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December 6, 1945

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
Acting President
Zionist Organization of America
1720 Sixteenth St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Neumann:

Between Pearl Harbor Day and through the early months of 1942, the rank and file American, the vast majority of them, were far ahead of our government officials in the necessary spirit to win and get the job over with. It was our own officials who hesitated with war reform measures of stabilization, price control, production control, etc. The country was ready to accept them; the government was afraid to initiate them. When they finally were made, the government learned that it had by its very hesitancy built up an artificial resistance which later in some instances proved very difficult to control.

Today in our Zionist picture we have a similar situation. It is my opinion that the rank and file Zionist member is chafing at the bit. His spirit is far more militant than is manifested by many of his leaders. He is ready for sacrifices and he wants action. He wants done with talk. He swept Silver and the militant leadership into office and now is already becoming impatient with the lack of any new militancy as far as he is concerned. He's still getting notices to send the same telegrams to the same congressmen.

The rank and file Zionist is sick and tired of joining his leaders to stand cap in hand at some government office or other and beg or implore or plead for diplomatic handouts. He knows that he has already sold his efforts these past several years for nothing but a bagfull of promises and a side order of sympathy and he wants a new deal. He no longer wants to beg; he wants to demand.



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There is great danger that unless Zionist leadership today puts into immediate action a program that matches the spirit of the majority of Zionist members that later on it will find the same problems that government had as described in my first paragraph. It will be too late and the spirit will not be there.

I do not know whether you will like some of the things I now suggest but I offer for your consideration the following plan, at least it's a plan. If you don't like this plan, adopt another but adopt one fast. Here it is - in two parts:

Part 1 - A plain talk attitude with the democratic party:

I would suggest that you start at the top of the democratic party political engineers by calling Hannigan and making an early appointment to meet with him and democratic party leaders. Talk turkey. Threaten them with organizing a Jewish vote. Notify them that huge sums of money have already been pledged for this purpose. Tell them we want two things. If the President changed his mind once, he can change his mind again. Give them a very definite deadline - a short period - perhaps two weeks to deliver action and not promises. That action must be in two parts. One, passage of an acceptable resolution by Congress and, two, admission of a hundred thousand Jews to Palestine pending the outcome of the board of inquiry. We want both, not just one of them. Tell them we know all the answers but we're not going to be backed off. Either we get this action within the deadline period or we go to work pronto. We've got nothing to lose.

Be prepared to back up the talk. Our program is

1. We accuse the democratic party of breaking platform pledges.
2. We accuse the party, including Roosevelt and Truman, of doublecross.



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The methods we use shall be

1. Newspaper ads. Definite accusations.
2. The Leominster Plan of Work Stoppage and the veterans' march on Washington.
3. Letters of our intention to every democratic party committeeman in which we tell them that we gave Hannigan et al sufficient notice. We tell them that we feel that the party has tossed us around for twelve years and now we're going to do some tossing on our own.
4. Letters to every state democratic party committeeman and official. These are the boys who can bring the most pressure. These are the boys that are charged with the job of delivering at ballot boxes.

In short, -- a campaign to win respect. If we can't get it on the basis of justice, humanity, fairness, etc. then let's start to get it because we represent two million votes.

Part 2 - A very definite anti-British campaign:

As far as I'm concerned, there should be no limitations to this campaign. It's got to be planned openly so that Britain becomes fully aware of our campaign against them. I believe the first thing that should be done is to arrange a conference with Halifax and the British Embassy. No more asking for anything. Simply serve notice that we're starting on an anti-British campaign that's going to burn their ears off. Talk the same language as the Atlantic City Declaration.

Back it up! Set up a lobbying staff in Washington and organize an anti-British bloc in official Washington. There are plenty of anti-Britishers there now. They need to be organized. Let's organize them openly. Britain must know that we are doing this. We're out to kill the British loan and to oppose every blessed thing that Britain wants from America from now on. We'll stop only when she comes across.



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We must talk plainly in the newspapers, in the radio, and everywhere just as we talked in our Declaration at Atlantic City. Only Zionists for the most part heard our Declaration so far. Now, let the world hear it. Spare no expense in this connection.

Two programs like these outlined above would take some real financing. In my opinion this money could be raised provided it was handled right. I think the entire program ought to be worked out and put on paper and then I'd call to Washington a large specially selected list of Zionists from all over the country. I wouldn't hesitate to say to this group "Here, this is the program. This will cost a million dollars or whatever sum is figured necessary" and I think that the money would be forthcoming. The plan must be complete; it must be daring; it must be filled with teeth. And most important of all, it must be done quickly. It won't be worth a plug nickel if it isn't done soon -- mighty soon.

Sincerely yours,

Emmanuel Selig
EMMANUEL SELIG

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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
President, Zionist Org. of Amer.

DR. DAVID TANNENBAUM
Bureau Director

July 18th, 1946

SPECIAL DELIVERY AIRMAIL

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

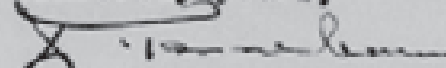
Pursuant to our recent conversation, I am enclosing a statement dealing with the proposed investment corporation. I have tried to make it brief though the subject matter is not too simple.

While in Palestine, I discussed this project with Mr. Julius Simon of the Palestine Economic Corporation, Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, and with certain leaders of Histadrut, particularly of Solel Boneh. They all agreed in principle. Since my return I have also discussed the proposal with Messrs. Szold and Brodie who are inclined to be receptive, and with Mr. Hoofien who stated that he is not "uninterested."

I have not approached Ampal as yet, as I feel that they will fall in line if the project materializes. I have also discussed the matter with a number of the members of the Businessmen's Delegation, all of whom are prepared to support the idea, particularly Mr. Weinstein who felt that he could bring in \$1,000,000 to such a corporation.

If the project is to be carried out, it must receive the full support of yourself and the ZOA. I will be very thankful to have your reactions.

Sincerely yours,



DAVID TANNENBAUM
Director

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*Forward to
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ELIHU D. STONE

ATTORNEY AT LAW

44 SCHOOL STREET

BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

August 8, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, Executive Committee
Zionist Emergency Council
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

While the crisis in Washington is far from over, nevertheless, I desire to express to you my deep appreciation and, I believe, of all the Zionists of New England, for the heroic service you have rendered in frustrating the designs of our enemies in Washington and in London. It is my conviction that the overwhelming majority of American Jewry is behind you in your great battle for the reconstitution of Palestine into Eretz Israel.

It is my judgment that the battle will be long and difficult. Hence, our strategy should be planned accordingly.

I respectfully suggest the following:

1. The implementation and intensification of our efforts to secure the continued support from our Congressmen and Senators. For that purpose I suggest the advisability of appointing a competent person to take charge of that department. A survey must be made of our friends and enemies among all those who are candidates for the office of Congressman in the coming election including, of course, both parties. It is not enough to support our friends and thereby oppose our enemies, but it is of paramount importance that our friends whom we are supporting should be made conscious of that fact. Hence, the person appointed to take care of this particular division of the work should visit as many of the Congressional Districts as possible, for the purpose of contacting the friendly candidate in person, as well as for the purpose of organizing, if possible, a committee of Jewish voters to deal with the situation locally, in accordance with the directions to be given by the representative appointed by the Zionist Emergency Council.

There are many a Jewish citizen in each Congressional District who make campaign contributions. It is imperative that such a campaign contribution should carry with it the reasons for making the same; namely, interest in our Cause

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This applies, also, in all cases where United States Senators are running for re-election. The same procedure should be duplicated. A clear-cut statement of the attitude of the candidates for the United States Senate should be obtained and our support given to our friends who should be made aware of that support.

State elections should also be made our concern, with particular reference to the candidates for the office of Governor and candidates for State legislatures.

I am aware that you are perfectly familiar with the aforesaid subject matter. I find it necessary to write to you for the purpose of urging the translation of these ideas into immediate and concrete action, for which purpose I am suggesting the appointment of a trustworthy person possessed of the necessary knowledge, tact, and experience to carry out this extremely delicate task.

2. In spite of the fact that this proposal may raise the technical question of jurisdiction, nevertheless, I respectfully urge the establishment of a department to deal exclusively with the membership of the United Nations. The matter of Palestine, whether we will it or not, will come up sooner or later for consideration by the United Nations Organization. Since the meetingplace of the U. N. is the United States of America--New York--it becomes your responsibility to deal with it--a responsibility equal to that of the Jewish Agency.

What the Agency attempted to do until now in that direction is woefully inadequate. A department with a competent staff should be created and the work begun for the purpose of cultivating the membership of the United Nations Organization in our direction. This newly created department should be divided into geographical subdivisions for obvious reasons. Thus, Latin-America should be a distinct subdivision, the staff of which should contain a prominent ex-statesman of a Latin American country who enjoys the respect and confidence of the people and rulers of the Latin-American Republics.

Such a prominent Latin-American, if he could be found, should serve as counsel and receive a respectable honorarium. In fact, on the basis of my experience in Latin-American

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countries, I see the advisability of appointing someone immediately for the purpose of visiting Latin-American countries in order to secure their unequivocal support at the meetings of the United Nations, if and when Palestine is placed on the agenda of the U. N.

I found during my visits to the Latin-American countries friendliness and sympathy for our Cause among Latin-American statesmen. However, it is a vague friendship, and at best, our Pro-Palestine committees there can be said to be similar to the Good Will Committees in our own country. This is not to be under-estimated. However, a competent person should visit the countries and, in consultation with local Jewish leadership, approach the key-men in Government in order to secure definite support for our Cause which should be echoed by their respective delegation in the U. N.

Moreover, the situation must be constantly watched as Latin-American countries do not always possess the virtue of steadfastness and constancy. They are inclined to alter their position when alterations come. Hence, we must constantly keep pace with the vicissitudes of time. There are certain methods and means which must be used and employed in Latin-American countries which are peculiar to those countries. Therefore, it is advisable to cultivate the persons who constitute the delegations in New York and the key persons in their particular countries in Latin-America from whom the delegations receive directions. I have reference to the Presidents and Secretaries of State in Latin-American countries, as well as the organs of public opinion in those countries.

I know I am not conveying to you anything new. Again, I wish to emphasize my purpose of writing to you is to emphasize the fact that the thing to do is to do and to do it without delay. We must be prepared; time maybe of the essence.

Similar methods should be applied to other parts of the world. Again, I suggest the advisability of employing a prominent and popular ex-statesman as counsel for each particular subdivision which may be deemed advisable to create for the purpose of dealing with the members of the various delegations in New York and the leadership of their particular countries.

I should like to call your attention to the desirability of coming into contact with Senator Austin of Vermont, the

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Chief United States Delegate-designate. For constitutional reasons, Senator Austin will not officially assume the duties of his office until January. However, he is today one of our key-men in Washington in connection with the United States' international policies. He has been our friend, and I believe he is our friend today. Unless he was already approached through you, immediate contact with him is imperative, since his voice will be an effective factor.

The above suggestions are being made by me in a spirit of helpful cooperation.

As stated in my telegram to you, I am anxious to be of service in this crisis.

The hour is critical; the British are attempting to emulate the Romans; Shabbat Nachamu is here; I hear a voice proclaiming "Panu Derech"....

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Elihu D. Stone

Elihu D. Stone

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P.S. I should like to discuss the subject matter personally at your convenience. Good luck
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E.D.S.

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Dept. of Michigan
M. B. SHABER
Acting Commander

AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

1490 GLYNN COURT

DETROIT 6, MICHIGAN

August 31, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed letter from the British Embassy in response to a detailed letter of mine addressed to Hon. Clement Atlee, deploring the British policy towards the Jews in Palestine in the nullification of the Balfour Declaration.

I pointed out that the Jews have been are real Allies in this war and have greatly sacrificed, while the Arabs were in close co-operation with the Axis. The Arabs do not deserve such good treatment.

Yours very truly,

M. B. Shaber
Vice Commander Post #78,
Amvets, American Veterans World War II

September 3, 1946

Dear Mark Sugarman:

As you realize our movement is daily approaching the crucial period of decision. The responsibility resting upon us is growing correspondingly heavier.

