter dated January 15th with reference to Rabbi Reines. The new Chairman of our Publications Committee is Rabbi Theodore S. Lewis of the Progressive Synagogue of Brooklyn. I know that he will be more than happy to proceed along the lines indicated by you.

Accept my kindest personal regards.



SM/M

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: January 17, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I am enclosing a copy of a resolution from a district in the heart of a region which has never been noted for its "undying loyalty". I know that you will be happy to receive it.

Good
WMS

SM/M
(Enc.)



Handwritten signature

C O P Y

SPRING VALLEY ZIONIST DISTRICT

Spring Valley, N. Y.

At an Executive Meeting of the Spring Valley Zionist District held on Sunday, January 12th, 1947 at the Congregation Khilath Israel, Spring Valley, New York, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That a vote of trust and confidence be transmitted to the leadership of the Zionist Organization of America and to the Delegation sent to the World Zionist Congress recently convened at Basle, Switzerland.

Abraham Meltzer, Pres.
Scotland Hill
Spring Valley, New York

Al Bernard, Sec.
Old Nyack Turnpike
Spring Valley, N. Y.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: January 20, 1947

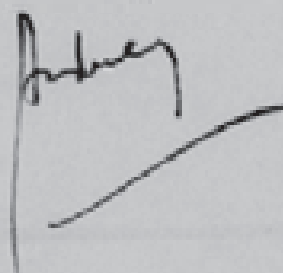
FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Max Levy of our Staten Island Zionist District writes in part as follows:

"May I at this belated moment congratulate you personally on your reelection to the American presidency of the Zionist Organization and on your most effective leadership at the Zionist Congress."

My kindest personal regards.



SM/M

ISAAC EVANS
16281 ALDERSYDE DRIVE
CLEVELAND 20, OHIO

January 21, 1947

Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd St.
New York 17, N. Y.

Attn: Dr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director

Gentlemen:

Pleased to advise that we had an interesting luncheon meeting Monday the 13th, which in addition to amount pledged at my home last Wednesday now total \$6,100.00.

Rabbi Cohen is having a meeting Thursday, January 16th, and hope it will be successful.

Find enclosed the following checks paid on pledges:

Alex S. Winter	\$100.00
Louis Sterns	300.00
Dr. Riegelhaupt	200.00
Harry Epstein	250.00
L. W. Neumark	200.00
I. Kastin	200.00
H. L. Kaplan	100.00
Paul Friedman	100.00
Marcell Pick	100.00
David Katz	100.00
Alexander Mints	50.00
Chas. Auerbach	50.00
Total	\$1950.00

Also find enclosed list of pledges.

Very truly yours,

Isaac Evans
Isaac Evans

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cc: F. M. Falkman, 14128 Superior Ave.
Mrs. Richardson, c/o The Temple, Ansel Rd., City

Z O A E X P A N S I O N F U N D C L U B

Isaac Evans	--\$1,000.00	
A. M. Luntz	-- 1,000.00	
Rabbi Silver	-- 500.00	
Leonard Ratner	-- 500.00	
Louis Sterns	-- 300.00	
Alex Winter	-- 300.00	
I. F. Klarreich	-- 250.00	
Harry Epstein	-- 250.00	
Dave Frankel	-- 250.00	
Sam Gerson	-- 250.00	
Leo Neumark	-- 200.00	
Dr. Riegulhaupt	-- 200.00	
I. Kastin	-- 200.00	
Louis Kats	-- 150.00	
Wm. Kats	-- 150.00	
Alexander Mints	-- 150.00	
Paul Friedman	-- 100.00	
Marcell Pick	-- 100.00	
Harry L. Kaplan	-- 100.00	
Chas. Auerbach	-- <u>50.00</u>	\$6,000.00

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION NOT ON ORIGINAL LIST:

David Kats	-- 100.00	<u>100.00</u>
		<u><u>\$6,100.00</u></u>

C O P Y

R.D. Glasser, M.D.
718 Medical Arts Bldg.
Norfolk 10, Va.

January 29, 1947

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

My dear Sidney:

We had a wonderful Installation Meeting here the other night. I am sending you the clipping of the paper to show you just what we are doing.

The speaker that you all sent down here, Mr. Jacques Torczyner was also very, very good. We recommend him most highly.

With the usual best regards and greetings, I am

Very cordially yours,

R.D. Glasser, President
Norfolk Zionist District

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: January 31, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter just received from Dr. Glasser of Norfolk, Virginia. I know that you will be delighted to hear of Jacques' success.

My kindest regards.

AMERICAN ZIONIST
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1947
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SM:dh
encl.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: January 31, 1947

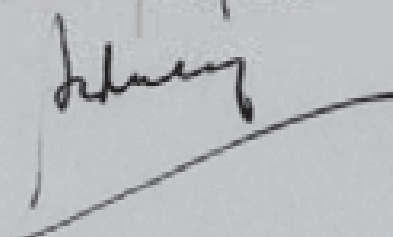
FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the American Jewish Conference periodical. I call your attention to Mr. Lipsky's article on the Congress. It seems that he finally found a "day in court".

What are your advices?

My kindest personal regards.



SM:da
encl.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: January 31, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Manuel Posy and I had a lengthy conversation with Mr. Paul Iaminsky, member of the National Executive Committee and President of the Metropolitan Zionist Fund. He made a very constructive suggestion which bears careful study and analysis.

He suggested that we set up a total quota for the Expansion Fund which shall be collected over a three year period. He stated that the various Regions and Districts will more readily accept these quotas since payment is to be made over a three year period. He also offered the thought that it would mean a considerable decrease in our operating expenses, including campaign expenses.

The suggestion makes good sense and permits long-range planning for our program and I am passing it on to you for comment and advices.

My kindest personal regards.

MS:dh

Sidney Marks
Jm

האגודה הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

February 3, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith please find your new Air Travel Card. This is the first revision since the outbreak of the war. It will be necessary for you to affix your signature indicated, and to return the Travel Card which is in your possession. This last requisite is imperative as we are held responsible for them by the Air Transportation Company which issues them to us. Please give this matter your immediate attention.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

BM:EH

February 3, 1947

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marks:

Mrs. Richards undoubtedly wrote to you that she was leaving her position here. This will verify the fact that she worked here through January 25, 1947.

