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לכבוד
ד' ר אבא הלל סילבר,
קלירלנד.

מ.ג.

הננו מעבידים לך, קטע מעתרז"הבקר" שהופיע ביום א'
ה' חשוון ש.ז. (20.10.47).

"הזמן ויצמן צעד פיום מצד סילבר"

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Dear Dr. Silver:

The World Confederation of General Zionists has decided to publish a book on General Zionism, its history, ideology and also its program. I think that a publication of this kind is of the utmost importance. With the expansion of the General Zionist movement within the World Zionist movement such a book is, undoubtedly, a necessity.

The book should serve as a guide in all problems pertaining to General Zionism. A special chapter will deal with the problem: Symposium of General Zionism, and General Zionist leaders all over the world will contribute to it. I hope that you too will send us an article as your contribution.

The latest date for remittance of articles for this book is March 1, 1948. Would you kindly let us have your contribution by this time.

Sincerely yours,

Zvi Herman

Zvi Herman

התאחדות העולמית של הציונים הכלליים ועד המרכז באוסטריה.

WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS

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18.12.1947

צ'ו
דעם מאזרז'יצער פון דער אטעריךאנער
אפטילונגע פון דער ציוניסטי שער עקזעקטויזע
חבר ד"ר א.ה. ס.ילנווער

שלום

די גאנצע שארייח הפליטה האט סיט אונגעעהויער גרויסער
פרײַיד אוניפנעונגסען דעם הייסטערישן באשלום פון דער אונא זעגן
אנערקענען אונזער רעכט אוניף א סובערעגען יידישע מלובה אין
ארץ-ישראל. טיר זענען אי בערטציינט, אז דער דאזייגער באשלום זעט
סאבן א סוף צו אונזער שפראכטן אין די לאגעדען אונז זועט עפנעם
פאר אונגעט די טויעערן פון ארץ-ישראל.

אָפְּשָׁאָגְּנָדִיק אֵיִירָעָע פָּרְזָעָנְלִיבָע אַנְשָׁטְרָעָנְגָּנָגָעָן פָּאָר דָּעָם
דוֹרְכְּזָעָצָן דָּעָם לְעַבְנָס-וּוּכְּפִּיקָן פָּאָר אָונֶז באשלום, האט אָונְזָעָר
פָּאָרְטִּי-רָאָט באשלום אַיִּינְצָוּשְׁרִיבָן אַיִּיךְ אִין סְפָּר - הַס -
די נָה פָּוּן קְרָז-קִימָת-לִי שְׂרָאָל.

סיט גרויס פרײַיד זענען טיר אַיִּיךְ סְזָדִיכָּע זְזָעָגָן דָּעָם דָּאָז
זִינָן באשלום אונז טיר בעטן געבן אונז אַיִּירָעָע הסבָּתָה
איַן גְּלוּיְבָן, אז אָונְזָעָר בִּישָׁע זְזָעָט דָּוָרָךְ אַיִּיךְ עֲרַפִּילָט
זְזָעָרָן, צִיּוֹבָנָעָן טִיר
סיט גרויס פון באפרִיאַפְּן אִין

סְגָן יוֹשֵׁב רָאָשָׁה

הַסְּצָבָר הַרְאָשָׁה:

/ מאנעלזאָן /

/ רָאָלְנִיק /



הַתְּתָאָחֶדֶת הַעֲוֹלָמִית שֶׁל הַצִּיּוֹנִים הַכָּלִילִים

WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS

Palestine Office
Tel-Aviv, 27, Montefiore st.

הַמִּרְדֵּס מְאָרְצִי סְרָאֵל
תֵּל־אָבִיב, רח' מַונְטְּפִירְוִי 27

Tel-Aviv, 21.12.1947.

To all General Zionist bodies.

Dear friends,

The historic decision at Lake Success to create a Jewish state in a part of Palestine has been received by Jews everywhere with great joy and deep satisfaction. Our struggle has not been in vain, at long last we are compensated even if only partially. Unfortunately, however, there are lacking no signs that not all of us are sufficiently mature to appreciate to the full the significance of the hour. The great event for which we have been waiting so many generations is being used for petty party purposes. In a not inconsiderable part of the Palestine Press a carefully thought-out campaign is being waged with the object of withholding the true facts from the people.

From certain party organisations came the command that no mention must be made of American Jewry and its great share in the struggle, and that for the simple reason that at the head of American Jewry stand the recognised leaders of General Zionism.

The names of SILVER, NEUMANN, ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, ROSE HALPERIN and NAHUM GOLDMAN are systematically ignored. The laurels of victory belong to the Mapai leaders alone. General Zionism and its leaders have no share in the achievement.

The great effort which led to the achievement is proclaimed as being principally to the credit of the Chief Political Department of the Jewish Agency who is at the same time one of the leaders of the Mapai, Moshe Shertok. In order not to appear too one-sided and as a pretence of objectivity and decency the name of Haim Weizmann is also mentioned. But one looks in vain among the numerous reports, communications and declarations for even a trace of recognition of the self-sacrificing work of the leaders of General Zionism.

With the deepest regret we have to state that even the Vaad Leumi, the National Council of Palestine Jewry, has allowed itself to be influenced by this campaign to withhold the true facts. Greetings are sent to Haim Weizmann and Moshe Shertok and their contributions to the achievement at UNO alone receive recognition. No one else deserves to be mentioned; their work is of no account.

Let one thing be stated quite clearly: We have not the slightest intention to belittle the achievements of those who are not in our camp. Their achievements are the achievements of the entire national movement. Any attempt to belittle their efforts would have been just as absurd as are the endeavours in certain party organs to prove that only thanks to them has the question of Palestine come before UNO. We shall, however, combat any attempt to falsify history and will stand on guard to see that the true facts are known in every part of the Jewish world.

