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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

September 5, 1950

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you the first draft of the statement on world Zionist issues which I have prepared for the next meeting of the ZOA Executive Committee. I am also returning the Paris Resolution and the other material which you were good enough to forward to me.

I shall, of course, welcome any comment that you may wish to make on the declaration.

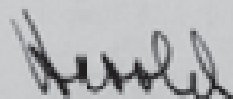
✓ The meeting of the ZOA Executive will take place on Sunday, September 17th, at 6 P.M. Shouldn't the Committee on Congress Affairs meet beforehand in order to ratify the text of our resolution and to discuss other pressing questions with regard to the Congress? If such a meeting takes place, you will be able to bring specific recommendations for immediate action before the Executive Committee.

✓ Torczynew tells me that he has received the following information which Emanuel sent from Paris and which I am passing on for whatever it is worth:

✓ It seems that Kol has informed French Zionist leaders that he received assurances from the President of the ZOA to the effect that half (no less!) of the ZOA delegation to the Congress will be composed of "Progressives." (I find it quite impossible to believe such a story, although I am sure that the French Zionists didn't make this up).

With all good wishes and warm regards, I am

As ever,

  
Harold P. Manson

HPM/pm

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The Zionist Organization of America, representing the largest sector of the Zionist Movement, makes the following declaration of its position on the world Zionist scene.

1 - The destiny and future structure of the Zionist Movement should be determined in accordance with the best interests of the entire Jewish people, to whom the Movement belongs, and not by the narrow viewpoint of any one political group. The current emphasis on party considerations in the fields of education, social and medical services, labor exchanges and the civil service has proved harmful to the Zionist Movement, to Israel and to the unity of the Jewish people. We re-state our vigorous opposition to this short-sighted and undemocratic approach and we reaffirm our determination to restore a World Zionist policy which will place the interests of the entire Movement above those of any single party.

2- The Zionist Organization of America is, as always, a General Zionist organization. We firmly believe that a great new effort, based on General Zionist principles, is today required in order to rescue our Movement from its present difficult situation. We are therefore resolved to strengthen General Zionism throughout the world.

3 - In order to give effective expression to our Zionist convictions, we shall work to ensure that General Zionist opinion is strongly and properly represented at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

4 - The principles of General Zionism have been best expressed in the program and activities of the General Zionist Organization in Israel (Histadruth Hasionia Haklalim), whose progress and growth we have observed with satisfaction. We recognize this party as the authorized spokesman for General Zionism in Israel.

5 - We deplore the fact that the so-called Progressive Group has not seen fit to respond affirmatively to the offers of unity which have been repeatedly put forward by the General Zionist Party. We continue to hope for the early re-entry of the Progressive Group into the General Zionist ranks and shall exert our influence in that direction. We find no validity whatever in the contention circulated by the Progressive Group that the General Zionist Party harbors social beliefs which are less advanced than their own. The platform and policies of the General Zionist Party are no less Progressive than those of the dissident group. We are confident that General Zionists throughout the world will not be misled by the labels which have been created by the Progressive Group without regard to the facts.

6 - The offices of the World Confederation of General Zionists, as presently composed, have demonstrated an unmistakable bias in favor of the so-called Progressive Group. This intolerable condition permits a small minority to exercise distinct advantages over the overwhelming majority of General Zionists. We are determined to remedy this situation without delay and to restore a proper balance within the Confederation. To that end we shall undertake a widespread educational program within the framework of the World Confederation of General Zionists, with the following aims:

- a) to ensure that the composition of the Confederation shall reflect the expressed will of the majority of General Zionists;
- b) to restore unity within General Zionism;
- c) to win mass support for the principles of General Zionism.

7 - We call upon our fellow General Zionists throughout the world to associate themselves with these aims and to join with us in working for their fulfilment.

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September 6, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you photostatic copies of a number of important items which appeared in the Israel press in connection with the Z.O.A. Convention. I have asked Mr. Isreeli to prepare a similar file of clippings from the local Yiddish press.

I have received the following memorandum from Carl Alpert: "As I told you the other day, there are a number of insistent requests that Dr. Silver address various meetings and conventions. From these I have culled the following which strike me as being the most important, and I wonder if you can ascertain if Dr. Silver would be in a position to accept any of these invitations:-

October 15th - Annual Convention of the Conn. Region,  
Stamford, Conn.

October 29th - Joint Fund-Raising Dinner and Regional  
Conference of the Northwest and Wisconsin  
Areas in Minneapolis.

I would appreciate any word you can get for me on these. I am sure you understand the need for an immediate decision so that proper plans can be made one way or the other."

Please let me know whether you are able to accept any of these invitations. I shall convey your reply to Mr. Alpert.

With warm regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself, in which Josie joins me, I am

As ever,

*Harold*

Harold P. Manson

*P.S. Barbarash just phoned to tell me that the 'New Palestine' had received an ad from the 'Jewish Spectator' reading: "Dr. Silver versus the Israel Government." He has thrown it out as libelous.*

*Israel Cannot Stand Alone • Strengthen Z.O.A. Membership*

Dr. Silver

For JTA

The full text of the statement of policy, adopted by the National Executive Committee of the ZOA on Tuesday evening by a vote of 54 to 7, was disclosed today. The declaration states:

"We note with satisfaction the remarkable growth and increasing strength of the Organization of General Zionists in Israel (Histadruth Hazonim Haklaliim), more especially in recent months and will continue to maintain close and fraternal relations with it in furtherance of common ideals and in the hope that it will fulfill its role as a great Center Party in the interest of stability and the harmonious collaboration of all constructive elements."



MINUTES OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ZOA  
HOTEL BILTMORE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1950.

PRESENT: Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy, President, Rev. Martin Adolf, Messrs. Sol Benamy, Max Bressler, Aaron Bronstein, Joseph Cherner, Harry Cohen, Sol Cohen, I.J. Caplan, Judge Henry Ellenbogen, Shoolem Ettinger, Louis Falk, Mendel N. Fisher, Irving Galt, Joseph Goldberg, Abraham Goldstein, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Abraham Goodman, Ellis Goodman, Judge Emanuel Greenberg, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Edward Hart, Samuel Jacobson, Max Labatznick, A.S. Kay, Leon Kay, Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, Paul Kaminsky, Edmund Koblenz, Philip Lassar, Jack Lefkowitz, Dr. Harris Levine, Dr. Marcus Levinson, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Jacob Lukashch, A.M. Luntz, Dr. S. Margoshes, Morris Margulies, Dr. Sidney Marks, Rabbi Irving Miller, David Moskowitz, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Abraham Redelheim, Philip Resnikov, Dr. Morton J. Robbins, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Jochanon Rudavsky, Milton Pollack, Milton Silberman, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rudolf C. Sonneborn, Moses Speert, Elihu Stone, William Sylk, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, Harry and Jacques Torczyner, I.S. Turover, Morris Weinberg, Ben Winick, Charles Wolf.

PRESIDING: Mr. Mortimer May, Chairman

The meeting was opened at 6:15 o'clock by Mr. May, Chairman of the National Executive Committee. In his remarks of welcome, the chairman referred to several items of unfinished business and matters of policy which he felt required further discussion. He suggested that NEC meetings be held more frequently to enable it to play a greater role in the affairs of the ZOA.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Sidney Marks, in his organization report, stated that the summer months had been utilized by all ZOA Departments in preparation of material for the year's activities. He announced the launching of a number of major Israeli projects for the ZOA as well as an expanded nationwide effort in the fields of membership, education and public relations.

Dr. Marks outlined the various techniques developed for an early membership enrollment. Regional conferences are being arranged at which all phases of the organization's activities will be presented and discussed. (He mentioned the wide variance in the amount of membership dues, ranging from \$5.00 to as high as \$25.00 in some localities.)

The Young Zionist Districts are expanding their activities and making satisfactory progress. All internal fund-raising has been combined into one effort through the ZOA Projects Fund, under the chairmanship of Louis Falk. The newly created Israel Projects Committee headed by Fred Mancosson has been effective during the summer months, resulting in the shipment to Israel of a large consignment of vital food supplies and machinery. Quotas have been assigned to regions and districts throughout the country, and in many communities campaigns are already in progress.

The ZOA House in Israel is taking shape, but has been hindered recently by a shortage of essential building materials. However, it is hoped that the House will be completed by the summer of 1951.

The ZOA Education Department is broadening its operations, to include the ZOA Book and Gift Shop and the proposed inauguration of a special radio program.

The ZOA American-Israel Information Service is working in cooperation with the Israel Office of Information in the compilation of essential data, photographs and recordings. The Service is also planning work-vacation scholarships for young Americans at the Magdiel Agricultural and Educational Institute at The Youth Village of Magdiel, Israel, now sponsored by the ZOA. The establishment of Chairs of Hebrew Studies at American universities is being explored.

Dr. Marks spoke of the forthcoming Maccabiad in Israel and thanked Dr. Morton Robbins for his efforts in enlisting support. Considerable financial contributions have been obtained in this connection by Zionists throughout the country and the ZOA has made a direct contribution of funds and food supplies.

Dr. Marks reported that Dr. Robbins, chairman of the American Zionist Youth Commission, and Abraham Redelheim, chairman of the Chalutzit Commission and Israel Trade Schools, Youth Villages and Colonies, were working on a wide program designed to draw in larger numbers of American Jewish youth.

The ZOA Economic Department headed by Albert Schiff and his co-chairman, I.S. Turover, is taking steps to stimulate private investment in Israel. Full co-operation is being extended by the ZOA to the PEC.

In concluding his report, Dr. Marks spoke of the important impact of the work of the Public Relations Department and The New Palestine headed by Ernest E. Barbarash. At this point, Rev. Martin Adolf presented an appropriate gift to Mr. Barbarash on behalf of the National Executive Committee, in tribute to his twenty-five years of devoted service to the ZOA.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

By a standing vote, resolutions were adopted expressing the organization's sorrow at the passing of Field Marshal Jan Smuts, South African statesman and life-long friend of the Zionist cause, and Judge Sidney Herold of Shreveport, La., devoted Zionist leader and former chairman of the Southeastern Zionist Region.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON JERUSALEM CONFERENCE

Mr. Browdy rendered a comprehensive report on the deliberations of the Jerusalem Conference held early in September, called by Prime Minister Ben Gurion, in which fifty leaders of the American Jewish community participated. The president referred to the conclusions of the conference which were embodied in a resolution unanimously approved by the delegates, at the closing session.

These decisions include: one, the continuation and strengthening of the United Jewish Appeal; two, that American Jews extend their fullest cooperation to raise one billion dollars through the sale of bonds in the U.S., if and when the Government of Israel decides to float such a loan; three, that more intensive effort be made both in America and Israel, to further private investment. Mr. Browdy stressed the fact that these decisions were arrived at and adopted only after a full exchange of views, with all present pledging every effort to achieve these objectives.

Referring to the deliberations leading up to the final conclusions, the president stated that in his opinion, the most important outcome of the Conference was the decision to continue the policy of unlimited immigration to Israel in

spite of the tremendous economic burden imposed on the country. This firm manifestation of the will of American Jewish leadership to keep the doors of Israel open is a great contribution, since it laid the foundation for a definite policy which will affect the fortunes of both Israel and the American Jewish community. The implementation of this decision was fundamentally the financial responsibility of Jewish communities outside of Israel; American Jewry must assume its full obligation.

Mr. Browdy pointed out that in his opinion, Israel is financially solvent and able to take care of itself. The present economic hardships of the Jewish State are due to the unprecedented multitudes of new immigrants already absorbed and the 600,000 expected within the next three years.

In the light of the situation confronting Israel and the action taken at the conference, the president announced that in his capacity as head of the ZOA, he had pledged that the organization's membership would respond wholeheartedly and exert maximum effort toward insuring the success of the UJA, private investment, and the bond issue if and when floated. He added that he was convinced that if the Government of Israel decided to float its first loan in the United States, and if the proper steps are taken to prepare Jewish public opinion for a great mass action, and if a substantial part of this mass action is entrusted to the ZOA, we should be able to reach out to the great masses of American Jewry. The president reported he had pledged that the ZOA would seek to sell one hundred million dollars of the bond issue within a three year period.

Mr. Browdy pointed out that the decisions of the Jerusalem Conference would have to be ratified by the various segments of American Jewry. These would come before the National Planning Conference when representatives of Jewish organizations meet in Washington at the end of October.

Mr. Browdy stated he had had a number of meetings with Prime Minister Ben Gurion during and after the Jerusalem Conferences, when he had reiterated his conviction that if the decisions arrived at were to be implemented successfully in the United States, they must have behind them the drive, energy and sacrificial devotion of the Zionists of America. The ZOA in particular, must be given a greater stake in aiding Israel. Mr. Browdy reported that this insistence had not been without results in Jerusalem.

The president told of his visit, together with American representatives, leaders of the Israel Government and the JNF, to the site selected for Kfar Truman, ZOA-JNF project, a village where 70 veterans of Israel will soon be settled on land donated by JNF.

Concluding, Mr. Browdy characterized the Conference as one that was essential in view of the urgency of the situation, and the need to raise the morale of the people of Israel. The ZOA, he emphasized, has an historic role to play in arousing American Jewry to the needs of the hour in Israel, and intensifying the mobilization of American Jewish resources. The existence of the Jewish National Home depends greatly on the American Jewish community; the duty of the ZOA has never been so manifest as it is today.

#### ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

The chairman called on other ZOA delegates to the Jerusalem Conference who rendered brief reports.



Abraham Kay: Mr. Kay spoke briefly, endorsing wholeheartedly the action taken at the Conference in recommending and approving the bond issue.

Dr. Harris J. Levine: Dr. Levine, chairman of JNF, stated he believed it had been essential that full support be given to the Conference resolutions subsequently adopted. He deplored the sense of pessimism which was indicated by some UJA leaders and felt it was important that the UPA and UJA be given more Zionist direction and that they more properly represent the Zionist point-of-view. Likewise, Dr. Levine concurred with Mr. Browly, that if the proposed bond issue were to be successful, it must be left in the hands of the Zionists who have given fifty years of devoted service to Israel.

The speaker stressed the fact that the strength of the ZOA will be judged only by the tangible influence it exerts on Israel itself, by the bridge established between it and Israel. He pointed to Kfar Truman and the ZOA House as two concrete examples of this type of necessary and practical influence.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann: Dr. Neumann preceded his observations with the statement that he had attended the Jerusalem Conference in response to a personal invitation and not as an official representative of the ZOA.

He outlined the background against which the conference was convened. He described the immediate precarious financial situation of Israel as well as some of its long-range needs and plans. He referred to reports of UJA representatives indicating a dangerous decline in UPA funds during the last two years, with Israel's allocations correspondingly reduced. Dr. Neumann discussed the current disquieting situation in Israel brought about as a result of recently imposed rationing. Against this background, he underscored the immediate, positive effect of the Conference which he said had gone a long way toward raising the spirit and morale of the people.

Discussing the overall economic picture, Dr. Neumann pointed to the disparity between imports and exports. He felt it would have been helpful if representatives of the business community of Israel had been invited to participate in this effort to solve some of the basic economic problems. Dr. Neumann expressed the view that the present economic crisis was not due solely to the ingathering of the exiles, but to other factors as well. He added there had been some misgivings expressed at the conference concerning the proposed loan as it was felt by some that it would hurt the prospects of the UJA. However, the needs of Israel were so urgent at this time, that the proposal to raise large sums of money through a bond issue was adopted.

The speaker warned that the ZOA must take its rightful place in these activities and be in the forefront of this new effort. He expressed the belief that the final outcome would be dependent upon the manner in which the decisions of the Conference were implemented here. The success of the loan lies in the mobilization of Zionist forces, its manpower, and the need to draw in new people from the outside not heretofore identified in the public mind with contributions. He urged that everything be done to assure that the correct approach is adopted in order that the ZOA and all Zionist forces may play their full share in this great effort.

Judge Morris Rothenberg: Judge Rothenberg, chairman of the UPA, outlined briefly the composition of the American delegation to the conference which, he said, was of a representative character including key people throughout the country associated with fund-raising activities and work in Israel.

The speaker then gave the background of the economic situation existing in Israel. He referred to information which had been given to him in this connection by leading authorities. He stated that he had been given to understand that Israel was financially solvent and that there has been an encouraging increase in Israel's agricultural and industrial output.

Judge Rothenberg discussed the present economic crisis brought about by the increase in immigration and the adverse trade balance. He believed that the low level of productivity and the enormous sums required for defense purposes were major contributory factors. He highly praised the courage and spirit of the people of Israel who were undergoing untold hardships for the future welfare of the country. An increase in dollars would help considerably to overcome this problem.

The speaker then drew a graphic picture of conditions in Israel growing out of the unprecedented immigration. He expressed confidence that American Jewry would meet its responsibility and raise the sums needed through the three point plan adopted in Jerusalem. Judge Rothenberg felt the decline in UJA funds was not necessarily due to those who administered the UJA, but to the fact that the leaders in various communities who have been at the head of campaigns for many years, have grown tired and were reluctant to give large contributions year after year. Furthermore, local communities were demanding larger sums for their particular needs.

Concluding his observations, the speaker pleaded that Zionists take the leadership in mobilizing manpower in its behalf. He expressed conviction that if the ZOA backs this program with enthusiasm and determination, the bond drive will be a great success and the ZOA will again assume its great position of moral leadership in the American Jewish community.

Mr. Rudolf Sonneborn: Mr. Sonneborn said that in retrospect, the Jerusalem conference was perhaps the most significant gathering held in Israel between American Jews and the Government since the establishment of the State, and that American Zionists could take full credit for that conference. He discussed some of the problems which were posed during the deliberations, particularly those relating to unlimited immigration and its relationship to the State's defense needs. He pointed out that the final figure arrived at of one and one-half billion dollars, of which \$500,000,000 was to be raised by Israel, had been accepted by all the delegates representing every phase of thought.

DISCUSSION: In clarification of some of the comments made by previous speakers, the President stressed the fact that Mr. Ben Gurion, in personal conversation with him, had emphasized the great need, now more than ever, of a strong ZOA. He quoted him as saying that, "We (Israel) are depending on you to do the job; we are waiting for you to come to Israel and do something for us. We will receive you with open arms."

A resolution was introduced by Dr. Morton Robbins, duly seconded, that the President's report be accepted with thanks, and approved.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Jacques Torczyner to divide the motion into two parts, namely, one, to accept the report, and two, to discuss separately the matter of the bond issue and ways and means of its implementation.

In the ensuing discussion, several speakers sought clarification on the position of the ZOA and its relationship to the proposed bond issue as well as the extent of its commitment.

Dr. Silver stated he was prepared to accept the President's report, which he commended, and to go along with a decision unanimously adopted in Israel, that if and when a bond issue is floated, American Zionists pledge themselves to take the leadership and do their maximum toward its success. However, Dr. Silver added he was not prepared to subscribe to a figure which is by way of a commitment and may or may not represent the strength of American Zionism. He said the ZOA might be putting itself in the position of appearing to represent only 10% of the pro-Israel forces in this country by undertaking to sell only \$100,000,000 of the bond issue.

The President replied that account must be taken of the fact that the total figure of one billion dollars includes funds to be raised by the UJA and private investment in the next three years. The \$100,000,000 to be subscribed through the ZOA refers only to the bond issue. Therefore, the total might be as high as 50% rather than the 10% mentioned by Dr. Silver.

Rabbi Miller suggested that the President present a program of activities for the ZOA at an early subsequent meeting of the NEC. This program should deal with the role of the organization in connection with the implementation of the resolutions of the Jerusalem Conference, covering not only the bond issue, but the UJA and private investment.

Other speakers approved the President's report, stressing the need for the ZOA to take the leadership in all fields of endeavor.

Dr. Silver then presented a resolution, seconded by Dr. Neumarn, embracing the highlights of the foregoing discussion. This resolution reads as follows:

"RESOLVED: That the National Executive Committee of the ZOA, approves the report of its President and pledges itself to take leadership and assume maximum responsibility in the furthering of the floating of a loan for Israel if and when the Government of Israel proceeds to launch it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the President be authorized to appoint a sub-committee of this body to give further study to this matter and report back to this body."

Judge Rothenberg's suggestion that the resolution include references to the other methods endorsed for raising funds, namely, UJA and private investment, was unanimously approved.

The resolution was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Mr. Harry Torczyner submitted a resolution which he said he believed was pertinent in the light of the acceptance of the President's report and against the background of the reports rendered by the other delegates. This resolution suggested that in view of the conclusions reached by the Jerusalem Conference calling for a new approach to the scope of cooperation between American Jewry and Israel, recommending certain changes in the fiscal policy of the Israel Government, such recommendations would enhance the success of the proposed campaign for the sale of bonds and efforts for intensified private investment in Israel.

After discussion, on motion of Morris Margulies, it was decided to refer consideration of this resolution to the committee to be appointed by the President as provided for in the previous resolution.

