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July 23, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

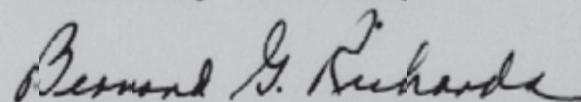
I have been home ill for over a week and that explains why I have not acknowledged earlier your kind letter about my chapter on Zionism in the United States. I am only now able to dictate this note over the telephone.

I appreciate what you say about my initial effort to give an outline of the development of American Zionism. If it is possible to do so in the page proofs, I will endeavor to make some of the corrections you suggest but, as you surmise, it would be too late to go into any further elaborations of some of the points to which you refer.

As a matter of fact, I did not intend to treat so extensively the various developments in detail as that would have applied to various other aspects and would have involved a much longer essay than I originally contemplated. As it is, the volume is already rather too heavily burdened with additions, documents and new appendices. However, the whole will be a very important addition to our Zionist literature.

Thanking you again for your interest and suggestions, I am

Yours very sincerely,



Bernard G. Richards

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August 19, 1946

Mr. Charles Ress, Chairman
U. S. Central Shekel and Election Board
41 E. 42nd St., Room 2100
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ress:

Hadassah wishes to record with the United States Central Shekel and Election Board its protest against the Board's method of tallying challenged votes cast in the 1946 election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress.

As our representatives have consistently stated at meetings of the Shekel Board, we consider that the only correct and legal procedure in respect to challenged votes is to check the name and address of each such voter against the original registration lists of shekel holders as submitted to the Board by local party groups. At the last meeting of the U. S. Central Shekel and Election Board on Tuesday, July 30th, it was voted to admit every challenged vote for which there was a shekel bearing the voter's name and address, without checking the name and address against the registration lists. Hadassah representatives voted against the motion on the ground that this policy has the effect of validating questionable votes many of which had been challenged on the ground that they represented multiple voting. The admission of such votes merely on the basis of an accompanying shekel, upon whose sale there was no check, constitutes a violation of both the letter and the spirit of the Congress election laws.

In view of the fact that Hadassah regards this formula for the challenged votes adopted by the U. S. Central Shekel and Election Board as illegal, Hadassah hereby disassociates itself and withdraws its watchers from the count of the challenged votes as it is now proceeding. This protest will be brought to the attention of the Congress Court.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Judith Epstein
Mrs. Moses P. Epstein
National President

cc - Miss Benjamin
Mrs. Greenberg

לפניו הולדו להשפיע.
ואכן יקבלו מה תוצאות הלבבורה וזכורו

יום כבוד.

בדבר אלה אמרה,

הידידותי



September 3, 1946

Mr. Benjamin Rebalaky
Parker House
Boston, Mass.

My dear Friend:

Upon my return to Cleveland I found your very welcome note, for which I thank you.

The statement which I gave to the Boston paper has received rather extensive coverage throughout the country and has had a satisfactory reaction, for which I am very grateful.

I want to thank you for your expressions of confidence and good will, which in these trying days are very welcome.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

November 5, 1946

Mr. Mordecai Rudensky
1274 Carroll Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Friends:

Many thanks to you for your lovely letter which I read with great interest.

I am sorry that you were unable to attend the ZOA Convention in Atlantic City. You would have enjoyed it. It was a very heartening and inspiring assembly. Our Zionists are reaching a stage of real political maturity. They are also manifesting a fine sense of Zionist discipline and loyalty.

I devoted considerable space in my presidential message to Goldman's work in recent months and you will undoubtedly read the full text of the message in "The New Palestine", which should appear in the next week or two.

Many thanks for your good wishes.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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November 5, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Marks:

In accordance with your communication of November 1st, please notify the following four members who have been appointed by us to serve on the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America:

Dr. Harris J. Levine, 2116 Grand Avenue, Bronx, NY
Harry A. Pine, 179 Hansbury Avenue, Newark, N.J.
Jacob Ish-Kishor, 386 4th Avenue, NYC
Abraham Krumbein, 989 Sixth Avenue, NYC

It is my impression that Dr. Levine may be recommended by Dr. Silver as one of the five to be appointed by him on the Executive of the ZOA for approval by the Administrative Council. In the event that Dr. Levine is elected to the Executive Committee, it is understood that we shall have the right to substitute another member of Bnai Zion in his place on the National Administrative Council. This person will be:

My Hyman J. Fliegel, 141 E. 21st St, Brooklyn, NYC

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

/s/ A. A. Fedelheim

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November 12, 1946

Mr. Tedoro Resnikoff, President
Keren Kayeneth Mexico and Central America
Apartiro 2700
138 Hamburgo
Mexico City, Mexico

My dear Mr. Resnikoff:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me congratulations upon my re-election to the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America. I need not tell you that I deeply appreciated your words of greeting and good wishes. It was good to hear from so many friends.

