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MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional & District Presidents and Secretaries
Regional Directors

DATE:

August 20, 1948

National Executive Committee
FROM: National Administrative Council

RABBI JEROME UNGER

SUBJECT:

URGENT -- REPLACING ALL PREVIOUS NOTICES.

1. Pending further decision by the highest Zionist authority in the United States, the Zionist Organization of America will respond to the official request of the Israeli Permanent Supply Mission by undertaking through the ZOA Israel Equipment Project the major relief projects of procurement of food. It will also undertake other projects for non-embargo material as they are assigned to us by the Mission.

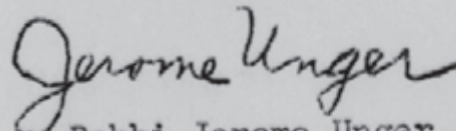
All problems that districts and regions may have, dealing with these projects, are to be cleared with the ZOA National Office which will continue to work in close cooperation with the Permanent Supply Mission. A committee consisting of two representatives of the Zionist Organization of America and two representatives of Materials for Palestine, Inc. will coordinate our joint efforts on the American scene.

In the collection of materials not included among those specified in the ZOA projects, the Districts and Regions of the ZOA are requested to continue to give full assistance to and facilitate the operations of Materials for Palestine, Inc. It is understood that Materials for Palestine, Inc. will make no direct approach to ZOA districts or regional offices, but will channel their requests through the national office of the ZOA.

2. The foregoing statement, for the time being and pending any further decision, resolves the confusion that may have existed regarding the collection and disposition of contributed materials for Israel carried on by ZOA members, committees, districts and regions.
3. All such materials as specified in Paragraph 1 of this release should be sent to ZOA warehouse facilities, c/o Trio Packing and Shipping Corp., 125-127 Carlton Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4. Please notify all your members at once. Be sure to clear all problems with the National Office.

Counting on your earliest endeavor in the best interest of Israel, I am

Sincerely,



Rabbi Jerome Unger
Associate Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional & District Presidents & Secretaries
Regional Directors
National Executive Committee

FROM: National Administrative Council

DATE: August 26, 1948

Rabbi Jerome Unger

SUBJECT:

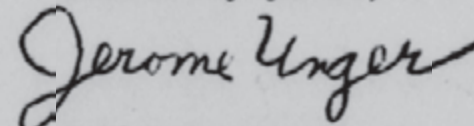
U R G E N T - Z.O.A. ISRAEL EQUIPMENT PROJECT

In my previous communication of August 20th I informed you that the Z.O.A. Israel Equipment Project had decided to respond to the request of the Israeli Permanent Supply Mission in the United States by undertaking the major relief project of procurement of food for Israel. I earnestly hope that our membership throughout the country will fully comprehend this great task and its urgency.

The Z.O.A. Israel Equipment Project has been in fact created in order to serve as a permanent instrument in the procurement of food, material and equipment for the people of Israel. The burdens of war are heavily pressing upon the shoulders of the heroic Yishuv and the Z.O.A. has decided to embark on a large scale ambitious program of aid for the civilian population of Israel through our Israel Equipment Project.

I further urge upon all of you to expand the activities of the project in your district, region, community or city. We shall send you shortly further lists of urgently needed equipment in Israel and further organizational directives. It is our firm decision to expand and strengthen our project so that it will indeed become a major and permanent branch of Z.O.A. activities.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Jerome Unger
Associate Executive Director

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RABBI JEROME UNGER

September 8, 1948

Dear Dr. Silver:

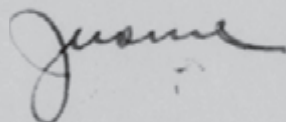
First, let me say welcome home.

Second, our National Executive Committee meets Saturday evening, September 18th, at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York. The National Administrative Council meets same place Sunday, September 19th. You are expected at both.

Third, Southwestern Region ZOA meets in Dallas, September 18th, 19th and 20th. Dr. Marcus Levinson of Houston, Texas states you promised to attend if at all possible. What are your plans regarding NEC and NAC meeting in New York on September 18th-19th; regarding Dallas, September 18th - 20th?

To save time and effort, please indicate on this memo. Mr. Barbarash can give it to me in the morning.

Fond regards,



JU:dh

September 9, 1948

Rabbi Jerome Unger
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Rabbi Unger:

I understand that as a result of an agreement reached with Materials for Palestine, the Z.O.A. undertook to procure food required by the mission which came here in behalf of the Israeli government. I would appreciate very much if you would let me know what has been done in this direction and how successful your campaign has been. Mr. Jacobson of the mission, with whom I spoke yesterday, indicated that as yet his mission has received nothing from the Z.O.A.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RABBI JEROME UNGER.