Due to the sudden illness of Judge Rothenberg, the meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Sidney Marks, Secretary

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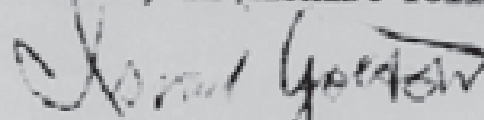
Dear Chaverim:

We are enclosing a suggested platform of the World Confederation of General Zionists in connection with the 23rd Zionist Congress in Jerusalem.

Many requests have come to us for such a platform. While it has not been feasible to call a special platform session of our World Confederation for the official acceptance of a platform, I have been in consultation with the leading sections of our Confederations and have accordingly drafted the enclosed platform which represents a consensus of opinion.

It is at your disposal to be used and publicized.

Yours, in Zionist fellowship,



Dr. Israel Goldstein,  
Chairman



WORLD CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS  
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### GENERAL ZIONIST PLATFORM

#### Twenty-Third World Zionist Congress

#### PREAMBLE

The establishment of the State of Israel constitutes a momentous turning point in the evolution of the Zionist Movement. Israel itself, which represents the fruition of the primary goal of Zionism, enters its third year of independence beset by problems of a magnitude unparalleled in the history of nations. It is straining to cope with an overwhelming economic burden imposed on one hand by the mass immigration pouring daily through its harbors and on the other hand by the necessity to maintain adequate military defense. As a result, a complex series of political, sociological and cultural difficulties have inevitably arisen to burden the new state in its arduous task of nation-building.

It is evident that Israel cannot meet its great obligations unaided. It is, moreover, evident that, although it is incumbent on all Jews to participate in rendering Israel moral and material support, the World Zionist Organization should mobilize and administer this historic Jewish effort. The World Zionist Organization, representing as it does the organized masses of Jewry, who for over a half century have been deeply concerned with Zion, must continue to be that channel through which the Jewish people can strengthen the state and make possible the ingathering of all who would enter there and live.

The twenty-third World Zionist Congress must address itself to fulfilling immediately vital functional and structural requirements with dynamic force which can effectively meet the drastically altered situation which has been brought about by the emergence of the independent State of Israel. It must make whatever changes may be necessary in its structure, composition and methods to promote maximum success in its great and unfinished tasks.

#### STRUCTURE, FUNCTION AND STATUS OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

To accomplish its mission, the World Zionist Organization must retain the maximum of autonomy necessary to preserve its character as the primary instrument for the rebuilding of the land and the people.

It must have specific functions in Israel, clearly defined and effectively implemented through close consultation with the Government of Israel and through effective cooperation in those areas where a working partnership must be established.

It requires certain official rights, privileges and status recognized by the State of Israel since it represents the broadest existing base for organized Jewish support of Israel.

#### THE SUPREME ZIONIST OBLIGATION

While legitimate party differences and organizations do exist among Zionists in the Diaspora and Israel, that great common goal which has united

them in the World Zionist Organization must remain constantly in sight. We deplore, and will continue to oppose, all party differences which tend to interfere with or hamper the total effort to strengthen the state economically, promote its general welfare and enhance its position among the nations.

The activities and responsibilities of the two great national funds, the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth, as long as they continue to operate, must retain high priority on the part of all Zionist parties in the execution of the mutual demands of Zionism. All parties should subordinate their individual prerogatives and demands to the common overall effort.

### PARTIES

We reaffirm the natural right of Zionists holding profound convictions regarding the physical and spiritual development of the State of Israel to propagate their views. While it is clear and indisputable that only citizens of Israel can effect through the vote the nature of their government, parties outside of Israel have the right to bring their influence to bear upon those who represent their point of view in Israel. Zionism must remain a dynamic and vital movement, a movement concerned with ideas and ideals, policies and program, if it is to fulfill the great goal of the Jewish people. Zionists outside of Israel who are being asked to express in concrete terms their support for that state, may, by the same token, retain the moral right to their opinions and to associate with others who hold like views.

### GENERAL ZIONIST PRINCIPLES

The basic principle of General Zionism is the priority of the interests of the movement, nation and state over the particular interest of any class, group or individual.

General Zionism follows the road of the center, the course of moderation.

General Zionism wants to see in Israel a democratic society based on absolute freedom and equality for its citizens, without distinction as to social or economic class or estate, race, sex, language and political or religious affiliation. It should draw upon all creative and constructive forces in promoting the common good.

In defending and upholding the major interest of the movement and the state it is opposed to domination or abridgement of the rights of any individual or group by any other individual or group.

It seeks a balance between the extremes of right or left by exerting a moderating influence on both.

It recognizes the achievements of private, cooperative and collective enterprise in the upbuilding of the state in the past and their potential roles in the future.

While it respects the rights of labor for full equality of employment, to bargain collectively for better working conditions and compensation, to safeguard its gains and security, it believes in the encouragement of private capital and initiative as indispensable to the economic development of the country. General Zionism aims to make available increasing opportuni-

ties to private investors whose initiative, capital and managerial skill are essential for the growth of the state and the absorption of its new and old citizens. It believes that both national and private enterprise are necessary to the development of the economy.

It respects the traditional religious values of Judaism, but is opposed to the imposition of the tenets of any one trend upon the rest of the population or to interference with the rights of the individual with respect to observance.

#### REPRESENTATION IN THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND THE SHEKEL

We recognize the shekel as the historic and traditional symbol of Jewish survival, of Jewish unity, of individual Jewish responsibility towards the Jewish people, and as the token of adherence to the World Zionist Movement, but recognize that its use as the certification of registration and representation to the World Zionist Congress needs certain revisions.

Concerning the distribution of mandates for each constituent body of the World Zionist Organization, the members of General Zionist bodies which constitute the largest group in the World Zionist Organization, believe it unjust that individuals whose only affiliation with the Zionist Movement is through the casual purchase of an annual shekel are accorded commensurate rights and privileges with those affiliated with permanent membership bodies which carry on organized activities and assume Zionist responsibilities throughout the year. Steps must be taken by the Congress to rectify this disproportionate strength accorded to the casual shekel holder.

Moreover, we hold that the double vote of the Israeli shekel payer should now be abolished. Happily the Yishuv is no longer small and can be amply represented in the councils of the Zionist Movement without special privileges. It enjoys active participation in the Government of Israel which has sovereign powers. Therefore, the continuance of the double shekel for residents of Israel will defeat the key objects of the World Zionist Organization, which are to maintain the active participation of Diaspora Zionists in the movement with responsibilities commensurate to their numbers.

#### EDUCATION

General Zionists outside of Israel are determined to strengthen the efforts of all General Zionists in Israel in their efforts to eliminate or at least reduce party divisions in the public school system. We believe that the continued introduction of partisanship in the teaching of the young will only obstruct the effort to produce a generation united in the higher interests of the nation itself. General Zionists deplore the perpetuation of political influence in the national school system and vigorously oppose it as contrary to the principles of democratic education.

General Zionism stands for the development of a genuine public school system based on compulsory, free and universal education, unified under government regulation for all children in Israel. Due regard for traditional Jewish values and modern social concepts should be basic principles of that system.

Jews outside of Israel have a direct and profound interest in the structure of the Israel school system, since the present party divisions in education will seriously undermine the sense of unity of the Jewish people.

#### ECONOMIC SYSTEM

General Zionism recognizes the validity and worth of private, cooperative and collective enterprises in the development of the State of Israel. It encourages the continued influx of rational funds as the first lever for penetrating areas and enterprise not likely to attract private capital, and to act as a means for the inducement of private capital to follow.

It demands equality of opportunity for the development of all sectors of the economy, and is vigorously opposed to the concentration of economic powers or the exercise of monopolistic tendencies in the hands of any one sector.

The economy should be so planned and regulated as to benefit the overall growth of the state, protecting and assisting the development of all enterprises consistent with that goal.

Economic enterprises and public services of a vital character, such as public utilities, health insurance, etc., should be subject to full state ownership or control, and not that of any party, class or interest.

General Zionists who were the first to recognize the urgency of the need for private initiative in Israel, will increase their activities in this field. General Zionists insist upon the furtherance and implementation of an economic policy and climate in Israel which will promote maximum encouragement for the influx of large amounts of private capital as the most effective means of alleviating the present severe economic situation and enhancing the country's maximum absorptive capacity.

#### IMMIGRATION

Since a cardinal tenet of Zionism is the right of every Jew to immigrate, settle and work in Israel, the essential primary care of those immigrants who require financial and other assistance should be carried on under the direct aegis of the supreme and overall Zionist authorities, on a basis of equality for each and every newcomer, and not by the parties or their agencies.

#### CIVIL SERVICE

General Zionism believes that to serve the Zionist Movement in Israel and throughout the world as an official is an honor which must be tendered only to one who is worthy of it by virtue of human or professional qualifications. He must be protected from undue influence other than that of the overall interest in the exercise of his duties, and must be given opportunity for advancement on the basis of performance and service.

We are opposed to the appointment of Zionist administrative officials on the basis of party affiliation, or "party key," which would provide livelihood only for party members on the basis of their party's strength in the movement.



We favor the setting up of fair and equitable civil service examinations, standards and appointments on the basis of merit, not party influence.

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We call upon General Zionists in every country of the world to exert their great influence in the councils of our movement, to utilize their position as the largest single group in the World Zionist Organization in molding the movement into the potent force which enabled it to accomplish objectives against apparently insurmountable odds, under extraordinarily difficult conditions, and in the face of heavy opposition.

In this great effort, General Zionists have ever been in the vanguard. General Zionists must continue to take the initiative. They must rally about them the forces who strive to assure the most sound and rapid development of the State of Israel, making it possible for Israel to open its doors for the largest number of immigrants, to absorb them economically and productively, and guarantee equal opportunity and common responsibility for all Jews in Israel and in the Zionist Movement.



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September 18, 1950

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

4725 BETHESDA AVENUE  
BETHESDA 14, MD.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am appealing to you again for your aid so necessary to revitalize Zionist activities in the Seaboard Region.

As stated to you yesterday, our people simply do not want to consider holding this Conference without your presence as our honored guest and principal speaker.

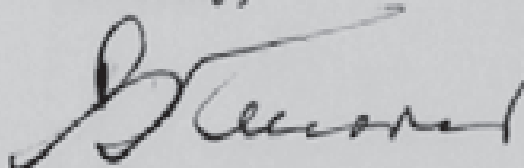
In order to make your presence possible, we have set another tentative date, namely, the weekend of November 4-5, with the closing banquet at which we hope to have you speak scheduled for Sunday evening. We are, of course, entirely ready to change this schedule so as to suit your convenience. If necessary, we would arrange the major event for Saturday evening, or anytime during Sunday, if this will suit you better and facilitate your presence with us. If this weekend is not suitable, we would also be entirely willing to change same to another weekend in November.

As stated in my previous communication, we expect a splendid attendance of our leading Zionists from six states, who are all eagerly hoping for a message from you. The people are confused, and they need and demand the kind of enlightenment that only you can so amply and inspiringly give them. The questions discussed last night at the National Executive Committee meeting, and particularly so the sentiment expressed by our young friend from Indianapolis clearly showed how badly we need your leadership and your more frequent appearances before the masses.

I am fully cognizant of the terrific demands being made on you and the heavy load you are carrying, but nevertheless I am presuming to ask you for this favor in the interest of a revitalized and dynamic Zionism in our territory. We sorely need your help, and we trust that you will find a way to give it to us. Many, many thanks for your consideration.

Most cordial regards.

Sincerely,



I. S. Turover

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September 25, 1950

Mr. I. S. Turover  
Zionist Organization of America  
3147 Sixteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington 10, D. C.

My dear Friend;

I deeply appreciate your kind invitation to address the Seaboard Zionist Region Conference. My common sense tells me to decline the invitation because of my terrific pressure of work. I have already so many commitments for the coming season that I really ought not to accept any more, but I cannot decline an invitation from I. S. Turover, and so I shall make every effort to be with you on Sunday evening, November 5th. I shall have to be in my own pulpit that morning which means that I can come to Washington only by air. If the planes do not fly that day, I am sure your good people will fully understand.

Please let me know more details about the meeting. I should like to make a request which I have been forced to make in recent years from all organizations where I am scheduled to speak. They are in the habit of using the occasion when I am scheduled to speak to put on the program quite a number of other speakers and using me at the end. I should like to be put on the program around nine o'clock so that I can get through with my part of it before ten o'clock, and if necessary, leave at that time. I am sure that you will understand.

I would appreciate if you would let me have a copy of the full program a week or so in advance of the meeting.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Turover for a very Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

September 25, 1950

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

My dear Mr. Auerbach:

My attention has been drawn to your article in the Jewish Morning Journal of September 24th purporting to be a report of what transpired at a meeting of the Executive of the Z.O.A. on September 17th. In this article you state that Mr. Harry Toroszyner made a motion that the government of Israel should be called upon to change its economic policies, etc., and that I "as was to be expected" supported the resolution. This is not correct.

My motion was that Mr. Toroszyner's resolution be referred to the committee which had been voted earlier in the evening, which was to concern itself with all questions relating to three matters discussed at the Jerusalem conference and reported on by President Browdy and others - the U.J.A. Appeal, private investments, and the bond issue. I made it very clear - and it was so understood by everyone - that referring Mr. Toroszyner's resolution to the committee did not carry with it any endorsement or approval on the part of the Executive. The purpose of my motion was to avoid the very long, somewhat heated, and premature discussion which actually took place because of the insistence on the part of a few that such a motion should not even be referred to a committee, but should either be tabled or withdrawn. The committee which was to consider Mr. Toroszyner's resolution could take whatever action it wanted on it, or no action at all, and its recommendations would under any circumstances have to come up before another meeting of the Executive for approval.

My purpose in writing to you is to request you to make a correction in your paper of your statement that "Dr. Abba Hillel Silver supported the resolution, as was expected".

There are a few other inaccuracies in your article, which it is not my purpose at this time to enter into.

With all good wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to thank you most heartily for your very kind and generous letter of September 25, which gave me a tremendous lift in all directions. I promptly wired my reply as follows:

"JUST RECEIVED YOUR LETTER AND AM OVERJOYED BY PROSPECT OF HAVING YOU WITH US AT OUR SEABOARD CONFERENCE. I CAN'T BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH THIS MEANS TO ME PERSONALLY IN THE WAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND HOW INCALCULABLE YOUR AID WILL BE IN OUR EFFORTS TO FASHION A REVITALIZED REGION AND PROGRAM. WE ARE FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE GREAT PERSONAL SACRIFICE INVOLVED ON YOUR PART AND WE WILL NATURALLY CHEERFULLY COMPLY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT WITH YOUR WISHES AS TO THE TIMING OF YOUR ADDRESS. FURTHER WE ARE IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDING TO MAKE SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE FLIGHT RESERVATIONS FOR YOU FROM WASHINGTON TO NORFOLK AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 5. AGAIN MY HEARTIEST THANKS AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A GOOD YEAR AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY FOR YOURSELF AND FAMILY. ABOVE ALL MAY PROVIDENCE CONTINUE TO REPLENISH THE STRENGTH THAT YOU ARE SO FREELY SPENDING FOR ISRAEL AND ALL HUMANITY. MOST AFFECTIONATELY AND RESPECTFULLY. ISADOR TUROVER."

Aware of your own sacrificial effort, I wish to assure you on behalf of all my colleagues that we will do everything possible to assure the holding of a type of Conference that would really merit your attendance and address. With this in view, I am working hard to crystallize the full program at the earliest possible date so as to be in position not only to send you a copy of the printed program a week or so before the Conference, but actually submit same to you for any suggestions before same goes to print. We would also prefer, of course, to mention on the program the topic of your talk.

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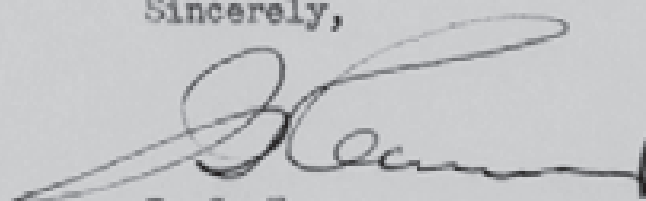
We are circulating the welcome news of your acceptance to the entire leadership of the Region and Districts, and we are calling a special meeting of the Conference Committee for next Thursday to discuss the outline of the program. Immediately thereafter we will send you the initial rough outline of same with a list of our other invited guests.

As previously advised, the three largest communities in the Tidewater Virginia area, namely, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News, are acting as hosts for this Conference, and the setting in the Jewish Suburban Country Club of Portsmouth, Virginia, is an ideal one for this type of conference. Your gracious acceptance makes sure an overflow attendance.

Our entire membership looks forward to your being with us, and I wish to thank you again in their behalf as well as on my own for your wonderful cooperation.

Most cordial regards to yourself and your family.

Sincerely,



I. S. Turover

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October 2, 1950

Mr. William Zukerman  
Jewish Newsletter  
880 West 181st Street  
New York 33, New York

My dear Mr. Zukerman:

In the issue of your "Jewish Newsletter" of September 29th there is a paragraph, "After-Thoughts on the ZOA Conference". Your information is evidently derived from an article written by Mr. Ephraim Auerbach in the "Morning Journal" of September 22nd. It is unfortunate that one has to report on a meeting which he did not attend on the testimony of another reporter who himself likewise did not attend the meeting. I am enclosing herewith copy of the letter which I addressed to Mr. Auerbach.

Your statement concerning "a resolution made at the meeting calling upon the Israeli government to modify its economic labor policies....had the support of the powerful group led by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver" is entirely erroneous, and likewise, your statement that the resolution was defeated. The resolution which was introduced was, at my suggestion, referred to a committee which had been previously appointed to consider all matters which have to do with the proposed loan, private investments and with the UJA. And it was clearly understood that the Executive Committee refrain from expressing any opinion on the merit of the resolution by referring it to the Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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# JEWISH NEWSLETTER

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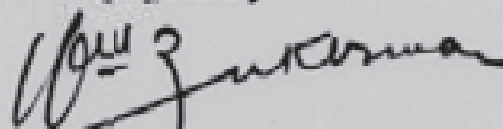
Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you for your letter of 2 October which we  
read with care.

As you surmised, our comment was based on Auerbach's  
article, as we stated, and, like him, we will make a correction  
of fact in a forthcoming issue of the Jewish Newsletter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



P.S. May I draw your attention to the article on the Bund  
in this week's issue of the Jewish Newsletter. I think the  
subject will interest you, although I cannot hope that  
you will agree with me entirely.

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NEWSLETTER

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Oct. 12th, 1950

Dr. Hillel Silver.  
The Temple,  
Cleveland.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I trust that the marked  
item in this week's issue of the Jewish  
Newsletter is a satisfactory retraction.

Sorry to have been misled by an  
erroneous report.

Yours very sincerely

*William Zuckerman*

DANIEL FRISCH  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

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New York, N. Y.

May I take this opportunity to remind you of your kind pledge that you made during the time when our late friend, Daniel Frisch, was alive, for the sum of \$1,000.00, for the Zionist House in Israel; also of the pledge that I understood the district made for the sum of \$5,000.00.

We are now getting ready for the plaques to be in the building as we are now trying to complete the House by March, 1951. I would appreciate it, therefore, if you would be kind enough to advise us when we may expect your personal check as well as the check for the district, so that we will be able to make out the plaques for the House.

(Committee in Formation)

**Secretary**

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If you cannot make it in one payment, it could be made in smaller payments, or any other arrangements that you wish or desire to make for yourself or the district. If you have any suggestions, we will be only too glad to hear from you.

With personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours

Fred Monosson  
Chairman

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Please reply to:  
712 Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

### A New Blow to ZOA

The long heralded reorganization of the United Jewish Appeal and of the entire machinery of fund raising for Israel has now been officially confirmed. The chief features of the re-organization are that Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Secretary of the UJA and storm center of the last few years, steps out (or up) from the UJA. With him Mr. Henry Morgenthau also resigns from the chairmanship of the UJA. Mr. Montor does not, however, leave Israeli fund raising, but will take over the bigger task of floating the loan for Israel which was decided upon in Jerusalem last Summer and which will be officially launched in Washington on October 27th. Dr. Joseph Schwartz, European Director of the American Joint Distribution Committee is expected to take over Mr. Montor's position as head of the UJA.

These are the outstanding facts of the re-organization, but it is not yet clear what is behind them and what is their significance apart from the shifting of men and the changing of names. But a few revealing impressions can already be reported by observers who know the situation. One is that the appointment of Montor came as a shock to most American Zionists for it is learned that none of the Zionist parties were consulted. It is true that there were rumors that Montor was being considered for the job, but few took them seriously. For it was obvious that the appointment of a controversial figure like Montor would only exacerbate differences at a time when the unity of the entire American Zionist movement is more than ever essential for the success of the huge loan. The fact is that all American Zionists are now eager to make a success of the billion-dollar campaign. They realize the critical situation in which Israel finds itself now and they are eager to help her get over the crisis. Lately, they even took a number of steps in the direction of composing differences. The appointment of Montor will be hard to swallow. Already disappointment is keen in Zionist circles and the dissatisfaction may gather into a storm. There are persistent rumors that cable protests were sent to the Israeli leaders against the appointment. It is even expected that the pressure against the appointment will grow big enough for Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, who is coming here next week, to reverse the appointment in the interest of unity.

