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Zionist Organization of America, World Zionist Congress,
1939-1947.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ELECTION IN THE UNITED STATES
OF DELEGATES TO THE TWENTY-FIRST WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

1. DATE OF ELECTION: The date of Election of Delegates to the Twenty-first World Zionist Congress is Sunday, June 11th, 1939.
2. ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING:
 - (a) Every Jew, eighteen years of age, or over, who has paid a Shekel fee for the year 5699 (1939) before May 21st, 1939, has the right to vote at the Congress Election, provided that his name, address and shekel number appear in the official or supplementary register of voters.
 - (b) Every Jew, 24 years of age who has paid the shekel for the year 1939 and who produces evidence that he has contributed to the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth for 1939 either directly or through some other fund, has the right to be a candidate and to be elected as a delegate to the Twenty-first World Zionist Congress.
 - (c) Special declarations signed by each candidate have to be submitted to the Central Election Board. These declarations have to contain statements to the effect that candidates are willing to accept mandates on the basis of nomination lists submitted. Candidates have to be described by full name.
3. SUPERVISION OF ELECTIONS:
 - (a) The Central Election Board directs and has complete supervision of the Elections throughout the United States. All communications should be addressed to the Central Shekel and Election Board for the Twenty-first World Zionist Congress, 111 Fifth Ave., New York.
 - (b) The entire election area of the United States is considered as one constituency. The Central Election Board therefore also exercises the rights and duties of District Election Committees.
 - (c) Local Election Committees are to be constituted by the representatives of the Z.O.A., Poale-Zion-Ziere Zion, Mizrachi, the Jewish State Party and Hadassah, where branches of these organizations exist. Other electoral groups, having nomination lists, are entitled to be represented on the local election committees in an advisory capacity only. The Z. O. A. includes the Order Sons of Zion and Masada; Hadassah includes Junior Hadassah; the Poale Zion-Ziere Zion includes the Pioneer Women, League for Labor Palestine, Jewish National Labor Alliance, Hashomer Hatzair and the Left Poale Zion; the Mizrachi includes Hapoel Hamizrachi and the Mizrachi Women.
 - (d) In constituting these committees, the proportion of the Executive Committee of the U. S. Central Shekel Board of 4:3:2:1 - General Zionists, Poale Zion, Mizrachi and Jewish State Party respectively - should be maintained. The General Zionist representatives should be divided equally between the Z. O. A. and Hadassah. If the parties prefer, they may maintain the proportion of the U. S. Central Shekel Board of 9:6:5:5:1 - Poale Zion, Z. O. A., Mizrachi, Hadassah and the Jewish State Party respectively.

4. NOMINATION LISTS: All nomination lists must be submitted to the Central Shekel and Election Board not later than May 21st, 1939. Each nomination list is to be signed by at least one hundred voters belonging to the election area. These voters have to declare the name of the person authorized to act as their representative. No voter may sign more than one nomination list. No nomination list shall contain more than twice as many names as can be elected delegates in the particular area in addition to the required number of Deputy Delegates. Each nomination list must also state to which World Election List it is attached. Each candidate must signify in writing his consent to accept nomination.
5. POLLING STATIONS:
 - (a) All localities where there are any Zionist Societies, or branches, shall be provided with one or more polling stations to be organized under the direction of the Central Election Board.
 - (b) Polling stations shall remain open on election day from 9 A. M. to 8 P. M.
 - (c) The location of polling stations should be publicized.
6. REGISTER OF PAID SHEKEL RECEIPTS: The Central Shekel and Election Board will publish an official register for each locality, containing a record of the names, addresses and Shekel numbers of all Shekel payers for the year 5699 (1939) which have been reported as issued and paid for on or before May 22nd, 1939. Only persons whose names appear in the official register have the right to vote.
7. METHODS OF VOTING:
 - (a) The ballot is secret and direct. No one may vote on behalf of another. Each voter must call in person at the polling station, declare his name and address to the Local Election Committee. Before receiving a ballot, each voter must present and surrender to the Local Election Committee his Shekel Receipt for the year 5699 (1939). Each voter after receiving a ballot, shall mark it and personally place it in the ballot box.
 - (b) The Local Election Committee shall enter upon special forms, supplied by the Central Election Committee, the name, address and Shekel number of each voter. Each Shekel Receipt, upon being surrendered, must be marked voted.