This is also as good a time as any to acknowledge the directories which you so kindly sent us. I'm sure there will be many opportunities to use them. Thanks kindly for the trouble you took to round them up.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members Of The National Administrative
Council, Executive Committee And All
Regional And District Presidents

DATE: February 5, 1947

FROM:

Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

We are in receipt of a telegram from Dr. Silver which reads as follows:

"CRITICAL SITUATION OF YISHUV BECAUSE OF THREATENED ACTION BY THE MILITARY IN PALESTINE AND IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS NOW GOING ON IN LONDON MAKES IT IMPERATIVE THAT LEADERS OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES MEET IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TO ACT IN THIS MOST CRUCIAL HOUR OF OUR MOVEMENT. URGE YOU AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE LEADERS YOUR COMMUNITY ATTEND ONE-DAY EMERGENCY MEETING OF CHAIRMEN OF EMERGENCY COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL ZIONIST PARTIES AND GROUPS AT STATLER HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C. MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 17TH. PLEASE WIRE ME IMMEDIATELY SAYING THAT YOU WILL BE THERE. ALSO WIRE YOUR CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS FOR APPOINTMENTS THAT AFTERNOON. CONFIDENT YOU WILL JOIN ME AT THIS ALL IMPORTANT SESSION. WE MUST NOT FAIL OUR PEOPLE NOW."

It is imperative that you wire your Congressmen and Senators as indicated above. I urge you to take immediate action in these respects.

My kindest personal regards.

Sidney Marks

SM:1

February 6, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Marks:

As per your request of February 3, I am
returning herewith Dr. Silver's old Travel Card.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

BJK
Enc.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: February 6, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

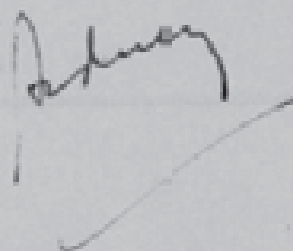
Jack Alkow of Los Angeles, Calif. called and told me that you had indicated to him that you would be at the University of California on April 20th and might be available at that time for a membership campaign.

Mr. Alkow neglected to mention to you that the UJA campaign will be on at that time. He wondered whether you could come on March 15th and promised to get 1500 new members while you are there.

I told him that I questioned your ability to get to the Coast at that time but promised to pass on this information.

What are your advices?

My kindest regards.



SM:dh

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: February 6, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Miami Beach has requested your presence as
principal speaker at a \$100 Expansion Fund banquet on April 15th.
What are your advices?

Requests,

John

SM/M

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: February 6, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Just a word to remind you of my conversation with you
with reference to Harry Tordasyner and the United Nations pro-
gram.

Kindest regards.

SM:dh

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: February 7, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

The question of Haganah and its activities has been referred to you in the name of the Inner Committee. We should like authorization from you to discuss with people you will name in the Jewish Agency for a modus operandi with respects to Haganah and its fund-raising activities in this country. They are making tremendous inroads in our own Expansion Fund campaign and something must be done to reconcile this entire matter.

May I have your immediate advices in these respects?

My kindest personal regards.

SM:dh

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: February 7, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Many thanks for your notation with reference to Rabbi Kerman. I am sure that we can really use him for speaking engagements.

My kindest personal regards.

Sidney Marks

SM/M

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JOSEPH L. EGAN
PRESIDENT

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:THE TEMPLE:

=EXTRAORDINARY ALL DAY SESSION CALLED BY EMERGENCY COUNCIL
FOR MONDAY FEBRUARY SEVENTEENTH AT HOTEL STATLER WASHINGTON
DC INORDINATE IMPORTANCE IN VIEW OF LATEST LONDON JERUSALEM
DEVELOPMENTS THREATENING DESTRUCTION OF ENTIRE STRUCTURE
JEWISH PALESTINE IMPERATIVE YOU AS SPOKESMAN OF MOVEMENT
IN YOUR COMMUNITY ATTEND SESSION TO COPE EXTREME EMERGENCY
PLEASE WIRE IF YOU WILL ATTEND MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION
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SIDNEY MARKS

TE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

February 11, 1947

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

My dear Dr. Marks:

With reference to Jack Alkow's request: I will not arrive in Los Angeles before April 20. I am to be on the campus for two or three days. I would suggest that Alkow utilize the occasion either for an important membership action or for the expansion fund regardless of the fact that the UJA campaign will be on at the time. One does not necessarily conflict with the other. The Zionists of Los Angeles should also plan a large public meeting in connection with my visit. I have not been on the coast since before the war, and Los Angeles is a place where the SOA needs a great deal of stimulation and organization. Both the membership and expansion fund drives should be built up to culminate in my visit there. I might also visit San Francisco on the way, but of that I am not yet certain.

Because of my going to Los Angeles, it will not be possible for me to go to Miami Beach on April 15.

I am keeping the matter of Harry Torcayner in mind. The question of our work with the United Nations will be discussed as soon as our people return from London.

I am enclosing a letter which I received from the Hadoar. The editor writes that they are receiving today the same subvention -- \$5,000 -- which they received years ago when the Hadoar was much smaller in format and had a much smaller circulation and much less expense. There is much merit in what Mr. Rivalow writes and I am wondering whether we cannot increase the subvention to the Hadoar this year by \$2500, to a total of \$7500.

With reference to the question of Haganah, and the relationship of its fund-raising activities to our Expansion Fund campaign, I would suggest that you find out from Mr. Hammer or Mr. Lourie who is the authoritative spokesman of the Haganah in the United States, and then arrange to have Mr. Frisch and Rabbi Miller talk the matter over with them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: February 11, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

The addresses you requested are as follows:

Abraham Linzer	3417 Cannon Place, Bronx, N. Y.
David Meskowitz	3419 Cannon Place, Bronx, N. Y.
Abraham Goodman	% Morris Bros. Dept. Store, Miami Beach, Fla.

My kindest personal regards.

M/

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

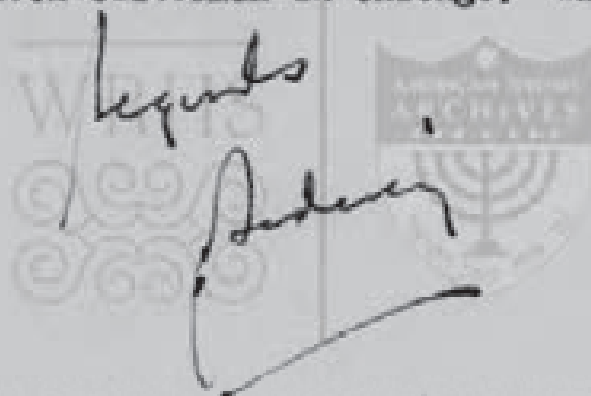
DATE: February 12, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I am in receipt of a memorandum from Rabbi Unger, who advises me that Rabbi Morton Berman was a recommendation for appointment to the National Administrative Council upon the suggestion of Milton Silberman in Chicago. What are your advices?

