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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE=

SOMETHING LIKE SIX YEARS AGO IN THE MIDST OF WAR OUR MOVEMENT
STOOD AT THE CROSSROADS STOP AT THAT DECISIVE MOMENT YOU
WERE PROVIDENTIALLY CALLED TO THE LEADERSHIP OF AMERICAN
ZIONISM STOP YOU IMMEDIATELY INFUSED INTO IT A NEW SPIRIT
AND VITALITY AND MADE IT THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE IN THE
DIASPORA STOP WHEN OTHER LEADERS IN A SPIRIT OF DEFEATISM
WERE READY TO COMPROMISE OUR PRESCIENCE YOUR COURAGE YOUR
FINE COMBINATION OF REALISM AND IDEALISM LED US UNERRINGLY
FORWARD TO THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR OBJECTIVE THE
CREATIO OF A JEWISH STATE WHICH WAS RALIZED IN THE
ADMINISTRATION OF DR EMANUEL NEUMANN YOUR BRILLIANT SUCCESSOR
TO THE PRESIDENCE OF THE ZOA WHO SO ABLY CARRIED ON THE WORK
YOU HAD BEGUN STOP IN THE HISTORY OF PEOPLES IT IS USUALLY
TRUE THAT THE FIRST YEARS OF THEIR NATIONAL EXISTENCE ARE THE
MOST CRITICAL STOP ISRAEL STANDS YET IN NEED OF OUR
SUPPORT POLITICAL ECONOMIC AND PHILANTHROPIC STOP WAR IS
UNIFYING PEACE OFTEN PROVES DIVISIVE STOP ALREADY THERE ARE
FOREBODINGS OF DISSENSION AND CONFUSION STOP AGAIN WE STAND
AT THE CROSSROADS STOP DECISIVE ADJUSTMENTS MUST BE MADE AND
REORIENTATIONS EFFECTED STOP NEW GOALS MUST BE=

END SHEET ONE.

DIVISIVE PC ZOA TS, PRESIDENCE PC

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SET FOR THE ZOA AND FOR OUR MOVEMENT STOP THIS WILL REQUIRE
LEADERSHIP IMAGINATION AND A BOLDNESS OF APPROACH WHICH WE
FEEL YOU ALONE CAN BRING STOP IMBUED WITH THE ABOVE
SENTIMENTS AND HAVING MET HERE TOGETHER TO GIVE SERIOUS
THOUGHT TO THE PRESENT CRISIS WE THE UNDERSIGNED NOW CALL
UPON YOU TO PERMIT US TO PRESENT YOUR NAME AT THE PROPER
TIME FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE ZOA STOP WITH YOUR GUIDANCE
OUR ZOA MIGHTY IN NUMBERS STEADFAST IN PRINCIPLE RICH IN
ACCOMPLISHMENT WILL MOVE FORWARD FOR EVER GREATER SERVICE
TO THE NEW STATE OF ISRAEL AND TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE=

=ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN ABRAHAM GOODMAN MORTIMER MAY
MILTON POLLACK I R GOODMAN MORRIS WEINBERG=

"ספיטפייערס" געשיקט קיין
 אקאבא, אנהאנסירט לאנדאן

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וזהו ער השם נעדרום פאר וואס יאקאבסאן

סניף יידישן אינזשניירער פון א
 באד און גאז פון 49005 שטריסע
 ערשטע ברוינע. זיין באשעפטיגונג
 איז צו שטארק פון 418 אקט 1942
 שטעט ביידע פון ברוינע און נאך
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גוי'טשעו וועט מעגליך יא אונזעמען
אמעריקאנער לאיער אלס
וין פארטיידיגער

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איטאליענישע קאמוניסטן דראַען מיט

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ה'תש"ח קאנזענשאן באַשרליכט העלפן פֿאַרמיטן שווערן זיין ישראָל

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ויפסקו. הם באו לראות את המעורבות
 של הממשלה בפרשת ארבעת המלכות
 ובהחלטת הממשלה להקים את
 הוועדה לביטחון המזון. הם
 באו לראות את המעורבות
 של הממשלה בפרשת ארבעת
 המלכות ובהחלטת הממשלה
 להקים את הוועדה לביטחון
 המזון. הם באו לראות את
 המעורבות של הממשלה
 בפרשת ארבעת המלכות
 ובהחלטת הממשלה להקים
 את הוועדה לביטחון המזון.

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נעלם עתה קצת קטנים ופארוועסטייערען
 דעם אפארטמאנט פאפאר.
 היינצאגד אראנטען צו דעמארק
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הוא לא חושב שיש להפסיק את המאבק, אלא להעביר אותו למישור אחר. "אנחנו צריכים להפסיק להילחם בנאצים, אלא להילחם בנאציזם", הוא אומר. "אנחנו צריכים להפסיק להילחם בנאצים, אלא להילחם בנאציזם".

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הוא יאמר: "אני לא רוצה להיות חלק מהמחנה הזה, אני רוצה להיות חלק מהמחנה הזה".

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1925 **דעם 11טן יאנואר** האט זיך אן אומגעווענליכע זאך געפאלן אין דער שטאט פאראייניגטע שטאטן פון אמעריקע. און דער 11טן יאנואר האט זיך אן אומגעווענליכע זאך געפאלן אין דער שטאט פאראייניגטע שטאטן פון אמעריקע.

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א. ברוטשטיידער
לייבס פון געזונטהייט
וואספילן ס'האט אים אינער
געבערן פרנסה אויף אלע שטעט

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מסמך זה מיועד לשימוש בלבד
 אין להעתיק, להפיץ או להשתמש בו
 ללא אישור מפורש מן המערכת
 1709 Nelson Ave. Bx. TR 2-47

PRESIDENT WEIZMANN SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDGE ROTHENBERG ON ELECTION TO U.P.A. POST

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- Characterizing 1949 as "a momentous year" for the Jews of Israel as well as for the thousands of homeless Jews still in the DP camps of Europe, President Chaim Weizmann of Israel yesterday expressed his "deep appreciation" over the election of Judge Morris Rothenberg as acting national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal and a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, a U.P.A. announcement revealed today.

In a cable to Judge Rothenberg, Dr. Weizmann voiced confidence that "American Jewry will rally behind you in providing necessary funds for the reception and absorption of hundreds of thousands now pouring into our new state." The Israeli President added that "the people of Israel are enheartened to know that they will have your devoted services in this momentous year." Other congratulatory messages were also received from Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion; Eliezer Kaplan, Finance Minister; Leo Herrmann, secretary-general of the Palestine Foundation Fund in Jerusalem; Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem; Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and numerous other Jewish leaders.

MOVEMENT TO DRAFT DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER FOR Z.O.A. PRESIDENCY LAUNCHED IN MIAMI

MIAMI, March 13. (JTA) -- A movement to draft Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America was launched here today following a meeting held last night and this morning by representatives of Miami Zionist districts and Zionist leaders from various parts of the country. The Z.O.A. will elect a new president at its next convention this summer.