At this moment I feel more than ever, the need of a special fund, which should be at our disposal and expendable at the discretion of two or three persons. We have talked about this on various occasions and I need not therefore elaborate on the purposes of such a fund.

From time to time, a step has to be taken, of vital importance to our cause, involving the expenditure of a sum of money which it would be unwise or impolitic to draw from any of the Zionist funds. At one time it is a question of engaging for a special purpose, the services of an important person in Washington or elsewhere, who would categorically refuse payment from any Zionist organization or institution; or whose connections with our political effort, must, for good reasons, be kept strictly confidential. At another time it may be a question of having something done abroad, of vital importance to our movement.

I believe that after all that we have done in the past few years, there would be a number of friends with sufficient confidence in the leadership and sufficient understanding of the magnitude of the problems which confront us, to be willing to contribute liberally to such a confidential fund, of which I would propose that you, who are Associate Treasurer of the ZOA, and Abe Goodman, who is the Treasurer, should be the Trustees, together with myself.

If, as I hope, you are prepared to take the initiative in this matter, I suggest that you do so with the cooperation of Mr. Goodman and such other friends as you may wish to draw in.

As you know, I rarely approach my friends for funds, however worthy the project; but this matter is so urgent and of such great import, that I have decided in this instance, to depart from my usual practice. I know of your deep interest and I am confident that you will do everything possible to insure the success of this special effort.

With warm regards,

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR

Mr. Mark Sugarman
Savoy Plaza Hotel
5th Ave. & 59th St.
New York, N. Y.

Copy sent to Coatesville, Pa.

September 3, 1946

Mr. M. E. Shaber
American Veterans of World War II
1495 Glynn Court
Detroit 6, Michigan

My dear Mr. Shaber:

Thank you so much for your kindness in sending me the letter which you received from the British Embassy, which I am returning to you. I read it with a great deal of interest.

With all good wishes, and thanking you for your helpful act in writing to Prime Minister Attlee, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR
Enc.

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September 6, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 3rd which came to my hands on the day of my return from California.

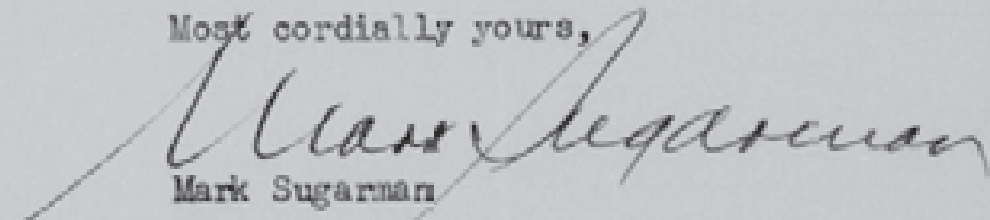
Your letter has given me food for thought and deep appreciation of the fact that you number me amongst your friends.

I am very much interested in the matter and can assure you of my full co-operation.

Emmanuel Neuman called me on the day of my arrival and I advised him that I would first be able to get to New York in the week of September 15th. I understand that Abe Goodman will then have returned from his trip to Florida and you may rest assured that I will consult with both him and Emmanuel when I arrive there and help set the ball rolling.

With kindest personal regards,

Most cordially yours,


Mark Sugarman

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September 10, 1946

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Since my return from the battlefields and concentration camps of Europe I have read with rapt attention your herculean achievements in behalf of our distraught people. I can imagine pretty well what hell on earth you have been going through in an effort to cope with British treachery and American State Department cunning but, thank God, you have been given a powerful physique and an equally powerful mind and character to cope with any such emergencies. I hope that you have been keeping a faithful record of the experiences. They will certainly make most illuminating reading.

I write you this note as one who has also, in his own limited way, put forth some extreme efforts in order somewhat to alleviate the agony and misery of our brothers in Europe, especially as I saw them in the damnable camps and Lagers of Berlin for six and a half months as well as for nineteen months overseas. If there is anything that I can do at the forthcoming Convention to bring the story on the suffering of our people and of the absolutely uncompromising attitude that we must take in regard to Eretz Israel I shall deem it indeed a sacred privilege, for that is what the thousands of good Jews asked me to do when I left them to return to America. There still rings in my ears their heartrending cries, "Rabbiner, vergest uns nicht," and I will never forget them!!! I have been carrying their message into various communities even during the summer and I shall be glad to do it on a larger scale at your command.

I saw your strongly worded article in the Boston Traveler which certainly was a very timely piece. Possibly my own article a few days previously in the same paper has also come to your attention. Among the recent opportunities that were mine, I had the privilege to address the Harvard Summer School, the Memorial Service at the National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars together with Cardinal Spellman and Bishop Sherrill and on several other important occasions and you may rest assured that the British were my Carthago Delenda est and Eretz Israel, I'Am Israel was my Alpha and Omega.

God bless you with health and strength and continued joy in

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the service of our people, despite all obstacles and difficulties. With best wishes for a happy and joyous New Year for yourself and all Israel and in the hope of seeing speedily in our day the establishment of a Jewish National State in Palestine, I am as ever,

Faithfully yours,

Joseph S. Shubow
RABBI JOSEPH S. SHUBOW

ir/s

מי יגן אנחנו בשנה הבאה חתן, שנה טובה
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סליחה לך חתן!
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אך יאמר יחזקאל

September 13, 1946

Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow
36 Portina Road
Brighton, Mass.

My dear Rabbi Shubow:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of September 10.
I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to
me.

I am bringing your letter to the attention of the
Program Committee, which is planning the ZOJ Convention.
I do not know at the moment what the setup will be as
regards the final draft of the program. I believe that
it will be a minimum of set speeches. The desire is to
have active participation in the discussions of vital
Zionist issues by the delegates. I am sure that you will
be able to find an opportunity to bring the story of what
you saw on the continent to the Convention. I shall look
forward with pleasure to seeing you there.

The political situation at the moment is very confused,
and I am afraid that the Zionist leadership in Paris has
helped to confuse it. However, I am hoping that something
good will emerge.

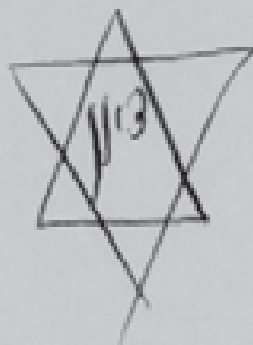
With all good wishes for a very Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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

Thank you exceedingly for the prompt reply which you sent to my letter and I assure you whatever small contribution I can make I shall be more than happy to place at the service of the Zionist movement which I have always cherished more than life itself.

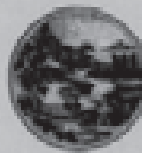
Very sincerely yours,

Joseph S. Shubow

Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow

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COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CLEVELAND, OHIO

September 18, 1946

SAMUEL H. SILBERT
JUDGE

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel & East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

May I be permitted to say to you that your talk of last Sunday afternoon was probably one of your greatest, if it were possible to differentiate and distinguish one great talk from another. May I also say just an additional word on another matter.

I would like to call your attention to the enclosed article by Senator Taylor. The Senator makes the unqualified charge that the State Department is manned largely by Facists. If that charge is true, and it may be - then it might tend to explain why the "White Paper" and other injustices were perpetrated upon our people, and other groups as well. Possibly it might not be a bad idea to look over the personnel of the State Department in that connection, and investigate the background of those connected with it.

You will also note another article which is enclosed to the effect that all talks by Wallace and others should be cleared with the State Department. If that were the situation then I suppose the State Department could do what it pleased and no voice to the contrary could be heard regardless of how necessary it would be to hear the other side of the situation and no matter how Fascistically-minded the State Department actually might be. Isn't this a matter requiring your thoughtful consideration?

You are doing a remarkable job as our champion, and my particular object in writing is to uphold your hands as the Children of Israel in ancient times tried to uphold the hands of Moses.

With best wishes for a happy and joyous New Year to yourself and your family, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

SHS:t

September 19, 1946

Judge Samuel H. Silbert
County of Cuyahoga
The Court of Common Pleas
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sam:

Thank you so much for your kind letter, which I read with real pleasure. You are always most generous in your praise, and I do appreciate deeply all your good wishes.

What Senator Taylor said about the State Department is, to a large degree, very true. Bartley Crum you will recall, a week or two ago, made a similar attack on the State Department, and charged the members of the Near East Division with circumventing and frustrating the Pro-Palestine decisions of the President. This has been going on for some time. We have made numerous representations to the State Department and to the President on this subject. So far we have not succeeded. But we keep on trying.

I trust that you are well, and with all good wishes for the coming year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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September 25 1946

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September 29, 1946.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President,
Zionist Organization of America,
New York, New York.

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I express my full support to your position on the recent decisions of the Executive of the Jewish Agency concerning the Partition Plan. The retreat from our official program was not only a tactical political error at this time, but it was shameful and harmful for the future. After having suffered the severing of Transjordan from our homeland we must insist that no further whittling down of the small territory that now remains can be made, if a self-sufficient community is to be built there which will have to function as a haven for its harassed brethren all over the world.

Not even under extreme pressure must we give up this position and our program with it. Self-governing cantons such as those of Switzerland may well be set up within the country, but the entire country must remain a unit and a Jewish State. I believe the American Zionists together with the Yishuv should immediately demand the resignation of the present truncated Executive and disavow Dr. Goldman and his manoeuvres.

There is only one point in which I cannot but be critical of your actions, namely that you did not go to Paris. You might have been able to forestall the disastrous turn-about with your presence there.

With Zion's greetings sincerely yours,

Russ Cishler

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IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR OUR CAUSE IF INSTEAD OF STATEMENT INTENSIVE

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UNLESS THE POLITICAL PRESSURE IS KEPT ON TO INDUCE ADMINISTRATION TO TRANSLATE

ITS PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS INTO DEFINITE ACTION YIELDING CONCRETE RESULTS WE WILL

AGAIN HAVE BEEN OUTMANEUVERED STOP CAPITAL WILL NOW BE MADE BY ~~THE~~ ADMINISTRATION

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MATTER WHICH WE DISCUSSED. IN VIEW OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IT WOULD BE MOST
HELPFUL IF VANDENBURG WOULD ENERGETICALLY BACK UP ADMISSION OF REFUGEES AND
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ME SENATOR VANDENBURG'S PARIS ADDRESS. KINDEST REGARDS,

Abba Hillel Silver

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October 8, 1946

Mr. Hans Tishler
Department of Music
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Buckhannon, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Tishler:

Thank you so much for your kind letter and for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I appreciate greatly the support which you give to the position which I have taken. It is very heartening.

I did not go to the Paris meeting of the Executive of the Jewish Agency because I was persuaded, as events later proved, that the critical scene for our movement would be Washington, and I had sought to persuade the Executive to meet in the United States rather than in France. Fortunately I was on hand when the Grady-Morrison cantonization report was issued which the President was prepared to sign. It was only as a result of the political action which I succeeded in organizing through the Emergency Council that America's approval to that vicious plan was not given.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dear Dr. Silver:

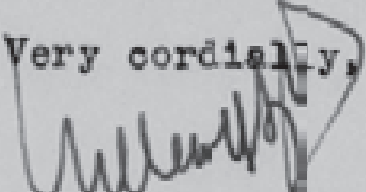
Last night, Philadelphia Zionist Organization held its Opening Membership Rally, and Joe Goldberg, National Chairman of Membership, was one of our speakers.

I thought you'd like to know that his talk was brilliant, and stimulating, and helped us get off to a real start.

I sincerely hope your health is good, and look forward to seeing you at the Convention.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Very cordially,


William H. Sylk

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I have Lavinia Segal letter
to Miss (Mrs.) Anna Simon
telling us with him to New York

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To Benjamin A. Tober, President

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DEEPLY REGRET MY INABILITY TO ACCEPT YOUR GRACIOUS INVITATION. AM LEAVING THE
LATTER PART OF NOVEMBER FOR THE CONGRESS IN SWITZERLAND AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
ACCEPT ANY ENGAGEMENTS OUT OF TOWN PRIOR TO THAT. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS.