A second point is raised by Dr. Samuel Margoshes, an official Zionist spokesman (Tog, October 10th). He asks: Why was the Washington Conference, which is to implement the new reorganization plan, called by a new body, "The National Planning Conference", and not by the UJA, or UPA, or other existing fund raising bodies which are so well known to the American Jewish public? Behind this question lurks a doubt evidently troubling the minds of leading American Zionists, whether the entire reorganization scheme is but a maneuver to do away with the UJA altogether and to replace it by some new body, such as the "Friends of Israel"? Such a move, which seems plausible enough to the average non-Zionist American Jew, seems however, to awaken doubts and fears among American Zionists that they are being quietly removed from the scene in fund raising, as they have already been removed from political and other activities. In any event, the new reorganization plan does not seem, at first glance, to eliminate the differences and friction which have existed between the American Zionists and the leaders of Israel ever since the emergence of the new state. It may even exacerbate the relationship between the two more than ever before. It is, certainly, a new blow to the ZOA.

[Oct. 13, 1950]

### Revolutionary Economic Changes in Israel

The recent report of drastic changes in the economic policy of the Israeli government allowing greater freedom of capitalistic enterprise reveals an economic situation in Israel more somber than ever before. For, in order to draw in desperately needed capitalist investment, the new reforms throw into the discard fundamental principles of the socialist government and even of Zionism as it has been maintained for decades. By the terms of this new economic policy special concessions are being made to export businesses. There is an increase in bonuses for export. Manufacturers who produce for the domestic and foreign market will be permitted to raise domestic prices if they have a loss in exports. Foreign investors will be able to take out more than the present 10% of foreign currency profits. Transfer of capital in the form of goods will be permitted. Special shops will be maintained for tourists where purchases will be unrestricted if paid in foreign currency. And there will be appeals for loans and foreign investments from abroad. However, the most revolutionary and striking change is in the plan to sell urban government land to private buyers. This conflicts to the point of negation, with the socialist dogma of the nationalization of land and with the Zionist tenets of a Jewish National Fund as owner and custodian of property in the name of "The Jewish people".

### Post War Anti-Semitism in France

The first truly alarming report of the rise of new post war anti-Semitism comes this week from two of the most reliable Jewish news sources -- The Jewish Chronicle of London and the Morning Journal of New York. The Paris correspondent of both newspapers reports that the capitol of France seems to have become a new anti-Semitic propaganda center which is reminiscent of Goebbels and Streicher who evidently left a deep impression on certain strata of French society. Paris now has a number of anti-Semitic newspapers, magazines and books which have a considerable reading public in the capitol as well as in the provincial cities. The unique feature, however, of the present anti-Semitic revival is to be found in the success of several anti-Semitic films and plays. One such play, "Next Year in Jerusalem", is running at the fashionable Studio des Champs Elysee after winning honors and even a state subsidy at a recent competition for young theatrical companies. The plot of the play, as described by the Chronicle correspondent, is laid in a "Kvutza" in Israel and is the most puerile glorification of an "Aryan" hero who is persecuted by the Jews and loved by an Arab girl because he is "different from my people and from the Jews; your skin is fresh and you smell good". Other anti-Semitic successes in Paris are a film, "The New Owners", and a revival of the Nazi film, "Jew Sues". Jewish organizations have made protestations to the French authorities, but so far the interventions have ended in failure.

### Rabbi Silver Corrects a Misstatement

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver has asked this writer to correct a misstatement of fact ascribed erroneously in a report in the Morning Journal and commented upon in these columns (Afterthoughts on the ZOA Conference, September 29). Dr. Silver denies that he supported a resolution by Mr. Harry Torczyner that the government of Israel should be called upon to change its economic policies. Dr. Silver merely moved to refer the motion to committee. "The purpose of my motion", he writes, "was to avoid the very long, somewhat heated, and premature discussion which actually took place because of the insistence on the part of a few that such a motion should not even be referred to a committee, but should either be tabled or withdrawn. The committee which was to consider Mr. Torczyner's resolution could take whatever action it wanted on it, or no action at all, and its recommendations would under any circumstances have to come up before another meeting of the Executive for approval."

Mr. Jacques Torczyner, President of the Manhattan Zionist Region, who also sent in a denial of the report, added: "The motion to pledge the support of the Z.O.A. for a bond drive was passed unanimously. The motion asked to study conditions which would make the confidence of the American investor greater, was not put to a vote but was referred to a special committee. Dr. Silver did not endorse or reject the motion. The atmosphere of the meeting was 90% behind Dr. Silver who for the time being and I hope for many years to come will be unable to be beaten within the Z. O. A."



## A JEWISH DIARY

### The Jewish Woman

Several months ago, the English-Jewish press of this country was agitated by the story of a unique "sit-down" strike of Jewish women in the Great Synagogue of Louisville, Kentucky. The women struck in protest against their segregation from their men in the Synagogue as provided by Orthodox "Torah Law." They demanded the right to be seated with their husbands and sons during the service as is the custom among every civilized people. When this was refused again and again, they declared a "strike" and stopped the Sabbath services for several weeks in succession until their demand was granted. A similar incident which, however, ended differently, has occurred now in far-away Johannesburg, South Africa. There, a number of Jewish women belonging to an important Jewish organization, the Burial Society, and, incidentally, running its entire relief department, demanded the right to stand for office in the Executive Committee of that organization. Johannesburg Orthodox Jews were horrified by the demand even more than were the Orthodox men of Louisville. The women were told to remember their position, not to try to do a "man's" job and not to aspire to be like their superiors. They were shouted down, insulted publicly, and their motion was defeated. The meeting ended in "one of the most shameful public scandals ever known in Johannesburg" as it was described by the Jewish press of that city.

One need not despair however over this or similar reports which are now coming from different parts of the Jewish world and especially from Israel, where the "Torah" Law has been re-inforced for the first time in modern history by the power of the State to impose its tenets by civil law. One does not necessarily have to be a prophet to be able to foretell that the latest incidents in Johannesburg and in Israel are not the last words on the subject and that Jewish women the world over will be equal with men even as the non-Jewish women are. And this for a number of simple reasons. Firstly, Johannesburg and Tel-Aviv are not Shnipeshok or Slobodka (tiny Ghetto towns in Lithuania). They are in the Western world where women have fought for and won equality with men. Jewish women will be no exception. Secondly, the Ghettos of Eastern Europe, where Jews lived in isolation in accordance with the "Torah Law", are a thing of the past. Jewish men and women now live under modern Anglo-Saxon law which recognizes that if woman is good enough to be man's mother and wife, she is good enough to be his equal in political, economic, social and religious life of the community. Jews—at least in Western countries—cannot isolate themselves and live under laws of their own which keep their women in an inferior status.

But beyond these, there is one other reason—less known but more valid—why the women of Johannesburg, and even of Israel, will eventually have their equality if they really want it. This is because the so-called "inferiority" of women proclaimed by the Torah is a mere religious myth which has not existed in Jewish life for hundreds of years. Everyone who knows anything about Jewish history—the life and character of the people—knows that despite the fact that every Orthodox Jewish male begins the day by thanking God that He has not made him a woman, it is the Jewish woman who has historically and in practice, been the more important member of the family and of the community. Throughout the Middle Ages and down to the beginning of the Twentieth century, the Jewish woman of the Ghetto was not only the mother who raised the family, the wife and housekeeper, but she was also, especially in the case of the middle-class, the provider of the family. She kept the store and inn; she traded in the market; she handled the rough peasants and dealt with the nobility; she worked on the land whenever that was permissible, tending the garden, milking the cows and performing most of the tasks which were performed mainly by men in the Western countries. The Jewish man, owing to the numerous legal limitations of the Ghetto life, was the economic non-entity except in the cases of the poorest stratum of society. In the middle and upper classes of the Ghetto, the real "man" of the family was the woman. She worked and slaved and kept him and provided the wherewithals of the family. The man was, at best, a gentle scholar who spent most of his days and nights at the Synagogue studying the Talmud and wasting his time on legalistic speculation which had no bearing whatsoever on practical life. At worst, he was an insufferable snob and a fool in worldly affairs. In the division of labor in the Ghetto, the Jewish woman was the provider of the material goods of the world.

while the man was supposed to provide the spiritual goods of the world to come, after death. He was the undisputed ruler of the Synagogue; while she dominated the rest of life.

This led to a deplorable deterioration of the man in the Ghetto. As a result of centuries of idleness and futile speculation, he became weak, flabby, inefficient, unable to do anything real in a practical world. The best that Yiddish literature can say about him is that he was a "Menachem-Mepdel" (a fictitious character similar to the American Walter Mitty)—a man whose dreams run away with him, who constantly builds castles in the air without ever being able to come down to earth and real life. To hide his inefficiency and weakness, he invented a double theory of being chosen by God both for his race and sex and thanked the Lord of the Universe everyday for not creating him a "goy" and a woman. On the other hand, his "inferior" wife became strong, self-reliant, independent and free—a real person of quality, character and beauty. It may sound paradoxical, but it is nevertheless true, that throughout the long, dark period when Jews lived in the East European Ghettos, the man was mostly kept by the woman and was her "doll" (in the Ibsenian sense) in direct contradiction to the situation which existed in most West-European countries. She even dressed him in silk and satin and turned over to him the toy-kingdom of the Synagogue while outside those walls she managed things in the real and terribly difficult Jewish life. The independence of the average Jewish man in Eastern Europe, is as old as his emancipation, which is less than one hundred years. The Jewish woman, on the other hand, had been free, active, independent and had lived outside the Ghetto walls for centuries before that.

This is why, despite the so-called "Torah Law" which treats woman as an inferior being, the Jewish woman has enjoyed the greater respect, dignity and love of the immediate family and of the larger community than did the average middle-class man. She occupied the first place in the hearts of her children and of her Jewish and non-Jewish neighbors, and was also the secret pillar of strength of her pitiful "Shlemiel" (good-for-nothing) of a husband as is graphically attested to by Yiddish literature in which the Jewish mother is depicted more lovingly and admiringly than in any other modern literature. And yet, the "Shlemiels" of Johannesburg and Israel aspire now, in this age and time, to deprive the Jewish woman of the quality which is hers by character and achievements and which has been hers for centuries of history. The "Chutzpa" of it!

william zukerman

### A Second View of the Peekskill Riots

The October issue of Commentary has an extensive article by James Borty and Winifred Raushenbush, "The Lessons of the Peekskill Riots—What Happened and Why." It is now over a year since the shocking events in Peekskill took place and a second view is most useful. This, however, the authors of the article provide only in part. They point out, for instance, that the anti-Semitic and anti-Negro manifestations were excrescences on the periphery and not central to the clash. They report as inventions many of the stories circulated at the time of anti-Semitic brutality, although they admit that "the truth was brutal enough. It was a nasty affair as most riots are." Most important, they challenge the appraisal of the Peekskill riots as a manifestation of prejudice and they make some strong points against the report issued by the American Civil Liberties Union. In their effort to cool passions, the writers seem to go too far. For example, they call attention to the absence of police protection and admit that there was inadequate police protection. On the other hand, they maintain that there is no evidence for the accusation that protection was deliberately withheld. Since they do not give their findings, this is, at best, a case of "not proven." Above all, the writers err when they sum up by saying that "the active infection chiefly responsible for the breakdown of the Peekskill community was neither anti-Semitism or fascism, native or imported. It was the communist virus—and the resulting vigilante fever." But what is fascism but a national evocation of the outside-the-law, vigilante fever? We need less not more hysteria in fighting Communism and the Commentary article, from this point of view, is of no help.

— J. Bendon

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

In line with my previous correspondence, I take pleasure in sending you herewith the rough draft of the program of our Seaboard Conference on November 4 and 5.

Please note particularly our efforts to schedule your own address to begin at 9 p. m., with all the preceding preliminaries taking only half an hour. I wish to assure you that it will be my aim to stick to the schedule. Please understand that this program is still in a fluid stage, and it will be entirely possible for Rabbi Goldman and myself to make any changes necessary. Indeed, we shall welcome any suggestions on your part.

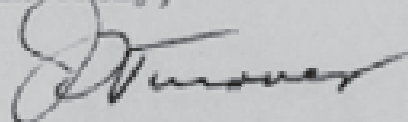
At this time we should like an expression from you as to the theme of your address so that we may proceed with the printing of the program at an early date. If you so desire, we should be only too happy to submit proofs to you of the printed program before same is printed in its final form. I dislike troubling you with details, but I wish to make sure that everything is entirely to your liking.

In order to obviate the necessity of correspondence and to expedite matters, I shall take the liberty of calling you Wednesday to secure your reaction to the several matters involved.

I need not stress how doubly important your presence is to us now in view of the crisis developing in Israel. We are all eagerly awaiting your being with us.

Cordial regards.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure



MINUTES OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ZOA  
HELD AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1950

PRESENT: Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy, President, Mr. Isaac Abramson, Mr. Sol P. Benamy, Mr. Sol Biederman, Mr. Aaron J. Bronstein, Mr. Louis E. Brown, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Sol Cohen, Mr. Samuel Daroff, Mr. Louis Dince, Mr. I.J. Caplan, Dr. Joseph Dunner, Mr. Mendel N. Fisher, Mr. Irving Galt, Mr. Joseph Goldberg, Mr. Abraham Goldstein, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Mr. Abraham Goodman, Mr. Ellis Goodman, Mr. I.R. Goodman, Mr. Joseph W. Greenleaf, Mr. Michael Hanin, Mr. Edward Hart, Mr. Morris M. Jacobs, Mr. Leon Kay, Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, Mr. Murray Langbaum, Mr. Jack Lefkowitz, Dr. Harris J. Levine, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Mr. Jacob G. Lukashok, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Mr. Morris Margulies, Dr. Sidney Marks, Rabbi Irving Miller, Mr. Fred Monosson, Mr. David Moskowitz, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Mr. Abraham A. Redelheim, Mr. Phillip S. Resnikov, Dr. Morton J. Robbins, Mr. Moses Robinson, Mr. Milton J. Silberman, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Mr. Rudolf G. Sonneborn, Dr. Jacob I. Steinberg, Mr. Elihu D. Stone, Mr. William Sylk, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, Mr. Harry Torczyner, Mr. Jacques Torczyner, Mr. Morris Weinberg, Mr. Ben R. Winick, Mr. Charles Wolf, Mr. Marcus Abramson, Miss Belle Elband, Dr. Simon Bernstein, Mr. Samuel Borowsky, Mr. Elihu Katz, Mr. Irving Libman, Mr. Herman Z. Quittman, Judge Albert D. Schanzer, Mr. Gene Sucow, Rabbi Jerome Unger, Mr. Benjamin E. Gordon and guests and members of the staff.

PRESIDING: Mr. Browdy, ZOA President, in the absence of Mr. Mortimer May, Chairman of National Executive Committee.

The meeting opened at 8:15 o'clock with a rising tribute of silence to Judge Morris Rothenberg, former ZOA President and Chairman of the UPA, whose death occurred recently.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dr. Marks rendered a comprehensive report covering all phases of the organization's activities. He stated that the pre-campaign membership techniques developed during the summer were now being put into operation and the response thus far was satisfactory. Membership enrollments for the month of October exceeded that of the same period last year. The Young Zionist Districts are showing progress, with increased membership and the formation of several new districts.

Campaigns are taking place throughout the country on behalf of ZOA Projects. Since the beginning of October, four large shipments of machinery, food, etc. have been sent to the Israel Soldier's Committee by the ZOA. The Philadelphia Zionist Organization is sending complete equipment for the establishment of a trade school at the Israel Goldstein Youth Village in Jerusalem (Katamon) and the West coast is making possible the purchase of four tractors. A substantial quantity of food supplies has been consigned to the Israel Supply Mission, and a large amount of rice is being provided by the Southeastern region. These shipments are valued at over \$100,000.

The Education Department, in addition to its regular servicing of districts with program and other material, is preparing special radio broadcasts to be heard on local radio stations throughout the country. It has also launched its second annual national playwriting contest.

The American-Israel Information Service expects to effect an arrangement with the Institute of International Education for exchange students. The Service is also preparing material for the promotion of ZOA projects.

The issuance of "Inside Israel" bulletin has been resumed, and The New Palestine now includes a special literary magazine supplement. ZINS (Zionist Information News Service) has been re-established, with news releases and articles on ZOA activities circulated throughout the world in Spanish, Hebrew, Yiddish and English.

The ZOA Economic Department has been sending out timely material to districts to help stimulate private investment in Israel and the promotion of Palestine Economic Corporation stock. Full cooperation is being extended to JNF, UPA, UJA and the American Zionist Council.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Mr. Abraham Redelheim, national membership chairman, while, pointing to the encouraging increase in membership enrollment as compared to the previous year's figures, stressed the need for full cooperation of district and regional leadership. He stated that the promising results of the campaign so far were due largely to the extensive planning by the Membership Department during the summer months in mapping the drive for the year ahead. Its continued success however, depends upon the efforts put forth by districts and regional leaders. Many new districts, including several Young Zionist Districts, have been organized. Mr. Redelheim voiced confidence that the ZOA would come to the next convention with a substantial increase in membership and the largest organization in the American Jewish community. He also stressed the importance of an increase in Life Membership and praised the efforts of Mr. Abraham Kay, national Life Membership chairman.

ZOA HOUSE:

Dr. Robbins who returned recently from Israel where he attended the Israeli Maccabiad, rendered a brief report on the progress of the ZOA House. He stated the building was well under way and would be completed before the meeting of the World Zionist Congress next summer. He added that the project was being received with enthusiasm in Israel, as tangible evidence of ZOA interest and support.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

In his review of the organization's activities, the President reported that there was satisfactory progress in all fields of endeavor. However, he underscored the need for every member of the National Executive and National Administrative Council to participate actively, and work together toward the common goal of building a large membership and a strong ZOA. Speaking of fund-raising, the president recommended that the American Zionist Fund be included as a beneficiary in local Jewish Welfare Fund campaigns, to enable the organization to have sufficient funds to carry out its enlarged program.

The President then referred to the meeting of the National Planning Conference scheduled to be held in Washington on October 27th. He stated that the position of the ZOA was that of unstinted support to the State of Israel and ratification of the decisions taken at the Jerusalem emergency conference. He expressed the conviction that the Zionists of America are the great driving force in all fund-raising efforts for Israel - the bond drive, and private investment. Any plans that fail to take cognizance of this fact are bound to lead to failure in the U.S. Mr. Browdy said he expected to make clear to the proper Israeli authorities during their forthcoming visit to this country, the special role of the ZOA both on the American scene and in Israel.

Turning to the political crisis in Israel brought about by the resignation of the Cabinet, the president stressed the fact that the ZOA fully recognizes the right of citizens of Israel to settle their affairs in their own way. At the same time, he maintained that political separation was never meant as a political block to prevent Americans from having a deep concern in everything that transpired in Israel and from doing their best to help in carrying out a program essential to the security and welfare of the country.

He then referred specifically to the breach in the General Zionist Organization during the last two years. The political situation in Israel and World General Zionism would present a much more favorable position if there were one united General Zionist Party. The President made a strong plea for reunification of both General Zionist groups in Israel. This would strengthen the General Zionists and enable them to enter the political arena as a unit when elections are held again, thus making possible a substantial victory at the polls. A great center party he said, would keep the balance between the left and the right. Mr. Browdy concluded with the hope that word would go forth from this meeting to Israel, expressing our deep desire for unification of both parties so that the General Zionists may play a vital role in the life of Israel.

The president then introduced Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the ZOA Committee on World Zionist Affairs.

DR. SILVER:

Dr. Silver reported on the progress of his committee. He said two meetings have been held devoted largely to preliminary discussions. He stated



that a sub-committee had been appointed to draft a program to serve as a guide for ZOA activities up to and at the World Zionist Congress, as well as to make known our judgment on basic issues. He also reported that ZINS had been reorganized as an important medium of conveying to the world at large the thinking of the ZOA on important issues.

Dr. Silver then presented the following statement of the position of the ZOA. He explained that this statement contained no new thinking but rather reiterated the stand taken by the organization previously. This statement touched on three major tasks confronting the World Zionist movement today. It called for (1) the strengthening of the World Zionist Organization; (2) the unification of both General Zionist factions in Israel (General Zionist Organization and the Progressives) and (3) provides that the ZOA will continue to maintain a close and fraternal relationship with the Organization of General Zionists in Israel, and calls upon the groups and organizations of General Zionists in all countries to cooperate to the end that General Zionism and the movement as a whole shall emerge strengthened and fortified. (Full text and Committee members attached)

Dr. Silver amplified some of the points enumerated in the statement. He reaffirmed his conviction that there was a need for a strong Zionist Organization for many years to come. Referring to the split in General Zionist ranks in Israel, he deplored this fragmentation of the General Zionist party in Israel, which he regarded as a tragedy not merely for General Zionism but World Zionism as well. He maintained that Israel required a strong General Zionist party, - a Center party, - for its own stability and balance. Such thinking did not mean hostility to any existing party.