Among those who participated in the meeting were Abraham Goldstein, of Hartford, Z.O.A. vice-president; Mortimer May, of Nashville, Z.O.A. vice-president; Milton Pollock, Z.O.A. finance chairman; Abe Goodman, of Miami, Z.O.A. vice-president; Morris Weinberg and I.R. Goodman, members of the Z.O.A. national executive.

A wire to Dr. Silver, dispatched at the conclusion of the meeting, urged him to accept the presidency of the Z.O.A. and pointed out that his leadership in behalf of Zionism at this critical juncture was indispensable.

N.Y.U. TO CONDUCT SUMMER WORKSHOP IN ISRAEL; PALESTINIAN LIFE TO BE STUDIED IN COLONY

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- New York University's School of Education will conduct a six-week "Workshop in Palestinian Life and Culture," it was announced today. Prof. Abraham I. Katsh, who will direct the workshop, said it would be held July 3-Aug. 23 at the Katznelson Institute, Kfar Saba, Israel.

In addition to N.Y.U. officials, the workshop will be guided by representatives of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the Katznelson Institute and other co-operating institutions. The project will be conducted both in Hebrew and English.

PROF. ALBERT EINSTEIN TO CELEBRATE 70TH BIRTHDAY TODAY; UNESCO BROADCAST TO MARK EVENT

PRINCETON, N.J., March 13. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein will celebrate his 70th birthday here tomorrow. His fellow scientists plan to mark Dr. Einstein's birthday in a radio broadcast arranged by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

ISAAC FRANCK APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 13. (JTA) -- Isaac Franck, executive secretary of the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions, has been named executive director of the Jewish Community Council of this city, it was announced here today.

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March 14, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:-

I sincerely hope that you will give most earnest consideration to the call to the Presidency of the ZOA.

The logic of the situation demands that you be elected next president of the ZOA and assume direct and official leadership of our organization.

I appreciate the sacrifice involved on your part in inviting the burden and responsibility implied in the acceptance or rather re-acceptance of the office. However, the times are unusual and you must do the unusual and place yourself once more officially at the helm of our organization of which you served so well.

I am satisfied that in urging you to permit the presentation of your name to the next ZOA convention I am voicing the sentiments of the overwhelming majority of the American Zionists. With kindest personal regards and best wishes

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Sincerely
Elihu D. Stone

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ענגלאנד'ס סטראשונאק צו ישראל

אין אנגעזיכט פון די פאקטן אין די דערקלעהרונגען וואס זיינען געמאכט געווארען אין תל אביב, איז ענגלאנד'ס סטראשונאק, אז די וועט זיין "געוואונגען" צו ווייזן א ווייניגער שטארקע אידן ישראל'ס באוואפענטע כחות וועלען אריינדריינגען אין עבר הירדן אדער אסאך קירען אקאבא, נישט נאר אומבארעכטיגט נאר אינגאנצען איבערגע- ישראל איז נישט באגאנגען קיין אקט פון אנערקענען דורך דעם וואס זי האט פארנומען דעם ים-יבנה פון אילת. די דאזיגע טעריטאריע, וויי- סען אלע, איז אנערקענט ווי א טייל פון ישראל אנטפער דעם וועג- צעטיילונגס-פלאן.

נאכדעם ווי ישראל האט געשלאסען דעם וואפען-שטילשטאנד מיט עגיפטן איז עס געווארען פאקטיש אומפארמיידלעך, אז עס די טעריטאריע וואס אקופירט ווערען פון דער ישראל ארמיי. דער באריכט, אז כדי צו דערגרייכען דעם אילת ים-יבנה האט די ישראל ארמיי געמארשירט דורך עבר הירדן טעריטאריע, איז קאמפערענדיק גע- קענט געווארען.

אויב עס זאל זיך איצט ארויסווייזען, אז די ישראל טרופען הא- בען גאר געמארשירט דורך עגיפטישער טעריטאריע און טאקע מיט געפאסענע צושטימונג, וואס עס טאקע געווען א וויכטיגע פאליטישע אנטוויקלונג אין מיטעלען מזרח, אבער דערמיט וואלט נישט געשאפען געווארען קיין סיטואציע אז ענגלאנד זאל דארפן געגען דעם פרא- טעסטירען אדער זאל עס באטראכטען ווי אן אקט וואס איז געצייגלט געווען עבר הירדן.

די פראגע איז דערפאר נאך הארבער: פארוואס האט טאקע ענגלאנד געפונען פאר נויטיג צו וואפענען ישראל נישט אנצוגרייפן עבר הירדן און נישט צו פארמיטלען זיך געגען אקאבא? וואו איז דען איהר גרונט הויש צו זיין אז ישראל וויל יא אנגרייפן עבר הירדן ווען פארהאנדלונגען מיט עבר הירדן פאר א וואפען-שטילשטאנד געהען אן אדער אז זי האט בעדה זיך צו פארמיטלען געגען די עני- לענדער אליין וואס האלטען איצט אקאבא און וואו זי האטען לעצטענס געבראכט פארשטארקונגען?

גיכער איז עס, מעד ענגלאנד, נאך א פארווה צו שאפען דעם איינדרוק, אז זי האלט ישראל פאר א "געפאהר" און אז די האנדלונ- גען פון ישראל זיינען "אנערקענט" ענגלאנד וועט דא בלויז אן אויסרייד ווייטער צו פארשטארקען איהר מיליטערישע פאזיציע אין עבר הירדן כלומרשט אין די אינטערעסען פון יענער מלוכה.

ענגלאנד איז אין דעם וואס די ישראל טרופען זאלען האבען גע- קראנען עגיפטן'ס צושטימונג דורכצוגעהן איהר טעריטאריע אויפ'ן וועג קיין אילת האט ענגלאנד אנגעהויבען דערוועגן אן אפערעמאנד מעד עגיפטן און א מעליכע קינעפטיגע קאאפעראציע צווישען עגי- פטן און ישראל. נישט האבענדיג קיין מוטה ארויסצוטרעטען געגען די פרינציפאלע באזיגונגען צווישען ישראל און עגיפטן פרוכטערט זי שוין מיט א שווערעם און דא האנדלונגס-פלאן וואס איז א סיטואציע וואס שטעקט מיט "קריגס געפאהר" און עס די פארהאנדלונג מעד די האנד- לונגען פון ישראל.

מיט דער דערנענטערונג פון דער נייער סעסיע פון דער יו- אפעמבלע ווען די פראגע וועטען ארויסגעהען ישראל און דער וועג מעד ניישאנס וועט אויפגענומען ווערען, וועל ענגלאנד שאפען א פרינציפאלע אטמאספערע געגען ישראל וועט עס זיך איהר אבער אוי- געבען? ישראל האט ביז אהער צושטערט אלע ענגלישע אינטערעסעס אין זי וועט עס באווייזען אויך אין איצטיגען פאל.