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Shubow
Sermon delivered on Saturday, October 26, 1946 by Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow, Boston, at the 49th Annual Zionist Convention held at Atlantic City, October 25 to 29, 1946

Herzl, the Righteous of his Generation

"And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence."

"And God saw the earth and behold it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth."

"And God said unto Noah, the end of all flesh is come before me, for the earth is filled with violence through them, and behold I will destroy them with the earth."

"Make thee an ark of gopher wood and thou shalt daub it with pitch from within and from without."

"And behold I shall bring the flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh, wherein is the spirit of life, from under the Heaven and everything that is on the earth shall perish."

"And I will establish my covenant with thee and thou shalt come into the Ark, thou and thy sons and thy wife and thy sons' wives with thee."

"Now said the Lord unto Noah, come thou and all thy house into the Ark, for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation."

How remarkable are the eternal words of the eternal Book! (Gen. ch's VI-VII)
"The earth was filled with violence," *והארץ מלאה חמס* This sounds like a contemporary document; they ring like the words of a celebrated publicist of our time; "all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth,"

למשל, זהו כי אנו רואים This is a good description of the chaos and lust
for blood which characterized the age of the supremacy of the murderous
Nazis and Japs.

But not many realized the dread and terror that this lawlessness and
corruption implied. The Jews and the liberal forces were like "vox
clamantis in deserto," קול קורא בברכה, "a voice crying in the
wilderness." And not even all the Jews realized the horrors that were in
store for our people--only we the Zionists and we of the American Jewish
Congress realized the full implications of the horrors that were in
store for Israel and for all humanity. The eloquent Norda had correctly
stated the Jews were the seismograph of the world, the delicate instrument
first to record the shocks and upheavals and earthquakes that disturbed
the earth. We knew a terrible monsoon was soon to be unleashed upon the
earth; we reported to the world a flood was about to come upon mankind,
a flood of blood and tears but none would heed us until it was too late.

I have come recently from Europe which is only now beginning to
emerge from the greatest disaster of all time. You should see Europe--
it is a shambles, for Hitler had made it a human slaughter house, a charnel
house; yes, the ruins of Germany are glorious to behold; they are an
inspiration and a joy; "ach wie schön sind die Ruinen & Trümmern von
Deutschland!" the only trouble with them is that there are not enough of
them to teach the arrogant, impudent, murderous and ~~in~~penitent German
people a lesson for all time.

We may rejoice that the Nazis and their supporters lie prostrate
before us and that Germany is a heap of ruins and may it always remain so--
the curse of Sodom and Gomorrah upon them! But woe unto us! What has
become of our people! I saw our gallant and heroic American soldiers
of liberty die and I laid hundreds of them to rest! They died fighting
like men but 6,000,000 and more of our people died like sheep led to the
slaughter שלם אדם ; I know many of them died heroically in the

Ghettos of Europe and notably like mythical heroes of old on the ramparts of Warsaw and many of them fought like the valiant Maccabees and like the *חללי הגטאות* like the flaming zealots in the days of vile Rome under the leadership of Bar Cochba and Rabbi Akiba; I know they battled the cruel and cunning Nazis in the streets, in the hills, in the valleys, in the swamps--they were the fearless partisans; I met many of them; they are among the survivors, but in the main they--our people were worked to death, starved to death, machine-gunned, buried alive, gassed, burned by the hundreds of thousands; almost an entire people massacred--only a few tragic remnants are left!

But even in this awesome tragedy we give thanks unto the Lord for if he had not sent a truly righteous man among us in our generation, we might today indeed be a completely forlorn and devastated people. How many times have we asked ourselves: "What would have been the fate and hope of our few fragments if not for Eretz Israel, if not for the Zionist movement?" What would have been our own spiritual state if not for the energizing force of a reborn and revitalized Jewish people in Palestine!

The extraordinary story we read today from the Bible tells us that in the midst of all the corruption and dissoluteness, cruelty and lawlessness of the ante-deluvian world of Noah, God said to Noah: *בני את תיבת עץ גפרית* --make thee an ark of gopher wood, *והיית אתה וכל ביתך בארובה* and thou shalt come into the Ark; *כי ראיתי אתך צדיק בתמימת דרכיך* "for I have seen thee righteous before me in this generation." In this sense the Noah of our age was the immortal and all righteous Theodore Herzl; he was the prophet of our age and the ark he built for us was the Zionist Movement. He foresaw *through the vision of prophecy*, *באזהרה מן-נבואה*, the coming of the flood; in his age he could read the signs of the times; he saw the whole Jewish people on trial in the trial of Dreyfus; he knew of the anti-Semitic ravings of the Kaiser's court preacher Stecker; he knew only too well the cruelty of the Czar and his black hundreds; Kishinev was but the Czar's prelude of the Hitler butchery

of a third of our world's population and of nearly 75% of European Jewry; he mastered the story of the endless tragedy of the ages and he could foresee the coming of the tidal wave of anti-Semitism in all its hideous horror; he foresaw the flood so he began building an ark for our survival in the midst of the deluge. But remember our sages tell us that when Noah built the Ark, he was ridiculed, scorned and even assaulted; at first they laughed and said; "You build an ark far from the sea, you must be insane," and when the Dor Ha-Mabul, the generation of the flood, saw he persisted, that he went on building his ark for the Lord had commanded him, they began attacking him and they even accused him of angering God and that he would thus bring a flood because of his ark. It is extraordinary how similar the work and foes of Noah are to the labor and enemies of Herzl. Even as Noah was at first ridiculed and later villified and even assaulted, so was Herzl; even as Noah was accused of bringing on the flood by virtue of his building the ark, even so was Herzl charged with opening the flood-gates of anti-Semitism; many of us have heard of Zionists being accused of bringing about Jew-hatred and even Hitlerism! (sic!)

Such has been the sin of our generation. Instead of aiding in the building, many of our people ridiculed and mocked and slandered and maligned the great Herzl and his work of salvation; and those who were guilty were as selfish, stupid, self-indulgent and self-deceptive as were the enemies and detractors of Noah; in the days of Noah the Midrash richly records, the scorers and blasphemers laughed at Noah's pessimism; they said, "Look at what fine gardens and elegant homes we have; we live in luxury, we have wealth, we enjoy every comfort and ease; we cater to every appetite; we have waxed fat; we are gay, and see this fool, he weeps for he says a flood is to come; let us leave this fool and kill-joy and go to our centers of gayety and dance-halls and good eating places." And when mockery and contempt and derision availed them nothing, they began to

attack Noah and his Ark; they tried to break it up; they brought their destructive tools and wanted to smash the Ark but they did not prevail; Noah and his household triumphed!

Can we ever forget the assaults upon Herzl and the Zionist movement? There are men still alive today who called Herzl and Nordau charlatans and impostors; many in the highest places in Jewry cruelly combatted our ideal in England, France and Germany before Hitler and even in our own blessed land. In England, Lloyd George had to ask English Jews if they no longer believed in the Bible when they tried to prevent the Balfour Declaration and an English Jew, ~~the~~ Edwin Montague was chiefly responsible for emasculating the Balfour Declaration; and in America fortunes were spent bitterly assailing Zionism and Zionists; in the early years of the romantic struggle only a few of the fashionable and distinguished rabbis were sponsors of the Cause of Zion. Only Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver came to our movement as young men; there have been and there are others like Dr. Brickner and Dr. James G. Heller; these were notable and brilliant exceptions; our movement was eloquently and passionately championed in the Ghetto by men like Masliansky, Dr. Shmarya Levin, Joseph Barondess and Abraham Goldberg, *aleichen ha-Shalom*, but among members of quasi-elegant Jewish society it was looked upon with suspicion, if not aversion; our richest and most influential Jews in America in those days denounced our movement (one such still does!) they hurled every obstacle in its path and prevented hundreds of thousands of European Jews from migrating to Eretz Israel. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Nahum Sokolow, Justice Louis D. Brandeis, Menachem Mendel Ussishkin, Vladimir Jabotinsky and Nachum Syrkin and Hayyim Nachman Bialik, cried their hearts out at the apparent apathy, stupid smugness of our people in America. Then it was said European Jewry must stew in its own juice, money was given for charity, alms, Kasses, ^{petty} ~~petty banks~~ ^{for} business, soup kitchens, but not ^{for} migration to Eretz Israel, not for Zionism, not for the spiritual survival and political

strength of our people. God forgive my saying so but many American Jews have a share in the destruction of our people in Europe. We were too dull and too obtuse to understand the signs of the times and now our severe critics are beginning to understand and they say,

"also I agree King Solomon was a wise man." Such HasKamah and approval comes almost a generation too late and may be even much later, God forbid.

We Zionists must now shout from the house-tops how true has been our analysis of the sufferings of our people. Herzl foresaw the coming cataclysm, though not even he imagined the calamity that has overwhelmed us in all its scope of unspeakable tragedy but we can imagine what a forlorn and helpless people we would be today, Heaven forbid, without the Zionist Movement; we would be worse than orphaned; without Zionism we would become a moribund people, reduced to a pallid anemic quasi-religiosity, doomed to death; without the Zionist Movement we would not today have a fearless, dauntless, heroic Yeshub of 700,000 and more and more! Thus may they multiply rapidly, adamantly determined to war against all that dare lay their polluting hands on our sacred Binjan ha-Aretz, rebuilding of the land; without Zionism I can tell you from personal experience and work among our agonizing D.P.'s, life would have long ago lost all its zest and there would have been mass suicides in the camps; Shivath Zion is for them their very breath of life and they say that all who stand in their way and prevent or delay the return of the Shearith ha-Betulah, ~~the~~ will be cursed and damned by God and man. And we say, Amen u-Amen ! Only the Zionist Movement could have given those broken and shattered beings--our flesh and blood--the will to live and the determination to fight for their right to live as free men. Of course the Zionist ideal was born in the very flames that devoured the Second Temple 1876 years ago and we have been invisibly and inseparably linked to Zion by our daily and Sabbath and festive prayers,

by our religious rites, in life and death, at birth and at marriage, in our hopes and in our dreams but it was the creation of the Zionist movement by Theodore Herzl that fashioned for us the Ark wherein our pioneers of Eretz Israel and lovers of Zion everywhere have found refuge and protection from the flood of hatred that nearly engulfed us.

The sages have said that דור, Torah, ARK, was a Roshai Tavoik for Torah, Bineh, and Havtakah, "Learning", "Wisdom" and "Faith"; we would indeed be a pauper people spiritually if not for Zionism; the Zionist movement through Eretz Israel and in the Galuth has brought about a revival of Hebrew learning, a renaissance of Jewish science and a rebirth of the faith of the Jew in himself, in his people, and in his destiny.

Without belittling the work of the Hovevei Zion, the Lovers of Zion, all this is essentially the work of the immortal Herzl: 46 76

all this is essentially the work of the immortal Herzl:

אלה הן המילים אשר נאמרו ביום הזה בברית אלה האנשים הנבחרים.

"These are the generations of Noah, Noah was a righteous man and perfect in his generations and Noah walked with God." There are two versions of the greatness and righteousness of Noah, the one of Rabbi Jehu'ah and the

other of Rabbi Nehemiah. I prefer the latter; ר/ע נח/ נח/ע נחמ/ 's

קברתו ביה צדיק, אלא ביה קברו של אשה או קברו של אשה דאבא; אלא
צוויג של אברהם, אקבר צדיק של אברהם בין קברו ופיה יתה טבא אלא

Rabbi Nehemiah used to say; "if Noah was righteous in his time; then if he

had lived in the generation of Moses, or in the generation of Samuel, he

would have surely been righteous; we may compare this to a flask of

perfume lying among graves and its fragrance is wafted in the air; if it were not among graves, how much more fully could we scent its sweet odor!

