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Zionist Organization of America, "A" and "B", 1941, 1948-1949.

[attached from 1941]

Dr. Silver:

Hy Schulson tells me of your desire to have this material. Herewith is text of the coordination resolution of 1941, together with copy of a memorandum I had previously drawn excerpting comments of the administration then in power.

Carl Alpert





# World Zionist Leaders Hail Election of Levinthal

Immediately upon his election as president of the Zionist Organization of America, Judge Louis E. Levinthal sent official messages of greeting to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, world Zionist president, and to the Vaad Leumi, the Jewish National Council in Palestine.

Judge Levinthal's messages, the replies, and other significant cables and wires of approval follow, indicating widespread satisfaction at his election by all parties and groups in American and world Zionism.

DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN  
London

My privilege make first act as president Zionist Organization of America expression deep gratitude your greetings and bring you cordial greetings from 44th Zionist convention in behalf American Zionists. May you continue in good health to lead us in our determination and efforts for Eretz Israel. Zionists of America resolved stand with democracies until justice triumphs over barbarism. Resolved to fight with same stubbornness for redemption of Zion and its restitution to the Jewish people. Confident that His Majesty's Government under matchless leadership Winston Churchill together with its great allies will make Jewish Commonwealth a reality with the dawn of peace. My affectionate personal greetings go with this official message. Shalom Ubrachah.

LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL.

## Weizmann's Reply

JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL  
Washington, D. C.

Heartiest congratulations and good wishes. Sincere thanks for your greetings which cordially reciprocate. Am confident that under your leadership American Zionists will exert every endeavor even more than hitherto, to rise to height of responsibilities now resting on their shoulders. Look forward with pleasure and high expectations to our cooperation in great cause. Affectionate greetings to you and your father.

DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN.

VAAD LEUMI  
Jerusalem

My privilege as President Zionist Organization America extend cordial greetings from 44th Zionist convention to our Yishuv. Convention resolved behalf Zionists of America salute Yishuv who by their example lent new dignity to cause

Zionism and won plaudits of world. From them we gained new faith, new courage. With such roots in soil of Eretz Israel, our cause cannot fail. Chazak V'Amatz.

LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL.

## Vaad Leumi's Reply

JUDGE LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL  
Washington, D. C.

Many thanks your encouraging greeting. Wish you and co-members of administration success activities. Yishuv with unshakable confidence demands you support sole solution problem Israel return to Homeland; oppose all solutions involving new Diasporas.

VAAD LEUMI.

Heartiest congratulations for your high and important position. Best wishes in name of Mizrachi Organization; my own for great achievements, at historical time.

MEYER BERLIN.

Congratulations your election presidency Z. O. A. Looking forward with high hopes to comprehensive expansion Zionist effort in United States. Best New Year wishes to you and all friends.

ELIEZER KAPLAN.

Heartiest congratulations your election to leadership of Zionist movement in U. S. A. May you be granted strength in body and spirit successfully to carry burden direction Zionist effort this deci-

sive juncture. May your term of office see victory forces freedom over barbarism and vindication our cause. All good wishes personally for New Year.

EXECUTIVE, JEWISH AGENCY.

Heartiest congratulations upon your election as president of the Zionist Organization of America. Accept our sincerest thanks for the tribute you paid the Histadrut as vital factor in upbuilding of Jewish Homeland. We are confident that under your leadership the friendly bonds between the Z. O. A. and Histadrut will continue and lead to the realization of our ideals. We wish you all success.

NAT'L LABOR COMM. FOR PALESTINE,  
JOSEPH SCHLOSSBERG, chairman,  
ISAAC HAMLIN, sec'y.

## Judge Levinthal Visits Zionists in Chicago, Detroit

Shortly after the conclusion of the Z. O. A. convention in Cincinnati, Judge Louis E. Levinthal paid informal visits to Zionist groups in Chicago and Detroit.

In Chicago he was tendered a dinner by local Zionists at the Standard Club at which Col. A. H. Rosenberg presided. Dr. Solomon Goldman and others, including the president of Chicago Hadassah, greeted Judge Levinthal.

In Detroit a special Zionist Sabbath service was held at Congregation Shaaray Zedek. Rabbi Adler and Rabbi Hershtman officiated. Judge Levinthal addressed the congregation, which included a large number of local Zionists who were present to honor the newly elected Zionist president.

During coming months Judge Levinthal plans to visit many districts, and to remain in close touch with Zionist activities in all parts of the country.



Retiring President Edmund I. Kaufmann greets his successor, Judge Louis E. Levinthal.



# The Meaning of Coordination

By ROBERT SZOLD

We shall proceed now to that major matter which has to do with the relationship primarily of the Zionist Organization of America to the Jewish National Fund, to the Keren Hayesod, to the United Palestine Appeal, and to the Emergency Committee.