Mr. Redelheim moved the adoption of the statement, which was seconded by many members.

#### DISCUSSION:

In the ensuing lengthy discussion, the debate centered mainly on that part of the resolution dealing with realignment of the ZOA in its support of the General Zionist Organization in Israel and the expression of regret caused by the formation of the Progressive Party.

Dr. Goldstein, President of the World Confederation of General Zionists, gave expression to his approval of the general tone of the statement. However, he urged in order to make a unanimous vote possible, that that part of the statement which identified the ZOA with one of the two General Zionist groups in Israel be amended. He maintained that the present wording aligns the ZOA for the first time with one of the two General Zionist parties in Israel, namely, the General Zionist Party headed by Dr. Peretz Bernstein. He added that while the statement refers to gratification at the growth of this party, note should also be taken of the fact that the Progressives headed by Dr. Abraham Granott has likewise shown growth. He pointed out that both organizations were members of the Confederation of General Zionists. He suggested therefore that there be an amendment of those phrases which created the impression of favoring one group as against the other, which he felt would seriously detract from the true purpose of the statement. Both groups, he maintained, are affiliated with the General Zionist Confederation and should be treated equally. Dr. Goldstein also believed that alignment of the ZOA with one of the two groups might open old wounds. He called for the deletion of any mention of the General Zionist Organization of Israel by name as well as reference to the Progressives, in order to promote that unity in Israel which was so ardently desired by all.

Judge Levinthal seconded the views expressed by Dr. Goldstein. He recommended the elimination of all references to the General Zionist Party as distinct from the Progressives. Morris Margulies also voiced approval of this amendment.

Dr. Neumann opposed the proposed change. He declared it was time that the ZOA faced the situation realistically. He maintained that the tone of the statement was in fact restrained, particularly in view of the great damage done to the cause of General Zionism in Israel by the split of the General Zionists into two factions. He added that the distinction made in the resolution with reference to one group as against the other was deliberate, and expressed a friendly and sympathetic understanding of the work done by the Organization of General Zionists of Israel. He pointed out that the ZOA has in fact been associated morally, spiritually and politically for many years with the work of the General Zionists of Israel. Therefore, to omit or modify this expression of interest would be tantamount to withdrawing that very interest and moral support which had been extended to it all along. He reaffirmed his conviction that this statement should include an expression of interest in the General Zionist Organization, and at the same time, urge the Progressives and General Zionists to reunite into one strong center party.

Elihu Stone spoke in favor of Dr. Silver's resolution, emphasizing that the questions raised by the proposed amendment were purely academic; any expression of unity and identity on the part of the ZOA must realistically be with the original organization - i.e., the General Zionist Organization and not with any fragmentation of it. Sol Cohen voiced the thought that the adoption of the amendment would do the opposite of what was intended by the resolution, namely, it would give encouragement to the splinter party against uniting into one General Zionist party. Abraham Goldstein likewise felt that giving support to the Progressives in Israel would be contrary to the fundamental concept of General Zionism which has been in existence from the early days of Herzl. Dr. Robbins expressed the opinion that the adoption of the resolution reiterated our ties with the General Zionist movement with which the ZOA has always been associated. The unanimous adoption of the resolution would make it clear that we do not want any division, but unity.

Dr. Goldstein stated he was exerting every effort to keep a proper balance in the World Confederation of General Zionists. He had been eager to avoid the split in the General Zionist party, and after it had occurred, he had used every possible means to bring about reunification. He reviewed the position of the ZOA with regard to the two General Zionist groups in Israel which originally were known as Groups A and B, and which were united some years back through the efforts of Dr. Neumann. Then two years ago they once again split into the two groups now in existence--the General Zionists and Progressives. Dr. Goldstein pointed out that before the unification took place there were many in the ZOA identified with each of the original groups. Thus, he said, once again there are some in the Zionist Organization who prefer one or the other of the two groups. Dr. Goldstein strongly believed that at this time the ZOA should not identify itself with either one.

The speaker then stated that inasmuch as both groups were within the framework of the Confederation, the ZOA which now belonged to the Confederation, should not use its influence in favor of one body.

In order to promote that unity in Israel which was desired by all, and in the interests of the well-being of the ZOA, Dr. Goldstein urged that his amendment be adopted.



Marcus Abramson expressed the hope that nothing would be done to create a spirit of divisiveness; in the interests of unity there should be no different treatment accorded one group. He recommended that Dr. Goldstein submit a definite statement rather than a vague wording, of his thought, which would logically and clearly indicate the underlying purpose and intent of his amendment.

Others who spoke in favor of the original resolution of Dr. Silver, included Benjamin Winick, Harry Cohen, Benjamin Gordon.

Sol Biederman felt that the statement should be so worded as not to offend either party and thus make unity possible.

Judge Levinthal agreed in principle to the three major points of Dr. Silver's resolution. However, in clarifying the intent of the suggested amendment of Dr. Goldstein, Judge Levinthal felt that reference to one of the two parties, both of which are members, with the ZOA, in the World Confederation, would mean that for the first time the ZOA was taking sides. He asked therefore that that part of the resolution which referred by name to the General Zionist Organization and its growth, and our desire to maintain close relations with it...be deleted. He advocated instead, that the term "General Zionism" should be employed.

Judge Levinthal also took exception to that part of the resolution criticizing the formation of the Progressive Party. He believed it was unfair to prejudge any group without giving it the opportunity to explain its position. It would be wiser to maintain an impartial attitude in the interests of unity. This could not be advanced by strengthening one party through attacking the other indirectly.

Morris Margulies also speaking in favor of the amendment, emphasized that unification could not be brought about by ZOA identification with any particular group. The ZOA as the strongest General Zionist organization in the world, was in a favorable position to exert great influence. That influence would be weakened if the ZOA lost its objectivity. He appealed for the modifications suggested by Judge Levinthal so that the resolution may be adopted unanimously.

Jacques Torczyner, speaking strongly in favor of Dr. Silver's resolution, stated that in many instances, members of the General Zionist Organization in Israel had extended offers of cooperation to the Progressives without success. He did not believe that the Progressives had gained in strength whereas the General Zionist Party had. He argued against any appeasement.

Joseph Goldberg spoke against the amendment as taking away the essence of the true meaning of the resolution. He urged that ZOA take a definite stand in order to avoid the continuation of the existing situation.

Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum and Edward Hart concurred in these sentiments.

Mr. Monosson emphasized the need for unity, both in Israel and in the United States as the best means of promoting the welfare of the movement. In the interests of the organization and unity, he urged that the resolution be referred back to the chairman and members of the World Affairs Committee. This committee together with Dr. Goldstein and Judge Levinthal should then bring in a revised resolution which would be unanimously acceptable.

Recapitulating, Dr. Silver reviewed the main points of the resolution. He said they represented a summary of the position taken by the ZOA in its relationship to the General Zionist Organization in Israel during the last two years.

He maintained that the ZOA had always been identified with the General Zionist Organization of Israel even after the Progressives broke away. It was therefore proper and in order for the ZOA to take note of the growth of that organization with which it had been associated. He added that the resolution offered no criticism of the Progressive Party but that the division brought about by the split had spread to other countries thereby creating a situation which was harmful to the cause. As there were no substantial differences, he maintained the division was unwarranted, and thus the resolution calls for unification. Dr. Silver argued that the adoption of the resolution would strengthen the negotiations for unification in Israel and for building a strong, effective General Zionist movement and party in Israel. This was essential in view of the convening of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

The question being called for, the vote on the amendment was defeated. The resolution was thereupon adopted by a vote of 54 in favor and 7 against.

The following members requested that their names be recorded as voting for the amendment and against the resolution: Judge Levinthal, Fred Monesson, Rudolf Sonnebern, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Morris Margulies and Samuel Daroff.

Dr. Neumann's motion that the NEC express its approval of the President's report and that the administration proceed vigorously in its implementation, was adopted unanimously.

#### NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE:

In response to queries concerning the position of the ZOA at the forthcoming National Planning Conference on Israel scheduled for the coming week-end in Washington, the President stated he had appointed a steering committee consisting of Dr. Margoshes, Max Bressler of Chicago and himself. This committee will meet with the 25 delegates designated by the ZOA, and all other Zionists at the Conference, in order to make certain that Zionist interests are fully protected. He emphasized that there would be every opportunity for ample discussion on all questions of policy before and during the sessions of the conference, so that a united stand can be taken.

Dr. Margoshes added that ZOA action and strategy will be determined in large measure by what is in the minds of the other groups participating in the conference. Once the conference got under way, the issues would be clarified and action could then be taken accordingly. He felt there was little purpose in discussing questions until all the issues which might be presented had come into the open.

A discussion followed on the program of the Conference with particular reference to the place of the ZOA and its relation to other participating organizations. Emphasis was laid on the need for a united program at the conference.

Dr. Neumann expressed the view that as Zionists, we must give all help possible to whatever efforts will be sanctioned by the Government of Israel. He added that our relationship to these efforts on the executive and administrative levels would be determined very largely by the attitude and decisions of the Government of Israel.

Mr. Sonneborn commented that as a member of the Planning Committee with the president of the ZOA, he would welcome suggestions.

Several speakers urged that steps be taken to ensure that Zionist interests do not suffer, and that our point of view be fully represented on important key committees.

Dr. Silver, speaking of the role and limitations of the Conference, pointed out that it was more in the nature of a consultative body rather than a legislative one.

He stressed the fact that it was the convocation of the spiritual and moral leadership of American Jewry to meet the desperate emergency of Israel, and as such, it should be a very successful conference. He emphasized that the Zionists were the spearhead of action for Israel and urged that they assert their position and take the proper role of leadership.

In closing the discussion, Rabbi Miller underscored the need for the ZOA to project its own specific program of action in advance of the conference. Such a program should assert the role and authority of the ZOA and its position in relation to the forthcoming UJA campaign and the bond drive. It was important for the organization to take the initiative now rather than await action by others before determining its own position.

The meeting adjourned at midnight.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks  
Secretary

Addendum:

With reference to the minutes of the meeting of September 17th, on page six, there is the resolution introduced by Mr. Harry Torczyner. Dr. Israel Goldstein participated in the discussion on that resolution and urged that it be withdrawn by its mover and gave some arguments to back up the suggestion.

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Dr. Morton J. Robbins  
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Morris Weinberg

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

In view of the preparations for the 23rd World Zionist Congress, which are now in progress throughout the world, the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America hereby adopts the following statement of its views and position:

Recent developments in the Zionist Movement and in Israel lend added emphasis and urgency to the views and policies consistently advanced by the Zionist Organization of America. In the Declaration of Principles unanimously adopted by our last annual convention and in statements repeatedly made by the president of our organization and other official spokesmen of our organization, we have underlined the urgent need of strengthening the Zionist Movement as the accredited representative of world Jewry and its chief instrument for mobilizing its moral and material resources for the upbuilding of the state of Israel. We have called for measures to preserve the integrity and independence of local and territorial organizations within the constitutional framework of our Movement. We have called for a close partnership between the state of Israel and organized Zionism in the Diaspora and recognition by the government of Israel of the large and vital functions which the Zionist Movement and the Jewish Agency must continue to perform and have warned against their curtailment. We have repeatedly affirmed our faith in the special role which General Zionists must play in revitalizing the Movement and serving as the great Center Party, rising above the particular interests of class and faction and pointing a middle way between extremes of left and right.

At this critical juncture of Zionist affairs, we must especially guard against any weakening of the Zionist Movement - its authority, influence and prestige. Any whittling down of its position as the central force in Jewish life and the principal instrumentality for carrying out the colossal tasks which still remain for the complete fulfillment of the Zionist program would be a great disservice to the state of Israel and its future.

The governmental crisis during the past fortnight in Israel should give no cause for alarm as to the stability of the Jewish State. We have complete faith in the capacity of the people of Israel to resolve by customary parliamentary methods such crises which are normal and inevitable in any democracy. But the nature of this crisis underscores and demonstrates once more the importance to Israel of a strong General Zionist Party of the Center, sufficiently large and influential to serve as a stabilizing force between groups and classes committed to conflicting ideologies.



In these circumstances, we believe that a great new effort, based on General Zionist principles, is required today more than ever, in order to extricate the Movement from its present situation, to reinvigorate it and restore its full capacity for effective service to Israel and moral leadership in the Diaspora. We therefore resolve to do what lies in our power to strengthen General Zionism throughout the world.

We note with satisfaction the remarkable growth and increasing strength of the Organization of General Zionists in Israel (Histadruth Haziomim Haklaliim) more especially in recent months and will continue to maintain close and fraternal relations with it in furtherance of common ideals and in the hope that it will fulfill its role as the great Center Party in the interests of stability and the harmonious collaboration of all constructive elements.

We have consistently deplored the rift in the ranks of General Zionism in Israel caused by the formation of the Progressive Party--a division which is spreading to other countries which is harmful to the cause and which is not warranted by any substantial difference in the official platforms of the two groups. We shall continue to urge and press for their complete unification.

We strongly urge the Confederation of General Zionists, of which we are a member and which we helped to create, to use all its influence to the same end in order to terminate the anomaly of two rival parties in Israel both affiliated with the Confederation. We shall strive to give renewed validity and effectiveness to the principles upon which the World Confederation of General Zionists was based at its inception.

We look forward to the convening of the World Zionist Congress no later than the summer of 1951. We shall work to ensure that General Zionist opinion be adequately and properly represented at the Congress.

We shall call upon groups and organizations of General Zionists in all countries sharing these views and convictions, to cooperate with us and with each other and to coordinate their efforts by appropriate means to the end that General Zionism and the Movement as a whole, shall emerge from this period of transition, strengthened and fortified.



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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Desiring at all times to keep you fully posted as to the program of our conference, I endeavored to reach you over the telephone yesterday, only to find that you were enroute to Toronto and from there to New York. I am therefore taking this means of relaying to you a new development in our program setup as follows.

About a month ago we extended an invitation to Ambassador Abba Eban to attend our conference in the hope that he would come, or would designate one of the Embassy officials to represent him. Very soon thereafter we were told by his secretary that the Ambassador was preoccupied with his duties in the United Nations and that he will therefore be unable to accept but would designate someone to address us on the subject of economics.

Much to our surprise, we received word yesterday afternoon from Dr. Keren, Counselor, that the Ambassador now was accepting our invitation subject to "unavoidable diplomatic duties".

It is therefore our intention to schedule the Ambassador for either the Saturday night session or the Sunday luncheon session, but subject to the availability of his own time and preference of these two periods.

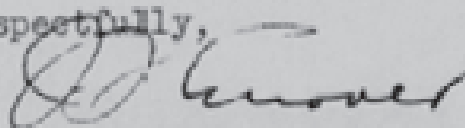
The Sunday evening session is, of course, solely reserved for your address at an early hour, this in line with the definite understanding that you are to speak by 9 o'clock.

At this writing I am unaware, as yet, of the Ambassador's complete schedule--the time of his arrival or departure, or whether he will be in a position to remain with us for the banquet session after addressing us Saturday evening or at the Sunday luncheon session.. I will make it a point to relay any information to you promptly in order to make doubly sure that we will have the pleasure of meeting your ideas fully on any subject pertaining to the program or the scheduling thereof.

I shall take the liberty of trying again to reach you tomorrow (Wednesday) or Thursday.

Most cordial regards.

Respectfully,

  
I. S. Turover

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*If ye will not have faith, surely ye shall not be established—Isaiah*

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## SILVER AND BROWDY TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE



### As I See It . . .

#### Our Silver Jubilee—Time For Celebration, Evaluation, Rededication

By

I. S. Turover, President, Seaboard Zionist Region

The celebration of the SILVER JUBILEE of our Seaboard Zionist Region affords us an opportunity to plan for the future in the light of past accomplishments,



as well as to pay tribute to that comparatively small group of courageous pioneers who formed our Region a quarter of a century ago. We hope that many of these pioneers will be with us in Portsmouth to reminisce on the past, to survey the present, and to help us plan for the future.

Together with the other segments of the organized Zionist movement we can look back at the past with a mixed feeling of wonder, pride, and satisfaction. It is rather difficult to cease to wonder at the miracles that happened here and in Israel. On the American scene the miracle was that a comparatively small, determined, zealous, organized Zionist group captured the imagination and en-

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### Falk And Redelheim Also To Speak At Seaboard's Annual Event

The forthcoming Silver Jubilee Conference of the Seaboard Zionist Region, to be held on November 4 and 5 at the Suburban Country Club, Portsmouth, Va., promises to be an unforgettable event. In addition to marking the 25th year of Seaboard's active participation in organized Zionism in this country, the Conference will be called upon to appraise and determine in practical terms the contribution it can make to the total ZOA program of aid to Israel in this critical year.

A fact that will undoubtedly impart particular distinction to this year's Regional conference will be the presence of the top leadership of American Zionism at specially programmed events.

#### Banquet to Honor Silver

Recognized the world over as the foremost leader of American Zionism and brilliant spokesman of the Zionist ideal, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver accepted the Seaboard's invitation to address its Conference, even though this necessitated the cancellation of many other important engagements, according to Rabbi Israel M. Goldman, Chairman of the Conference Committee. Dr. Silver will address the delegates of the Conference at a banquet to be given in his honor Sunday evening, November 5, on the issues which today are the greatest concern of all Zionists and Jews interested in the well-being and security of Israel. There is no person in this country who is more qualified to speak on this subject with greater eloquence and incisiveness than Dr. Silver, said Rabbi Goldman, adding that no one in the Seaboard Region can afford to miss the opportunity of hearing the message of this great Zionist.

#### Reception for Browdy

Seaboard Zionists who have not had the opportunity of hearing and meeting in person President Benjamin G. Browdy at the Chicago Convention last July will have this chance at the Regional Conference. And like the Chicago delegates, there is no doubt in anyone's mind that the Regional delegates and guests will not fail to see in Mr. Browdy the devoted, capable leader that he is, as they will also be impressed by his humbleness and his practical approach to the problems of today. Mr. Browdy will lead



the Forum on Israel Saturday evening, November 4, and will present a firsthand report on Israel and on the Jerusalem Conference which he and more than 40 other American Jewish leaders attended early in September.

A reception in honor of the ZOA President will be held following the Forum.

#### Redelheim and Falk

Other national leaders to address the Seaboard Conference will be Abraham A. Redelheim, ZOA Vice-President and National Chairman of Membership, and Louis Falk, ZOA Vice-President and National Chairman of ZOA Projects. Both Mr. Redelheim and Mr. Falk are nationally-known dynamic speakers and it is expected that the delegates present at the Conference will gain immeasurably from their experience and counsel in their respective Zionist activities.

#### Issues to Be Discussed

Before the body of assembled delegates will come a number of important issues—issues that today are of world Jewry concern and particularly those of the United States. Coming on the heels of recent developments, the Seaboard Conference will have the benefit of an evaluation of the problems taken up at the Jerusalem Conference by actual participants in that historic gathering. It will also probably be the first region to receive a first-hand report on the Washington National Planning Conference called for October 27 to plan the implementation of the decisions arrived at in

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## Our Primary Task

Seaboard Zionists are getting together for their annual Conference at a most critical time not only for Zionism in this country but for Israel whose existence as a State is seriously threatened by political and economic upheaval. The Ben Gurion government is out; the Knesset has decided to hold new elections. In the meantime life in Israel must go on; the economy must provide for the absorption of the immigrants. How best to solve this problem with all its difficult ramifications has, of course, proved the stumbling block for the Ben Gurion government.

But it might well be asked whether any other government, coalition or otherwise, would meet with greater success than has the Ben Gurion coalition government? Are there, or rather will there be, greater resources and means available to a new government with which it might with greater efficacy attack the problems that have beset the outgoing government? We know what the resources and economic potentialities are today. There would seem to be no reason to expect that their paucity would be transformed into abundance just as soon as a new government steps in. In other words, regardless of the type of government that might evolve after the present crisis, Israel still would be dependent upon aid from outside, particularly the United States. On this score there is undeniable agreement in all quarters.

Of course, what sort of government finally takes over in Israel is of no passing interest to all Zionists. While we are watching from the sidelines, so to speak, we are nonetheless hopeful of the kind of eventual political settlement that would safeguard the independence of the country and would insure for its people the personal rights and individual prerogatives without which no people can call itself free. And there would appear to be little basis for anticipating any other eventuality. As Gene Carrivan recently said in the *New York Times*, "Israel's bulwark against communism is simply Zionism." The *Washington Post*, a newspaper not generally given to making rash statements, finds no reason to be concerned about the "crisis" in Israel and sees in it "a rather healthy manifes-

tation of the democratic process." It also believes that "Israel's position as an exemplar of genuine democracy in the Middle East will be unaffected by this particular regrouping."