Friends, remember that our General Zionist leaders have the lion's share in the historic achievement at Lake Success. The great efforts of Dr. HILLEL SILVER, Dr. EMANUEL NEUMANN, as well as Dr. NAHUM GOLDMAN and Mrs. ROSE HALPERIN merit the highest praise.

Dr. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, in his capacity of chairman of the Political Advisory Committee, has rendered unforgettable service.

Only the General Zionist Organisation of America and the "Hadassah" we have to thank for the great influence which has been brought to bear on President Truman and American politics, as a result of which the President has been moved to counteract the intentions of the State Department and issue directions which had the effect of definitely changing the attitude and conduct of the American delegation to UNO. To these bodies alone goes the credit for the extensive propaganda which has been carried out in the American Congress, among all the political parties, and which resulted in enlisting the support of American public opinion on our side and in defeating the machinations of our antagonists.

Friends, we ask you to stand on guard and see that the true facts are known of the great part which General Zionism and its leaders have played in the creation of the Jewish state. It is not our fault that at this fateful hour in the history of our people we have to start a controversy with other sections of the Zionist movement. The task has been placed upon us to counteract a campaign whose object it is to distort the facts and confuse the minds. It would have been an unforgivable omission on our part not to have taken up the challenge and fulfilled our duty towards the truth and our movement.

With General Zionist greetings,

B. TOMKIEWICZ,

General Secretary.

J. SERLIN,

Chairman of the
Palestine Office.

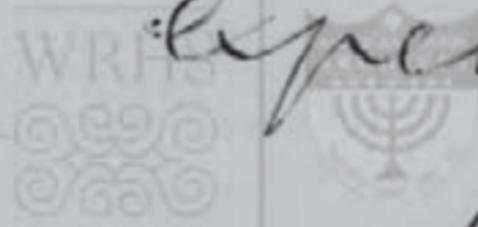
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 to 360 dollar
 (three hundred sixty dollar)

Paris January 14, 1948.

Cash expenses.



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LES ACQUITS POUR ÊTRE VALABLES DOIVENT ÊTRE DÉTACHÉS D'UN CARNET A SOUCHES

**LES NOTES SONT PAYABLES
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Chauffage (fires)							
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Pour la vestue privée, qui se trouvait à la disposition de Docteur A. H. Silver, de 7 Décembre 1947 au 12 Décembre 1947.

J'ai versé la somme de vingt huit mille deux cent cinquante francs.

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M. A. Kafal

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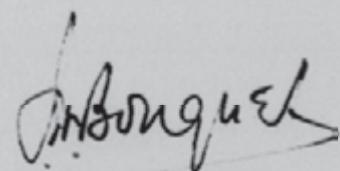
PARIS, le 19 Janvier 1948.

Monsieur le Trésorier
Organisation Sioniste de France
47, Rue de Chabrol
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Monsieur,

Nous nous empressons de vous accuser réception de votre aimable lettre du 17 courant, contenant un chèque N° 4548859 PD série U. de 77.517.- Francs (SOIXANTE DIX SEPT MILLE CINQ CENT DIX SEPT Francs) en règlement de la note de Monsieur le Dr. A.H. SILVER.

Avec tous nos remerciements pour votre aimable collaboration nous vous prions d'agréer, Monsieur, nos salutations distinguées.


F. BOUQUET
DIRECTEUR

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[March 12, 1948?]

WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS

PALESTINE WORLD EXECUTIVE

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Dr. Israel Goldstein - Chairman
World Confederation of General Zionists
American Office, New York

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

We are to inform you that on a proposal by Mr. Greenbaum, in the name of the General Zionist section of the Jewish Agency Executive, the Executive unanimously resolved to accord to Mr. Kolodny, in the place of Dr. Sneh, full rights of a member of the Executive which naturally includes the right to vote. Up to now Mr. Kolodny had a right to vote only in matters of Aliyah. This decision of the Executive is subject to the approval of the A.C. at its next session.

Mr. Greenbaum in pressing for the acceptance of this decision and the Executive in accepting same, were accuated by the fact that General Zionism had otherwise no full opportunity of putting forward its full weight in the counsels of the movement which now had to decide upon very important problems. The Executive had thus restored to General Zionism its full share in its counsels which had suffered a diminuation by the resignation of Dr. Sneh.

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Dr. Sneh had, as you may be aware, two tasks in the Executive:

1. Political Dept.
2. Aliyah



The executive had decided that these tasks be left in the hands of General Zionists and has allotted 1) to Mr. Greenbaum, and 2) to Mr. Kolodny. Both these members have already assumed their new additional duties.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

B. Tomkiewicz

General Secy.

C O P Y

THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

3/14/48

Dr. Israel Goldstein
World Confederation of General Zionists
American Office
41 E. 42nd St.
N.Y. 17, N.Y.

Dr Silver

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I wrote you about a week ago and have now to write another personal letter. In the meantime three of your telegrams have been brought to my notice and I want to deal with the subject raised under separate paragraphs.

1. Agreement Haganah-Ezel The announcement was premature. The agreement has now been confirmed by majority vote of the Palestine Executive, but B.G. demanded vote by all members of the Executive. So there is still no decision and I do not know if voting abroad will be expedited by the staff. It is now up to our friends in America to secure the necessary votes. The agreement does not comprise the second dissident organization (Stern) but it is hoped, they too will come to terms, once the agreement with Ezel is ratified.

2. Provisional Council of Government. I too am in favour of Mr. Auster instead of Dr. Sneh, and I believe there will be no opposition to your suggestion, though I had no opposition to your suggestion, though I had no opportunity as yet to discuss the matter with Mr. Gruenbaum who is spending most of the time in Jerusalem, while I have to work chiefly in Tel-Aviv.

