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

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The name of Dr.Abba Hillel Silver will be recorded in the pages of Jewish history together with the names of thegreatest leaders of our people. We pledge to him our unwavering loyalty, and our firm support of the basic principles of Zionism which he has championed."

With best wishes to you and your family in the New Year, I remain

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcus Levinson, Vice President Southwest Region, ZOA.

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Honorable Dr. Abba Hillel Silver 41 East 42nd Street New York 17, N.Y.

Honorable Sir:

The Rego Forest Zionist District and The Park Hills Chapter of Hadassah are jointly sponsoring a public meeting on November 24th, 1947 for the purpose of stimulating and attracting aid for the Zionist cause. In these times of stress, we feel deeply that the people of America must be awakened to the needs of Zionism.

While the Zionist issue is being so furiously urged in the halls of the United Nations' Assembly, the urgency of America's support is so much the greater. Accordingly, the joint meeting above mentioned is intended to acquire such support for our cause.

This meeting will be held at the Lost Battalion Hall on Queens Boulevard, just off World's Fair Boulevard, which is a scant two miles from Flushing Meadows. The Hall will accommodate at least 1500 people, though at least 2500 people are expected to gather there.

Because if its importance, I sincerely hope that you will accede to our request to appear as the principal guest speaker.

A campaign is presently being mapped out to publicize this meeting throughout the entire City of New York, and you have our assurance that this meeting will be a rallying point for Zionism.

May we receive your consent to appear.

Respectfully yours,

Alfred Selter President.

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October 20, 1947

Mr. Alfred Selter, President Rego Forest Zionist District 63-51 Wetherole Street Rego Park, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Selter:

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address your meeting on November 24. It would have given me great pleasure indeed if I were able to accept. Unfortunately, due to ressure of work in connection with the United Nations, I am compelled to forego many engagements which normally I should be most happy to accept. I am sure that you will understand.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our organisation received word from the colonycouncil of Raanana that they are making great preparations to colebrate the 25th anniversary of the colony and that the colebration will be on a national scale.

As one of the main features they suggest that your congratulations for this event should be recorded by you personally, on a soft-wax record (a technical necessity). They wish to broadcast it on the Jerusalem station on the day of this celebration as a message from the leader of American Zienism.

We sincerely hope that their heartfelt wish will meet with your kind approval.

With Zien's greetings,

Respectfully yours.

Nevember 19, 1947

Januel Cohen

Samuel Cohen, sec'y

P.S.: We will send the recording by Air-mail sothat it will reach thre as soon as possible.

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PALESTINIAN STUDENT'S DRGANIZATION 342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y. ROOM 1404 TEL. MU 2-1160 EXT. 14

December 2, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

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It is with great pleasure and happiness that we extend to you an invitation to our Chanuka-Victory Festival at the B'nai Jeshurun Community Center, 270 West 89th Street, on December 8th, with the sincere hope that you will not disappoint us.

We shall deem it a great honor to have you in our midst on this occasion and hope that the evening's artistic program presented by some of our leading young Palestinian artists will start off an evening of joy and celebration.