It would appear, therefore, that there is no need to divert the energies and efforts of the Seaboard 25th Annual Conference from the primary problem of how best to fulfill its share of the program that the ZOA has developed to aid the economic stabilization of Israel. In the last analysis it is the extent to which we, the Jews of the Diaspora, are ready and willing to contribute to this enormous task that will determine the political stability of the State as well.

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## PAST PRESIDENTS TO BE HONORED AT CONFERENCE

Plans are under way to pay tribute to the past presidents of the Seaboard Zionist Region by holding a special dinner meeting in their honor prior to the formal opening of the Conference Saturday evening, November 4. The intention, however, is also to extend this honor to the founders of the Region. It is, therefore, hoped that the past heads of the Region and "elder statesmen" will turn out at the Conference in such numbers as to make this event possible, as well as to join in the celebration of the Region's Silver Jubilee Anniversary.

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## Israel Is Host to World Maccabiah

Some 40,000 spectators witnessed the formal opening on September 27 of the Third World Maccabiah—international Jewish sports festival—in the new stadium at Ramat Gan. After speeches of welcome by Israel's Acting President Joseph Sprinzak and Professor Selig Brodetsky, President of the Hebrew University, the participating teams marched in review. It was a spectacular scene ablaze with color, each team led by its national flag.

Reporting on the event in a dispatch to "Israel Speaks," Joan Comay writes that "There were track athletes, swimmers, football players, fencers, boxers, wrestlers, weight lifters, cyclists—every kind and size of sportsman and sports-woman from 16 countries, with one bond in common: they were all Jews." But while this bond made each part and parcel of the whole, "anyone seeking a distinctive Jewish 'type' in this parade would have stared in complete bafflement at the pink-faced English boys and girls who were led by Negro Jamaicans, or at the dark-skinned, turban-wearing delegates from India, or the Swedes in primrose yellow, the South African sons of the veldt—or the Americans, who looked simply like any bunch of fit young Americans."

The United States was represented by a team of 36 men and women, including several American national champions in various sports and two Olympic title-holders.

## A Challenging Program

By Louis A. Falk, Vice President  
Zionist Organization of America

The 1950-51 campaign of the ZOA for Israel Projects is now in the open field ready for action—your action. It is a vast program designed to render the maximum of assistance to the people of Israel, and is dependent upon the unswerving loyalty and support of our membership.

The tasks involve a program of direct aid for the gallant soldiers who defended the Jewish State—a program of aid to fulfill their social, cultural and vocational needs.

The Vaad Hatzai Lema'an Hechayol (the Israel Soldiers Committee) was able up to now to function and to fulfill all of the needs of the soldiers of Israel without relying upon outside assistance. Unfortunately, the economic position and the shortage of hard currency has necessitated the transfer of this responsibility away from the authorities in Israel to an outside agency, who, too, are concerned with their welfare.

The administration of an effort of this kind usually entails a tremendous amount of the budget of any country, and it can be well realized that by the ZOA becoming the exclusive sponsor of this effort we have assumed a task which is gigantic, and upon which Israel is most dependent. These gallant defenders of Israel need our moral support. They need the amenities of life which will make it possible for them to remain ever vigilant. They need food and clothing, shelter and recreational supplies. They need machinery for vocational guidance. They need jeeps and ambulances and bandages. This has become our responsibility and this represents the effort for which the Seaboard Zionist Region is currently campaigning. We cannot afford to let them down. We need the dollars of our membership. We need the support of our community, we need the gifts that can be sent to them.

Already vast shipments have left, details of which have been reported in the *New Palestine*. This is just the beginning. The ZOA has also assumed the responsibility of sponsoring two youth villages in Israel, KATAMON and MAGDIEL. The children of these villages, because of our sponsorship, now become completely dependent upon the ZOA for their happiness, for their future, and for their welfare. We have assumed the responsibility of creating trade schools and other facilities for them, so that they may be integrated into the life of Israel, and may make a contribution as future citizens of this great new republic.

This is an ambitious program, but it is of such nature that now that we have accepted it, we must proceed to implement it and to fulfill all of our quotas and exceed them if possible.

## Speakers At The Seaboard Zionist Region Conference



**LOUIS A. FALK**  
Vice-President of the ZOA  
National Chairman of Funds and Projects



**ABRAHAM A. EDELMAN**  
Vice-President of the ZOA  
National Chairman of Membership

### Iran and Israel Agree On Emigration

Orderly emigration of Jews from Iran to Israel is the aim of both governments and to this end they have been working in close cooperation, a New York Times dispatch reports. While Iranian authorities do not wish to see the Jews of Iran leave the country, they are not placing any difficulties in the way of those who wish to emigrate to Israel. But they like to see this movement proceed in a slow and regulated manner so that the liquidation of Jewish property will not upset the economy.

This, however, does not apply to Kurdish Jews, who have long been subject to persecution and of whom about 6,000 came down from the mountains of Kurdistan and found refuge in Teheran. Already between 1,500 and 2,000 have been transported by plane to Israel; about 3,000 still remain in camps.

Even faster has been the removal of Iraqi refugees to Israel from Teheran, the dispatch states. About 3,000 of these have gone to Israel during the year and another 1,000 to 1,500 are awaiting transportation. They are being moved at the rate of 300 to 400 a month.

Most of the Iranian Jews—who total 100,000 to 110,000—going to Israel at present are very poor and it is pointed out that they are not leaving to escape persecution but rather to escape the extremely poor living conditions that have been their lot for many generations. The Iranian Jews are the descendants of the first Jews exiled to Babylon moving into Persia during the Persian Empire and enjoying prosperity until the ascendance of Islam, after which the majority of them fell into hopeless poverty.

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listed the hearty support of the entire Jewish community of these great United States in the cause of a Jewish homeland.

#### No Easy Accomplishment

In order to accomplish this, we had to overcome the influential opposition and smugness of our money-laden "aristocratic co-religionists" who were ever ready to speak in our names on both the communal and national levels. Yet, in spite of these handicaps, we accomplished wonders, but only because we were consumed by the fire of our burning ideal and by our quest for a solution of the problem of Jewish homelessness. This problem was very real to us, and we attacked the solution in the only way plausible in a democratic society. We sought mass support. Be it said to the everlasting credit of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver that he was the first one to recognize the futility of using "Shtadlonim" from within against the "Shtadlonim" from without. He was the one who well understood the full meaning of "Do not put your trust into princes," and under his leadership the miracle of mass enrollment and support took place during the last decade, with the result that we won one political battle after another and rallied the effective support of our American people and government in the creation of the Jewish State.

The sight of an infant state—a small David fighting a number of Goliaths simultaneously and achieving victory with practically bare hands against armies supplied with weapons by one of the world's mightiest empires—that is indeed a miracle unparalleled in the annals of human history.

### Work Must Go On

Yes, we have a great deal to be thankful for, for both of these miracles. And yet, human nature being what it is, we are prone to forget to count our blessings and the great strides we have made during the course of a quarter century, and we start questioning whether or not our past sacrifices were justified, whether or not our continued help and support of Israel is wanted, and whether or not there is any use of continuing to work for an Israel run by a government that some of us feel is not too friendly to the middle class general Zionist ideology and goals as represented by the ZOA. Frankly, I have no patience with all this talk. I feel that we have both a privilege and a duty to work for Israel regardless of who is at the helm of the government and who gives us, or does not give us, a "hechsher" to do work in, or for, Israel. I am firmly committed to the thought that the fate of Israel, the prestige of Israel, the stature of Israel, is firmly bound up with the fortunes of Jewry everywhere. The State of Israel is regarded by the world as the collective project of all the Jews of the world, and its success or failure means the success or failure of world Jewry. We cannot, we dare not, relax until the infant state of Israel is firmly on its feet and on a sound economic and political basis.

Let us therefore go to our Seaboard Conference determined to repeat the glorious performance of the past two and a half decades through concerted work, and above all to stop talking about, "Israel does not need us any more," or "Israel does not want us any more." Let us stop looking for special dispensations, permits, or blessings for our program and projects. Zionists in the Seaboard Region did not ask for permits during the past quarter of a century while planning and executing U. P. A. and U. J. A. campaigns, nor when we mobilized community support for "Haganah," nor when "Exodus 1946" was bought and equipped. We should not wait for such permits now.

However, contrary to our procedure in the past, we should make doubly sure now that, whatever we do in the future, be it in the U. J. A., J. N. P., private investment, or bond sales promotion fields, our work and accomplishments remain clearly definable both here and in Israel as the efforts of the Zionist Organization of America. This is important to us, not to glorify our organization, but in order to assure its proper status and prestige, both of which are so vital in any effort to secure mass support in a large scale program such as ours.

So, let us come forth from the Conference with a high resolve to lay the plans for the kind of effective economic and political aid to Israel that will enable this infant state to continue the ingathering of homeless Jews even while it valiantly strives to fashion an ideal social order founded on the prophetic visions of our ancestors.

While we celebrate our SILVER JUBILEE in 1950, let us make sure that we will merit and stage a Golden Jubilee in 1975.



## MISSION—F. O. B.

By Dr. M. R. Levy, President,  
Richmond Zionist District

In my capacity as veterinary inspector for the U. S. Government last year, I had the unique duty of inspecting the dairy cattle purchased by Israel in the United States.

The animals were assembled for export to Haifa in the Tidewater area of Virginia. My official duties were to inspect the cattle with regard to their general health. To me these duties, originally, were strictly routine and methodical, since I had been accustomed to periodic health inspections of livestock destined for various foreign countries.

During the first assembling of the livestock, I made the acquaintance of the Israeli purchasers and began to interest myself more and more in the welfare of their cattle, over and above my own duties. In due time I found that I have developed basic Zionist tendencies, although I had never been particularly interested in Zionism before. This led to a decision to obtain a leave of absence in order to accompany a shipload of livestock to Israel as Ship's Veterinarian. An enviable experience!

### Hailed in Israel

We left the port of Newport News in February 1950 for the port of Haifa with a shipload of close to a thousand head of livestock. The period of 15 days spent at sea was a most valuable and interesting experience.

Our arrival in Israel was hailed all throughout the land. We were bringing in basic necessities of life: fluid milk convertible to butter, cream and cheese. In addition, the good people of Newport News and Richmond had contributed over 200 cases of canned evaporated milk for the needy of Israel.

I was truly fascinated by the State. Swarms of customs men, harbor police, newspapermen, and others came aboard ship. Although my duties were restricted to shipboard, I found time to chat with many different types of Israelis. There were stevedores from Greece and Turkey, harbor police from Central Europe, cattle breeders from various kibbutzim, veterinarians, physicians, nurses, and numerous others.

### Taken on a Tour

There were more than 30 cattlemen assigned to care for the livestock aboard ship. The majority of these men were members of the Mennonite sect of the Protestant Church. The Jewish Agency in Haifa provided a tour of northern Israel for those of the ship's crew able to obtain leave. I accompanied them during this very interesting and informative trip.

In addition to such places as Nazareth, Tiberias, Kinnereth, Valley of Esdraelon, Safed, Acre, and points on Mount Carmel in Haifa, we visited some kibbutzim, including Deganiah Aleph on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The Christian men were very impressed and delighted with the progress and efficiency seen in that small outpost of democracy.

## "MAGIC CARPET" OPERATION AT END

An announcement by the Joint Distribution Committee discloses that the operation of moving Yemenite Jews from Aden to Israel by plane, widely known as "Operation Magic Carpet", has been completed. What this means is that 50,000 Jews, whose life for 2,000 years had very nearly approached the slavery level in primitive Yemen, have begun life anew and have found the true meaning of human dignity.

### Objective Observer

Representing no particular Zionist group in the U. S. A., I saw Israel through my own eyes: kibbutzim, moshavim, private enterprise establishments, camps for new arrivals from Yemen, Turkey, North Africa, India and other parts of the world, life in the large cities, such as Tel Aviv and Haifa, and last but not least, the arrival by boat of the remnants of Judaism from some Moslem lands.

One significant and dramatic scene I shall never forget. A young North African mother appeared on the docks of Haifa with her child in her arms; she had just reached the Promised Land from oppression and misery. Suddenly she discovered that her baby was no longer alive. Her soul-tearing screams brought the harbor police to her side to carry away the child, dead doubtlessly from malnutrition. I was told that such scenes occur almost daily in this port of arrival.

Another scene stands out. A group of new arrivals got off another ship. The rags that the women wore hardly covered their emaciated bodies. These women were old and weary before their time. I felt tears rise in my eyes as I witnessed these pitiful sights.

### Need of Zionism Clear

The necessity of Zionism became very clear to me during my sojourn in Israel. The Israelis were depriving themselves of the basic needs of life so that the homeless and oppressed Jews of the world might find a haven and a home in Eretz. We, the Jews of the world, were contributing a mere pittance of our time, money and energy, because we were unable to make ourselves believe that such misery and depression really existed among our people in this civilized world.

Would you believe it, if I told you that I was actually begged for such little foods as a bit of cocoa, an apple, a piece of butter, not for an adult, but for an infant. Such experiences taught me the needs and cares of our brothers in Israel.

### People Are Happy

I was in Tel Aviv on Shabbat and was utterly amazed at the crowds strolling in the streets: mothers wheeling little white buggies, children singing and dancing; there was a complete lack of self-consciousness. One felt very much at "home". Even the little Zoological Park of Tel Aviv was crowded to capacity. The good feeling of happiness was catching. These were the same people who

## Browdy Calls for U. S. Grant to Israel

ZOA President Benjamin G. Browdy called upon the United States Government to include Israel in its program of aid to democracies by a grant-in-aid of \$500,000,000 over a period of three to four years.

While billions of dollars are being poured into Europe, the Far East, and Latin America to preserve and foster the democratic way of life, Mr. Browdy said, it was rather strange that no such aid was offered Israel, the only citadel of democracy in the Middle East. That Israel was eligible to receive such aid, Mr. Browdy pointed out, is manifested by its determination to repel anti-democratic trends from without and within and by its consistent support of the United Nations.

As a result of the great influx of immigrants into the country, Israel's economic structure has been put to a severe strain. The alternative to successful absorption of the immigrants into the life of the country is economic chaos and social upheaval, Mr. Browdy declared. The United States cannot be indifferent to a situation of this kind, he said, adding that democracy is on trial in Israel. To permit it to fail, would be a great loss to the democratic concept in the entire Middle East.

The burden of providing aid to Israel has thus far fallen on American Jews; they will redouble their efforts to raise \$500,000,000 of the \$1,500,000,000 needed by Israel in the next three years. But in order to assure Israel's economic independence, at least another \$500,000,000 is necessary. Only the United States Government is in position to provide this sum to Israel on a grant-in-aid basis, especially in view of the fact that it represents but a relatively small amount of the 40 billion dollars the U. S. spends each year on various foreign aid programs, said the President of the ZOA.

experienced privations that would stagger the imagination of the average Jew in America. No butter, cream, cheese, fluid milk, or milk products were available. The ration of meat had just that week been reduced to five ounces per week per person. Fish was available in the carp group to a limited extent. Only bread seemed to be considered a staple.

Yet these same people were opening up their hearts and meager larder for more hundreds of thousands of their brethren who had far less than they.

My trip was all too short. I should have liked to spend considerably more time in Israel. But, as Dr. Lowdermilk of Jordan Valley fame, said to me when I met him in Kibbutz Givat Hayim, "Dr. Levy, you have been able to see more of the country in the short period of time that you have been here than I have; I am envious of you." I felt, then, that I had been able to glean at least a little bit of Israel.



## Program Highlights of the Silver Jubilee Conference

SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 4, 1950

- 8:30—Formal Opening Ceremonies.
- 9:00-10:30—"Report From Israel" by President Browdy, followed by Forum on Israel.
- 10:30—Reception in honor of President Browdy, followed by Dance

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1950

- 8:30- 9:45—Breakfast meeting.
- 10:00-11:30—Committee meetings, steered by National and Regional Chairmen.
- 11:30-12:45—First Plenary Session  
Report of Executive Director  
Workshops (JNF, AZF, etc.)
- 1:00—Lunch Session
- 2:00- 4:15—Second Plenary Session  
Report of President Turover  
Workshops Continued (ZOA Programs—Falk and Redelheim)
- 4:15- 5:30—Third Plenary Session  
Reports of Committees  
Elections
- 7:00- 8:30—Banquet  
Installation of officers by President Browdy  
Address by Dr. Silver
- 10:00—Social Hour and Dancing
- 10:15-11:00—Reception for Dr. Silver

## ROUND THE REGION

By Benjamin Hagai

Twenty-five years is a long time, and many of the people in the Seaboard Zionist Region can reflect upon those twenty-five years with a deep sense of gratification.

Many of our good Zionists have had the pleasure of seeing younger people follow in their footsteps in most of the districts in the Seaboard Region.

We must not, however, become complacent and figure that now that the young people have taken over, the older folks can relax. Our membership, although progressing very nicely, is still not in the upper brackets among the rest of the regions around the country. We simply must get all of our membership paid up before Hanukkah. At the very least all of us who have been so loyal to Zionism and the Zionist Organization of America should make every attempt to get our membership paid up for the major part by that time. Let us not take the attitude that it is the membership chairman's job or the president's job, but rather that it is the job of everyone who is in the Z. O. A. because the Z. O. A. is an organization of Zionists for the good of Zionism. Every man and every woman, whether they belong for fifty years or fifty days, should make a sincere attempt to assist in their own districts to bring in both new members and renewals of old memberships.

We dare not take the attitude that we can send in the dues collected next month, since every single dollar is so urgently needed to continue the wonderful activities of the Z. O. A.

I have written a small article which shows you exactly where every one of your Z. O. A. dollars go. Although most of you already know this, I believe it would be of an advantageous nature if you would explain this to the younger members.

You have all received literature letting you know about the various Z. O. A. projects. All district presidents have received photostatic copies of the check we have given to the State of Israel and the latest bill of lading covering material we have sent to the State of Israel. Both of these gestures on the part of the Zionists of America are fine gestures and of constructive help to the State of Israel which needs our help so very desperately at this time. You, the members of the Zionists Organization of America, are the people who have helped and continue to help Israel in her hour of need. Never forget without the AZF you would not be able to do all of these fine things. Some districts have already sent in their 1950-1951 contributions to the AZF. Other districts have sent in a token contribution, the balance to follow in the near future, but we do have some districts that to date have not answered our call in the hour of our need.

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## Z. O. A. and Your Membership Dollar

By Benjamin Hagai

Many people have asked what happens to the dues that we pay the ZOA. Your membership is broken down in the following way: \$2 pays for a year's subscription to the New Palestine as well as other publications that you receive; \$1.00 pays for the affiliation with the World Zionist Organization, and \$1.00 pays for the National administrative expenses. This is a total of \$4.00. The balance of the money is generally kept in the local District for local Zionist expenses. Sometimes the entire dues collected are sent in, due to the fact that District expenses may be covered by a community budget and the moneys additional to the \$4.00 are diverted to one of the ZOA projects.

The money that you give to the AZF goes towards building colonies on land that is allocated by the JNF, maintains an Israel Information Service in the U. S. A. which disseminates all sorts of information about Israel and also helps to promote the growth of Israel's trade, stimulates investment and financial assistance to Israel, helps to furnish material and machinery for Israel's development, offers to young men and women with pioneering spirit an opportunity for training and working in Israel itself

(Chalutzit), conducts an exchange scholarship between Israeli young and young people from the United States.

The ZOA membership is also raising money for the completion of the ZOA House in Israel which is to serve as an Information Center for American investors, tourists, and students and also to disseminate information to the Israeli people about the United States.

The project section of the ZOA is sponsoring two youth villages, Katamon and Magdil, as well as trade schools, namely, plumbing, textile, electrical and ceramics, and is also sponsoring aid for disabled veterans of the Israeli Army and their families.

The ZOA conducts an educational program which includes the publication of works in English, Hebrew and Yiddish on important Jewish subjects. It also fosters the establishment of Hebrew chairs in American colleges and it stimulates the study of the Hebrew language and culture, and helps to revitalize the American Jewish Culture by strengthening our cultural links with Israel.

Finally, it promotes the revitalization of the American Jewish Community, towards the end of a stronger and more orderly Jewish communal life here.

Further information will be gladly furnished on request.

## National Planning Conference To Be Held in Washington

As a result of the Jerusalem Conference held early last month and attended by 50 American Jewish leaders, a national planning conference has been called to implement the decisions arrived at Jerusalem. The Conference will be held in Washington during October 27-29 and will bring together the leadership of nearly 50 national Zionist, welfare, religious, and fraternal organizations for a common effort at solving the monumental problems which are today threatening the very existence of Israel.

In addition to the many outstanding personalities that will represent the American Jewish community at the Conference, a number of high Israeli officials will speak on behalf of Israel. They include Moshe Sharett, Minister for Foreign Affairs; Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Finance; Golda Myerson, Minister of Labor; and Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to the United States. Also present will be Berl Locker, Chairman of the Jerusalem Section of the Jewish Agency; Levi Eshkol, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency; and Dr. Aaron Barth, Managing Director of the Anglo-Palestine Bank.

