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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST
YOUTH COMMISSION HELD AT 331-4TH AVENUE,
NEW YORK CITY - MAY 21ST, 1946

P R E S E N T: Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Presiding
Rabbi Moshe Davis
Mr. Alexander Dushkin
Dr. Miriam Freund
Miss Hannah Goldberg
Mrs. Minnie Halpern
Mr. Itschak Norman
Mrs. Ethel Schleifer
Mr. Louis Schwefel
Mr. Joseph Sternstein
Mr. Jacques Torczyner

By Invitation: Mr. Seymour Cohen

Dr. Shlomo Bardin

The Chairman reported the unexpected and premature death of our Treasurer, Mr. Max Levy which came as a great shock to the Commission. The death of Mr. Levy, said Mr. Weisman, leaves the Commission with a great sorrow and loss. In respect of the memory of the late Mr. Levy, the Commission rose for a few moments of silence.

Max Levy B.C.I. Scholarship

Dr. Freund suggested that the Commission allocate a national scholarship to Brandeis Camp Institute in memory of the late Mr. Levy.

It was regularly moved and seconded to have the Youth Commission allocate, from its funds each year, a National Scholarship to the Brandeis Camp Institute in memory of the late Mr. Max Levy, for one student from a New York college, this to be known as the MAX LEVY SCHOLARSHIP. So far as this year is concerned, this scholarship to be taken out of the eight national scholarships already allocated. Mrs. Levy is to be advised of the decision of the Youth Commission

The motion was unanimously passed.

Budgets

Dr. Bardin reported briefly on the budgetary items, stating that budgets are normally indicative of the policy of an organization. This holds true with regard to the present budget under discussion which indicates the aim and direction of the Youth Commission.

When the Commission started there were many ZOA and Hadsseah members who did n't believe we would survive for two years. We not only survived, but we have aroused the country. We find an echo, and a response on the part of the country everywhere. I am the last person to claim that the Youth Commission alone is responsible for all this, but I know many regions in the country which for years it was impossible to approach with the idea of youth work. Today, they do not hesitate to place youth work among their main activities. In a number of regions the propaganda for the Expansion Fund is laying stress on youth work and they assume that we are getting relatively large sums of the total fund that is being raised.

But not only is the value of the money at least 30% less than a few years ago, but the country expects more of the National Commission today than it did in the past. Unlike some members of the Board, I believe that the Youth Commission with its relatively small personnel and very small means can record a real achievement and success in every area. We have not done too much, but whatever we started, experimental as it was in the beginning, we were not unsuccessful. Our work was done on a small laboratory scale; i.e., the leadership training courses, B. C. I., weekend institutes publications. Now the country is constantly urging us to go into more seminars of this type and more Brandeis Camps. A gentleman from Connecticut, whom I asked sometime ago for \$7500, now want to raise \$120,000, and if necessary \$150,000, to have a Brandeis Camp in his region. Weekend Institutes on a regional basis are today a very common thing. Young people travel twelve hours to come to a weekend institute. We need more people to present Palestine and in this connection have brought two schlichin. We have done very little in the field of publications, but within that little, the response was quite satisfying. Our study units have already had two and three printings. We made a beginning with the Hebrew Arts and for the first time we are giving the New York people an inkling of what we have in mind. We have only begun to think of our so-called two-way passage with Palestine. We have never been a national office in the true sense of the term, nor have we ever had enough personnel. The same applies to the youth groups.

If we continue with the present structure, which was alright as an initial experiment, we will lose everything we have gained and built up. The parent bodies will stop giving us money because the country is crying for services and we will not be in a position to render. We must introduce an area of professional directors, and I believe the minimum should be 12. It is not imperative to have first-rate people, as I used to think in the past, for even the so-called regular people are able to do a fair job. There must be a person at the national office to tie up the work of the regional directors. Only then will we have some permanency in our organization and only then will we be able to give the youth groups what they need. This does not preclude the necessity for national officers to visit communities. But, we must abolish what we have today in the form of field workers and introduce regional field directors. The time has also come for a youth magazine to be published.

Dr. Bardin felt that if the two parent bodies cannot provide this minimum budget, we should obtain permission from them to turn to Welfare Funds. We would then engage a special person for this work who would get us the money needed.

Dr. Bardin suggested that the Commission appoint a delegation from the Board to appear before the two parent bodies and present the needs of the Commission for the coming year. A request should also be made from the parent bodies to appoint more people to the Commission. Dr. Bardin also thought a memorandum should be prepared and sent out to the Regions asking them to express their wishes directly to the parent bodies.

Dr. Bardin stated that with this minimum budget, and with a Brandeis Camp expansion program, we may in a few years see some results. Otherwise, he felt the Youth Commission which is responsible to the country for Zionist youth work, will be derelict in its duty unless it goes to the two Boards, and insists that what was good a few years ago is not adequate now. The country will not take less than regional youth services, a national office than can serve them and supply them quickly and efficiently, a Hebrew Arts program than can organize choirs and dance groups and a leadership training

program on a nationwide scale.

It was for the above reasons that Dr. Bardin felt the "B" budget was not a good one. He also expressed the opinion that without the number I item calling for the regional directors set-up, a job could not be done for the coming year despite any increases that may be granted to the individual youth groups.

Mr. Schwefel felt that the budget would not require much discussion and presented the following three point motion for discussion.

Mr. Schwefel moved (1) that the Commission adopt a budget in the sum of \$250,000. for the coming year; (2) that the budget be raised by asking the ZOA and Hadassah to contribute \$100,000. each and that the Youth Commission endeavor to make specific plans to raise the balance of \$50,000.; and (3) that we appoint delegations of at least three representatives from this body, one to appear before the ZOA and one before Hadassah to exert pressure in behalf of the needs of the Youth Commission.

Mr. Schwefel suggested the following delegation to appear before the ZOA: Dr. Freund, Hannah Goldberg and Mr. Schoolman. (Dr. Bardin ex-officio). To Hadassah: Mr. Weisman, Dr. Dushkin and Rabbi Davis.

The above motion was duly seconded.

Mr. Torczyner reiterated his belief that the parent bodies should not be asked for such an enlarged budget because they will not be in a position to grant same.

Mr. Weisman pointed out that in the past, each time the Youth Commission asked for an increased budget, certain members on the Commission were always pessimistic and people close to the administration said it was impossible to get that much money for youth work. He stated further that while the Youth Commission is not necessarily placing its needs above any other aspect of Zionist work, it is the duty of the Commission to put pressure on the parent bodies in order to enable it to get the necessary funds to do the job as it believes it should be done. He felt the time had come for the Youth Commission to evaluate its structure. With the political situation as it is with one disappointment after another, the Youth Commission must now enroll the youth of the country and knowing the conditions in the country it is the duty of the Youth Commission to tell the parent bodies how much money it will take to do the job properly.

Mr. Weisman stated that the Expansion Fund has been raised with youth work as the foundation block. He stated further that if it continues to be necessary, and he believed it would, for the ZOA to spend at the rate of \$500,000., at least a quarter of a million dollars ought to be spent to capture the younger generation. Mr. Weisman felt that a failure on the part of the Commission would be an advertisement to the youth of the country that perhaps our enemies are right and we have nothing to offer them.

Mr. Weisman stated that it was his duty as a member of the Commission to point out to the ZOA that without \$250,000. next year, the Commission could hope to do a good job.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Schwefel withdrew the second part of his original motion, and part one and three were carried.

A brief discussion then took place on each item of the budget.

With regard to the 12 youth directors called for in the budget, Dr. Dushkin felt that the Commission was pressing a very vulnerable point, in that the Youth Commission would probably be asked to do with less to start with. He felt it important too to foster local responsibility and should not let the regions think that national will now do all the work, but that they must carry the responsibility and must also have a local staff to do the work.

Rabbi Davis expressed the opinion that it would be preferable to get fewer and more competent people to fill these jobs.

After a brief discussion it was regularly moved and seconded that Item I, point 1 of the budget calling for general expenses and \$2,000. for each director be approved. The motion was carried.

Items 2,3,4,5 and 6 and 7 were approved.

In discussing Item II, point 1, subsidy to Young Judaea, Mr. Weisman called attention to the fact that we could not receive any budgets indicating in advance a deficit for the year. He moved that Young Judaea be granted \$25,000. with the understanding that this amount is voted under this budget on the condition that Young Judaea will have a balanced budget.

The motion was carried.

A thorough discussion on Item II, point 2, Masada budget, could not be had inasmuch as the budget presented by Masada was unclear. It was suggested that this matter be held in abeyance pending the receipt of more detailed figures.

Opinions were expressed that the staff in the Masada office was too large and that it ought to depend more on voluntary workers.

Mr. Weisman stated that he would like to establish the principle whereby the youth groups work on a balanced budget, and that they must not incur deficits.

The motion was made to vote Masada \$21,000. and to undertake to vote an additional amount to absorb any deficit, providing it does not exceed \$4,000. The Masada Committee to nevertheless go over the individual figures in the budget and present same to the Youth Commission for further action.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Weisman suggested that Dr. Bardin set up a proposed scale of compensation for employees of the various youth organizations and circulate same among a subcommittee consisting of Dr. Dushkin, Rabbi Davis and Mrs. Halpern.

Item II, point 4, campus, the motion was made that on the basis of \$250,000. the campus be granted a \$20,000. budget, and that out of this \$20,000. IZFA is to be granted \$18,000.

Item III, publications. Dr. Bardin pointed out that the national office never had the necessary personnel to devote itself properly to publications. Now, for the first time, such a person was available and if

granted the necessary funds, could go ahead with an intelligent publications program. He stated that a small sum of money is to be used on publications prepared in cooperation with the National Council of Jewish Education.

Dr. Dushkin moved that this item be accepted on the basis of \$15,000., but that \$5,000.-\$10,000. be set aside as a publications revolving fund with the thought that there will be income against it and the income will be used for other publications.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Hebrew Arts Committee: Rabbi Davis suggested that the HAC Budget be accepted.

Dr. Bardin stated that while he appreciated the services of the HAC generally and the value of it to the public, the Youth Commission ought to stress one aspect of the work which is of particular value to the Youth Commission. Dr. Bardin felt it ought to be clearly understood that in planning next year's work, the Commission insure that the singing and dancing, not from a professional point of view, but from an educational point of view, be a MUST in the HAC program. Unless we succeed, within the next year, in establishing four or five groups in various cities where the benefits will be direct and the services obvious, the need for this work will not be understood. Dr. Bardin pointed out the necessity for more benefits from the HAC and the importance for cooperation of the HAC in planning the monthly programs for the youth groups.

Mr. Weisman felt that the HAC would fail badly unless it began to do some work of a promotional nature. He felt the HAC should have a sponsors' or subscribers' list, it must have literature and it must do a selling job in the community. The Committee has spend a great deal of money this past year, but has not accomplished any of the above.

Brandeis Camp Institute passed.

Palestine Fellowships passed.

Administration passed. (Chairman pointed out that a \$250. raise was included for the Director.)

After a further general discussion on the budget, it was regularly moved and seconded to eliminate from the tentative budget the sum of \$20.00. for the youth magazine and to add to the Masada budget an outright grant of \$6,000., making a total of \$21,000., and to reserve in a contingency fund a sum not to exceed \$4,000. to meet a possible deficit on the part of Masada, and an additional \$4,000. for general contingencies, making the total budget \$240,000.

The motion was passed.

Miscellaneous

Absenteeism - The motion was duly made, seconded and carried, that any member of the Commission, when absent for two successive meetings without sending adequate excuse, shall be dropped from the Commission.

Salary Increase to Director - Dr. Dushkin stated that he didn't quite grasp Mr. Weisman's remark to the effect that an increase was granted

to the Director in the sum of \$250. He felt that it was ridiculous to even suggest such an increase in a total budget in the amount under discussion. He pointed out that in any organization men are asking and receiving 15% increases. While Dr. Dushkin refrained from making any specific suggestions, he recommended that the Office Committee go over the budget, and reconsider the matter.

Rabbi Davis seconded the suggestion. It was passed.

Report of Mrs. Schleifer re National Meeting at Camp

Mrs. Schleifer reported that in accordance with the decision taken at the last meeting to investigate the possibilities of holding the National Youth Commission meeting in Camp this summer, it was decided that in view of the forthcoming Congress with many people out of the country, and because of the physical limitations and imposition on the Camp, the idea was dropped.

Chalutzit Special Meeting

Dr. Bardin stated that for the past year, he had recommended the need for a full discussion on a very major issue - chalutzit. It has steadily been postponed because of many pressing matters. He urged the Youth Commission to fix a date for such a meeting. It was suggested that the Youth Commission circulate a choice of dates for such a meeting and that same be called at the convenience of the majority of the members.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION
RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
October 1, 1946 to September 30, 1947
AS ADOPTED BY THE YOUTH COMMISSION AT
ITS MEETING OF May 21, 1946.

	<u>Budget</u> 1946-47	<u>Expenditures</u> 1945-46
1. REGIONAL AND COUNTRY-WIDE SERVICES		
1. 12 Regional Directors, including traveling expenses	\$60,000.)	
2. 2 Schlichim from Palestine)	9,462.99
Salaries \$6,500)	
Travel <u>3,500</u>	10,000.)	
3. National Field Secretary	4,000.)	
4. Regional Week-end Institutes	3,000.	617.74
5. National Annual Youth Commission Meeting	1,000.)	
6. National Conference Regional Youth Dir.	1,000.)	1,117.01
7. Travel by National Officers	2,000.	793.92
	<u>\$81,000.</u>	<u>\$11,991.66</u>
11. DIRECT ALLOCATIONS TO NATIONAL ORG.		
1. Young Judaea	35,000.	33,500.00
2. Canada	21,000.	18,700.04
3. Campus	20,000.	14,576.63
4. Jr. Hadassah	2,500.	2,500.00
	<u>\$78,500.</u>	<u>\$69,276.67</u>
111. PUBLICATIONS, HEBREW ARTS & B. C. I.		
1. Publications (incl. serving unaff. youth Hebrew & Sunday Schools)		
Salaries \$2,000.		
Manuscripts 2,000.		
Printing & Pub. <u>11,000</u>	15,000.	1,494.94*
2. Hebrew Arts Committee	15,000.	14,297.32
3. Brandeis Camp Institute	5,000.	5,000.00
4. Palestine Fellowships	4,500.	750.00
	<u>\$39,500.</u>	<u>\$21,542.26</u>
IV. ADMINISTRATION		
1. Salaries	23,000.	17,741.99
2. Administration Expenses	10,000.	11,165.09
	<u>\$33,000.</u>	<u>\$28,907.08</u>
CONTINGENCIES	8,000.	
TOTAL --	<u>\$240,000.</u>	

*With the appropriation for contracted work the total is \$5,494.94.

AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION
INCOME AND EXPENSE 10/1/45 - 9/30/46

INCOME -

Subsidies:

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>1944-45</u>
Hedassah	60,000.00		50,000.00
Z.O.A.	56,199.92		50,000.00
ZOA Subsidy grant to the Hebrew Arts Committee *** \$8,000.00			
	116,199.92		100,000.00
Literature Sales	368.51		474.78
Total -	<u>\$116,568.43</u>		<u>\$100,474.78</u>

EXPENSES -

Subsidies:

Young Judaea	30,000.00		
Young Judaea (appropriation)	<u>3,500.00</u>	33,500.00	30,000.00
Magada	18,700.04	18,700.00	7,100.00
Junior Hadassah	2,500.00		2,500.00

Campus:

Intercolleg. Zionist Fed.	8,000.00		
IZFA Convention, Travel, etc.	4,851.63		
Avukah	900.00		
B.C.I. Nat'l. Student Schol.	<u>825.00</u>	14,576.63	18,000.00
Brandeis Camp Institute	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total -	<u>\$74,276.67</u>	<u>\$71,700.00</u>	<u>\$47,951.17</u>

Hebrew Arts Committee spent	32,307.97		
Less receipts	<u>18,573.65</u>	14,297.32	12,500.00
Field Workers Salary & Expense		9,462.99	12,000.00
Weekend Institutes		617.74	1,000.00
Palestine Fellowships		750.00	750.00
Travel		793.92	1,500.00
Publications spent	4,169.94		
Appropriated	<u>4,000.00</u>		
	8,169.40		
Less appropriated in 1945	<u>6,675.00</u>	1,494.94	8,000.00
Appropriations for BCI film		<u>2,500.00</u>	
Total -	<u>\$29,916.91</u>	<u>\$35,750.00</u>	<u>\$18,808.01</u>

Administration Expenses:

Salaries	17,741.99		12,952.24
Rent and Electricity	1,711.75		1,773.08
Telephone and Telegraph	1,204.75		786.46
Stationery, Printing, Office Sup.	1,203.46		574.86
Postage	1,224.85		682.83
Towel, Water, Repairs	67.15		23.55
Auditor's Fee	240.00		240.00
Convention Expenses	1,179.88		602.18
Miscellaneous Expenses	405.59		270.97
Y.C. Conferences & Meetings	1,117.01		749.53
Organization & Promotional	721.13		736.78
Insurance	269.32		64.58
Office Furniture	262.98		213.51
Dr. Bordin's trip to Palestine	106.56		2,010.85
Carfares	22.77		
Press Clippings	<u>45.00</u>		
	<u>\$27,524.09</u>	<u>\$25,750.00</u>	<u>\$21,681.22</u>

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>1944-45</u>
(Totals carried forward)	<u>27,524.09</u>	<u>25,750.00</u>	<u>21,881.22</u>
Grand Total Expenses:	<u>\$131,717.67</u>	<u>\$32,450.00</u>	<u>\$85,734.10</u>
Excess of Expenses over Income -	\$15,149.24		
Excess of Income over Expenses 1945 -			\$12,240.68

* The sum of \$3,700.00 due but not received prior to September 30, 1946.
 ** This sum was given by ZOA to Hebrew Arts Committee as special grant in addition to regular budget amount paid by the Youth Commission as shown herein.

AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION
BALANCE SHEET 9/30/46

ASSETS -

Cash in Bank	\$5,530.02	
Cash on Hand	17.98	
Due from Masada	1,000.00	
Due from Z.O.A.	<u>3,700.00</u>	
Total -		<u>\$10,248.00</u>

LIABILITIES -

Withholding Tax	254.60	
Appropriation for Young Judaea	3,500.00	
Appropriation for Publications:		
Palestine Stories for Children	1,500.00	
Palestine Teachers Manual	1,000.00	
History of Pal. Colonies	1,000.00	
Musical Pageant	<u>500.00</u>	4,000.00
Appropriation for promotion of B.C.I. film		2,500.00
Accrued Expenses	<u>270.00</u>	
Total -		<u>10,524.60</u>
Surplus adjusted as of 10/4/45	14,872.64	
Excess of Expenses over income	<u>15,149.24</u>	
Deficit 9/30/46 -		<u>\$276.60</u>

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE AMERICAN
ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION HELD AT
381-4TH AVENUE, NYC - OCTOBER 1, 1946

P R E S E N T: Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Presiding
Rev. Martin Adolf
Rabbi Moshe Davis
Dr. Miriam Freund
Mr. Sheldon Feinberg
Mrs. Emanuel Halpern
Mrs. I. H. Levin
Mrs. Ethel Schleifer
Mr. Louis Schwefel
Mr. Abe Tannenbaum
Mr. Joseph Sternstein

By Invitation: Rabbi Seymour Cohen

Dr. Shlomo Bardin

New Young Judaea Committee Chairman

Mr. Weisman stated that upon the resignation of Mr. A.P. Schoolman, as chairman of the Committee for Young Judaea, he, as Chairman of the Youth Commission, with the consent and approval of the Commission as a whole, appoint Mrs. Emanuel Halpern in his place and stead.

Young Judaea Director

The difficulties encountered in trying to obtain a Director for Young Judaea were again reported. The Chairman, with the consent of the Commission, authorized a salary for this position up to \$6500. per annum.

Assistant Youth Commission Director

The same difficulties arose in connection with filling this position as with the Young Judaea position. After discussion, it was the consensus of opinion and it was regularly moved that a man with the suitable qualifications should be offered a salary up to \$7500. per annum. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Hebrew Arts Committee

Rev. Adolf pointed out that the physical set-up of the Hebrew Arts Committee was entirely inadequate for purposes of operation and even inadequate for the purpose of rendering an accounting at the end of the year. He felt that some system should be evolved whereby the H.A.C. would have its own bank account so as to make unnecessary having to come to the Youth Commission each time a check was to be signed. He pointed out that the needs of the H.A.C. were very different from any of the organizations affiliated with the Youth Commission, and they were very often in need of checks on very short notice.

Rabbi Davis stated that the H.A.C. was not interested in disassociating itself from the central office of the Youth Commission, but that some technical arrangement was necessary whereby if it needed

checks on short notice they could be obtained without too much loss to time and red tape.

Mr. Weisman stated that he would be loathe to change the system on the basis of the complaints set forth and pointed out that the fact that it didn't work last year did not point in the direction of giving the HAC more autonomy. In fact, from the statements made, the contrary would be true.

Dr. Bardin felt that the same arrangement should exist with the HAC as existed with the Young Judaea and stated that the agreement between the Youth Commission and the HAC mentioned this type of an arrangement. This would imply a new Youth Commission-Hebrew Arts Committee banking account into which all monies, but those of the Foundation, are deposited and checks signed by the Youth Commission officers authorized to do so. It will also imply separate bookkeeping, audited by the Youth Commission's auditor.

After a further discussion of the administrative procedure for paying bills and expenses incurred by the HAC, it was determined to open an account in the name of the AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION-HEBREW ARTS COMMITTEE, to pay out of this account all expenses incurred in the usual form, as in the case of Young Judaea, and for the convenience of the HAC to provide, on the first and fifteenth of each month, a sum up to \$300., on a non-cumulative basis, this sum to be used in an emergency only, with proper petty cash vouchers, etc. It is also agreed that the HAC will submit monthly reports and that the books of the HAC will be audited by the auditor of the Youth Commission.

ZQA and Hadassah Conventions

A discussion took place on the participation of the Youth Commission in the ZQA Convention and it was again reported that the Youth Commission would have its dinner Friday night.

The Chairman recalled the underground work that had been going on against the work of the Youth Commission and certain individuals by some leaders of the youth groups at conventions in the past and stated that it was absolutely essential that there be no repetition this year and the necessity for a united effort if we are to get our increased budget from the ZQA. He stated that in the past, he had to spend many hours trying to overcome the bad effect of this talk and that if anything like this takes place this year, he would walk out.

Mr. Schwefel reported that there was a tremendous amount of enthusiasm shown for youth work at the Manhattan Zionist Regional Conference this past week and that they were prepared to vote substantial increases in the youth budget.

Dr. Bardin stated that the Chairman's remarks were of great importance and that the youth groups ought to understand that we must pull together. While it is true that the granting of budgets in the ZQA depends on the Executive rather than on the Convention, the latter however can through its enthusiasm stimulate the Executive to proper action. He felt that if the Friday night program is properly organized, the effect would prove very beneficial, for there is a tremendous good-will for the work of the Youth Commission throughout the country.

Mr. Tannenbaum felt that in connection with the program for the Convention, a discussion should be had with the participants as to the type of material they will present so as to avoid rehashing of old material and avoid duplications. He did not think the presentation should be an argument for the necessity of Zionist youth work in this country, but rather a practical discussion of how it should be done and why.

Mr. Tannenbaum made the motion that for the next ZQA Convention, a complete report be prepared and printed, which should include a complete

report of the activities of the Youth Commission, and all its departments, and as an appendix thereto, a completely audited financial statement, together with a statement of the 1946-47 budget; this report to be used for both conventions.

The motion was duly seconded, and adopted.

Mrs. Levin was of the opinion that it was not necessary to have such a detailed financial statement. Dr. Freund was of the same opinion and stated that she did not need this detailed financial statement for her convention.

It was suggested that this report should also be distributed to those people attending the Friday night dinner and additional copies to be made for this purpose.

Mr. Weisman suggested that both he and the Vice-Chairman would read and approve the report before same went to the printers.

Sub-Committee - It was regularly moved that a sub-committee be appointed to take charge of planning the proper presentation of the Youth Commission work and point of view at the convention, and its youth committee.

The motion was seconded and passed and the Chairman appointed Mr. Abe Tannenbaum and Mr. Joseph Sternstein as members of this sub-committee.

Chalutzit

A discussion took place on the memorandum sent out after the last meeting re Chalutzit and the following changes were suggested:

1. Point "1" was approved by the majority; Rev. Adolf opposed.
2. Point "2" was amended as follows: "It is necessary to have a medium for Hachshara for the benefit of general Zionist youth.". This point was then approved as amended.
3. Point "3" was amended by deleting the words "according to American standards", and was then approved as amended.

Since many members of the Commission had to leave for another meeting, it was necessary to curtail further discussion of this matter.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Schwefel suggested that in the future, when advance information is known as to the duration of a meeting, the members should be advised accordingly, so that they could plan their evenings properly.

Mr. Tannenbaum stated that Rabbi Seymour Cohen was leaving for Palestine within a very short time and wanted to wish him well. The whole Commission joined in expressing these same sentiments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00, P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

October 22, 1946

Dr. Shlomo Bardin, Executive Director
American Zionist Youth Commission
381 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Bardin:

I am submitting to you herewith the financial statement for the American Zionist Youth Commission and the affiliates, Young Judaea, and Masada.

This report consists of the following:

1. Statement of income and expense for the American Zionist Youth Commission for the year 1945-46 compared with the budget and income and expense for the year 1944-45.
2. Balance sheet of the American Zionist Youth Commission as of September 30, 1946.
3. Statement of income and expense of Young Judaea for the year 1945-46 compared with the budget and income and expense for the year 1944-45.
4. Balance sheet of Young Judaea as of September 30, 1946.
5. Statement of income and expense of Masada for the year 1945-46.
6. Balance sheet of Masada as of September 30, 1946.

I have examined all the books and records of the three organizations and I hereby certify that the within reports are, in my opinion, a correct statement of the financial position and activities for the year.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

Mervin Isaacs,
Certified Public Accountant

Annual Report
AND
Financial Statement
of the
American Zionist Youth Commission
And Its Affiliated Groups
to the
NATIONAL CONVENTIONS
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October, 1946

AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION
Joint Agency of the Z.O.A. and Hadassah
381 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

TO THE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF LOCAL YOUTH COMMISSIONS:

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is the Annual Report of the American Zionist Youth Commission, containing full financial statements of the Commission, as well as of the youth groups.

Since we have had a number of questions from chairmen of local Youth Commissions regarding the relation between local Youth Commissions and IZFA, I wish to give you our official policy regarding this relationship.

The American Zionist Youth Commission has agreed to participate as a co-sponsor with other Zionist parties, namely, "Poale Zion" and "Mizrachi" in the advisory council of IZFA, and is responsible for a substantial financial contribution towards its support. The American Zionist Youth Commission is represented on the Advisory Council by its Campus Committee, of which Mr. Louis Schwefel is Chairman.

The local Youth Commission should try in every way to help IZFA in its efforts. It can stimulate, guide and cooperate with all IZFA efforts, treating IZFA as a part of its Youth Commission responsibilities. The local Youth Commission should expand its field of youth activities to include the Campus group.

The local Youth Commission can, if the situation warrants it, take the initiative in advocating the formation of a local Inter-party Advisory Council consisting of its own representatives, (Campus Committee) and those of Poale Zion and Mizrachi. Once such a Council has been established, the disbursement of funds for IZFA activities and other concomitant considerations become a function of this Council.

To help guide you in understanding our National policy in the matter of representation on the Advisory Council and our financial commitments, I am herewith quoting several sections of an official agreement reached between the American Zionist Youth Commission and the Central Executive Committee of IZFA, on February 10, 1948:

"(1) We urge the adoption of a method for constituting the Advisory Council on a plan substantially similar to the Constitution of the Emergency Council, to wit: that four members shall be members of the Youth Commission (2 ZCA and 2 Hadassah), one member of the Poale Zion and one a member of the Mizrachi, provided that each one of the latter two organizations shall contribute not less than 10% of the annual budget of the Federation. Any Zionist youth group having acknowledged affiliation

within the IZFA of 75 or more members throughout the country shall have one representative on the Advisory Council. The group of technical advisors that will be appointed by the CEC and including a representative of Hechalutz shall have no vote.

"(2) Any other party becoming a sponsor shall agree to the same terms as contained in the Memorandum."

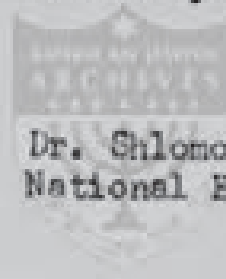
This is the National pattern. It is, of course, advisable to adhere to this policy as far as it is practical.

I want to take this opportunity also to enclose an exchange of letters between Mr. Sumner Alpert, National President of IZFA, and Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Chairman of the American Zionist Youth Commission, which I think you will find of interest.

With cordial greetings, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Shlomo Bardin,
National Executive Director



INTERCOLLEGIATE ZIONIST FEDERATION OF AMERICA
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November 1, 1946

Mr. Herman Weisman, Chairman
American Zionist Youth Commission
381 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Weisman,

I should like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your efforts on behalf of IZFA at the recently past ZOA convention. We are grateful to you for introducing the resolution on IZFA to the Youth Committee, which was later presented to the plenum, and for your consistent efforts to bring IZFA to the attention of the delegates.

The success which IZFA has enjoyed in the past months is due in no small measure to your own faithful support, and we in IZFA are more appreciative than we could ever express.

It is good to know that student Zionism has a friend such as you.

With sincere Zionist greetings,

Sumner Alpert (Signed)
National President

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November 6, 1946

Mr. Sumner Alpert, National President
Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America
10111 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland 8, Ohio

Dear Mr. Alpert:

It is very pleasant indeed to acknowledge your letter of November 1st wherein you graciously thank me for advancing the interests of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America at the recent convention of the ZOA and for the support given your organization since its inception.

More than my personal friendship for "student Zionism" is involved, much more. It has been a slow and at times a painful evolution which finally resulted in bringing forth ISZA as a reality. The best manpower of our people is in the colleges and universities. American Zionism expects great things from ISZA. I am satisfied that you can enjoy the friendship and support not merely of the national Youth Commission but of the national leadership in ZOA and Hedessah and of all the members of the regional and local Youth Commissions and of the leadership also in the ZOA districts and Hedessah chapters. You and your associates have a unique opportunity to enlist this cooperation on a nation-wide basis. I suggest that the methodology for this cooperation should engage the early and earnest attention of yourself and associates. For our own part the Youth Commission will immediately exert its best efforts to implement the letter and spirit of the resolution passed at the recent convention.

Sincerely yours,

Herman L. Weissman (signed)

[October 1946?]

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION

I- The American Zionist Youth Commission is operated jointly by the Zionist Organization of America and Hadassah. Since its inception, Mr. Herman Weisman has been its Chairman; Dr. S. S. Bardin, its director; Mrs. Moses Epstein was Vice-Chairman until her election as President of Hadassah, and she has been succeeded by Dr. Miriam Freund.

During its period of existence, the Youth Commission has accomplished a great deal. The people who belong to its Executive Committee have done the best job possible under the circumstances.

We feel, however, that the Youth Commission has great unexplored potentialities for development, and that the partnership between the Zionist Organization of America and Hadassah should be continued.

II- It is our recommendation that the budget allocated to the Youth Commission by the Zionist Organization of America be granted, and that it should equal the amount allocated by Hadassah.

III- Our impression is that the principal reason for the lack of strength of the general Zionist Youth Movement in this country at the present time, is due to the over-all approach to the youth problem by the National Commission. Jewish Youth in America could be made enthusiastic for the Zionist ideal not through slow-moving, out-moded processes, but through a large propaganda and mass-indoctrination educational campaign. We must imbue the young people with the urge to become active in our cause and capture their enthusiasms. This is singularly lacking in our present operations.

IV- A) Young Judea: We have found that Dr. Kessler has done a very good job for Young Judea. His department is the only one which sends out adequate material throughout the country. The interest and efforts of the Youth Commission, during the first years of its activity, have been devoted to this group. Due to the error of approach heretofore mentioned, Young Judea has become a lethargic youth movement, and ways and means should be found to revitalize it. More initiative should be given to the senior groups for the fullest expression of their ideas and talents.

B) Junior Hadassah: Junior Hadassah works efficiently. An increase of membership is possible, and should be attempted.

C) Masada: 1- We studied the proposals submitted by Masada to the Zionist Organization of America at its convention, and the problem has been rather thoroughly discussed with the official representatives of the organization. With a membership

of less than one thousand (1000), it is felt that Masada alone will not be able to cope with the Veteran problem. In our opinion only the younger veterans should join Masada. In general, however, the greatest number of veterans should join the districts so that their influence will activate the districts of the Zionist Organization of America. After careful survey of the organization of junior districts, we regret to say that we cannot recommend the creation of Junior Districts with special representatives and special privileges.

Any fifty (50) men or women over eighteen years of age may create a district, and by active participation of a district of younger people in the work of the Region to which it belongs, it can weave itself into the Zionist pattern, just as has been done by other similar groups throughout the years.

In New York City, we have such examples in the Manhattan Zionist Club, Tikvat Israel, etc. These are independent districts which have accomplished a great deal for Zionism. Too many complications and conflicts would ensue if the operations of a junior district were isolated and not integrated with the work of the region. It is therefore not advisable to create a special division called Young Zionists of America.

2- It is our feeling that under the aegis of the National Youth Commission, Masada can become a large and important youth organization. In regard to the change of name or any major problem, final decision must be left to the Youth Commission since Masada is submitting to its jurisdiction.

3- Notwithstanding the partial satisfaction expressed by some leaders of Masada as to the arrangement with Junior Hadassah, making Masada an all male organization, careful consideration of both sides of the question presses us to recommend that this agreement be rescinded. Youth groups can only develop harmoniously if both girls and boys belong to them. The great success of the Youth groups mentioned above is largely due to the fact that it has mixed leadership. The social approach to Zionism is an important organization factor and our work is strengthened through this method of approach.

D) Campus: We have lost a great opportunity to influence the coming generation of intellectuals and potential dynamic leadership toward our point of view by the unforgivable neglect of campus work during the last years. Our main task for the years ahead must be the intensification of work on the campus.

An Intercollegiate Conference was held at Chicago during the Christmas weekend. It was called, financed, and organized by the Youth Commission, but what resulted was the creation of an intercollegiate federation of all Zionist parties. We know that it is impossible to create a campus Mizrahi or general Zionist Organization, and that there can only be a federation of all groups.

On the other hand, if such a federation must be subsidized, it should not be subsidized mainly by the Youth Commission.

An advisory council should be created with proportionate representation of all parties, the representation of the Zionist Organization of America, and Hadassah, being appointed through the National Youth Commission.

V- The principal accomplishment of the director of the American Zionist Youth Commission is the creation of the Brandeis Camp. Despite criticism by various Brandeis Camp graduates or other people interested in the problem, it is our opinion that this is the major achievement of the Youth Commission. We recommend that camps be established in the country, and that they become financially independent. Due to Dr. Bardin's experience in this field, and the importance which we attach to the work through camps, we suggest that Dr. Bardin be placed in charge, and that his salary be paid through the funds raised for the establishment and maintenance of the camps. The curricula for the camps should be directed by the National Youth Commission, and the director should only secure a faculty which is approved by the majority of the National Youth Commission.

VI- It is our recommendation that weekend institutes be held more frequently in the various parts of the country.

VII- The relationship between the regional and local Youth Commission should be more intimate and it should be made certain that field workers be at the point of their assignment in the country and not stranded at the main office.

VIII- The Youth situation in Metropolitan New York, where two-million Jews live, must be improved. In the mistaken belief that this area can be compared to any other in the country, not enough time has been devoted by the National Youth Commission to Metropolitan New York. The weakness of the general Zionist Youth in Metropolitan New York is such that we recommend that the director of the National Youth Commission devote part of his attention to the New York situation.

IX- The question of Chalutzit is under the jurisdiction of a special committee of all parties, and therefore does not fall under the jurisdiction of the National Youth Commission. Mr. S. Kramarsky, a member of the National Youth Commission, is an expert in the field of Chalutzit, and we most heartily recommend his transfer to the Chalutzit Committee.

X- Following the suggestion of Dr. Israel Goldstein, a report was rendered by Dr. Mitchell S. Fisher on the organization of sports activities. Two districts, the Maccabi and the Hakoah, devote themselves to the organization of young Jews in sport organizations. If more effort were made in this direction, a greater part of the Jewish youth would be attracted to the Zionist movement. An experiment in this direction is being conducted in March by the Manhattan Zionist Region which is holding a Sports Night in the armory. If the Youth Commission is seriously interested in bringing the Zionist ideal to as many young Jews as possible, such activities should also come within its realm.

XI- It is not clear to us why the Hebrew Arts Committee was incorporated with the National Youth Commission. Now that it has been done, however, we shall try to make the best of it.