סילווער פאר זי.א.איי. פרעזידענט

עס איז געווען צו דערווארטען, אז נאך דעם קאמף ארום דעם יונייטעד דזשואיש אפיעל - א קאמף וואס איז הייפטיגעבליך אויס- געפאלען געווארען אין די צייטשטעלען ריזען - זאל אין דער "זי.א.איי." (ווי די אמעריקאנער צייטשטעלען ארגאניזאציע זיין באקאנט דורך איהרע ראשי תיבות אין ענגליש) זיך אנפאנגען א באוועגונג אין אט דער ארגאניזאציע, וועלכע איז אין די לעצטע יאהרען שטארק אויסגעוואקסען, זי צו מאכען נאך שטארקער און נאך איינפלוסריכער. עס איז אויך געווען צו דערווארטען אז די דאזיגע באוועגונג זאל זיך קאנצענטרירען ארום דר. אבא הלל סילווער און ער זאל ארויסגעשטעלט ווערען פאר פרעזידענט פון דער צייט- טישער ארגאניזאציע.

מיט דעם וועלען צייטשטען נישט נאך ווייזען ווערען לייאליטעט צו א גוטאייספרובירטען פיהרער וועלכער האט זיך אויף שטארק אויסגעצייכענט אין דעם קאמף פאר מדינת ישראל, זי וועלען דורך דעם אויך ארויסגעבען נייטס אינהאלט און נישט כחות אין דער צייט- טישער ארגאניזאציע, וועלכע ווי די גרעסטע קערפערשאפט פון אלגעמינע צייטשטען אין דער וועלט, האט נאך געוויס א גרויסע ראל צו שפיעלען אין אמעריקאנער אידישען לעבען און אין דעם איינפליס פון ישראל.

די איינגעקייט אין און ארום דעם יונייטעד דזשואיש אפיעל איז צוריקגעשטעלט געווארען. די צייטשטעלען ארגאניזאציע העלפט מיט אין דעם קאמפף ווי זי האט עס שטענדיג געטאן. דר. סילווער אליין העלפט אין דעם קאמפף. עס דארף אבער אין דער צייטשטעלען ארגאניזאציע אליין איינגעשטעלט ווערען איינגעקייט. עס דארף דער ארגאניזאציע איצט אויך געגעבען ווערען א נייטס שטויס פאראויס כדי צו דערמאנענען אז איהרע גרויסע פאטענציעלע כחות זאלען געהעריג אויסגענוצט ווערען. מיט דר. סילווער'ן אין דער שפיץ וועט עס טאקע געשעהן. דער כח וואס איז אויפגעבויט געווארען אין שוין פון צעהנדליגע יאהרען וועט ווערען נאך שטארקער און נאך אייני- פלוסריכער.

צו דורך דעם וואס דר. סילווער'ס קאנדידאטור איז ארויסגע- שטעלט געווארען וועלען זיך איצט צוריקציען די וואס האבען זיין ווער קאנדידאטור דערקלעהרט פריהער, בלייבט איצט צו ווערן. דער שטארקסטער קאנדידאט איז דוידא פריש, וועלכער האט אויף פיעל יאהר געוויינט דעם צייטונג און זיך געוואונען א גרויסע אה- הענגענשאפט. וואס פריש וועט איצט טאן, איז א פראגע אויף וועלכע נאך ער אליין קען ענטפערען.

נייע ענדערונגען אין מאסקווע

ענדערונגען אין א קאבינעט האבען א באדייט אפילו אין דער מאסקאוישער לענדער. ווער זיינען זיי פון באדייט אין א דיקטאטאריש לאנד ווי סאוועטענלאנד, אבער בעת דער באדייט פון ענדערונגען פון דעם מיט אין דעם מאסקאוישער לענדער בלייבט קיינמאל נישט קיין מוה, בלייבט עס אבער א מוה ווען זיי געשעהן אין מאסקווע. אט זיינען פארגעקומען ווייטערדיגע ענדערונגען אין דער סאוועטישער רעגירונג און די וועט וויסן איינמאל ווייניג ווי פריהער וואס זיי באדייטען.

די נייעסע ענדערונגען באשטייען אין דעם וואס ניקאליי א. וואונעקענסקי, דער פארזיצער פון דער פאמאנאנס קאמיטע, וועלכער האט אנגעהערט מיט'ן נייטשטעלען פון יאהר פאלא, און א ווייניג פרי- טער, איז אינגאנצען באוויינטליך געווארען. עס איז אויך באוויינטליך געווארען פיאטער פאקאז'עו פון דעווענע פנים אדערהעכסטען סאוועטן אין צייט צו אדערהעכסטען גענעראלען.

וויט ווי דער בערלינער קאבינעטאדענט פון "ניו יארק טיימס" נישט איבער, זאגען אט די ענדערונגען זיין פון נאך גרויסער וויכטיג- קייט, כאטש אויפ'ן ערשטעם בליק נישט זאגען גענוי וואס איז באדייט. דאס דארפן נישט ווערן געקלערט וואס וואקסען אויס פון נאטירליכע באדינגונגען נאך וואס האבען צו טאן מיט דער סאווע- טישער סאמע עס פאליטיק. איהרע אויף ווי איינערליך קיין סכנות, ווי עס וועט ווייטער גענוי דא ווייניג וואס נאכגע- גיכער איז עס אז נאך וואס מ'וועט דארפן אפצוהאלטען א געוויסע צייט, און וועט נישט פאלא, ביז די וועלט וועט זיך דערהויבען צו וואס אט די ענדערונגען ווייניג געצייגלט.

ווי אזוי אנטוויקעלעט זיך דער מארגען זשורנאל

ווערען זיך אנטוויקעלעט דעם פילם "אלי- ווער טוויסט", איז וועלכע עס ווערט ארויסגעפירט א איד געשולדערט פון דיקענס מיט אלע אנטוויקעלעטע פארהאנדלונגען פון זיין צייט, איז די איינציגסטע דעמאקראטיע אין דער גרעסטער געפאהר.

ווארום אויב מען וועט פארבאטען דעם דאזיגען פילם אין אמעריקע, וועט דאך הייסען, אז אידען צווינגען ארויף א צענדליג אויפ'ן פילם, די קאמאליקען טהעזע דאך לאנג האט געמליכע, אט, למשל, האבען זיי אויסגע'פועלט', אז מען זאל פארבאטען דאס וואסענבלאט "ניישאן" און די שולעס, די נעגראס טהעזע דאס געמליכע, און אין אמערי- קע וועט, אזוי ארום, איינגעפיהרט ווערען ענצור.

און ענצור פיהרט דירעקט צו דיקטאטור. אמעריקע, די פרייע, גוטע אמערי- קע וועט באקומען א דיקטאטאר און - אידע דעמאקראטיע! אט דאס'א זאגט מיט ווערטיקל- דער ליבערעלער גלח-דוואן הוינעס און אן ארטיקלעל אין דעם ליטעראטור- שטען ווערנאל "סאטורדעי רעווייוו און ליטעראטור".

אט פריינט ער א זעהר הארבע פראגע: "וואס די אידען האבען ליטעראטור- שטען איינמיטען פון די זינע, וואס פארבאטען די אנדערע מיטגלידער פון דער מענטשליכער פאמיליע?" פארוואס קומט די אידען אזא פרי- וועגענע?

אויב די אידען פארדענען, אז מען זאל נישט באווייזען דעם פילם "אלי- ווער טוויסט", מענען דאך די ענגלענ- דער פארדענען, מען זאל נישט באוויי- זען קיין פילם, און וועלכע ענגלענ-דער ווערען געשולדערט אין נאך "שווארצע- בארען": די אמעריקאנער וועלען פאר- דערען מען זאל נישט באווייזען קיין פילם, אין וועלכע די אמעריקאנער ווערען געשולדערט אין נישט-דאזע פארבאטען א.א.וו.