The purpose of the resolution which is to be presented this afternoon, is to strengthen Zionist work in this country. I think there is unanimity of opinion that some improvement in the relations between the Zionist Organization of America and the bodies that I have mentioned, is possible. I think there is uniformity of opinion as to the evils to be cured; there may be some difference of opinion as to the benefit, but in order to clarify the discussion, and I think, to shorten it a great deal, I would like to take a few moments to explain what the proposal is in brief, and more particularly what it is not.

The Jewish National Fund, as everyone knows, is a New York Membership corporation which has a membership of some fifty, or perhaps thirty—the figures that I give you will be approximate, and the principle will be clear without paying too close attention to the figures.

The Constitution of the Jewish National Fund provides that the members of the Jewish National Fund shall elect as the Board of Directors certain representatives of the Zionist Organization of America, certain representatives from the Labor Party, and certain representatives from Mizrahi. That is the present constitution of the Jewish National Fund, very, very briefly.

The Keren Hayesod is a New York Membership Corporation; it is not a department of the Zionist Organization of America; it is not a branch or an Agency; it is a separate, independent New York Membership Corporation; the by-laws and constitution of the Keren Hayesod make no provision for representation on the Board of Directors by the Zionist Organization of America or indeed by the other parties. The Directors of the Keren Hayesod are elected every year by a meeting of the members of the Keren Hayesod. The members of the Keren Hayesod consist of those persons who pay something to the Keren Hayesod each year. There have been minor modifications, I believe, from time to time, as to the qualifications for voting, but delegates may not have been aware of the fact that whereas in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Jewish National Fund there is and always has been express provision for representation of Zionist Organization of America representatives on the Directorate of the Jewish National Fund, there is no similar provision in the Constitution and

By-Laws or Articles of Incorporation of the Keren Hayesod.

Similarly, with reference to the United Palestine Appeal.

As to the Emergency Committee, that is not a Corporation; that has grown up in the last year or two as a Committee, of some thirty-odd members, a number of whom are members of the Zionist Organization of America; a number of whom are members of the Poale Zion, a number of whom are members of the Mizrahi, a number of whom are members of Hadassah, and I believe there have been members of other parties added more recently—The Jewish State Party, and perhaps others.

That is in brief the situation. Perhaps you have been familiar with exactly this status, but the fact of the matter is that the Keren Hayesod and the United Palestine Appeal, and the Emergency Committee have no organic relation with the Zionist Organization of America similar to the organic relation which the Zionist Organization of America has with the Jewish National Fund, whereby the Zionist Organization of America has the constitutional right to

elect representatives on the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund.

The proposal is not a merger, or an amalgamation or an elimination or an absorption of any of these bodies. I cannot make that too clear. There is nothing in the proposal that is to be presented to you this afternoon which puts out of business any of these independent agencies. That matter ought to be settled once and for all. There never was any such idea.

In the issue of July 18th of *The New Palestine*, I published an article called, "Issues for the Convention," in which I made that perfectly clear. More than two months have passed and I think it is not a credit to the intelligence of the delegates to this convention who I am sure read, digested, understood and agreed with my article, to think that any such proposal as the elimination or absorption or liquidation in any manner or form of these bodies is involved. On the contrary, the purpose is to make each one of these bodies more effective so that the Zionists throughout the country will feel that they have a participation not only in membership raising but also in the work of the organization in this country;

## RESOLUTION ON COORDINATION

Adopted at 44th Annual Convention of Z.O.A.

Whereas, The Zionist Organization of America, in Convention assembled, recognizes the compelling urgency of co-ordinating all Zionist activities and strengthening the Zionist Organization of America as an instrument for effective and united action in Zionist affairs; and that it is to the best interests of the Zionist movement and would be in greater conformity with democratic procedure that no member of the Zionist Organization of America participate as officer, director or member of the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Fund, the United Palestine Appeal, and the Emergency Committee under circumstances where they are neither designated nor approved by the Zionist Organization of America and are not responsible to it for their official acts; it is

Resolved:

1. No member of the Zionist Organization of America shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors or governing body of the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Fund, or United Palestine Appeal, or as a member of the Emergency Committee, unless he shall first have obtained the approval or designation of the Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America;

2. Every member of the Zionist Organization of America, who shall be appointed or elected as an officer or member of the Board of Directors or other governing body of the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Fund, or the United Palestine Appeal, or as a member of the Emergency Committee shall on all matters of policy accept the instructions of and be responsible to the Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America.

3. This resolution democratically adopted after years of experience, extended discussion and mature consideration, is a mandate binding upon all the members of the Zionist Organization of America.

4. The incoming Executive is hereby directed:

(a) To cause appropriate representation of the Zionist Organization of America to be assured on the governing boards of the Jewish National Fund, the Keren Hayesod, the United Palestine Appeal.