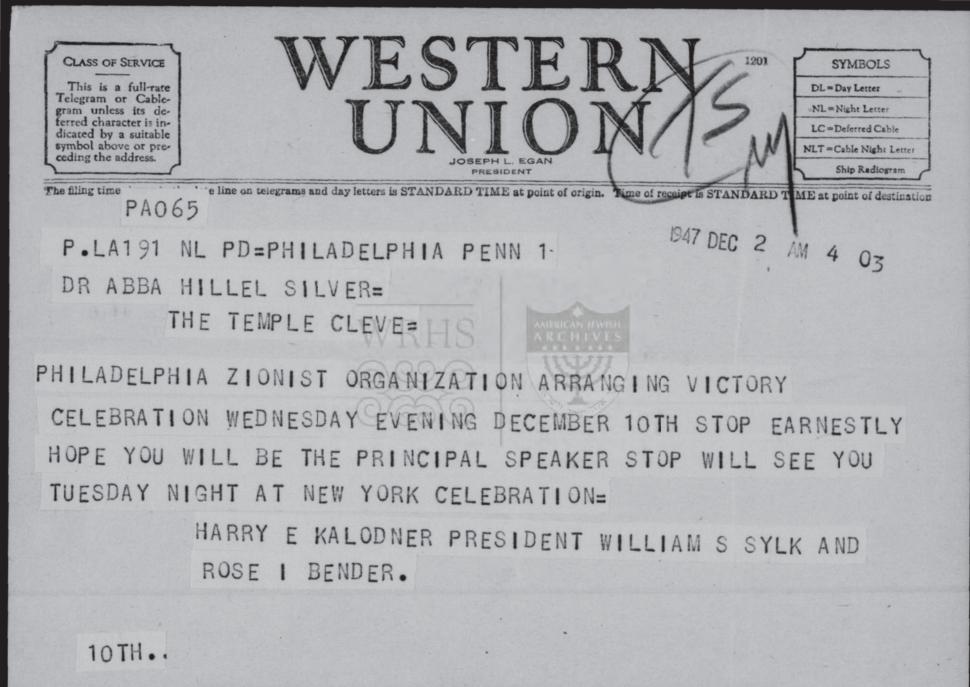
The enclosed tickets will admit two to our Festival. If you should require any further tickets, we shall be glad to send them to you immediately.

Looking forward to the honor of your presence.

Very truly yours,

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JACQUES TORCZYNER

December 5, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I would like to bring you up to date on the following matters:-

I- Shekel

A- There is great resistance to the purchase of the Shekel. People feel that now that the Jewish State is established the Congress has now meaning. This resistance is not only felt in Z.O.A. circles, but by other parties as well. We have tried to impress the people but it is an up-hill fight.

B- The suggestion has been made in several quarters to have the 22nd Congress reconvened in an extraordinary session instead of having elections in order_to have a new Congress. I am informed that Hadassah and the Revisionists are agreeable to such a suggestion, and I believe that it is worthwhile considering.

II- Hagannah

A- We have our usual troubles with the Hagannah fundraising campaign in the U.S.. Outside of the complications which it will bring about with the U.J.A., may I respectfully draw your attention to the fact that such an action at this time will totally disrupt the Z.O.A.. Mr. Kaplan's object is to use Hagannah as a **Tor** jan Horse to destroy the influence of the Z.O.A. on the American scene.

B- The organization Americans for Hagannah is still pursuing its work notwithstanding its loss of meaning in view of the recognition of the Jewish State. Bartley Crum, on whom we certainly have some influence, is issuing statement upon statement. They are calling a conference of rabbis and the sooner this matter will be discussed in the Agency Executive, the better it will be for our organization.

III- Europe

A- Outside of the work that the World Confederation of General Zionists is doing in Europe, it was the opinion of all those working with us in Europe last year that relief work paid for by the Z.O.A. should be distributed by the Z.O.A.. We are therefore sending Dr. Joseph Thon to Europe, where he will visit most of the countries and as many camps as possible, with the purpose of distributing relief funds in the name of the Z.O.A., and organizing the Shekel campaign for the General Zionists. JACQUES TORCZYNER

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Dr. Thon will also serve as a liason to publish in the Jewish newspapers of the continent the point of view which both you and Dr. Neumann represent in the Agency.

He is an able man, and the newphew of the late Osias Thon. He speaks Hebrew, Yiddish, Polish and English, and I hope that he will work out as the right man.

Dr. Thon will prepare the way for a big reception for you when you will go to Europe, and I hope that we shall know soon enough in advance when you will be in Paris so that he will be able to make the necessary arrangements.

With best personal wishes.

Sincerely, TORCZ YNER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: December 5, 1947

FROM: Manuel Posy

SUBJECT:

The Z.O.A. is experiencing great difficulty in the relationship between the American Zionist Fund and the Jewish Agency as far as fund-raising is concerned.