Legends
Sidney



SM/M

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: February 13, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I am in receipt of a report from Yale Goldberg with reference to Baltimore. This has been a series of experiences over many years. They do not make their contributive share of our Expansion Fund or of our activities. The report indicates: "On Expansion Fund I was told that although they had raised \$17,000 as a result of the donor dinner, most of these monies will be used for local purposes. The only commitment they are prepared to make is to remit \$3000 -- a sum equal to last year's contribution. I pointed out that this is entirely inadequate, but Potts raised the issue of Hagana and other demands."

In the light of this extreme situation, I would certainly appreciate a note from you to Mr. Isaac Potts, President of the Region and a Member of the National Executive, who can be reached at 2112 East Monument Street, Baltimore.

Please forward to me a copy of your letter to him.

Sidney Marks

SM/M

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



DR SIDNEY MARKS
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
41 E 42ND ST
NEW YORK 17 N Y

Dear Dr. Marks:

I will (will not) attend the meeting of the National
Administrative Council in Pittsburgh on Sunday, March 2,
1947.

(Name) _____

February 16, 1947

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

My dear Dr. Marks:

In reply to your note of February 12 - I would suggest that you notify Rabbi Morton Berman that I have appointed him a member of the National Administrative Council. I was under the impression that he had been appointed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

February 16, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Marks:

Dr. Silver would like to have a list of the names, home addresses and phone numbers of the department heads of the ZOA.

Our Petty Cash Fund is down to \$.80. With Dr. Silver's permission I am requesting a check for our Petty Cash Fund. If there is some procedure I am to follow, I would appreciate hearing about it.

Thanks kindly, and with best wishes, I
am

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

February 20, 1947

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

My dear Dr. Marks:

Just for the fun of it, I would like you to check on the names of the donors contained in the enclosed report. How many of them are enrolled members of the ZOA?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

February 20, 1947

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

My dear Dr. Marks:

I regret that I will not be available for a meeting in St. Louis on March 8.

Some time ago, Mr. Kenen of the American Jewish Conference wrote to me complaining that the representatives of the ZOA do not attend meetings of the Interim Committee. I am enclosing herewith an announcement of the next meeting of the Interim Committee on March 18. It seems to be an important meeting. I wish you would get in touch with our representatives and make sure that they attend the meeting.

Enclosed herewith is a letter which I received from Mr. Abraham Linzer of the Kingsbridge Zionist District.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AMS:EK
Enc. - 2

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

February 24, 1947

Enclosed herewith please find a letter addressed to you by Dr. Israel Goldstein.

I simply want to call your attention to the fact that while recognizing the primacy of the United Jewish Appeal, several items in the memorandum are most disturbing.

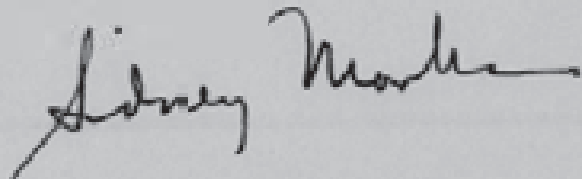
1-making available complete membership lists to the United Palestine Appeal opens an avenue of political abuse in directions of which you are aware.

2 - the organization of a committee on the UPA is another avenue of abuse since we are setting up another skeleton structure in the ZOA which might be converted to political use.

3 - the continued stress of UPA, while undoubtedly necessary, will tend to place the Expansion Fund in a secondary role.

If I appear to be belaboring this entire matter, it is merely my concern that the integrity of our lists be preserved, that our organization receive no further fragmentization, and finally that the Expansion Fund be given its proper place in the sun.

My kindest personal regards.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sidney Marks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Sidney" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Marks" follows it in a similar but slightly more compact style. The signature is positioned to the right of the typed name "Sidney Marks".

SM:dh
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the National Administrative Council
Members of the National Executive Committee
All Regional and District Presidents

DATE: February 25, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

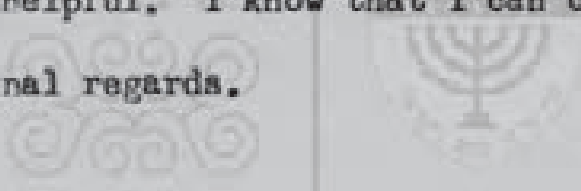
We are in receipt of the following telegraphic advices:

"CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION REVIEWED TODAY BY EXECUTIVE OF EMERGENCY COUNCIL. DECIDED IN VIEW OF CURCIAL CHARACTER OF COMING DAYS LARGEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS BE SENT PRESIDENT TRUMAN IMMEDIATELY URGING HIM MAKE STRONGEST REPRESENTATION TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR IMMEDIATE LARGE SCALE JEWISH IMMIGRATION AND REMOVAL OF ILLEGEL LAND RESTRICTIONS IN PALESTINE. SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT POLICY BASED ON MANDATE SHOULD PREVAIL UNTIL QUESTION IS FINALLY SETTLED IN UNITED NATIONS. URGE AS MANY COMMUNICATIONS AS POSSIBLE FROM INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZED GROUPS IN YOUR COMMUNITY ALONG ABOVE LINES AND INCORPORATING IDEAS CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION ADDRESSED TO U.S. GOMERNMENT ADOPTED AT EXTRAORDINARY ZIONIST CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON. ALSO SUGGEST COPIES OF LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS BE SENT YOUR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS."

I would appreciate your courtesy in implementing the aforementioned directive. Time is of the essence and your immediate action in these respects would be most helpful. I know that I can count upon your cooperation.

My kindest personal regards.