The days ahead are hard days and full of difficult problems, but with steadfastness and loyalty on the part of Zionists everywhere I am confident that we shall win through.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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December 11, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Three Kings Hotel
Basle, Switzerland

Dear Dr. Silver:

As I cabled you today I am very glad to have been able to obtain satisfactory accommodations for your return on the Queen Elizabeth from Southampton December 27th.

Enclosed is the ticket for this transportation.

Bon Voyage.

Sincerely,
Adam Rossn

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adam Rossn". Below the signature are the initials "AR".

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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January 7, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

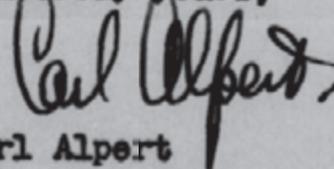
Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Arthur R. I. Diamond, President of the Rhode Island Zionist Region, informs us of their plans for a Regional Conference to be held in the auditorium of the Pawtucket Rhode Island High School during the first half of February. The meeting marks the opening of Rhode Island's drive for 4000 new members, seeking to accomplish at once what has been assigned as their quota for the next three years.

They are most anxious to have you keynote the opening of this ambitious campaign which, if successful, should spark similar efforts in the rest of the country.

They would like to hold this meeting some time before February 15 or 16th, preferably on a Sunday night, though any other evening will do. If you plan to be in the East during this period, will it be at all possible for you to undertake this important engagement? I would appreciate a note from you so that we may proceed with the necessary plans and arrangements.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert

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Room 430

January 8th, 1947.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
41 East 42nd St.,
New York, N.Y.

1/9/47
[Signature]

Dear Dr. Silver:

Last year you were kind enough to serve as a sponsor on our Advisory Council for the gala sports festival, "SPORTS ON PARADE", and the prestige of your name aided tremendously in making the 1946 event a huge success.

The second annual "SPORTS ON PARADE" Festival will be held on Saturday night, April 26th, 1947, at the Armory, Park Avenue & 34th Street, New York City, and plans are well under way to make this carnival of sport an even more outstanding venture than the last.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey is being solicited to serve as Honorary Chairman of the festival, while Mayor William O'Dwyer has accepted to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Advisory Council, as he did last year, and Benny Leonard is in charge of the show. An impressive list of sponsors is being drawn up and we would like to add your name to that list.

We thank you and anxiously await your reply.

Sincerely yours,

Marcus M. Zetkin
Marcus M. Zetkin, Chairman
SPORTS ON PARADE

Hyman J. Reit
HYMAN J. REIT, President
Manhattan Zionist Region

January 9, 1947

Mr. Adam Rosen
Rosen Travel Agency
122 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Adam:

I am enclosing herewith the passenger ticket for
the Queen Elizabeth which you suggested I return to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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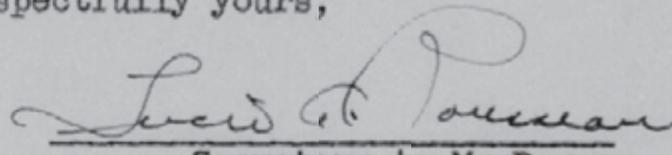
Dear Dr. Silver,

Mr. Dewey Stone called me today and told me that you have agreed to come to Rhode Island to speak at the Regional Conference in Pawtucket on Sunday, February 9th. I conveyed this message by telephone to Mr. Darman who is in New York, and he asked me to confirm this date to you, and to tell you how pleased he is that you can come here.

Will you be good enough to advise Mr. Darman what time you will arrive in Providence so that he can meet you, and also let us know whether you will stay over, so that we can make reservations.

No doubt Mr. Darman will himself write to you on his return to the office.

Respectfully yours,


Secretary to Mr. Darman

c.c. Dewey Stone.
Speakers Bureau

January 16, 1946

Mr. Hyman J. Reit, President
Manhattan Zionist Region
673 Broadway
New York 12, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Reit:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 8.