Our inability to reach a satisfactory measure of cooperation and coordination between our activities has caused a serious deterioration in our fund-raising efforts as well as the fund-raising efforts of the Agency.

We recently concluded an agreement with the representatives of the Agency by which the itineraries of the American Zionist Fund and the Agency would be coordinated and cleared between our respective offices. Because of this, a memorandum was sent throughout the country explaining the agreement, a copy of which is herewith attached.

Since that time, there have been a series of violations on the part of the representatives of the Agency, further explained in copies of correspondence herewith enclosed.

The last few days I have been in receipt of reports from various parts of the country indicating that the Jewish Agency has issued a directive indicating that they have to buy planes immediately and therefore the agreement they have with us is void.

Harold Jaffer's office bases his authority, so he claims, upon directives from the Executive of the Jewish Agency.

I therefore bring this matter to your attention as chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency. We are very anxious to learn as to whether there is any justification in the statements made by Mr. Jaffer and his associates that they are receiving directives from the Agency and whether his activities are being conducted with the approval and knowledge of the American Section of the Agency.

Kindest personal regards.

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MEMORANDUM

November 24, 1947

TO: RANGID &. JAPPER

ALL DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND AMERICAN ZIONIST FUND CHAIRMEN

FROM: MANUEL POSY, DIRECTOR, AMERICAN ZIONIST FUND

Ziorist Frantystion of America is remembing that you acknow people a

We wish to inform you of the terms of an agreement entered into between the representatives of the Zionist Organization of America and the Jewish Agency concerning the relationship between the Z.O.A. and the Jewish Agency as regard their respective fund-raising projects.

The representatives of the Jewish Agency agreed to defer temporarily campaigns among Z.O.A. districts and regions until our districts and regions raise their own budgetary funds, needed by them to fulfill their American Zionist Fund (Z.O.A. Expansion Fund) quotas and their local needs.

Immediately after a district completes its obligation to the American Zionist Fund (Z. O.A. Expansion Fund) the districts will be encouraged to get behind the campaign of the Agency and to expedite it.

It is believed that this National agreement will avoid misunderstandings and unnecessary conflict of the type that has occurred due to the lack of exchange of information between the Z.O.A. and the Jewish Agency.

As soon as we are apprised as to the date of your campaign on behalf of the American ZionistFund (Z.O.A. Expansion Fund) we will be able to forward this information to the Agency so that they can lay their plans accordingly.

Kindest personal regards.

MEMORANDUM

TO: HAROLD G. JAFFER

FROM: MANUEL POSY

Pursuant to our conversation, please be advised that the Zionist Organization of America is requesting that you ask your people to defer from conducting their campaign currently in Baltimore until after December 2nd, when our effort will be completed.

Your efforts in that community at this time are seriously jeopardizing the success of our campaign.

Please be further advised that the Utica Zionist District are implementing their current effort for the Jewish Agency beginning December 2nd. The Utica Zionist District has not yet met its Expansion Fund obligation and indications are that it will not meet these obligations, using your agency as an excuse.

We therefore request that you do not encourage them to proceed, but in accordance with the understanding we have, encourage them to meet at this time their quota for the American Zionist Fund (Z.O.A. Expansion Fund.)

Regards.

November 21, 1947

Mr. Harold G. Jaffer 250 West 57th Street New York, New York

Dear Harold:

The question of a campaign for the Jewish Agency was discussed by your Philadelphia representatives with the directors of our organization in Philadelphia.

We were asked to embark upon an immediate effort in your behalf in that community. It was the decision of our Philadelphia Zionist Ofganization that the Agency campaign would have to be deferred until the conclusion of our American Zionist Fund effort in Philadelphia. Our campaign in Philadelphia commences in January and takes up two months of our time.

The time-table of organizational activities in Philadelphia is so arranged to enable the Jewish National Fund to have its function, and then this is followed by our campaign.