XII- There is no adequate literature for our Youth. We have found that various departments order publications which are printed without any coordination with or clearance by the National Organization. We advise that all publications be centralized and cleared through the Zionist Organization of America. A primer of Zionist History, and an authoritative book on the general Zionist point of view should be printed before any pamphlets of a specialized nature. We commend the work done by Dr. Kessler, and we deeply regret that the literature published by the Youth Commission is absolutely inadequate for these historic times.

SUMMARY: The National Youth Commission is understaffed and mis-staffed. We are deeply critical of the manner in which the work was organized, and we cannot understand how the director could leave an office in the hands of an inadequate personnel. We recommend that a new national director of the Youth Commission be appointed, and that he devote the main activity to general Zionist Youth in the country and in New York City. We recommend that Dr. Bardin be appointed director of the Brandeis Camp and similar projects.

CONCLUSION: The National Youth Commission is an instrument which can be successfully used for the best interests of the Zionist Movement. The time to make a change of approach and to intensify the tempo of Youth work is now! There is no time to lose.

Respectfully submitted:-

Joseph W. Greenleaf Jacques Torgnyer

Joseph W. Greenleaf and Jacques Torgnyer

November 18, 1946

Mr. Herman Weisman
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My dear Mr. Weisman:

I am somewhat disturbed about the criticisms which I have been receiving, and which undoubtedly you have been receiving about the Youth Commission. In Atlantic City quite a few spoke to me about it. At the last meeting of the Administrative Committee, where you were present, representatives of two regions complained that all through last year they had no contacts whatsoever with and no help from the Youth Commission. I am in no position to pass judgment on these things. I do not know the facts.

Yesterday Mr. Alpert, President of the Intercollegiate Zionists, was in to see me and complained that while his organization was promised a subsidy of \$18,000, it actually received only \$12,000, as a result of which they have been unable to meet their bills and to pay the salaries of a few people whom they have on their staff. They had been voted a budget of \$23,000 for the coming year and Mr. Schwefel had informed them that they could count only upon half of it. They are now planning to go out on an independent campaign — a prospect certainly not to be looked forward to with pleasure by those of us who are already sufficiently plagued with the multiplicity of Zionist fund campaigns in the country.

I put this problem in your lap. Have you had the time during the year to look closely into the whole picture of the Youth Commission, to evaluate its work, to see whether you are really servicing the Zionist regions, and whether the groups which receive subsidies from us are getting those subsidies and are using it to the best advantage?

I should be very happy to have the benefit of your thoughts on these matters.

Very cordially yours,

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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION
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NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF THE Z. O. A. AND HADASSAH
NOVEMBER, 1946

The American Zionist Youth Commission, joint agency of the American Zionist Organization of America and Hadassah for the conduct of Zionist work among American Jewish youth, reports with satisfaction a notable degree of progress in the past year, as regards both the expansion of its affiliated national youth groups and the intensification of its organizational and educational activities on behalf of youth.

The Youth Commission gratefully acknowledges the great part played in this progress by the stimulating cooperation accorded it in all of its undertakings by the President of the Zionist Organization of America, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and the President of Hadassah, Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, and their respective administrations. The Youth Commission also records with gratitude its great debt to Mr. Herman L. Telsman and Dr. Miriam Freund, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Youth Commission respectively, for their unabating efforts, devotion and leadership in furthering the work carried on by the Youth Commission in behalf of American Jewish youth.

The cumulative efforts of hundreds of lay leaders of Local and Regional Youth Commissions have resulted in an interest in youth work unparalleled in previous years. The Youth Commission points with a great degree of pride and satisfaction to this interest as one of its major achievements in the past year.

In the present brief report, only the highlights of the accomplishments of the American Zionist Youth Commission can be mentioned. Of first importance is the expansion of the Youth Commission family through the formation of new Local Youth Commissions. This year the number of Local Youth Commissions is 200, an increase of 28 over last year. In many cases the impetus for the formation of new Local Youth Commissions was imparted by Mr. Weissman, Chairman, and Dr. Freund, Vice-Chairman, as well as by members and field workers of the National Office of the Youth Commission during visits paid to the communities. During the past year, Dr. Shlomo Bardin, Executive Director, met with Zionists in many cities, and Miss Grace Buchstane and Miss Lillian Schwartz, the field workers of the Commission, paid visits to 56 and 25 communities, respectively. Miss Naomi Chertoff, President of Junior Hadassah, visited a number of communities on the West Coast for the same purpose.

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Visits

The increased interest of youth in Zionism manifested itself in the growth of the youth groups both qualitatively and quantitatively. The larger appropriations by the National Youth Commission to the National Offices of its youth groups and the devoted services of the professional and lay officers of these groups, coupled with the support of the Local Youth Commissions, have witnessed a substantial increase in the memberships, chapters and clubs in some of the groups.

This was particularly true in the case of Masada and I. Z. F. A., which started the year almost from scratch with hardly any members. In addition, the year saw probably the greatest re-enrollment of Young Judaea leaders and clubs as contrasted to previous turnovers. There was also a great improvement in the content of the programs of the various youth groups. Growing interest also manifested itself in the great growth in the number of regional conferences, conclaves, week-end institutes, etc.

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members

Apart from Brandeis Camp, the New England Youth Commission, under the leadership of Mr. Harry Levine, expanded its activities in its three camps--Young Judaea Camp and Camp Tel Noar for children; Camp Tevya for young adults. The Northwest Region, under the leadership of Mr. Harry Rosenthal of St. Paul, successfully conducted its first camp, Camp Herzl, for children of this region.

Camps

WEEK END INSTITUTES

Gratifying progress has been made by the Youth Commission towards its goal in leadership training work as a result of the increasing popularity of week-end institutes and leadership training courses. Highly successful institutes were held in numerous cities in all sections of the country during the year. The large numbers of youth attending gave further encouraging proof of the present interest in Zionism. Regional week-end institutes of particular significance and importance were conducted by the Youth Commissions in Boston, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Buffalo, New York, Savannah, Long Island, St. Paul, Minneapolis and many others. New York, Buffalo and other cities also launched longer leadership courses of eight weeks' duration. It is confidently expected that the scope of these activities will be still further extended in the coming year.

PUBLICATIONS

Apart from assisting the youth groups by subsidies and help to their staffs in turning out a stream of publications serving their various memberships, the Youth Commission has embarked upon a program of preparing several publications for servicing both its groups and unaffiliated youth. In its Palestine Popular Library series, the Youth Commission published "The Jew in Battle" and 25,000 copies of a new edition of "Presenting Palestine." Many thousands of copies were distributed to U. S. O. and Army camps at their request.

In cooperation with the National Council for Jewish Education, a special sub-committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Dr. Ben Edidin which has prepared two manuscripts now going to press; one a manual on presenting Palestine in Hebrew and Sunday schools, and the other an anthology of Palestine stories for children. Also prepared for printing are a history on Palestine's colonization, a full-length book on Palestinian parachutists during the war, and a musical pageant on Hag Habikourim or Shevuoth.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sorrow that we record the untimely passing during the past year of Mr. Max Levy, the Treasurer of the Youth Commission, and Naomi Brodie Deskow, who had rendered valuable and devoted service to the Youth Commission in previous years. As a tribute to the memory of Mr. Levy and his devotion to youth work, the Youth Commission has established a yearly scholarship to Brandeis Camp Institute known as the Max Levy B. C. I. Scholarship. In memory of the late Naomi Brodie Deskow, the Youth Commission has established a yearly

Palestinian Fellowship for an American boy or girl to be known as the Naomi Brodie Daskow Fellowship.

EXPANSION PLAN

The Youth Commission is convinced that it must expand the pace and scale of its work. In spite of the progress that has been made in the past year, the full potentialities for effective youth work that exist today cannot yet be said to have been brought into play. And the need today is greater than ever. On the one hand, the picture of Zionism today is such that much greater reservoirs of strength must be derived from the American community. Palestine has come to the forefront of the world stage as an international problem in its struggle to secure the Jewish right to freedom in its own Homeland. On the other hand, American Jewish youth faces new challenges, and the aroused interest on the part of adults demands a much increased tempo in the work of the Youth Commission.

To carry out in the coming year a program that will adequately cope with the tasks demanded by this situation and to exploit to the full the still-untapped potentialities in America, the American Zionist Youth Commission plans a series of activities transcending anything that it has hitherto attempted. The first demand, in view of the scope and proportions of the work of the Youth Commission, is for a competent staff of Regional Youth Directors. After thorough deliberation, the American Zionist Youth Commission has decided to embark on a policy of establishing twelve such directors in various regions of the country. Secondly, the appropriations to the National Offices of the youth groups must be greatly increased. Thirdly, the administrative staff of the National

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Office of the Youth Commission, which was never sufficient, must be put on a scale commensurate with the needs. Because of a lack of personnel the Youth Commission could never devote enough time to the creation of a sufficient library of Zionist material, which it now intends to do.

In view of all this, the Youth Commission submits to the parent bodies a budget (See Appendix) which represents a great increase over last year, with one-third devoted to servicing the Regional Commissions directly. The Youth Commission is confident that such an allocation will do much to further the work conducted by the National, Regional and Local Commissions through week-end institutes, leadership training courses, programming, and the publication and distribution of essential Zionist literature.

NATIONAL YOUTH GROUPS

Young Judaea

Young Judaea grew in the last year from a membership of 12,000 to 15,000 paid-up members, an increase of 25 per cent. The number of registered clubs grew from 650 to 800, an increase of 23 per cent. It is estimated that there are at least 5,000 members not registered at the National Office. During the year the funds donated to the Keren Hanoar (Palestine Scout Fund), the Jewish National Fund and the Youth Aliya showed a commensurate increase. A number of summer camps were maintained for Young Judaea members and throughout the year a large number of regional conclaves, leadership courses, and Zionist seminars were conducted under the auspices of the National Office. The National Office also published an increased amount of educational material, programs, study units, discussion guides, songs and games, while the value

of the "Young Judaea", the monthly publication of the organization, was enhanced by the inclusion of a special pictorial supplement depicting life in Palestine. Many Hebrew schools and Jewish schools throughout the country are today using Young Judaea material.

In the Senior division of Young Judaea, for boys and girls in the 14 - 17 age group, the National Office launched a new project known as the Palestine gift Exchange whereby boys and girls in America and Palestine will exchange various utilitarian and educational articles to strengthen the bonds between them. Youth have responded with unprecedented enthusiasm to this project. The National Office also continued to send out to Senior members a number of educational publications, including "The Senior" newspaper, and has marshalled American Jewish youth in support of various projects of other organizations with a common goal, such as Jewish Book Month, Jewish Education Month, Jewish Festival Month, and local councils.

The American Zionist Youth Commission expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Albert P. Schoolman, Chairman of the Young Judaea, and Dr. Aharon Kessler, National Director, for their unbounded devotion in furthering the work of the organization during their tenure of office until their resignation in the past year. Young Judaea will sadly miss their gifts of leadership. The assumption of the Chairmanship by Mrs. Emanuel Halpern is greeted by the Youth Commission as a cheering compensation and a happy augury for the continued expansion of Young Judaea under her leadership.

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Masada

The membership of Masada, the Young Men's Zionist Organization, has increased by leaps and bounds since the hiatus caused by the war

to a total membership of 2,500 in approximately 90 chapters throughout the United States. Over 50 new chapters have been formed in the past half year alone. A major step towards Masada's re-expansion was the Interim National Convention held in February, 1946, which was attended by over 100 delegates from all parts of the country and from which emerged large-scale plans for accelerating the rate of increase of the organization's membership by means of extensive pamphleteering, programming and personal campaigning. Masada youth during the past year took the lead in conducting various political measures on behalf of Palestine, such as picketing British consular offices in New York and participating in the Veterans' March on Washington. Members of the National Board and officers of the National Office paid a number of visits to various regions to organize membership, especially in the East, where new regions were organized in New England, New Jersey, Brooklyn, Long Island, the Southeast and the Middle Atlantic States.

Particularly important among developments in the past year was the formation by Masada, in conjunction with Junior Hadassah, of a Plugat Aliya (immigration group) for prospective halutzim to Palestine. In one year the organization has grown to a membership of 70, and plans have been made to expand it during the coming year. During the past summer the organization conducted a special 12-week leadership training course for its members which was widely attended. Plans are also nearing completion for the sponsorship by Masada of a special project of its own in Palestine.

With many returned veterans completing the initial stages of their process of readjustment, Masada's hopes for the future, given support and collaboration by adult bodies, are brighter than ever, in

regard both organizational and educational activities.

The Youth Commission wishes to tender its thanks to Mr. Jacques Torczyner, Chairman of the Masada Committee, for the stimulus his efforts have imparted to the growth of Masada activities.

Junior Hadassah

16,541

Junior Hadassah, the Young Women's Zionist Organization of America, sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Commission, celebrated its 25th anniversary during the past year by breaking all previous records for activity, and by officially embracing halutzit to Palestine as an integral part of its extensive program.

The achievements of Junior Hadassah are best reflected by means of the following statistics, which show clearly the progress in fund-raising during the last year:

	<u>1945-46</u>	<u>Increase</u>	
Joint Palestinian & Administration Fund	\$85,991.32	\$5,002.25	
Alice L. Seligsberg Scholarship Fund	615.22	50.15	
Kesselman Project Fund	1,638.00	628.28	
Henrietta Szold Memorial Center	15,207.50	15,207.50	
Jewish National Fund	35,495.92	357.53	
Text Book Fund	61.25	41.25	
Palestine Gift Fund	61.20	61.20	
Mary Frank Text Book Fund	7.88	7.88	
Alice L. Seligsberg Reserve Fund	2,309.14	42.42	(Decrease)
Youth Aliva	18,219.03	49.63	"
Meier Shifeyeh & N. T. S. Gift	1,510.00	3,490.00	"
	<u>\$161,106.46</u>	<u>\$17,773.99</u>	
Collection of Dues (\$1.00 per member)	<u>16,557.00</u>	<u>1,215.00</u>	
	<u>\$177,663.46</u>	<u>\$18,988.99</u>	

Accompanying this increase of \$18,988.99 in funds to a total of \$177,663.46 for the year was an increase in membership of 1,199 to a total of 16,541. These increases become even more gratifying and meaningful when translated into terms of human effort, achievement and accomplishment.

The outstanding result of these efforts in Junior Hadassah's 25th year was the mobilization of members in support of the new Halutzit resolution, which was implemented by the formation of a Plugat Aliya (immigration group) in conjunction with Masada. A further bridge between Junior Hadassah in America and Junior Hadassah in Palestine is also being forged through scholarships for 25 members for a year of study and work in Palestine.

Junior Hadassah's political activities have been of particular significance during the past year owing to the shekel campaign and the elections to the World Zionist Congress. Junior Hadassah demonstrated its political maturity by its assistance in the sale of 4,872 shekels over and above the 16,557 absorbed by its members. Junior Hadassah had its own candidates on the Hadassah slate and will send two delegates to the forthcoming World Congress. The past year also found Junior Hadassah members fighting more vigorously than ever for progressive legislation through its American Affairs program, and the organization also sent its President, Miss Naomi Chertoff, as a delegate to the World Youth Conference in London in November, 1945, where she was elected a member of the Council of the World Federation of Democratic Youth. Junior Hadassah has also become an active participant in the newly-formed National Council of Jewish Youth Organizations and the American Youth for a Free World Organization. To keep its members alert and informed concerning all phases of this impressive program, the Junior Hadassah National Office has supplied them with a copious stream of educational and programming material on American Affairs, Palestine Projects, Youth Aliya, Jewish National Fund, political activities and Zionism in general. The American Zionist Youth Commission takes pride in the part it has played in furthering these activities by Junior Hadassah in the past year, and ex-

presses its appreciation to Mrs. I. E. Levin for her devoted leadership as Senior-Junior Relations Chairman.

Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America

1,513

The role played by the American Zionist Youth Commission in merging all trends of Zionist thought on the college campus into a single, non-partisan student Zionist group is a contribution which holds great possibilities for the future. Zionism among college students, who constitute a sector of unique significance in America's Jewish population, has long suffered from the absence of centralized direction. Assuming the initiative in correcting this condition, the Youth Commission in December, 1945, set into motion an all-inclusive campus convention whose outcome was the merger of members of Avukah chapters, Brandeis Clubs, Hillel Zionist Committees, Habonim and other elements and unaffiliated students into a unified student body, known as the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America (IZFA), to act as the campus arm of the entire Zionist movement. Student Zionist activities showed an immediate improvement.

During the nine months of its existence, IZFA has shown remarkable strength and growth. As of June, 1946, its membership numbered 1,513, distributed in 57 colleges, 16 of which were organized subsequent to the founding convention. The Youth Commission contributed 80 per cent of IZFA's budget. It maintains liaison with the organization through its four representatives (two from Hadassah and two from the Z. O. A.) on the IZFA Advisory Council, which includes in addition one representative from Poale Zion, as well as student representatives.

With the penetration of the traditional insularity of the college student as its foremost task, IZFA has set out to make Zionism

a part of the campus life of the Jewish population on the campus by means of energetic educational, political and cultural activities. Its National Office in cooperation with the Youth Commission has placed an abundance of tools in the hands of its membership for this purpose in the form of programs, pamphlets, leadership courses, week-end institutes, and two periodicals, the quarterly "Student Zionist" and the monthly newspaper "IZFACTS."

Three field workers have been appointed to visit colleges throughout the country. A halutsiut group known as Ha-oleh has been established as a result of a decision made at IZFA's first national convention in June. It was also decided to send \$10,000 worth of scientific and educational supplies to Palestinian settlements during the coming year. IZFA also conducted a highly successful eight-day summer camp institute in August which was attended by 125 students and addressed by leading Jewish personalities. A very significant part in the expansion program of IZFA is played by graduates of Brandeis Camp Institute, which by a concentrated effort gave leadership training to 135 students from 73 universities in the last season.

A Zionist united front of a high degree of efficiency has thus been born on the campus. The spirit of cooperation that animates its members promises a phenomenal development in the future that must inevitably redound to the advantage of all groups concerned. The American Zionist Youth Commission derives great satisfaction from its role in bringing this about and looks forward with confidence to the future popularization and expansion of student Zionism in America.

A high tribute is due to Mr. Louis Schwefel, Chairman of the Advisory Council, for his zeal and efforts in bringing about the creation of IZFA and for his inspired guidance in making the influence of the organization felt among American Jewish college students today.