און אזוי וועט איינגעפיהרט ווערען ענצור. און פון ענצור געהט א גלייכער, גלאטער אפפאלטונגען דירעקט צו דיק- טאטור. און דער גוטער און פרייער ליבע- ראל וויל דאריבער פארהויט פאר אלע מען, ווייל בלויז פרייהייט פאר אלע מען קען באווארענען די דעמאקראטיע פון איראק ביז א באפעסטיגען זי.

זעט עס אויס פון אויסגעווארען ביז נאך לאגיש, אבער אין חור איז עס קרום, וויל, צווישן-דיג און אפילו דעמאקראטיע, ראשיית כל האנערלעט זיך עס דא וועגען דעם פראטעסט פון אמערי- קענער פלעקער, וועלכע די דעמא- קראטיע פארטיידיגט נישט גענוג.

ענגלאנד וועט נישט זיין און א גע- פאהר צו פאגראטירט ווערען און צו אויסגעשטאכען ווערען פון אמעריקענ- לישער אנטאציע אין א פילם, אדער אין א בוך, ווי עס איז דער פאל מיט אידען, מיט נעגראס און מיט האטיא- לישען אין אמעריקע.

אידען זיינען פאגראטירט געווארען אין אלע אייראפעאישע לענדער. נעגראס זיינען רעכטלאז און ווע- דען געלייגט אין א היסטען טייל פון אמעריקע.

פארשטעלטע, פארמאסירטע קלע- נייטס קעסטען געגען אידען, געגען נעגראס און געגען קאמאליקען אפען און די אמעריקאנער דעמאקראטישע שטעטעס און היט אפ אלעמענס פריי- טייט.

אידען האבען אקארשט איבערגע- לעבט די גרעסטע קאמפאטראפע אין פארשטעלטע, פארמאסירטע קלע- נייטס קעסטען געגען אידען, געגען נעגראס און געגען קאמאליקען אפען און די אמעריקאנער דעמאקראטישע שטעטעס און היט אפ אלעמענס פריי- טייט.

פון אלעם צו ביסל

העלדזשע קעסטער פון די געס- ווארשע און ביאליסטאק און האבען נישט געלייגט, אז זיי נאך דעם ביישפיל פון די א- ביאליסטאק און ביאליסטאק און זאלען.

מיט דריי הונדערט יאהר אין אומזערע צייטען, האבען נער ווערען זיך פארוואנדעלען א ציוויליזאציע אידען - זיי האבען, אונטער נאציאנעל- דעם אויסגעשטאכען דאס די- געשע אידענטום און זיי, די נישט וויינען עס געווען די תל- די נאציאנעל טויטען לאנדערען י.ש. הערע'ס בור און א דאקומענט פון אונזער כ- געשיכטע, מען דארף דאס ענען און לערנען מיט די ק- און ווען מען לייגט די ק- בלעטער קומט אויפ'ן גע- שערקליכסטע פון דער ג- כאנדאן מעלניצען אין פארהאנדלונגען העלד פון לאנד, דארט ווערען נאכ- ווארען געווען איהר ווי כמעלניצער-אידענעס ווערען אויף ברוסטען פון העלדזשע און צו מיינענער אידען פון דער דאזיגער גרויסער ענציענענע געווארען די טראגעדיע בעלניצער-אידענעס "פאליטיק" די דאזיגע "פאליטיק" און "דיוו" ווי די פאל- האט דערפיהרט צו די כ- טיטלער פארדען.

דריי הונדערט יאהר עס איז אן אלטער אידישער מנהג, אז דוקא בעת ויפסטיכום, בעת שמתות, אין טעג פון דערהויבונג, זאל מען דערמאנען אהרע צייטען. דאס אויסקומען זיך אויף צוריק בעת מיט אריינפירט פאראיינס טאכט לייב- טער דעם וועג, מען זעט וואו מען האלט אין דער וועלט.

לאסיר וועט היינט א קוק טאן אויף צוריק מיט דריי הונדערט יאהר, ס'איז גראד די יאהרצייט פון די גיורת ת"ת ות"ט. נאך די גייטעשע שחיטות האט מען שוין כמעט פארגעסען דעם חורבן אוקראי- נע פון 1648 — 1649. און די דער- מאסדיגע אידענשיטעט זיינען דאך, אין פארגלייך צו דער צאל אי- דע אויף דער וועלט אין יענער צייט, געווען נישט קלענער און נישט מילדער, ווי די חסידער שחיטות.

כמעלניצער ימת שמי! אויף אויף ביגע צייטען איז דער דאזיגער סטא- דיגער נאכער שטרייבש אין דער אידישער געשיכטע.

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דער פיהרער פון "שטער גרופע" פריד- א פראגע געענטפערט הערענדיג נישט ענדערן ער וואלט געווארשט נאכען "איש שלום".

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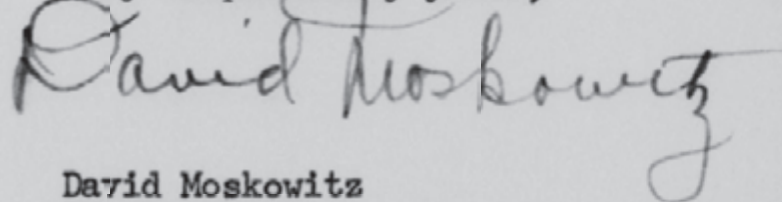
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I respectfully attach herewith resolutions passed by the members of the Executive Committee of the Bronx Zionist Region which represents a community of Jews numbering over 600,000 and which has played a significant role in the political battle for Israel.

As Zionists, it is our intention to go forward with all our activities and to redouble our efforts in behalf of the State of Israel.

Very respectfully yours,



David Moskowitz
President

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The Executive Committee of the Bronx Zionist Region at its regular meeting held March 14, 1949, having given earnest consideration to recent developments in the Zionist Movement in this country adopted the following resolution:

1. We wholeheartedly and unqualifiedly endorse the resolution adopted at the extraordinary Z.O.A. Conference held on February 13, 1949 at the Astor Hotel in New York expressing full confidence in and support of Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the Z.O.A. and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and of the policies they have pursued in relation to the controversy involving the United Palestine Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal.
2. We support the stand taken by Dr. Neumann and Dr. Silver at the recent meeting of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and approve their resignations therefrom.
3. We express our solidarity with the people of Israel and particularly with those of our brothers and sisters who are yet to come there. We realize that they must have the fullest financial support of the American Jewish community which can best manifest itself through a successful United Jewish Appeal. Accordingly, in their interests and in the interest of the welfare of Israel we pledge ourselves and urge our entire Region membership to exert their best endeavors to make the United Jewish Appeal of 1949 an unprecedented success.
4. Copies of these resolutions are to be forwarded to Dr. Neumann, Dr. Silver, Mr. Berle Locker of the Jewish Agency Executive, to Judge Morris Rothenberg, Acting Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, to Prime Minister Ben Gurion, and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharet of Israel.