Your representatives insisted that they must have their campaign in December and indicated that irrespective of what decisions we were to make, they were going to run your campaign just the same during the month of December.

If this was their attitude, I don't see why they came to our Philadelphia organization in the first place. I understand that despite the protestations of our Philadelphia committee, your representatives are embarking upon an effort beginning December 8th. On this occasion, Moshe Shertok is going to visit Philadelphia for the purpose of your agency.

Your representatives were informed very emphatically that any effort to raise funds at this time for your agency would seriously jeopardize our chances for success in Philadelphia and would cause a deterioration not only on the local scene but on the National scene.

If there is to be any meaning whatsoever to the agreement we reached, then the first thing that has to be done is to request, from your office to your Phi ladelphia representatives, that they defer their campaign. I would appreciate a copy of your advices to Philadelphia indicating that they have been requested to defer their effort. This agreement, up to now, seems to be rather one-sided and consists of nothing more than protests from my office requesting that action be taken to defer certain activities.

Under these circumstances, it might be advisable if a token of goodwill emanated from your office to at least one of the communities whose activities are currently in dispute.

Sincerely yours,

Manuel Posy Director

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cc: Rudolph Sonneborn

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Novambor 27, 1947

TO: Meabers of 2. O.A. Committee on Maganah

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For the past several weeks, an agreement has been in existence between the 5.0.A. and the fund-raising arm of the Enganch. This agreement was supposed to expedite the smooth functioning of the American Zionist Fund and the Enganch to emable both agencies to operate to the extent where fund-raising for both would be expedited and more afficiently presscuted. The agreement provied for there to be an exchange of information thereby enabling itineraries to be more carefully executed with an avoidance of conflict in dates in communities throughout the country. It was agreed by the representatives of Enganch that unless there were extraordinary circumstances in any community, the A.Z.F. would receive priority in its fund-raising efforts.

At the last meeting of the committee, a series of nocusations were levelled by Mr. Harold Jaffer against 2.8.4. in so uncertain words in which various statements were made by him indicating:

- a) Obstractions by the 2. C.A. in the efforts of Raganah to raise funds.
- b) Migrepresentation by the S. O.A. in which he said we attempted to give the improveion that funds raised for the A.B.F. were in reality funds that were to be transmitted to the Haganah.
- o) Various miscellaneous accusations indicating that, after all, some of our people were pro-irgun and therefore some of our districts did not care to even assist Raganab.
- d) He claimed that the resolutions passed by the Matlonal Administrative Council indicating that the A.E.F., U.J.A., and J.S.F. were the only agencies which our districts could campaign on behalf of without consultation were really intended to stifle Haganah.

All these accusations, of course, were set aside and the basic unfortunate conflict that has existed was clarified during the discussion. It was discovered that there was supposed to be in reality absolute good-will on both wides and the only thing that was not in order was the channelization of activities, which, if implemented, would result in greater collections for both the 2.0.4. and Hagamah.

It was also accepted that the members of the committee representing 3.0.4. were as vitally interested in facilitating the work of the Esgamah as were the Maganah representatives interested in facilitating the work of the A.2.F. On this premise, an agreement was consummated.

Since the agreement, there have been a mapber of serious violations on the part of the Raganah representatives which have ratarded the work of the American Signist Fund. They are in part:

1 - Baltimore - the Hagaash was conducting a campaign in this community simultaneously with the campaign of the Baltimore Sionist District and thereby seriously jeopardized the success of our effort. It was requested that Mr. Jaffer defer this activity until after December 2nd. This request was refused on the basis of Hagaaah's attempt to nullify the activities of the Histadruth campaign which Mr. Jaffer claimed was trying to give the impression in the community that Hagaaah is Histadruth and Fistadruth is Hagaaah. I informed Mr. Jaffar that if he would have his campaign deferred, my office would make itself wouldnble to his agoncy and make itself responsible for informing our membership in Baltimore that Histadruth is not Haganah and Haganah is not Histadruth. This offer was not accepted and subsequently our goal in Baltimore was not reached with the subsequent less is income to the Baticaal office and with the subsequent deterioration of our local program.