(It is suggested that every polling station be supplied with rubber stamp "voted" so that the marking of the surrendered Shekel Receipt may be facilitated.)
 - (c) On completion of elections, the Local Election Committee shall open the ballot boxes, count the votes and record results upon official forms supplied by the Central Election Board. Counting of votes shall take place in public.
 - (d) When a Shekel payer's right to vote is challenged for any reason, or when there may be doubts of any kind about a Shekel payer's eligibility for voting, or when his name does not appear in the register of that locality, the ballot papers of such voters are

not to be deposited in the ballot box, but are to be put in special sealed envelopes which together with their Shekel Receipts, are to be forwarded (in another envelope) with the rest of the ballots, accompanied by a note of explanation. This applies to all persons voting away from their own locality.

- (e) The democratic character of our movement demands that the election to the supreme body of our Organization shall be carried through in a strictly legal manner. The adequate fulfillment of this task is an essential condition for the recognition by the Congress Court of the credentials of elected delegates. Under no circumstances should electioneering or distribution of shekolim be allowed at the polls.

8. ELECTION RETURNS:

- (a) The Local Election Committee shall forward to the Central Election Board immediately after the election, the completed election returns, together with all ballots cast and the corresponding Shekel Receipts. Election returns postmarked, or expressed, later than midnight, June 13th, will not be counted by the Central Election Board.
- (b) The Central Election Board shall ascertain the election results on the basis of all election returns.

9. COMPLAINTS:

- (a) Complaints against instructions or regulations issued by the Central Election Board or the Local Election Committee, must be made and forwarded to the Congress Attorney (Dr. A. Barth, Rechov Jerusalem 16, Hadar Hacarmel, Haifa, Palestine), and this must be done in writing. Copies of the complaint must also be forwarded simultaneously to the Executive of the Zionist Organizations, P. O. Box 92, Jerusalem and to the Central Election Board, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
- (b) Petitions against validity of elections have to be sent in writing and in two copies. One of these to be sent to the Central Election Board and one to the local committee. Such petitions must reach their destination not later than June 21st, 1939. The petition must include a correct description of the polling station, particulars as to election proceedings which are being contested and particulars as to evidence submitted, and if at all possible also depositions of witnesses signed by at least twenty shekel payers entitled to vote. Their signatures and addresses must appear in a legible handwriting.

Elections shall be conducted in all respects subject to the rules of election and the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization.

These rules are subject to amendment and change in accordance with the Rules and Regulations issued by the World Zionist Organization from Jerusalem.

UNITED STATES CENTRAL SHEKEL & ELECTION BOARD
FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

SAMUEL M. SCHMIDT, Executive Secretary

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LONDON
MAY 9, 1947

LG JEWAGENCY NEWYORK

CORDIAL CONGRATULATIONS SILVER AND COLLEAGUES ON EXCELLENT
PRESENTATION OUR CASE.

EXECUTIVE



Memorandum

COMMITTEE ON UNITY FOR PALESTINE

SUITE 600

From: RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD

41 East 42nd Street • MU 2-3205 • New York 17

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date: May 18, 1946

Subject:

Attached is a list of the rabbis being invited to serve on a Rabbinical Committee to support the Z.O.A. slate. Do you wish any names added to this list or subtracted from it?

Cordial greetings.

Arthur Lelyveld

AJL:rl

Henry J. Berkowitz
2359 S.W. Park Pl.
Portland, 5, Oregon

Maurice J. Bloom
Temple Beth Jacob
279 Liberty Street
Newburgh, N. Y.