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SHOOLEM ETTINGER PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO VALLEY
ZIONIST REGION=

Telephoned to Mr. Rapp of J.T.A. on 3/17/49

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Good men are available for the Presidency to carry on the high traditions of this office and to carry forward the policies of the present Zionist administration which have contributed so decisively to the establishment of the State of Israel.

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ISRAEL ACCEPTED INTO MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL WHEAT CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON PARLEY

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- Israel was accepted into full membership in the International Wheat Conference here this afternoon. This is the first international trade organization to which Israel has been admitted with complete equality with other nations.

Membership will permit Israel to buy wheat for much less than she has been paying on the open market. Wheat heads the list of crucial shortages in Israel. It was estimated that Israel will save approximately \$2,000,000 in the next four years through its membership in the body.

Dr. Ludwig Samuel and Arthur C.A. Liverhant, both now attached to the Israeli embassy staff in Washington, were recognized by the conference as plenipotentiary delegates. The only votes opposing Israel's admission were those of Egypt, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia.

GREEK FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCES DECISION TO GRANT ISRAEL DE FACTO RECOGNITION

ATHENS, March 17. (JTA) -- The Government of Greece extended de facto recognition today to the state of Israel. Greece is the 47th country to recognize the Jewish state.

Panavoti Pipinellis, permanent Under-Secretary of the Greek Foreign Office, announced that his government had instructed the Greek consul at Tel Aviv to inform the Israeli Government of the extension of recognition.

(In Tel Aviv no official confirmation of the Greek announcement of the granting of recognition to Israel was available.)

HAITIAN GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES STATE OF ISRAEL; BECOMES 48TH NATION TO DO SO

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- The Republic of Haiti has officially recognized Israel, a spokesman for the Israeli embassy said today. This recognition brings the total to 48.

DR. SILVER ISSUES STATEMENT DECLINING DRAFT NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENCY OF Z.O.A.

CLEVELAND, March 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, today issued a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency declining to be drafted for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America. Dr. Silver's statement follows:

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Last Sunday, a movement to draft Dr. Silver for the Z.O.A. presidency was launched at a meeting in Miami of representatives of Miami Zionist districts and Zionist leaders from various sections of the U.S.

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PRESIDENCY OF THE ZOA=

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March 22, 1949

Mr. David Moskowitz, President
Bronx Zionist Region
40 West Burnside Avenue
Bronx 53, New York

My dear Friend:

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the resolutions which were adopted by the Executive Committee of the Bronx Zionist Region on March 14th. I found your resolutions very heartening.

It was a pleasure to see you yesterday at the Executive Meeting of the Z.O.A.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 22nd, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

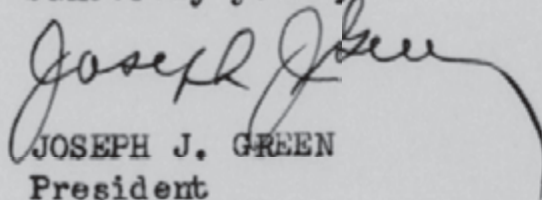
At a meeting of our Executive Board of the Bensonhurst Zionist District #19, the following resolution was adopted:

"It is the consensus of opinion of the Executive Board of the Bensonhurst Zionist District, which represents more than 2,500 paid Zionist members in our Bensonhurst District, that you be urged to accept the nomination of Presidency of the Zionist Organization of America for the ensuing term."

This was the unanimous resolution adopted last night, and I am hastening to communicate it to you.

In my own behalf, I feel that your re-nomination and election, which would be by acclamation, would be the best answer that could be given to those who are scheming to hurt the Zionist Organization of America, as well as the various funds connected with Eretz Israel.

Sincerely yours,


JOSEPH J. GREEN
President

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cc: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o American Emergency Zionist Council

DAY LETTER

MARCH 22, 1949

SHOOLEM ETTINGER
OHIO VALLEY ZIONIST REGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR GRACIOUS TELEGRAM. YOU HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY
SEEN MY STATEMENT IN THE JTA OF FRIDAY INDICATING THAT IT WILL
NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO ASSUME THE PRESIDENCE OF THE ZOA AGAIN.
I SEND YOU MY WARMEST GREETINGS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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In Brief . . .

★ The assault upon the Zionist Organization of America by an odd coalition of assimilationists, professional fund-raisers and the Ben Gurion party in Israel has left grievous scars upon the status and influence of the strongest American Zionist group. The hands of the ZOA leaders are tied because of the perennial cries of the fund-raisers, who shed crocodile tears and plead that "you must not criticize us in the midst of a campaign for our dear brothers in the DP camps and the brave pioneers of the Jewish State." And indeed, Dr. Silver and Dr. Neumann have remained silent though bitter over one of the most infamous incidents in Jewish life when they were rebuffed and humiliated by Henry Morgenthau at the behest of Henry Montor. The ultimate aims of the Montors must be thwarted. We therefore agree with those leaders of the ZOA who have launched a "Draft Silver" movement that, because the organization has been struck a crippling blow, the leadership of Dr. Silver is indispensable at this time. This is no reflection on the qualifications of Daniel Frisch, Rabbi Miller and other potential candidates for the ZOA presidency. But, we believe, that with the Silver opponents seeking nothing less than the destruction of the ZOA, it is essential that his dynamic militant personality return to the helm to block the aims of that power-hungry clique that wishes to dominate Jewish affairs in all American communities and which stretches its gold-laden fingers to the inner chambers of Israel's government. The ZOA is reeling. Only Dr. Silver can restore it to its dominant position in American Jewish life.

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Back Strong FEPC Bill

The Fair Employment Practices measure that seems to have the best chance of winning in the legislature at this session is a wishy-washy affair with no enforcement agency provided. The Republican lawmakers are sponsoring the bill in the hope that it will silence demands for strong civil liberties legislation in the state. The Michigan Committee on Civil Rights, which has the support of the Detroit Jewish Community Council, and the Michigan region of the American Jewish Congress, have been urging individuals and groups to write letters to their state senators and representatives demanding that Gov. Williams' bill modeled after the effective New York statute be supported rather than the flabby Republican measure. The Community Council is ready to help organizations frame letters to the legislature. Call CH. 1657 for information. "Bigotry is respectable in the best circles," Oscar Cohen, retiring Council director, told the recent delegates meeting. "The best way to fight it outside of education is by means of legislation," he said. Groups and individuals in this community must join this struggle against ignorance and intolerance. Get your club or Synagogue to send a letter to the legislature endorsing the Williams measure.