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To RABBI JEROME UNGER

Care of or Apt. No. ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Street and No. 41 EAST 42ND STREET

Place NEW YORK CITY

I SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE AT THE MEETINGS NEXT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

AIR MAIL Special

September 16, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th and Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was good to speak with you yesterday afternoon over the telephone. May I extend to you my warm personal greetings on your return home.

Just so that you may have the information before you, let me reiterate:

1. Regarding your telegram to Dr. Neumann on the Southwest Regional matter, I repeat this office did not promise you for Dallas this weekend. On the contrary, I warned them not to advertise your name because there was no commitment. They were willing to take the risk hoping for a miracle or at least an adequate substitute.

2. Regarding the ZOA food procurement project and agreement with Materials for Palestine, I am enclosing the two memoranda that were sent out to our people following the agreement which was negotiated during August.

It was our clear understanding that just as Materials for Palestine finds it necessary to accept money contributions for conversion into materials, in our procurement of food it will become necessary as a matter of practicality also to accept money contributions for conversion into food.

We are ready to move into high gear in a campaign for the procurement of food in conjunction with the American Zionist Fund campaign, using all of our tested and successful techniques. It is perfectly clear to all of us including Dr. Neumann that just as in the matter of materials and equipment only part of our contributions will be in kind. It was Dr. Neumann's suggestion that it would be highly useful if you could have a conversation with Mr. Morgenthau to the end that since he looks kindly on this practice in the matter of Materials for Palestine, he would look with equal kindness on the necessity for our following a similar pattern.

Over the weekend at the meeting of the National Executive Committee and the National Administrative Council, it will be possible for you and Dr.

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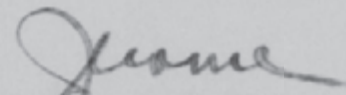
Dr. Silver

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Neumann as well as several others including Mr. Abe Goodman and Mr. Ben Doft to discuss this whole matter, which I am confident can be resolved satisfactorily.

With warm and affectionate greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Jerome Unger
Associate Executive Director

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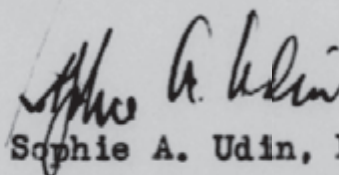
September 23, 1948.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

For the forthcoming Palestine Year Book, volume 4, I feel that your address at the Pittsburgh Convention will be a most suitable summation of the political situation of the last year. We are hereby enclosing a copy with a few editorial modifications. May I ask you to kindly go over it and return it to us so that we may include it in the forthcoming Palestine Year Book?

Very sincerely yours,



Sophie A. Udin, Editor

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Encl.

September 27, 1948

Miss Sophie A. Udin, Editor
Palestine Year Book
41 East 42nd Street
New Ycrk 17, New York

My dear Miss Udin:

I am returning herewith the copy of the address which you sent me. The one suggestion which I should like to make is (page 11) to put the Democratic platform, which had not been adopted at the time this address was delivered, in a footnote, stating that since this address was delivered at the Convention of the Z.O.A., the Democratic Convention met and adopted the following resolution.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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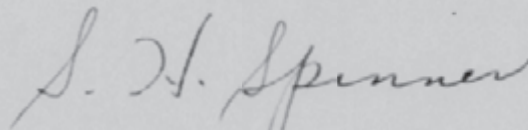
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

We have received your article for the Palestine Year Book, Volume 4, and wish to thank you very kindly for your cooperation.

Miss Udin is at present away in Israel and I expect her back by the end of November. I have notified her of the receipt of your article.

Very sincerely yours,



for Sophie A. Udin, Editor.

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October 14, 1948

Dr. Sidney Marks telephoned this morning and dictated the following to me in response to your telegram of October 12th:

This is a memorandum issued by Babbi Jerome Unger on August 20, 1948:

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

December 13, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

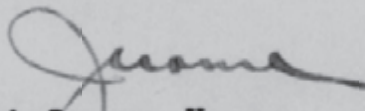
Dear Dr. Silver:

The following message from you was read at the Zionist Organization of America luncheon in honor of Morris Weinberg at the Hotel New Yorker in New York on Sunday, December 12, 1948:

"I join your host of friends in sending you warmest felicitations on the occasion when the Zionist leadership of the nation is extending to you well deserved tribute for the many years of outstanding service which you rendered to the cause of our people and the reestablishment of the State of Israel through the effective medium of a distinguished Yiddish press. In every grave political crisis you could be depended upon to speak the word of wisdom and courage and to arouse public opinion in defense of our historic rights. I wish you many more years of effective and satisfying labor."

