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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

October 19, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The following copy of a letter from Rabbi Abba Abrams
is self explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

Manuel Posy
Manuel Posy
Director

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THE JACOB H. SCHIFF CENTER

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New York 58, N.Y.

October 11, 1948

Mr. Manuel Posy, Director
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Posy:

I have your letter of October 8th, in which you refer to my communication regarding material for Palestine.

I am fully aware of the agreement reached with the Zionist Organization of America regarding the collection of food supplies. We certainly will inform all who will inquire, about such an arrangement and we will urge our followers to help you in your collections.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

RABBI ABBA ABRAMS

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR
MANUEL POSY

ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR
ARTHUR TAUB

December
Sixth
1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
American Zionist Emergency Council
The Temple
East 105th St. at Annel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Marks has referred your letter of December 3 to my attention. There is a fair spirit of cooperation currently existing between Materials for Israel and the Z.O.A. in connection with our respective campaigns.

Our arrangements with Materials for Israel preclude Materials for Israel's campaign for food. They as a matter of fact, are assisting us in our food campaign throughout the country. We in return are assisting Materials for Israel in their campaigns for other types of merchandise that they attempt to procure.

Mr. Goldman was instructed by his office to assist us in our food campaign in Cleveland. During the period of our campaign Mr. Goldman has the task of cooperating with our three districts in Cleveland, in their efforts to accumulate food, but has the right to locate high priority material needed by Israel.

After the conclusion of our Food Campaign, Mr. Goldman may embark upon a public campaign if the time and the conditions permit the conduct of such an effort.

This arrangement is similar to the other arrangements entered into between the Z.O.A. and Materials for Israel in many parts of the country. The material assistance we are giving to each other has facilitated the progress of our respective campaigns and has eliminated cause for friction.

I sincerely hope that this arrangement meets with your personal approval.

Cordially yours,

Manuel Posy
Manuel Posy,
Director

MP/bdk

New York

Feb 18-

Dear Rabbi Silver

It was a great pleasure
to have you officiate at my
son Stanley wedding last January 23.

Enclosed you will find a
small token, our appreciation for
your services rendered us.

I am looking forward to
meeting you again.

Sincerely yours
Sol Brenner.



Port Chester Zionist District

Port Chester, New York

February 18, 1949.

At a regular meeting of the Port Chester Zionist District on Wednesday, February 16th, 1949 at the Jewish Center in Port Chester, after considerable discussion and evaluating of facts, the following resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we realize that our membership has been kept alert, advised and had been taken into consultation by the present and its preceeding Administrations of the Zionist Organization of America; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the militant and courageous stand of the said Administrations was in a great measure responsible for the re-creation of Israel; and

WHEREAS, history has justified the vision, courage and militancy of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, the great leaders of the ZOA.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Port Chester Zionist District at a regular meeting assembled this 16th day of February, 1949 express our full confidence in and support to the leadership of Dr. Neumann and Dr. Silver.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that we condemn the unwarranted attacks on this leadership by individuals or groups, no matter what their names may be.

The Port Chester Zionist District

Sol Collins

SOL COLLINS, President.

February 23, 1949

Mr. Sol Brenner
121 East Walnut Street
Long Beach, New York

My dear Mr. Brenner:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind note of February 18th and enclosure which I shall place in a special fund on which I draw from time to time for charitable purposes.

It was indeed a great pleasure to me to officiate at Stanley and Naomi's wedding. Please remember me to them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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February 24, 1949

Mr. Sol Collins, President
Port Chester Zionist District
Port Chester, New York

My dear Mr. Collins:

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in conveying to me the resolution which was adopted by the Port Chester Zionist District on Wednesday, February 16th, in which you expressed your confidence in and support of Dr. Neumann and me in the work which we have been trying to do in behalf of Israel and the Zionist movement in the United States. I need not tell you that I am greatly heartened by your action. Many irresponsible people are abroad in the land today, seeking to undermine the Zionist movement and to discredit its leadership. I am happy that these forces are meeting with very little success and that Zionists who know what is going on are checking and repudiating them at every turn.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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The Portland district of the Zionist Organization of America held a meeting recently and selected Mr. Marshall N. Dana, a very fine person, as a delegate to the National Seminar in Israel of the American Christian Palestine Committee. He is the editor of the Oregon Journal, one of the major newspapers in the Northwest. No doubt you have heard of his selection from the man who was chosen as chairman to head up the committee for the fund raising for this project, Mr. Abe. G. Gilbert.