BRANDEIS CAMP INSTITUTE

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Standing in the forefront of the achievements of the American Zionist Youth Commission is the Brandeis Camp Institute for youth leadership training, which last summer concluded its sixth year of existence by bringing its overall graduate roster to 1,000 competent youth leaders. During the past summer alone a total of 244 students from 137 cities in 38 states attended the two 4-week or one 2-week sessions of the Institute. Applications for admission by far exceeded the capacity of the camp and many had to be turned away. This year 65 boys attended, including 27 veterans, as compared to 19 boys last year. Of the total of 244, 82 were previously unaffiliated with our youth groups. A large proportion of candidates came from colleges and universities—135 students from 73 colleges and universities as compared with 98 students from 60 colleges and universities last year.

The establishment of additional camps has now become vital. The interest and good will throughout the country in the creation of additional camps are now being channelized. If the plans that are underway materialize, we hope to see two additional camps next summer, one in the South and another in California. Leaders in Connecticut are also planning a new camp in their area. *money!*

The past summer at Brandeis Camp Institute was marked by the presence of six Palestinians, who imparted an unusually vibrant and glowing spirit to the program. Two Palestinian delegates were brought expressly for this purpose as a result of the efforts of Dr. Shlomo Bardin, the Director of Brandeis Camp Institute, who completed arrangements for their visit during negotiations with the Jewish Agency on his trip to Palestine last winter. The Youth Commission also acknow-

ledges with thanks the generous services of Rabbi and Mrs. Theodore Gordon of Madison, Wisc., and other members of the staff for their devoted efforts in behalf of American Jewish youth. Great thanks are also due for the guidance and inspiration given by an impressive roster of guest lecturers.

Owing to its manifold intellectual, cultural, recreational and spiritual activities, the Brandeis Camp Institute has today, in the judgment of many competent observers, become the most potent instrument in America for the development of Zionist youth leaders. The hopes placed by the Youth Commission in Brandeis Camp Institute have been amply vindicated by the great influence they have exerted on the upward trend of Zionist youth work. Brandeis Camp Institute graduates are everywhere taking the lead in advancing the cause of Zionism and inspiring the AZYC youth groups towards redoubled efforts and achievements. The American Zionist Youth Commission derives great satisfaction and pride from the encouraging results so far attained and looks forward confidently to the fruition of its goal of establishing a competent corps of youth leaders throughout America.

HEBREW ARTS COMMITTEE

A notable turning point in the progress of the American Zionist Youth Commission was reached last year upon the incorporation into its activities of the Hebrew Arts Committee, in collaboration with the Histadrut Ivrit. Under the Chairmanship of Rabbi Moshe Davis and the artistic direction of Mr. Max Helfman, to whom great thanks are due, the Hebrew Arts Committee has rapidly advanced towards its goal of establishing a living Hebrew arts movement in America in close spiritual con-

tact with the creative genius of Eretz Israel. In the past year alone an estimated total of 50,000 persons viewed the performances of the Hebrew Arts Committee, which included numerous Palestinian pageants, concerts, recitals, and song and dance performances.

The Hebrew Arts Committee climaxed a successful season with the production of a Hebrew drama on Broadway. The success of the enterprise was so gratifying that plans have been launched to establish the first Hebrew repertory theatre in America during the coming year to perform a total of five Hebrew plays. The Hebrew Arts Committee is also launching a stock company for a number of pre-season tours in various cities, while a children's Hebrew theatre is also envisaged.

Other units which the Hebrew Arts Committee sponsored successfully during its first year's affiliation with the American Zionist Youth Commission included the Theatre Studio, directed by Benjamin Zeman; the Dance Studio, directed by Katya Delakova in association with Fred Berk; the Hebrew Arts Singers and Choral, directed by Max Helfman; and the Kinor Sinfonietta, directed by Sigfried Landau. Performances presented by these units included a concert of contemporary choral music, demonstrations of workshop unit activities, liturgical programs from modern masters, pageants, and a coast-to-coast radio broadcast. Many other invitations had to be turned down as beyond the capacity of the Committee. It is hoped that future expansion will enable the Hebrew Arts Committee to fulfil its full destiny in this respect. The American Zionist Youth Commission has been gratified by the response to Hebrew Arts Committee appearances by youth and adults alike, and extends its deep thanks to the many leaders of the Z. O. A. and Ha-

dassah who, with foresight and devotion, have thus made possible an active association on the part of its youth with the revitalizing streams of Jewish thought and culture through the medium of artistic expression.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Shlomo Bardin
Executive Director
American Zionist Youth Commission



MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST
YOUTH COMMISSION, HELD AT 381 FOURTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK CITY, DECEMBER 11, 1946.

P R E S E N T : Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Presiding
Rev. Martin Adolf
Mr. Milton Arm
Miss Elaine Baskowitz
Mr. Nat Cohen
Mr. Sheldon Feinberg
Miss Hannah Goldberg
Mrs. Della Goldschlag
Mrs. Emanuel Halpern
Mrs. Alice Jacobson
Mrs. I. H. Levin
Mrs. Ethel Schleifer
Mr. Louis Schwefel

Third Full National Meeting

Mr. Weisman reported the recommendation of the Office Committee to hold the Third Annual National Youth Commission meeting during the weekend of February 1 and 2. This Committee further suggested that the two presidents of Z O A and Hadassah be invited to address the meeting on Saturday night and that the formal luncheon on Sunday be part of the full working day.

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Goldschlag was appointed chairman of the subcommittee to plan the full program and arrangements for this annual meeting.

Palestine Fellowships

Mr. Weisman reported that the Commission last year voted a fellowship to be granted to a suitable candidate and specifically voted a Naomi Brodie Doskow fellowship, towards which the Youth Commission contributed the sum of \$750. and received a like sum from Mr. & Mrs. Israel Brodie.

Mr. Weisman referred to the decision of the Office Committee where it was decided to ask Mr. A.P. Schoolman to serve as the chairman of a special committee to study the problem of choosing the three scholarship candidates, and also asked for recommendations from Young Jadaes and Masada.

Miss Goldberg volunteered to serve on this Committee with Mr. Schoolman.

Mr. Adolf felt that something should have been done to make the matter known to the general public, since few people were aware of the Youth

Commission decision to award such a fellowship.

The Chairman explained that while there was general publicity about the availability of the scholarship, the precise conditions which would attract one set of candidates to apply had not yet been worked out.

IZFA

Mr. Weisman stated that he had received reports to the effect that there was a definite lack of cooperation from Hillel with the IZFA chapters. This attitude is diametrically opposed to what Dr. Sachar and Rabbi Gordon represented to the Commission. However, Mr. Weisman felt that the Commission had a friend in Dr. Sachar and Rabbi Gordon and now Rabbi Lelyveld, and the many instances of opposition reported by members of the Commission were merely isolated instances, though a factor which the Commission had to deal with.

Mrs. Halpern stated that in New York there was a great deal of resistance to IZFA on the metropolitan campuses which was rather serious.

Mr. Schwefel felt it was the responsibility of the Commission to see Rabbi Lelyveld or Dr. Sachar to do something about existing conditions on these several campuses.

Rev. Adolf cautioned that complaints should be made in terms of specific lack of cooperation and not general lack of cooperation in the form of a general indictment.

Mr. Weisman agreed with Rev. Adolf and stated that he would contact Rabbi Lelyveld in the matter.

Report on IZFA - Mr. Schwefel stated that the CEC had reported on the activities of IZFA to him and to Mr. Weisman. The present membership of IZFA was 1800, the high point reached at the end of last year, and that they were counting on more than doubling last year's figures. A membership of 5,000 is within easy reach, according to their claims. IZFA has increased in number, chapters and activities, and now have three field workers. The office is presently functioning without an executive director, but they are very urgently in need of funds. The present IZFA budget is used for the three people in the office and the three in the field and it has no source of income outside their subsidy from the Y.C. and what remains of their dues.

Mr. Schwefel stated that a partial solution to the IZFA budgetary problem would be to grant them permission to raise small sums of money to supplement the allocation of the Y.C. and what they still expected to receive from Poale Zion. Mr. Schwefel reported that expressions had already come from certain interested people who wanted to contribute moneys to IZFA but that they hesitated to accept without specific permission from the Y.C. Mr. Schwefel urged the Commission to pass a resolution encouraging IZFA to find means of increasing their income without going out on large campaigns. Mr. Schwefel reported that the Poale Zion was committed to give IZFA \$100. per month. Mizrahi has not agreed to give IZFA a subvention.

Mrs. Halpern reported that local IZFA groups have appealed to the local Youth Commissions for additional sums. She pointed out that when these private individuals are approached they immediately say that the National Y.C. is getting a huge sum of money and want to know why the individual youth groups should have to seek additional funds. She felt that the effect on the Y.C. would be detrimental and entail a good deal of explaining on the part of the Y.C.

Miss Goldberg felt that IZFA would be saving a good deal of money if they were to move their national office to New York and possibly combine with the Y.C. office.

Mr. Schwefel stated that the Y.C. would have to do a lot of explaining if we permitted each youth group to go out on separate fund-raising drives, but will have to do much more explaining if it permits IZFA to remain very weak in comparison to the Hillel Foundations which have so much money at their disposal. IZFA's budget is very inadequate and it cannot accomplish much on its shoestring budget. If they are granted permission to raise their own funds it will eliminate their going to the local Youth Commissions.

Mr. Weisman stated that he did not think the Commission should go on record as encouraging them to raise funds, but if they are polite enough to indicate that they cannot take money without knowing the Commission's attitude, the Commission might indicate it raised no objection to it. IZFA is not looking to make a campaign out of their request, but merely to get some money to help them function. Mr. Weisman did not believe their efforts would extend beyond Cleveland and Chicago.

Miss Goldberg stated that if the Y.C. could not give them the funds they needed, the Y.C. ought to give them the privilege, for this year, to approach any friends they may have for funds.

Rev. Adolf felt the Y.C. had no right to give IZFA this permission. There must be some discipline in all organizations. He pointed out that the parent bodies were going out to double their budgets on the strength that the youth program was getting a large part of these funds. He felt it was impossible to measure, at this time, the repercussions that may be involved in extending this permission to this group. He felt too that it would be hindering the efforts of the Expansion Fund.

After further discussion, Rev. Adolf moved that the National office of IZFA be informed that the Youth Commission does not have power to give it permission to go out on individual drives, it being within the jurisdiction of Hadasah and the ZOA, who go out on their own drives for Youth Commission work.

The motion was duly seconded, put to a vote and carried.

Miss Goldberg moved that the National organization of IZFA be given permission by the Youth Commission to accept any such gifts as may be offered to them or as they may be able to get.

The motion was duly seconded, put to a vote and rejected.

Subsidies to Youth Groups

After hearing reports from the various youth groups on the difficulties they were encountering trying to function on the present allocations received from the Youth Commission, Rev. Adolf moved that the Youth Commission be authorized to disburse to the youth groups under its jurisdiction, on the 15th of this month, an increase of 15% over the appropriations of last year, this increase to apply until withdrawn by the Youth Commission.

Mr. Weisman amended the motion by stating the 15% addition would be subject to a revision by the Youth Commission of its budget in the light of its own receipts.

The motion and the amendment were duly seconded and passed.

Mr. Weisman asked that the checks to be drawn on the 15th of the month to the youth groups be made out as follows:

Young Judaea	\$2500. plus 15%
Masada	1500. " " " "
IZFA	1500. " " " "
H A C	1500. " " " "

Hebrew Arts Committee

Mrs. Schleifer reported very briefly on the activities of the HAC and stated that the clubs were meeting regularly, and the office was receiving so many calls from all over the country requesting performances that it was having difficulty accommodating all these requests. She stated too that the office was undergoing a reorganization, but preferred to postpone the full report to the next meeting of the Y.C.

It was suggested that a full report of the HAC be given at the next Y.C. meeting.

Report on Masada

Mat Cohen reported on the activities of Masada. The latest membership figures are somewhat over 2500. He was very optimistic of the possibilities for next year, first because of the fine cooperation from Jr. Hadassah in the local communities, and secondly, on the basis of the recent organization kit which is being sent to all Jr. Hadassah units throughout the country. A similar program kit is being worked out for the local Youth Commissions. Masada also contemplates doing the same for the ZOA districts and the Hadassah chapters.

Mr. Weisman stated that Sidney Marks agreed to parallel Hadassah in the matter of mailing the kits to its districts.

Mr. Cohen stated that the recent Masada convention was probably one of the best in his recollection, considering that nine-tenths of the membership was new. Politically, the Convention came to no startling conclusions, but it showed a great deal of interest in the organization.

Mr. Schwefel wanted to know, considering the outstanding success of several of the co-ed groups in Detroit, Bronx and other places, how much pressure is encountered towards the creation and development of more co-ed groups rather than purely Masada and Jr. Hadassah groups, and if the pressure was great, what was Masada considering doing about it?

Mr. Cohen agreed that there was much opposition and the matter deserved serious consideration.

Mr. Weisman pointed out that this was an entirely new problem. While formerly it was a struggle between Masada groups that were co-educational and the complaint that Jr. Hadassah had against that type of group under the jurisdiction of the Y.C., now there was a new situation, some spontaneous and some official on the part of the ZOA. Young men returning from the service want to join a co-ed group. The ZOA feels they have not been getting any commensurate increase in their ranks from the youth groups and are therefore trying to encourage young peoples groups into their districts. He stated that if Jr. Hadassah and Masada allow this problem to get out of hand, both groups will suffer, and felt that this situation brought up the need for doing something about the over-all youth organization. He pointed out that the longer the vested interests of Jr. Hadassah and Masada permitted the status quo, to that degree are they inviting trouble and weakening the movement.

Mr. Schwefel moved that a whole discussion be devoted to this problem. The motion was duly seconded and passed.

Mr. Cohen stated that he had given considerable consideration to the question of whether there was an actual need for Masada, and if there was not, he would personally make the first move towards recommending its abandonment. However, after much thought, he concluded that there was a definite need for a complete reorganization of the whole youth organization, but that under the present set-up, there was a need for Masada as it is constituted today.

A brief discussion took place on the inadequate budget under which Masada was operating.

Mr. Weisman stated that for the first time Masada's contemplated income may be regarded as a substantial item. In previous years Masada was too timid to put down anything significant on the income side of its own ledger. This year they put down the sum of \$12,500. as anticipated income, but Mr. Cohen indicates that between \$9,000. and \$10,000. would be a more realistic figure.

Mr. Cohen requested assistance from the Y.C. in sending their field representatives out to the country during the Christmas vacation.

After discussion, it was suggested that the Y.C. allocate up to \$400. for two weeks for two men to do field work for Masada during the Christmas vacation, and that this sum be charged not against the regular budget of Masada, but against the budget for field work which the Y.C. is not using for lack of employees.

The motion was duly seconded and passed.

At the suggestion of Rev. Adelf, Mr. Weisman stated that the Y.C. would do something appropriate about Mr. Cohen's leaving for Palestine.

Young Judaea

Mrs. Halpern reported that several applicants had been interviewed for the position of Executive Director for Young Judaea, and that she now had a young man whom she considered very well qualified for the position. She stated that the only draw-back was that he was in his last year of Teachers Institute and thereby occupied three mornings a week as well as Sunday afternoon, and also that he was the assistant principal of the Park Avenue Synagogue, which is a commitment until the first of June. This applicant suggested that he be considered for the position as of June 1st on a full time basis, and that in the meantime he would devote part time to Young Judaea, thereby becoming acquainted with the work. This person would also, in this time, do a number of jobs and prepare a program for the Seniors.

Mrs. Halpern reported that Phil Redelheim was doing a good piece of work and a fine organizational job. Registrations are coming in and the material is being sent out regularly. There has been a considerable increase in clubs over last year.

After further discussion, it was moved that the Chairman of the Young Judaea Committee be authorized to make arrangements with this applicant to do specific jobs during the interim period, and refer the matter of his engagement as of June 1st to the next Office Committee meeting.

The motion was duly seconded and passed.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Youth Commission on Tuesday, June 7th, because of the New Year's holidays.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ethel Schleifer, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH
COMMISSION HELD ON JANUARY 7, 1947, AT
381 FOURTH AVENUE, N.Y.C.

P R E S E N T : Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Presiding
Rev. Martin Adolf
Miss Susan Brandeis
Mr. Nat Cohen
Mrs. Sylvia Ettenberg
Rabbi Moshe Davis
Mr. Sheldon Feinberg
Dr. Miriam Freund
Mrs. Emanuel Halpern
Dr. Mendel Jacobi
Mr. William Kapelman
Mrs. Ethel Schleifer
Miss Edna Turk
Rabbi Max Vorspan

Dr. Shlomo Bardin

Absent with excuse: Mrs. Leo Dana, Miss Hannah Goldberg, Mrs. Della Goldshlag
and Mrs. I. H. Levin

Welcome to New Members

Mr. Weisman, on behalf of the Commission, welcomed the newly appointed members to the Commission.

Budget

Dr. Bardin presented to the Commission a revised budget in the amount of \$180,000., though at this moment we are receiving from the parent bodies only \$70,000., or a total of \$140,000. There is a good possibility of obtaining an additional \$10,000. from the ZOA, which will be followed by a similar increase from Hadassah. Dr. Bardin pointed out the difficulties involved in operating the Youth Commission on that budget. In the discussion which Mr. Weisman and he had with Mr. Emanuel Neumann, it was suggested by the latter that the item of the Regional Youth Directors should be covered by the ZOA regions instead of by national, but this total item in the budget amounts to some \$60,000. Even if we deducted this amount from the total \$240,000. budget, which was presented and approved by the Convention, the Commission would still require the sum of \$180,000. Dr. Bardin, therefore, feels that the ZOA Executive should again be approached with the request for \$90,000., so as to be able to carry on the work in its essential necessities. Copy of budget is attached hereto.

A discussion took place and it was the consensus of opinion that this request to the ZOA should be made, and the Chairman undertook to take up this matter with the proper officers of the ZOA.

Mr. Weisman proposed that as long as the allocations from the ZOA and Hadassah continue to be at the rate of the aggregate amount of \$140,000., the allocations to the youth groups, as well as the other budgetary expenditures, shall be as shown in the amounts noted in item "2" of the amended budget as of January 7, 1947. This proposal was accepted.

Metropolitan Youth Director

Dr. Bardin reported on his meeting with the representatives of the Brooklyn Youth Commission with regard to National's assistance to the Metropolitan area. After a discussion, in which the Chairman, co-Chairman, as well as other members took part, it was decided (a) that the sum of \$5,000. be allocated for the Metropolitan area irrespective of the outcome of the negotiations with the ZOA and the other regions, and (2) that the sum be spent for the salary and expenses of the Metropolitan director only, and not to make any individual individual grants of this sum to any boroughs. The appointment of this director will be made subject to consultation with the Chairmen of the Youth Commissions in the various boroughs in the Metropolitan area.