The main item of the Provisional Council of Government, the nomination of a third General Zionist in the Executive of 13 has most dramatically miscarried. While it was clear that the Ichud Ezrachi people would be satisfied only with the nomination of either Mr. Rokach or Mr. Sapir, Gruenbaum with Hartmann and Kolodny, supported by most A-members of the Waad Hapoel of the party fiercely opposed both threatening as has become usual with secession if their opposition were disregarded. So I had to propose Mr. Shenkar, who was carried in the Waad Hapoel, but voted down in the Agency Executive by Mapai plus Misrachi. So we lost the third place, and Aliyah Chadashah got it instead.

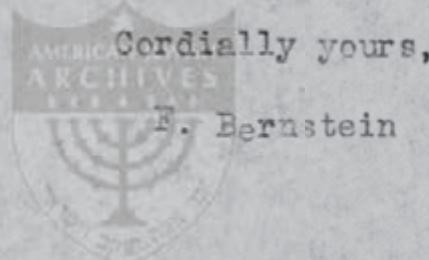
3. Party-Conference. In one of your telegrams you urge postponement of the conference, ~~according to the wishes of Gruenbaum-Hartman-Kolodny with adherents~~. From another telegram I gather you have been informed that the conference has been postponed. In fact it has been postponed for a month, but the A-people (as indicated above) make it now a condition of not splitting the party to postpone the conference for a couple of months, possible until autumn.

In the meantime the Hebrew press has published various bits of information to the effect that negotiations are being in progress to found a new progressive party with Oved Hazioni, Aliyah Chadasha, and the "progressive" part of General Zionists, which can mean only part of the former Hithachduth. The party-Executive, at any rate, has no part in those negotiations.

4. Consequences. You will easily understand that the party affairs can nor vw conducted and that the party cannot be strengthened under the permanent threat of disruption. So I had to inform Mr. Gruenbaum, and I inform you herewith of my resignation from the Hanhalath Hakeren l'Avodoth Konstruktivboth. My intention is to resign also the presidency of the party, but I have to consult some friends about this step. I believe I can inform you about my decision within a week from today.

I am deeply distressed at the course events are taking, but with my task in the Agency-Executive putting a daily increasing strain on my working capacity I cannot continue taking a leading part in party affairs when confronted with a permanent inte nal strife, allegedly for the sake of progressivity, though I know it to be a row between a small number of persons only. My own notion of General Zionism precludes exclusively with regard to circles not considered as sufficiently progressive by Mr. Kolodny and he believes to have your full support for his and his friends' particular views. So I am afraid I cannot go on. When the very existence of the Jewish Yishuv in Palestine is most seriously threatened by the combined milita ry efforts of neighbouring Arab states and Great Britain I can neither understand nor appreciate this wrangling over supposed shad es of progressivity.

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/s/
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## CONSTRUCTIVE ENTERPRISES FUND

GENERAL ZIONISTS FOUNDATION LTD.

The 16th March, 1948.

Tel Aviv,  
25 Bialik Street

Dr. Aba Hilel Silver,  
N E W - Y O R K .

Dear Friend,

We have pleasure in sending you herewith a copy of our publication, "Mif'al". We hope that this magazine will be of service to you in your General Zionist activities. Please let us have your comments on it. Our publication also appears in Yiddish and Hebrew, and we shall be glad to send it to you also in these languages if requested.

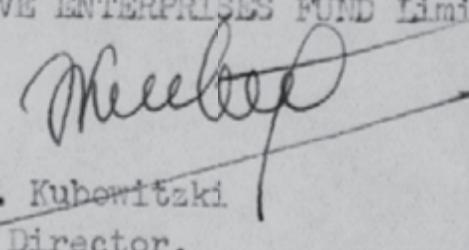
The Constructive Enterprises Fund of the General Zionists (K.M.K.) has now drawn up a report of its first year of activities. The results are encouraging in every field: pioneering activities in the settlements and villages, economic activities in the towns, the rehabilitation of new immigrants, housing, creating means of livelihood, etc. We have already told you something about these achievements in our illustrated leaflet which we published for the first six months of our activities. You will learn further details from our publication "Mif'al" which is attached herewith.

The establishment of a fund of our own for constructive purposes has opened up to General Zionists wide prospects for development and progress. General Zionists now arriving in Palestine as immigrants are meeting with a friendly welcome. General Zionist youth of the pioneer type, know that they will be helped in building up their lives in harmony with their ideals and aims.

Yet all we have done so far is only a modest beginning. Thousands of our members - elderly people, youth and children - in Cyprus and tens of thousands in Europe, are expecting every day to be able to immigrate to Palestine. We shall have to look after them, and we appeal to you, dear fellow-members and friends in all countries to help us to fulfil the tasks in store for us.

With Zion's greeting, we are,

Yours sincerely,  
CONSTRUCTIVE ENTERPRISES FUND Limited

  
I. Kubowitzki  
Director.

WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N.Y.

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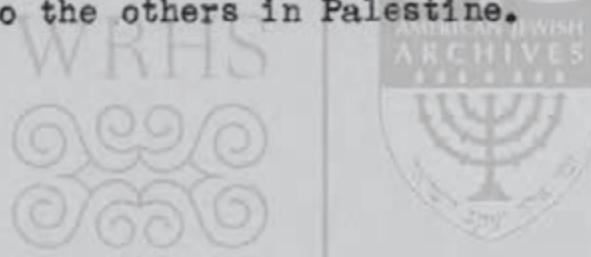
March 24, 1948

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
FROM: Dr. Israel Goldstein  
SUBJECT:

The enclosed letter from Mr. Hartman is the latest communication on the General Zionist developments in Palestine. There have been so many confusing reports that I imagine you would be interested in having a copy of this letter.

You will notice that Hartman asks my reaction to one or two points. I would like to give him not only my own reaction, but also that of the General Zionist members of our Executive here and I would therefore appreciate it very much if you would drop me a line which I could incorporate in my letter to Hartman as well as to the others in Palestine.