(b) To take all necessary or desirable steps looking toward the procurement of amendments to the respective Constitutions and by laws of the Keren Hayesod, Jewish National Fund, United Palestine Appeal and the Emergency Committee and to the adoption of such resolutions; and to do any and all other things deemed necessary to accomplish the true intent and spirit of this resolution.

(c) To convene a special session of the Executive Committee forthwith for the special purpose of carrying out these resolutions.

(d) To have due regard for the legitimate interests of Mizrahi, the Labor Party and Hadassah and the non-Zionists in the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Fund, the United Palestine Appeal and the Emergency Committee, as the case may be.



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אפרים איערבאד

מערץ 24, 1948

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מ"ן ליבער, דר' אבא הלל סן לעער, שטייט שוין 10 יאר אין ארץ ישראל.

אם לא יוכלו צי"ט, קצב-א' ד' ל' גע' שוב' ט' צ' א' ז' ו' ע' ו' נ' צ' א' ח' ד' ע' ב' ק' ש' מ' ע' ר' .

גע' ישוב'ט האב איז גישט דערפאר וואס איז קאב גישט דערווארט אונז איר זאלט זיך אפירטן

מיט גרײַטקײַט עפעס צו טאָן פאר מיר, — כ׳האַב געוואוסט אז אײַדעלעכע זײַנען און ערשטן

הילן מיר צו העלפן, -- נאר כ' האב זייער נישט געוואלט א"ד מסריח זיין. ס'איז אבער געקו-

מען צו אזא מדרגה, אז קיין אנדער ברירה האב איך נישט.

בקיצור: חדשים-לאנג האב איך געפלאנענעט צו פארן אויף פסח קיין ישראל, ס'האבן זיך

געוויזן מעגלעכקייטן און געדאכט האט זיך מיר אז אט הייב איך זיך אויף און פאר. פון די

אלע דאכטענישן האט זיך אבער אויסגעלאזט א טיך, נאכדעם ווי איך האב שוין געליען געלט,

בין איך נאך אלץ געבליבן מיט א חסר פון טויזנט דאלער.

וויל איך זאגן, מײן טײערער דר׳ סילווער, אז איך פיל זיך באלײדיקט, נישט אזוי

פאר זיך אליין ווי פאר אונדזער יידישער געזעלשאפטלעכקייט. יעדער קלענצטער פאליטישן

פארט אויף קהל'ס הוצאות, נאר איך, וואס מ'ין באזוך אין ישראל וועט עפעס צוטרעגן ס'.

צו ישראל און ס' צו דער יידישער אמעריקע, — איך קען נישט פארן. איך האב זיך פארלירט

און פארשולדיקט, אבער איר ~~זענט~~ דאך וויפל אזא נסיעה דארף אפמאסטן, בין איך געבליבן

ה' און פן האסער.

הענד איך זיך צו איך און זאג: אויב איר האט די מעגלעכקייט צו שאפן די טויזנט

דאָלער, וועט איר אויסקויפן א יידישע נשמה און אפשר אויך די זינד פון אמעריקאנער

יידן. איך בעט אָבער, אז דאָס שליחות זאָלט איר דורכפירן אליין, נישט דורך קיין מלאך.

און נישט דורך קיין שרף, האַרנים פון שרפים האָב איך שוין געהאט גענוג פֿיער. איך בעט

אויך, אז קיין שום ארגאניזאציע זאל אין דעם נישט זיין פארמישט, נאר יחידים. איר וועט

מיד פארשטיין, מ'ין ליבער סילחער, אז איך וויל נישט זיין שולדיק אפצודינען אן ארגאניז-



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Mr. Harry Shapiro, Emergency Council

October 28, 1948

Carl Alpert, Director Education Dept.

I must register a vigorous protest against your memorandum of October 22 in which you notify Chairmen of local Emergency Committees that the Emergency Council will fill orders for the book "Destination Palestine" "at the publisher's discount rate of 40%.

I can fully understand and appreciate the desire of the Emergency Council to encourage the widespread purchase of books of Zionist interest -- but it is news to me that the Council is going into the book business in competition with established book sales agencies such as the ZOA Book Bureau. I might add, that your offer to sell books "at the publisher's discount rate" is not merely unethical and unfair to the book trade -- but is also illegal and contrary to New York State price maintenance laws covering books for one year from the date of publication.

This price-cut procedure can serve only to embarrass legitimate sales agencies, create cut-throat competition, and in general injure the book market. Am I given to understand that the Emergency Council is now going to compete with the ZOA and with book stores in the sale of such literature?