This is to advise you that Mr. Marshall N. Dana has accepted the invitation and is awaiting the official invitation which is to be extended to him by the American Christian Palestine Committee as per your letter of February 11th.

Please keep us in touch with any other information that may come up with regard to this project. We are in hopes that Mr. Gilbert who is heading up the committee to raise the funds for this trip will not experience too much difficulty in raising this money in a small community such as Portland.

Now that we have issued the invitation to Mr. Marshall N. Dana, we cannot back out. If there is anything that the National can do to help defray any of this expense, we would appreciate it.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Sydney E. Stern
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TRANSLATION

Leopold Peteri
En Karem 21/3 dalet
Al Jad Jerusolajim, Israel

Dr. Abba Hillel Silva
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The birth of the new Jewish state has put the Zionists all over the world before new tasks; and new, so far unknown problems have arisen which have to be called to the attention not only of all Zionists and all Jews, but also to the democratic governments and nations all over the globe, as they have to take them into consideration. This is due to the geo-political situation of this small country; for, apart from the fact that the borders of three continents are adjoining here and several different religions are prevailing, the conflicts of opinions are - maybe just caused by these facts - stronger here than everywhere else.

The English, who until recently dominated this region absolutely, could not hold their position any more in this area of the rockets, the radio, television and of the Atom bomb, but instead they have been forced to share it with the United States. The twentieth century has turned to be the Century of the United States, and this country being the leading democracy of the world will be compelled to pay intensive attention to the world's youngest democracy, i.e. the State of Israel, which, in spite of her small country may be of greatest influence on world policy. Her great importance has been recognized by Soviet Russia already 25 years ago and since then the Russians have not spared any sacrifice in order to secure their influence and power in this region and they were absolutely successful in establishing and organizing such influence. It is the aim of the Soviet Russian Imperialism to subvert the entire Near East on basis of the Cominform and, in case of a new world war, to use this region as a new starting point for an invasion of India and North Africa. The Soviets are trying with all their power to influence the population of the Jewish State to the effect that at the given time everybody is ready to lend them their services for reaching the Soviet imperialistic aims. Part of the Russian plan is to infiltrate the Zionist organizations in order to change them into communistic organizations. Furthermore, they want to have the organizations and institutions of the Jewish people all over the world serve them, also to follow up the Soviet Imperialistic aims. During the 2000 years in which the Jewish people has been living in the diaspora and deprived of any right, in terrible oppression, the energy of the people could not develop yet, and of this fact the Russians naturally want to take advantage, by using their so far aimless willpower for their own purposes in case of a third world war.

A big part of their program has already ^{been} materialized in the European so-called people's democracies, of which reports are giving clear proof. The immigrants to this country coming from those regions

did not get any more their education and information from the old zionist organizations and trade unions, but instead from the Cominform and her agitators, and they have often been trained in planned sabotage and similar action. As a matter of course, the Jewish State has to accept any arriving jew coming from any part of the world and has to accommodate him in the country without regard to social or political conceptions or any other circumstances. I think it is regrettable for the Jewish nation that 90% are originated in the communist dominated countries where the actual democracy could never get a footing.

The latest tactics of the Cominform are to campaign against world democracy under democratic slogans or at least to start their campaign this way by which they can easier win the politically unexperienced masses. Especially among the Central-European jews these tactics of using false, pseudo-democratic slogans, have been successful. These people have so far not had much opportunity of using their civil rights or of taking their own position in criticizing political actions and subsequently they are uncritical and often subject to silly propaganda. During the last time quite a number of such assimilated elements have arrived here who do not even conceal their anti-zionistic ideas they have kept from the past. There is nothing in them of the Jewish spirit and even here in this country they try to continue materializing their former way of thinking and to spread among the others. Needless to say that, if the idea of assimilation had been permitted to spread freely, this would have lead long before Hitler to a suicide of the Jewish people, and that only Zionism, the expression of the living Jewish people, has made it possible to the people to survive and, after all, to found the Jewish state.