2 - Utics - Utics announced plans for a Magnach compaign without taking into consideration their obligations to the 3.2.7. This attitude of the Utica Signist District was a violation of the resolutions of the Mational Administrative Council. This information was brought to the attention of the Utica Signist District and the terms of the agreement were brought to their attention. Mr. Jaffer was requested to confirm the terms of this agreement with our Utica people. He refused, thereby necessitating an unnecessary conflict in this community.

3 - Philadelphin - The Enganch representatives requested a mosting with our Sourd of Directors in Philadelphia. They asked our Philadelphia organization to eponeer the local Eagnah campaign. Philadelphia indicated they would after they completed our A.A.F. effort. The Enganch representatives insisted upon a campaign in Philadelphia in December and when our Philadelphia leadership requested they defor this until we ware through, they not only refused but inmediately engaged themealves in the organization of an intensive campaign in December in Philadelphia, opening on December Sth. Then Nr. Jaffer's office was requested to ask them to defer, he ence again refused. Our Philadelphia leadership indidated that the Enganch campaign at this time will completely jequartise our changes of success.

a - Southeast - The Southeast Region agreed to sponsor and fastlitate the Haganah campaign in the Southeast. They also agreed that before doing oo, they would have a short and intense campaign to raise their quota for the A.S.F. Enoving these fasts, and in open violation of our agreement, Nr. Jeffer insisted upon having a campaign now. His insistence was turned aside and the Southeast will embark upon an effort for the American Signmah.

These are the recent violations and are but a few. Irrespective of our agreement, Haganah representatives are going into any number of communities, asking communities to not aside all other obligations and enbark upon immediate afforts in their behalf. In addition, there is a long record of non-cooperation and obstructions on the part of Haganah representatives to the comparison of the A.2.F. that go back to the time of the inception of organizational fund-raising for Haganah. Some flagrant examples arot- Campaigns throughout the Tri-State area in which their representatives attempted to persuade our district leadership to not naide their efforts is our behalf and to embark upon immediate efforts for Haganah. In some communities, it prejudiced our local leadership against Haganah resulting in no income for Haganah in these communities and vice-verse as far as the A.2.F. is concerned in other normanities.

In Les Angeles, the insistence of the Enganch representative to open his comparing the night before the culmination of our cappaign on Ostaber 1, 1947 resulted in the less of income to the 3.0.4. of many themands of dollage. Not one single request made by the 2.0.4. of Haganah was ever honored.

I am is the position to dite chapter and verse of any computity that was ever in dispute but it would occupy too lengthy a space in this memorandum.

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Maganah representatives have, in many parts of the country, conserted with people whose sole interest in Haganah was to utilize it as a medium through which they would not fulfill their obligations to the American Sionist Fund. Some of their representatives have, at meetings of 2.0.4. members, purpose of which was to raise funds for Haganah, harangued against 2.0.4. leadership. I specifically refer to Nr. Abe Fein and Major Adilman. Nr. Fein is particularly metericus in his attacks against "the reactionary leadership of the 2.0.4. who are interested in imposing a capitalistic, monopolistic Jowdah State in Falestine."

Haganah representatives, have at the slightest provaction, labelled 2.0.A. leaders and officials as Irgunists and have speken in disparaging terms of seas of our leaders. Dr. Silver, Daniel Frisch and Jacques Terezyner have been incited by Enganah representatives as being pro-Irgun.

On any occasion at which a 2.0.A. official has stood up in order to insist that our districts fulfill their oblightions to the American Sionist Fund in the presence of Engansh representatives, and after a Engansh representative has made an appeal for Hagmash, the 2.0.A. representative has been labelled an Irgunist. I refer specifically to a meeting of the Western New York Region hold recently at which time Kr. Inher insisted upon an insediate compaign for Engansh and Herschel Amerbach brought to the attention of the delegates the agreement that was in existence between the Haganah and the American Sionist Fund. Hr. Amerbach was subsequally called an Irgunist.