Herzl indeed did live in a time when Jewish life, notably in the West of

Europe and in America was becoming virtually a morgue, a cemetery, and

neropolis, a city of the dead: it was the time of the Gay Nineties and

ultra-liberalism of the early 20th Century; a colorless universalism and

panacea socialism and scientific materialism were carrying the day and

the Jews were among the first to surrender to these would-be ultra modern

allurements; it was in this make-believe dream-world that Herzl proclaimed his Judenstaat and foretold of the coming flood of hatred! The grandeur of his spirit, the majesty of his personality, the righteousness of his cause, the clarity of his vision, the heroic courage of his conviction and his undying love for his people, make us and countless generations to come his everlasting debtors. He bequeathed to us a divine heritage and we will guard it with our lives, with our fortunes and with our sacred honor.

"Now the Lord said unto Noah, come thou and all thy house into the Ark, for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation."

But not all of us have had the faith and the vision and the courage of the Tsaddik Herzl. We have rebelled; we have quarrelled; we have been carping critics; we have often been a house divided against itself; we have been torn by rifts and dissensions; we have been impatient and fretful; we expected Zion to be built over-night like the gourd of Jonah; we did not always realize that to build permanently we must build firmly and shoot our roots deep into the soil of Eretz Israel; when there were riots some were prepared to give up and run away--not they in Palestine but we in America; when the Nazis threatened the Near East and were almost at the gates of Eretz Israel, some disloyally began to say it was good more money and more men had not been planted in Palestine and when the contemptible British imperialists began their vile game of power politics and oil interests at the expense of the Yishub and the sorrowful survivors, some again questioned the wisdom of our Zionist movement; these have been the Ketanai Emonah--those of little faith. And for these skeptics and doubters we have the gloriously inspiring words of Isaiah whom we have read this morning in the Haftarah, for this was the faith of Herzl:

"Who hath heard such a thing?
Who hath seen such things?
Is a land born in one day?
Is a nation brought forth all at once?
For as soon as Zion travailed
She brought forth her children.

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem
And be glad with her, all ye that love her;
Rejoice for joy with her
All ye that mourn for her.

"For thus saith the Lord:

"Behold I will extend peace to her like a river,
And the wealth of nations like an overwhelming stream,
And ye shall be nourished by it;
Ye shall be borne upon the side
And ye shall be dandled upon the knees;
As one whom his mother comforteth
So will I comfort you.
And ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

(Isaiah, ch. LXVI).

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New York, November 7, 1946

The Executive of the ZOA
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver and Dr. Newman:

I must depart for Europe on November 21, 1946, since I shall represent the World Jewish Congress at its European Conference in Paris.

I shall attend the Zionist Congress in my capacity as member of the Actions Committee, and I should like to join the delegation of the ZOA as a member of the latter.

As the last President of the World Union of General Zionists (Group B), I would like to participate in the deliberations of the praesidium of the Confederation of the General Zionists, since the Union and Confederation have merged.

Very sincerely yours,

I. Schwarzbart

IS:nr

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Confederation of General Zionists
c/o Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

New York, November 7, 1946

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Dear Dr. Silver and Dr. Newman:

I received a letter from Poland informing me that the Zionist parties have reached an agreement as to the distribution of the number of delegates to the World Zionist Congress. The distribution is as follows: the Iohud (General Zionists) only was allotted 5 delegates; the United Left Wing Zionist Parties, 10; and Mizrachi, 2. As you see, our friends from the left have the majority of delegates.

Out of 80 General Zionist Kibutzim in liberated Poland, only 32 remained at the beginning of September 1946, as a result of the wave of emigration from Poland. This explains, to a certain extent, the small number of General Zionist delegates. But, on the other hand, the exodus also included many members of the left-wing Kibutzim, so that the reason for the distribution still remains somewhat unclear for the time being.

I do not know whether you already have any statistics of the probable number of General Zionist delegates to the Zionist Congress. In any case, I should like to give you my approximate figures, based on provisional information. From all the countries in Europe, we may expect between 30-33 General Zionist delegates; from Asia, which actually means only Palestine, Shanghai, and India, no more than 5. You know that the defeat of General Zionism in Palestine is almost a complete one. From Africa, we may expect about 5; the American Continent will send about 10-12, in addition to the 40 from the United States; from Australia and New Zealand, perhaps 1 or 2. This makes about 90-95 in all, or no more than 30% of the total number of delegates to the Congress.

In view of this situation, I believe that we should try to come, at least for Congress purposes, to an understanding and means of cooperation with the Hadasaah delegates, who are, in fact, also General Zionists. This would give the Confederation of General Zionists, though not a decisive, yet a considerable

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Confederation of General Zionists
c/o Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver and Dr. Newman:

I received a letter from Poland informing me that the Zionist parties have reached an agreement as to the distribution of the number of delegates to the World Zionist Congress. The distribution is as follows: the Ichud (General Zionists) only were allotted 5 delegates; the United Left Wing Zionist Parties, 10; and Mizrachi, 2. As you see, our friends from the left have the majority of delegates.

Out of 80 General Zionist Kibutzim in liberated Poland, only 32 remained at the beginning of September 1946, as a result of the wave of emigration from Poland. This explains, to a certain extent, the small number of General Zionist delegates. But, on the other hand, the exodus also included many members of the left-wing Kibutzim, so that the reason for the distribution still remains somewhat unclear for the time being.

I do not know whether you already have any statistics of the probable number of General Zionist delegates to the Zionist Congress. In any case, I should like to give you my approximate figures, based on provisional information. From all the countries in Europe, we may expect between 30-33 General Zionist delegates; from Asia, which actually means only Palestine, Shanghai, and India, no more than 5. You know that the defeat of General Zionism in Palestine is almost a complete one. From Africa, we may expect about 5; the American Continent will send about 10-12, in addition to the 40 from the United States; from Australia and New Zealand, perhaps 1 or 2. This makes about 90-95 in all, or no more than 30% of the total number of delegates to the Congress.

In view of this situation, I believe that we should try to come, at least for Congress purposes, to an understanding and means of cooperation with the Hadassah delegates, who are, in fact, also General Zionists. This would give the Confederation of General Zionists, though not a decisive, yet a considerable

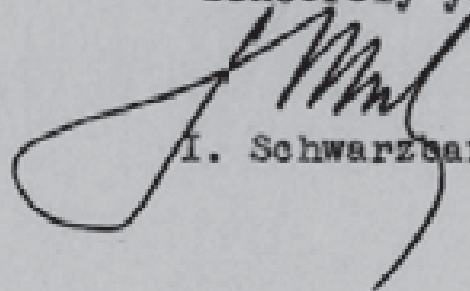
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G.P.O. 1869K

New York. November 13, 1946

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION
WHO ARE NOW IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Friends:

1. In my capacity as a member of the Executive of the World Jewish Congress and as Head of its Organization Department, I am responsible for the strength and development of the Congress, which has its constituents in over 50 countries. One of the foremost prerequisites for the strength of the World Jewish Congress are the good relations and harmonious cooperation between the WJC constituents and the Zionist organizations in their respective countries. These relations have deteriorated greatly in countries like Australia, India, South-Africa, France, Hungary, North-Africa, Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico and the United States. There are sometimes open clashes between Zionist parties and World Jewish Congress representatives. This tense and sometimes even hostile relation leaks through even in the press. As a classical example, which is, however, not the only one, I should like to mention the article printed by Jechiel Halpern in the Palestine monthly "Batelem", in which Mr. Halpern states that the World Jewish Congress is not only a superfluous, but also a harmful organization. I am ready to substantiate my statement in detail orally.

2. If I am not mistaken, one of our Zionist Congresses carried a resolution in support of the World Jewish Congress. It is needless to say that, in my opinion, the World Jewish Congress is one of the most influential supporters of Zionist aims and activities. It is, in my opinion, superfluous to elaborate on this statement as far as you are concerned, dear friends of the Executive of the Zionist Organization. Seven members of the Executive of the World Jewish Congress are now going to participate as delegates in the Zionist Congress. Those who remain in New York are also Zionists. There is a diversity of opinion as to the advisability and usefulness of the WJC in these times following the catastrophe of our people. The Palestino-petal tendencies are evidently or rather self-evidently growing, but even under the present circumstances, the World Jewish Congress with its mission to keep alive, to strengthen and to protect the scattered fragments of our people in the Galuth should, in my opinion, be regarded as the most valuable support for the Zionist movement. It is therefore completely understandable to me why these misunderstandings and tensions between the World Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization are constantly growing, to the benefit and satisfaction of the political adversaries of both Zionism and the World Jewish Congress. We have tried through various channels to change this deplorable situation, but so far with very little success.

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The World Jewish Congress is now on the eve of its second world session and peaceful collaboration with Zionist organizations the world over is of burning urgency for our work. Never before did the World Jewish Congress have to fulfill such a great task, from the national viewpoint, as today when assimilationist tendencies, weariness, and opportunism are developing dangerously.

3. Because of all these reasons, I use this opportunity of the presence in the United States of seven members of the Executive of the Zionist Organization to propose that:

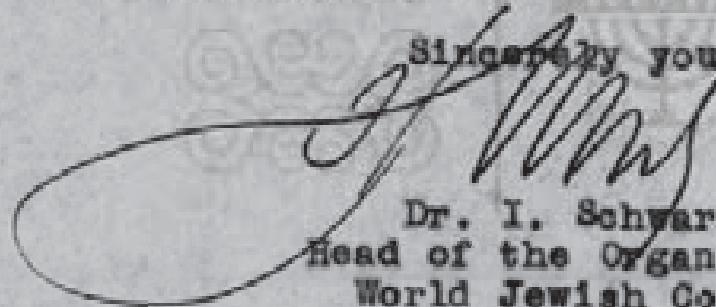
a) we meet not later than Tuesday evening, November 19, if possible, at the offices of the Jewish Agency, in order to discuss the entire problem.

* b) an official statement be issued by the Executive of the Zionist World Organization addressed to all Zionist organizations the world over urging the support of the World Jewish Congress and in favor of a harmonious collaboration of both national organizations.

Yand myself too

I am awaiting your reply. I would like to mention that some of the members of the Executive of the World Jewish Congress are expected to leave for Europe on the 21st of November. This is the reason why I proposed a relatively early date for our meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. I. Schwarzbart
Head of the Organization Department
World Jewish Congress

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Confederation of General Zionists
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find a clipping from the London Jewish Times dealing with the outcome of the Zionist elections in Great Britain. I think it may be of some interest to you. The writer, Mr. S. Golischmidt, a general Zionist, is well known to me. The gist of his article is that only 16,000 persons voted out of 66,000 who bought shekalim. The percentage is somewhat better than here in the United States, but it is still very bad compared with the high percentage of voters in Palestine.

These figures prove that something is wrong with our machinery. We are fooling ourselves with the high number of sold shekalim and this seems to me to be a great danger for our movement since we are soothing our conscience with illusions. I am convinced that my opinion is shared by many of us. It seems to me ~~first~~ that the following two conclusions should be drawn from this state of affairs very soon: (1) Shekalim should not be sold to indifferent people, (2) Efforts should be made in an organized manner that indifferent people become interested. What I am stating here is an old truism, but nevertheless remedy must be looked for. I am therefore sending this clipping which deserves consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

I. Schwartzbart

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G.P.O. 1869K

New York

January 6, 1947.

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I would have liked to listen to your report in the Manhattan Center this evening and might possibly have added some remarks of my impressions of the Zionist Congress.

Unfortunately, however, I am confined to bed as a continuation of my illness which started in Basle. That is the reason why I cannot be present.

With very sincere wishes to you personally,

for Dr. I. Schwarzbart.

Nina Kaplan

I am dictating this letter from my bed at home and in order not to delay it, I am asking my secretary to sign it on my behalf.

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ELIHU D. STONE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
44 SCHOOL STREET
BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

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January 7, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Indeed, the course pursued by the Congress in Basel is a magnificent tribute to your leadership. It followed practically the decisions of the last Zionist National Convention at Atlantic City. It was a difficult and trying Congress for all concerned; it could not have been otherwise. It has written a new and bold chapter in the history of our Movement.

It must be remembered that the background of the Congress was the six million Jewish dead, whose voices cried unto us from their unknown graves. Thus the Congress was a reflection of the overwhelming Jewish tragedy and of the hopes and faith of the surviving homeless Jewish remnant in Europe.