Knowing that you will understand, I am, with kindest regards

Sincerely yours,


Rabbi Jerome Unger
Associate Executive Director

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DAY LETTER

JANUARY 28, 1949

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

MANY THANKS TO YOU AND THE STAFF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF
AMERICA FOR BIRTHDAY GREETINGS. I SALUTE ALL THE MEMBERS
OF THE STAFF OF ZOA FOR THE MAGNIFICENT WORK WHICH THEY
ARE DOING IN THIS CRITICAL HOUR.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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YOUR INVALUABLE LEADERSHIP OF OUR PEOPLE AND ITS
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ATTEND IF THEY CAN BE COUNTED WITH US PLEASE WIRE REPLY
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: March 11, 1949

FROM: Rabbi Jerome Unger

SUBJECT:

Mr. Jess Nathan, our energetic Director of the Seaboard Zionist Region, informs me that our Labor Zionist friends are moving into the whole general area along the Atlantic Seaboard and are seeking to influence our people.

In connection with this, the Labor Zionist Organization will hold a Regional Convention in Richmond, Va. on May 14th and 15th. This is something that they have never done before.

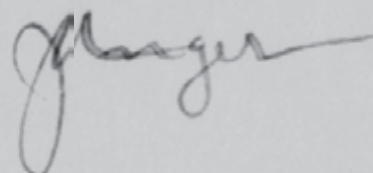
Among other weapons to combat their influence, Mr. Nathan is scheduling the Annual Convention of the Seaboard Zionist Region in Richmond, Va. on May 7th and 8th. Last year Dr. Neumann was the speaker. This year it is felt that it would be highly desirable if you would consent to be the speaker.

They do not want either Rabbi Miller or Mr. Frisch for obvious reasons; neither do they want Mr. Weisman.

All of this seems to make sense and I do think that it would be excellent for our cause if you could see your way clear to accepting this engagement.

Please do let me hear from you as quickly as possible about this.

Kindest personal regards.



JU:dh

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: March 16, 1949

FROM: Rabbi Jerome Unger

SUBJECT:

I have just checked the information on the matter of community-wide representation on the UPA Board.

The Eastern Central Region to which I referred in my conversation, entitled to two representatives, includes Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. The President of the Eastern Central Region is Mr. Julian Freeman, 77 So. Harding, Indianapolis, Ind. The Secretary of the Region is Mr. Maurice Pearlstein, c/o CJFWF, 435 Chester-12th Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Harry Shapiro informs me that Max Simon of Cleveland is probably the man who can do most for us in obtaining our objective in this regard.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept the invitation of the Seaboard Region for May 7th and 8th.

Fondest regards.

JU:dh

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learned that
method of
selection is
under discussion
by UPA Executive
at present &
its Committee of
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March 18, 1949

Mr. A. M. Luntz
Hanna Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Abe:

In connection with the representation on the U.P.A. for the Eastern Central Region which will be entitled to two representatives, I have been informed from New York that the President of the Eastern Central Region is Mr. Julian Freeman, 77 So. Harding, Indianapolis, Indiana, and that the Secretary is Mr. Maurice Pearlstein, the local field man of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, 435 Chester-12th Building, Cleveland.

It might be well for someone to speak to Pearlstein as to the desirability of putting the right kind of people on the Board. Among names which might be considered are those of Max Simon and Jerome Curtis.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

April 5, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just heard from Charlie Wolok, one of our best friends in Detroit, that Venetzky and his friends are still perpetuating the rumor of the \$300,000 taken from the UPA for Shekolim.

They use the subterfuge of employing the negative sense in that he says "Silver refuses to give a certified statement that \$300,000 was not taken from the United Palestine Appeal for the purchase of Shekolim."

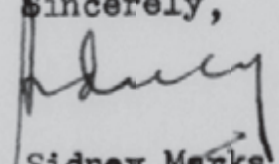
This was made to Charlie in the presence of Sobeloff, Louis Berry, Holzman and a few others at the Wonder Bar Restuarant in Detroit on Wednesday evening, March 30th.

Charlie Wolok is ready to blast this situation in Detroit by a public statement that if this thing can be proven, he is willing to give \$300,000 to the United Jewish Appeal.

I am calling this to your attention on behalf of Charlie Wolok and would appreciate your advices as to the procedure to be followed from this point on. It is a most disgusting and highly slanderous remark.

My affectionate regards.

Sincerely,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

P. S. Charlie Wolok can be reached in Detroit at Madison 4044 (7338 Woodward Avenue). Charlie Wolok would be willing to come into Cleveland and discuss it with you.