IG:ssp  
Encl.



C O P Y

CONSTRUCTIVE ENTERPRISES FUND OF GENERAL ZIONISTS

March 14, 1943

Dr. Israel Goldstein  
Chairman of the World Confederation  
of General Zionists  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

Many thanks for your letter of 26th ins. which reached me only a few days ago. Excuse me for not giving you an immediate reply, but, as a matter of fact, I was very busy and besides that I intended to inform you on matters, which - as I thought - would reach their final conclusion.

From my cables and letters to Mr. Karpman you are certainly informed about the goings-on, nevertheless, I will try to give a clear picture - as things are.

A. By my having made efforts to prevent a separation within the Party and to bring about a wide union, the state of affairs has improved a great deal since the time of my arrival. Haoved Hazioni and Aliyah Chadasha adopted resolutions regarding their union with General Zionists. No persons, now members of Ihud Ezrachi, will be prevented to belong to the United Party, i.e.: There will not be conditions to exclude certain people from the Party. The formula of the union will probably be, that three factors (General Zionists, Aliyah Chadasha and Haoved Hazioni) have come to an understanding to lay the foundation of one party and summon those parts of the yishuv, who follow the principles of General Zionism, to enter it. Of course, this Party will be an inseparable part of the World Confederation and its program. In addition to the 15 - 18000 organized members, many thousand are supposed to enter the new party. A near date will be appointed for a convention (three months) when the different circles, who join the union, will be able to vote for their proper representatives. The convention will elect its Board - person.

I am sure, that we shall have to cope with many difficulties in order to succeed in this direction, and first of all, we shall have to fight within the party for a positive resolution - regarding the union. I think that this is the proper time for a positive result and there is no outway if we want to succeed; who knows whether there will ever be another opportunity like this; to bring Aliyah Chadasha had Haoved Hazioni to a union. Therefore, notwithstanding all the difficulties and in spite of all the inconveniences, this is the only outway to a solution of the problem! Of course, it is indispensably important to know your and our other friends' opinion regarding this problem, and, therefore, please be good enough to inform me about it. I should like to ask you, furthermore, to express your opinion: what is to be done, in case we meet with obstacles from the side of the former E' circles, though it is sure that they remain in a minority, whether the union ought to be relinquished, or - not to count with the resistance.

Though I hope that it will not come to it, it is very important to know the alternative because - we have not much time left and there is much work

to do.

- b. I read Dr. Tomkiewicz's letter from the 12th inst. regarding the alteration of Mr. Kolodni's status in the Executive. In order to avoid misunderstandings, as I asked your opinion on this matter, I presume to add certain facts which were inaccurate in the above mentioned letter:

Also after the right of vote had been granted to Mr. Kolodni, it was agreed that only the AG is entitled to decide upon successors to Dr. Snsh. The Confederation of course, will decide freely upon the candidate and granting the right of vote does not oblige the Confederation in this matter towards one candidate or the other. Nevertheless, it became urgent, because certain matters demanded immediate vote, especially the well-known "agreement" where Mr. Kolodni's one was of decisive importance. I mention all these as there were certain doubts, as regards Mr. Kolodni, in t is direction. In this matter, as in all others Mr. Kolodni agreed with us and voted against Mapai.

- c. As regards Macabi, I discussed the matter with Mr. Rappaport and others and I hope to succeed to prepare a suggestion towards a solution of this problem. By the way, Mr. Rappaport told me, and Dr. Stup confirmed it that there are no obligations as regards the deficit of the previous years.

The Keren is making progress. It has been decided upon activities as regards to Private Agriculture, Jerusalem (participation in a Fund of LP. 100,000 on behalf of Ben Jehuda Street) etc. A detailed report will be forwarded to you from the Keren and from me as well - soon.

I use this opportunity to thank you for all you wrote to me as regards Mr. Rekach. By the way, I have to add that still in New York (February 5th) when I returned with Dr. Neumann and Mr. M. Fischer from the meeting in Manhattan Centre the latter informed me that Mr. Rekach expressed his regret about all the discussions and I thought you knew all about it.

- d. Talking about Mr. M. Fischer, the Court of the Congress (Beth Din Hacongress) was held in this matter. I did all I could that he should be recognized as an alternate to the AG.

About other things I shall write you soon.

Cordially yours,

M. Hartman

M E M O R A N D U M

3/25/48

To: Dr. Silver & Dr. Neumann  
From: Dr. Goldstein

Would you be good enough to let me know your reaction to the subject contained in the enclosed letter. I had thought <sup>of</sup> Judge Rosenblatt before I received this letter -- his many years of service to the K.H. and the fact that he knows the U.S. as well as Palestine, Zionism and Zionists, as well as the fact that he would bear in mind his responsibility toward General Zionism, if such issues should arise, -- all seem to make his candidacy worthwhile.

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enc.

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C O P Y

B.A. ROSENBLATT

Lev Hacarmel Hotel

Haifa

*Dr. Neumann*  
Haifa, 15th March, 1948

Dr. Israel Goldstein  
270 West 89 St.  
New York City

Dear Israel:

I have not written hitherto because, as you may well understand, conditions here are hardly conducive to helpful correspondence. We are literally living in a state of war, with alternating hopes and fears that a war psychosis must bring, but no one can understand the remarkable stamina of the Yishuv unless he is a personal witness. Even the passing of our good friend Leib Jaffe, and the dastardly attack on the Jewish Agency buildings, only calls for more determination to continue the struggle at all costs for the establishment of the Jewish State. (I have recently sent to Dr. Silver a copy of a letter from a Tel-Aviv lawyer, who is a member of the Haganah, which is symptomatic of the healthy condition of our population.)