I shall be most happy to serve as a sponsor on
the Advisory Committee of "Sports on Parade".
I hope that your festival will be highly success-
ful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

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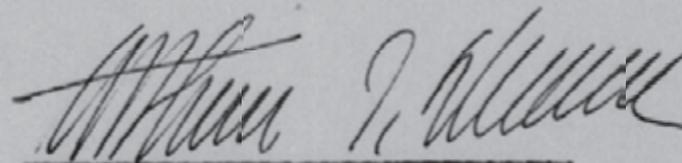
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The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was greatly thrilled to learn from my office the other day while I was in New York that they had received a call from Dewey Stone advising that you will speak to the Rhode Island Zionist Region on Sunday evening, February 9th. Although my secretary has confirmed this to you, and we have received the official notice from the Zionist office in New York, I wish to express my own joy and appreciation of your coming here. I am thoroughly confident that with your address spearheading our membership drive, we will succeed now in enrolling the 4000 new members which represents our share of the goal set by the National Organization to be achieved by 1950. Doing this, I believe that we will have set an excellent example for the rest of the country to follow.

Looking forward with anticipation to the privilege and pleasure of greeting you at the train in Providence, I am with kindest regards

Respectfully yours,



ARTHUR I. DARMAN
President
RHODE ISLAND ZIONIST REGION

AID/c

c.c. Dewey Stone
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January 20, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Hapoel Hamizrachi of Rochester are interested in bringing a distinguished speaker on the World Zionist Congress for a mass meeting to be arranged by us for sometime during February.

Inasmuch as Mr. Louis Lipsky was recently in Rochester giving his views, we feel that you would be a timely and most desired man at this time.

Would you please advise immediately if you are in a position to accept such an engagement and if so, also the date in February most convenient for you so that we may go ahead with plans.

Very truly yours,
(Mia) Blanche Tillim
Corresponding Secretary

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NY ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA HOTEL STEVENS CHGO=
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 PALESTINE. ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR
 DELIBERATIONS=

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By Bernard A. Rosenblatt

The "Morrison Scheme" as a solution of the Palestine problem indicates how far we have wandered from the realities of the situation. Any careful student of the problem must conclude that immigration is the key to the Jewish National Home, and for the salvation of the surviving remnants of European Jewry there must be both adequate area and a territory where Jews may freely enter - to reiterate Churchill's famous phrase - "as of right and not on sufferance." The Morrison scheme violates both of these principles, for it would attempt to subvert the Zionist ideal of a Jewish Commonwealth into a regimented ghetto with the vital key of immigration in the hands that "knew not Joseph." But perhaps the worst aspect is the false nomenclature employed, for it inevitably prejudices the mind against "federalism" even as "partition" is compromised when inadequate territory is offered for the establishment of a "Jewish State." Had the Peel Commission suggested the division of Palestine and Trans-Jordan in such a way as to have assured adequate territory for Jewish immigration, its speedy acceptance would have resulted in saving a couple of a couple of million Jews from Hitler's gas chambers.

A similar error must not be permitted to destroy "federalism." In August, 1938, I appeared as a witness in London before the Woodhead Commission, and for the first time urged a federal plan for Palestine and Transjordan, based upon the well tried principles of the American Federal system, with its hundred and fifty years of successful experience. This was not a mere personal opinion, but backed by a committee of representative Jews of Haifa, where, despite sporadic attacks, Jews and Arabs have lived in peaceful cooperation for a quarter of a century. The Morrison Scheme would appropriate the term "federalism" in such a way as to bring suspicion upon the very name. But we must not be misled by a false name. The Morrison Scheme is no such federalism as can be found anywhere in history - neither in the heavens above, the earth below nor the waters under the sea. Merely

giving the dog a good name does not guarantee that he will not bite.

Now what is federalism. We have two outstanding examples in history- Switzerland on a small scale and the United States of America on the world stage. Both grew out of the necessities in each case: the former with four language groups, divided into separate religious communities, manage to overcome their separatism through a federal system which guaranteed local customs within the autonomous cantons and religious freedom throughout the whole federal territory. The thirteen original states of the American Union, on the other hand, were fashioned out of a Revolutionary War against the mother country, which formed the prelude to a French Revolution that shook the world. Both Switzerland and America offered the widest possible range for local self-government - which is the very essence of federalism. Any scheme restricting such "state rights" is simply not federalism, but something else operating under the mask of a false title.