Recognizing the importance of the occasion and desiring to honor the great assemblage of Jewish leaders, the Washington community, under the leadership of Joseph Cherner, is sponsoring a great mass banquet meeting as an "Historic Tribute" to the National Planning Conference, to be held on October 28, at 6:30 p.m., in the National Guard Armory.

### NEW INDUSTRY

A Switzerland group of investors and another from France are in the process of establishing factories for the production of motor pistons, the total investment amounting to \$350,000.

An American industrialist has invested \$180,000 in the expansion and modernization of the plywood factory in Kibbutz Mishmarot.

A second glass factory, to manufacture plate glass and fireproof glass ware, is being established by a group of glass experts.

Factories for water-proofing tires are being set up near Haifa by Canadian and French groups of investors.

A radio manufacturing factory will be set up in Nathanya by the Philips Company, Ltd.

The Orden Company is planning to establish a steel works in Nathanya which will provide employment for 100 workers. Machinery is currently being procured in the United States and American technicians will supervise production.

Nathanya will also be the locale for a Tnuva Central dairy which will serve the coastal area. Representing an investment of about \$700,000, the plant will employ 150 workers.

### IMMIGRATION

During the month of August 18,809 immigrants arrived in Israel. The beginning of September saw an acceleration in the flow of immigration. Thus, on September 1, 3,300 persons arrived; on September 9, 2,297 newcomers landed at Haifa port, arriving from Marseilles and Rumania.

It is reported that 4,000 Jews in Prague have registered for immigration to Israel. The Rumanian Government has granted permission to 5,000 families, comprising 10,000 persons, to emigrate to Israel.

### Round The Region

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It would be a wonderful gesture if the district leadership could present to Mr. Turover an increased membership report and an AZF check. There will be no solicitation for AZF funds at the Silver Jubilee Conference.

Our gratitude is deep for the fine work being done by Rabbi Israel M. Goldman, Chairman of the Silver Jubilee Conference, and his fine committee. Rabbi Goldman's co-chairmen in the Tidewater District, who are taking care of all of the arrangements, are doing an excellent job. These fine young men, Robert Epstein of Portsmouth and Lou Brodsky of Norfolk, have the loyal assistance of two fine old Zionists, Dave Friedman, past Regional president, and Joe Hecht, past president of the Norfolk District, as well as Sidney Fink of Newport News, who has been assisting in a most gracious manner.

Baltimore is continuing on its membership drive and expects to have one thousand more members this year.

We must all remember that the life blood of the Zionists Organization of America is membership, and this means new members with every new year. In addition, without our American Zionist Fund we cannot carry on with our wonderful programs and projects.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to make note of the fact that the District of Norfolk, Va., leads all of the other districts in the Seaboard Region in paid-up memberships for the year 1950-1951.

Plans have been drawn to establish a new cement factory in Ramleh, between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, by the Nasher Cement Works. The annual capacity of the plant will be 300,000 tons. Equipment valued at \$1,000,000 has been ordered from England.

Agricultural and other machinery will be produced by an assembly plant to be established by the C. H. Johnson Machinery, Ltd. of Stockport, England. Permission has been granted by the British Treasury to the 200-year-old firm to undertake this venture in Israel. The plant will be capitalized at \$280,000, with a group of Israel residents participating in the investment.

### ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION

The steadily increasing sales of electricity by the Palestine Electric Corp. provide an accurate index of the growth of the industrial structure of Israel. A new record of sales was established in May and June when a total of 79,539,098 KWH, or 16.8 million more than in the two preceding months, were sold. Industrial consumption rose by 25% and the use of electricity for irrigation jumped by more than 200%.

### ISRAEL-IRAN TRADE TALKS

Negotiations have been initiated to conclude a trade treaty between Israel and Iran. Mr. Samuel Divon, Acting Chief of the Middle East Section of the Israel Foreign Ministry, recently arrived at Teheran for talks with the Iranian Government in an endeavor to sign a trade agreement for the purchase of about \$15 million worth of goods from Iran.

### Silver Jubilee

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Jerusalem and to devise workable means of instituting an immediate and effective program of aid to Israel.

Undoubtedly, the political crisis that has recently taken place in Israel will likewise come in for discussion and evaluation. It is expected that a political expert will be available to present to the Conference a thorough analysis of developments that led to the resignation of Ben Gurion's Government and subsequent events.

### Role of the Region

Just how the Seaboard Zionist Region and its extensive membership is to fit into any plans that the Zionist Organization of America may adopt in connection with the implementation of the Jerusalem decisions will, naturally, constitute the most serious and important business to be taken up by the Conference. The Region has for the last two years been looking forward to a revitalization of its activities in terms of definite tasks and goals on behalf of the new State. It is the implicit faith and hope of the Regional Administration that the Conference will not only reinterpret for the delegates the decisions and plans of the ZOA Convention in more exact and practical terms, but that they will be brought up to date on the needs and urgencies which have arisen since the Chicago Convention. In any event, the delegates will have full opportunity to discuss all the problems of the Region in relation both to its existence as an integral part of the ZOA and to its component districts. In this respect, the Workshops, as the program pointed elsewhere shows, should be of immeasurable benefit to all delegates. With the Workshop discussions oriented to the developments of recent weeks, the districts of the Region, it is hoped, should not find it difficult to chart the course of their future activities and objectives and to mobilize the full potential of their communities for their successful fulfillment.

Dr. Silver

Leon Ilutovich

October 26, 1950

Harold P. Manson

Dr. Silver has requested that the full text of the policy declaration adopted at the last meeting of the National Executive Committee be issued to the Jewish press at once, for publication in tomorrow's papers. He emphasizes that this is imperative, in view of the significant omissions from the story which was published today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Jewish Day and the Jewish Morning Journal.

I told him that you had already prepared the full text for distribution to the ZINS list, and he asked that this text be sent at once to the local Jewish press.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are doing everything possible to secure adequate publicity covering the Jubilee Conference of the Seaboard Region, and we have requested coverage by representatives of the AP, UP, and INS. Ernest Barbarash, who is going to be there in Portsmouth, advises of his efforts to have Spiegel of the NEW YORK TIMES to cover the conference as well.

In view of the above, I am most anxious that we highlight your address Sunday night, and it would be most helpful if you send us in advance such excerpts of your talk as you yourself would like to have emphasized in a news release.

We have not sent you a copy of the program even at this late date only because we had several revisions, including the withdrawal of Ambassador Eban due to a conflict with the Nizkachi Conference, and only today I was submitting to the printer the final lineup, per attached copy. It is our intention to rush to you a copy of the proof of the program as soon as we receive same from the printer.

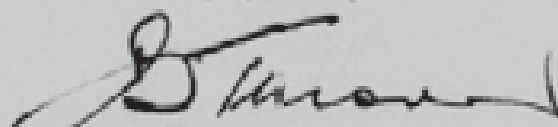
In the meantime, permit me to tell you again how much I personally appreciate your making the effort to be with us at this Jubilee Conference.

There were many people vying for the privilege of meeting you at the airport (including my humble self), but seemingly the Norfolk element won out, and a delegation of their leaders, headed by past Regional president, David Friedman, will have the honor of meeting you and escorting you to the hotel. I will be at your service at the hotel whenever you will be ready to see me, and I hope it will be my personal pleasure to escort you to the Suburban Country Club where the affair will take place.

As to the time element for the newspaper release, it will be entirely adequate if the material reaches me sometime Saturday, c/o Portsmouth Hotel, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
I. S. Turover

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Enclosure



October 31, 1950

FRIDAY NIGHT ZIONIST SERVICE

Temple Beth-El

Services conducted by Rabbi Paul Reich, Norfolk, Virginia

Guest Speaker: Jacques Torcsyner, New York City,  
Vice-chairman, National Administrative Committee

SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 4, 1950

6:00 P. M.

Past Presidents Dinner

7:00 P. M.

Registration of Delegates

8:30 P. M.

"NEW HORIZONS FOR THE ZOA"

Presiding:

I. S. Turover, President  
Seaboard Zionist Region

"America"

Invocation: Rabbi Paul Grob, Portsmouth, Virginia

Formal Opening of Conference: Robert W. Epstein, President  
Portsmouth Zionist District

Greetings: David Friedman, Past President, Norfolk, Virginia

Mrs. Hilary January, President, Seaboard Senior  
Hadassah Region

"ISRAEL IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD" - Harry Y. Levin, Press Counselor,  
Embassy of Israel

"ISRAEL AND ITS CHALLENGE FOR THE ZOA" - Benjamin G. Browdy,  
President, Zionist Organization of  
America

Forum and Discussion led by Dr. Sidney Marks, Executive Director, ZOA

Question and Answer Period

Appointment of Committees

10:30 P. M.

Reception in honor of President Browdy

Musical Program by Cantor Jacob Barkin, Adas Israel Congregation,  
Washington, D. C. (Synagogue)

Dance



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1950

8:30 - 9:45 A. M. Presidential Breakfast (National, Seaboard, and District Presidents)

9:00 A. M. Registration of Delegates

10:00 A. M. Committee Meetings

11:30 - 12:45 P. M. First Plenary Session

Presiding:

A. S. Kay, President, Louis D. Brandeis District, Washington, D. C.

Invocation: Rabbi Jesse Finkle, Newport News, Virginia

Greetings: Sidney J. Pink, Newport News, Virginia

Report: Benyamin Hagai, Regional Director

Presentation of JNF Program and Kfar Truman Project:

Mendel Fisher, Executive Director, JNF

Joseph Andelman, Chairman, JNF Activities, Washington, D. C.

Alvin Cheslock, Chairman, JNF Activities, Baltimore, Md.

1 P. M.

Luncheon Meeting

Presiding:

Vice-president Israel M. Goldman, Rabbi, Chizuk Amuno  
Congregation; President, Baltimore Zionist District

Invocation: Rabbi \_\_\_\_\_, Richmond, Virginia

Greetings: Joseph Reshefsky, Portsmouth, Virginia

"THE SEABOARD REGION--A DYNAMIC FORCE WORKING FOR ZIONISM  
AND ISRAEL" - I. S. Turover, President, Seaboard Zionist Region

Benediction: Rabbi Samuel A. Friedman, Wilmington, N. C.

3:00 - 4:00 P. M.

Second Plenary Session

Presiding:

Samuel Karp, Arlington, Virginia

NATIONAL ZOA PROGRAM IN ACTION

Membership and ZOA Israel Projects: Abraham Redelheim,  
Vice-president, ZOA

Private Investment in Israel: I. S. Turover, President  
Seaboard Zionist Region

Discussion: A. S. Kay, Vice-president, Seaboard Region

Question and Answer Period

4:40 - 5:30 P. M.

Third Plenary Session

Presiding:  
Joseph L. Hecht, Norfolk, Virginia

Report of Committees

Nominations and Elections

7:00 P. M.

Banquet Session

Presiding:  
I. S. Turover, President, Seaboard Zionist Region

National Anthem: Cantor Jacob Barkin

Invocation: Rabbi Paul Reich, Norfolk, Virginia

Dinner:

Welcoming Remarks and Introduction: Louis Brodsky, Norfolk, Va.

Welcoming Remarks by Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks and Installation of Officers: Benjamin G. Browdy,  
ZOA President

Response: (President, Seaboard Zionist Region)

Response: (Chairman, Administrative Committee)

9:00 P. M.

Address: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
"AMERICAN JEWRY AND ISRAEL"

Jewish and Hebrew Folk Lore Recital: Cantor Jacob Barkin

Benediction: Rabbi Jesse Finkle, Newport News, Virginia

"Hatikvah"

Reception in honor of Rabbi Silver

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October 31, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In the Conference Rooms, in the lobby of the Statler Hotel, in fact, wherever delegates to the National Planning Conference for Israel congregated, your name was on the lips of almost everyone. It seemed to me that your absence at this most important gathering of American Jewry was felt very keenly by everyone.

There were some who said that a great injustice has been done to you by the Arrangement Committee, who failed to invite you to this Conference. Others maintained that you, as a renowned leader of American Jewry and as a great leader in the Zionist movement in America for many decades, should have come to this Conference, though you were not officially invited.

"Ani Hakaton" - One who is not particularly interested in the political wrangle in our ranks, but one who is vitally interested in the welfare of Israel, made the following remarks. "Can anyone of us visualize what the effect would be were Dr. Silver to rise above the average level, disregard the omission of an invitation and majestically walk in to the Conference Hall. He then would, to use a vernacular expression, "steal the show". I also said that such a magnanimous act would thrill the assembly, and would, no doubt, greatly help the cause. Friends and opponents alike, would be compelled to admit - there is a genuinely great leader.

This was my thought to which I still cling. I am certain that there are many others to whom this thought occurred. Your comments, should you care to make any, would be greatly appreciated by me.

Respectfully yours,  
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חבר מערכת "הבקר"

לכבוד  
ד"ר א.ה. סילבר,  
קליבלנד.

ד"ר סילבר הנכבד,

הנני מרשה לעצמי להציג לפני ככ', בשם "הבקר", כטח שאלות שהטובות ככ' עליהן חשובות וטעניות ביותר את הצבוריות בישראל ובסיוח את "הבקר" ואח הציננים הכלליים.

אודה לככ' אם אקבל את החשובות כהקדם על סנה להעבירן כאורח טלגרפי לעהוני.

השאלות הן :

א. מהי ההודעה שד"ר סילבר יכול לספור לספלנה הציונים הכלליים ערב הבחירות לעיריות ולטוענות המקוטיות.

ב. לרגל החלטת הוועד הפועל של 20.8.50 24/10/50 הנני מעוניין לדעת כמה יחסי ההסתדרות הציונית בארצות הברית לספלנה הציונים הכלליים בישראל.

ג. מהו היחס של ציוני אמריקה לנכ"י הספלנה הפרונגרסיבית

ד. מהי תעודת הצהרות הכללית לקראת הקונגרס הציוני הקרוב וכמה חלק ההסתדרות הציונית האמריקאית לקונגרס בבא.

הנני פונה לככ' בשאלות אלו כאל יו"ר הוועד לענייני הציונות העולמית שליד ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה.

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Dr. Sidney Marks  
*Secretary*

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

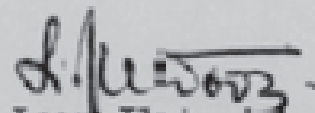
Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Joseph Quenzel of Petach Tikvah, staff member of the "Haboker" who came here on a short visit requested me to transmit to you the attached letter with a request that you send in your reply in form of a statement to be cabled by him to the "Haboker" before the municipal elections in Israel scheduled for November 14th.

I promised Mr. Quenzel to transmit his letter to you.

Please accept my kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,



Leon Ilitovich  
Director, Zionist  
Information Service

LI:fm

November 2, 1950

Mr. Herbert B. Sussman  
United Galician Jews of America  
175 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

My dear Mr. Sussman:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 31st which I read with much interest. If my presence on the program of the National Planning Conference for Israel in Washington was desirable, as you and so many others seem to feel, it would have been a very simple matter for those who planned the Conference to extend an invitation to me, as they did in the case of so many others, to participate in it.

Those who feel as you do should really address their communications to the individuals who were responsible for the program - not to me. I do not go where I am not wanted and I do not make any dramatic entries into meeting to which I have not been invited. I do not regard such dramatic tactics as "stealing the show", as you put it, a necessary part of the equipment of a responsible leader.

Again thanking you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me, and with all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Dr. Silver

DATE: November 3, 1950

FROM: Carl Alpert

SUBJECT:

As a result of several inquiries received here, I have been investigating the American Israeli Cultural Society. Attached is copy of my memorandum and supporting documents regarding the Society. This completes my investigation.

I understand you were interested in having this information. I am transmitting the same information to the Israel Consulate, the Jewish Agency and the American Zionist Council for whatever further investigation they may wish to make from this point.

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MEMORANDUM

November 3, 1960

Subject: American Israeli Cultural Society

As a result of several inquiries I started an investigation as to the nature of this organization. Attached are the following:

1. Copy of a letter sent by Dr. Morris J. Rothman to Congressmen, Senators and other public figures in all parts of the country.
2. Copy of the articles of incorporation of the Society.

Further investigation reveals the following:

1. Dr. Rothman, the Executive Vice-President, is a Rabbi, and the address indicated on the letterhead, 261 West 22nd St., New York City, is his private home. It is a tenement house in a rather run-down cosmopolitan section of the city.
2. I understand that he occupies the pulpit at what is known as the 23rd Street Shule.
3. He had been in charge of an operation conducted by the United Religious Bloc to help rescue orphans. He was given office space for this purpose by the Young Israel movement, but had some trouble with them because he was using their name without authorization.
4. He is not a member of any rabbinical organization, but has applied for membership in the Rabbinical Council of America. His application is now pending.
5. He declared to one of my representatives that he is making plans for Voice of America broadcasts which he has arranged with the cooperation or with the assistance of the Israel Consulate. He said that he has definite arrangements for his project with the Government of Israel. His enterprise is not affiliated with any other Zionist or Jewish organization.
6. He declared that he is also planning to set up a Human Rights Association.
7. Plans are being made, he said, to arrange for a visiting exhibit of culture from Israel.
8. Among the sponsors of his Society he would mention only the name of a Mr. Baldwin (Roger Baldwin of the Civil Liberties Union?).
9. He declared that it was necessary to keep this whole project quiet for the time being and not give it any unnecessary publicity lest there be a flood of applications for scholarships, etc., which he was not yet in a position to provide.
10. His Synagogue is located at 236 West 23rd Street, telephone Oregon 5-0150. He is usually in his Study there from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. His home phone is Bryant 9-9699.
11. It is my understanding that more detailed information regarding Rabbi Rothman may be obtained from Mr. Victor Geller of the Union of Orthodox Congregations in this city.

— Carl Alpert



AMERICAN-ISRAELI CULTURAL SOCIETY, INC.  
261 West 22nd Street - New York, N.Y.

October 18, 1950

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Dear.....:

We take great pleasure in extending to you our invitation to serve as sponsor of the American Israeli Cultural Society, now in formation.

You have long been a pillar of moral support of the Israeli Nation; you have crusaded in the best American tradition for the establishment of the state of Israel, and you have, in her greatest trials and tribulations, manifested your friendship. Thus we deem it a privilege to ask you to join us in fomenting the illustrious traditions and cultural tenets of our two great Nations.

Following are the objectives of the American-Israeli Cultural Society:

- (a) To acquaint the American people with the spiritual and cultural treasures of Israel.
- (b) To establish in this country exchange scholarships for American and Israeli students.
- (c) To promote and effectuate a greater understanding among the clergy, pedagogues, scholars and educators of our two great Nations.
- (d) To create a center of learning with modern Hebrew as the guiding language for all Americans of every creed -- who would wish to improve their knowledge of Mosaic edification.
- (d) To promote the adoption of the Hebrew language in High Schools, Colleges and Universities, as one of the foreign languages mandatory for a scholastic matriculation.

May we hear from you soon?

Respectfully yours,

(signed)

Dr. Morris J. Rothman  
Executive Vice-President

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AMERICAN ISRAELI CULTURAL SOCIETY

Incorporated - October 11, 1960

Dr. Reuben Gafri  
Moses Nussbaum  
Isaac Rothman  
Charles M. Cohen  
Isaac Winkler  
Rabbi Morris J. Rothman

Purpose:

- (a) To maintain a place of assembly in accordance with Jewish Orthodox Religion.
- (b) To acquaint American people with spiritual and cultural treasures of Israel.
- (c) To perpetuate the Hebrew language and culture.
- (d) To establish in this Country exchange scholarships for American and Israel students.
- (e) To promote and effectuate greater understanding among the clergy, pedagogues, scholars and educators of our two great Nations.
- (f) To create a center of learning with modern Hebrew as the guiding language for all Americans, etc.
- (g) To promote the adoption of the Hebrew language in high schools, colleges and universities as one of the foreign languages, mandatory for scholastic matriculation
- (h) To solicit, collect or otherwise raise funds and to expend, contribute, disburse and otherwise dispose of same for such purposes and in such a manner as the trustees of the Corporation shall determine for the support of its religious progress in the United States and Israel.
- (i) Foregoing shall be considered both as objects and purposes and it is hereby expressly provided that the foregoing enumeration of specific powers, objects and purposes shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the powers of the Corporation.

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This Corporation is not established and shall not be maintained or conducted for pecuniary profit and shall have the status of a religious, education and benevolent corporation. None of its trustees, directors, members, officers or employees shall receive any pecuniary profit from the operations thereof except reasonable compensation for services in effecting one or more of its purposes.

Six (6) Trustees elected for a term of one year:

Reuben Gafri - 4619-15th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Moses Nussbaum - 374 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Isaac Rothman - 1587 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Charles M. Cohen - 50 Rush St., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Isaac Winkler - 135 Rodney St., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Morris J. Rothman - 261 West 22nd St., New York, N. Y.

Next meeting to be held on 1st day of December 1960.