Is is in line with this accepted principle that I turn to you now, as the head of the General Zionist Organization, in a matter that is far more than a mere personal question. When Dr. Silver was here last year, I complained to him that American Zionist Representation in our various institutions was practically nil - whilst South Africa, for instance, was heavily represented. He then suggested that I join the Board of the Keren Hayessod, having only a few months previously left the Presidency of the Keren Hayessod in America. At that time, I urged that perhaps it might be better to send someone from America to Jerusalem directly, since I would not give up my Haifa residence - although he did not think that a change of residence was essential. You may remember that when we had a few minutes conversation about the same matter in New York last autumn, there was the technical problem of a vacancy and how it could be filled. The unfortunate loss of Leib Jaffe offers a place which America might very well claim, while with the internationalization of Jerusalem, it is imperative that at least one of the three "Managing Directors" should be in the city of Haifa, where the Keren Hayessod maintains an important office. Of course, I am not interested in the mere position, nor in the salary - indeed, I would accept no compensation, and would rather prefer to transfer some valuable land that I have in Haifa to the Keren Kayemeth in exchange for a life pension that would give me full freedom to devote all my time to the task. I am thinking rather in terms of planning a program, with the cooperation of the American Zionists, which may add to the usefulness of the Keren Hayessod and the benefit of the Jewish State.

I am writing only to you about this matter with the request that you kindly discuss it with Dr. Silver and Emmanuel Neumann. I was the first -- and stood to the last -- in supporting you for the Z.O.A. Presidency. I therefore feel that I can write you freely on a matter which, although it may be regarded as personal, should be viewed rather as a question of usefulness to our cause. After all, at the present time, there is no one in the Keren Hayessod that may be said to represent the great English speaking world, while I might serve as a liaison, especially from the country which provides such a large proportion of the funds.

I feel certain that if you exert yourself at this early date, representation from the U.S.A. will be honoured, while I am certain that the great body of the General Zionists here (perhaps with a few exceptions on the part of persons with an "ax to grind") will welcome my appointment-as some of the leading people here have already approached me about it.

In any event, please let me hear from you at an early date.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/

B. Rosenblatt



# WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS

ההסתדרות העולמית של הציונים הכלליים

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*וְהַלְלָה*

סֶגֶן יוֹשֵׁב רָאָשָׁה;

May 27, 1948

Mr. Sam Segal  
Confederation Mondiale des Sionistes Generaux  
47, rue de Chabrol  
Paris 10, France

Dear Mr. Segal:

When I was in Paris in January, the Zionists advanced certain monies in payment of my hotel bill, etc. with the understanding that I would repay the amount upon my return to the United States. I have as yet received no statement from any of them. I should like to pay my bill. I, furthermore, made a pledge of a contribution to the General Zionists towards a building fund which they were raising. I have received no information as to this fund since and no request for my contribution. Will you please look into the matter?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS

PHONE: MURRAY HILL 2-3205

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

M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Dr. Goldstein, Dr. Silver, Dr. Neumann, Mrs. Halpern,  
Mrs. Epstein, Mrs. Greenberg, Dr. Goldmann, Rabbi Miller  
Mr. Torczyner

**FROM:** Mr. Karpman

**DATE:** 6/8/48

**SUBJECT:**

We received a cable from our Tel Aviv office which read  
as follows:

"Among the government appointees there are so  
far almost no General Zionists. We are pressing.  
Your intervention required."

From information we've gathered it is obvious that almost  
all government positions in Israel and in other countries  
are being occupied quickly by members of Mapai. It seems  
to be necessary for us to intervene in any way possible  
in order to rectify this matter.

WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS

PHONE: MURRAY HILL 2-3205

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

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Dr. A. H. Silver, Dr. E. Neumann, Mrs. S. Halprin

FROM: Dr. I. Goldstein DATE: 6/11/48

SUBJECT:

May I join your names with mine in sending the enclosed letter?

IG:zh

enc.

DRAFT OF A LETTER TO: Mr. Ben Gurion  
Mr. M. Shertok

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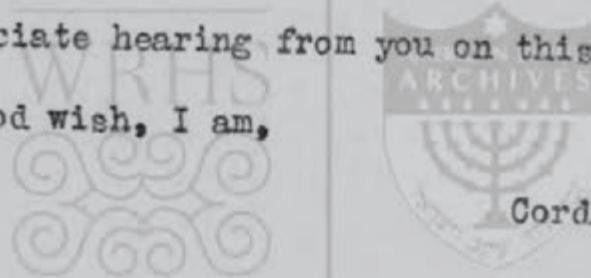
Dear -----:

I have received a number of complaints both from the office of our organization in Tel Aviv and from our Paris office, as well as from other places to the effect that among the Israeli Government appointments thus far announced there are almost no General Zionists.

Not being acquainted with the actual situation in Israel and not knowing to what extent General Zionists are qualified, I can only inquire of you as to what is the situation, and add the comment that it would be helpful to the morale of all of us who are expected and expect to continue dedicating their best efforts to the support of Israel to have the feeling that in the administration of affairs in Israel and the appointment of our men and women to important representative offices there is fairness toward all groups involved. Dr. Silver, Dr. Neumann and Mrs. Halprin join me in this inquiry.

I would appreciate hearing from you on this point.

With every good wish, I am,



Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
CLEVELAND, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

Many thanks for your letter of May 27th.