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CC: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver ✓  
Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Rabbi Jerome Unger  
Edna Bloom



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The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

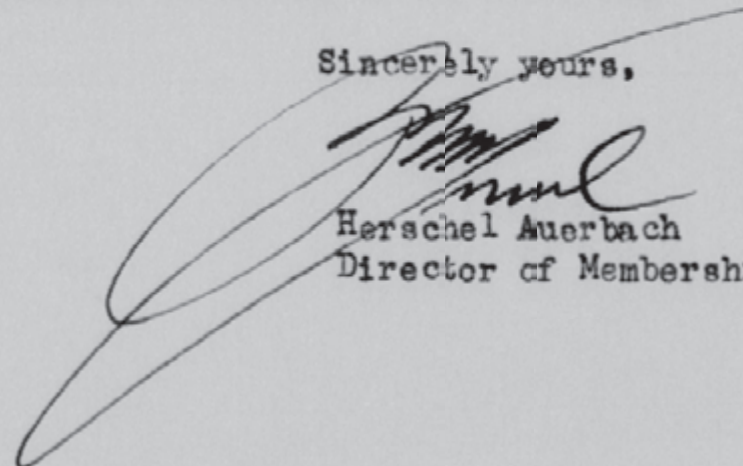
Mr. Benjamin Browdy has informed me that you will be kind enough to speak at the luncheon of the New York district and regional membership chairmen and workers on Wednesday, February 23rd, at 1:00 p.m., at Schwartz' Restaurant, 183 Broadway.

This luncheon will take place immediately following the parade and ceremonies for the Friendship Food Train. It is not anticipated that there will be any speaker other than yourself. The purpose of the luncheon is to inspire and stress to our workers the vital importance of membership and organized Zionist strength - of which they are not convinced, I am sorry to say.

I am enclosing herewith a list of the regional presidents and membership chairmen in the New York Metropolitan Area, also indicating how far delinquent each region is in its efforts, should you desire to refer to it in your remarks. New York has always been the key to our strength. Should we fail here we cannot help but do so everywhere. However, we shall not and must not fail.

Please accept my warmest regards and sincere thanks for your personal attention to our efforts.

Sincerely yours,

  
Herschel Auerbach  
Director of Membership

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enc.



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FEBRUARY 21, 1949

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER. I ACCEPTED TO DROP IN AT THE LUNCHEON  
TO SAY A FEW WORDS. I WAS NOT TOLD THAT I WAS TO BE THE ONLY  
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HAVE TO SPEAK AGAIN IN THE EVENING. PLEASE ARRANGE TO HAVE  
OTHER SPEAKERS AT THE MEETING. REGARDS





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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Monsieur et cher Ami,

Nous avons l'honneur de vous inviter à la Conférence Nationale des Sionistes Généraux en Belgique, qui aura lieu, dimanche le 13 mars 1949 à 10H. 78, rue de Ruysbroeck à Bruxelles.

Il nous serait très agréable de vous y voir, mais sachant la chose irréalisable, nous désirerions présenter à la Conférence des vœux émanant de vous.

Dans cette attente, nous vous présentons, Monsieur et cher Ami, nos salutations sionistes les meilleures.

N. MITTELSBACH



M. ANISFELD



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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a note to express to you my deep appreciation for your presence and participation in yesterday's luncheon of the membership workers in the Greater New York Area.

Frankly, our membership and organizational efforts have, as you stated, "passed the honeymoon stage". The increasing difficulties and problems require greater accent than ever on this phase of our work. Your recognition of this is tremendously encouraging and deeply appreciated.

Warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

Herschel Auerbach  
Director of Membership

ha/km



**memo  
from**

CARL ALPERT

Dr. Silver:

With Dr. Neumann out of town, I need your advice on a matter on which no one else here seems able or willing to give an opinion.

Many ZOA Districts are asking what our attitude should be toward the UJA. In particular, our corps of speakers, who tour the country, have this question constantly thrown at them.

Would you consider the attached letter in place, as a directive to the ZOA Speakers?

The messenger awaits your comment.

*Carl Alpert*



ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

March 2, 1949

Members  
Of The ZOA  
Speakers Bureau

Dear Friends:

Irrespective of the unfortunate controversies through which the Zionist movement in the United States has been passing in recent weeks, one fact should be kept clearly in mind: There can be no question of the full and loyal support which the Zionist Organization of America renders to the United Palestine Appeal and to the United Jewish Appeal. They are the prime agencies for mobilizing American financial support to make possible maximum immigration to Israel and full settlement there.

Wherever you go, and before all meetings which you address under our auspices, I would appreciate your emphasizing this point, which cannot be too often or too strongly repeated: The loyal and devoted support which all Zionists must unhesitatingly give in the name of Israel, and the United Jewish Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Alpert  
Director Education Dept.

CA:abk

P.S. I am enclosing herewith some notes which constitute an outline for a speech on "Why ZOA Today?". These are based on the presentation which I made at a recent Conference of Zionist Speakers in New York City.



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: March 8, 1949

FROM: Carl Alpert

SUBJECT: Harold Davies

Sidney Marks has discussed with me the projected speaking tour of Harold Davies. We have been in constant touch with Mr. Davies regarding the content of his lectures.