Certificate filed Kings County Clerk's No. 62, Reg. No. 2-S-62, N.Y.Co. Reg. No. 2-S-145

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42<sup>nd</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

November 3, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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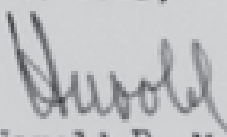
Dear Dr. Silver:

Carl Alpert is sending you a full memorandum and supporting documents regarding the American-Israeli Cultural Society.

This would seem to be a new racket-in-the-making. Copies of Alpert's memorandum have been sent to the Israel Consulate, to the Jewish Agency and to the American Zionist Council, who have been requested to take the necessary steps to inform those who have been approached as prospective sponsors of the facts.

With warm regards, I am

As ever,

  
Harold P. Hanson

HPM/pn

SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION  
SILVER JUBILEE CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 4 AND 5, 1950  
SUBURBAN COUNTRY CLUB  
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM - (Tentative)

Saturday Night

- 8:30 p. m. Formal Opening Ceremonies
- 9 p. m. to 10 or 10:30 Forum and Discussion - "ISRAEL (AND ITS <sup>or</sup> NEEDS) TODAY" or "REPORT FROM ISRAEL"
- Participants in (President Benjamin G. Browdy recently held (A. S. Kay, Washington Conference in ( Joseph Meyerhoff, Baltimore Jerusalem
- If omitted Saturday night, may be shifted to Sunday lunch session (To be followed possibly by short presentation on Israel's economic needs by an Israel Embassy official, such as Councilor Moshe Keren, or Economic Councilor Cecil Hyman.)
- Appointment of Committees
- 10 or 10:30 Cocktail party and reception party in honor of President Browdy by host districts (Portsmouth, Norfolk, Newport News)
- 11 p. m. Dance (also community singing)

Sunday

- 8:30 - 9:45 Breakfast Meeting  
National - President Browdy  
Seaboard - I. S. Turover  
All District Presidents
- 10 - 11:30 Committee Meetings  
Steered by National & Regional Chairmen
- 11:30 - 12:45 First Plenary Session  
Report of Executive Director.  
Presentation of JNF activities within ZOA (Mendel Fisher and Regional and District chairmen, led by Joseph Andelman, Washington, and Alvin Cheslock, Baltimore. Special emphasis on Kfar Truman Project.



Sunday

- 1 p. m.            Lunch Session
- 2 - 4:15          Second Plenary Session  
                  Report of President Turover  
                  (Possibly brief remarks by President Browdy)
- Presentation of National ZOA Program  
                  Membership: A. Redelheim  
                  Funds & Projects: L. Falk  
                  Economic Projects: I. S. Turover
- Question and Answer Period (Dr. Marks will answer)
- 4:15 - 5:30      Third Plenary Session  
                  Report of Committees
- Nominations and Elections
- Banquet Session
- 7 - 7:30          Cocktail party and reception in honor of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
                  (attendance limited to National and Regional officers and Dis-  
                  trict Presidents). (Subject to Dr. Silver's choice, this  
                  reception may follow the banquet session.)
- 7:30 - 8:30      Dinner
- 5 minutes - Welcoming remarks by local Zionist leader  
                  5        "        - Welcoming remarks by local Mayor  
                  10        "        - Installation of officers by President Browdy  
                  10        "        - Response and introduction of Dr. Silver by  
   I. S. Turover
- 9 p. m.           Address by Dr. Silver
- Vocal selections by Cantor  
                  One or two numbers possibly during the dinner, balance of  
                  musical program after close of Dr. Silver's address.
- 10 p. m.          Social hour and dancing until midnight

November 7, 1950

Mr. Carl Alpert  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Friend;

Thank you so much for the trouble which you took to give me  
the information about the American Israeli Cultural Society.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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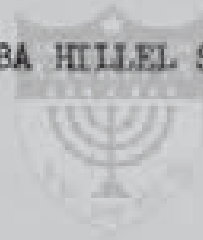
NOVEMBER 7, 1950

BENJAMIN BROWDY  
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
141 EAST 142ND STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

THE REPORT WHICH APPEARED IN THE FORWARDS SUNDAY STATING THAT  
YOU DID NOT OPPOSE MONTOR'S APPOINTMENT AND THAT YOU ARE IN  
DISAGREEMENT WITH ME ON THIS MATTER SHOULD BE CORRECTED AT  
ONCE IN THE FORWARDS WHERE THE REPORT WAS CLEARLY PLANTED TO  
DO MISCHIEF. WARMEST REGARDS.



ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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Urgent  
Dr. Sidney Marks called re. the following matters:

1. The following cable was received addressed to you from the Zionist Federation of Argentina:

BY UNANIMOUS DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ZIONIST FEDERATION OF ARGENTINA WE PROTEST VEHEMENTLY AGAINST YOUR AGREEING TO INJECT INTO THE VOTING RIGHTS OF THE GROUP OF DISSIDENTS THUS HELPING TO DEEPEN THE CRISIS IN THE MOVEMENT WITHOUT KNOWING ANY OF THE DETAILS OF THE CONTROVERSY. WE ARE AWAITING YOUR PROMPT WITHDRAWAL FROM THIS STAND FOR THE SAKE OF RESUMING THE UNITY AND TO PREVENT RESULTS WHICH CANNOT BE CORRECTED. ✓

ZIONIST FEDERATION OF ARGENTINA

Dr. Marks said the above is a translation. A copy of this has been mailed to you.

2. The following cable was received by the ZOA from the Zionist Federation in Holland:

CONGRESS ELECTIONS DECEMBER TENTH. OUR PROSPECTS SERIOUSLY HAMPERED BY LACK OF MEANS. CABLE REMITTANCE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS URGENTLY REQUESTED. DR. MARKS KNOWS CONSCIENTIOUS USE OF MEANS BY US. ✓

JACOB FRANKEL  
MILLETSTRASSE 48  
AMSTERDAM

Dr. Marks knows this group. He said he spoke with Jacques Torczyner about this request and Mr. Torczyner recommended that the money be sent. He advised, however, that it ~~must~~ be paid over there, thus taking advantage of the exchange rate. ✓

3. A meeting has been called for tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at the Hotel Sulgrave of the World Confederation of General Zionists. No one at the ZOA, including Mr. Browdy, knew of this meeting until the notices were received today. It is apparently a meeting of all Hadassah and ZOA delegates. The discussion apparently will center around Congress problems in South America and there is obviously some connection between the convening of this meeting and the telegram received from Argentina. They know that Mr. Cole and Mr. Herman of Israel will be present at the meeting. Dr. Marks read the above cable to Dr. Margoshes and told him about the meeting. They are all planning to attend. It will be held in Room 806. ✓

4. Dr. Marks has received requests from several of the regions, in connection with membership camps, for a short speech by you - 12 minutes - on the subject: "Why Zionism Today?" This would be a recorded 15-minute broadcast. If you agree, Dr. Marks would like to make arrangements for such a speech to be recorded in Cleveland.

Dr. Marks is leaving the office for the day, but will be in early tomorrow morning. He asked that you write him tonight, special delivery air mail, advising him about these matters. It is urgent that they hear from you especially concerning the meeting tomorrow morning which is called for 9 a.m. If you wish, Dr. Marks suggested you might get in touch with Dr. Margoshes this afternoon. ✓



*Seaboard Zionist Region*  
**ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA**

3147 SIXTEENTH STREET, N. W.

WASHINGTON 10, D. C.

PHONE HUDSON 4148

November 7, 1950

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

4728 BETHESDA AVENUE

BETHESDA 14, MD.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Permit me to convey to you my own heartfelt thanks as well as those of the officers and the entire membership for your presence with us at the celebration of the SILVER JUBILEE Conference of the Seaboard Zionist Region.

You gave us ample inspiration and direction in your most timely address on the subject of the relationship between Israel and American Jewry and the tremendous tasks that the ZOA is still facing in its efforts to help in the creation of a stronger, fully viable, Jewish State.

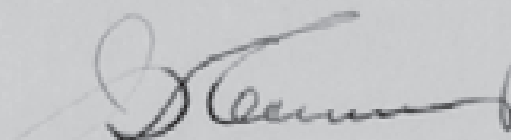
It is difficult for me to put into words my own feelings as well as the many, many expressions that I have received from both the officers and the constituency on the wonderful results that we all expect from your visit and message to us. Indeed, we already have indications that your voice has reached far beyond the confines of our meeting place and Region and that your message will have long lasting effects on the far flung national and international Zionist scenes.

We are all truly indebted to you for making this SILVER JUBILEE Conference so much more memorable and significant and the outstanding success in the history of the Region. We confidently expect fine practical follow-up--real *mitzvot*.

Again, I say many thanks to you for taking time out from your crowded schedule to come to Portsmouth and honor us with your presence and participation.

With all sincere good wishes, I am

Most respectfully,



I. S. Turover

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דעם 8טען נאוועמבער, 1950

ליבער פריינד אילוסטאטיש:

איך האב איבערגעליענעם א-ערע זאכען אין אלע דריי שפראכען. זיי זינען געשרי-  
בען אין א זלארער און דעמליכער שפראך, און איך גלויב, אז ס'עבר לים העט מען די  
ראזיגע שפראך פארשטעהן. היינט געהערט צו זיין.

ס'יר געפעלט אויך דער אינהאלט. ס'זאל דארף דער-עיקר אויסקלערען דעם עולם, האט  
ס'יר טוען דא און היינט פארשטעהען די לאגע. איהר האט זעהר א שטערק אויספונדע.

ליבער האט זיך גאר א סך געענדערט זייט דעם באזעלער קאנגרעס. אין לאטין-אמעריקע,  
אין זיד-אפריקע און שוין אפגעקערט פון איראק - איז די שטימונג א "פראגרעסיבע",

אומשטייגער געוואלט. הארן פאריגען קאנגרעס זינען ס'יר איינשטאנד געהען צו קריגען  
ס'לח-זע פריינד. איצט איז די לאגע אזוי פארנעמעלט געהערן און עס זינען פאר-  
שפרייט געהערן אזוי פיעל ליגענעם, אז ס'יר האבען צו טאן מיט געגנער, העמען עס  
העט זיין שטער צו ברענגען צו אונזער זייט.

האט קאן מען טאן איך האב מורא, אז מען העט איך קנאט דרוקען. פארגעסט נישט, אז  
אפילו די אפיציעלע קאנסעקראציע ליעגט נישט אין הענד פון פריינד.

איך גלויב נישט, אז ס'זאל דרוקען זאכען אליין העט מען קאנען עפיש דערגרייכען. עס  
האלט נויטיג געהען ארויסצושניידען באגלויבטע מענטשען און סאכען פארבינדונגען.

אבער ס'יר רעדען דאך דא פון א-ער סינדיקאט. איז אוראי גוט, האט איהר שיקט  
איבער דער חקלא אינסאראציע. ס'איז נויטיג נאך איינגעהערען אינסאראציע,

האט זאל זיין אזוי געשריבען, אז די דעראקסארען זאלען זיי מוזען דרוקען. חוץ דעם  
מוזט איהר האבען ארטיקלען און אינסערוציעס פון מענטשען, העמען געמען זאלען

זיין אזוי אנציהענד, אז יעדער דעראקסאר זאל געפינען נוצליך פאר זיין צייטונג זיי-  
צו האבען ביי זיך. אן ארטיקל פון דר. סילבער, פון דר. ניומאן, געלעגענמליך, היינט

צוקער-לעקעכעל, פון אבא איבען; אן איבערזיכט פון דער ישראל פרעסע, האט זאל

אונז צושפילען, ציפער הענען אסעריקאנער ציוניסטען און זייער מעסיגזיסען;  
עפיש הענען דער האלמונג פון אסעריקאנער קאנגרעסליס און פענאטארען אין  
שיכוח מיט אונזערע לעבענס-פראגען, אונזערע שריט פאר ישראל די סינאגאג  
פון אויסאריטעטען הענען דער ראליע פון אלגעמינעם ציוניזם, סינאגאג פון אסעריקא  
נער הענען דר. סילחער, הענען אסעריקאנער אלגעמינעם ציוניזם א.א.וו. - האלטען  
גענען אנגעלעגט און רעדאקטארען האלטען דאס פארצוקערט.

חוצ דעם, דארטס איהר זוכען פריינד אין דער זשורנאליסטישער העלט אין אלע  
שטראכען, מיט העלכע איהר באשעפטיגט זיך. דאס איז א לאנגזאמע ארבייט, אבער זעהר  
א חיכטיגע. עס קאן געטאן הערען. איך מין דערביי אויך אסעריקא. מיר האבען צוזאם  
פענח'ז דעם "טאג" דא, חגם אויך דארט האט לואי סינאל און אנדערע פון לינקס  
און פון רעכטס אויסגעהאלב דער רעדאקציע און אין דער רעדאקציע גוסא, א פריינדען  
צושריט. זייער/כראניק און ~~אנדערע~~ <sup>אנדערע</sup> ארטיקלען זינען סיעל גרעסער און געחיכטיגער  
מי אונזערע. אבער האט איז סכח דעם פארהערט'און דעם, פארגען זשורנאל' מיר  
קאנען דארט אויך האבען פריינד, חגם די רעדאקציע העט מאכען שטעריגקייטען. אינעם  
דיחידועל זינען מיטארבייטער גאנץ פריי און זאנען אפמאל אפילו אין א געגנעריי-  
שער סביבה זיין זעהר גוצליך.

און האט איז סכח דער אירישער פרעסע אויף ענגליש

איך הייס, אז איך האב איך אנגעצייכענט א ברייט פראגראם. אבער אהן דעם

העט די ארבייט נים קאנען געראטען.

מיט בעסטען גרוס

[Nov. 8, 1950]

נאחטמער דעם 8טן, 1950

חשוב'ער רעדאקטאר פון „פארזעכער“:

אין „פארזעכער“ פון שבת, דעם 4טן נאחטמער, האט איר אפ-  
געדרוקט א באריכט פון א „פארזעכער“ רעדאקטאר, האט דערצילט א  
מעשה האט ערס גענומען פון פארזעכער קהאלן לויט העלבער עס  
קומט אויס, אז נאכדעם הייבט א געטלאסענער זיצונג פון דער עק-  
זעקוס'יגע פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין אמעריקע איז  
באטלאפן געווארן צו טארלאנגען אז הענרי סאנסאר זאל באזיטיגט  
הערן פון זיין אסט אלס אנפירער פון באנד סארקוויף דרייט צו העלפן  
„ישראל“ זאל איך האבן געזאגט צו פינאנץ מיניסטער קאפלאנ'ען  
מיט העלפן איך זאל האבן גערעדט הענרי דער סעקלונג פון דער ציו-  
ניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין אמעריקע, אז איך פיר בלויז אויס פארמעל  
דעם באטלום פון דער ארגאניזאציע הייל מיטאם מיך אזוי ג'אויפמראכט  
צו טאן, אבער פערזענליך האב איך אפמאלום גארניש אויסצוזעצן  
געבן סוף, סאנסאר'ס קאנדידאטור.

היל איך דא דערקלערן, אז די מעשה פון די „פארזעכער קהאלן“  
שטימט נישט מיט די פאקטן.

דער אמת איז, אז נאך אין אנהויב סעפטעמבער, זייענדיג אין  
ירושלים ביי דער דרינגענדער הילפס-קאנסערהעץ, האב איך אין געספרעכט  
מיט פרעס'ער בן גוריון'ען און פינאנץ מיניסטער קאפלאנ'ען, גענומען  
די סעקלונג אז מיר, סאנסאר'ס באשטימונג הייבט אנפירער פון דער „ישראל  
הלחאה אין אמעריקע איז נישט קיין געטאוונטענע צוליב דעם האט ער איז  
א „קאנסערהעץ אל פיגור“ דאס הייסט א מענטש צוליב העפען עס וועט  
אנזעקאונגען און גייען נאך אן סחלקוה'ין אין די ציוניסטישע רייען. און  
דאס האב איך געמאכט צו האבן פאר דער פארזאמלונג פון דער עקזעקוס'יגע  
פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע.

וועגנ'ם, אויף דער האטינגסאנער פלאניר-קאנסערהעץ, האט איך האב  
אראנזשירט א פרייהאפט לאנסטען פאר פינאנץ מיניסטער קאפלאנ'ען און ארצ'יס-  
מיניסטער גאלדע פריימאן, האב איך פאר זי נאכאמאל היידערהאלטן מיין  
געגנערזאפט צו מיר, סאנסאר'ס באשטימונג אויפ'ין גרויס האט די דאזיגע  
באשטימונג בריינגט אריין צווייטעקייטן אין דער באהענגונג מיין א צייט הען  
מיר מוזן האבן שלום און פאראייניגונג פון אלע גרופען פון ציוניזם און  
אמעריקאנער אידיענאס כדי צו העלפן דער אידישער מדינה.

איך היל איך זעסן דרוקן די דאזיגע שורות אזוי שנעל היי מעגליך  
היל דער באריכט פון אייר צייטונג גיט א נישט ריכטיגן איינדרוק הען מיין  
באציאונג צו א היינטיגער פראגע אין לעבן פון דער ציוניסטישער באהענגונג  
און פון מדינת ישראל, עס איז נישט מיין סכע צו זאגן איין וואך אין דער  
עפענטליכקייט און אן אנדער וואך היינטער געטלאסענע מירן.

מיט אכטונג, איירער,

בנימין ג. בראודי, פרעזידענט  
ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע פון אמעריקע



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ADDRESS REPLY TO:

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BETHESDA 14, MD.

Miss Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

I am glad to tell you that the press services gave very good coverage to our SILVER JUBILEE Conference, and particularly so, of course, to Rabbi Silver's participation and address.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency and the entire Jewish press also quoted very liberally from Dr. Silver's remarks.

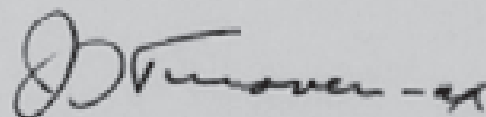
I presume you have seen the coverage by the NEW YORK TIMES and the TRIBUNE, and in due course our Seaboard Regional office will send you some clippings of materials covering the conference. In the meantime, I want to send you at this time the attached clipping from the Norfolk paper containing a photograph of Dr. Silver.

Also, one more favor. In case Dr. Silver incurred any expenses of any nature, kindly send a memorandum of same to our Executive Director, Benyamin Hagai, at the Regional headquarters, 1147 - 16th Street, N. W., Washington 10, D. C.

I am indebted to you for getting the excerpt of Dr. Silver's talk to me in time.

Thanks again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



I. S. Turover

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November 8, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th & Ansel Streets  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which went off to the editor of The Forward. I think it states the case in pretty vigorous terms.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

S. Margoshes

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Enc.

# CONFEDERACION LATINOAMERICANA DE SIONISTAS GENERALES

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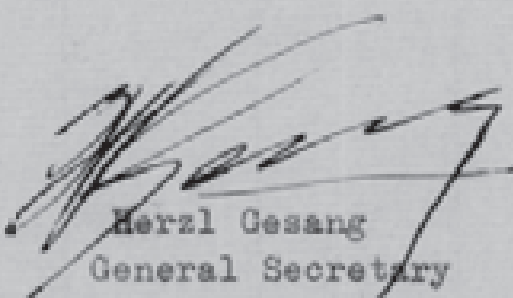
Dear Dr. Silver:


We have duly received the Statement by the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, dated October 24, which was presented by your goodself, and we are proud to be able to express you our solidarity and personal satisfaction and to notice that you are taking an active participation in the future of sionism in the Golah.

In name of the Executive of the Latin American Confederation we feel our duty to express you our best disposition to colabore in the organization of the purposes which the said statement purpo

Awaiting to hear further from you and wishing you the best success in the noble cause you are sustaining.

Very truly yours,

  
Herzl Gesang  
General Secretary

  
Egon Glucksmann  
Chairman.

A. K. ISREELI  
342 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.  
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November 9, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you an interesting Reuter cable from Haifa printed by the Christian Science Monitor of yesterday. I say "interesting" because it represents the views of an impartial journalist. I asked some Jewish papers to place this item in translation.

I'd like to report to you about my presence at the Mizrahi Convention in Atlantic City. That party has grown considerably since Dr. Churgin took over the chairmanship. The report on the actual work in Israel was most illuminating. Mizrahi, Hapoel Hamizrachi and the Mizrahi Women are doing real work and they move towards one goal -- to plant in Israel enough people of the so-called Torah-conscious group and amass sufficient economic and political force to compel the Government and the population to make Jewish Law a living thing in Israel.

I had a long discussion with Rabbi Gold and Mr. Gellman. They still profess great friendship and, yes, love for you, but regret that you resigned and in this way cut off contact with them.

Rabbi Gold and also Mr. Gellman would like very much to meet with you. I judged from their talks that there is still a possibility of agreement with you on certain policies vis-a-vis the Congress and probably at the Congress.

Mr. Illutovich of the Zionist Information Office had asked my opinion about the service of Zins. I am attaching herewith copy of a letter in answer to his request, which may give you an idea of what should be done with regard to the propaganda of your committee and of Zins.