Philip D. Bookstaber
Cong. Chev Sholom
P.O. Box 863
Harrisburg, Pa.

Baruch Braunstein
Temple Beth Israel
Allentown, Pa.

Elias Charry
Germantown Jewish Centre
6815 Eucley Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Armond E. Cohen
Cleveland Jewish Center
1117 E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Franklin Cohn
1107 31st Avenue
Seattle, Wash.

Samuel Cooper
65 Grange Avenue
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Daniel L. Davis
Cong. Shearai Shomayim
1019 Woods Avenue
Lancaster, Pa.

Frederick A. Doppelt
Cong. Aghduth Vesholom
500 W. Wayne St.
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Abraham J. Feldman
Cong. Beth Israel
145 Ballard Drive
Hartford, Conn.

Leon I. Feuer
Cong. Shomer Emunim
Collingwood & Acklin
Toledo, Ohio

Leon Fram
Temple Israel
610 Blvd. Bldg.
Detroit, Mich.

Roland B. Gittelsohn
88 Lewis Place
Hempstead, L.I. N. Y.

Israel M. Goldman
Temple Emanu-El
Morris Ave. and Sessions
Providence, R. I.

Albert S. Goldstein
2064 Grand Concourse
Bronx, New York

David A. Goldstein
Beth El
49th & Farnam Sts.
Omaha, Nebraska

Abram V. Goodman
Temple Emanuel
721 Union Bank Bldg.
Davenport, Iowa

Theodore H. Gordon
B'nai B'rith Hillel
508 State St.
Madison, Wisc. (3)

Milton L. Grafman
2100 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Ala.

William P. Greenfeld
c/o G.D.
Woodmont, Conn.

Samuel M. Gup
Temple Israel
925 Bryden Rd.
Columbus, Ohio

Gershon Hadas
Keneseth Israel
Beth Sholom
3400 Paseo
Kansas City, Mo.

Herman Hailperin
Tree of Life
218 Craft Avenue
Pittsburg, Pa.

Harry Halpern
E. Midwood J.C.
1625 Ocean Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Irving I. Hausman
Hotel Benson
Portland, Ore.

Bernard Heller
425 Riverside Dr.
New York, N. Y.

Robert B. Jacobs
306-Bank of Asheville
Bldg.
Asheville, N. C.

Edward E. Klein
Free Synagogue
40 W. 68th St.

Philip Kleinman
Nevah Zedek
S.W. 6th Ave. & Hall St
Portland, Ore.

Nathan Kollin
3224 Kensington Ave.
Richmond, Va.

Philip A. Langh
Beth Abraham
327 Perry St.
Oakland, Calif.

Arthur J. Lelyveld
41 E. 42nd Street
New York, New York

Monroe J. Levens
Tifereth Israel
1000 Polk Blvd.
Des Moines, Iowa

Lee J. Levinger
National Jewish Welfare Board
145 E. 32nd St.
N. Y.C.

Theodore N. Lewis
Progressive Synagogue
1515 46th St.
B'klyn, N. Y.

Joshua Loth Liebman
Temple Israel
Longwood Ave. at Plymouth
Boston, Mass.

George B. Lieberman
631 Renkert Bldg.
Canton, 2, Ohio

Max Maccoby
Free Synagog of Westchester
500 N. Columbus Ave.
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Jacob R. Marcus
Prof. Jewish History
Hebrew Union College
401 McAlpin Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

Irving Miller
701 Bolton Rd.
Far Rockaway, L.I.

Israel Mowshowitz
3029 Lafayette St.
Omaha, Neb.

Joseph Narot
Reform Temple Beth Israel
906 Pacific Avenue
Atlantic City, N. J.

Ahron Opher
Hebrew Tabernacle
91 Ft. Washington Ave.
New York, New York

Wendell A. Phillips
Temple Mt. Sinai
El Paso, Tex.