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A Great Jew and Great American

"After a long life I still believe in one world and one humanity with freedom under law, with justice and peace for all peoples and races and faiths." This was the statement of faith of one of America's and Jewry's great—Dr. Stephen S. Wise—as he reached the age of 75. Dr. Wise has been one of the most active figures on the American Jewish and world scene for more than 50 years. An idealist by inclination and tradition, he has stood at the helm of every forward movement in the United States, fighting for the rights of the Jew, the Negro, the working man and the aggrieved everywhere, ringing his convictions with a voice and sincerity reminiscent of the ancient prophets of Israel. The voice of the golden orator of the earlier days still rings over the land and in every community where there are Jews. At 75 his voice is mellower. But his thoughts are sharper. The fervor of youth has given

way to the glow of wisdom and retrospection. The belief that was his as he first stepped on pulpit has crystallized into a profound faith—a faith in man and humanity which has remained unshaken even by the tragic events of our generation. Historians, sociologists and psychologists for years have been seeking the key to Jewish existence through the ages in face of adversity and persecution which would have ended the chapter of a less tenacious people. The explanations have been many. But in the end it was one factor which has largely been responsible for Jewish survival—faith. Read the history of the Jews since the dispersion and you find that the outstanding cohesive force in their lives was belief, belief in God, belief in redemption, belief in the basic goodness of man, belief in the ultimate emergence of a just society and belief in the return to Zion. Dr. Wise epitomizes that characteristic in Jewish life to the highest degree. Only a man of great faith could have said some four years ago, when the picture was still so blurred, that he will live to see the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine. Dr. Wise's prophecy has been fulfilled, and probably the happiest moment in his life was when he received an invitation from President Weizmann to visit Israel. In a century which has witnessed so much destruction, Dr. Wise has been a builder. May the Lord strengthen his hands as a builder of Israel for many years to come.

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The Aqaba Incident

Legally the Aqaba incident is settled. Moshe Sharett has made it clear that the Israeli forces never crossed the Transjordan frontier, but moved only within the territory allotted to them by the UN partition decision and occupied the small port town of Elath on the Red Sea adjoining Aqaba. Even King Abdullah of Transjordan evidently agreed with this position because he had acquiesced to the signing of an armistice between his government and Israel after he had known of the so-called "incident" at Aqaba. The only reason the incident still corrodes minds and occupies much space in the British and world press is because it has revealed the ill-feeling, suspicion and undisguised antagonism which still exists in the British foreign office to Israel despite the recognition of the Jewish state. And this is quite serious, probably more so than all the opposition of the Arab countries.

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A Wise Ambassador

Here is a story that is worth repeating. It appeared in Robert Allen's column in Sunday's Detroit News: Shortly after being named Israeli ambassador to Washington, Eliahu Epstein announced that he had changed his name to Eliahu Elath, after his home town in Palestine. Later, another diplomat jestingly remarked to the Israeli envoy that he was following British practice. "You are like Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, the former British ambassador to the United States," the diplomat said. "When he became a member of the House of Lords, he changed his name to Lord Inverchapel." "It may look that way," laughed Elath, "but there is no real similarity. In the first place, our parliament is unicameral. We have no House of Lords. Secondly, we recognize only one Lord."

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The Workers Give, Too

The International Ladies Garment Workers Union broke its own fine record of generosity by contributing a quarter of a million dollars to the UJA 1949 campaign. David Dubinsky in presenting the check to Henry Morgenthau said that the money did not come from the treasury of the union, but "donated by individual members in free-will collections raised in New York shops by workers regardless of racial origin and religious faith out of their good hearts for a great humanitarian cause."

Old Spots



Letters to the Editor

BACKS CROSSMAN

Dear Editor:

Your answer to Crossman is, I believe, a natural reaction of American Jews. It must hurt to be told Jews ought to go to Israel. I don't believe all Jews should go to Israel. No one wants criminals, the medically unfit or reactionaries. Then there are Jews who are opposed to Israel or those who are anti-Semitic. However, let us speak of the majority of Jewry.

To these good people I say: Encourage and educate your children with the spirit which brought the first pioneers to America. The constitution of Israel gives more human rights than any other. It is another step forward, just as our constitution was in its day. What is gold compared to real freedom, spiritual as well as material?

Yes, induce your children to go to Israel and don't bury your head in the sand. The great majority of Americans are not Nazis just as the majority of Germans were not. But we have a strong movement of Nazi principles

here which are aided and abetted by certain nationalist, militarist and religious groups. These people are not afraid to call Americans the most vile names.

We should, therefore, not be afraid of the truth. It is because of this inner feeling of being an outsider that Jews have cried against their brothers who condemned certain actions of this country.

For our children we offer battle in America to be allowed to exist. In Israel it may be a tougher fight but at least we shall know that our neighbors will never condemn us on the grounds, "He is a Jew." And we will feel that we are a part of, that we belong, and are wanted.

This is not Communist propaganda, for it was also a part of the "Irgun Freedom Movement" platform. I am happy to see some Socialists are awake. But as you say, "Crossman is a courageous fighter." Therefore he is not afraid to speak the truth.

Thomas D. McDermott,
4226 Buena Vista.

Anglo-Jewish Press Freer Than Yiddish

By WILLIAM ZUKERMAN
(Jewish World News Service)

NEW YORK—The dean of Yiddish journalism, Dr. B. Hoffman of the Forward, better known as "Zivion" has utilized the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the English-Jewish press to

make a comparison between the Yiddish and the English-Jewish press in this country. He came to the conclusion that the Yiddish press is incomparably higher than the English-Jewish. He summarizes the latter's centenary as a "jubilee of spiritual poverty."

Zivion is not only a veteran journalist and publicist, but also one of the few Yiddish newspaper men who have retained their independence of thought and expression after 50 years of writing for that press.

He has a clear mind, a succinct style and is probably one of the least biased Yiddish writers. From a person like that, one might have expected not only a more generous appraisal of the English-Jewish press on such an occasion, but at least, a truer and less shallow one.

COMPARISON DIFFICULT

TO BEGIN WITH, no real comparison can be made between the Yiddish and the English-Jewish press. The two are entirely different products, produced by different people of different cultures.

The Yiddish press is a product

of eastern Europe which adapted itself to American conditions. At one time, about 40 to 50 years ago, it had high standards of social idealism, fine writing and good art.

It has done a great job in educating the East European immigrant and in preparing him for life in the United States.

It has a fine record in fostering good literature, poetry and the theater. It served the Yiddish speaking immigrant not only as a newspaper, but also as a magazine and in many cases took the place also of the book.

TIMES ARE CHANGED

BUT THIS WAS long, long ago. For the last quarter of a century the Yiddish press in this country has been on the decline not only in circulation, but what is more important, spiritually, intellectually and literary.

With the exception of a few outstanding figures like "Zivion," himself, the vast majority of Yiddish journalists are not producing anything of their own.

(Continued)

Prof. Einstein, at 70, Hailed as Symbol of Peace

By PHINEAS J. BIRON

AMONG THE MESSAGES of congratulation Prof. Albert Einstein received on his seventieth birthday was a telegram signed by the two outstanding playwrights in America, Arthur Miller, author of the "Death of a Salesman," and Clifford Odets whose most recent play "The Big Knife" is capturing Broadway.



The wire greeted Einstein, "as the symbol of peace and the rallying inspiration for those who strive to prevent a third world war."

Both Miller and Odets are members of the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists of which Albert Einstein is the honorary president since its inception.

THE EVER YOUNG Stephen S. Wise, who last week celebrated his 75th birthday, proved the other day that he is still the most courageous advocate of freedom of the pulpit.