SM/M

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

THE TEMPLE
EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD
CLEVELAND, OHIO

April 7, 1949

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I plan to follow through with this matter and once and for all get this thing out into the open. Where did this figure of \$300,000 originate and what is this business about the purchase of Shekolim? I would like to know the full story so that when I speak to Mr. Wolok, I shall be clear as to exactly how to proceed.

With all good wishes, I remain

As ever yours,

Abba

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Via Air Mail

Dear Abba:

*I haven't the faintest idea —
unless it be the allocations
to the Confederation of General Zionists
— on the theory that thereby we
"bought" their support at the Congress.
A far cry! There's nothing else I know
about this. Emanuel*

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3701 W. Armitage Ave
Chicago, Ill

April 19, 1949

Mr. Charles Wolok
7338 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Friend:

Earlier in the month I heard from our mutual friend, Sidney Marks, that you informed him that "Venetzky and his friends are still perpetuating the rumor of the \$300,000 taken from the UPA for Shekolim". They use the subterfuge of implying the negative sense in that he says: "Silver refuses to give a certified statement that \$300,000 was not taken from the United Palestine Appeal for the purchase of Shekolim," and that this statement was made to you in the presence of Sobeloff, Louis Berry, Holzman and a few others in the Wonder Bar Restaurant in Detroit on Wednesday evening, March 30th.

Venezky, of course, is a liar if he made this statement, as is anyone else who makes it. The gentleman who first gave currency to this charge - the priority liar of them all - was compelled to retract in public. The Executive of the Jewish Agency unanimously repudiated that and similar charges. I don't know what you may wish to do about it in Detroit. There is no way really of stopping charlatans from circulating such rumors.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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April 19, 1949

Mr. Seymour Weintraub
3702 West Agatite Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Weintraub:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time.

I deeply appreciate the sentiments expressed by you, and I am greatly heartened by your words of confidence in me and in my work.

I am hoping that the forthcoming Convention of the Zionist Organization of America will implement the kind of policy which will carry on the victorious activities of American Zionism and will find the right people to assume the chief executive responsibility in the organization. I shall do all I can to help.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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S. J. ZACKS
185 Bay Street
Toronto 1

June 7, 1949

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver

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Hoping to see you soon and with kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Samuel Zack

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Samuel Hahn

SJZ/FH.



June 10, 1949

Mr. S. J. Zacks
185 Bay Street
Toronto 1, Canada

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your letter of June 7th. I enjoyed reading it very much, and I am heartened by the fact that you see things the way I do.

In the matter of the Jewish Agency, its work and its relationship to existing Zionist bodies, I do hope that I shall have the pleasure before very long to sit down and talk things over with you. There is much to talk over, I am sure.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Zacks and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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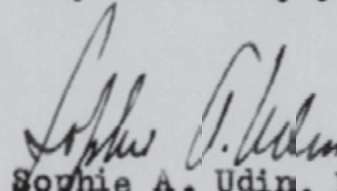
My dear Dr. Silver:

It gives me great pleasure to send you, under separate cover, the Fourth Palestine Year Book and Israeli Annual in which an article by you is included.

It is a source of deep gratification that the previous three Year Books are considered the standard reference book on Palestine and Zionism. It is my sincere wish that this year Book, dealing with Israel, will also serve a similar purpose.

With many thanks for your co-operation in making the Year Book what it is, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



Sophie A. Udin, Editor

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Return to Mr Silver

*World Conf.
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June 23, 1949.

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London, N.W.3.
England.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio,
U. S. A.

*Please return
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Since my return to London I have met with a number of our friends, attended a meeting of the Federation Executive and of the General Zionist Committee and felt that you might be interested in a summary of my findings:

a - With regard to the recent Annual Conference of the Zionist Federation, I have now ascertained that Brodetsky and the office staff had prepared a resolution for the General Zionist session **proclaiming** the allegiance of British Zionists ~~with~~ the "Progressives". This resolution was first brought before a meeting of the General Zionist committee a couple of days prior to the Conference. Our friends warned against it, but Brodetsky replied "maybe your 5% diehards will not be on our side, but the remaining 95% are ours". At the Session proper a battery of speeches from the platform had been organised in favour of the "Progressives" and the Chairman himself, Mr. Halevy, is a known socialist protagonist. Then followed 12 speeches from the floor, and 11 turned out to be in favour of neutrality and against taking sides. The trend of discussion was quickly turned towards the UJA; fund-raising became the keynote and the resolution was dropped without having been proposed.

b - There is general discontent throughout the country with the present form of General Zionism practised here.