After having referred to the competent people, I am able to give you the following answers :

1°) - Your personal debt amounts to 380 dollars. Our treasurer, Mr. Luksenburg, begs you to kindly transmit the money for our account to Mr. Karpman, Executive Director of the World Confederation of General Zionists;

2°) - As for the contribution you kindly promised for the Building Fund, your letter reached us in a very favorable moment. As Vice-chairman of the French Organization, I referred the project to my colleagues who informed me about the existence of a building which would perfectly suit the purpose of a "Beth Am". The total expence would amount to 7.000 dollars, and the French Organization disposes of 3.000 dollars only. My colleagues and myself would be very grateful if you could contribute to this Building Fund with the amount of 4.000 dollars. We would like to emphasize the urgency of this question. In regard to the actual housing difficulties, this occasion should be made use of the soonest possible. If the project can be realized, we would be very glad to organize the inauguration of the "Beth Am", which will be named "Beth Am of Dr Abba Hillel Silver" with your presence. As soon as we will have your affirmative answer, we will transmit you the address where your contribution for the building fund should be deposited.

Expecting your answer, I remain with Zionist greetings,

Sincerely yours,  
S. SEGAL

S. SEGAL

C O P Y

Dr. Silver  
Cleveland  
off

TELAVIV

JUNE 16, 1948  
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ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN  
ZIONISTS  
NEWYORK

NECESSARY URGENT CALL AC DISCUSS FUTURE OF MOVEMENT AND ELECT  
NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS REPLACING THOSE TRANSFERRED GOVERNMENT  
STOP IMPORTANT COUNTERACT FAITACCOMPLI NEXT MONTHS OTHERWISE  
IMPOSSIBLE CHANGE POSITION STOP DOBKIN ACCDED MY PROPOSAL  
CONVENE ACCESSION WITHIN FORTNIGHT IF YOU AGREE ATTEND HERE  
STOP EYE SUGGEST ONE YOUR PEOPLE SETTIE HERE AS EXECUTIVE  
TREASURER STOP AWAITING CABLE REPLY

KOLODNY

*J. Silver*

June 17, 1948

Dr. Joseph Sagall  
General Zionist Organization  
75 Gt. Russell Street  
London W.C.1, ENGLAND

Dear Dr. Sagall:

This is in reply to your cable of the 16th. I see no possibility of a conference unless it can be held in connection with a meeting of the Actions Committee or a Congress. It is impossible to get Zionist leadership together for a conference in Europe for General Zionist purposes per se.

Regarding the question as to whether we are losing ground in Israel, that is something which we can best ascertain by getting the opinions of our people in Israel. Perhaps you are right, but I am not ready to agree with you unless I hear the opinions of men like Grunbaum, Bernstein and others. If we have lost ground there it is partly because our people have not learned to merge their differences and the old splinter habits still operate. So, even among Group A there is no complete unity and among Group B there is no complete unity --- how much less unity is there between A and B. Prof. Brodetsky knows how much effort I put into this problem when we were in Tel Aviv last April but we met with no success.

With regard to General Zionism in the Galuth, I hope that you are not including the United States because to my knowledge General Zionism in the United States has not declined visibly since last we had occasion to meet as a Confederation.

We do, however, have the impression that General Zionism in Great Britain is not as strong as we had reason to expect it would become. Neither you nor Prof. Brodetsky have taken the trouble to write me about the problems, and so I have to rely upon other sources of information. Those sources are not encouraging. I am afraid that some of our fine General Zionists have not used their influence to strengthen General Zionism in your country. Whether a European conference can help that situation or not I do not know.

As for the situation on the Continent, I have the impression that the European office has worked very poorly during the last six months and has not utilized all of its opportunities.

Nevertheless, having said all that, I agree that a conference would be useful in a number of respects, although no conference can be a substitute for vigorous action in the local countries. We must also bear

in mind that the World Confederation of General Zionists was organized about twenty-five years late. We have been in existence eighteen months. I trust it is not boastful to say that during these eighteen months we have accomplished something. The best part of our accomplishment is our constructive work in Israel. Here, too, I must point up the fact that the General Zionists in Great Britain have failed us. They started a campaign which only succeeded part way and it does not seem as if it is going forward; nor have they, to my knowledge, made any substantial contribution to the organizational budget of the Confederation, although they strongly advised that we spend much more money than we are spending. South Africa, which is in the orbit of British influence, has done nothing either for our Constructive Fund or for the organizational budget. Canada has begun to do something but was rather tardy in getting started. The only place where effective work has been done, not only because of the size of the community but because there was a strong will to do something, is the U.S.A., and the credit for that belongs chiefly to the Z.O.A., although Hadassah has been helpful. The Z.O.A. is carrying the brunt of the burden for the organizational budget, and the Z.O.A. has taken the initiative in making available very substantial funds for the General Zionist Constructive Fund in Israel.

I want you to know that I am saying all this quite objectively. Prof. Brodetsky, Dr. Goldmann and anyone else in Israel or in the Galuth who has been in close touch with me and with my efforts know that I have held the scales in the Confederation evenly and fairly toward all sides and points of view.

I realize that assessing praise or blame at this point is not the solution, and we must have an opportunity in order to reassess the entire situation in the light of historic events which have happened in Israel. Some of us feel that the Confederation of General Zionists has a better outlook now than it ever had before -- others feel pessimistic. What we all need is a chance to talk the matter through. As soon as a meeting will be fixed either for the Actions Committee or a Congress, we shall arrange to have the Confederation meet.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein  
Chairman

IG:zh

C O P Y

Sent: 6/16/48  
Received 6/17/48

LONDON, ENGLAND

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN  
WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS  
501 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY U.S.A.