There are, of course, differences between the federalism of little Switzerland cantons and huge American states, arising out of local conditions, but the essence of both is the widest possible latitude for self government, with only the limited powers vested in the Federal Council or Congress. Thus, despite differences in language and religion between French Protestant Geneva and German speaking Catholic Lucerne, the legal system remains the same, whereas among the English speaking American States, where religion is a mere private matter of conscience, the various systems of law may differ as widely as that between New York State, based upon the English Common Law and that of the State of Louisiana, with its basis upon the French Code. Indeed, Americans are proud of the fact that each state may carry on experiments in social and political areas, which, if successful, may be adopted by the other sister commonwealth. Thus, while the matter of immigration became a federal concern, under the original constitution, the same principle does not apply to the "immigration" of other "legal persons" known as cooperations or limited companies, which remain "residents" of the states in which they are

organized. Instead, such limited companies are bound by the principle of reciprocity between the 48 states, and may emigrate to another state only upon the same general conditions offered to the "foreign" cooperations of the state in which they were organized.

Such a salutary principle of reciprocity may well be applied to all immigrants, whether persons or cooperations, that might desire to travel between the two sister states - the Jewish Commonwealth and the Arab Dominion - of Palestine and Transjordan. This would solve the immigration problem for both Jews and Arabs, since each would control its own immigration within the prescribed boundaries, while the residents of each state (including, of course, the substantial Arab residents with equal rights, of the Jewish Commonwealth) would have reciprocal rights equal to those granted by the sister states to the residents of its neighbour.

Once the subject of immigration is satisfactorily solved there will be no serious obstacles for the evolution of a federal system for Palestine and Transjordan, since both states will receive undoubted advantages while the individual Arabs and Jews of the two sister states will reap the large benefits of friendly cooperation. The chief basis of the Federal Union must be economic. The collection of the customs duties, as a federal function, would be more than sufficient to cover all the federal obligations, while the surplus might be divided equally between the two sister states - the Jewish Commonwealth and the Arab Kingdom. The federal government would likewise operate the Post Office (including the Telephone and the Telegraph system), the Railways and such other public utilities as may be provided for in the Federal Constitution "to promote the general welfare" of all the inhabitants. Ultimately, it should be possible even to set up a Jordan Valley Authority to carry out the far reaching plans for the development of Palestine as a whole. Indeed, we might establish a principle that while the two sister states might differ in their politics, even as the right hand from the left, economically they must be united in the sustenance of

an integrated body for the benefit of the whole Near East.

The chief objection urged by the Arabs of Palestine against any Zionist solution is the expressed fear of domination by a minority of Jews, while any ordinary partition scheme may seem as objectionable as the separation of Northern Ireland from the rest of that country. But a true Federal plan - along American lines - whereby Palestine and Transjordan might be divided geographically between the Jews and Arabs, while yet remaining united for limited federal purposes, may meet all valid objections, and at the same time preserve the British strategic interest in the Near East. In setting up such a Federal plan we must take note of the insistent demand that the Jewish Commonwealth (within a federated Palestine) must be adequate in area and have control over its immigration within that territory, for otherwise the whole Jewish problem is thrown back again for a solution in a distracted world that remains closed to Jewish immigrants.

At the same time, the Arabs of Palestine may be assured of ample space for full development not only in Transjordan but in that part of Palestine which is predominantly Arab, while the two sister states - Arab and Jewish - will form an economic unit for federal control over customs and currency that should prove highly beneficial to both. Supervision over the Holy Sites would be entrusted to the British High Commissioner, who would likewise preside over the Federal Council, in which the Arab State and the Jewish Commonwealth would have equal representation.

The key to the solution of the knotty problem of Palestine is the formulation of a principle that the Jewish National Home shall cover the maximum possible area in which Jews constitute now 51% of the total population, and vesting control over immigration within that area to the Jewish Agency or the autonomous commonwealth. Such a formulation must end once and for all the specious argument about the Jewish domination over an Arab majority - as if the 200,000 Jews of throbbing and bustling Tel-Aviv could ever submit to be ruled, under democratic principles, by a handful of notables from nearby Jaffa. Such a program would offer the prospect

for a "Jewish territory" immediately that would include Galilee, the Coastal Plain and the larger part of Judaea with the Negeb, to form a full fledged Jewish Commonwealth with representation in the United Nations, on a plan similar to that accorded to the Lebanon. The Arab State, on the other hand, would include not only Transjordan but also the territory of ancient Samaria (stretching from Jenin in the north to near Jerusalem in the south with Tul Kerem in the west as the apex of what has been aptly called the "Nablus Triangle"). Both states together would constitute an economic entity, while politically each would have full autonomy, including control over its own immigration policy.