Similar accusations have been levelled against me for the same insistence upon compliance with our quotes in other parts of the country.

This goes even further but limited space prevents my claberating upon the issue. Sundry accusations were made concerning Devey D. Stone and Mendell M. Selig in which Sam Sloan, a fundr-aising official for Haganah, repeated statements and accusations which apparently did not originate in his person. He indicated that the New England Sionist Chest was created for the specific purpose of helping Devey Stone and Mendell Selig to avoid having to contribute to Haganah by discharging their oblightions in contributing to the New England Sionist Chest. It was not taken into consideration by the accumers of Hemory. Stone and Selig that these gentlemen, over and above their exceptionaly generasity and substantial contributions to the New England Elemist Chest, contributed large sume of money. even though they need not have done so, to the Haganah.

I will be very happy to elaborate in greater detail upon these constant violations if it becomes accessary.

Respectfully submitted.

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November 24, 1947

Mr. Harold G. Jaffer 250 West 57th Street New York, New York

Dear Harold:

I could not help thinking after last Sunday's metting in Nashville that the spirit of our recent meeting at the Advertising Club is either completely misunderstood or being wilfully ignored by you. In either case, it is not nice.

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You remember we agreed that unless some <u>local</u> emergency conditions existed which required special consideration, that your group would defer temporarily and that Z.O.A. districts and regions would be allowed to proceed to raise their own budgetary funds plus Z.O.A. quotas for this Fund before they tackled anything else. Thereafter, we would in turn get behind their efforts to raise substantial funds for the Agency.

In the case of the Southeast Region, no special emergency situation exists. And of course the region set its plans to raise its \$15,000.00 plus the \$45,000 we requested. All districts were to start immediately to cover this amount. There were no questions about it until you came along with insistence that priority be given to your campaign.

Why did you do this, Harold? When Abe Berkowitz told you that we would collect our funds first, you resented it. Why, Harold? He formed your collection committee and told them to hold themselves in readiness for a real campaign to start immediately after the organization funds were met and you not only resented this but tried to get it changed. How come, Harold?

It makes me wonder just what you've got in mind. Do you want to present, if possible, our regions and districts from raising their funds? Must you insist upon priority treatment - no matter what?

I can't blame you for trying to do a good job. But I certainly don't like the way you're going about it and I don't think you're doing as good a job as you would be doing if instead of pursuing these methods, you really permitted us to work with you.

Instead of waiting a short period (until the small funds we need are collected) and then letting our districts go all out and do a real job for the Agency you seem to prefer disrupting <u>our</u> plans and then making it impossible for us to do any kind of a job for you. Do you really want to scrap us?

I wouldn't particularly mind, Harold, if your present methods were really

bringing results. But they aren't. All you are doing is spoiling two campaigns, yours as well as ours.

In view of all this, I would like a frank expression from you as to just what your intentions are.

Also, in view of the fact that my interest in the success of your work is very sincere, I am convinced that a shift in your campaign policies is definitely indicated and I believe that working together, which we want to do, instead of fighting, which only you seem to want to do, would be a very simple way to very, very greatly increasing the rate of collections which you've been experiencing.

Anytime you want to meet and talk this over will be O.K. with me.

Sincerely yours,

Mendell M. Selig, National Chairman The American Zionist Fund (Z.O.A. Expansion Fund.)

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PALESTINE YEARBOOK SOPHIE A. UDIN, Editor

February 18, 1948.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple E. 105 St. at Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

It gives me great pleasure indeed to send you under separate cover the third volume of the Palestine Year Book.

I know you will be glad with us that the Palestine Year Book has now become a recognized reference tool. This third one gains very much from your contribution to it, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you. We will, of course, welcome your suggestions and comments.