ARISING OUT OF YOUR CABLE AND LETTER OUR RECENT EUROPEAN  
CONSULTATION IN PARIS AND COMPLICATED SITUATION IN ISRAEL  
CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE CONVINE AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY  
WORLD GENERAL ZIONIST CONFERENCE OR AT LEAST CONSULTATION  
AMONG LEADERS FROM ALL COUNTRIES STOP AM CONVINCED WE ARE  
RAPIDLY LOSING GROUND IN ISRAEL AND GALUTH BECAUSE OF  
UNPREPAREDNESS AND LACK OF COORDINATION AND PLANNING SITUATION  
BROOKS NO DELAY AND ESSENTIAL WE MEET AS SOON AS HUMANLY  
POSSIBLE ANY PLACE CONVENIENT PLEASE REPLY REGARDS

JOSEPH SACALL

C O P Y

Dr Seiner

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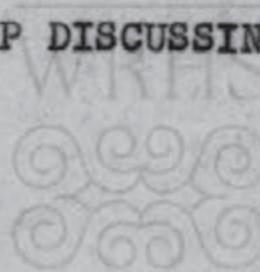
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TELAVIV (ISRAEL)

OPINION HERE FAVORS AC END JULY AFTER ZOA  
CONVENTION PREFERABLY EUROPE TO PROVIDE  
AGAINST CONTINGENCIES STOP DECISION EASIER  
SOMEWHAT LATER WHEN INFORMATION EXTENSION  
TRUCE STOP DISCUSSING OTHER PROBLEMS WILL

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GOLDSTEIN

WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS  
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הסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

June 24, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I had hoped to have the pleasure of seeing you in New York and delivering to you personally the enclosed photographs and the Honor Badge. However, the flood of events in which you played an historic and leading role made it impossible for this hope to be realized.

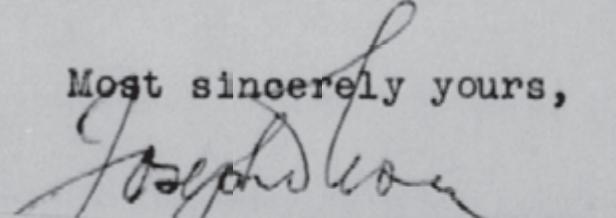
I am reluctant to delay any longer the execution of this mission with which I was entrusted by our friends in Europe. Therefore I have chosen to mail to you the enclosed photographs, which afford a lasting record of your splendid visit to France during the past winter. The Zionist Organization of France asked me to express again their heartfelt thanks for the honor you bestowed upon them by your visit in Paris. I am sure you will be glad to learn that thanks to your visit, the membership of the Zionist Organization of France has increased three-fold during the months of February and March of this year, and since then it has been steadily growing.

I am also happy to inform you that the Zionist Organization of Austria asked me to award to you on their behalf and on behalf of the Displaced Persons in the European camps, the Honor Badge of the Zionist Organization of Austria. I will indeed be honored to award this badge to you personally during the forthcoming convention in Pittsburgh.

In compliance with your express request, I am enclosing, against my own wishes, your hotel bill and other bills from France. They total to a sum of 115.767 French francs, the equivalent of \$360.00. You may make out a check for that amount to me.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you at our convention. With kindest regards to Mrs. Silver, and with the best of good wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,



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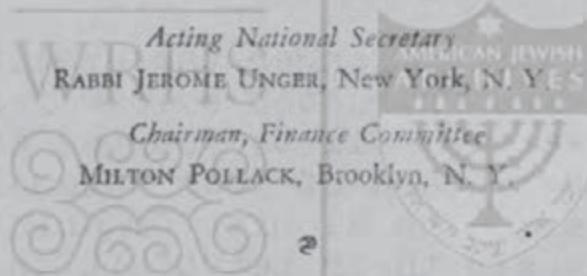
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June 25th, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Chairman of the Jewish Agency  
New York

Dear Friend,

We have much pleasure in inviting you to attend the conference of the European Council of the World Confederation of General Zionists, which is to be held in Paris from July 10th to July 12th.

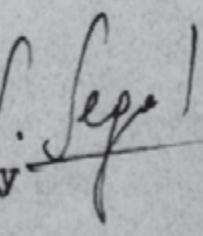
This conference will be the first great manifestation of European General Zionism, since the proclamation of the Jewish State. We have already been assured of a numerous participation by delegates from Italy, Germany (American and British Zones), Austria (American and British Zones), Vienna, Czechoslovakia, Poland, France, Belgium, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Sweden, and England. The European movement is a vital factor in the World Confederation. Conscious of the great and historic task that is ours, we are playing an important part in the mobilisation for Israël. In almost all countries we are taking the lead in fund raising and all other Zionist activity. The Zionist movement is now facing crossroads. European General Zionism will at this conference take a stand on the vital problems of the day. Delegations from our movement in Eretz Israël, Latin America and North America, will also take part in the conference.

We very much hope that you will be able to attend the conference. In case however that you should be unable to do so, we would be glad if you would kindly send a message to the conference.

Thanking you in anticipation;  
With Zion's greetings,

Yours sincerely,

S. Segal,  
General Secretary



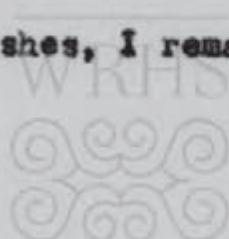
June 25, 1948

Mr. Itzhak J. Karpman  
World Confederation of General Zionists  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Karpman:

At the suggestion of Mr. Luksemburg in payment of a personal debt, I am sending you a check for \$380. I would appreciate if you would notify Mr. Luksemburg of the receipt of this check.

With all good wishes, I remain



Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er  
Enc.

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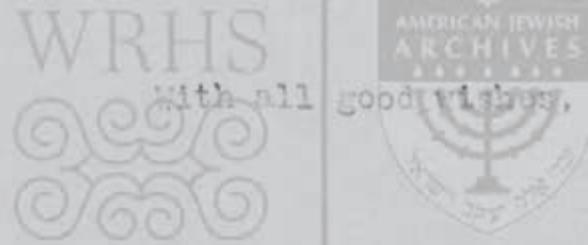
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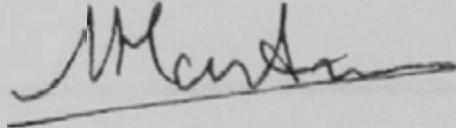
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
542 Madison Avenue  
New York City, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

I arrived in New York last week and have since tried, unsuccessfully, to reach you in order to say "Shalom". I am very sorry that so far I have been unable to see you and am, therefore, writing to you in the hope that you will see fit to arrange an appointment with me before I return to Israel.