However, in founding the Jewish state that now exists, Zionism has not yet fully accomplished its task; there are even greater tasks still to be achieved by the Zionists, and only foreign agents and propagandists of assimilation recommend the liquidation of the Zionist movement. It must be said that Judaism has dangerous and active enemies not only among foreign nations, but also among its own people. there is a terrible large percentage of atheists and of elements adherent to foreign ideologies, and these elements are strong and well organized. It is amazing that the majority of these elements consists of immigrants those immigrants who spent the last years in the UNRA and IRA camps in Germany under the supervision of the American occupation authorities where they enjoyed vast freedom and sometimes even advantage over the really democratic elements. The United States as well as England made a great mistake by keeping these remaining elements of the jewish people out of this country for so many years and letting them revolt. A thorough democratic re-education would be more important in Israel for her present population than anywhere else. I would be glad to put my moderate knowledge and capacity at disposal for the promotion of democratic education. At this moment I would be in a position to edit a periodical (newspaper) in Hungarian language for the newly immigrated Hungarian speaking people, i.e. those originating from the formerly Hungarian regions of Czechoslovakia

Croatia, Banat, Siebenbuerger etc. who immigrated here as Hungarian speaking jews and who amount to a number of around 150,000 persons. For the time being I would like to edit a weekly paper intended to grow steadily and, after a short time, to be translated into various languages as, naturally above all, Iwrit, and also English and Jiddish, and within a period of 3 to 5 years the Hungarian should be replaced by Iwrit.

The tendency of the paper should be democratic and zionistic and it shall spread and propagate the democratic and zionist ideas. Although it may sound paradoxical, it is just in the very State of Israel, most necessary to spread and propagate the idea of zionism; this has been revealed by the Silver-Szochnut case which also showed the way how to strengthen and anchor the zionist conception.

*Zionist

For starting to edit my paper, I need the assistance of the American*Organization. For the beginning I want to bring out only a few issues, but a certain number of them as soon as possible and, unless it cannot be done otherwise, I would have made the copies by multigraph procedure. Simultaneously I would like to edit a booklet with the heading: "Aims and Tactics of the Cominform" and spread same in this country.

I am 49 years old and have a child with whom I recently immigrated to Israel. Since my childhood I have been active in the Hungarian Zionist movement and in 1931, I joined the so-called KLAL, the organization of Dr. Schwarzbart. After the liberation in 1945 I continued to participate in the zionist movement and also in the re-organization of its institutions.

I arrived in Israel on December 19, 1948, after having taken part in the unfortunate expedition on the s/s EXODUS that had to return to Europe and having spent the interval in France. Before the trip on the EXODUS, I was, together with my family, in concentration camps in Bavaria, Germany, and during the war I had to do there forced labor; however, during all the time I participated in the underground movement of that time and also before, while in Hungary, I was active to the same effect in the Budapest Ghetto.

Signature: Péteri Lipót
EN KAREM, 21/3 dated
al jad Jerusolajim, Israel.

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May 9th, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Philadelphia Zionist Organization, I have the honor of sending you the enclosed resolution.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you Wednesday evening in Philadelphia, I am

Cordially yours,

ROSE I. BENDER
~~Executive Director~~

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, there is an abounding record of a lifetime of service by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann to the Zionist Cause, and

WHEREAS, their timely and inspired leadership of, and selfless devoted services to, the American Zionist Movement, particularly during the critical period when the establishment of the Jewish State hung in the balance, contributed in great measure to the proclamation of Israeli Independence on the fifth day of Iyar 5708 (May 14th, 1948)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the Philadelphia Zionist Organization, at its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, May 3rd, 1949, which fell on the eve of the First Anniversary of Israeli Independence, unanimously adopts the foregoing preamble as its expression of appreciation to Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann.