Report of the Director

Dr. Bardin gave a report of the activities of the Youth Commission since his last report in November.

South - Dr. Bardin reported on the ZOA Southeastern Regional Convention in Miami Beach which he had attended. Thanks to the profound interest of Mr. Abe Berkowitz, president of the region, and Mr. Adalbert Freedman, executive director, youth was given a very prominent place on the agenda. At the first session of the convention a decision was taken with regard to allocating \$5,000. toward a regional youth budget, after a full discussion and local reports on youth work in the respective communities in the South. Steps were also taken towards the hiring of a youth director for the region. The conference also featured a special youth dinner which purpose was to arouse the interest of the convention in the establishment of a Brandeis Camp Institute in the South. Milton Cohen, of Birmingham, and Carolyn Eplan, of Atlanta, both B.C.I'ers of 1946, presented very enthusiastic reports and Dr. Bardin outlined the needs, budgetary requirements and plans for a Southern B.C.I. The response of the delegates and guests excelled all expectations. At 11:00 P.M. following the dinner, representatives from each community met as a Founder's Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Abe Berkowitz. With the assistance of Mr. Mortimer May and Mr. Abe Goodman, a decision was taken to raise the sum of \$150,000., with the representatives present pledging the sum of \$85,000. for their communities. At subsequent meetings, the Founder's Committee was constituted with Mr. Ed Singer of Miami Beach as Chairman, Mr. Frank Garson of Atlanta, Mr. Mortimer May of Nashville and Mr. Abe Goodman of Miami Beach as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Sol Benamy as Treasurer, and Mr. Carolyn Eplan as Secretary.

Dr. Bardin further stated that his recent contacts, both by mail and phone, with the various leaders from the South, almost two months after this Convention, offered sufficient proof of the profound interest in youth work

among our friends in the South. He reported that he was to leave for Knoxville and Asheville to inspect camp sites together with Mr. S. A. Goodman of the Miami Beach Youth Commission, and Macy Kronenberg of South Carolina.

Los Angeles - Dr. Bardin then proceeded with a full report of his activities in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Unlike the South, where the ZOA region took upon itself the financial backing of the new camp, Los Angeles and San Francisco present an entirely different picture. The main driving forces of the camp projects are Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fligelman, both former chairmen of the L.A. Youth Commission. In the two Pacific cities it was made clear to Dr. Bardin that the Zionist leaders and their organizations, carrying a heavy load in fund-raising and other Zionist affairs, could not undertake the responsibility for seeing this project through. From the very start it was also pointed out that the Pacific Coast needs, in addition to a Brandeis Camp, a childrens' model camp, since there are no childrens' camps in that area with a good Jewish content. This involved a goal of \$250,000. for the two projects.

The opportunity presented itself, after addressing a banquet of the Beverly Hills District, to establish a Founder's Committee, with Mr. Mose Sandler as Chairman, Mr. Nat Halpern as Treasurer, Mr. Jerome Ehrlich as Secretary, with Mr. Julius Fligelman as Chairman of the co-ordinating committee to bring in various communities of the Pacific Coast. A number of meetings were held during Dr. Bardin's stay there and the Committee organized its various subcommittees for site and construction, publicity, advance gifts. The Committee decided on a mass banquet on March 9th. Of the total sum, Los Angeles alone plans to raise \$250,000., and is very eager to do everything in its power to open the camp this summer.

Throughout Dr. Bardin's stay in Los Angeles, Mr. & Mrs. Fligelman were the guiding spirits of the whole enterprise and arranged to accompany Dr. Bardin to San Francisco, where they remained with him for three days and ably and devotedly assisted in the work.

San Francisco and Bay Area - Dr. Bardin referred to the difficulties he had encountered on his previous visit to that city in organizing a local Youth Commission. He described the conditions of that city and acknowledged the cooperation of Mr. Joshua Torczyner, Chairman of the Youth Commission, and his associates.

The arrangements made for Dr. Bardin's stay were excellent and he could not praise enough the efforts of Shirley Pincus Kaufman, who was the major factor in arranging the various parlor meetings, mass meetings, press interviews, etc., etc. Dr. Bardin was introduced everywhere by Mr. & Mrs. Fligelman and they added much to the effect which brought forth a most enthusiastic response in every audience. In Los Angeles, as well as San Francisco, every meeting was addressed by the B.C.I'ers, Irma Wolf, Leonard Low, Marilyn Friedman, Shirley Pincus and Dave Robbins. The leading Zionists of San Francisco have urged the securing of a prominent personality to head the Committee in the Bay Area. To the great satisfaction of the local leader-

ship, Dr. Bardin was glad to report that he obtained the cooperation and interest of Judge Louis E. Goodman, Federal Judge of San Francisco, to head the Bay Area Committee.

Dr. Bardin also reported on his meetings with the local Youth Commissions in Los Angeles and San Francisco, the Jr. Hadassah in Los Angeles, the IZFA group and college students both in UCLA and Berkeley. Everywhere the interest aroused through the presentation of the youth problem and the achievements of the Brandeis Camp brought forth a great interest in Zionist youth work generally and in the problems of the campus particularly. A meeting with the IZFA group and the Hillel Director in Los Angeles resulted in an agreement to call new elections of officers and cooperate more closely with the Hillel Director. In Berkeley the meetings resulted in the set-up of an adult committee under Prof. Levens, of Berkeley University, to assist the Zionist student group on the campus.

Dr. Bardin concluded his report on Los Angeles and his field trips by saying that he felt the Pacific Coast, which must complete its drive before the middle of March, expects the National Youth Commission to assist them in this intensive drive.

Connecticut - Dr. Bardin reported on his visit to Meriden, Conn., where, in the home of Mr. Albert Lipman, Chairman of the Connecticut B.C.I. Founders Committee, the second meeting of this Committee was held. A number of decisions were taken to organize the work and appointment the chairmen of the various subcommittees. It was very gratifying to report that Mr. Abe Goldstein, of Hartford, who deserves the credit for having initiated the Conn. Camp project, pledged \$1,000. toward the total fund. Mr. Lipman also pledged a \$1,000. minimum contribution on his part. That evening, in the home of Mr. Lipman, a parlor meeting of prominent citizens of Meriden took place and the sum of \$200,000. was pledged.

Work of Shalichim

Dr. Bardin gave a full report on the work done by, as well as the plans made for Mr. Schwartzman and Miss Schelzer. He referred to the difficulties which were encountered in utilizing the two Shalichim by the Metropolitan area during October and November and reported that Miss Schelzer spent December in New England and the month of January in the Midwest. From there she will proceed to the Southwest and then to Texas-Oklahoma Region. All reports received to date with regard to Miss Schelzer's visits are very satisfactory.

Mr. Schwartzman spent a week in Connecticut, close to two weeks in Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, visited several communities in Up-State New York and the month of January in the Central States Region. Reports referring to his work vary, - some are very satisfactory and others indicate certain difficulties.

Week-end Institutes

Dr. Bardin reported on the plans of various regions to hold week-end institutes, all of which are arranged in consultation with the National office. The Midwest held a Weekend Institute in Milwaukee, two Weekend Institutes are planned in the Texas-Oklahoma Region during Miss Schelzer's visit, Brooklyn is busily engaged in planning one, and the same is true of New England. Up-State New York is already well advanced with plans for an Institute in February and the indications are that the number of institutes planned for this year are greater than last year.

National Directors Meeting

Dr. Bardin suggested that the Directors meeting be held on the date originally set; i.e., the weekend of February 1st. This suggestion was made in view of the postponement of the Third Annual National Meeting, as per decision of the Office Committee, because of hotel difficulties, etc. This suggestion was accepted.

Mr. Weisman stated that he had received additional mail, which he didn't circulate to the members of the Commission because of the burden of his own office, about the wonderful impression that the Executive Director made on the various places he visited.

With regard to the Directors meeting, Mr. Weisman stated that at a recent meeting of the Office Committee he had revealed that he was in the process of submitting suggestions which, among other things, called for a reorganization of the concept of Youth Commission towards Zionist youth work in this country. Mr. Weisman stated that this was not an easy task and he therefore preferred to wait with this meeting, and then call in a few people from the country and acquaint them with that part of the line that will be new. He suggested that this meeting be postponed on a national scale and merely call a meeting of the Directors of Youth Commissions.

Request for Dr. Bardin's Return to the Pacific Coast

Mr. Weisman referred to the two letters which he had received from Mr. Fligelman and which were circulated to the members of the Commission, urgently requesting Dr. Bardin's presence on the Coast during the month of February and their climaxing meeting at their March dinner. Mr. Weisman asked Dr. Bardin to present his views of the situation.

Dr. Bardin stated that he realized the difficulties inherent in the situation and it was a question of what, under the circumstances, should be done. He stated that the Pacific Coast was the most advanced of the three regions in their plans for a new camp and that the coast was the most suitable place to have an all year-round camp. Therefore, if the Commission wanted to open a second camp this summer, and since Dr. Bardin did not believe that this could be accomplished without help, he felt it would be necessary for him to

return to the Coast and offer them every possible assistance. Dr. Bardin stated that there was a need to visit several new communities there and help them both in their Youth Commission work as well as with the Brandeis Camp project. He felt, too, that he could leave the Youth Commission in a position where the work could be carried on during his absence.

Mr. Weisman felt that the Commission ought to strike while the iron was hot and believed that the Director was in a position to know best whether the situation required his presence. He felt confident that these people meant business and stated that perhaps if the Youth Commission had made an energetic drive in the past we probably would have had another camp by now.

Mrs. Schleifer stated that the Coast was taking advantage of the situation. It was naturally wonderful if they could have the Director, since they would be relieved of the many duties and work involved. She envisaged the Director going there for the last two weeks or so, but that he was desperately needed here and could not be spared for such a long period.

Dr. Bardin pointed out that in the past he was away from the office for a period of a month and more, and that during all these years more than half of his time was spent in field trips and away from the office. He stated that he did not believe the Coast could accomplish this task alone, nor did he think that the South or Connecticut could do it alone.

Mr. Freund felt that the office and the work needs Dr. Bardin here. There was the whole picture of the HAC which required attention, as well as other things, and she was more convinced than ever that the office needed the Director's presence, especially if Mr. Weisman too will be away at the same time. She felt that if he remained here and pushed the South and Connecticut region he would stand a better chance of having another camp.

Rabbi Davis pointed out that a very profound problem was being overlooked. Dr. Bardin would be invaluable in any one of the facets of our work, but we are now working towards two major departments. The work with the youth groups requires a full time person. Dr. Bardin, for two months before the camp season, three months during the season, and two months after the camp season, is taken up with camp problems. Therefore, if the Commission is very serious about this project, which he felt was a must, it should extend every effort to help the Coast realize their plans. Rabbi Davis felt that the Camps project was one of the most important single contributions that has been made, and stated that there wasn't a youth group in the country that wasn't trying to follow the pattern of Brandeis Camp. Rabbi Davis, in stressing the importance of the Pacific Coast, pointed out that the Seminary was sending two of its major people there now and in the summer the president was leaving for the Coast, for which they are not even asking money, all because they realize the importance and significance of the Coast.

Rabbi Davis stated further that this was a crucial year and organizations throughout the country were crystalizing their efforts. Not only is there a question of money, but there is developing a difficult situation between local and national organizations, and he felt that if the Commission

waited any longer, it may lose its chance forever. He felt it would be to the greater interest of youth work in this country to develop this project and he therefore urged that Dr. Bardin be encouraged to take this trip and do a job there.

Mr. Weisman stated that while he agreed with Dr. Freund, he must, on that very basis, reach a different conclusion. This work is moving towards an integrated Brandeis Camp program, on a national scale, with a Brandeis Foundation being the core of it. This work will require not only the efforts of Dr. Bardin, but of a good staff to assist him.

Mr. Adolf wanted to know why the Brandeis Camp was entitled to precedence over all other work of the Youth Commission.

Dr. Bardin felt it was wrong to discuss the Brandeis Camp project in isolation, since it is directly related to all our youth work. Not only are the communities appreciative of the Youth Commission's project in providing them with leaders, but all too often via the Brandeis Camp and its graduates, there is being generated an enthusiasm on behalf of the adults for youth work generally. This, of course, is true in regard to the present campaigns for additional Brandeis Camps. Dr. Bardin cited examples of the establishment, for instance, of a committee for IZFA in Berkeley, which was a concomitant of the meeting for Brandeis Camp Institute. In all three areas, through the Brandeis Camp we obtained the sympathy, interest and help of the outstanding leaders of the Zionist communities for youth work, and even the voting of enlarged budgets for youth work is directly attributable to the effect of the Camp and its graduates.

As to the question of the needs of the national office, Dr. Bardin pointed out that these needs are great today as they have been in the past, yet both he and the responsible officers of the Y.C. always felt that one of the most important tasks of the Director is his direct contact with the country. Hence, he used to spend half and more of his time away from the office. Of course, the work at the office suffered from his absence, but this is how the assets, to a great extent, were created, both on the youth and adult levels, - through the travel of the Director, the field work, members of the Commission, etc.

Dr. Bardin pointed out that for years the country has been promised more camps in response to an almost universal demand on the part of the country. How much longer can we face the country with one camp? Dr. Bardin made it clear that there was, of course, no guarantee that the second camp would be established if he did go to the Coast, and as to the question of why the Pacific Coast, the answer is first, that no other Committee has turned to the Commission with such a request since they aren't so advanced, and when the time comes and others turn to us for assistance, Dr. Bardin felt strongly that this cooperation should be granted to other committees as well. Secondly, Dr. Bardin felt that the Pacific Coast is the only area which offers an opportunity for extending the period of training beyond the summer. He referred to the universal request, which clearly manifested itself at the reunion, for a repeaters course. California, because of its climate, offers such a possibility.

Dr. Freund stated that since the consensus of opinion seems to be in favor of Dr. Bardin's trip to the Coast, and in view of all the problems involved and her confidence in the integrity of the Director, she felt that we must arrive at the conclusion that the best procedure would be to have the Director leave when he thinks he can and to return at the earliest possible moment.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Commission extend its cooperation to the Pacific Coast Founder's Committee and authorize the Director to do what he can to foster a Brandeis Camp on the Pacific Coast.

The motion was passed. Rev. Adolf objecting.

Absenteeism

Rev. Adolf pointed out that there was a good deal of work to be done on this Commission and felt that all those who cannot devote themselves to the work ought to resign or be asked to resign.

The Chairman commended Rev. Adolf for giving so generously of his time and attention to the work of the Youth Commission.

Hebrew Arts Committee

Rabbi Davis pointed out that the HAC budget is based on the allocation by the Youth Commission of \$20,000. If the Y.C. is cutting its budget, then it may be necessary to cut the phase of work of the youth and the arts to that reduced budget. It is only fair to indicate to the Commission that it is cutting that part of the work in which it is vitally interested.

Hebrew Arts Foundation

Mrs. Schleifer reported on the plans of the HAC for a large fund-raising dinner where they planned to invite 250 couples at \$100. per couple. A new show was presently in rehearsal which would be presented at this dinner. These people are being invited as patrons or sponsors of the HAFoundation. The date for this affair is March 30th and a person has been engaged to work on the organizational setup. Mrs. Schleifer reported on the many difficulties she was having in getting the Barbazon Plaza to accept this engagement. Mrs. Schleifer stated too that she would like to have a small reception afterwards, but that the cost involved was too high.

Mr. Weisman expressed his thanks and appreciation, on behalf of the Commission, for the fine job she had done.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Bardin asked that any committee chairman that wishes his subject on the agenda, should contact the Director of the Commission with the request and asked all sub-committee chairmen to please conform to the request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M., after setting February 5th as the next meeting date.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ethel Schleifer, Secretary

AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION
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MEETING OF January 7, 1947

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Jan. 21, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your request I am submitting to you the following statement analyzing the present structure of the American Zionist Youth Commission.

Permit me to preface my remarks with the comment that I have been appointed to the Youth Commission more than a year ago. During that time I have attended practically all meetings and have had the opportunity to acquaint myself thoroughly with the entire set-up. I have been particularly active in the Hebrew Arts Committee to which, as vice-president, I have devoted last year, two full days a week. Thus you can be reasonably sure that my observations are based on personal knowledge and not on mere hearsay.

You very well know that the Youth Commission has under its jurisdiction the following constituent bodies:

Hebrew Arts Com.	Allocation	\$15 000
Young Judaea	"	30 000
Inter-Collegiate Zionist Fed.		18 000
Masada	"	15 000
Brandeis Camp	"	5 000
Junior Hadassah		<u>2 500</u>
		\$85 500

The balance of \$64 500 which totals \$140 000, the present allocations of the ZOA and Hadassah to the Youth Com. is retained by the Youth Com. for its overall expenses.

I hope you will agree that this complex structure with its various branches of activities requires a national executive director of ability and integrity, a man who should integrate and correlate wherever and whenever possible the various functions of these organizations. It requires a man with a constant vigil eye to see that these monies, which is in our hands in a fiduciary capacity, should be spent wisely. Above all, it requires a man who is sympathetic to these organizations and willing to help them solve their various problems.

In reality, what do we find? During the last year our executive director visited Palestine for four months on a mission for Hadassah. Two month he spent at Camp Brandeis. In December 1946 he received an allocation of \$800 expenses to travel to the west coast to raise funds for another camp there. At the January meeting 1947, he was again granted six weeks leave from the office with full

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expenses paid to travel again to the west coast for the purpose of continuing the drive.

I want to state emphatically that I am in favor of the Camp Brandeis project and would like to see another camp established in the west. However, I am of the opinion, and so were all members of Hadassah on the Youth Commission, that Camp Brandeis is but one project of the Youth Com. and cannot receive all the time available to the director to the exclusion and the neglect of all other Youth Com. work.

These decisions and many other unwise decisions are made possible primarily by the neglect of the ZOA members on the commission to attend meetings and by the constant insistence on the part of the chairman on his own point of views. Mr. Abramson of the Bronx unfortunately cannot find time to attend. Mr. Jacques Torcyner rarely attends. The treasurer, who was one of the ZOA representatives unfortunately passed on. Rabbi Goldberg and Mr. Koppelman are recent appointees and have attended the last meeting for the first time and cannot be expected to have acquainted themselves with the entire situation.

Let me now relate to you the set-up of the individual projects:

Young Judaea With an allocation of \$30 000 has no director for the last eight months since Dr. Aaron Kessler resigned. Dr. Schoolman, the chairman of that committee, also resigned and Mr. Weisman appointed Mrs. Minnie Halpern in his stead. How the monies are expended, I do not know. The reports, seldom given, are vague and not at all enlightening.