In view of the fact that as a result of the First World War the Arabs were rewarded with an immense territory conquered from Turkey, including an area now constituting the independent States of Iraq, Syria (and Lebanon), with Transjordan, or about 25 times the size of little Palestine, it certainly is not too much to require that out of the remainder former Turkish territories, which British arms under Allendy, aided by three Jewish regiments (who served under him), had conquered, a small portion representing 60 or 65% of western Palestine, in which the Jews already constitute a majority of the population, shall be set aside for the fulfillment of the Balfour Declaration and the execution of the Palestine trust which Great Britain voluntarily assumed.

It seems to me that such a federal plan would meet with the approval of the American Government and might induce the latter to accept the proposition of a 75 Million Pound loan for development purposes now so sadly needed.

Haifa, Jan. 27, 1947 E. A. Rosenblatt

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MEMO



Rabbi Morris J. Rothman

MANAGING EDITOR

THE YOUNG ISRAEL "VIEWPOINT"
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YOUNG ISRAEL
3 West 16th St. N.Y.C.

Feb. 7, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

Just a few lines which I hope will stimulate some action on your part.

I just finished listening to the Town Hall Meeting of The Air on which four eminent individuals presented their views on the Palestine question. Sitting and listening to this national broadcast set me thinking and prompted me to utter the following suggestion.

In this crucial period of Zionist history it would be a vital and necessary step for Zionism to let its voice be heard. Why not get one hour each week-some evening at 8 or 9 P.M. for THE VOICE OF PALESTINE. Prominent Jews and Christians, pioneers from Palestine, dramatic stories from the Holy Land, songs, inspiring material -etc. A full hour on a coast to coast hookup would storm the minds and souls of Americans everywhere. But it would only work on a large station-well planned and well executed. Then get the signatures and support of the listeners.

LET US DO BIG THINGS IN A BIG WAY-NOW !

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Please let me hear from you. Sincerely,

Rabbi M. J. Rothman

February 12, 1947

Miss Blanche Tillim, Secretary
Hapoel Hamizrachi of Rochester
610 Joseph Avenue
Rochester, N.Y.

My dear Miss Tillim:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter of January 20. I have been away from the city most of the time and my correspondence has accordingly lagged.

I wish I were free to accept your kind invitation to come to the Hapoel Hamizrachi of Rochester sometime in February. It would have given me great pleasure indeed, but you must know the pressure I am under and the urgent matters which occupy my time and energy, and which will for a considerable time to come. I must forego many engagements which normally I should be most happy to accept.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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MEMORANDUM

DATE February 19, 1947

TO Dr. Isreal Goldstein

FROM Ellis Radinsky

SUBJECT Zionist Expansion Fund

I would like to ask for your assistance on a matter which gravely affects the U.P.A. and the Welfare Funds throughout the country. There seems to be a rather determined effort on the part of some of our Zionists to transfer responsibility for the Z.O.A.'s organizational fund, the Expansion Fund, to the local Welfare Fund. This would be a very serious mistake, even in those communities where the Zionists are in complete control of the Welfare Fund. The inclusion of the Expansion Fund would automatically open up the invasion by every organization, regardless of size or influence for their organizational funds. Thus, the American Council for Judaism in such cities as San Francisco, Chicago, St. Louis, Houston, Philadelphia, etc., would have a completely justified claim for support for their program by the local Welfare Fund. We must recognize that the Zionists would be charged with being responsible for opening a breach which would, undauntedly, result in the destruction not only of the Welfare Fund, but of the combined U. J. A. campaign.

I appreciate that the Zionists are anxious to avoid the multiplicity of campaigns for local Zionist projects, the Zionist Expansion Fund, etc., but statesmanship would require that they contemplate the effect on the organizations and on the Welfare Funds. Obviously, if the Z.O.A. gets its funds from the Welfare Fund, Mizrahi has a claim for its organizational fund, the Labor Zionists for its Emergency Fund, the National Council of Jewish Women, the B'nai B'rith, the Workmen's Circle, the International Workers Order, etc., etc., until complete chaos exists. The strength of the Welfare Fund has been the fact that it was projected on the basis that it supported those programs which have claim on Jews of all ideologies and interests. Any deviation of that, would spell its destruction.