David Polish
Temple Israel
129 Willow St.
Waterbury, Conn.

Jacob P. Rudin
7 Old Colony Rd.
Great Neck, L.I. N.Y.

Lawrence W. Schwartz
Jewish Community Center
15 Blackthorn Lane
White Plains, N. Y.

Sylvan D. Schwartzman
Cong. Children of Israel
1743 King Wood Dr.
Augusta, Ga.

Lou H. Silberman
Temple Israel
602 Park Avenue
Omaha, 5, Neb.

Milton Steinberg
Park Ave. Synagogue
50 E. 87th St.
New York, N. Y.

Israel Tabak
3700 Reistertown Rd.
Baltimore, Md.

David Tamarkin
108 E. Quincy St.
San Antonio, 2, Tex.

Samuel Thurman
c/o H. Thurman
139 University Rd.
Brookline, Mass

Elkan C. Voorsanger
417 Brumber Bldg.
135 W. Wells St.
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Stephen S. Wise
Free Synagog
40 W. 68th St.
N. Y. C.

Joseph Zeitlin
Ansche Chesed
100th St. & West End
N. Y. C.

David Aronson
Beth El
10 Penn. & 18th Ave.
Minneapolis, Minn.

David I. Cedarbaum
197 E. Broadway
N. Y. C.

Joseph H. Wagner
16 Springhaven Rd.
Wheeling, W. Va.

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL ZOA DISTRICT AND REGIONAL PRESIDENTS
AND ELECTION CHAIRMEN

DATE: MAY 29, 1946.

FROM: Ernest E. Barbarash, Director Public Relations

New Address:

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

SUBJECT:

I am enclosing herewith copy of an ad published in the last issue of the New Palestine - News Reporter in the furtherance of the ZOA slate in the forthcoming elections to the World Zionist Congress.

I earnestly suggest that you insert a similar copy in your local Anglo-Jewish publication in the course of the coming week.

We are sure that the publication of this ad will aid you in your effort to bring out the vote on Election Day and insure the success of the ZOA ticket headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

E. E. B.

FOR A JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE

VOTE THE ZOA SLATE

IN THE ELECTIONS—JUNE 16–17

(IN SMALLER COMMUNITIES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 16th ONLY)

Every Jewish man and woman who believes that Palestine should be a Jewish Commonwealth and who wants to do something more than just wish for it — has that opportunity now!

The first post-war World Zionist Congress, which is destined to shape the future of Jewish Palestine, convenes this summer in Jerusalem.

If you want to have a voice in this Congress, and if you want your voice to register more effectively —

Vote for the ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA (ZOA) slate of delegates.

The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) asks your vote because:

- 1** The ZOA is the foremost Zionist organization in this country. Its leaders have militantly represented American Zionism to the world and have consistently championed the maximal Zionist program.
- 2** Your vote upholds the hands of the leaders of the Zionist movement of America at the World Zionist Congress. Your vote of confidence is needed to strengthen the influence of American Zionist leadership in the councils of the world.
- 3** The ZOA has waged a powerful and successful campaign to win American public opinion for Zionism. Give your vote to the leadership which has so ably represented the movement these many years.
- 4** The ZOA has one unswerving objective—the establishment of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth. It is equipped in its numbers, its leadership and its program to lead the Zionist movement to victory.
- 5** The ZOA stands above parties and is the only body which can unite the movement outwardly and inwardly for the best interest of our common cause.
- 6** The ZOA has given its unstinted support to every measure and agency designed to alleviate and protect the status of Jewish labor in Palestine.
- 7** The United States with 5,000,000 Jews is the largest Jewish community in the world. As such, it should assume its rightful place of leadership in the formulation of policies and decisions at the World Zionist Congress.
- 8** The Zionist Organization of America is the largest Zionist body in this country, and is supported by the overwhelming majority of enrolled Zionists. Its membership, including that of its youth groups, has grown from 25,000 to almost 200,000 in the past seven years.
- 9** General Zionists through the ZOA have shouldered the major portion of the fund-raising program for the development of Palestine during the past 45 years. They have carried the major burden of the movement in general.
- 10** Help to bring 100,000 Jews into Palestine. Above all, help in the attainment of the ultimate objective—a Jewish Commonwealth—the only solution to the problem of Jewish homelessness.