IZFA with an allocation of \$18 000 is headed by Mr. Schweifel. At the last meeting Mr. Weisman stated that he would like to replace Mr. Schweifel because the time required for the project cannot be given by its chairman. How Mr. Schweifel is going to devote time to IZFA and Chalutzit is a \$64. question. It is interesting to note that the president of IZFA functions from an office in Cleveland and the Youth Com. chairman of IZFA lives in New York.

Masada with an allocation of \$15 000 is headed by Mr. Jacques Torcyner. Because of his many other Zionist activities he could not devote any time to Masada and did not attend most of the Youth Com. meetings. Masada is confronted with great problems and requires immediate attention.

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Hebrew Arts Committee with an allocation of \$15 000 from the Youth Com; \$5 000 from the Histadrut Haivrit and \$10 000 from the Keren Hayesod (incomprehensible) for the establishment of a Hebrew Arts foundation is headed by Rabbi Moshe Davis, a representative on the Youth Com. from the Histadrut. I had the honor of being its vice-chairman.

According to an agreement entered into between the Histadrut and the Youth Com. for the purpose of amalgamating the Hebrew Arts Theatre, a project under the wings of Histadrut and the music and dance department, a project of the Youth Com., the Histadrut is entitled to four voting members on the Youth Com. Some of these members presently sitting on the Commission are members of the Poala Zion.

Last year I have devoted lots of time to that project. I was fully conscious of my responsibility and as vice-chairman I have made every attempt possible to conserve the funds and utilize them for the purposes they were intended to and where they would do the most good. However, due to the inherent set-up of that committee which I have found when I became a member of it, large sums of money were recklessly spent.

In spite of all my protests and the protests of the entire Hebrew Arts Committee, we did not succeed this year to change this picture. We were threatened with withdrawal and filibuster and the picture of the Hebrew Arts Com. remained practically intact as it was last year. When at the last meeting the entire committee wanted to discharge the person responsible for these conditions the chairman and Dr. Bardin pleaded for another months trial. It may interest you to know that conditions are such that some bills submitted to it for payment, upon investigation, we found that the expenses were never incurred.

Camp Brandeis with an allocation of \$5 000 should by now be self-supporting.

I do not want to try your patience by submitting to you at greater length facts very relevant to the subject. I've merely attempted to confine myself to the description of the foundation and the structure of the Youth Com. as it is now constituted. It is my considered opinion that the executive of the ZOA should appoint a committee to investigate the entire situation and bring in recommendations leading to a new orientation of the entire Youth Dept. in relation to the ZOA. Not until then should any additional funds be allocated to it.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Martin Adolf

Meeting held in Cleveland, Friday, January 24, 1947 in which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Shlomo Bardin and Mr. Herman Weisman participated.

After a canvass of the entire subject of the work of the Youth Commission, the following conclusions were reached:

1) It is important to procure at once the services of an assistant director at National Headquarters of the Youth Commission who will devote himself to close contact with the affiliated groups of the Youth Commission who receive subsidies from us. Most of his time should be devoted to the campus organizations. His work will involve first-hand acquaintance with the work of these groups, their programs, and to assist them in their planning and expansion.

2) It was agreed that two or three additional regional directors are to be engaged by us for those regions which are most in need of such services. These directors will work with the local Youth Commissions and youth groups stimulating and guiding them and creating such groups and local Youth Commissions where they do not exist.

Wherever regions undertake to finance regional youth work, the funds for this work should be raised not independently, but in conjunction with the Expansion Fund of the Zionist Organization of America.

3) It was felt that we have done inadequate work in the field of publications. There is urgent need in this field for the publication of pamphlets, brochures and informative material which should receive mass distribution among Jewish youth, especially on the campuses. It was agreed that a qualified professional man should be in charge of this work.

4) It was agreed that the expenditures of the Youth Commission for the Hebrew Arts Committee and for the Hebrew Theatre were out of proportion to the total funds available to the Youth Commission. It was also felt that while the music and choir work carried on by the Hebrew Arts Committee should be retained by the ZOA at a small cost, the other activities may well be set up independently. Mr. Weisman is to restudy the whole subject with a view to achieving the results here indicated.

5) The subject of Chalutzim among General Zionists was carefully gone into. It was suggested that Mr. Reidlheim and Mr. Shwefel should discuss with the other interested parties the subject of establishing Chalutzim activities in the United States under national control in place of control by the Histadruth.

It was also agreed that Chalutzim work among General Zionists should proceed along the lines generally defined in the Auerbach Memorandum.

The question of a training farm for General Zionist Chalutzim should be restudied.

6) The Youth Commission finds itself during the summer months unable to plan its activities for the coming year because its budget is not fixed until after the ZOA convention in October. There is need of assuring the Youth Commission in May or June of its next year's budget so that it may plan its activities in time to get them going when the academic year begins.

January 25, 1947

Rev. Martin Adolf
399 East 34th St.
Paterson, N.J.

My dear Rev. Adolf:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of January 21. I am grateful to you for the trouble which you took in sending me information about the Youth Commission. It has proved very helpful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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January 26, 1947

Mr. Herman Weisman
235 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Weisman:

I am enclosing herewith the Memorandum of our discussions on Friday. I believe that it very well covers the points we touched on. The important thing now is to see that no time is lost in carrying out the things we agreed upon.

With all good wishes, I remain

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your letter of January 26th with the enclosed memorandum. We are having a meeting of the National Executive of the Youth Commission on Wednesday, February 5th, and each and everyone of the points contained in your memorandum will be presented to the Youth Commission. Without waiting for the meeting I have already contacted various offices and friends with regard to the candidates for the two positions referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3. The number of qualified people who are free at this time to enter into new positions, as you know, is very limited. I will also, as soon as a decision is taken by the Youth Commission, place some ads in our Zionist periodicals and I hope we will find the people soon.

May I take this opportunity to express to you my sincere appreciation for your profound interest and understanding of our problems and for the time you must have taken to study them. I am only sorry that we didn't have this meeting a year ago.

Since I received your last communication the mail brought me two letters which I feel would be of interest to you. One is from Miss Irma Lee Wolf, of Los Angeles, who attended Brandeis Camp two years ago and was one of our outstanding graduates. She has since rendered splendid service to Zionist youth work in Los Angeles and she holds great promise for the future, particularly on the campus. I am recommending her for the Naomi Brodie Deskow Palestine Fellowship of \$1,500, which was established with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Brodie. The second is a letter from Dr. Harold Wittcoff, Chairman of the Minneapolis Youth Commission. I, too, am impressed with the effect that Brandeis Camp had on the boy, Sheldon Sinclair, who comes from Glasgow, Montana, and is now a student of the University of Minnesota.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Shlomo Bardin
SHLOMO BARDIN

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Today's Youth is Tomorrow's Leadership

January 28, 1947

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And now, an opportunity has arisen for me to go to Palestine. I've prayed for this ever since I heard you talk about it at BCI. I've dreamed of Zion, I've studied and read everything I could reach, I've sung their songs and I've danced their dances: I've written scripts on Zion purely from my imagination, and now I have to go there. The dreams and the songs and the books have reached the absorptive point, and now I have to see the land. I don't want this trip as a reward for services rendered, because I haven't worked that hard. I feel that this trip would prepare me for greater service. If I wait two or three years I would be taking the chance of having my enthusiasm fade and every year would be an empty one, because there is only one thing on my mind, and that is seeing Palestine. My love for Palestine is far from being an empty love, but how much fuller it would become if I could but walk on the land. Right now in our BCI campaign I see how difficult it is for people to grasp the full meaning of the camp when they haven't been there. I can talk easily about the camp because I lived there and feelings towards it are substantial and I can speak from experience. I would give the world to be able to talk about Palestine from experience and not from second-hand information.

I feel in my heart and in my mind that I'm ready for it, I know that I need it, and I know that I want it more than anything I've ever wanted in my life.

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As always,

Irma Lee

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January 22, 1947

Dr. Shlomo Bardin
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Dear Dr. Bardin:

Our Brandeis scholars have made us very proud of them, and we are sure that their good work stems from the inspiration they received from you at Brandeis Camp.

Ruth Sher is President of Junior Hadassah, and Sheldon Sinclair hopes to leave soon for Hachshara. He hopes to pilot refugee ships to the shores of Palestine. This expression of his desires is directly attributed to the inspiration he received at Brandeis. Ruth Rodroff is continuing her fine work in Young Judaea.

We shall appreciate receiving the information from your files on these campers. In addition, will you please send us application blanks for the next summer's camp, together with information regarding dates, tuition, etc.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Harold Wittcoff, Chairman
Minneapolis Youth Commission

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE AmZYC HELD
AT 381 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY,
FEBRUARY 5th, 1947

P R E S E N T : Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Chairman, Presiding
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Mrs. Sylvia Ettenberg
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Mrs. Della Goldschlag
Mrs. Emanuel Halpern
Mrs. Alice Jacobson
Mr. Norman Schanin
Mr. Louis Schwefel
Mr. Joseph Sternstein

Welcome to New Members

The Chairman welcomed Miss Zelda Funk, the new Jr. Hadassah President, to the meeting, as well as Mr. Norman Schanin, who will be assuming the position of Executive Director of Young Judaea.

Need for Clarification of Budget

Dr. Bardin stated that he realized, from his personal talks, letters and long distance telephone calls he was receiving, that the country was under the wrong impression, believing that the Youth Commission was operating with a \$240,000. budget. This erroneous impression was created by the fact that the \$240,000. budget was approved by the Conventions, though the money is not actually forthcoming, and the country is very critical, feeling it is receiving little service from the National office despite this enlarged budget. Hadassah, which is out to double its quotas, is particularly conscious of this fact. Dr. Bardin felt that the country ought to be enlightened and is entitled to an explanation, which explanation should appear in our own Bulletin and the National ZOA and Hadassah periodicals, which reaches the whole membership of the two parent bodies.

A full discussion took place and Mr. Weisman again explained the various circumstances of the situation. He stated that depending on the success of the Expansion Fund, the ZCA is prepared to vote a full \$120,000. In the meantime, it has voted only \$70,000. This would, of course, not take care of the \$60,000. item in the Commission budget for the regional directors, for which Dr.

Neumann suggested an alternate plan, whereby the Commission might explore the possibilities of having the regions take on certain obligations for field work in the country. If these ZOA regions were able to raise money for field work, we might then be in a position to call upon Hadassah for their share and in that way avoid the necessity of going back to the National ZOA Expansion Fund for the additional \$40,000. or \$50,000. At the present moment, this ZOA plan to raise the ZOA Regional obligation does not appear to be feasible since it might interfere with the success of the Expansion Fund.

Dr. Freund stated that on the basis of this information it would be necessary for Hadassah to reconsider the whole matter. She pointed out that the Hadassah chapters were raising tremendous sums of money for something that was not going to take place and felt that it might even be necessary to reduce their quotas. She stated that it would be impossible for her to face the Hadassah women at the next convention and ask them to raise large quotas again. Dr. Freund pointed out that she doubted the wisdom of the enlarged budget from the very beginning, but that inasmuch as the Commission voted it, she had been constrained to work towards its adoption and successful implementation.

Mr. Weisman felt it would be a calamity and mistake to take such a step since he felt that the ZOA would still give us the full \$120,000.

Mrs. Dana felt that we would lose faith with Hadassah and was in favor of reopening the matter with the Hadassah Board.

Dr. Bardin stated that it would be unwise not to let the country know the situation and at the same time the Commission should take council to determine what to do now. There is no doubt that the situation has changed and things have not turned out as planned. He stated that instead of thinking of reducing the Hadassah quotas, which has never been done in the history of Hadassah, he would be in favor of working with the regions in which the ZOA had undertaken a special regional ZOA youth commitment before the Expansion Fund views were known; i.e., Connecticut, Southern Region, Western Pennsylvania Region. Dr. Bardin further suggested that with regard to those regions where we know today we are not going to get or even ask for ZOA moneys for youth work, the Youth Commission should take the Hadassah moneys and place same at the disposal of the region; the Hadassah chairman in that region would then know that she has a certain amount of money to be used either on a local or regional scale.

Mr. Weisman stated that with regard to the Expansion Fund, there is nothing at the present time that inhibits in any way a region from conducting and sponsoring an Expansion Fund Drive undertaking to raise the quota assigned to that particular area by the ZOA and an additional sum for youth work. In those places where the campaign is conducted on that basis, moneys assigned for youth work will, so far as possible, be used to carry out our original scheme of youth directors. To that extent, the National Youth Commission will be enabled to call upon Hadassah in connection with the original plan to make like contributions.

Directors Meeting Held February 1-2

Dr. Bardin reported on the Directors meeting held on the weekend of February 1st and 2nd at the George Washington Hotel in New York. Sixteen to Eighteen Directors, from various parts of the country attended, and it was the consensus of opinion that it was a most stimulating, constructive and instructive conference and everyone left with the feeling that it was very much worthwhile. Mrs. Halpern took a very active part in the conference. Dr. Bardin stated that only two of the directors were full-time employees, Sami Richman of New England, and Jacob Snyder of Philadelphia, and because they devoted all their time to the work, made wonderful contributions to the procedure of the conference and showed a fine grasp of the problems.

Mrs. Halpern thought the spirit was very wonderful and cooperative.

Dr. Bardin reported briefly on some of the reflections of the assembled directors: In the field of publications, the Youth Commission was urged to undertake a publication for all youth groups, since many of the present publications over-lap. All efforts in this connection should be combined. With regard to the Commission field workers, they had a very favorable attitude of Chava Schelzer's trips throughout the country and believed her to be one of the best field workers they ever had. With regard to Mr. Schwartzman, the reports were varied.

In connection with IZFA, the directors reported that the local Youth Commissions were most instrumental in this work. New England particularly has been very helpful. Boston and Pittsburgh had some criticism that Haborin was very much in the forefront - not warranted by their numbers - and that they are trying to get members out of the IZFA while the General Zionists are not enrolling these people in their groups. They also expressed their unfavorable impression of the last field worker of IZFA who was sent into the New England Region.

Young Judaea publications were discussed fully and a general satisfaction expressed with the latest material and programs sent out. Very constructive suggestions were made regarding the Young Judaea magazine and a change in the Senior was also suggested.

A particular request was made that the Commission publish a Songster, without music, for distribution among their groups. Dr. Bardin promised that he would bring this matter to the Executive Committee for action.

With regard to the coed groups, they felt that this problem was far from solved and stated that many coed groups were springing up, called by various names and under other auspices. They strongly felt that unless the Youth Commission addressed itself to this problem, it would be solved without us.

An analysis was made of the program material of Jr. Hadassah and many felt that more attention should be paid to the educational rather than membership and fund-raising aspects of the organization.

Publication of Songster

It was regularly moved and seconded that, the recommendation of the Executive Director to issue a Songster, without music, be accepted.

Mr. Weisman asked that such a publication be submitted to the Office Committee for approval.

Palestine Fellowship

Mr. Weisman read to the Commission the report on the above subject submitted by Mr. Schoolman in connection with the procedures to be followed in awarding fellowships. Mr. Weisman felt that the Commission, without setting any precedent for the future, should give due consideration to the recommendations of candidates by Jr. Hadassah.

Miss Goldberg reported that the Fellowship Subcommittee met twice and carefully went over the applications submitted by Jr. Hadassah, all of which were good. There were three particularly outstanding. The question of splitting the \$1500. scholarship was also discussed by the subcommittee and it was Miss Goldberg's impression that Jr. Hadassah would not insist on a split though, in the judgment of the Commission, it would not be advisable to split the moneys. Miss Goldberg too felt that it would be inadvisable to split the scholarship money.

Mrs. Jacobson stated that Jr. Hadassah particularly recommended two top candidates: Sarah Neiman, a National Vice-president of Brooklyn Jr. Hadassah, who could serve the organization tremendously, and Irma Lee Wolf of California, who could also be of invaluable service to the movement.

Mr. Weisman wanted it clearly understood that since this was the Commission's first experience in matters of this nature, no action presently taken by the Commission would be considered as a precedent for the future, and asked for the pleasure of the Commission of the matter at hand.

Rabbi Davis suggested that the Office Committee, together with the Scholarship Subcommittee, determine the final selection. Miss Funk requested that a representative of Jr. Hadassah be invited to such a meeting.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the two candidates for the Naomi Brodie Doskew Fellowship be referred to the Scholarship Subcommittee for choice of one among the two.

The motion was seconded and passed.*

Report on Meeting with Dr. Silver

The Chairman reported that he and Dr. Bardin were invited to meet with Dr. Silver in Cleveland on Friday - the day before the ZOA Chicago weekend Conference. Dr. Silver was thoroughly familiar with the aspects of the Commis-

sion's work and its budgets since 1941, and practically the whole day was spent in discussion. Mr. Weisman stated that on the whole the atmosphere was one of great understanding and friendliness towards the Commission and the youth groups and friendly criticisms were made. A full discussion on Chalutzim took place. Dr. Silver, at the end of the interview, undertook to prepare and send to the Commission a memorandum embodying his recommendations based on the discussions.

Dr. Freund suggested that the memorandum in full be attached to these minutes. The suggestion was approved by the Commission and a copy of said memorandum is attached hereto. Dr. Freund further stated that the general tenor of the memorandum was particularly good and showed that youth work has come out on a secure foundation. If the ZOA could accept the Commission budget in May or June, Hadassah could do likewise and then youth work would come into its own in America. Dr. Freund felt that the other suggestions contained in the memorandum required further study and discussion.

Report on IZFA

Mr. Schwefel reported, in very glowing terms, on the IZFA Conference in Cleveland this past weekend. Approximately 25 members, including the staff, attended and represented various parts of the country. Mr. Schwefel was particularly impressed with the maturity of these young people, and all subjects, including budget, publications, fund-raising activities, relationship with ZOA and Hillel, were seriously discussed.

The last issue of the Student Zionist was discussed at the Conference at which time Mr. Schwefel made known his dissatisfaction with the publication. It was decided that at least 75% of the contributors to the publication should be students and the issue itself should be strictly a student publication.

The membership of IZFA at the present time is 2600 and they look forward to a paid-up membership of 4,000 to 5,000 by the end of the year. IZFA is now functioning in 70 colleges with a minimum of 10 members in each. The Harvard chapter particularly has increased from 30 members to a membership of 240. Ha oleh, the IZFA group preparing itself for Palestine, started with 10 members and now has 33, most of them professional people who will be able to add to the skills and special technical abilities Palestine needs. Mr. Schwefel thought that the greatest potentiality for Hachulitzut in America was in the college campuses.