SM:dh1



Sidney Marks

March 4, 1947

MEMORANDUM

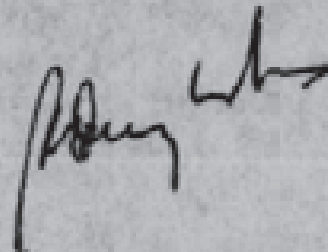
To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Dr. Sidney Marks

In view of the present political situation, the Office Committee once again makes the suggestion that the Zionist Organization of America undertake the staging of a mass trial against British policy in Palestine. You will recall that I spoke to you in this connection a month or so again and indicated to you the availability of the largest Armory in the city of New York for that purpose. The Office Committee feels that the moment is most opportune for this type of activity.

I want to bring this fact to your attention that a number of the members of our Office Committee have sampled attitudes throughout the entire country and in the city of New York during visits and they are all imbued with the thought that this would make an impact upon public opinion which is sadly lacking in Zionist circles today and which, unfortunately, has been exclusively the province of the groups which are outside the Zionist structure, to wit, the American League and all the others.

I once again ask your careful consideration.



SM/M

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: March 4, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT: Brooklyn Zionist Region

The Brooklyn Zionist Region is running its Convention on May 18th instead of June 15th as previously written to you. They are insisting upon your presence.

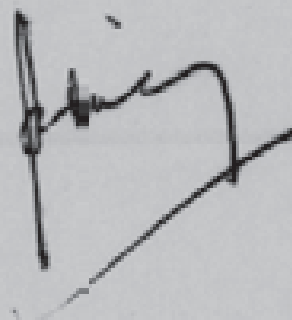
I call your attention to the fact that this is the largest Region in the country and the question of the consolidation of pro-administration sentiments is of the essence.

Since Brooklyn is a pivotal spot, I ask you to sincerely consider their request.

What are your advices?

My kindest personal regards.

SM:dh



MEMORANDUM

TO: Miss Bessie Kline

DATE: March 5, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

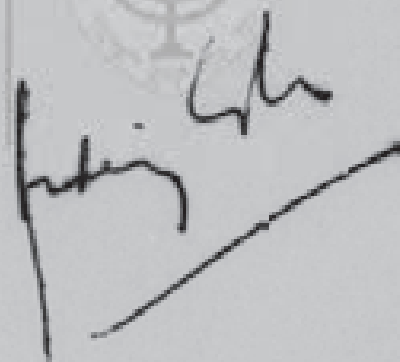
SUBJECT:

Many thanks for your letter dated March 3rd. I am having the telephone bill audited and a check remitted.

Thanks for your follow up on the Silver photographs. It's beginning to remind me of Hollywood.

My kindest personal regards.

SM/M

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sidney Marks', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. The signature is positioned over a faint, circular stamp that contains a menorah and the words 'ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA'.

March 6, 1947

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

My dear Dr. Marks:

The suggestion for a mass trial against British policy in Palestine does not recommend itself to me. It smacks too much of the Bergson stunt. The ZOA cannot and should not compete on that level with separatist groups working on the American scene, even though these may capture some following for a time. We have traditions and standards to maintain which are, however, in no way inimical to effective propaganda action. Please pool your thinking and evolve some more impressive types of propaganda which "will make friends and influence people."

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

March 6, 1947

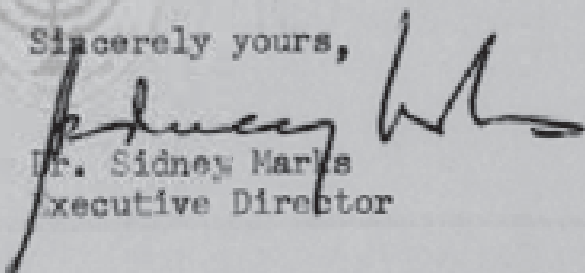
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have at hand the memorandum sent to you by Mr. Manuel Posy dated February 28th, with reference to the U.J.A. Campaign Bulletin. What are your recommendations in this respect.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM:fb

MEMORANDUM**TO:** Dr. Abba Hillel Silver**DATE:** March 17, 1947**FROM:** Dr. Sidney Marks**SUBJECT:**

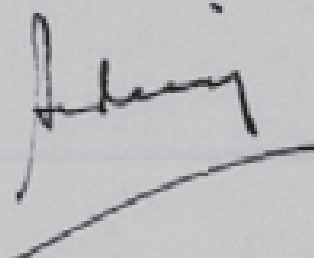
We have received every kind of communication from Mr. Irving Morry and I am under the impression that his "bluff" must be called. You will recall this community as one in which ex-parte action was always taken with reference to deciding whether or not membership or expansion fund should or should not be undertaken. This is irrespective of the action of the National Convention.

Apparently, we have made some impact upon these people. The stationery is the best evidence of the fact that they have arisen from their lethargy.

I would appreciate your courtesy in advising us of our decision.

Kindest personal regards.

SM:fb
enc.



C O P Y

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: LOUIS SCHWEFEL
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

FROM: DR. SIDNEY MARKS

MARCH 20, 1947

I am in receipt of a letter dated March 3rd from Elias Epstein, our Palestine correspondent, who writes me, in part, as follows:

"I had a long talk with Mr. Nat Cohen, former Director of Masada, who has come here as a member of Plugat Aliyah. He told me of the superficial knowledge of problems in Palestine on the part of many of those in charge of Masada. They still adhere to the idea that they can avoid becoming identified with the General Zionist Party or Oved Zioni. This attitude has also been discussed by me in the pamphlet I sent you. The desire to be considered progressive, causes them to veer to the Left, even though they are supposed to be a General Zionist party. Mr. Cohen fully appreciates what is involved. I gave him a very comprehensive expose of conditions here and the problems involved and pointed out the danger of a failure to take a definite line, if a Centre policy was to be effective. I referred to the selection of Ginegar as the Kvutza for the General Zionist Plugah and told him frankly that I do not believe that the stipulation, that it would not be influenced politically by the Kvutza, could be implemented. It appears that the reasons for the selection of Ginegar were that it was more comfortable, in pleasant surroundings, well established, and had good communications. It is true that all these factors are important for American Halutzim. Nevertheless, had the matter been thoroughly ventilated by those concerned in advance, I think it could have been possible to have found a General Zionist settlement almost as satisfactory from these points of view. However, what appears to have been also influential in the choice, was the tendency to avoid identification with the General Zionist Labour Organization. This is a curious situation, seeing that the Plugah is being backed up by the ZOA".

This situation bears your scrutiny and attention.

Kindest regards,

SM:dh

CC Dr. Silver
Dr. Neumann

Membs

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MARCH 24, 1947

In rendering this report summarizing the organization's achievements, plans and activities, I am impelled to inject a note of somber moment in my evaluations.