On the subject of Israel and Britain in general he will support the placing of Jerusalem under the aegis of the Jewish State; he will attack oil imperialism; he will emphasize the need of rapprochement between Britain and Israel. He will emphasize the advantages of a "strong friendly Jewish Nation on the borders of the Suez Canal" as being of more value than "effete and flaccid corrupt arab regimes."

With respect to the American scene we have written to Mr. Davies as follows: "There is interest also, in another matter which I hope will receive some attention from you during the course of your lectures. That is the extent to which American Zionist efforts, as articulated by the Zionist Organization of America - and its leadership, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann - made themselves felt in bringing about the establishment of the Jewish State. It should come with good grace if you were to pay outspoken tribute to the Z.O.A. and its leadership for what they have achieved."

He is most anxious to please us and will, I am sure, lend himself fully. After all, he personifies in Parliament the same stubborn, fighting, insistent spirit that you have personified in Zionism. He will be further briefed upon arrival here, of course. I would like to arrange a meeting between you also.

As is frequently customary when we send out "visiting firemen", he will be accompanied on most of his lectures by an additional ZOA spokesman.

Carl Alpert

CA:jd



C O P Y

March 10, 1949

Mr. Herschel Auerbach  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Herschel:

I received your statement on the membership and it does not look too bad. I also received the #6 Chat Letter. I was just ready to write to you asking you what happened to it when I received it in the mail. Have you made arrangements to have it appear in the New Palestine?

I wrote Mrs. Daniels about the excellent conference at High Point, North Carolina and I asked her to give you the contents of the letter. I hope that you built up a good story in the New Palestine about the Southern trip and the conference in High Point. The conference was excellent even though the attendance could have been better, but I feel that they were sufficiently stimulated to go out and to do a real job.

The trip through the South was very much worthwhile. I had quite a session in Memphis with our friend Waldauer. I spoke 3 solid hours that evening. I think that I convinced a number of the people that Waldauer's attitude and approach was wrong, but I doubt if anything can be done with Waldauer himself. He seems to be a respected individual but he is very peculiar and frustrated. As a matter of fact, from what I could learn outside of Memphis, he is opposed to everything.

In Atlanta, we had a very successful dinner for the Zionist Fund. The attendance at the dinner was not up to expectation, but those who did attend paid \$100.00 per ticket and they have assured me that they will raise at least \$25,000.00 for this fund. In Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa, well-attended meetings were had with a great amount of enthusiasm. I was especially impressed by the fact that most of the people I met, not only in the South but in North Carolina as well, were great admirers of Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann and were definitely pro-administration. As a matter of fact, in High Point, I learned from some of the largest givers, that they were extremely unhappy about the re-appearance of Montor into the UJA picture.

This is my report on my observations in these communities.

Sincerely yours,

Jg:ml

Joseph Goldberg



[March 10, 1949]

## אפרים אויערבאך

ניו-יאָרק, זונטיק, 10טער מערץ, 1949

מ״ן זײער ליבער דר׳ אבא הלל סילחער,

נאָר האָט איז מיר אָנגעקומען אייער טעלעגראמע און איך בין צעטומלט געוואָרן. דעם ברייח האָב איך אייך געשריבן מיטוואָך, נאָכדעם ווי איך האָב באשטעלט דעם עראַפלאַן-בילעט. האָט פון דעם אומגליקלעכן ברייח איז געוואָרן, הייב איך נישט אָן צו וויסן. דאנקען דאנק איך אייך איצט נאָכמער ווי פריער דערפאר האָט איר אינטערעסירט זיך אזוי אזויפיל, אז איר טעלע-גראפירט מיר אזש. סע איז אן אויסדרוק פון פיינער מענטשלעכקייט, האָט איז ביי מיר א סך וויכטיקער ווי אנדערע שטרייפן אין אייער פערזענלעכקייט, — שטרייבן האָט איך ווער אפט פון זי באלוינטן טיף אין זיך.

צום ענין אליין: איך האָב באשטעלט דעם ארויספאַר אויפן 22טן היינטיקן חודש, כ׳חעל פליען דורך רויס, וואָרים סע קאָסט ביליקער. אין ישראל וועל איך זיין ביי די זיצונגען פון דעם אקציאָנס קאָמיטעט, האָט הייבן זיך אן ארום זיבעטן מאי. וועגן דעם וואָלט איך זיך נאָך געוואָלט מיט אייך צונויפרעדן. איך ווײס נישט, צי איר וועט זיין ביי די זיצונגען, צי נײַ-מאן וועט זיין. איך האלט אָבער אז זי זענען זײער וויכטיק און איך וועל פּרואוון זי צו באלוינטן אויף מיין אייגענעם שטייגער, פון מיין אייגענעם קוק. ניומאן האָט מיך דיינסטיק אָפּגערופן אָפּגערופן און דערציילט די בשורה פון מיין דערמעגלעכטער נסיעה. דאָנערשטיק האָט ער מיך ווידער גערופן, נישט געטראָפן און זיינס דאמלסט פּרואו זיך צו פארבינדן מיט אים און סע געלייגט מיר נישט. כ׳חײס נישט האָט ער האָט געוואָלט, אפשר וועל איך מאַרגן זיך דערווייטן.