Mr. Schwefel again stressed the inadequate budget and the need for special permission from the Commission to allow IZFA to raise additional funds. Mr. Schwefel stated that at present IZFA did not have an executive director and pointed out that their anticipated income was \$22,000. and their minimum needs approximately \$27,000.

Mr. Schwefel also mentioned the fact that the meeting discussed the memorandum submitted by Juda Shapiro, which they considered very negative, but the decision was taken not to answer it at the moment but to wait until it was fully discussed and considered.

Mr. Weisman reported that it had come to his attention that IZFA was concentrating on attracting only a few "select" Zionists on the campus. Exactly the same process has developed as in the past where, instead of having a program worthy of IZFA, it is simply an attempt to cater to a few people who were Zionists before the contact with IZFA, and that they are so conducting their affairs as to build a wall around the few instead of inviting the unaffiliated.

Mr. Weisman further stated that there was a certain basic understanding of the type of relationship that would develop between the Advisory Committee and the IZFA. Dr. Silver's view happens to co-incide with the view of the Commission that nothing creative can be expected from a youth organization, no matter how bright, unless it is prepared to receive the adult guidance that the other youth groups get, not in a spirit of domination or direction, but a medium developed for fairly frequent contact. There must be a professional at the core who will be responsible for this directional exchange. Mr. Weisman asked whether IZFA would be receptive to this type of arrangement and was assured by Mr. Schwefel that they definitely would.

Dr. Bardin felt that this matter of IZFA ought to receive more attention from the Commission and a meeting should be arranged with IZFA representatives present. The campus is in a more strategic position than any other youth group, and the influence they have on Jews, non-Jews and faculty all determine our Zionist objectives. The Commission today is merely a conduit for financing.

Dr. Bardin was delighted that the Chairman of the IZFA subcommittee had spent so much time with the young people. Not intending to deprive IZFA of any credit for its accomplishments, he pointed out, however, that it was the New England Youth Commission that created the Harvard-Radcliff IZFA chapter. Mention should also be made of the work of Rabbi Ted Gordon who, in the process of two years of working with the campus students at B.C.I., gave IZFA the core of their manual. Dr. Bardin also pointed out that the B.C.I. had given IZFA 150 youth leaders on 72 colleges in 1946. Dr. Bardin further reported that at the meeting of the Youth Directors, there were a number of complaints about the inter-party situation in IZFA.

Dr. Bardin felt that the Commission should insist that the IZFA national office be moved to New York and could not see how a closer relationship could exist without this first step.

Miss Goldberg asked Mr. Schwefel whether the meeting discussed how they would meet the Arab propaganda on the various campuses?

Mr. Sternstein replied that IZFA was getting this guidance through the Emergency Council and the Young Zionist Actions Committee.

Dr. Bardin suggested that perhaps a small committee might be set up of Hillel and IZFA representatives to which all problems and conflicts which could not be settled on the individual campuses would be referred.

With regard to the budget, Mr. Weisman explained that the Commission subsidy to IZFA was \$16,300. per year. Without changing this sum, Mr. Weisman would like to see the IZFA immediately prepare the type of pamphlet or brochure that would be addressed to the great mass of unaffiliated students on the campus, and that the Commission would then be prepared, upon approval, to print same in quantities of 50,000-100,000 for distribution before the end of this year.

Mr. Schwefel moved that the IZFA total budget be increased to \$18,000. by granting them an additional \$1700. The motion was seconded.

Miss Goldberg moved to amend the above motion to increase the present IZFA budget from \$16,300. to \$17,300. and that the Youth Commission undertake to print a pamphlet for the use of the unaffiliated youth on the campus.

The amended motion was duly seconded and passed.

Directors for Metropolitan Area

Dr. Freund stated that at the last meeting of the Youth Commission a long discussion took place which culminated in the thought that it would be wrong to divide the \$5,000. among several metropolitan Youth Commissions. However, since then another meeting took place with representatives from each region at which meeting everyone but Dr. Jacobi of Brooklyn felt that the Metropolitan Director would be of great service. Brooklyn felt that to them the \$1,000. was much more important than a Metropolitan Director. The agreement reached at this meeting was to leave the matter to Dr. Jacobi and others to survey the situation.

After further discussion, Mr. Weisman moved, that the Youth Commission, in response to representations made by the Brooklyn Youth Commission, but without setting a precedent for future years, hereby appropriate the sum of \$5,000. with the understanding that each borough; i.e., Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx, Westchester and Long Island, will receive \$1,000. for the purpose of improving the services to be rendered in those areas by their respective professional staffs.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Brandeis Camp Institute

Fees - Dr. Bardin raised the question of the scholarship fees to be charged at camp this year. He stated that despite the fact that all other camps were raising their fees for the coming season, he recommended that B.C.I.

scholarship fees remain the same as last year. He pointed out that the Camp might lose money, since we could not know at this time what trend prices and costs would take, but made the recommendation nevertheless.

After a brief discussion, Dr. Bardin's recommendation was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Calendar of Dates - Dr. Bardin pointed out that since it was impossible to hold any sessions in September because of the early Jewish Holidays, it was necessary to start the camp season earlier this year. He suggested, therefore, that the camp open approximately June 15th, for a two weeks session and two four week sessions in July and August.

Mr. Weisman thought perhaps it would be better to start with a four week session, then a two week session and end with another four week session.

It was suggested that the youth groups submit their recommendations in this matter to the Youth Commission within the very near future.

Miscellaneous

Chalutzit Committee - In answer to a question, Mr. Weisman explained that Mr. Schwefel was appointed Chairman of a ZOA Chalutzit Committee, but that the Redelheim Committee was an inter-party committee and still in existence.

National Young Zionist Actions Committee - Mr. Weisman reported that this Committee was holding a youth conference this weekend to which he, as a representative of the Commission, was invited to participate in one of the sessions on how to reach unaffiliated Jewish youth. Mr. Weisman suggested that the Commission supply display material. This suggestion was acted upon.

Next Meeting - The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, March 18th, at 7:00 P.M.

Corrections to Minutes - Dr. Freund wished to note a correction to the minutes of January 7th, 1947, as follows: "Please note that my strongest objection to Dr. Bardin's leaving for the coast at this time centered around the problem of implementing our plan for regional directors."

Dr. Freund wished to note a further correction in the same minutes as follows: "Please note that on page 1, under sub-heading 'budget', following line five of this sub-heading, that Hadassah has already voted the complete budget."

* At a subsequent Office Committee meeting, upon the request of Jr. Hadassah, it was decided that both candidates, being equally matched, and one being from New York and one from Los Angeles, that the money be split between them, provided

Meeting held in Cleveland, Friday, January 24, 1947 in which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Shlomo Gordin and Mr. Herman Weisman participated.

After a canvass of the entire subject of the work of the Youth Commission, the following conclusions were reached:

1) It is important to procure at once the services of an assistant director at National Headquarters of the Youth Commission who will devote himself to close contact with the affiliated groups of the Youth Commission who receive subsidies from us. Most of his time should be devoted to the campus organizations. His work will involve first-hand acquaintance with the work of these groups, their programs, and to assist them in their planning and expansion.

2) It was agreed that two or three additional regional directors are to be engaged by us for those regions which are most in need of such services. These directors will work with the local Youth Commissions and youth groups stimulating and guiding them and creating such groups and local Youth Commissions where they do not exist.

Wherever regions undertake to finance regional youth work, the funds for this work should be raised not independently, but in conjunction with the Expansion Fund of the Zionist Organization of America.

3) It was felt that we have done inadequate work in the field of publications. There is urgent need in this field for the publication of pamphlets, brochures and informative material which should receive mass distribution among Jewish youth, especially on the campuses. It was agreed that a qualified professional man should be in charge of this work.

4) It was agreed that the expenditures of the Youth Commission for the Hebrew Arts Committee and for the Hebrew Theatre were out of proportion to the total funds available to the Youth Commission. It was also felt that while the music and choir work carried on by the Hebrew Arts Committee should be retained by the ZOA at a small cost, the other activities may well be set up independently. Mr. Weisman is to restudy the whole subject with a view to achieving the results here indicated.

5) The subject of Chalutzim among General Zionists was carefully gone into. It was suggested that Mr. Rodelheim and Mr. Schwefel should discuss with the other interested parties the subject of establishing Chalutzim activities in the United States under national control in place of control by the Histadruth.

It was also agreed that Chalutzim work among General Zionists should proceed along the lines generally defined in the Auerbach Memorandum.

The question of a training farm for General Zionist Chalutzim should be restudied.

6) The Youth Commission finds itself during the summer months unable to plan its activities for the coming year because its budget is not fixed until after the ZOA convention in October. There is need of assuring the Youth Commission in May or June of its next year's budget so that it may plan its activities in time to get them going when the academic year begins.

the Brodie family had no objection. In pursuance to this decision, Miss Goldberg visited Mrs. Brodie and obtained her gracious consent to this disposal of the scholarship money for this year.

10:45 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Chairman





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Executive Director

February 7, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

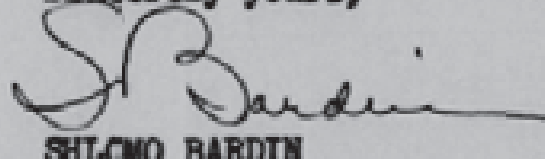
On the eve of my departure for the Coast, I wish to report to you that your memorandum was read before the meeting of the Youth Commission held on Wednesday, February 5th. It was very favorably received and the Commission was very appreciative of your interest. They, of course, asked for a little time to reflect upon your recommendations.

In any case, with regard to paragraph "1", I wish to inform you that I contacted a number of people in institutions; e.g., Dr. Sidney Marks, Dr. Edidin of the Jewish Education Committee, Rabbi Lelyveld of the Hillel Foundations, Rabbi Moshe Davis of the Jewish Theological Seminary and other similar institutions. Mr. Weisman contacted Mr. Shapiro of the Emergency Council. We are also placing two ads in the New Palestine and the Hadassah Newsletter. I hope we will soon find a suitable candidate.

With regard to the publications, we cannot find a full-time person, but I communicated with a part-time person who will do this work for a six week trial period.

With cordial greetings, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



SHLOMO BARDIN

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February 28th, 1947.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

While talking to Mr. Frisch, I was informed that you are under the impression you answered my letter addressed to you recently to Cleveland. I received nothing more from you than an acknowledgment and an expression of thanks for my efforts. In fact, I mailed a copy of that letter to Dr. Neumann, as the Chairman of the Inner Committee, and to-date I have not heard from him.

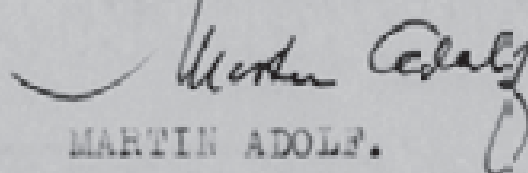
Weaving these two incidents together, we must come to a conclusion reached long ago, that our national leaders, because of their outstanding fitness, ability, and experience, are so preoccupied with the political situation, that it is practically impossible for them to devote the time necessary to the national scene.

This condition is aggravated by the fact that it gives ammunition to any opposition of the national administration. The "rebels" have already begun to fire the first shot, and we hear audible voices from this faction which contemplates to work for the nomination of Dr. James Heller for the next president of the Zionist Organization.

I know that I am not telling you anything new. I am merely stating these facts to you in the hope of convincing you that something must be done to attract men of honesty, courage and ability who will be able to devote their time to the local scene. This will enable those men who have proven themselves so capable for the last several years in the field of international politics to devote their time to this work where they are indispensable.

Trusting to hear from you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,


MARTIN ADOLF.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST
YOUTH COMMISSION, HELD AT 381 FOURTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK CITY, MAY 13, 1947

P R E S E N T : Mr. Herman L. Weisman, Presiding
Mrs. Helene Billig
Mrs. W. Goldshlag
Mrs. I. H. Levin
Rabbi Max Vorspan
Mrs. Alice B. Jacobsen
Mrs. Joseph Sternstein
Miss Hannah Goldberg
Mrs. Ethel Schleifer
Rev. Martin Adolf
Mrs. E. Halpern
Mr. Raymond Glazier
Miss Susan Brandeis
Mr. Sheldon Feinberg
Miss Zelda Funk
Mr. Louis Schwefel
Dr. Mendel Jacobi
Mrs. Sylvia C. Ettenberg

Dr. Shlomo Bardin

Opening the meeting, Mr. Weisman criticized the failure in not having prepared the minutes of the previous meeting and had these minutes read from the rough draft.

Rev. Adolf inquired whether action had been taken on the matter of a gift to Mr. Nat Cohen in connection with his departure to Palestine. Mr. Weisman replied that if this had not yet been done, steps would be taken to carry it out.

Rev. Adolf then recalled that although approaching the end of the season, the four Youth Groups had not yet submitted their reports for the year to the Commission. He called for these at once.

Mrs. Halpern and Mr. Sternstein expressed their regret at being unable, at this moment, to render reports for Young Judaea and Masada but would lose no time in preparing them.

Rev. Adolf wished the Young Judaea report to include an accounting of the money raised for trees in Palestine through the Young Judaea campaign.

Mrs. Levin also asked for a report on the work of the Senior Judaeans throughout the country - who came under the "difficult" age group of 14-17 years.

Rev. Adolf asked whether it would be possible to arrange that travel expenses of the delegates to the IZFA National Convention be made available.

Mr. Weisman regretted the lack of funds for this, but hoped that IZFA's budget for next year would provide for this.

Financial Statement of the Hebrew Arts Committee

Rabbi Vorspan described, at some length, the difficulties which had been encountered by the Hebrew Arts Committee, and a financial statement of its situation was examined.

According to this, the Hebrew Arts would end the season with a deficit of between \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Dr. Bardin pointed out that \$11,400 would still have to be invested in the Pargod production, "Shylock - 1947" in addition to the \$8,000 that had already been expended. He felt that the facts of the situation must be looked at squarely and expressed his disapproval of this fashion of operating on so insecure a basis. He was against the expenditure of the Hebrew Arts Committee seeking any loans to carry on with, but insisted that it must be self-supporting.

Rev. Adolf recalled that last January, the Hebrew Arts Committee had been asked for a report, yet pointed out that it had not been submitted.

Rabbi Vorspan and Mrs. Schleifer then described the handicaps under which "Shylock - 1947" was being produced. It had been contemplated that at least \$15,000 for the Foundation would be raised by the sale of 150 tickets to the premiere, at \$100 each, to subscribers. Operating only with a limited number of people, it had been impossible to sell more than 60 tickets thus far, because of lack of sufficient number of workers to contact the list of potential subscribers.

Mrs. Schleifer urgently requested that in the short time remaining, all-out effort must be made to contact as many of these people as possible and called for the cooperation of all members in this task.

It was further agreed that in order to ensure full attendance at the premiere given at the Julliard Auditorium, Z.O.A. Presidents should be invited, as well as representatives of the Youth Groups.

Mrs. Levin agreed to approach people in Philadelphia and Mrs. Goldschlag in New York.

Dr. Bardin again maintained that not sufficient care and planning had been given to this drive to raise money for the Foundation. It could not be expected that the Youth Commission would be able to carry out such a project.

IZFA

Mr. Weisman made mention of the forthcoming IZFA National Convention in Pittsburgh, starting the week of June 22nd and then stated that Mr. Sumner Alpert had written him to the effect that the National Office of IZFA be allowed to remain in Cleveland for another year, and further requesting that Mr. Norman Kiell's engagement be continued.

Mr. Schwefel briefly described IZFA's rapid development with 5,000 members by the end of the year expected, and almost 100 chapters. He mentioned the excellent working relations between Mr. Kiell and IZFA's office staff. The advantages were already apparent, even after the short experiment, of the advantages of engaging a professionally trained Director as against the work of non-professional personnel. He proposed that a meeting be called on June 14th to be attended by the National Secretary, Mr. Weisman, Dr. Freund, Mr. Kiell and Mr. Alpert. On the Agenda would be included IZFA's relationship to the Hillel Foundation, next year's budget, and the continuance of Mr. Kiell's employment.

Mr. Weisman felt that representatives of the other Youth Groups should be present, as well, and in his opinion IZFA was deserving of an increased budget, if feasible.

Rev. Adolf asked whether steps would be taken to move IZFA's National Office to New York from Cleveland, where greater liaison could be maintained with the Youth Commission.

Mr. Schwefel explained that some time would be required for a move of this kind to be made, because of the difficulties in securing housing facilities for personnel as well as the other factors involved in getting people to leave their home towns for permanent sojourn in New York. For this reason, he felt that perhaps the removal should be delayed for one year.

Mr. Weisman, thereupon, asked for a vote upon whether IZFA's National Office should be moved to New York. The results showed that a majority were in favor of IZFA's National Office being located in New York.

Approach to the Budget

Dr. Bardin asked for guidance in the preparation of next year's budget, to be submitted to the forthcoming Conventions of Z.O.A. and Hadassah. In view of what had happened after the acceptance of the past year's budget, he felt that he should be given some guiding principal upon which he could base himself in arriving at the estimated needs for the coming season.

He stressed the urgent need for Regional Youth Directors which could no longer be denied to the country and felt that at least one-third of the budget must be devoted to this use. The subsidies for the Youth Groups must be increased or reduced in accordance with some defined ratio.

He pointed out that it was absolutely imperative that an increase in the allotment for administrative expenses be provided. If the Commission is to function effectively, two additional Assistant Directors must be engaged, as well as an augmented secretarial staff.

Recognition must be given to the fact that a more substantial allocation must be made towards Brandeis Camp Institute; the amount provided in last year's budget was merely a token amount. In view of the great number of requests coming in this year for National Scholarships, for which very little provision exists, an adequate appropriation must be devoted next year.

A further essential requirement for additional funds, is publications. The Youth Commission, heretofore, has been unable to put out its own magazine, a sorely felt need. Other needed publications have not been possible through lack of personnel and funds.

If given the framework within which to operate, he could thereupon formulate an adequate budget.

Mr. Weisman agreed that a more formal approach to next year's budget was necessary. He recommended that a Budget Committee be appointed who, together with the Directors of the Youth Groups, would prepare this.

The Budget Committee was then appointed and included Miss Brandeis, Dr. Jacobi, Mr. Weisman, Dr. Freund and Dr. Bardin, together with the Directors of the Youth Groups.

It was decided that the Budget Committee hold a meeting on May 28, 1947, to do the ground work.

On June 3, 1947 this would be presented to the Office Committee which will meet at 5:30 P.M. and in turn will be presented to the National Executive meeting on June 3rd at 8:00 P.M.