The problem has become very real in Boston, where some of the Welfare Fund leaders and some of the local Zionists are now in the stage of negotiations. It is also real in Atlantic City, where plans are being made to make application to the Welfare Fund.

I know of no matter which is so urgently important and which needs our immediate attention. I would appreciate whatever steps you can take to avert this serious development.

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April 20, 1947

Rabbi Morris J. Rothman
National Council of Young Israel
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My dear Rabbi Rothman:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been out of the country most of the time.

I thank you for your valuable suggestion. We have for some time tried to obtain radio time, but it is extremely difficult. The Zionist movement, being a political movement, falls within the category of political programs where both sides of the controversial issue must be presented. In other words, the anti-Zionists of all shades will claim equal time to answer, and we will be giving the opposition a national platform which it does not now have.

The Zionist Organization of America has for some time been putting on radio programs in a very large number of cities in the United States using Palestine rather than Zionism as the theme. Four new programs have recently been released by the ZOA. It is not for lack of awareness nor for lack of funds that the larger type of program which you have in mind has not been carried out. We are continuing to explore and to watch the situation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sure you will be interested in the attached copy of a letter which I received from Miss S. Udin, Director and Librarian of the Zionist Archives and Library of the Keren Hayesod.

Treasurer

ABRAHAM KRUMBEIN

It has been suggested to Miss Udin that she make available to you complete lists of material asked for by the United Nations and provided to them by us.

Honorary Secretary

LOUIS J. SCHWEFEL

It would seem to me of some importance to keep the Jewish Agency and Emergency Council informed concerning this matter.

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If you have any suggestions to offer, I should be most happy to have them.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Ress

Charles Ress, Chairman
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April 23, 1947

Mr. Charles Ress
Chairman, Administrative Committee
Keren Hayesod
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Ress:

For the past week the Zionist Archives and Library has utilized its resources and staff for the compilation of documents in preparation for the forthcoming Meeting on Palestine of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

1. The Jewish Agency for Palestine here requested certain documents from the Zionist Archives and Library which were provided. We have also supplied them with a complete list of all the documents issued by the Jewish Agency of which the Zionist Archives and Library has almost a complete file; and a list of all the Commissions with the official replies of the Jewish Agency. We made photostat copies of documents for the Jewish Agency for official presentation to the United Nations.

2. We supplied and are supplying material directly to the United Nations. This was done in the following ways:

a. Mr. S. Hartz Rasmussen, Librarian of the United Nations telephoned to tell us that Miss Marie J. Carroll, reference librarian, would come to the Zionist Archives and Library in order to consult the bibliographical aids to documents and secondary material on Palestine.

b. As a result of Miss Carroll's two-day visit to the library, we have sent to the United Nations Library about one-hundred books and pamphlets on Palestine and Zionism. We are now preparing an additional collection of about fifty documents for them. This material will be kept in Flushing Meadows for the use of the research workers for the duration of the meeting.

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c. In addition, upon telephonic requests from the librarian we have forwarded to the United Nations copies of various statements, such as the Roosevelt message to the Zionist Organization of America Convention of 1944 and his statement on the White Paper, as well as the Truman statement of October, 1946, etc. These were sent directly to the Library of the United Nations upon their request for official documentation.

d. We have now established such close relationship between the Zionist Archives and Library and the Library of the United Nations that they telephone to us to check reference to documents, etc.

e. For the last week a research worker of the Trusteeship Committee, Mrs. Erville, with a staff of one or two stenographers, has been working in the Zionist Archives and Library compiling material for a survey on Palestine for the Trusteeship Committee. We have given her basic material and she is in constant consultation with our staff as to what material to use. We have also photostated for her material which is to be found only in our library.

We will be very glad to give you a list of the books and pamphlets which were sent to the United Nations as well as copies of the list of documents issued by the Jewish Agency which we compiled for the Jewish Agency here.