Please accept my congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of your assumption of a greater burden and responsibility in the World Zionist Movement at this historic moment in the life of our people and Eretz Israel.

I shall be happy to give you my complete and fullhearted cooperation.

It is my sincere hope that I may be granted the opportunity to render service.

With kindest personal regards,

Handwritten signature

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Elihu D. Stone

ELIHU D. STONE

AMERICAN FEDERATION FOR POLISH JEWS

225 West 34th Street, New York 1, N. Y.

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DR. JOSEPH TENENBAUM
President

January 9, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Temple
East 108th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing to you in the name of the American Federation for Polish Jews about a matter that is as dear to your heart as it is to mine. It concerns an old friend and co-worker of ours, a Zionist almost since his early youth, and the leader of Polish Jewry, Dr. Emil Sommerstein, who unfortunately since he came to this country has become ill. His wife too, is ill and confined to a hospital and now, through the intervention of friends, we were able to get his daughter and son-in-law into the United States on temporary visas, to take care of him and his wife. All of them are here on temporary visas.

The most important plea that Dr. Sommerstein is making, and we in his behalf, is to help legalize the status of his son-in-law and daughter and their six months old baby. Dr. Mosze Temozyn, the son-in-law is a great hero in his own right of the Polish underground, a colonel in the Polish Army, a man of almost legendary exploits during the war against Hitlerism.

I enclose herewith the data on these people and he and I and all the officers of the Federation, ask you to use your influence with some of the important men in Congress to take up the matter, which I am informed, can only be settled by an Act of Congress. Such things, I understand, are being done in cases of emergency. I know very well how terribly busy you are now and what a burden rests on your shoulders, but nevertheless, I think we must do all we can for an old friend and comrade, Dr. Sommerstein, who has been so hard hit by circumstances over which he has no control.

With many thanks and kindest regards,

Very cordially yours,

Joseph Tenenbaum
Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum
President

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TEM CZYN, Mosze or Michal

Born August 5, 1909 in Pinsk - medical doctor

Passport No. SER IV 0777 #6482 issued by the Foreign Office in Warsaw on August 23, 1946. Valid until February 23, 1948. Has a visitor's visa issued by the American Embassy in Warsaw August 28, 1946, #11.

TEM CZYN, Mira

Born January 19, 1912 in Lwow

Passport No. SER IV 0776 #6481 issued by the Foreign Office in Warsaw on August 23, 1946. Valid until February 23, 1948. Has a visitor's visa issued by the American Embassy in Warsaw August 28, 1946 #12.

To the passport of Mira Temczyn a child was included, namely, Jakob Temczyn, born May 19, 1946, in Warsaw.

The above arrived in New York on the "Ile de France", November 20, 1946. The immigration officer in New York has granted them a 60 day stay. On December 31, 1946, they applied for an extension of six months presenting a certificate by Dr. Wechsel about the health of Dr. Sommerstein

January 12, 1946

Mr. Elihu D. Stone
44 School Street
Boston 8, Mass.

My dear Elihu:

Thank you so much for your lovely letter, which I enjoyed reading. I was very happy that you were able to attend the Congress and that you were able also to make an important contribution.

I have received many heartening letters from all parts of the country. I hope that we shall be able to make some progress during the next few weeks, which are going to be rather critical.

It is important that the resolutions of the Congress, the motives, the change of administration, etc. be clearly explained to our people, for there are quite a few mischief-makers determined to confound the judgment of our Zionists and to create bad blood. You have a fine opportunity to do work in this direction in New England.

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

Most cordially yours,

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January 16, 1947

My dear Dr. Tenenbaum:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 9. I have also heard from Dr. Sommerstein.

I am wondering whether your own organization should not directly contact the Government in this matter and whether the American Jewish Congress or the World Jewish Congress, with whom Dr. Sommerstein has been in close contact, should not interest itself in the matter. I am so overburdened with work that I cannot, in justice to myself and my health, undertake additional responsibilities. If after you have made the necessary contacts you will need my intervention with one or two people, I shall be most happy to do so.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, President
American Federation for Polish Jews
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February 7th, 1947

Mr. I. Henry Schwartz, President
Agudas Achim Congregation
822 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I was extremely happy to learn from Rabbi Saul Leeman of the action taken by your congregation in voting to affiliate its entire membership with the Zionist Organization of America. May I extend to you and your associates as well as to the congregational membership my sincerest congratulations and gratitude upon taking this decision.

The enrollment of your congregation in the organized ranks of the Z.O.A. will be of significant aid to our efforts to secure justice for our people. In joining our ranks, every member of the Agudas Achim identifies himself with the valiant struggle of the Palestine Yishuv for national liberation, so that our people may be permanently rehabilitated on its own soil in a Jewish Palestine, and bring about an end to Jewish homelessness.

The tasks and responsibilities facing American Zionists are grave and heavy indeed. Upon our shoulders has been placed the major burden of carrying forward the fight for the rights of our people. To carry out this historic task, we must have the support, backed by the organized will, of a united American Jewry. A strong Z.O.A. membership will strengthen our hands and serve as an encouragement to the Yishuv of Palestine.

It is therefore with particular gratification that I welcome every member of the Agudas Achim Congregation into the ranks of the Z.O.A.

With warm regards and Zion's greetings,

Cordially yours,

AHS:gg

Abba Hillel Silver.

COLEMAN SILBERT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1130 TREMONT BUILDING
73 TREMONT STREET - BOSTON, MASS.

February 26, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Rabbi,

I am enclosing suggested topical outline for presentation of our case before non-Jewish audience in accordance with my conversation with you at the Boston Symphony concert.

I have spelled out several of the arguments which are usually overlooked or not clearly explained.

I have submitted the outline to Messrs. Morris Michelson and Ben Ulin, who have made suggestions which I have incorporated.

Sincerely yours, .

Coleman Silbert

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March 1, 1947

Mr. Coleman Silbert
1130 Tremont Building
73 Tremont Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Silbert:

Permit me to thank you for your letter and for the outline of a suggested address which would present our case to non-Jewish audiences. I am grateful to you for the trouble which you took in making this draft. I am taking it along with me to the Administrative Committee of the ZOA which will meet tomorrow in Pittsburgh, and I shall request our educational department to make it available to all our speakers who present our case to non-Jewish groups.

With all good wishes and again thanking you for the trouble you took in drafting your very helpful outline, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

March 6, 1947
14th Day of Adar, 5707

Judge Harry M. Fisher
County Building
Chicago, Illinois

and Albert R. Epstein

My dear Judge:

I had hoped that it would not be necessary for me to write you regarding the following, but I find that the time has come for a clearer understanding.

The Zionist Organization of Chicago is represented on the National Executive Committee of our parent organization, the ZOA, by you, having been elected upon the recommendation of the Chicago group. You are also a member of the ZOC Executive. I think you will agree that in view of the above our organization is entitled to active representation on these committees by you. We should have regular monthly reports by our representatives on the National Executive of its meetings, and we should also have the support of these representatives in the various projects of the Zionist Organization of America. It may be true that you do not see eye to eye with our present National Administration which is, of course, your prerogative; yet it is necessary that every section of our community participate in the affairs of our organization either through the National Executive Committee, the National Administrative Council, or the local ZOC Executive.

Two of the main reasons that bring me to write this letter at this time are that nationally and locally we are currently engaged in the Expansion Fund Campaign and a Membership Enrollment Campaign -- both campaigns being of such great importance as might well affect the future of the Zionist Movement. I am sure that you will agree with me that had our leaders in the ZOA of years gone by seen the importance of enrolled numbers in the Zionist Movement we would today have the enrollment in numbers and the financial means to carry on our work. Politically numbers count. Financially we can and must do a job of education and public relations work.

Chicago has been assigned a quota of \$60,000 for the Expansion Fund. Chicago has been assigned a quota of 25,000 members. Yet these assignments had to come to us not through the hands of our representatives on the National Executive who could have, if they were present at its sessions, argued for or against the assignments, but through the office and officers of the ZOA.

This is not a healthy condition for the local organization, nor for the Zionist Movement. The time has come when, as President of the Zionist Organization of Chicago, I must ask you to actively participate in our organization locally and nationally in the capacity of your office. We cannot live and go forward on what has been in the past. Your disagreements with national policy does not relieve you

Judge Harry M. Fisher

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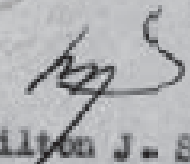
of this responsibility. If, for instance, in the future there should be a change in administration suitable to you, I am sure you will agree that this new administration will need a large membership and the financial structure to carry on its program. For myself, I can assure you, should this ever come about, and should I, for instance, not agree with that administration as to its policies, I would still be in there pitching as a Zionist, interested in the success of our movement.

It is shameful for Chicago in these times not to have a larger membership enrollment, and I respectfully call upon you to devote yourself during this Mobilization Campaign to this end.

As for the National Expansion Fund and Chicago's quota of \$60,000, it is as much your job as mine to see to it that these funds are raised in the shortest possible period of time, and I feel that our national officers should make themselves responsible for securing not less than \$5,000 apiece in Chicago through their own efforts.

I hope that you will understand my purpose in writing the above and take it in the spirit with which it is intended and that is that the Zionist Movement in these crucial days of our movement and our people will have the sinews of finances and membership to battle with our enemies. I trust you will appreciate the motive that prompts me to write to you and that we shall be favored with your prompt response and activation.

With kind personal regards and Zion's greetings,


Milton J. Silberman
President

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March 7, 1947

Mr. Archibald Silverman, President
General Jewish Committee of Providence, Inc.
203 Strand Bldg.
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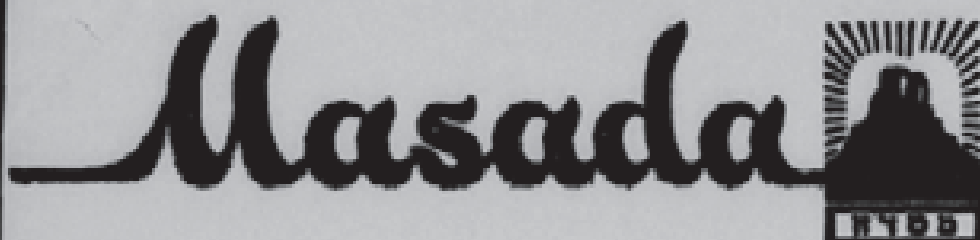
My dear Friend:

Our office in New York has informed me that Providence has sent to the ZOA a check in full payment of its quota to the ZOA Expansion Fund. We are indeed deeply grateful to you and to the General Jewish Committee of Providence for this generous contribution to a most worthy cause in a very critical hour in the history of our movement. The action of Providence will be an inspiration, I am sure, to other communities.

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

Most cordially yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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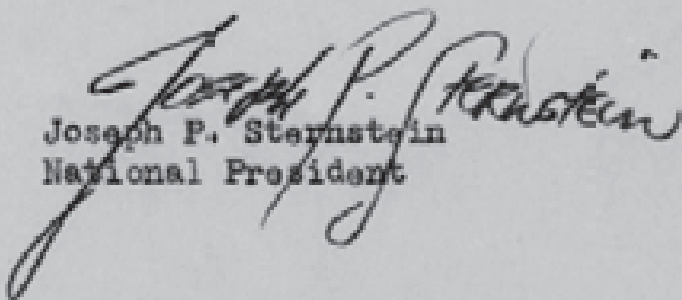
Dear Dr. Silver:

This letter is in the nature of a confirmation of our brief talk which followed the meeting of the Executive of the Emergency Council on Monday regarding the possibility of your meeting with the joint national boards of Masada and Junior Hadassah as well as representatives of Plugat Aliyah upon your earliest opportunity.

The purpose of this meeting would be to provide you with an opportunity to meet directly with the leadership of the General Zionist youth constituency in this country and to provide an occasion for an exchange of views upon subjects which I am sure are important to you as well as to ourselves.

We await with eagerness your early favorable reply.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph P. Sternstein
National President

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April 28, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President
Zionist Organization of America
342 Madison Ave.
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

All our Boston papers have been carrying the inclosed story from the United Nations Assembly Hall. It is a fascinating statement and thank God that we have you in the roll as President of the Organization today.