In this atmosphere of hysteria, when men of the church dare not oppose the edicts of big business, Wise made an unequivocal statement, supporting the two Christian ministers, Mellish, father and son, who are

under fire, because the son is the chairman of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

Wise, when a young man, refused the invitation of the wealthy Temple Emanuel of New York, rejecting the authority of the trustees of the Temple, who were used to control their Rabbis. The spiritual leadership of Stephen S. Wise, should serve as an inspiration to our younger Rabbis, who are too silent in these turbulent days.

THERE ARE MORE than rumors to the effect that David Wahl, the executive director of the former Americans for Haganah, is slated for the position of administrative head of the Zionist Progressive Committee, the Lipsky-Wise group that intends to make a fight for the leadership of the Zionist Organization.

Morris Margulies, one-time secretary of the ZOA, who until now carried the responsibility of the committee, is said to be tired and eager to withdraw. Wahl is able, efficient and imaginative. He should prove a shot in the arm of the rather lethargic, drifting opposition.

Without Montor's UJA victory, the Progressive committee would hardly be visible on the Zionist map.

BEVIN'S BOARD of strategy is preparing trouble for the Israel government. UN Representative Eban

will have to be on his toes to avoid great difficulties at Lake Success. . . . Dorothy Thompson is peeved and has lost all her interest in the Jewish State. She no longer cares whether Jewish organizations book her for speeches. . . . Ted Thackrey, editor of the New York Post, is packing his bags for a trip to Israel. Which reminds us that the prospects for the tourist season this summer in Israel are exceedingly bright. American business is very much interested in trade with Israel.

One of America's best selling authors is leaving for Israel in May to produce and direct a full length movie feature. . . .

The world Zionist congress, this summer will be an anti-climax since it will have no say on state matters in Israel. The next big Zionist move in the U.S., will be a national campaign for Chalutzim to Israel. . . .

The oil interests in America are making overtures to the Jewish State and are ready to spend big money to cement friendship between Israel and Saudi Arabia.

Prof. Einstein has definitely refused an invitation from the Israeli government to settle in Israel. . . . The Habimah in Israel is on the downgrade and badly in need of a new repertory. . . . Now that the food campaign for Israel is about to close in this country, the Bnai Brith is looking for a new cause to continue its fund raising activities.

OFF THE RECORD

Fear Bevin May Seek to Bar Israel at UN

By NATHAN ZIPRIN

BEVIN WOULD like nothing better than see a break in the Israeli-Transjordan armistice talks.

He is to visit Washington next month. Should no settlement be reached by then he will try to sell Secretary of State Acheson a number of his ideas on the Palestine question.

Don't be surprised if he makes a dramatic appearance before the General Assembly in a plea against Israel's admission to the UN. Calm advisors have urged him against such a move. But Bevin is known to follow only Bevin's advice.

He still hopes to torpedo the current Rhodes talks. Resumption of fighting, he believes, would give him an opening to have the UN reconsider its own settlement of the issue.

REGRETS DEPARTURE

HE IS A pipedreamer with all the habits of that clan. His new line is that it was a mistake of Britain to have yielded the mandate and gotten out of Palestine.

He has told American diplomats in London that there were certain military miscalculations when the British cabinet decided to throw the Palestine baby into the laps of the UN.

The miscalculations are evident. He and his anti-Jewish clique believed Arab might would solve the problem before the UN could reach a decision. Bevin still cannot see Israel as a fact and is looking for pretexts to embarrass and harass the new State. His ambition is to thwart establishment of friendly relations between Israel and the neighboring Arab states.

The "war scare" his foreign office created had one purpose, to create confusion and restore strain.

PLUG FOR SECRETARY

WHEN MY SECRETARY recently read about the two New

York "goyim" who became converted to Judaism she said they must have really been "meshugoyim."

One of the converts, Arthur Vendetti, was raised on the East Side among Jews.

He adopted Judaism under the impact of the establishment of Israel.

The other convert, Frank Bolan, was an Alabamian who never met a Jew before coming into contact with Jews in German DP camps. What he saw impressed him so much that he decided there and then to become a Jew some day. When the well-decorated Bolan returned from the war he settled in New York City in order to closely familiarize himself with Jews and Jewish life.

One of Bolan's brothers is serving in the U. S. Marine Corps guarding the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem. His brother often wrote admiringly of Jewish accomplishments in Israel.

Both converts are looking forward anxiously to the day when they set foot on Israeli soil.

Maimonides Sees Saks Fifth Gowns

With the full cooperation of Saks Fifth Avenue, the Maimonides Medical Society presented its annual luncheon and an elaborate fashion show at the Book Cadillac. Exquisite gowns and furs brought especially from New York and Paris for this affair, were exhibited.

Mrs. Simon Farbman is president of the organization. Mrs. Charles Gitlin was in charge of the fashion show. Proceeds are to provide limbs for wounded Israeli soldiers.

Aesculapian Group Plans Party

The Aesculapian Pharmaceutical Association will stage its annual "show" for the pharmacy at the Jewish Home for the Aged at 8 p. m. Monday at the Home, 11501 Petoskey avenue. The pharmacy is one of the projects of the organization.

The event features a recent Hollywood movie and refreshments. Ticket of admission to the affair is an article in drug merchandise useful to the Home. Prospective members of the group are invited. For information, call Hyman Margolis, TR. 2-9390.

3,116 Jewish Children Still in Christian Hands

AMSTERDAM (WNS)—Disclosure that 3,116 Jewish children who had been placed for safety under Nazi occupation were still living with their Christian benefactors was made in a report released by a Dutch commission.

Most of the children are no longer aware of their Jewish origin. Those who did not forget their ancestry are generally permitted to visit Synagogues and to join Zionist youth groups.

The vast majority of the children have become so attached to their benefactors that they refuse to part with them.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I had intended to write this letter to you quite some time ago, but the pressure of my many and varied duties caused continual postponements. However, the announcement of the ZOA Convention date has accentuated the urgency involved and so I hasten to impose upon your very valuable time with what is the thinking of an average, normal American Zionist who is very vitally concerned with the future of our movement, yes, the very future of American Jewry, based on the events of the very recent past.

While I, personally, am not familiar to you, I know that through my father, who values your acquaintance^cship very highly and very dearly, you are well aware of the background, emotion and spirit with which our family has devoted itself to the cause of Zion these many years. And it is because of this intensive upbringing that it was relatively simple for me to choose the path of professional participation in the Zionist movement as that which I intend to follow in my life's work.

It is also because of this close association and identification with Zionism that my concern as indicated above can be so real and of such import. It is also the reason why yours and Dr. Neumann's recent rebuff at the hands of those who seek personal aggrandizement can, too, foreshadow impending serious consequences. However, I'm sure that you are aware, Dr. Silver, that there are many, many of us who stand behind you convinced that history will prove that your steadfast and courageous action in the face of overwhelming odds was the only position that was proper and correct. Yes, in spite of the vicious (and, may I add, jealous) hysterical outbursts against you and Dr. Neumann, which

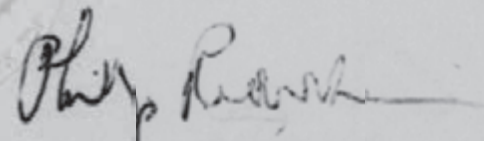
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attempt to deemphasize your all-important contributions to world Zionism (such as appeared in the March 18 issue of "Israel Speaks") I believe that here as always the future shall again prove you to be a man of foresight and vision, with a sound, practical and intuitive understanding of the problems that confront our people.