איר הערט, מ״ן ליבער סילחער, מיר האלטן איצטער ביי ערב פסח, וויל איך אייך זאָגן, אז אויב קריעה ים סוף איז געווען אזוי שווער ווי מ״ן נסיעה, איז דער ענין א שווערער. איר קענט זיך נישט אויסמאָלן האָט א יידישער שרייבער דארף אויסשטיין דערביי. נאָר געלויבט דער אייבערשטער, איך בין איבערגעקומען אלע נסיונות. קיין סך וויל איך נישט רעדן פון אייער אַפרוף אויף מיין ווענדונג, איך וויל נישט פארביליקן מיין געפיל פון דאנקשאפט צו



איך ווייט נישט ווי איר האלט דאָרטן מיטן געלט, נאָר אויב ס'איז מעגלעך, וואָלט איך גע-  
בעטן אז איך זאָל עס קריגן היינטיקע וואָך, וואָרים ארום מיטוואָך דארף איך באצאלן דער ריזע-  
אגענטור פאר די בילעטן.

אויב ס'איז אייך נישט שווער, שרייבט מיר אויך, צי איר העסט זיין ביי די זיצונגען פון  
דעם אקציאָנס-קאָמיטעט.

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

Dear Mr. Silver:

On behalf of Mr. Aron Neumann, our editor, whose illness prevents him from signing this letter personally, we are sending you an issue of our magazine with the cover and editorial dedicated to you and your resignation. The same issue publishes reprints from the "Haaretz", "Haboker" and "Hamishmar" on this most important event.



With Zion's Greetings,

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EPHRAIM AUEREACH  
829 ADEE AVENUE  
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER





April 5, 1949

Mr. Aaron Newman, Editor  
Empresa Revista Aonde Vamos Ltda.  
Av. 13 de Maio 23 - s/1540  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

My dear Mr. Newman:

Through the courtesy of the Empresa Revista Aonde Vamos Ltda., I received a copy of Aonde Vamos which contained an article about my resignation from the Chairmanship of the American Section of the Jewish Agency. I read it with much interest. Your analysis of the situation is a correct one, and I am pleased to know that through the columns of your valued magazine the facts are being made available to the Zionists of Brazil.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Ephraim Auerbach  
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VIA AIR MAIL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Angel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio  
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Special Delivery



April 12, 1949

Mr. Ephraim Auerbach  
829 Adeo Avenue  
Bronx 67, New York

My dear Mr. Auerbach:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a check for \$1,000.00 which will help you along in your contemplated visit to Israel. I hope that you will enjoy the visit greatly. This is a glorious time for a visit there.

I regret that I will not be able to attend the sessions of the Actions Committee. It is impossible to get away during the month of May in view of the approaching convention of the ZOA. As you will recall, the Executive of the ZOA requested that the meeting of the AC be postponed. I shall be very pleased to read your reports of the sessions and your impressions of the country.

I do not know what impression the people of Israel received concerning the recent controversy in the United States but I am sure that you will be able to correct, if necessary, some of the shameless distortions which have been widely circulated by such irresponsible scribblers and party hacks as Ehrenreich and Zuckerman.

With all good wishes for a pleasant journey, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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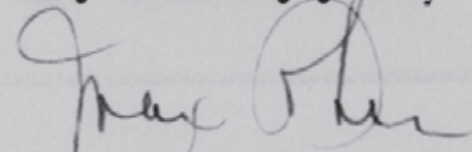
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a resolution  
concerning yourself which was adopted unanimously at  
our Conference held in Spring Valley, Sunday, May 15th.

Very sincerely yours,



Max Cohen  
Regional Director

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The Bronx Region of the Zionist Organization of America, assembled in Annual Convention on May 15, 1949 at Spring Valley, N. Y., expresses its admiration for and gratitude to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann for their wise and effective leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council and the Zionist Organization of America and for the policies which they have pursued which have contributed so much to the furtherance of the cause of Zion and to the establishment of the State of Israel.