We all hope and pray that you will be given the opportunity to appear before the United Nations as protagonist of our sacred cause against the rhumba-dancing Prince Faisal. The world will then see quite clearly the justice of the case of Israel and the groundlessness of the so-called Arab case. Your remarkable training as a Rabbi and teacher and leader in Israel will stand you in good stead as you present our case against "the Son of the Desert." Your intellectual development and your morale discipline will now be fully compensated. Who knows, maybe as the Midrash beautifully and richly tells us *about* some of the great leaders in Israel it is for just an occasion that you have been steeled through years of struggle, combat, study, and discipline in behalf of our people. I can very well imagine the winged words of fire that will come from you in the name of the 6,200,000 who perished, in the name of the 13 centuries of agony and suffering, in the name of the weeping and lamentation of our people throughout the ages, through our prayers and fast days in behalf of Zion restored, and in the name of the few sparse shattered survivors in the D.P. camps, who have no other hope but Eretz Israel; it will be a great human experience in the history of Culture to hear and read your remarks as contrasted with the glib utterances of the Son of a cut-throat, oily, oriental Sheikh, fattened by depraved, western, imperialistic interests and a boon companion of the Nazi murderers who would gladly, if he could, institute the crematoria and gas chambers in the Near East.

All the world will watch for the outcome and will wait with baited breath to see this great spiritual gladiatorial contest between Rabbi and Sheikh, between justice and tyranny. On the decisions of the United

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President, Zionist Organization of America

Nations as a result of this great debate will depend perhaps the future of Humanity, and if the United Nations should, God forbid, find for the rhumba-dancing Hitler-partner of Saudi Arabia against the children of Israel, the world will and must perish, but if the United Nations are influenced by a sense of justice, we may live to see the dawn of the Messianic Era.

God's blessings upon you; may your ways prosper, may the spirit of the Prophets of old rest upon you and may we live to see Israel triumphant and Zion restored. Amen.

Ever in deepest admiration,

Very cordially yours,

Joseph S. Shubow
RABBI JOSEPH S. SHUBOW

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P.S.

Our Boston papers have also carried the wonderful American Zionist Emergency Council Ad with the pictures and statements by Lord Rothschild, David Lloyd George, Churchill, Late Rev. Lang, Morrison, and Attlee. That too is a great achievement. More power to you.

Fondest regards to your highly gifted and thoroughly sincere co-worker
Dr. Emanuel Newman.

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May 2, 1947

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing this letter in response to Dr. Sidney Mark's telegram to contact you in Cleveland by telephone or letter -- while I prefer to talk to you personally the telephone strike makes it impossible, hence this letter.

There are a number of gentlemen in Michigan who might be of value to our cause because of their intimate relationship with Senator Vandenburg.

There are two brothers, Lou and Mandy Brown, who live next door to Senator Vandenburg. The father of these two fellows contributed considerably to Senator Vandenburg's rise to his present position.

There is also Mr. Lou Luckoff, of the advertising agency of Bass, Luckoff and Wayburn, who was one of the key figures in 1940 in attempting to boost Vandenburg for the republican nomination to the presidency. It is my understanding that Mr. Luckoff is now engaged in the job for further promotion for 1948. We also have a Mr. Ed Levy, who is more or less intimate with Senator Vandenburg and might be of considerable assistance.

I merely name these three gentlemen who I know would definitely be willing to cooperate with you in any manner possible. There are also others. Naturally, I leave it to your discretion as to what further action you might want to take in this matter.

If you think it is advisable to meet with these people on Tuesday when you are expected here in Detroit, please wire immediately and we will arrange for such a meeting at a time designated by you.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Seymour Tilchin
Seymour Tilchin

Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President
41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

May 7, 1947

Dear Friend:

I want to share with you a single aspect of my concern with reference to our prospects at Flushing Meadows at the deliberations of the United Nations.

It is no easy task to create the opportunity for World Jewry to be heard at this forum of world opinion. Our struggles, our sacrifices for democracy, the shocking spectacle of 6,000,000 martyred dead seemingly make little impress upon a calloused civilization. At this moment the prospects of the world are obscured. There is no freedom from the fears which afflicted all peoples during the uneasy truce between the great wars.

Jewry continues to be "ghettoized" at the conference of the nations. Jewry remains behind railings which are equally as forbidding as the closed gates of the Middle Ages. We are "voiceless" while Arab falsehoods are paraded before the nations of the world ----- Arabs who hid in their tents when catastrophe threatened the world and Jewry rose embattled to the very heights of courage; the same Jews who are soon forgotten.

In this struggle for justice and right for our people, we need the enlistment of our maximum strength. The Jewish Agency for Palestine will be asked for how many enrolled Zionists they speak. We need now this "force of numbers." We must speak for you and your neighbors.

I appeal to you to re-enroll and enroll every adult Jew into the ranks of the Zionist Organization of America. Do it now because it can only be helpful in the today of political action, not in any tomorrow.

I know I can count on your cooperation. Let me hear from you in these respects.

Cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

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SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONIST FEDERATION.

P.C.Box 18,
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9th May, 1947.

The Secretary,
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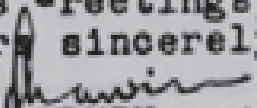
Dear Sir,

re: 21st Biennial S.A. Zionist Conference.

I have been asked by my Executive Council to bring to your notice that the 21st Biennial South African Zionist Conference has been convened to take place in Capetown, on Wednesday 9th July, 1947. Since our Conference will be attended by delegates from all over the Union of South Africa, and also from as far afield as the Rhodesias and the Belgian Congo, and moreover meets shortly before the General Assembly Meeting of the United Nations in September next, the Federation would greatly appreciate receiving from you a special message to be read out at the Conference. I would suggest that you send us this message either by cable or airletter so that it will reach us in good time for the opening session of the Conference on Wednesday night the 9th July, 1947.

Looking forward to hearing from you in due course.

With Zion's Greetings,
Yours sincerely,


E. UDWIN.
SECRETARY.
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

AIR LETTER



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The Secretary,
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May 12, 1947

Mr. Seymour Tilchin
Zionist Organization of Detroit
1044 Penobscot Building
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mr. Tilchin:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of May 2. I am grateful to you for bringing to my attention the names of those who know Senator Vandenburg and who might be helpful in connection with our work. I shall be most happy, at the proper moment, to get in touch with them.

I am sorry that I did not get to Detroit last Tuesday because my presence was demanded at Lake Success in connection with our work.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AMS:BN

May 14, 1947

Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow
Temple Bnai Moshe
96 Chestnut Hill Avenue
Brighton 35, Mass.

My dear Shubow:

Thank you so much for your kind letter which I read with great pleasure. I am deeply grateful to you for all your good wishes.

As you probably know, the Jewish Agency was given the opportunity to present its case before the UN last Thursday. From the reaction, generally, the presentation was not an unworthy one.

The great work still lies ahead. I hope that we will all prove equal to the challenge and that substantial good will come to us out of the UN deliberations.

I send you my warmest greetings.

Most cordially yours,

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May 13, 1947

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Emanuel

I know how busy you are, and this therefore will be a brief note.

We are doing what we can here. Vandenberg has written to many people that he sticks to his established pledges to us and that he favors partition. We'll keep after him.

The purpose of my writing now is to tell you that if you want me for any services I'll be glad to give all the time I can and if necessary to come to New York.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Philip Slomovitz

May 16, 1947

Mr. Theodore Schocken
Schocken Books Inc.
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Schocken:

Thank you for your kind note and for your courtesy in sending me a complimentary copy of "A Palestine Picture Book." It is a very attractive volume which ought to make an appeal to all those who are interested in Palestine and in its upbuilding.

I shall transmit to the Executive of the ZOA your suggestion that the Zionist Organization of America consider buying the book in quantities for its purposes.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

His letter sent to Dr. S. Marks

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ADOPTED BY THE

22nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

CHARLOTTE, N. C. - MAY 18, 1947

See Jess Nathan,
Regional Director



WHEREAS, by direction of the Regional President, Joseph W. Spector, of Baltimore, Maryland, I. S. Turover, Chairman Administrative Committee, Washington, D. C., and Dave Friedman, Executive Vice President, Norfolk, Virginia, the Regional Director, Jess Nathan, of the Seaboard Zionist Region of the Zionist Organization of America, was directed to arrange and prepare for the 22nd Annual Seaboard Regional Conference, said conference to be held on Sunday, May 18, 1947, in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, at the Hotel Charlotte in said City; and

WHEREAS, the assembled delegates and officers of the Seaboard Zionist Region, consisting of the States of Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, Northern W. Virginia and North Carolina, as representatives of its 10,000 members, did assemble and convene and by action of the body unanimous did adopt the following resolutions and instructed the Regional Director to forward copies of said resolutions to all persons concerned with said resolutions;

WHEREAS, we the delegates to the 22nd Annual Conference of the Seaboard Zionist Region at Charlotte, North Carolina, May 18, 1947, express our profound shock at the failure of the Government of the United States to take any steps at the General Assembly of the United Nations, now in session, to further the aims of American policy on Palestine as expressed repeatedly by the Presidents of the United States and as confirmed by formal resolutions of the Congress of the United States,

At the time when the Government of the United States is actively engaged in furthering American policy in all parts of the world, this attitude of the American Government cannot fail to create doubts among foreign governments and before world public opinion, as to the sincerity of the American Government's advocacy of its Palestine policy, and thus is likely to result in the undermining of this policy.

The Annual Conference of the Seaboard Zionist Region refuses to believe that this can be in the minds of the President of the United States, of the United States Congress, or of the Secretary of State, but considers it necessary to draw their attention to the fact that such is the impression created by the day-to-day attitude of the American Government; and

WHEREAS, the British Government's action in submitting the Palestine question to the General Assembly of the United Nations has been revealed as an empty gesture since, by its own admission, the British Government will not be bound to execute recommendations that may be forthcoming from that body; and

WHEREAS, the British Government has repeatedly violated its obligations as the Mandatory of Palestine by repudiating the solemn pledges expressed in the Balfour Declaration and the Palestine Mandate with regard to the facilitation of Jewish immigration into Palestine and the continued development of the Jewish National Home; and

WHEREAS, the British Government has imposed totalitarian measures of inhuman repression on the entire Jewish Community of Palestine; and

WHEREAS, the plight of the Jewish survivors in Europe is steadily worsening, making it imperative that they leave that hostile continent at the earliest moment; and

WHEREAS, the seizure and mass deportation to Cyprus of so-called "illegal" Jewish immigrants constitute a brutal campaign against helpless men, women and children, completely inconsistent with the principles of the Atlantic Charter; and

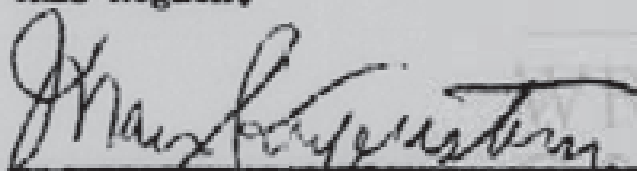
WHEREAS, such immigrants embark for the Holy Land as of their legal right, since the White Paper of 1939, which bars their entry, was repudiated by the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations as inconsistent with the Palestine Mandate — thus making illegal the policy pursued by the British Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States of America, through the passage of resolutions in both Houses of Congress, and through planks in the platforms of both major political parties, is pledged to free Jewish immigration into the Holy Land and the establishment in Palestine of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth;

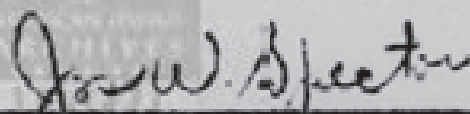
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we respectfully call upon the Government of the United States to take the initiative during the forthcoming special meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations, in vigorously championing the program for Palestine which it has repeatedly reaffirmed, thereby defeating the British Government's attempt to employ the United Nations session as a maneuver to retain its present Palestine policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pending a final settlement of this question by the United Nations the great weight of the United States Government should be brought to bear on the Mandatory Government to the end that an interim policy based upon the existing Mandate be set into motion at once providing for immediate large-scale Jewish immigration into Palestine and the removal forthwith of the discriminatory land restrictions in the Jewish National Home;

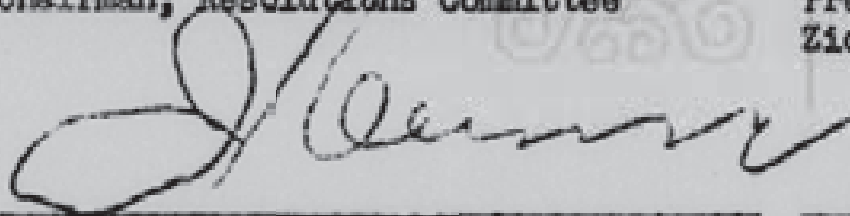
THEREFORE, the Annual Conference of the Seaboard Zionist Region resolves that copies of the present Resolution be respectfully submitted to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of State, to the Governors and Legislatures and to the Honorable Senators and Representatives from the States comprised in this Region.