Sincerely yours,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meir Hartman'.

Meir Hartman

June 29, 1948

Dr. Joseph Thon  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Dr. Thon:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of June 24th. I regret very much that due to pressure of work, I have not as yet had the opportunity to sit down with you and talk over your work in Europe on your visit there. I hope that we shall have the opportunity at the Z.O.A. Convention.

I am very grateful to you for the photographs which you sent. They will indeed be a pleasant reminder always of a very happy visit.

Not having heard from our friends in Paris about my hotel bill, I took occasion some time ago to write to Mr. Karpman. Last week I received a letter from Mr. Segal, indicating that my hotel bill amounted to \$360.00. I immediately forwarded a check to Mr. Karpman for that amount.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

*Dr. Silver*

TRANSLATION FROM HEBREW

Cable received from Mr. B. Tomkiewicz, June 29, 1948

KARPMAN ZIONISTS NEWYORK

WE CABLED TO PARIS WITH REGARD TO THE CONFLICT  
WITH IRGUN QUOTE WE TRIED TO SETTLE THE CONFLICT  
PEACEFULLY BUT UNFORTUNATELY THIS COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED  
AS DEVELOPMENTS TOOK PLACE WHICH MADE THE USE  
OF FORCE INDISPENSABLE. THE RESULT PROVED THAT  
OUR GOVERNMENT IS ABLE TO DEFEND ITS AUTHORITY.  
IT WAS DECIDED TO ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ NEGOTIATE  
THIS MATTER AND TO PREVENT THAT THIS HAPPEN  
AGAIN UNQUOTE WE ARE TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR  
THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE AC MEETING

TOMKIEWICZ

WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS

PHONE: MURRAY HILL 2-3205

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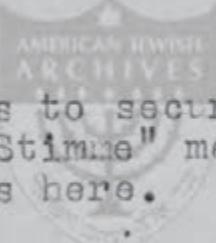
TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: I.J. Karpman

DATE: July 1, 1948

SUBJECT:

WRHS  
Our European office has asked us to secure for their special 100th issue of "Die Zionistische Stimme" messages and articles from our General Zionist leaders here.



In order to give these messages proper coverage, they should be sent to Paris not later than the beginning of July. We would, therefore appreciate it very much if you kindly send your message at your earliest convenience.

July 8, 1948

Mr. Charles Rosenbloom  
Union Trust Building  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I refrain my characterizing your letter of July 6 which does not merit a reply. I do wish however, to comment on one point - the matter of the Resolution on Dr. Weizmann, as follows:

- (1) At the great public demonstration in Madison Square Garden, held immediately after the Proclamation of the Jewish State of Israel, over which I presided, tribute was paid to Dr. Weizmann, - before his designation as President of the Provisional Council of the Government.
- (2) Soon after Dr. Weizmann's designation I called upon him officially at his hotel, to convey the greetings and respects of our organization. I was the first American Zionist leader to do so, and my call upon Dr. Weizmann was widely reported in the press.
- (3) At the first meeting of the National Executive Committee for the ZOA, held after the Proclamation of the State and Dr. Weizmann's designation, the Executive Committee took action to express the sentiments of the Organization, to Dr. Weizmann, Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Shertok, and messages were sent to them.
- (4) If the Political Committee failed to bring in the appropriate resolution, it was a regrettable oversight which was later corrected. A number of members of your group served on the Political Committee and apparently they overlooked this matter as well as the rest. If one of them had called attention to this matter, I am quite confident the Political Committee would have acted on it unanimously.

Page 2 Mr Charles Rosembloom

- (5) At the opening session of the Convention, tribute was paid to Dr. Weizmann, Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Shertok, by the chairman of the session, in his opening address.
- (6) At the plenary session, over which Dr. Silver presided, a motion was made to address the greetings of the Convention to Dr. Weizmann, and was unanimously adopted.
- (7) I have since sent cable messages to Dr. Weizmann, Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Shertok on behalf of the Convention.

Sincerely yours,

WRHS  
ECC  
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Emanuel Neumann

EN:BN

# WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS

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FOR THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF THE  
WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS  
TO BE HELD IN PARIS ON JULY 10th, 11th AND 12th 1948 .

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### Opening session : Saturday July 10th at 9 pm -

- A. Opening address by Dr. Joseph Sagall (London), Président of the European Council.
- B. Election of the Presidium.
- C. Greetings.
- D. Address by Prof. S. Brodetsky and Dr. Nachum Goldmann, members of the Executive of the World Zionist Movement.
- E. Election of commissions.

### Second session : Sunday July 11th at 10 am -

- A. Report on the situation in the movement by Sam Segal, Secretary General.
- B. General discussion.

### Third session : Sunday July 11th at 3 pm -

- A. General discussion.

### Fourth session : Sunday July 11th at 9 pm -

- A. Our Work for the K.M.K. (Constructive Fund of the General Zionists) by Mr. M. Polakiewicz, director of the K.M.K. in Europe.
- B. Commissions.

### Fifth session : Monday July 12th at 10 am -

- A. Commissions.

### Sixth session : Monday July 12th at 3 pm -

- A. Report of the commissions.
- B. Discussion on points raised by commissions.
- C. Resolutions.

### Seventh session : Monday July 12th at 9 pm -

Closing session.

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July 14, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am pleased to inform you that we received your \$380. check in payment of a personal debt to Mr. Luksenburg in Paris. We have notified Mr. Luksenburg of our receipt of this check.

With kindest regards,

Very cordially yours,

*Itzhak J. Karpman*  
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[Encl.]

Dear Mrs. Silver:

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