May 10, 1949

Mrs. Rose I. Bender, Executive Director
Philadelphia Zionist Organization
824 Bankers Securities Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

My dear Rose:

Permit me to thank you for your kind note of May 9th and for the enclosed resolution adopted by the Executive Board of the Philadelphia Zionist Organization. I need not tell you that I deeply appreciate the spirit of the resolution which greatly enheartened me. Please convey to the officers of the Executive Board my profound appreciation.

I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you and all our Zionist friends in Philadelphia.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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(1.) [1949]

Memorandum.

Az új zsidó állam megteremtése az egész világ zionistáit új feladatok elé állítja és eddig ismeretlen, új problémákat vet fel, melyekről tudomást kell venni. De nemcsak a zionistákat, a zsidóságot, hanem az egész demokratikus világot is kell, hogy foglalkoztassa az új zsidó állam problémája.

E kis állam geopolitikai helyzete mindent megmagyaráz. Itt nemcsak három földrész, három vallás kapcsolódik, hanem a világháború harca is itt a legerősebb.

Ennek a területnek eddigi korlátlan ura Anglia volt. Akouban Anglia a repülőgép, a rádió, televízió és az atom korokában eddigi pozícióját már nem tarthatja. Kénytelen orszárai az USA-val. Mivel a XX. század az USA százada lett és az USA, mint a világ legerősebb és vezető demokráciája, kell, hogy olyan figyelemet fordítson erre az egészen fiatal demokráciára, amely ennek az aránylag kis terület nagy jelentőségének megfelelően.

Ezt a ^{nagy} ~~nagy~~ jelentőséget a szovjet már 25 évvel ezelőtt észrevette és azóta is minden áldozatot meghoz, hogy befolyását itt biztosítsa. Taktikailag és szervezetenként tökéletesen működik. Jól kidolgozott tervekkel szinte automatikusan mozog előre.

A szovjet imperializmus célja a Közel-Keleten: A Cominform segítségével forradalmasítani az egész Közel-Keletet, hogy újabb világháború esetén innen hatolhasson be Indiába és Afrikába. Különösen a Zsidó állam területén akar teljes befolyást szerezni, hogy alkalomadtán a Zsidó állam népét a szovjet imperializmus szolgálatába állítsa.

A szovjet tervek közé tartozik még a zionista szervezetekbe való behatolás, hogy azokat kommunista fedőszervekké alakítsa át. Továbbá az egész világon szétosztani élő Zsidó népet, annak intézményeit, szervezeteit a szovjet imperializmus szolgálatába állítani.

Miután a Zsidó nép 2000 évig szétválasztásban, elnyomtatásban élt, népi energiáját nem élhette ki az egy elnyomott és szunnyadó népi energiák forradalmasítani és a III. világ háború esetén forradalmi célokra felhasználni.

Ennek a programnak jelentős részét az európai u. n. "népi demokráciák" -ban már meg is valósították.

Ezekből az országokból érkező "újberindorló" már nem a cionista organizációk által átképzett és kijelölt Zsidók, hanem a Cominform utasításaival ellátott agitátorok, akik sok esetben már tervezett sabotage akciókra is ki vannak képezve.

Természetesen a Zsidó államnak be kell fogadni az egész világon szétválasztan élő Zsidókat, tekintet nélkül azok világnézetére.

Külön tragédiája a Zsidóságnak, hogy az állam emberanyaga 90%-ban Kommunista-fasiszta jellegű államokból kerül ki, ahol a demok-

rátkus gondolat soha sem tudott gyökeret verni.

A legújabb Cominform taktika szerint a demokrácia ellenes hadjárat a demokratikus jel-
szavak hangortatásával kezdődik, hogy a politi-
kailag iskolázatlan tömegeket könnyebben meg-
hódítsa.