Go to the Polls — Bring every Adult Member of your Family — Man and Woman — with you.

VOTE THE ZOA SLATE FOR A JEWISH STATE!

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

November 6, 1946

Congress Elections

Joseph Baratz submitted to a conference of the labor group the following list of the delegates elected to the Congress:

General Zionists	106
Mizrachi	51
Revisionists	26
Aliyah Chadasha	6
Poale Zion	86
Left Poale Zion	10
Achduth Avodah	15
Hashomer Hatzair	17

I do not know where he got these final figures while in some countries the elections were not yet held, but if his figures are true, then the Congress will have a delegation of 317 and for a majority, 159 votes will be needed.

Let me give you a few possible combinations.

1. General Zionists	106
Mizrachi	51
Revisionists	26
	<u>183</u>

Such a combination would have a majority of votes plus.

2. General Zionists	78
(Hadassah excluded)	
Mizrachi	51
Revisionists	26
	<u>155</u>

In this combination the General Zionists would lack four votes to a majority.

3. Poale Zion	86
Left Poale Zion	10
Hadassah	28
Hashomer Hatzair	17
	<u>141</u>

In this combination labor will have no majority and the combination is almost impossible because not all Hadassah members will vote with labor and on many questions Hashomer Hatzair and the others will not vote with Mapai.

4. General Zionists	106
Poale Zion	86
	<u>192</u>

This combination would have a clear majority and would rule the Congress in every respect.

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WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS
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CONFEDERATION MONDIALE DES SIONISTES GENERAUX

EUROPEAN OFFICE : 47, RUE DE CHABROL - PARIS 10° - FRANCE
BUREAU EUROPEEN

Paris, November 15th. 1946

To all Organizations of
General Zionists

WORLD CONFERENCE: The World Conference of the Confederation of General Zionists will open on December 5th, 1946 in Basle. We will let you know further the exact address. Sam Segal is proceeding to Basle for all preparatives for the Conference and Visas in agreement with the Office of the Congress. Shortly the European Office will communicate the instructions to obtain the Visas for the Delegates.

DELEGATES FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE: We remind you that the number of Delegates for each country is equal to the number, which our Organization obtained for the Zionist Congress in each country. We have to correct a mistake previously made in our first circular concerning the invited Delegates with consultative right. FOR ALL COUNTRIES TOGETHER THE EUROPEAN OFFICE DECIDED TO INVITE ONLY 10 DELEGATES WITH CONSULTATIVE RIGHT, BUT NOT 10 DELEGATES FOR EACH COUNTRY. Only the country, which has not at all a representative for the Congress may ask to the European Office to invite one Delegate with consultative right. In reason of financial difficulties the European Office is not able to support the travelling and staying expenses in Switzerland for the Delegates to our World Conference. All inquiries about the World Conference has to be made in the: BUREAU EUROPEEN DE LA CONFEDERATION DES SIONISTES GENERAUX 47 RUE DE CHABROL PARIS FRANCE, telegraphic address: SEGAL 47 RUE DE CHABROL PARIS.

REPORTS: We ask again to all our Organizations to send us the soonest as possible a detailed report about their activities.

NEW AFFILIATION: We inform with pleasure that the Zionist Organization of Australia has asked for its affiliation in the World Confederation of General Zionists.

RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS FOR THE CONGRESS: We can give already the results obtained by the lists of the General Zionists and Haoved Ha-zioni in almost all countries of the world. We give those figures under reserve, little modifications may be made.