c - It is clear that with the imminent departure of Brodetsky, even the mediocre front will disappear - not only in England, but in Europe. I have heard a suggestion that Brodetsky is aiming at the Presidency of Israel, and some people even believe that he stands a chance. This accounts for his announcement yesterday, that he will take less and less interest in the World Confederation in future.

d - Since the set-back is very apparent, a sub-committee was elected to work out plans for revived activity on the part of General Zionists in the fall. This is clearly to be preparatory to the proposed World Confederation Conference to be convened in the fall or winter - I believe in Paris - and, of course, to the Congress itself.

e - This does not, in itself, present a great danger because the brain behind everything is Bakstansky who has for years been clever enough to throw the General Zionists sufficient crumbs to keep them alive, but to withhold from them the food that would strengthen them. He has not changed and I therefore do not believe that he will go out

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of his way to make more than a minimum success of the proposed revival.

f - However, there is an impression among those craving for it - an impression fostered by a chance remark of Dr. Goldstein - that the "Progressives" will try and capture the entire ZOA next year, and the work of Haoved Hazoni is boosted beyond recognition.

g - Next Wednesday a meeting of the European Secretariat is to gather in Paris with Dr. Goldstein. I imagine that Brodetsky will wish to utilise this last opportunity to assure that some minor honours be bestowed upon Joseph Sagall. Fortunately Sagall is highly unpopular in this country, fell through for Vice-Presidency of the Federation, was hardly listened to at the Conference. But, of course, with the backing of Brodetsky he can go a long way, at least as far as the acquisition of titles is concerned.

h - on the issue of the autonomy of our national movements, Brodetsky yesterday spoke against it and he thought that opinion must be mobilised in time for the next Congress to outvote the suggestion.

i - I believe that the vacuum created by the following:

- 1). Withdrawal of funds from the States;
- 2). Natural division within the Confederation;
- 3). Continuous changes in the Paris office;
- 4). Brodetsky's departure;
- 5). Lack of interest on the part of British Zionists,

presents a good opportunity to make radical changes within the structure of European General Zionism.

j - A very simple decision will have to be taken in the United States, i.e. do American Zionists want to take over their rightful place as leaders of Galuth Zionism, or do they wish to withdraw into isolation? Especially with a view to the forthcoming Congress, the decision cannot long be withheld. But it will require the clear-cut basis you demanded in your Convention speech, otherwise the muddle will merely be perpetuated.

I expect to leave for Israel on Sunday and if there is anything I can do for you either during my five weeks' stay in that country, or on my way back in Paris, I need hardly assure you that I am always at your service. My address in Israel will be:

c/o Bodanoff, 63 Choveve Zion Street, Tel-Aviv.

Alternatively mail will always be promptly forwarded to me through my home address as above.

May I send you and Mrs. Silver the best of good wishes, and remain,

Very cordially yours,

Hannah Stein.

June 27, 1949

Miss Sophie A. Udin, Editor
Palestine Year Book
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Miss Udin:

I received the 4th Palestine Year Book, and I wish to congratulate you upon another very fine Annual to which we have all come to look forward because of its inclusiveness and authenticity.

I send you all my good wishes.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional & District Presidents & Secretaries
Regional Directors
National Executive Committee
FROM: National Administrative Council

DATE: August 26, 1948

Rabbi Jerome Unger

SUBJECT:

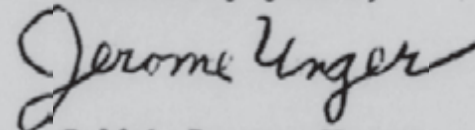
U R G E N T - Z.O.A. ISRAEL EQUIPMENT PROJECT

In my previous communication of August 20th I informed you that the Z.O.A. Israel Equipment Project had decided to respond to the request of the Israeli Permanent Supply Mission in the United States by undertaking the major relief project of procurement of food for Israel. I earnestly hope that our membership throughout the country will fully comprehend this great task and its urgency.

The Z.O.A. Israel Equipment Project has been in fact created in order to serve as a permanent instrument in the procurement of food, material and equipment for the people of Israel. The burdens of war are heavily pressing upon the shoulders of the heroic Yishuv and the Z.O.A. has decided to embark on a large scale ambitious program of aid for the civilian population of Israel through our Israel Equipment Project.

I further urge upon all of you to expand the activities of the project in your district, region, community or city. We shall send you shortly further lists of urgently needed equipment in Israel and further organizational directives. It is our firm decision to expand and strengthen our project so that it will indeed become a major and permanent branch of Z.O.A. activities.

Sincerely yours,



Rabbi Jerome Unger
Associate Executive Director

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