With kindest personal greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

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Philadelphia Zionist Organization

"Largest Zionist District in the United States" 1410 North American Building
Philadelphia 7, Pa.
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March 19, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Sulgrave Hotel 67th Street, Park Avenue New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I cannot tell you what a tremendous impression you made Tuesday night.

To tell you that your address was masterful is to repeat a well-known fact about all of your public utterances.

You know the situation in Philadelphia. You will understand what I mean when I say that you were needed here for many reasons. What happened as a result of your visit is exactly what I knew would happen when I seemed to be so heartless in insisting that you come.

No one knows better than I, who have been one of your humble followers and supporters during these past few years, that our people in Philadelphia had to be given the opportunity to hear you and see you. You know you have not been here for four years and so much has happened in these four years.

Let me assure you that our people left the hall convinced that your way is the right one. Believe me, I say this not in any attempt at flattery, but because I am deeply convinced of this.

May God grant you good health for many many years. You will lead us to victory.

Gordially yours, Bendez ROSE I. BENDER

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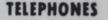
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DIVISION OF NORRY ELECTRIC CORP.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Doctor:

I was fortunate in being in attendance at the last meeting of the Zionist Executive Committee, and I was thrilled with the proceedings.

I had in mind adding a small thought to the picture. When tribute was paid to the fullback and the quarterback, I wanted to indicate that I was proud to even be a third string water boy on this particular team.

The thought that is now in my mind is I understand you are visinting Rochester for Temple Berith Kodesh on October 8. Would it be possible to have you spend another day in Rochester prior or after the 8th for a city wide Zionist Meeting. If this will not conflict with your speaking engagement at the Temple, Rochester Zionists are anxious to have you at a meeting. I have a strong feeling that if more people in Rochester hear you as I have been hearing you in the past few years at Administrative Council Meetings and conventions, they will catch some of the fervor which I have caught from you.

I am looking to meeting you at the Z.O.A. convention and will appreciate an early response to this invitation.

Yours sincerely

Irving S. NORRY

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Mr. Irving S. Norry Electric Equipment Co. 63 Curlew Street P.O. Box 51 Rochester 1, New York

Dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your letter of June 4th. I appreciate very much your suggestion that I address a Z.O.A. meeting in Rochester on the occasion of my visit there to address the members of Temple Berith Kodesh. I cannot at the present writing indicate that it would be possible for me to stay over in Rochester another day. I cannot plan so far ahead. If you will write me early in the fall, and if conditions at that time have eased up a bit for me, I shall do my best.

I shall look forward to seeing you at the Z.O.A. Convention.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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June 22, 1948

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

Dear Dr. Silver.

I am enclosing a reprint of my review of Wolfson's Philo in case you want to keep it in your files. You need not trouble yourself acknowledging it.

Sincerely yours, jss;ir seph . Shubow

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P.S. I read a report of your address before the Mizrachi Organization. It was magnificent.

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS,

The President of the Zionist Organization of America, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, is presently exerting every effort in behalf of the 250,000 members of our Organization and the millions of American Jews to bring to a successful conclusion the campaign to ensure the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine on October 1, 1948, and,

WHEREAS,

The head of the American section of the Jewish Agency, and past President of the Zionist Organization of America, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, is utilizing all of his energies and talents for the same end, effectively repudiating the current Red-baiting campaign against the Zionist movement in this country, as well as refuting the claims of the United States oil interests for a renegotiation of the U. N. Palestine Partition Decision,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That we, the delegates here assembled for the first annual Conference of the Michigan Zionist Region, express to both Dr. Neumann and Dr. Silver our support for the unwavering stand they are taking, on the one hand in regard to the day-to-day problems confronting the Zionist movement, and on the other hand in regard to the over-all perspective for the world Zionist movement and the new Jewish State, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That copies of this Resolution be sent to Dr. Newmann and Dr. Silver.