United-States- 72; Canada- 4; Argentine- 1; Australia- 2; Palestine-3
Poland- 5; Hungaria- 3; Transylvania- 1; Austria- 1; Germany- 2;
Switzerland- 1; Belgium- 1; France- 2; Czechoslovakia- 1; Italy- 1;
England-4; Sweden- 1; Bulgaria- 1; Algeria- 2; South-Africa-3;
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Morocco, the same as from the World List.

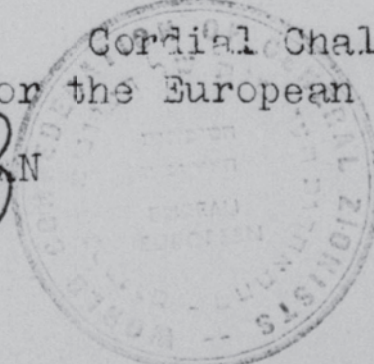
IT IS UNQUESTIONABLE THAT OUR FRACTION WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT IN THE NEXT ZIONIST CONGRESS.

Cordial Chalons
For the European Office

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Cordial Chalom
For the European Office

Zvi Herman

Sam Segal

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Program

CONFEDERATION MONDIALE DES SIONISTES GENEREAUX

WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS

Bureau Europeen
47, Rue de Chabrol
PARIS (X) - FRANCE

European Office

- I -

1 - Since the time of Herzl and the Zionist Congresses of nearly fifty years ago, General Zionism has been based on the principle that the national liberation of the Jewish people can only be achieved by the establishment of the Jewish State in Palestine, built up by the devotion and Chalutz labour of the whole Jewish people of all lands and of all classes.

2 - The catastrophe that has overtaken European Jewry as well as the achievements and prospects of the Yishuv have made the establishment of the Jewish State a matter of immediate urgency. General Zionism will demand the concentration of all the strength of our people in order to achieve this end as rapidly as possible.

3 - General Zionism supports the resistance of the Yishuv and of the whole Jewish people against the policy of the Mandatory Power, which is betraying its international obligations and is using its power in an illegal manner in order to liquidate Zionism.

4 - General Zionism will oppose any attempt to reduce the status, powers and freedom of the Jewish Agency, the only democratically elected representation of the Jewish People in regard to Palestine.

5 - The whole Jewish people identifies itself with Jewish refugees and Chalutzim who are making all efforts in order to go to Palestine from all parts of the Galut. General Zionism demands the fullest and most energetic assistance from all world Jewry for free immigration to Palestine.

6 - General Zionism believes in the right of the Jewish people to defend itself against any attack on its security, freedom and development in Palestine. It looks upon the Hagana as the practical realization of this right. General Zionism will insist on the right of the Hagana to resist all attempts to disturb the evolution of Jewish life in Palestine.

7 - The present critical position calls for the complete unity of Jewry, and General Zionism will oppose the right of resistance and the activities of all separate and irresponsible groups.