At the outset, I want to generally pay a brief note of tribute to my colleagues on the staff and to a number of our leaders who have wrought miracles in our operations, in scope, activity and intensity of drive despite the gross handicaps under which we are laboring. The tremendous impact of our work upon the American community is a miracle. But no business can continue to operate on miracles - it simply cannot be done. It requires financial resources and we must probe the causes for our inadequate income.

The business of the Zionist Organization of America does not differ in operational principles from any other business establishment. During the course of the past few years, living costs have spiraled and salary adjustments, while moderate, have made considerable inroads into our budgets. Costs of operation based upon scarcity of materials and the general rise in overhead have likewise had their impacts upon our economy. Coupled with these economic facts are to be found the increased demands made upon us by pressing political problems. I need not belabor this fact. The sentiments for increased activity by our leaders and membership throughout the country are quite justified but they are not coupled with a corresponding effort on their part to find the wherewithal for these operations.

Dues Insufficient to Meet Cost of Operations:

Let us analyze the situation. At our last Convention at Atlantic City, Our Treasurer, Mr. Abraham Goodman, pleaded with the delegates to increase the dues of this organization to \$7.50 which would have given the National Office, the Regions and the Districts an increase in revenue barely sufficient but nevertheless feasible for basic operations. You must understand that there is no profit motive in our set-up. It was felt that everyone be given the opportunity to join the Z.O.A. as a most laudable viewpoint. However, we have to face reality. The democratic principle works best in a solvent economy. The rejection of the request for an increase in dues left unanswered the problem of meeting the costs of operation.

What really complicated the situation was the singular refusal of our regions and districts to understand that they are the organization; that what they raise in membership and Expansion Funds provides the meagre budget for our work. Furthermore, there is a significant failure to appreciate the fact that the Z.O.A., or any membership organization, increases its cost of operation with increases in size. In these respects, it differs with a business venture which decreases its cost of operation with an increase in unit volume of sales and production. More servicing, greater decentralization, intensification of the educational process - there are a thousand facets where expenditures are called for and must be met.

Now I would not be as concerned with the problem if a state of affairs had not been reached which has me quite troubled. At the outset, I think it should be quite self-evident that we are doing everything within our power to stimulate membership and Expansion Funds. Our campaigning has been exemplary

in structure and form - extra men, literature, publicity, visits, speakers - everything has been done to arouse our membership - and our work and labors are first-rate.

Utmost Economy Exercised:

We are operating at break-neck speed but at this point we are stymied by a lack of financial resources. It is not a problem of economical operation; we are watching our expenditures carefully and our disbursements are quite modest. Every dollar is carefully nurtured by your Office Committee and your Finance Committee.

Our problem is one of insufficient income and it is to that phase that I must finally address myself. Our income is mainly derived from two sources, membership and Expansion Fund. Campaigns are being conducted in every major city, extra personnel has been employed - we were told if you give us the help we can give you the membership - well - we did - and we haven't come anywhere near promises. Our National Membership Chairman, Mr. Joseph Goldberg, at a sacrifice of his own business affairs, with a sure and firm hand, is travelling from one end of the country to the other. No sacrifice is too great for him. And yet we are not enrolling membership at a rate to ensure financial security or at a rate to justify the enthusiasm of the public. What we have achieved in membership has been in spite of the apathy. We should have had at least 50,000 additional new members at this time.

I don't know whether you people realize how little we receive from the membership fee. The five dollars net us somewhere between 75¢ and 90¢. One dollar is allocated to the District, one dollar to Regional operations which is badly deficiated, 50¢ for the shekel, approximately \$1.60 for our publications which is going to increase with increases in postal rates.

And if you think that we can continue doing business under these handicaps you are mistaken.

Expansion Fund Revenue:

Our second source of income is the Expansion Fund. The funds raised while commendable are insufficient to meet the budgetary need of our expanded activities. Your convention passed resolutions and appropriations but the money for this work has not been forthcoming. Radio, books, pamphlets, subventions for Youth, Hebrew, General Zionism - Unity Committee - in fact, all of our projects require substantial capital investment as well as operational income. Our districts, our membership, our regions and some of our national key people have likewise been derelict in their work in this behalf.

Take ZOA for Granted:

Now where does the crux of the problem lie? It is my opinion that our membership take the Z.O.A. for granted. It is their opinion that by slight of hand the organization will grow in size and in affluence. I want to relate the cold but inevitable fact that what the membership itself does in increasing its ranks and providing the financial sinews for widespread public relations activity is the best measure of its strength.

Our people, our leaders, our districts, our regions, by and large, find every good reason to delay their obligations to the Z.O.A., the parent body. For whatever reason, and I haven't the slightest interest in motive since the Z.O.A. must remain the primary concern of every group in every year, they are finding it expedient to interest themselves in every fragmentation of our movement to the disregard of our own structure. I do not underestimate the great needs of the United Jewish Appeal, the needs of Resistance funds, the monumental demands on the American Jewish community, but I must offer this single caution - we cannot afford to neglect the Zionist Organization of America. It is my considered opinion that no structure on the American Zionist scene can effectively exist without a strong ZOA and the collapse or the weakening of our organization brings with it a corresponding weakening of the general structure and the cause of Zionism.

Cause for Concern:

Before proceeding to a review of some of our activities, I make this final appeal to our ZOA constituency. Do not take my statements lightly. It is a cause for deep concern. The remedy is to be found in what you do in your communities. The strength or weakness of the Z.O.A. depends entirely upon the efforts you extend in its behalf.

The staff can only help and assist. If we appear unable to assist you at times, it is not based upon a lack of willingness - we are doing everything within our power to help - it is the reality of being unable to find funds for this help. We cannot give what we haven't got - no matter how laudable the effort or the request.

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA



41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

March 31, 1947

Dear Friend:

I am writing this letter to you as one of a few leaders carefully chosen to represent a fair cross-section of our organization in order to assist us in making a decision with reference to our Expansion Fund raising.

You have always received quotas from either your Region or the National Organization for the current year. We can understand your concern for its full realization. You were torn between your first loyalty to the Z.O.A. and the many other demands made upon you through Welfare Fund-community wide appeals, as well as for the need to enroll membership into the organization. It is no easy task and your efforts are sincerely appreciated by the Z.O.A.