RESOLUTION ADOPTED  
by  
Executive Board of Bronx Zionist Region  
May 23, 1949

WHEREAS, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has indicated his intention to retire as Chairman of the American Zionist Council and

WHEREAS, Dr. Silver has long been identified as one of the leaders of American Zionism and particularly as the active head of the United Palestine Appeal for many years and

WHEREAS, Dr. Silver as head of the American Zionist Council during the most crucial years of the Zionist movement and during one of the most significant periods in Jewish history, brought into the movement a new orientation and a new militancy founded upon the conviction that (1) the Jewish people could no longer rely on Great Britain in seeking to achieve national rebirth, and that (2) the center of the political struggle for the Jewish State would be the United States and that therefore large scale organization of American public opinion would be imperative to influence the American government and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this program under Dr. Silver's dynamic and brilliant leadership was highlighted by the adoption of the Palestine Resolution in Congress in 1945, by the rejection by the 22nd World Zionist Congress of the invitation to participate in the London Conference, and by the marshalling of American public opinion on behalf of the Jewish case when the Palestine problem was referred to the United Nations and

WHEREAS, Dr. Silver as head of the American Section of the Jewish Agency was the spokesman of the Jewish people before the United Nations and

WHEREAS, the name of Abba Hillel Silver will forever be associated with the actions of the United Nations which led to the adoption of the partition resolution in November, 1947, the establishment of the Jewish state in May, 1948, and the recognition thereof by our government and the ultimate admission of Israel into the family of nations

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Board of the Bronx Region of the Zionist Organization of America, in special meeting assembled on May 23, 1949, that on this occasion of Dr. Silver's temporary retirement from active leadership in the Zionist movement we salute him and thank him for his effective and brilliant leadership during the past six years of the American Zionist Council; we honor him for the great contributions he has made to the cause of Jewish national restoration and survival and we extend to him our most heartfelt good wishes for the future.



May 23, 1949

Mr. Max Cohen, Regional Director  
Bronx Zionist Region  
40 West Burnside Avenue  
Bronx 53, New York

My dear Mr. Cohen:

Will you please convey to the officers and members of the Bronx Zionist Region of the Z.O.A. my profound appreciation for the resolution adopted at the Conference on May 15th, which you so kindly sent to me. Its message was most heartening to me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

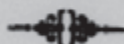
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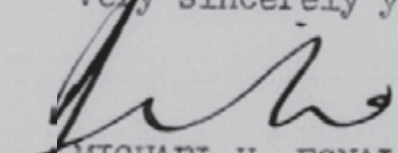
Dear Dr. Silver:

As you may already have heard, the Officers and Executive Board of the Philadelphia Zionist Organization are tendering Rose Bender a Bon Voyage Dinner on Wednesday evening, June 1st, at the Coronet Restaurant, 311 South Broad Street, Philadelphia. She is leaving for a two months trip to Israel. Rose has been Executive Director of the Philadelphia Zionist Organization for the last four years. Her performance here has been extraordinary.

We would all, of course, be very much honored if it were possible for you to attend this dinner as our guest. I appreciate, however, that the Zionist Organization of America Convention and your duties in Cleveland may make it impossible for you to be with us on Wednesday evening. It occurred to me that, in the event that you should find it impossible to be here, you might wish to send us a message. We could read it at the dinner. I know that Rose would be thrilled by that.

Looking forward to seeing you again in New York this weekend, I am

Very sincerely yours,

  
MICHAEL H. EGNAL  
President

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May 27, 1949

Mr. Michael H. Egnal, President  
Philadelphia Zionist Organization  
824 Bankers Securities Building  
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

My dear Friend:

I wish very much that I could attend the Bon Voyage dinner which the Philadelphia Zionist Organization is tendering to Rose Bender on the occasion of her departure for a visit to Israel. It would have given me great pleasure indeed to join her host of friends in Philadelphia on such a pleasant occasion, and in person to extend to Rose my best wishes for a most enjoyable and profitable visit. I know of no one who is more deserving of the privilege of such a visit to the newly-created State of Israel. She has been one of its most faithful builders. I know of her work in your community for the manifold purposes of Zionism through the years. I know of the unfailing support which she has given to the national activities of the Zionist Movement. I shall forever be grateful to the support which she has given to me at all times.

Please convey to Rose Bender all my good wishes. I know that she will bring back from Israel a world of renewed inspiration for all of us.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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The Officers and Executive Board  
of the  
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cordially invite you to attend a

BON VOYAGE DINNER

in honor of

MRS. ROSE I. BENDER

upon her departure for  
a visit to Israel

Wednesday evening, June 1st, 1949

at 6:30 o'clock

THE CORONET  
311 South Broad Street

Please respond  
by May 25th

Cocktails at 6 o'clock



MICHAEL H. EGNAL, President  
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June 5-1949  
Dear Dr Silver

Thank you for the  
gracious things you said  
in your letter to Mr. Egan.  
in connection with the Ban  
Voyage Dinner which my  
Co-workers in Philadelphia  
gave me -

I know that this first  
trip to Israel will justify  
all my dreams

With all good wishes for a  
pleasant summer to you and  
to Mrs Silver, I am cordially  
Ore F. Bender



## M E M O R A N D U M

Following is a series of quotations from sources indicated relative to the resolution for Co-ordination of Zionist Affairs which was submitted by the Kaufman administration to the 1941 ZOA Convention ~~and their adoption~~. The purpose of the Resolution, full text of which is attached, was to exercise full ZOA control over the Zionist fund raising apparatus and over the Zionist Emergency Council.