It is indeed gratifying that we are able to render this service.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Sophie A. Udin
Director and Librarian

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May 12, 1947

Mr. M. Rudensky
1274 Carroll Street
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

May I thank you for your kind note and for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I was greatly heartened by your letter. I am pleased that the presentation before the UN has received such widespread approval. I hope that some real good will come out of the deliberations.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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June 10, 1947

Rabbi Simon Resnikoff, President
Riverhead-Greenport Zionist District
Temple Israel
Riverhead, Long Island

Dear Rabbi Resnikoff:

I was highly gratified to learn that a charter as a full-fledged Z.O.A. district has been awarded to your unit. Please accept my hearty congratulations and good wishes. I am confident that under your direction the Riverhead-Greenport Zionist District will continue to grow in numbers and in terms of constructive accomplishment.

I consider the addition of your district as an important acquisition for our organization. It strengthens our organizational structure and enhances our influence in an hour when numbers count and active membership supports our voice.

The special session of the United Nations on the Palestine problem has shown that our case is being understood by many countries. This was particularly manifested in the last days of the Assembly meeting.

However many unpleasant surprises may yet be in store for us. Powerful forces are working relentlessly to frustrate our just aims. As we enter the final stages of our struggle for a Jewish Palestine, requiring presentation of our case to the special investigating committee and subsequently to the full Assembly of the UN, our vigilance and efforts must be redoubled. The success of our struggle will in the final analysis depend upon the measure of our own efforts and devotion. Upon the shoulders of American Zionists there now devolve greater and heavier responsibilities than ever before. Let us exert every ounce of our strength and resourcefulness to rally American public opinion and to impress the nations of the world that entire Jewry stands behind our just claims.

It is gratifying to know that I can count upon your valuable cooperation and upon the active participation in our work by all your associate officers and the entire membership of your district.

With best wishes and Zion's greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

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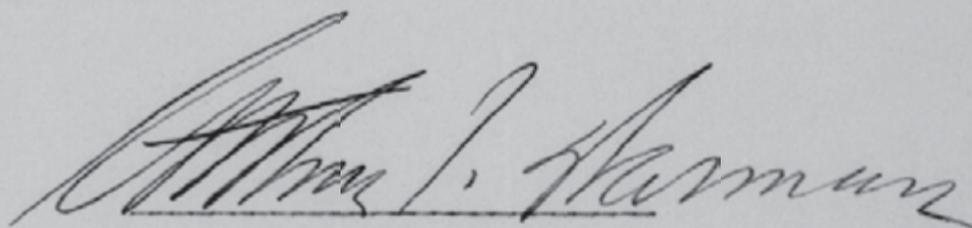
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith please find copy of letter which I have today written to Dr. Emanuel Neumann which is self-explanatory. I believe that you will agree that we are pleading a just cause, and I would appreciate your doing whatever you can to be helpful in this matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,



ARTHUR I. DARMAN
President
RHODE ISLAND ZIONIST REGION

AID/c
Enclosure

June 26th 1947

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Neumann,

I was sorry that I had to leave the meeting last night early in order to catch my train home, and that I therefore had no opportunity to talk with you with reference to getting a representative from the Rhode Island Region on the National Executive Committee. If you recall, I spoke to you, and to others, at the last convention with reference to this same matter, but nothing came of it. I believe that we ought to have a member on the Committee, and that we are entitled to it. Last year, we were told by the Nominating Committee that the first consideration is numerical membership strength, and I wish to point out to you that on the basis of the national office records, we increased our membership by 1185, or 68% from September 30th last year to April 30th this year, as follows:

Newport	Up 12
Pawtucket	Up 217
Providence	Up 832
Westerly	Up 1
Woonsocket	Up 123

Actually, we got considerably more new members than the national office records indicate because of the fact that the national carries delinquent members for several years, and when we get them signed up, they credit the membership against the old account rather than to new membership.

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Dr. Emanuel Neumann,

Further, we have about 350 members signed up in Providence whose names are being sent in to National constantly as fast as their dues are paid. Counting these members, we have increased our membership by 1535, or 88%, and the Providence figure above would read "up 1182."

Dr. Silver was here in Rhode Island last February to address our regional conference, when we had a record crowd of about 1400, and he saw what we in Rhode Island are endeavoring to do to carry through the Zionist program and the enthusiasm of our members. I believe that he will tell you that we are sparing no effort in behalf of the Zionist cause.

The man whom we have in mind for nomination to the National Executive Committee is Mr. Archibald Silverman, who is one of the outstanding Zionists in the country. As a matter of justice, we feel that we should be granted this representation.

With kindest regards, I am

Respectfully yours,

ARTHUR I. LARMAN
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RHODE ISLAND ZIONIST REGION

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