It is in an endeavor to alleviate your difficulties that we are undertaking a survey of the possibilities and probabilities of securing an allocation from your local Welfare Fund. In fact, this inquiry is being made with the knowledge and cooperation of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

I would appreciate your courtesy in returning to me immediately the enclosed check-list which has been prepared for your easy convenience. The questions are self-explanatory and our approach is necessarily self-evident.

I know I can count upon your confidence and your personal cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

SM:fb
enc.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

This check list will only take TWO MINUTES of your time. Please return it immediately in the postpaid enclosed envelope.

Dear Dr. Marks:

1. Composition of your Welfare Fund Board of Directors

	Please Check	
a) Are the majority Zionists?	Yes	No
b) Are they members of the Z.O.A. or Hadassah?	Yes	No
c) Are there any members of another Zionist party?	Yes	No
d) Are the minority members of American Jewish Committee?	Yes	No
e) Are any of the minority members of the American Council for Judaism?	Yes	No

3. In your considered opinion, would an allocation to the Z.O.A. Expansion Fund (the American Zionist Fund) prejudice substantially contributions to the U.J.A. from aforementioned minority?
- Yes No

Name and Address of your Welfare Fund:

COMMENTS:

2. Are allocations given to:

	Please Check	
a) Hadassah or its projects?	Yes	No
b) Labor Zionism or its projects?	Yes	No
c) American Jewish Congress?	Yes	No
d) American Jewish Committee?	Yes	No
e) B'nai Brith?	Yes	No
f) Joint Defense Appeal? (sponsored by "d" and "e") above	Yes	No

4. Are the Board of Directors interested in work dealing with Jewish survival on the American Scene?
- Yes No

Name of person to whom allocations are directed:

Sincerely yours,

Name _____
Address _____
District _____

Mr. Arthur Lourie
Mr. Eliahu Epstein

March 28, 1947

Dr. Sidney Marks

I want to call your attention to a "find" who has been unearthed in the person of Mr. Ned Cohen, 511 West James Street, Lancaster, Penna.

Mr. Cohen was recommended to us by one of our finest effectives in Eastern Pennsylvania, Rabbi Daniel L. Davis, Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, Duke & James Streets, Lancaster, Penna.

Mr. Cohen is a young man of excellent appearance and a high degree of intelligence, 28 years old. He was born and raised in Bagdad and is fully familiar with the entire Middle Eastern scene. Arabic is his native language and he speaks Hebrew and French fluently. He was a student at the American School for Boys in Bagdad and was sent to Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Penna. by Dr. C. D. K. Staudt of the American School. He completed the course in Business Administration in 1941 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in economics.

Mr. Cohen served for three years in the United States Army with a branch of Military Intelligence. He attended the School for Military Intelligence and taught military intelligence for two years in various Army camps in this country. He saw active duty in France and Germany. He secured his citizenship through his Army service.

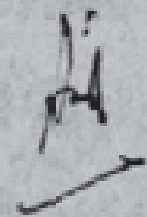
His business experiences were in the field of Sales Promotion.

It would seem to me that he could make a real and significant contribution to our work before the United Nations. His background and his knowledge of the Middle East, Europe, and languages is a synthesis which would prove invaluable to us. He could possibly act as a liaison man with the Arabs as well as an interpreter and translator of no ordinary ability.

[REDACTED] would appreciate your courtesy in writing to Mr. Cohen and arranging for an appointment with him at your earliest convenience.

Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence and advise me of your disposition of his application.

My kindest personal regards.



SM/M

CC: Dr. A. H. Silver

April 2, 1947

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

My dear Dr. Marks:

The date of Sunday, April 27 for a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the ZOA is satisfactory.

I note that you are calling a meeting of all regional presidents and presidents of the largest districts for April 26 and 27. Please make sure that we have a full program of work for such a conference.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: April 3, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

You might be interested in knowing that
Dr. Neumann's speaking schedule up to the present date
is as follows:

April 13	Westchester Region Conference
April 27	New England Region Conference
May 4	Empire State Region Conference
May 11	Conn. State Region Administrative Committee at New Haven
May 17	Brooklyn Region Conference
June 8	Ohio Valley Region Conference

Sidney Marks

SM/M

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: April 17, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

The annexed letter speaks of the public trial recommended by the staff several months ago.

My kindest personal regards.

[Handwritten signature]

SM/M
(Enc.)

Joseph F. [unclear]

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: April 17, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I want to merely indicate to you that the annexed letter from Mr. Ginberg represents the sentiments that are widespread throughout the entire metropolitan area and I daresay the rest of the country. I do believe that this matter deserves your immediate attention.

SM/A
(Enc.)

Cc: Dr. Emanuel Neumann

April 19, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Marks:

This note is tell you about a call I received from Jimmie Moore, Irishman, and of the U. S. Merchant Marine. He was visiting in Cleveland but was leaving on Friday. Therefore, I did not get an opportunity to see him and only spoke to him on the telephone. He was told that Dr. Silver, head of the Zionist movement was in Cleveland, so he called on the first Dr. Silver he saw listed in the telephone directory who happened to be a Dentist but who referred him to The Temple. This is his story.

Mr. Moore just returned from a trip to Palestine with a load of Red Cross supplies. He said when the ship docked, all the supplies were confiscated by the British there. He also went on to tell how brutally the Jews were treated by the British, and that he had a signed statement to that effect from the whole crew. He was thoroughly disgusted and wanted to tell someone about it. I asked Mr. Moore where he was going from here. He said he was to be in New York for about fifteen days before shoving off again. Since he couldn't stop here, I suggested that he get in touch with you and gave him your name and address. He is 28 and sounds like a "fighting Irishman" incensed with the way the Jews are being treated.

If he was on the level, what he has to say might be of some good to the ZOA - particularly the document he said he possessed.

When Rabbi Silver returned to the office I told him about the call and that I asked Mr. Moore to call on you.

With best wishes.

Most cordially,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: April 21, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I am familiar with the contents of the enclosed letter from Mr. Waldauer. Our experiences in connection with Memphis have not been very happy ones.

The enclosed memorandum to me from Mr. Posy together with copy of the letter from Mr. Abe Berkowitz with reference to the situation which Mr. Posy tried to correct are self-explanatory. I do believe that something radical should be done about this entire matter. I await your advices.

SM/M
(Enc.)

April 25, 1947

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

My dear Dr. Marks:

Mr. Gack is very enthusiastic about Joe Sternstein. I wonder whether we are using him in connection with our Membership or Expansion Fund Campaign?