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- I - General Zionism will insist that the realization of the Zionist ideal shall be the main criterion in all Zionist work, and that Zionist aims should prevail against all other considerations.
- 2 - General Zionism demands the strengthening of Jewish national institutions and their endowment with the greatest possible competence in all aspects of Jewish national life. All national functions carried out by parties or groups must be under national control.
- 3 - General Zionism demands the expansion and strengthening of chalutz education among Jewish Youth in all lands within a united Hechalutz, in which all groups shall have equal rights for immigration to an agricultural settlement in Palestine.
- 4 - General Zionism considers the existence of a united Histadrut including all workers in Palestine, as a Zionist necessity, as well as the continued development of chalutz colonization of self-help institutions of the workers in Palestine. General Zionism will also insist on full attention being given to the development of private initiative in industry, handicrafts, trade, agriculture, and the professions which has already done much and will in future serve greatest possible number of immigrants by the provision of employment. General Zionism demands a just application of national funds to all forms of economic development in Palestine.
- 5 - General Zionism recognizes fully the right of workers to defend their economic and social position; in the interests of the economic position of the Yishuv as a whole it will aim at the elimination of all conflicts between employer and employee by the strengthening of the machinery for mediation and arbitration.
- 6 - General Zionism demands that the institutions of the Jewish Agency which deals with the absorption of immigrants shall be so organized that every Jew, independent of his occupation and social position, shall benefit from their assistance and support.
7. General Zionism insists upon the respecting of Jewish tradition in the public life of the Yishuv and of the Zionist movement.
8. General Zionism believes that the Jewish future in Palestine depends largely on the encouragement of the sense of Jewish national unity, in the Yishuv as a whole and particularly in the younger generation. General Zionism aims, therefore, at the establishment of a unified school system under national control for the whole body of children attending school, giving freedom of the expression of religious and social ideals, but in such way that party machinery shall be excluded from education, sport and other similar activities.

-III-

1- At the Twenty-Second Zionist Congress General Zionism will demand the appointment of an Executive on the basis of the widest possible coalition.

In this Executive there should be ensured the efficient working of all Departments, collective responsibility of all members of the Executive and a just distribution of duties and influences for all sections of the coalition, both in Palestine and outside.

2 - The large development and wide expansion of Zionist work inside and outside Palestine in the last few years necessitates a fundamental reform in Zionist machinery. In particular General Zionism will demand the development of a suitably trained Zionist Civil Service, with equal opportunities to all sections of the Yishuv and of the Movement.

3 - General Zionism will ask for special attention being paid to the hitherto neglected needs of organisation and propaganda, especially in regard to the education of the youth in the Galut.

- IV -

Zionist experience inside and outside Palestine has proved that General Zionism has to fulfil vital tasks in the process of the realization of the Zionist ideal: the strengthening of national unity in the face of separatist tendencies from the right and from the left; the maintenance of national equilibrium in spite of political, social and cultural divisions; the training of the Jewish people in the idea of national unity and in national discipline. General Zionism aims at the development of social progress, of true democracy and personal freedom, of historic Hebrew culture, and of the noble traditions of Judaism.

In order to be able to fulfil these tasks, the Confederation of General Zionists will strengthen ~~the~~ its organization and unite its efforts in all lands, so that it may become a permanent and active influence for service to our People and to our Homeland.

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THEY WERE BOUND TO FIND AS THEY HAVE FOUND WORLD-WIDE
RECOGNITION AND ENDORSEMENT MAZOL TOV=

DR J MARSHALL TAXAY.

January 2, 1947

Dr. J. Marshall Taxay
Akron Hebrew Temple Israel
133 Merriman Rd.
Akron 3, Ohio

My dear Friend:

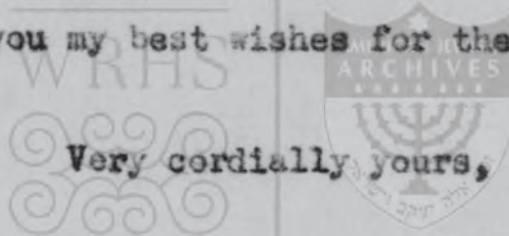
May I tell you how deeply I appreciated your thoughtfulness in sending me a telegram of congratulations. It was good to hear from you.

The Congress was a difficult one, but I believe, a fruitful one and I am hoping that the coming year will see a marked improvement in the entire situation.

I send you my best wishes for the new year.

Very cordially yours,

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

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I am enclosing an excerpt from my last Friday night's sermon, containing an appraisal of the Twenty-second World Zionist Congress; I hope that you will be interested in my comments and in my congregation's reaction.