Különösen a Közép-európai Zsidók Közössége
van sikere ennek a hamis, ál-demokrácia, való-
jában bepletyt diktatórius propagandának. Ezeknek
az embereknek ugyanis eddig nem volt alkalma poli-
tikai jogait gyakorlására, kritikai érzékük nincsen és
így könnyen áldozatul esnek az ostoba propa-
dának. Legtöbbször olyan asszimiláns ~~elemek~~ ele-
mek ezek, akik nemrégig még a legélesebben han-
gortatták anti-cionista mivoltukat. A zsidóságot
teljesen idegenek és még itt az országban
is magukban hordozták az asszimiláns gondola-
tot. Az asszimiláció, vagyis a tudatos népi öngyil-
kosság már régen Hitler előtt likvidálta volna
a zsidóságot, de a cionizmus, - a zsidóság élni

a keresésnek meggyőződésének megtartotta a zsidóságot és megszerezte a zsidó államot.

A zsidó állam megszületésével azonban a cionizmus még nem teljesítette hivatását 100% ig. Sőt a cionista mozgalomra még fokozottabban feladatokat kérülnek. Ezek idegen ügynökök és a zsidóságot asszimiláns beállítottságú tagjai azok, akik a cionista mozgalmat likvidálni akarják.

A zsidóságnak tehát nemcsak az idegenek, hanem a zsidók között is makacs és erős ellensége van. A vallástalanok, az idegen ideológiák képviselői igen erős és jól felépített szervezetekkel rendelkeznek. Legérdekesebb az, hogy ezek az elemek a Nemzetiszógi Unió és IRO szervezetben az amerikai demokrácia felügyelete alatt a legmesszebbmenő szabadságot, sőt előnyöket élveztek a demokratikus elemekkel szemben.

Anglia és USA igen súlyos hibákat követtek el, hogy hagyták a zsidóságot maradéktalanul forradalmasítani és nem engedték be őket az országba.

A demokratikus átnevelés sehol sem fontosabb, mint éppen az Izraeli zsidóság körött.

Iskegy erőmet és képességemet a demokratikus nevelés szolgálatába szeretném állítani.

Egyelőre csak a magyarajkú lakossággal foglalkoznék. Magyarországról és a régi magyar nyelvterületről (Szlovákia, Horvátország, Bánát, Erdély) idevándorolt és magyarul beszélő zsidók száma 150,000.

Ezek számára szeretnék, egyelőre heti, később napilapot megjelentetni, még pedig olyan formában hogy az újság fokozatosan megtanítja olvasóit a héber nyelvre és fokozatosan 3-5 óra alatt a magyar nyelvről átér az ivrit nyelvre.

A lap iránya demokratikus és ^a cionista gondolat terjesztésének szolgálatában állana. Bármennyire is paradoxon, de itt Izrael államban van a legnagyobb szükség a cionista gondolat terjesztésére. A zsidóságnak szüksége van a cioniz-

misra. Épen a Silver - Kochut így tartja fel
legjobban a helyzetet és mutatja az utat, amely
nek a cionista gondolat megerősödéséhez kell
vezetnie.

A lapom megindítására az amerikai
cionista szervezet segítségét kérem. Akár
milyen szerény formában is, (Egyszerűsített - vagy
más hasonló nyomással) de meg szeretném
indítani a lapot. Ezenkívül szeretném tudni
Kiadói „A louniform célja és ~~eszközei~~
módszerei” című kis füzetemet is.

E sorok írója 49 éves, nő, 1 gyermek
atyja. Magyarországról jött Israelbe. Magyaros-
zágon gyermekkorától részt vett a cionista
mozgalomban. 1931-ben, amikor Dr. Schwarzbart
megalakította a Klál csoportot röptön akkor
csatlakozott. A felszabadulás után részt vett
a cionista mozgalom és intézmények reor-
ganizálásában. 1948 M. 19-én érkezett az
országba. Előzőleg már megkísérelte hogy
illegalisan bejusson az országba. Az Exodus 947

stása volt. Mint ismeretes a kísérlet nem
sikeredt. 1946 május óta éltém emigrációban
Bajorországban és Franciaországban.
A háború alatt munkaszolgálatos voltam.
Részvettem az illegális mozgásokban,
majd a Pesti gettóban értem meg a
háború végét.

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