You may recall that some time ago I spoke to you about arranging a radio hour in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ZOA. Has any progress been made in that direction?

Mr. Marvin Lowenthal has recently returned from Palestine. Is he writing any articles for the News Reporter or the New Palestine?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: April 28, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

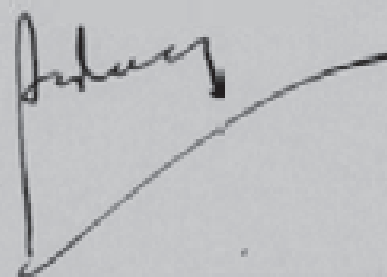
SUBJECT:

I am enclosing a memorandum sent to me at my request by Adalbert Freedman, our Regional Director in the Southeast. It relates to the Memphis district and will give you an insight into the correspondence you have just received from Mr. Waldauer. It is a situation which is almost serious if it were not so humorous. This is rugged individualism at its worst.

Let me have your reactions.

My kindest personal regards.

SM/M
(Enc.)



*ask for
return* P.S. Please return This correspondence.

May 11, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Marks:

I am returning to you the correspondence which concerns Mr. Abe D. Waldauer which you requested. I have also enclosed a copy of Dr. Silver's reply to Mr. Waldauer.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Dr. Silver

May 12, 1947

Dear Dr. Marks:

Sorry to have sent you the wrong correspondence from Mr. Waldauer. What I sent you yesterday was correspondence which he sent to Dr. Silver. I have since found the correspondence you requested and am enclosing it herewith.

Dr. Silver received a letter in the mail this morning from Mr. Waldauer which states that the Memphis Zionist District is sending the Expansion Fund \$1,000 immediately and that after the welfare fund is over they will see what can be done.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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

Letter to the Editor,
Christian Science Monitor

May 14, 1947

Sir

Upon his return from the Middle East a few weeks ago, Senator Owen D. Brewster stated on the floor of the U.S. Senate that American lend-lease materials were being used by the British Army in fighting the Jews of Palestine. To quote Senator Brewster's own words: "...But I still feel very great concern that this material, furnished by us under lend-lease, should be used in Palestine at this time for the purpose of shooting Jews who consider that they are in lawful insurrection against the action of the British Government...."

This fact, namely that American arms are instrumental in killing Jews in Palestine and in maintaining the British rule of oppression in that country did not provoke any protest or apprehension on the part of Mr. R. H. Markham, the author of the article "American Support of Terrorist 'War' " in your issue of May 5, 1947. Isn't it rather strange that the same man who is filled with self-righteous indignation at the fact that American Jews pledge their support to the Resistance movement in Palestine, seems to consider it normal and proper that the British should maintain their reign of terror in the Holy Land with the help of arms lend-leased to them, not by some private American organizations, but by the Government of the United States?

This is not the only illustration of the special yardstick which Mr. Markham applies to the Jews, and which is very much different from the one which he applies to other people. He mentions the fact that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the leader of American Zionism, was granted the honorary citizenship of Ramat Gan, a little town near Tel-Aviv in Palestine. Then, after stating that Dr. Silver is a citizen of Cleveland, and after quoting from Dr. Silver's speech in Ramat Gan in which he said: "We Jews are not the first to fight against being slaves of British policy...The first was a group of colonists who rang a liberty bell in Philadelphia"--Mr. Markham acidly asks whether Dr. Silver has a double citizenship. He says: "By what right is a citizen of Cleveland fighting the British in Ramat Gan? Has he a double loyalty?"

I have never come across any accusation of double citizenship or double loyalty applied to Mr. Winston Churchill or President Miguel Aleman of Mexico, both of whom were accorded the honorary citizenship of the City of New York. Nor would anyone, because of that, doubt their patriotism and respective loyalty to Britain and Mexico. Once again, Mr. Markham's special yardstick is in evidence.

We remember the time when the American Irish were the main source of support for the Irish revolutionary movement against Britain--and that support did not exactly restrict itself to verbal protests. Yet, all people of fair and unbiased judgment never doubted the right of the Irish in America to support the fight for liberation of their brothers in Ireland. Indeed, there was hardly a national liberation movement in Europe in the last century which did not draw support--moral, political and financial--from America. It was only natural because this fair land of ours is known as the land of freedom which has a feeling and understanding for the aspirations to freedom of any people on earth, and also because in our melting pot there are groups of every land and nationality of Europe whose lively interest in the well-being of their mother countries and mother peoples is absolutely legitimate. Is it only because that we are Jews that what is allowed to others should be denied to us?

One can sympathize with Mr. Markham's sorrow over the 100 Britishers killed in Palestine. But what of Jews killed by the British, not only in armed clashes but on the ships which bring to Palestine the unarmed and tragically unfortunate refugees from the hell of Europe. Where is Mr. Markham's sympathy for these victims of the British armed forces? And what about the many thousand who perish--or are sentenced to living death--in the D.P. camps of Europe because they are denied entry into their national home by the Mandatory Power whose primary obligation it is to facilitate Jewish immigration into Palestine.

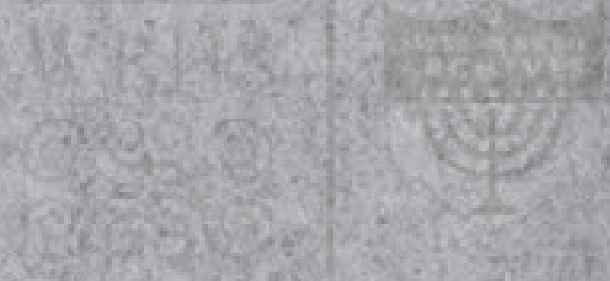
It is all too easy to build up a superficially plausible case against the "American supporters of Palestinian terror". Is it too much to expect of any fair writer to dig below the superficiality of daily news and to look into the causes? Nor can I agree with what seems to be Mr. Markham's basic postulate: The British-American Alliance, which has to be maintained at any cost. I, too, am in favor of the closest possible cooperation between Great Britain and the United States in the Middle East and in the world, but not at any cost. Wrong policies of Britain should be repudiated by America, and it is the right and privilege of any American citizen, whether Jew or Gentile, to fight against British

oppression and betrayals, no less than against the wrongs
perpetrated by any other country.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Sidney Marks

SM/lb



MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Dr. Emanuel Neumana

DATE: May 14, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

I received a telephone call from Dr. Henry Tennenbaum, one of the top officials at the U.N., and a personal friend.