Rev. Adolf cautioned against making any great increases as a result of our failure to secure the total amount proposed in the 1946-1947 budget.

Mr. Weisman felt that this should not be the guiding principle. A presentation of actual need must be made and whether or not it will be accepted by Z.O.A. and Hadassah can only be left to the Conventions.

In reply to Rev. Adolf's reference to the Z.O.A. survey on youth work, he stated that this survey was not conducted in the spirit of an investigation that might reflect upon the Youth Commission, but on the contrary, that it might serve to make the Z.O.A. aware of the scope of our work and its increased needs.

Miss Brandeis further pointed out that since this survey might take as long as a year before results are published, the Youth Commission had to proceed with its program without being deflected by this.

This was the general consensus of opinion.

Report by the Executive Director

Dr. Bardin described the excellent results and wonderful spirit shown at the Detroit Week-End Institute in which he participated, and at which Max Helfman had infused a pitch of enthusiasm that was outstanding. He also described his visit to Chicago; at the meeting there he was made aware of the progress that had been made. It was very encouraging to note that Chicago, hitherto so critical of the National Youth Commission, had now changed its attitude and was doing an excellent job.

Describing briefly his trip to Miami in connection with the Southern Brandeis Camp project, he reported that \$30,000 was raised in spite of the great raising campaigns going on there. He found the people there very cooperative and interested and described the efforts of certain real estate people who were giving their time to the securing of a suitable location. He was convinced that Miami will generate its enthusiasm to the whole Southern Region.

With respect to the Pacific Coast Camp, he was glad to state that negotiations for a site of 1,980 acres near Los Angeles, were in the final stages and he hoped the deal would soon be closed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

TABLE 1GROWTH OF BCI SINCE 1941

	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>
CAMPERS	50	84	134	194	255*	244*
CITIES	35	47	64	99	136	137
STATES	18	22	31	20	34	38

TOTAL CAMPERS FOR SIX YEARS ---- 961

*255 campers in 1945 represent 642 campers' weeks.

*244 campers in 1946 represent 344 campers' weeks.

This is accounted for by the change to exclusively four week courses in July and August, 1946. (Previously, two and four week courses were given concurrently.)

Of 244 campers in 1946, 82 or approximately 1/3 were previously unaffiliated with any Zionist group. The majority of the 244 were college students, many of whom were recommended to the Institute by Fellen Foundation directors.

TABLE II

OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF BCI ALUMNI

	<u>1946</u>		<u>1945</u>	
	<u>NO.</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>\$</u>
STUDENT	150	61.4	101	39.6
SECRETARIAL	48	19.6	89	34.9
TEACHER	3	1.3	14	5.6
HEBREW TEACHER	-	-	3	1.2
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE	3	1.3	6	2.2
OPTOMETRIST, DENTIST	1	.4	1	.4
MEDICAL TECHNICIAN	5	2.	2	.8
MANAGERIAL	3	1.3	5	1.9
SOCIAL WORKER	1	.4	4	1.6
ENGINEER	3	1.3	4	1.6
OTHER SKILLED TECHNICIAN	-	-	5	1.9
SALESMAN	9	3.6	4	1.6
LAWYER	1	.4	-	-
MERCHANT	3	1.3	2	.8
FARMER	2	.8	-	-
RECENTLY DISCHARGED VETERAN	3	1.3	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	9	3.6	15	5.9
	<u>244</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>255</u>	<u>100%</u>

TABLE III

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF BCIERS WHILE AT CAMP

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>
17 Years Old	7	12
18	47	31
19	52	43
20	33	34
21	26	47
22	34	33
23	19	22
24	14	18
25	6	9
26	3	3
27	2	3
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	244	255
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TABLE IV

COLLEGE STUDENTS AMONG BOIERS

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>
Number of campers in colleges and universities	150*	101
Number of colleges and universities represented	73	60

*Of these, 19 were graduate students.

LIST OF
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED IN 1946

ALABAMA

University of Alabama

CALIFORNIA

University of California

COLORADO

*Denver University

CONNECTICUT

University of Connecticut

State Teachers College

*Yale University

D. C.

Wilson Teachers College

FLORIDA

*University of Florida

*State College for Women

*Miami University

GEORGIA

*Emory University

*University of Georgia

ILLINOIS

University of Chicago

Northwestern

*Loras College

*Perz1 College

*University of Illinois

*Chicago Teachers College

INDIANA

University of Indiana

IOWA

*Horningside College

*University of Iowa

KANSAS

*University of Wichita

KENTUCKY

University of Kentucky

*Vanderbilt University

LOUISIANA

*Newcomb College

*University of Louisiana

*Centenary College

*Temple University

Talane

MASSACHUSETTS

*Boston University

*Leslie College

Wellesley College

*Mary Brooks

MARYLAND

*William & Mary College

*Goucher College

MICHIGAN

Wayne University

TABLE 17 (Continued)

MINNESOTA

University of Minnesota

MISSOURI

*St. Louis University

NEW JERSEY

N. J. College for Women

*Rutgers University

NEW YORK

*Barnard College

Brooklyn College

City College of New York

Cornell University

*Columbia University

Hunter College

New York University

N. Y. State Teachers College

*University of Rochester

Queens College

Syracuse University

NORTH CAROLINA

*Duke University

*University of North Carolina

OHIO

Antioch College

University of Cincinnati

University of Ohio

Western Reserve University

OKLAHOMA

*University of Oklahoma

*Tulsa University

OREGON

*Reed College

PENNSYLVANIA

*Bryn Mawr

University of Pittsburgh

*Villanova College

RHODE ISLAND

*Peabroke College

TENNESSEE

*University of Chattanooga

TEXAS

*University of Houston

*San Antonio College

*Southern Methodist University

*University of Texas

WEST VIRGINIA

*Charleston College

WASHINGTON

University of Washington

WISCONSIN

University of Wisconsin

NEBRASKA

*University of Nebraska

Total number of schools represented 73

State Universities represented 19

Schools represented in 1946 but not in 1945 ... 45

Total number of college students 150

* - School represented in 1946 but not in 1945.

TABLE V

BIRTHPLACE OF BRANDEIS CASE ALUMNI

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>
AMERICA	229	238
AUSTRIA	2	-
CANADA	1	2
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	1	1
FRANCE	-	1
GERMANY	6	8
MOROCCO	1	-
PALESTINE	2	2
POLAND	2	1
RUMANIA	-	2
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	244	255
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TABLE Va

STATE OF BIRTH OF AMERICAN-BORN BCI ALUMNI
(Figures for 1946 Only)

ALABAMA	4	NEBRASKA	4
CALIFORNIA	2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1
COLORADO	3	NEW JERSEY	16
CONNECTICUT	6	NEW YORK	60
DELAWARE	3	NORTH CAROLINA	2
FLORIDA	4	OKLAHOMA	1
GEORGIA	6	OHIO	9
ILLINOIS	12	OREGON	2
INDIANA	3	PENNSYLVANIA	26
IOWA	4	RHODE ISLAND	2
KANSAS	1	SOUTH CAROLINA	2
LOUISIANA	4	TENNESSEE	3
MARYLAND	4	TEXAS	7
MASSACHUSETTS	8	VIRGINIA	4
MICHIGAN	3	WASHINGTON	2
MINNESOTA	7	WASHINGTON, D.C.	3
MISSISSIPPI	1	WEST VIRGINIA	1
MISSOURI	4	WISCONSIN	3

TABLE VIOCCUPATIONS OF PARENTS OF BCI ALUMNI

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>
MERCHANTS (all kinds)	60	53
OTHER INDEPENDENT PROPRIETORS	14	44
MANUFACTURER	10	9
DISTRIBUTOR (feed, etc.)	13	2
SALESMAN	19	14
MANAGERIAL	15	10
SKILLED LABORER (Mech., mach., etc.)	4	15
SKILLED TECHNICIAN (Eng., Bio-chem., etc.)	9	9
MEDICAL (Doctor, etc.)	6	8
RABBI	6	5
LAWYER	11	1
CONTRACTOR (Miscellaneous)	5	3
LABORER, MISCELLANEOUS	6	8
TAILOR	10	6
JEWELER - WATCHMAKER	5	4
INSURANCE AGENT	6	5
REAL ESTATE AGENT	2	2
BROKER	3	-
HEBREW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	2	1
HEBREW TEACHER	1	-
JOURNALIST - WRITER	2	-
ARTIST	-	1
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES	-	4
RETIRED	6	5
NOT GIVEN	<u>21</u>	<u>39</u>
	<u>244</u>	<u>255</u>

REMARKS ON TABLE VI

1. Roughly 50% of the parents of the alumni of both years are independent businessmen with enterprises ranging from small stores to manufacturing plants.
2. Nearly 4% of parents of 1945 alumni held managerial positions, whereas in 1946 over 6% were in such jobs.
3. In 1945, 9.8% of the parents were in the professions. In 1946 this proportion rose to 14.7%.
4. 7.5% of the 1945 parents fell in the skilled labor category, as did 3.7% of the 1946 group.
5. Of the portion of the 499 parents listed as living, 2.4% were retired.

TABLE VII

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF BRANDEIS CAMPERS IN 1946

REGION:	<u>CENTRAL STATES</u>	<u>CONNECTICUT</u>	<u>EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>NEW ENGLAND</u>	<u>BRONX</u>
STATES:	Ohio Michigan Kentucky West Virginia	Connecticut	Pennsylvania Delaware New Jersey	Indiana Iowa Wisconsin Illinois	Massachusetts Rhode Island	
CITIES:	<u>Ohio</u> Akron Canton Cincinnati Cleveland Columbus Elyria Toledo Warren Youngstown Zanesville <u>Michigan</u> Detroit <u>Kentucky</u> Lexington <u>West Virginia</u> Charleston	Hartford Meriden New Britain New Haven Norwich	<u>Pennsylvania</u> Allentown Easton Harrisburg Philadelphia Reading Scranton Villanova York <u>Delaware</u> Wilmington <u>New Jersey</u> Arlington Atlantic City Bridgeton Camden	<u>Indiana</u> E. Chicago E. Elkhart Indianapolis South Bend <u>Iowa</u> Davenport Des Moines Sioux City <u>Wisconsin</u> Kenosha Madison Milwaukee <u>Illinois</u> Chicago	<u>Massachusetts</u> Boston Brookline Dorchester Everett Lowell Springfield Whitman <u>Rhode Island</u> Providence	Bronx
CANDIDATES:	20	7	23	11	12	4

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REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF BRANDEIS CLIPERS IN 1946

REGIONS:	<u>BROOKLYN</u>	<u>LONG ISLAND</u>	<u>MANHATTAN</u>	<u>WESTCHESTER</u>	<u>UPPER NEW YORK STATE</u>	<u>NORTHERN NEW JERSEY</u>	<u>PACIFIC COAST</u>
STATES						New Jersey	Washington Oregon California
CITIES	Brooklyn	Belle Harbor Far Rockaway Flushing Jackson Hts. L. Island City Lyndbrook Mineola Richmond Hill	Manhattan	Westchester	Albany Binghamton Buffalo Elmira Mt. Vernon Poughkeepsie Rochester Springfield- Gardens Syracuse Utica White Plains	Bayonne Harrison Highland Pk. Jersey City Newark Passaic Paterson Trenton	Washington Spokane Seattle Oregon Portland California Beverly Hills Los Angeles San Francisco
CANDIDATES	14	11	12	5	11	11	12

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REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF BRANDEIS CAMPS IN 1946

REGION:	<u>NORTHWEST</u>	<u>SEABOARD</u>	<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>SOUTH WEST</u>	<u>TEXAS</u> <u>OKLAHOMA</u>	<u>EASTERN</u> <u>PENNSYLVANIA</u>	TOTAL
STATES:	Minnesota	North Carolina Virginia Washington, D.C. Maryland	Georgia Tennessee Florida South Car. Alabama	Kansas Colorado Missouri Iowa Nebraska	Texas Louisiana Oklahoma	Western Pennsylvania	19
CITIES:	Duluth Minneapolis St. Paul	North Carolina Asheville Chapel Hill Durham Greensboro Virginia Norfolk Newport News Portsmouth Richmond D. C. Washington Maryland Baltimore	Georgia Atlanta Augusta Savannah Tennessee Knoxville Memphis Nashville Chattanooga Florida Jacksonville Miami Beach Orlando St. Petersburg Tampa South Carolina Charleston Sumter Alabama Birmingham	Kansas Wichita Colorado Denver Missouri Kansas City Normandy St. Joseph Iowa Davenport Des Moines Sioux City Nebraska Lincoln Omaha	Texas College Station Austin Dallas Houston San Antonio Tyler Faco Louisiana Alexandria New Orleans Shreveport Oklahoma Shawnee Tulsa	Altoona Butler Erie McKees Rock Pittsburgh	139
CANDIDATES	7	16	32	15	14	7	244

TABLE VIII

GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF BRANDEIS CAMPERS

1941-1946

SUMMARY: 961 CAMPERS COME FROM 236 CITIES IN 43 STATES

STATES	NO. OF CAMPERS	STATES	NO. OF CAMPERS	STATES	NO. OF CAMPERS
ALABAMA		ILLINOIS		MASSACHUSETTS (Cont'd.)	
Birmingham	7	Chicago	24	Brookline	3
Mobile	1	Peoria	1	Cambridge	1
Quinton	1			Chelsea	2
		INDIANA		Dorchester	3
ARIZONA		E. Chicago	3	Everett	1
Tucson	2	Connersville	1	Fairhaven	1
		Ft. Wayne	1	Fall River	4
CALIFORNIA		E. Mishawaka	1	Fitchburg	1
Los Angeles	16	Gary	5	Holyoke	1
San Francisco	1	Indianapolis	8	Lowell	3
		South Bend	5	Malden	1
COLORADO				North Adams	1
Denver	5	IOWA		Quincy	1
		Council Bluffs	1	Roxbury	1
CONNECTICUT		Davenport	1	Springfield	10
Hartford	17	Des Moines	3	Thitman	1
Bridgeport	3	Iowa City	1	Winthrop	1
Meriden	2	Sioux City	3	Worcester	5
New Britain	3				
New Haven	5	KANSAS		MICHIGAN	
Norwich	5	Topeka	1	Detroit	27
South Norwalk	1	Wichita	1	Flint	2
Stamford	2				
Stratford	1	KENTUCKY		MINNESOTA	
Waterbury	2	Lexington	2	Duluth	4
		Louisville	4	Minneapolis	15
DELAWARE				St. Paul	8
Wilmington	3	LOUISIANA			
		Alexandria	2	MISSOURI	
WASHINGTON, D. C.	12	New Orleans	12	Kansas City	13
		Shreveport	1	Normandy	1
FLORIDA				St. Joseph	3
Jacksonville	6	MAINE		St. Louis	9
Miami Beach	5	Portland	4		
Orlando	1			NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Pensacola	1	MARYLAND		Manchester	1
St. Petersburg	1	Baltimore	18		
Tampa	2	Odenton	2	NEBRASKA	
				Lincoln	1
GEORGIA		MASSACHUSETTS		Omaha	11
Atlanta	16	Alliston	2		
Augusta	2	Beverly	1		
Decatur	1	Boston	1		
Savannah	4	Brockton	2		

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STATE	NO. OF CAMPERS	STATE	NO. OF CAMPERS	STATES	NO. OF CAMPERS
NEW JERSEY		New York State		OHIO (Cont'd.)	
Arlington	1	Albany	1	Elyria	1
Asbury Park	1	Binghamton	2	Lorain	2
Atlantic City	3	Buffalo	8	Piqua	1
Bayonne	8	Ellenville	1	Steubenville	1
Bridgeton	1	Elmira	1	Toledo	3
Camden	4	Harrison	1	Warren	2
Englewood	1	Hempstead	1	Wooster	1
Harrison	1	Hempstead	1	Youngstown	5
Hoboken	2	Kingston	3	Zanesville	1
Highland Park	2	Lawrence	1		
Jersey City	8	Hamareneck	1	OKLAHOMA	
Linden	1	Mt. Vernon	8	Shawnee	2
Newark	7	Niagara Falls	1	Oklahoma City	2
New Brunswick	1	Peekskill	1	Tulsa	3
North Bergen	2	Portchester	1		
Passaic	1	Poughkeepsie	5	OREGON	
Paterson	4	Rochester	9	Portland	3
Plainfield	2	Schenectady	6		
South Orange	1	Springfield Garden	1	PENNSYLVANIA	
Trenton	4	Spring Valley	1	Allentown	4
Union City	3	Syracuse	5	Altoona	3
West New York	1	Troy	4	Bethlehem	1
		Utica	2	Butler	1
NEW YORK		White Plains	5	Collingdale	1
New York City		Yonkers	1	Duquesne	1
1. Bronx	15			Easton	1
2. Brooklyn	61	NORTH CAROLINA		Erie	1
3. Manhattan	47	Asheville	2	Harrisburg	4
Long Island		Chapel Hill	1	Kingston	3
Belle Harbor	3	Charlotte	1	Lancaster	1
Far Rockaway	4	Durham	7	McKees Rock	1
Flushing	4	Greensboro	1	McKeesport	2
Hempstead	1	Winston Salem	1	Midland	1
Jackson Heights	3			New Castle	1
Jamaica	1	NORTH DAKOTA		New Kensington	3
L. I. City	2	Fargo	1	Olyphant	1
Pantington Sta.	1			Philadelphia	40
Lawrence	1	OHIO		Pittsburgh	14
Forest Hills	1	Akron	5	Reading	3
Richmond Hill	2	Canton	5	Scranton	4
Lynbrook	1	Cincinnati	12	Sharon	1
Mineola	1	Cleveland	30	Villanova	1
Rockaway Park	1	Columbus	7	Washington	1
Sunnyside	1	Dayton	2	Wilkes-Barre	6
				Wilson	7
				York	3

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STATE	NO. OF CAMPER
RHODE ISLAND	
Providence	2
SOUTH CAROLINA	
Charleston	5
Sumter	1
TENNESSEE	
Knoxville	2
Chattanooga	2
Memphis	6
Nashville	7
TEXAS	
College Station	1
Austin	3
Corsicana	2
Dallas	4
Ft. Worth	1
Galveston	2
Houston	4
San Antonio	5
Tyler	2
Taco	3
VIRGINIA	
Norfolk	8
Newport News	1
Petersburg	1
Portsmouth	3
Richmond	4
WASHINGTON	
Spokane	2
Seattle	5
WEST VIRGINIA	
Charleston	3
Wheeling	2
WISCONSIN	
Green Bay	1
Kenosha	2
Madison	1
Milwaukee	8
West Allis	1
TORONTO	1
MONTREAL	1