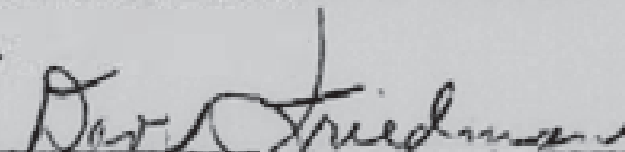
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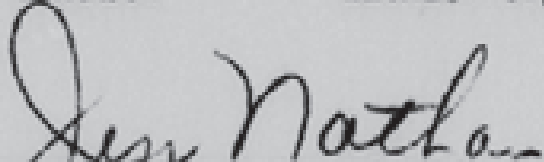
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Chairman Administrative Committee
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Dave Friedman, Norfolk, Va.
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Jess Nathan, Executive Director
Seaboard Zionist Region
Zionist Organization of America
46 Haddington Building
Norfolk, Virginia



DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER - DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN

WHEREAS, the Zionist movement is today engaged in the most critical struggle of its existence, the outcome of which may determine the fate of the Jewish people for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, American Zionism has been mobilized for unprecedented efforts under the vigorous leadership of the present administration of the Zionist Organization of America; and

WHEREAS, the program of militant political action initiated and carried forward under the administration of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver with the fulsome cooperation of Dr. Emanuel Neumann has won the full support of the American Zionist rank and file; and

WHEREAS, the policies laid down by Dr. Silver's administration have been repeatedly vindicated by events; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of the program of the Zionist Organization of America has been greatly enhanced and will continue to be enhanced due to the resourcefulness and dynamic leadership supplied by Dr. Emanuel Neumann both on the political and administrative levels; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial year ahead the Zionist Organization of America will require leadership of the caliber of Dr. Emanuel Neumann who will remain true to the policies of Dr. Silver, overwhelmingly supported by the Zionist masses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seaboard Zionist Region expresses itself as favoring as the next President of the Zionist Organization of America, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, whom we regard as the American Zionist leader best qualified to take over the reins of leadership of our organization at this crucial moment.

COMMITTEE ON UNITY

WHEREAS, we rejoice in the fact that every recent survey of public opinion has demonstrated that the Zionist cause has the approval of at least eighty percent of American Jewry. This overwhelming endorsement of our cause must not, however, lull us into a false sense of security. The task of organizing and winning full Jewish support for our effort must go forward without abatement;

WHEREAS, we must vigorously carry our message to that segment of the American Jewish Community which has not yet been won to an acceptance of our program. This is so, not only because of the importance of the public relations weapon in our battle for the Jewish Commonwealth, but also because we earnestly believe Zionism to be the antidote for the soul-sickness which afflicts some of our brethren;

WHEREAS, while anti-Zionism is founded on escapism and self-hatred, Zionism preaches the wholesome response of self-acceptance and self-respect in the effort to solve the Jewish problem affirmatively and justly. We have, in a sense, a missionary task to perform to that twenty percent of American Jewry which either stands on the sidelines or, to a lesser degree, actively opposes our movement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Annual Seaboard Regional Conference of the Zionist Organization of America, therefore, commends the Zionist Organization of America for having met this problem directly through the establishment of a Committee on Unity for Palestine, whose effort it is to tell the Zionist story effectively to non-Zionist Jews. We reaffirm our support of that Committee's work and we urge each District in the Seaboard Region to appoint a local Committee on Unity for Palestine which will cooperate with the National office in its effort to extend the Zionist influence into every corner of American Jewish life.

HENRY MONSKY

WHEREAS, it has been the will of almighty God to remove from our ranks a great man of Israel, in an hour of dire need; and

WHEREAS, he has given consecrated service to the cause of his people as a great Jew and a great American;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we express our deep sorrow in the death of Henry Monsky, whose memory will be kept in honor and gratitude by all, for whom he has given his life.

DR. SIDNEY MARKS

WHEREAS, Dr. Sidney Marks, Secretary and Executive Director of the Zionist Organization of America and his staff have always cooperated, assisted and counseled us and our Region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seaboard Zionist Region express itself with thanks and appreciation for the capable guidance and leadership furnished us by our friend and co-worker, Dr. Sidney Marks.

BRANDEIS CAMP

WHEREAS, the delegates and representatives of the Seaboard Zionist Region summoned in conference, heard the plea of Dr. Shlomo Bardin, Executive Director of the Zionist Youth Commission in regard to the establishment of a camp for the Seaboard and Southeastern Regions of the Zionist Organization of America for Youth, realizing the need for youth leadership and to insure the future of Israel;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we this day resolve in favor of the establishment of a Brandeis Camp for the education and training of youth for Israel and Zion.

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Spektor, I. S. Turover and Dave Friedman have served the Seaboard Zionist Region loyally and faithfully for the past year, as President, Chairman Administrative Committee and Executive Vice President, respectively, we, the delegates and representatives of the Seaboard Zionist Region, acknowledge with thanks and affection the efforts of our officers in their strivings and untiring efforts to the cause of Zion, the cause of all humanity and may they grow from strength to strength in their efforts;

WHEREAS, Jess Nathan, Regional Director, has devoted himself with enthusiasm and untiring effort in the interest of Zion and the betterment of our region, we express to him, at this time, our sincere confidence and appreciation for his effort and assure him of our support and assistance in whatever capacity he may call upon us in a program for a greater Region and to insure the future of Israel;

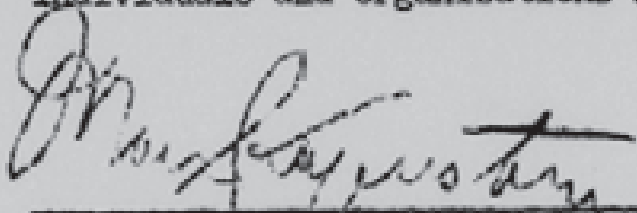
WHEREAS, membership is the life blood of an organization, we pledge our support and effort to the Seaboard Zionist Region and the Zionist Organization of America in a membership drive during this coming year and have set as a minimum goal 20,000 members in 1948. We further pledge that each and every member of this Region will personally enroll at least one new member during the coming year;

WHEREAS, realizing the enormous work being carried on by the Zionist Organization of America in the interest and behalf of the Yishuv and our distressed brethren in Europe, we pledge to the Zionist Organization of America and the Seaboard Zionist Region our untiring effort in a drive to raise a minimum of \$50,000 for the Expansion Fund and further, that this sum will be raised and forwarded to the Zionist Organization of America during the present year;

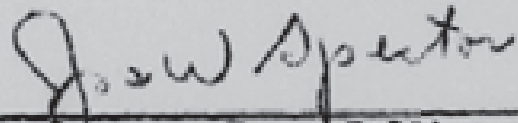
WHEREAS, the Zionist District of Charlotte, North Carolina and Hadassah have acted as our host;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we express to them our thanks for their true expression of hospitality as prescribed by Jewish tradition and to the Officers and Directors of both the Zionist District and Hadassah, for tireless effort in insuring the success of this Conference;

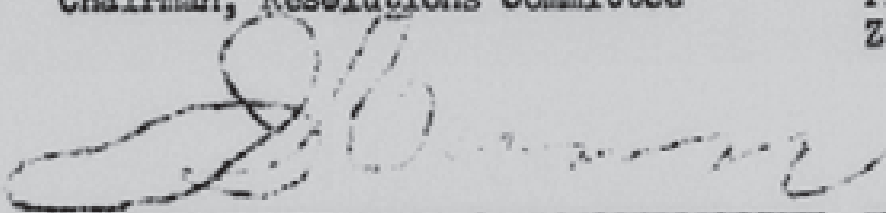
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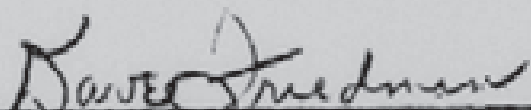
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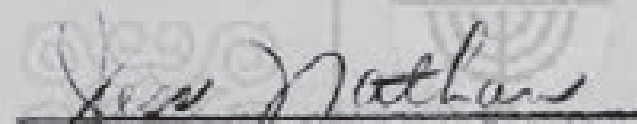
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Office of the President

May 21, 1947

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Gentlemen:

I would greatly appreciate if you would change your records immediately and all addressograph plates for all mail addressed to me in the future to read as follows:

Mr. Milton J. Silberman
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Phone: SUPERior 4557

Very truly yours,

Milton J. Silberman

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May 22, 1947

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Zionist Org. of America
41 East 42nd St., Rm. 600
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to forward to you
copy of the resolution adopted at our recent Convention.



With Zion's greetings,

Albert D. Schanzer
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Chairman, Convention Committee

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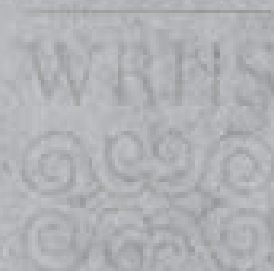
TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
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SATURDAY NITE AND SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 18TH, 1947
AT JEWISH COMMUNITY HOUSE, 78TH ST. & BAY PARKWAY

SATURDAY NIGHT

The Delegates to the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Brooklyn Region of the Zionist Organization of America, assembled at the Jewish Community House of Bessborough, Brooklyn, New York, on May 17th, 1947 hereby:

RESOLVE to give our full support to the militant leadership of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver for his untiring efforts in behalf of the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine.



May 29, 1947

Mr. Albert D. Schanzer
Brooklyn Region
Zionist Organization of America
186 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn 2, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Schanzer:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter and for sending me a copy of the Resolution which was adopted by the Convention of the Brooklyn Region of the ZOA. Please convey to the officers and members of the Region my profound appreciation for their vote of confidence.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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To MRS. SIMON SHETZER

Care of or Apt. No. 1194 BERLINGAME

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Place

I LEARNED WITH SORROW OF THE PASSING OF YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND. PLEASE ACCEPT MY
PROFOUNDEST SYMPATHIES IN WHICH ALL OF US WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH HIM IN THE
ZIONIST MOVEMENT SHARE. MR. SHETZER SERVED OUR MOVEMENT WITH RARE LOYALTY AND
DISTINCTION AND HIS MEMORY WILL FOREVER BE CHERISHED.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

ELIHU D. STONE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
44 SCHOOL STREET
BOSTON 8, MASSACHUSETTS

June 3, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Chief:

I sincerely hope that the meeting of the Actions Committee will not take place on June 15 as contemplated. The time is indeed, most inopportune. I regard it as tragically unwise.

However, should the meeting take place in spite of our opposition, that it seems to me that you and all the other FOA members of the Actions Committee have no choice but to participate. Your absence from such a meeting will not be of service to our cause at this critical hour. It will be misunderstood and misinterpreted. One cannot escape the consequences of a position which the logic of events created for him. You are our leader the leader of American Zionism and certainly a leader in world Zionism and therefore you are not, so to speak, a free agent.