He indicated that Dr. Silver's statement was favorably received by the delegates. They were quite impressed with Mr. Shertok and his presentation. Mr. Ben Gurion's reception by the delegates was not received well at all, and in fact, some of the statements that he made in connection with the birth of christianity and the Jewish contribution in these respects were not well-taken and deemed completely out of place.

He also indicated that Mr. Ben Gurion's approach was that which can be used at a mass meeting but not in the higher realms of diplomacy.

My kindest regards.

SM:dh



May 14, 1947

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marks:

Will you kindly send me the address
of the Hannah Sevesh Group District #105 ZOA
New York City. Dr. Silver received a congratulatory
telegram which we would like to acknowledge.

Thanks kindly.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

May 15, 1947

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

My dear Dr. Marks:

I wish that you would procure for me a record of the address which I delivered before the UN last Thursday. It was undoubtedly recorded on a disk and I wonder whether you would find out for me where it is obtainable.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABS:BX

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bessie Kline

DATE: May 15, 1947

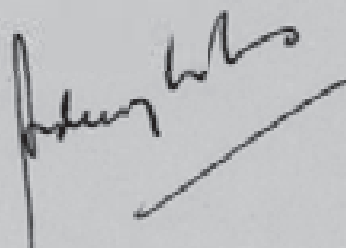
FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Many thanks for your letters dated May 11th and 12th.

Apparently, Mr. Waldauer took counsel with Dr. Silver's very enlightening letter to him. He did what we possibly could not have done.

My kindest personal regards.



SM:dl

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: May 19, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

There has been a continuous chain of correspondence sent to us. I must confess that I am in somewhat of a quandry. Membership and Expansion Fund efforts have been simply suffering in this community. I even question the motive on his part. It seems to me that his whole case rests on the premise that your presence in Rochester will stimulate these activities. The fact of the matter is that no real effort was made in any respects.

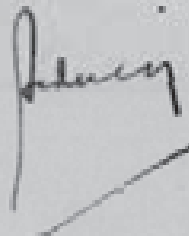
Rochester is a derelict community as far as Zionist activity is concerned. We have done everything possible to stimulate them but to no avail. Morry is a maverick and opportunist politically.

In a statement made to Frisch he said that he "did not believe in the Expansion Fund" and did not go out after it. Furthermore, he made repeated promises for membership but has never made any real effort.

It is simply a case of using you to hang his hat on for his own derelictions and those of the District.

My kindest personal regards.

SM:dh



May 22, 1947

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Marks:

I received a telegram of congratulations from
a Julius Haber of New York. Is he known to you? If
so please send me his address so that I may acknowledge
his telegram.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

May 24, 1947

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

My dear Dr. Marks:

I am enclosing herewith the letter which I received from Mr. Sack. He feels very strongly about having the UN speeches which appeared in the Congressional Record reprinted in a small pamphlet. What do you think of it?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: May 27, 1947

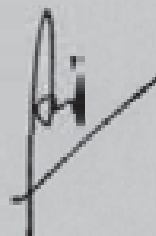
FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Many thanks for your letter dated May 22nd. Julius Haber
can be reached care of this office.

My kindest personal regards.

SM:dh

A handwritten signature, possibly "di", written in dark ink.

May 28, 1947

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

My dear Dr. Marks:

Sometime soon I should like to receive from the various departments of the ZOA brief reports of their outstanding work and achievements during the year, to be incorporated in a general survey of the year's activities which I might wish to include in my presidential message. I wish only the highlights, assuming that more detailed reports will be given by the heads of the various departments during the convention. I have already received a report of the Public Relations Department from Mr. Barbarash.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bessie Kline

DATE: June 9, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

Many thanks for your memo dated June 5th with reference to Dr. Silver's expenses. They are being audited and a check will be sent forthwith.

Kindest regards,

SM:dh

Sidney Marks
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June 10, 1947

MEMORANDUM

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Dr. Emanuel Neumann
To: Jacques Torczyner
Joseph Greenleaf

From: Dr. Sidney Marks

I am annexing hereto copy of a message sent to Morton Robbins, which has been transmitted to this office.

If the context of the message is somewhat obscure in parts, this is exactly how it was conveyed to us.

SM/M

C O P Y

June 5 PM

Dr. Morton J. Robbins
President New England Zionist Region
273 Main Street
Nashua, NHamp.

Amazed you regard communication of seven former Presidents as gratuitous advice. Letters suggested as most important election of uninstructed delegates in view of important political issues coming before convention and further brevity of time for pre-convention discussion glad to know that. Delegates your Region will be given complete freedom so that they will be able to come to conclusions after open discussion in committee and plenum of convention.

Louis Lipsky

M/

June 17, 1947

Dr. Sidney Marks
Zionist Organization of America
41 E. 42nd St.
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marks:

On May 15 Dr. Silver wrote to you asking you to procure for him a transcription of the address which he delivered before UN. Have you been able to procure the records for him?

I'd appreciate hearing from you.

Most cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: June 27, 1947

FROM: Dr. Sidney Marks

SUBJECT:

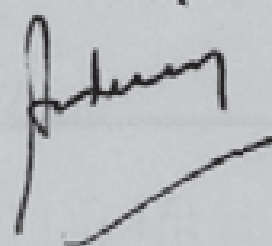
Please be advised that you will preside at the Fourth Session of the ZOA Convention, which will be held at 2:30 P. M. in the Grand Ballroom of the Pennsylvania Hotel on Friday, July 4th.

It is absolutely necessary that this session be completed at 4:30 in order to enable the hotel people to set up the room for the evening banquet. They have given us this time limitation.

I know that I can count upon your cooperation.

My kindest personal regards.

SM/M



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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

DR. SIDNEY MARNS

6-30-47 19__

To _____

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Care of or Apt. No. _____

41 E. 42nd St.

Street and No. _____

Place _____ New York, N.Y.

I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS REFLECTION UPON OUR ORGANIZATION IF WE
DID NOT GRANT THE FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS AS PREVIOUSLY CONTEMPLATED. PLEASE REFER
MY URGENT REQUEST TO MR. POLLAK. WAYS WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND TO FINANCE THESE
FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED EACH. REGARDS.

SILVER

Day Letter

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number