"The Congress was held under the most unfavorable circumstances. It suffered from many weaknesses. That these weaknesses should be analyzed at Zionist meetings and in Zionist publications, is right and proper, but I was dismayed hearing over the radio and reading later in the metropolitan press, Rabbi Stephen Wise's strictures on the Congress as 'tragic, helpless, and quarrelsome'. I was likewise astounded by his loud resignation from all Zionist offices. As a matter of fact, Rabbi Wise had no offices from which to resign, because he was elected to one honorary office. His announcement means that he is withdrawing from active participation in the organization. There is already great rejoicing in the camp of the American Council for Judaism.

"All this is unfortunate and regrettable, because Rabbi Wise was one of the founders of the Zionist Organization of America and its first secretary. He still is one of the dynamic leaders of American Jewry; but a leader must also possess the quality of tolerance of younger leadership. He must be ready to yield to the leadership of younger men, when his people's best interests demand that.

"Of course, it was a tragic Congress, because it reflected the unprecedented tragedy of our people. It was to an extent a helpless Congress, because we are unable to fight the British Empire which insists on maintaining the treacherous White Paper. But it was also a courageous Congress. It had the courage not to re-elect Dr. Weizmann and Dr. Wise to active offices. I yield to no one in respect for Dr. Weizmann and in appreciation of his services to our people. I am sure that every delegate to the Congress felt as I do. Weizmann's place in

Jewish history is assured, but I have felt for a long time that Weizmann was handicapped in his negotiations with the British Government by his British citizenship. One who is unencumbered with British citizenship and is younger and more militant, like Rabbi Silver, is in a stronger position to deal with the British Government and can accomplish more at this time.

"We should really be in a bad way if the Zionist Congress had re-elected Weizmann and Wise because they were irreplaceable. Thank God the Congress was not placed in that sorry position! It was in a position to choose and it chose courageously and wisely.

"Dr. Weizmann also left the Congress a disappointed man, feeling that he had been deserted by his American friends, but he had the good grace to bear his disappointment in dignified silence. Rabbi Wise should have done likewise."

The congregation appreciated this appraisal of the Congress and many people thanked me for clarifying a situation that appeared confusing to them.

Wishing you success,

Respectfull yours,

Julius Kerman.



January 15, 1947

Rabbi Julius Kerman
1144 - 11th St.
Lorain, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Kerman:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter which I received and read with much pleasure. I am glad that you took the opportunity to give your congregation a correct estimate of what took place at the World Zionist Congress and the action of Dr. Wise. It has been most gratifying that the reaction throughout the country on Dr. Wise's resignation has been identical with yours.

I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future. I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANS:BK

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Emanuel Neumann

FROM: Dr. S. Bernstein

DATE: January 21, 1946

I am sending you attached herewith the figures of the United States delegates to the last Zionist Congress which have bearing on the nominations for membership in the Palestine Bureau.

I wish I could have a talk with you on the subject. I have to convene a preliminary meeting of the party representatives prior to the large meeting which will be attended by the members of the Palestine Bureau designated by the prospective parties. I, therefore, would like to know what you think on the subject before I meet them.

S.B.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Emanuel Neumann

FROM: Dr. S. Bernstein

DATE: January 17, 1946

The following are the parties which participated as independent election units at the election of delegates to the 21st World Zionist Congress held in Geneva, Switzerland in August 1939:

Zionist Organization of America elected		34 delegates
Poale Zion - Zeira Zion	"	34 "
Hadassah	"	29 "
Mizrachi	"	17 "
	Total	<u>114</u>

Number of Shkalim sold in the United States:

1938	82,187
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1939	<u>263,741</u>
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TOTAL

AMERICAN JEWISH
345,928 ES

The above figures are taken from the report of the 21st World Zionist Congress in Geneva (published in Hebrew only by the World Zionist Organization, PP. 20-21). These figures serve as a guide for the nomination of representatives of each party on the Palestine Bureau.

In addition to the party representatives a delegate representing the Hechalutz with voting power has to be nominated. No party may have more than 50% of the total membership of the Committee.

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