Everything should be done to cancel the proposed meeting in Jerusalem. I hope that you will be successful. Otherwise your duty and the duty of all, is not to permit things to go by default. We are all grateful to you for your constructive and magnificent leadership. History will acknowledge it. Let it not be said that you boycotted a meeting. You tried.
E. D. Stone

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URGENT!
MEMORANDUM

To: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Date: June 5, 1947

From: I. G. Simon

Subject: OF IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE

The words "urgent" and "important" have perhaps lost their meaning, because of constant usage. However, this is one time when these words are not adequate to express the purpose of this memo. I earnestly hope, therefore, that you will consider the purpose of this memo as such and give the message contained herein your immediate attention and action.

To offset a very serious situation which has just arisen, it has become imperative that all Zionist leaders launch, at once, an effective "whirlwind" membership renewal and enrollment campaign. Unfortunately, the reason which makes this action an immediate and undeniable necessity can only be given by "word-of-mouth". All that can be said at this time is that due to the nefarious action of the Council of Judaism, it has become necessary that the Z. O. A. paid membership records definitely show an extremely large increase by not later than June 18th.

Believe me, this is not just another attempt to make you and your Zionist co-workers drop everything you are doing now for Zionist membership renewal and enrollment purposes. The truth of the matter is that the increase in the Zionist membership by not later than the above mentioned date has become a "must" on the part of Zionist district leaders. This is so urgent that I feel justified in saying to you that if for any reason you cannot undertake such an effort at once, you and your co-workers must advance and remit to the Z. O. A. a sum of money representing the dues for the maximum available membership in your community.

LET NONE OF US OPEN OURSELVES TO REGRET LATER FOR FAILING TO
FULFILL NOW THE TASK WHICH MUST NOT BE DELAYED FOR EVEN ONE DAY!

By fulfilling this extraordinarily important task by not later than June 15th (so that your report will reach our national office in time for the special membership audit on June 18th) you will help assure that "those" who will check the Z. O. A. membership records can prove to the "proper authorities" that the statement of our great leader in regards to Zionist membership strength is factual. At the same time, you will also help to nail forever to the "Shand Klotz" our shameless and heartless enemies from within and without.

REMEMBER: An immediate increase in the Zionist membership is not
a matter that can wait for a more appropriate time. The time to
serve our cause best is now--and--not tomorrow!

THEREFORE-----ACT! ACT! ACT! TODAY!!!

Regards.

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R E S O L U T I O N

At a meeting held June 9th, 1947, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. at the St. Louis Y. M. H. A. of the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of St. Louis, Missouri, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

The St. Louis Zionist District takes this opportunity to reaffirm its confidence in the administration and policies of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in his capacity as President of the Zionist Organization of America, as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and as head of the American Section of the World Jewish Agency.

The St. Louis Zionist District hereby instructs its delegation to the forthcoming National Convention of the Zionist Organization of America to be held at the Pennsylvania Hotel in New York City, July 3rd to 6th, 1947, to vote for Dr. Emanuel Neumann as President of the Zionist Organization of America for the coming year expressing appreciation for his invaluable services to the Zionist Movement, and particularly for his effective implementation of the policies and labors of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on behalf of Palestine.

The Zionist Organization of St. Louis deplores the attempts being made by certain Past Presidents of the Zionist Organization of America to create dissension and confusion within the ranks of the General Zionist Movement in America at this most critical moment in the history of our people.

The Secretary is instructed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Emanuel Neumann and to the several authors of a telegram purporting to bring about disharmony within the Movement and to create a break within the solid front for Palestine; and the Secretary is further instructed to send copies of this Resolution to the Jewish Press.

Morris Pearlmutter
Morris Pearlmutter, Secretary.

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Julius Funk, President.

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June 10, 1947

Mr. Elihu D. Stone
44 School Street
Boston 8, Mass.

My dear Elihu:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of June 3. I appreciate deeply all that you say in your letter. As you probably know by now, the meeting of the Actions Committee has been postponed to the middle of July. I regret very much that it was not held on the date originally scheduled, May 28, and in this country. All arrangements were going forward when our good friends in Jerusalem, led by Mr. Ben Gurion kicked them over. It would have been politically most logical to hold the meeting of the Actions Committee the end of May or the beginning of June, prior to the hearings which are to be inaugurated by the Committee of Inquiry of UN.

It is impossible now to hold a meeting of the Actions Committee to determine what our line should be because the Committee of Inquiry will be in Palestine on June 15.

I rather question the wisdom of holding a meeting of the Actions Committee even in July. There will be nothing before it to discuss. It would be wiser now to hold a meeting early in September (in the United States) when the report of the Committee can be discussed by the Actions Committee, and the position of our movement defined on its concrete proposals.

It is quite impossible for the leaders of the ZOA to leave this country on the eve of the National Convention. Should the Actions Committee meet during the middle of July, I hope that it will be possible for some of us to attend it.

With all good wishes, and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you at the Convention, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:RK

June 10, 1947

Mr. David Tannenbaum, Executive Director
Economic Bureau
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Tannenbaum:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from
Mr. H. E. Liscombe of Oakland, Cal. which is self-
explanatory. You may wish to look into the matter
and if satisfactory, you may wish to assist him.
Please communicate with him and tell him that I have
referred his correspondence to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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DR. JOSEPH TENENBAUM
President

June 11, 1947.

AIR MAIL

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

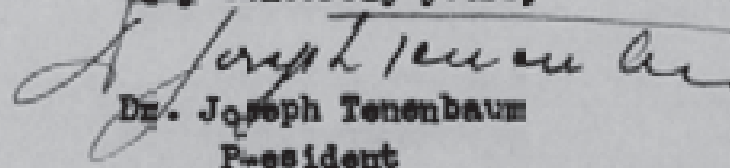
On Saturday evening, June 21, 1947, the Inter-American Conference of Polish Jews will open its deliberations with the participation of sizeable delegations from South and Central American countries, as well as from Canada, at the Park Central Hotel, New York City. The Conference will be extended for three days, - Saturday evening being devoted to a purely political meeting at which ambassadors of their respective countries, civic leaders, and representatives of our government, will address a large public audience called for this purpose.

While I know how difficult it is for you to dispense with your valuable time, I think it would be a distinct gain for our cause if you could find time to attend this meeting and deliver your message in person. Before this important forum I would hardly urge upon you the inconvenience of coming to New York were it not for the fact that I feel as a Zionist that this is a rare opportunity not only to meet with the Zionist representatives from both American continents, but also because of the possible political significance for the Zionist cause.

May I hear from you, dear Dr. Silver, at your earliest convenience if it is at all possible for you to accept this invitation. I am quite convinced that you will make every possible effort to accept this invitation.

With kindest regards and Zionist greetings, I remain

Very sincerely yours,


Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum
President

JT:se

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ORGANIZATION OF CANADA WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONSENT
TO MEETING WITH TTHEM FORINTIMATE CHAT WHILE YOU ARE IN
MONTREAL STOP WOULD ARRANGE MEETING TIME SUITABLE TO YOU
STOP HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT THIS INVITATION PLEASE REPLY IF
:AT ALL POSSIBLE EARLY NEXT WEEK THANKS KIND REGARDS=

JESSE SCHWARTZ

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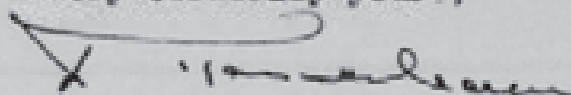
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver:

I have your letter of June 10th and the enclosure
from Mr. H. E. Liscombe of California.

I shall be in Washington the early part of next
week and shall take that occasion to see if I can
be of any help in securing an export license.

Very cordially yours,



DAVID TANNENBAUM
Executive Director
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To JESSE SCHWARTZ

Care of or Apt. No. 527 Sherbrooke St. West

Street and No. Montreal, Canada

Place

WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH ME WHEN I ARRIVE IN MONTREAL

TO ARRANGE FOR THE MEETING WHICH PROPOSE. AT THE MOMENT DO NOT KNOW

WHEN I WILL BE FREE. KINDEST REGARDS

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AM RETIRING AS NEW HAMPSHIRE ZIONIST FEDERATION PRESIDENT AT
STATE CONVENTION SUNDAY JUNE 22 HOTEL CARPENTER MANCHESTER.
WOULD APPRECIATE MESSAGE TO BE READ AT BANQUET=

BENJAMIN A TOBER.

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To Benj. H. Tober

Care of or Apt. No.

Pittsboro N. H.

Street and No.

Place

REGRET ABSENCE FROM CITY CAUSED DELAY IN SENDING YOU THIS MESSAGE. I CONGRATULATE
YOU UPON THE SPLENDID SERVICE WHICH YOU RENDERED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE ZIONIST FEDERATION
AS ITS PRESIDENT. YOU MUST HAVE A DEEP SENSE OF SATISFACTION THAT YOU WERE ABLE
TO SERVE OUR GREAT CAUSE IN SUCH AN HISTORIC HOUR. I SEND MY WARMEST GREETINGS
TO YOUR SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE AND I HOPE THAT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ZIONIST FEDERATION
WILL MOVE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH. WARMEST GREETINGS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sender's name and address
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To JOSEPH TENENBAUM

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Street and No. _____

Place _____

REGRET UNABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION FOR SATURDAY EVENING. PREVIOUS

COMMITMENTS WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK END

I WISH YOUR DELIBERATIONS MUCH SUCCESS.

KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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EDITOR'S OFFICE

June 25, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and E. 106th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith ^{the} the
June issue of LAND AND LIFE, in which you may be interested.

In accordance with our conversation the other
day, I called you last Monday at the Commodore Hotel but you
were not registered.

The editors of the HABOKER have repeatedly
requested me to secure an interview with you. This newspaper,
as you know, is a staunch supporter of your policy and it is
eager to present your views as fully as possible, particularly
against the present political background.

I would greatly appreciate your cooperation in
setting aside not more than 30 minutes upon your next visit
to New York City. Please wire me in advance of your arrival
as to when I should come to see you and where.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

William F. Spiegelman
WILLIAM F. SPIEGELMAN

WZS:LM
Attd.

June 30, 1947

Mr. William Z. Spiegelman, Editor
Land and Life
41 E. 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Spiegelman:

Thank you for your kind letter of
June 25. I would suggest that you contact me
during the sessions of the ZOA convention at the
Pennsylvania Hotel and we will arrange to get
together.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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41 E. 42nd Street
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

I felt truly privileged, as a member of the Executive staff of our great organization, to have had the opportunity to be present at the 50th anniversary of the founding of our organization in America.

Your leaving the Presidency at this momentous period in our history, although emphasizing the finest ideals and principals of democracy, brought with it a pang of remorse. It was under your leadership and guidance that our organization achieved the greatness and recognition which it deserved. I rejoice in the knowledge that you will continue as an integral and vital part of Zionist activity.

The pleasure of meeting with you and the opportunity of association with the convention will always be one of the great highlights of my life. The same loyal devoted service which was always at your command will be continued in our devotion to your friend and successor, Dr. Emanuel Neumann. You will never be "AN EX-PRESIDENT". Time will always refer to you as THE RABBI, ABBA HILLEL SILVER.

With Zion's greetings, I am

Respectfully,

Jess Nathan, Regional Director
Seaboard Zionist Region

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Zionist Organization of Toronto is planning a huge Mass Rally on Wednesday, November 12th, 1947, to observe the 30th anniversary of the issuing of the Balfour Declaration. We trust that by that time we shall really be able to celebrate the culmination of the true meaning of this historic document.

We would deem it a great privilege and honour to have you with us as Guest Speaker on this auspicious occasion. I do trust that you will see your way clear to accepting our sincere invitation.

I have a second request to make. We are about to launch our annual U.P.A. Campaign with an objective of \$500,000. I know that we cannot take advantage of your precious time as much as we would like to have you visit our city more frequently, and I am therefore suggesting as an alternative that you prepare a 15-minute radio transcription at our expense which we will arrange to have broadcast over our local stations during the period of the drive.

Trusting that you will let us have a favourable reply to both requests, and anticipating your early reply, I am, with Zion's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

F.L. FINGEROTE,
Executive Director.

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"AND THEY SHALL BE WATCHMAN FOR THEE—O JERUSALEM"



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