Believe me, Dr. Silver, I am not one given to idle praise, and my father's admiration for you in no way influences my personal opinion that you are to be considered one of the greatest Zionists of our time, and of all time. Your personal leadership was THE driving force that enabled the Zionist movement to emerge victorious in our time.

Accordingly, I, and thousands of others, look to you again for the necessary leadership at this crucial moment in the history of American Jewry. The mediocrity of the candidates for the Presidency of the ZOA is appalling. Indeed, I shudder to think of the ZOA being guided through the next two years, which will be decisive years, from an organizational standpoint, by any of those who have announced their candidacy. My confidence rests with only three people - my father, Dr. Neumann and yourself. Necessarily eliminating the first two, you, Dr. Silver, remain as the one logical candidate to grasp the reins firmly and direct us on a course that will lead, must lead, as have all your other endeavors in the Zionist movement, to glorious and ultimate success.

Sincerely yours,



Phillip Redelheim

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April 1, 1949

Mr. Samuel Umansky
25 Colony Street
Meriden, Connecticut

My dear Friend:

I deeply appreciated your letter and I was very much heartened by it. It was good to have heard from so many parts of the country. I am confident that the position which I took will be ultimately vindicated. I believe that the decision which I took not to re-assume the presidency of the Z.O.A. was a wise one. I feel that I can be more effective from here on in defending the autonomy and the policies of the Z.O.A. outside of the presidential office than inside. I believe, too, that the friends of the administration can without great difficulty agree on a good candidate who will carry on in the spirit of this administration and who will be given the whole-hearted support and cooperation of all of us.

I trust that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you at the Convention. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 1, 1949

Mr. Abraham Goldstein
54 Church Street
Hartford 3, Connecticut

My dear Friend:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter which I read with much interest and appreciation. I need not tell you that I am grateful for the confidence which fellow-Zionists throughout the country manifest towards me in their desire to have me reassume the presidency of the Z.O.A. I fully share with you the analysis which you so correctly make of the present Zionist situation and of the forces which are gathering to undermine the autonomy and effectiveness of the Z.O.A. I intend to continue to bring these facts to the attention of American Zionists, but I feel that I can do so even more effectively outside the presidential office. I believe that the decision which I arrived at and which I made public not to stand for a draft was a wise one. I believe that the leaders in the administration ought to agree upon a candidate - and such candidates are available - who will energetically carry on the policies and program of the present administration, and by giving him an Executive of friendly individuals who will support him, enable him to do an effective job for our common cause.

I do hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 1, 1949

Mr. Joseph J. Green, President
Bensonhurst Zionist Organization
8313 Bay Parkway
Brooklyn 14, New York

My dear Friend:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of March 22nd. I deeply appreciate the resolution which was adopted by the Executive Board of the Bensonhurst Zionist District, #19. I feel greatly heartened by its vote of confidence and support. I feel, however, that the decision which I took in the matter and which I made public was a wise one. I believe that the friends of the administration can rally round a candidate - and such candidates are available - who would carry on the policies of our administration and who will serve the cause of the Z.O.A. and of the movement generally very well.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

April 1, 1949

Mr. Phillip Redelheim
Philadelphia Zionist Youth Commission
1704 Walnut Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

My dear Friend:

I deeply appreciated your letter of March 29th. It heartened me very much. I have known your father for many years and his devotion to our common cause and his distinguished contributions to it have been admired by all of us. I am very happy that you are following in his fine tradition. This must be a deep satisfaction to him as well as to yourself.

I believe that the decision which I made not to re-assume the presidency of the Z.O.A. is a wise one. I feel that I can carry on in behalf of those principles in which I believe more effectively outside of that office. I should not be difficult for those of us who see eye to eye on future policies and program to agree on a good candidate who will carry on and with whom we shall all gladly cooperate.

I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

The question of the ZOA presidency has been solved this week in a somewhat unexpected manner in the unanimous endorsement, by the top leaders of the ZOA, of Mr. Daniel S. Frisch as the banner bearer for the next two years. This public endorsement by Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver automatically does away with all other candidates and practically amounts to the election of Mr. Frisch. But it also means, according to reliable information, that Mr. Frisch will not follow a different line of policy from that of the old administration, and that the fears that existed that the ZOA will turn reactionary under the new president are groundless. Mr. Frisch, his friends say, has changed with the new times, as did many other leading Zionists and Jews, with the emergence of the Jewish State, and he will not make any radical changes in the administration but will strive to unite all sections of the ZOA. There are even rumors that some members of the oppositionist "Progressive" Zionists will join the majority in voting for him.

An interesting report on Israel was given by Mr. Robert Gamzey, editor of the Intermountain Jewish News of Denver, who has just returned from a tour of Israel and stopped over in New York. Mr. Gamzey belongs to the younger type of American Jewish editors who are taking their journalism as a social responsibility, not merely as a source of income, and who are attempting to introduce American methods and American tolerance into the Jewish press in English. According to Mr. Gamzey, the prevailing mood in Israel now is that of optimism, self-confidence, self-assertion, bordering almost on expansionism. The average Israeli, native, old-timer, or new arrival, is convinced that there is nothing in the world that Israel cannot achieve militarily, economically, culturally and in every field of human endeavor. There is a certain cock-sureness about these people which might become dangerous, if it were not controlled and disciplined by a level-headed and progressive leadership.

The Israelis have a terribly wrong conception of American Jews. Most of them believe sincerely that the good and prosperous days of American Jewry are counted. Sooner or later there will be persecution and even pogroms in American and American Jews will have to look for refuge in Israel. They are so obsessed with the tragedy of Germany that they are certain that the Hitler process will be repeated in the U.S. For this reason they do not hesitate to demand that American Jews should transfer every thing that they have of their worldly goods to Israel before the pogroms start, in form of investments, contributions and skilled labor.

Religion does not play the important part in Israel as Mizrahi propagandists try to make believe. The average Israeli, native and immigrant, is completely indifferent to institutionalized religion. Only the Sabbath, Yom-Kipur and "Yizkor" (Memorial services) are generally observed. Otherwise the Synagogues are empty, or they are filled with old Jews, or with Jews from backward Arab countries who are becoming one of the difficult problems of Israel. A new and rather interesting theory prevails in Israel about religion, according to Mr. Gamzey, one which is best described in his words. "Over and over again", he said "you hear young people saying: 'Religion was necessary to keep the Jewish people together during two thousand years of Dispersion. Now, that we have the Jewish State and a land of our own, we do not need religion any more. Those old people who want it can have it, but it is not for us.'"

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver has confirmed his forthcoming resignation from the chairmanship of the American Zionist Emergency Council which he held since 1943. This is the third withdrawal from Zionist activities in the last few months by the famous Zionist leader. The first was his resignation from the Jewish Agency; the second was his withdrawal of the candidacy for the presidency of the ZOA. Now this. The Emergency Council itself is on the verge of being liquidated.