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Edmond I. Kaufman in his Presidential message to the Convention on Sunday, September 7, 1941:

. . . I discovered (after my election) that I and my Executive and my Administrative Committee, and indeed you, my electors, and the 50,000 members of the organization who have elected you, have only a distant relationship to the Fund or to the formation of Zionist political policy. The situation in our midst might be analogous to the following inconceivable occurrence. Suppose Mr. Hoover, just because he is a distinguished American and was one time President of the United States, came along and said "Fellow Americans, by virtue of my prestige and reputation, I declare myself the Secretary of the Treasury" and Mr. Landon declared himself Secretary of State. That would be bad enough, but not quite as bad as our situation. To complete the analogy, I would have to add that after Mr. Hoover and Mr. Landon had usurped these positions they proceeded to declare themselves completely independent of the United States Government and each in turn set up a principality of his own, duplicating much of the functions of the central government. That, fellow Zionists, is the situation in American Zionism. The result has been that the ZOA is being denuded of its authority and functions. It is being reduced to an empty shell. The popular Zionist functions have been usurped by a few notables and salaried officials. . .

. . . Members of the Administration will take occasion in tomorrow's debate to explain in detail these recommendations and the imperative need for their implementation. Frankly, I wish to state that it is the intention of the proponents of this plan to create a central co-ordinating force in American Zionism. We further believe that that force ~~must~~ must needs be the Zionist Organization of America. Adopt these recommendations and we promise you that in one year the ills of a score a year will begin to respond to treatment. All other talk of Zionist unity is nothing but **verbiage** calculated to distract. Achieve a central authority by means of a democratic process, make all members great and small submit to it and you will have unity.

Louis Lipsky addressing Convention Session Monday afternoon, September 8, 1941 on the Co-ordination Resolution. Mr. Lipsky, who was presumed to be opposed to the Co-ordination resolution, actually gave it measured approval.

He spoke of the "Corporations, separate and distinct from the Zionist Organization of America (K.H., J.N.F., U.P.A.) in which the Zionist Organization exercises its due and rightful and moral position."

". . . It recognizes the arrangement in the Zionist Organization whereby parties have been given recognition in every Congress -- established fundamentally recognized Zionist parties -- have rights, and these rights cannot be taken away from them by any action of any one of the parties to any of the funds. Every Zionist, I think, will agree to that, and not in any way dispute it."



Robert Szold in an article entitled "The Issue for the Convention" in the July 18, 1941 number of THE NEW PALESTINE:

Let the members of the ZOA who are members of the KH, the JNF, the UPA, and the Emergency Committee be responsible to the body to which they owe primary allegiance, the ZOA. Let them be nominated by, and responsible to, the ZOA. Let them report regularly to the ZOA Executive and Administrative Committees, and receive instructions from them, whatever the Administration for the time being may be. Let the coming Convention make its voice so clear on this that no member of the ZOA -- in his action on any other Zionist body -- can go against the declared policy of the ZOA.

If the items of duplication and conflict that have arisen in the past from the separatist tendencies of the independent bodies were considered and dealt with as a whole by the ZOA Administration, whether it be in connection with educational work, youth work, regional conferences, regional organizations, publications, public relations, money raising, or matters of policy, the problems would largely disappear. The ZOA members on the boards of the KH, the JNF, the UPA and the Emergency Committee would see to it that the co-ordinated policy would be carried out. It would take work, and good will, but it could be done.

Editorial in THE NEW PALESTINE -- The New Palestine of J. Levinthal, Louis Lipsky, Edmond Kaufman, Stephen Wise and others -- dated September 5, 1941:

"... The great problem is how to bring back into the hands of the administration elected by the Convention ~~and~~ control over the agencies, financial, political and cultural, through which the organization does its work. Though the history and constitution of such quasi-independent bodies as the Jewish National Fund, the United Palestine Appeal and the Zionist Emergency Committee present difficulties in the way of a solution of the organizational problem, those difficulties are not insuperable. If the will to overcome them is strong enough, they can be overcome.

"The need to do so is imperative. An electorate that can accomplish nothing because the administration that it elects finds its hands tied soon loses interest and becomes apathetic. And a bureaucracy that is not responsible to an electorate for the efficient discharge of its duties easily falls into a rut and becomes complacent in its routine activities. The Convention must, therefore, find means for bringing all Zionist agencies under the control of an elected Zionist administration. Only in this way can leadership be vested with authority and the rank and file of the movement be inspired to an alert, loyal and active support of the leaders that represent it."