You probably know now that on November 19th a conference of representatives of Zionist organizations called by our Council will take place at Hotel Astor. The delegates will represent:



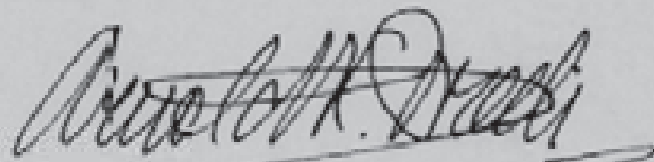
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ZOA - 50; Hadassah - 50; Mizrahi - 40; Peale Zion - 40;  
Revisionists - 20; and Achduth-Avodah and Hashomer Hatzair - 20.

May I hope that you will be present at the conference representing ZOA? I know that this is the hope of everyone in our organization devoted to you.

Most cordially,



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# א בריוועל פון מר. פראדל פרעוידענט פון דער ציו- ניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין אמעריקע

השוב'ער דעראקטאר פון  
"פארווערטס":

אין "פארווערטס" פון שבת, דעם  
4טען נאוועמבער, האט איר אפגע-  
דריקט א באריכט פון א "פארווערטס"  
רעפארטער, וואס דערזעהלט א מעשה  
וואס ווערט גענומען "פון פארלעסליכע  
קוואלען", לויט וועלכער עס קומט  
אויס, אז נאכדעם ווי "ביי א געשלעכט  
פענער ויצאנא פון דער עקזעקוטיווע פון  
דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין  
אמעריקע אין באשלאסענע געווארען צו  
פארלאנגען, אז הענרי סאנטאר זאל  
באזייטיגט ווערען פון זיין אמט אלס  
אנפירער פון באנדרפארטיי דראיע צו  
העלפען ישראל", זאל איר האבען גע-  
זאגט צו פינאנץ מיניסטער סאפלאנ'ע.  
מיט וועמען איר זאל האבען גערעדט  
ווענען דער שטעלונג פון דער ציוניס-  
טישער ארגאניזאציע אין אמעריקע, אז  
איר פיר בלויז אויס פארטעל דעם בא-  
שלוס פון דער ארגאניזאציע ווייל מען  
האט פיר אזוי בייאויפטראגט צו מאן  
אבער "פערזענליך האב איר אבסאלוט  
נאכמיט אויסצווערען געזען מר. סאנ-  
טאר'ס קאנדידאטור".

ווייל איר דא ערקלערען, אז די מעשה  
פון די "פארלעסליכע קוואלען" שטימט  
ניט מיט די פאקטען.

דער אמת איז, אז נאך אין אנהייב  
סעפטעמבער, ווענדט אין ירושלים  
ביי דער דרינגענדער הילפסיקאנפע-  
רענץ, האב איר, אין געשפרעכען מיט  
פרעמיער מיניסטער'ען און פינאנץ פיר-  
מיניסטער סאפלאנ'ע, גענומען די שטע-  
לונג, אז מר. סאנטאר'ס באשטימונג  
אלס אנפירער פון דער ישראל הלואה  
אין אמעריקע זיין נישט קיין געוואונ-  
שענע ציליג דעם וואס ער איז א "קאנ-  
טראווערסעל פיגור", דאס הייסט, א  
פעניש צוליב וועמען עס וועט אנגע-  
באנגען און געזען נאך אן סחלוקת'ן  
אין די ציוניסטישע רייען, און דאס  
האב איר געזאגט צוויי וואכען פאר דער  
פארזאסלונג פון דער עקזעקוטיווע פון  
דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע.

וועגנ'דיג, אונז דער וואשינגטאנער  
פלאניר-קאנסערווענץ, וואו איר האב  
ארגאניזירט א פריוואטע לאנסטשא-  
פאר פינאנץ מיניסטער סאפלאנ און  
ארבייטסמיניסטער גאלדע סייזענסא.  
האב איר פאר זיי נאכאמאל ווידער-  
האלט מיין גענעראלעם צו מר. סאנ-  
טאר'ס באשטימונג אויפ'ן גרונט וואס  
די דאזיגע באשטימונג ברענגט אריין  
צווייטמיניסטען אין דער באזעצונג אין  
א צייט ווען פיר מונטן האבען שלום  
אין פאראייניגטן פון אלע גרופען פון  
ציוניזם און אמעריקאנער אידענטיטעט  
בריי צו העלפען דער אידישער מדינת.

איר וויל אייך בעסער צו דרוקען די  
דאזיגע שורות אזוי שנעל ווי מעגליך,  
ווייל דער באריכט אין איינער צייטונג  
ניט א נישט-דינסטיגע איינדרוק וועט  
סיין באציהונג צו א וויכטיגער פראגע  
אין לעבן פון דער ציוניסטישער בא-  
וועגונג און פון מדינת ישראל, עס איז  
נישט סיין טבע צו ווארען איין זאך אין  
דער עפענטליכקייט און אז אנדער זאך  
הינטער געשלאפענע פירען.

מיט אכטונג, אייערער,

בנימין ג. פראדל, פרעזידענט

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Dear Dr. Silver:

The Forward today printed Browdy's letter  
which I enclose.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*E. Margoshes*  
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Suite de la lettre adressée  
au Dr ABBA HILEL SILVER  
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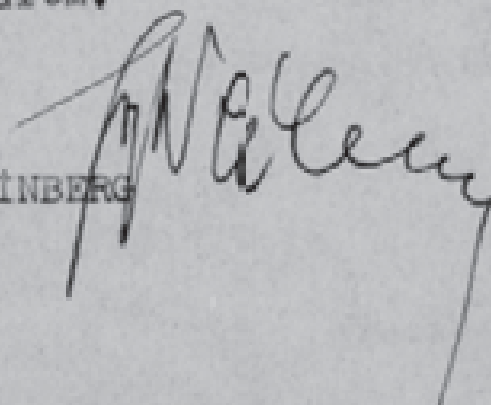
déjà sentir dans le monde entier. Les nouvelles que notre ami Rosenblum nous a apportées à ce sujet ont été pour nous particulièrement reconfortantes. Avec votre retour cher Dr Silver, à l'activité du mouvement sioniste de grands espoirs sont permis pour un avenir meilleur en faveur de notre Sionisme.

Tous nos amis en France vous envoient l'expression de leur grande amitié et de leur sincère dévouement. Leur volonté de marcher avec vous jusqu'au bout pour la réalisation de notre idéal commun est inébranlable.

Je me permets de vous envoyer cher Dr Silver une déclaration concernant votre mandat en France et vous prie de la signer et de nous la retourner.

Dans cette attente, nous vous prions Cher Dr Silver, d'agréer l'expression de notre plus cordial Chalom.

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# Organisation Sioniste de France

COMITÉ CENTRAL

47, RUE DE CHABROL, PARIS (X')

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Paris, le 15 Novembre 1950

Dr ABBA HILEL SILVER  
The Temple

CLEVELAND  
U.S.A.

Cher Dr Silver,

Quoique avec un peu de retard, je vous fais la présente pour vous tenir au courant de la situation en Europe et en Afrique du Nord. J'ai d'ailleurs déjà écrit à ce sujet au Dr Neumann.

Nous voulons tout d'abord aborder ici une question qui nous est très précaire. Ilutovitch nous a en effet écrit au sujet de votre mécontentement concernant le message. Nous avons en effet pouvoir publier d'une façon succincte et vague la déclaration que vous nous aviez fait lors de votre passage à Paris. Le Mapai a fait une grande propagande écrite et par radio avec des messages de leurs leaders, notamment de Scharette et autres personnalités de leur parti. Dans ces conditions il nous a été indispensable de paraître à notre tour avec un message de notre candidat, tête déliste. Cet appel a abordé tous les points que nous avons discutés à Paris et il fut rédigé comme vous le voyez dans une forme générale, ayant un caractère plutôt moral que politique. Il reste bien entendu que dans l'avenir nous serons continuellement en contact avec vous et pour cette fois, nous comptons sur votre compréhension, car ainsi que vous le savez bien les amis de Paris vous sont particulièrement dévoués, sans compter qu'ils sont nombreux et sincères.

Je vous ai télégraphié, il y a deux semaines au sujet de l'élection de nos deux amis Norman Jacobs et Wolfron qui furent élus parmi les quatre délégués sionistes généraux en Angleterre. Les autres deux sont Barnett Janner et Ziff. Je pense qu'il serait très important que le Dr Neumann passe par l'Angleterre sur son parcours en direction de Jerusalem, afin de conférer avec nos amis et aussi bien pour s'entretenir avec Janner et avec Mme Ziff. Janner est ces derniers temps en mauvaises relations avec Bakstangki et un contact direct entre le Dr Neumann et lui, peut à l'heure actuelle, donner de très bons résultats.

Nous tous apprenons chaque jour avec grande satisfaction le premier résultat de votre activité et celui-ci se fait

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18th November 1950.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

At long last a decisive turn to the better has come about. The future may well prove that November 14, 1950, was one of the turning points, one of those rare days that sometimes change the fate of a people or a state. A Marxist would probably say that a revolution has taken place, and although it may have the significance of a revolution, I am content to call it a landslide.

The future looks brighter now, for the party as well as for the state, and grave tasks lay ahead of us. Let us pray and hope that we shall be able to live up to expectations.

A lot of hard work will have to be done in order to absorb permanently all those who have given us their vote now, and it was not only ~~this~~ satisfaction with the policies of the Coalition Government and Mapai totalitarianism that made thousands vote "ZADI", but a real conviction that our program is the right one and that we can do better for the well-being of the State.

I need not say what a satisfaction it gave us to hear about the Z.O.A. resolution, adopted under your leadership, identifying the Z.O.A. with the General Zionist Party in Israel. That was in deed masterful timing, and nobody underestimates the moral support thus given to us in the nick of time.

The 14th of November proved that we were not unworthy of your confidence, and how right you have been. Your decision was an American bombshell with wide repercussions in Israel. Let us hope that our success was the fitting reply from Israel.

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At this moment my mind goes back to the long conversation Dr. Bernstein and myself had with you at Chicago, and the additional long talk we had in Paris. At that time I got a lot of inspiration, faith and courage from talking things over with you, dear Dr. Silver. Somehow I feel that it was there and then that some of the foundations for future developments were laid, and it makes me feel happy and proud that "I was in it".

While in the States, I had more talks with Dr. Newman, Jacques Torciner and Joe Greenleaf on the same subject, and still later I had the privilege of welcoming Dr. Newman in Israel, to review the situation once more. Events have shown that it was not only my young enthusiasm which made me believe in a better future

I do not want to elaborate on the composition of the votes cast in our favour, but it is significant and you will surely be glad to know that the soldiers' vote was as favourable as the rest.

You will have to forgive me for indulging in memories, but there are certain moments when an inner urge simply drives you to do it, and this is one of the moments when I hope one is excused to do so.

It is still difficult to foresee the next developments. One thing is clear, we will try hard to bring about early elections to the Knesseth. Public opinion abroad, and specially in the United States, should be influenced to give support to this justified demand of ours. The coalition partners, besides Mapai, will definitely be against early elections. They have nothing to gain and everything to lose. The religious block has lost thousands of followers, and they may lose many more next time. The Progressives are non-existent any more as a factor to be reckoned with. The Sefaradim of Shitrit were annihilated, and even Mapai will not be able to bolster them up again. As far as the Mapai is concerned, they have not yet made up their mind on this subject. Rumour has it that they are going to have an important meeting next week, as for the moment they are too stunned and shocked. Although it is obvious now

that their dream of obtaining an absolute majority themselves at the next elections was just an illusion, and they too have only to lose, still there seem to be some elements amongst them who may now favour elections. Those have no illusion any more about having elections so as to be able to govern by themselves and for themselves, but they maintain that the blow was such a heavy one that something must be done to repair the damage as soon as possible. Knesseth elections with the participation of the new immigrants, and those still in the camps, those camps that in many ways resemble Mapai detention camps, and in addition the Kibbuzim may bring about better results for them, and this alone justifies new elections now. But it is too early to foresee which opinion of Mapai will prevail.

There are many more problems that should be tackled now and jointly by the Z.O.A. and us. Let me refer in this connection to the Zionist Congress, the Jewish Agency, the Confederation of General Zionists, the Constructive Fund and the so-called Israeli Projects of the Z.O.A. All those problems should be reviewed thoroughly under consideration of the latest developments by, what I would call, a Joint General Staff, so as to coordinate strategy and tactics as well.

It would be most interesting and enlightening, if you would let me have your views and ideas, as all of us rely so much upon your guidance and leadership.

This letter of mine goes by special messenger, and whenever you and your friends should wish for direct communication to be delivered personally to me without the usual delay at our Post Offices, please mail your letters to the address enclosed in this letter.

Certainly you remember that I was one of those who organized the 3rd Maccabiah, and you may have heard that this event was an outstanding success. Incidentally it was indirectly quite a prelude for our electioneering campaign.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,  
*Y. Ben-Zion*



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MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF ZOA,  
SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 18, 1951, HOTEL WALDORF ASTORIA, NEW YORK.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by Mr. Rudolf Sonneborn, Chairman of the NAC.

The chairman welcomed two new members of the Council, Judge Martin Frank and George Feinstein, representing the Bronx Zionist Region, and introduced several distinguished guests from abroad including Mr. Theodore Resnikof, President of the Zionist Organization of Mexico, Mr. Krinitzki, Mayor of Ramat Gan, Israel, Moshe Kol of The Jewish Agency, and Elias Epstein, head of the Overseas Department of the Keren Kayemeth, Jerusalem.

REPORTS:

President's Report: The President's Report for the period of July to November 1950 was distributed in printed form to the members of the National Administrative Committee. The report reviewed the progress of the ZOA since the last convention, both in Israel and on the American scene.

Membership: Dr. Marcus Levinson, vice-chairman of the National Membership Committee, rendered a report on membership in the absence of Mr. Abraham Redelheim, national chairman, who was on an out-of-town speaking engagement.

Dr. Levinson's report indicated a definite upswing in enrollments, with 53,000 members enrolled during the first six weeks of the current fiscal year. Dr. Levinson expressed appreciation to Mr. Redelheim for his arduous activities in behalf of membership and stated that he felt the increase will continue.

DR. MARKS:

Dr. Marks, Executive Director, presented certain recommendations in connection with the widely varying amounts assessed for annual dues existing in districts throughout the country, and the proportionate amount to be retained by the National Organization.

He pointed out that while the ZOA constitution fixes the dues at \$5.00 per annum, many districts over the past years, have increased the annual fee which now ranges from a minimum of \$5.00 to as high as \$25.00. While districts benefit by the additional income, in many instances, prospective members are discouraged from joining, or have failed to re-enroll because of the increased dues. Furthermore, the different amounts necessitate the printing of many varying bills and literature to meet individual district requirements. Dr. Marks stressed that despite the increase in dues, the National Office still receives only \$1.00 out of the basic \$5.00 dues even though organization expenses have been greatly increased (see below).

With this background, he recommended as a basis for discussion one, that \$5.00 dues be available to all who desire membership in the ZOA, irrespective of higher dues in some districts; two, that the National Organization receive \$1.00 allotted to it on \$5.00 membership, and 50% of any increase in dues over the basic \$5.00. Such an arrangement would enable the organization to continue democratic mass enrollment, and at the same time provide badly needed income.

DISCUSSION:

In the ensuing discussion, Dr. Marks gave a breakdown of the \$5.00 dues as follows: the district retains \$1.00, the region \$1.00, 50% is reserved for the shekel; \$1.50 covers the cost of printing and mailing The New Palestine to each

member, thus leaving only \$1.00 to the ZOA to meet its budget. This latter amount is an approximation and is probably a smaller residue.

Dr. Marks stated that while it is up to the National ZOA Convention to take action in changing the fixed amount of dues, it is possible for the National Administrative Council to make a recommendation to the forthcoming convention. Districts however, have autonomy in the matter of increasing their own dues.

Judge Feit moved the adoption of Dr. Mark's recommendation seconded by Mr. Stone, emphasizing that he favored this means of giving the national organization additional needed revenue. An amendment was proposed by Mr. Kabatznick, duly seconded, that the national organization increase its basic annual dues to a minimum of \$10 to be mandatory on all districts.

Dr. Levinson believed that the deficit faced by the ZOA could be met through greater income from the American Zionist Fund. He felt that a discussion at this time of an increase in membership dues would seriously hamper membership activities just when they are in full swing. He therefore recommended that Dr. Marks' resolution be referred back to the Membership Committee. This was further amended by Mr. Stone, who moved that the resolution be referred to a Joint Committee of the Membership and Finance Committees. This resolution was adopted.

#### ZOA PROJECTS FUND

Mr. Falk, chairman, stated that inasmuch as this year all fund-raising has been combined under one head through a single agency, there is better coordination and avoidance of overlapping. He reported a new upsurge of interest on the part of ZOA membership with the increased activities which the organization has undertaken on the Israeli and American scene. He outlined these projects and reported that districts are responding with enthusiasm.

The speaker reviewed the many fields of activities in which the ZOA has cooperated since the establishment of the State in 1948, particularly the "Food for Israel" campaign. He felt the Israel Projects Fund was an instrument for mass education in Zionism, good public relations and political awareness. He enumerated the various projects receiving ZOA support, including:

1) The Vaad Hatzitzi Lemann Hechayol (Israel Soldiers Committee) and our agreement to ship vitally needed supplies to the soldiers of the Israel Army. This program involves shipping, crating, purchasing, campaigning, etc.

2) The ZOA is sponsoring two youth villages in Israel, in Katamon and Magdiel, as well as ten trade schools, to provide adequate training for young boys and girls to equip them for integration into the country's economy.

3) The ZOA is completing the building of the Daniel Frisch ZOA House in Israel, and is also sponsoring the establishment of two general Zionist colonies in Israel.

The ZOA is sponsoring the program of the American-Israel Information Service involving exchange students as well as raising money for its usual public relations programs and educational activities of the organization.

All regions are now campaigning in behalf of these projects and definite pledges have been accepted, with many already fulfilled.

In concluding his report, Mr. Falk stated that \$200,000 has been remitted since the convention, and expressed confidence that districts and regions would meet their obligations with enthusiasm and responsibility. He thanked Mr. Browdy for his encouragement and personal support, and also expressed appreciation to Mr. Monosson, chairman of the ZOA Israel Projects Committee and Mr. Abraham Redelheim.

#### REPORT OF MR. MONOSSON:

Mr. Monosson reported on the progress of the ZOA House in Israel, the completion of which has been delayed due to the critical shortage of building materials. Orders have been placed in the U.S. for materials which cannot be procured in Israel. Mr. Monosson expressed the hope that the House would be finished in the Spring. He urged districts to fulfill pledges toward the House to provide the necessary fund to complete its construction. He thanked the members of the ZOA House Committee, Messrs. I.S. Turover, Harry Torczyner, Albert Schanzer, Louis Falk and Abraham Redelheim for their cooperation. Mr. Monosson stated that the activities of the ZOA in Israel have been received enthusiastically and were a source of encouragement to the people in Israel.

#### JNF:

Speaking as ZOA Chairman of JNF, Mr. Monosson said that despite the fact that districts and regions have been well circularized regarding the great need to support JNF, the results to date have not been satisfactory. However, he expressed confidence that with proper cooperation, the pledges would be met, particularly those relating to the Kfar Truman Village.

The speaker stressed the importance of the Israel Veterans' Committee project, relating from his personal observation the great need for this equipment. He expressed the firm belief that the Jews of America are Israel-minded and that the ZOA should take the leadership in mobilizing their support. Mr. Monosson concluded his report with thanks to the members of the ZOA executive staff for their cooperation in implementing the program of the Israel Projects Committee.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

In the absence of Mr. Kaminsky, chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. I.J. Caplan, Associate Chairman, rendered a brief report.

He referred to the financial situation of the ZOA prior to 1948, which he said was a prosperous period. Succeeding years evidenced a normal slackening of the high point of interest which had been reached with the establishment of the State. Mr. Caplan praised the foresight of the organization in instituting economies at that time rather than waiting until later.

He presented a report of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1950, which showed a decline in revenue due to the decrease in membership. He emphasized that in order to have a balanced budget for the coming year, it was imperative to continue the present encouraging increase in membership and fund-raising, thus avoiding a large deficit.

#### REPORT OF DR. ROBBINS:

Dr. Robbins prefaced his report by thanking the President for his wholehearted cooperation.



American Zionist Youth Commission: Dr. Robbins reviewed the activities of the AZYC. He stated that the Youth Commission has undertaken to carry out a nationwide intensive collection drive among young people for equipment for the Israel Soldiers' Committee project. He felt this program would stimulate activity among the youth as well as provide a significant contribution to Israel.

The membership of Young Judaea which is under the guidance of the Youth Commission, has been steadily increasing, thus providing a sizable reservoir for future ZOA leaders and members.

#### MACCABI:

Dr. Robbins, chairman of the ZOA Maccabi Committee, who accompanied the American Maccabi group to Israel, described the intense interest of Israelis in the Maccabiad and the beneficial results therefrom. He reported that the ZOA Maccabi Committee would meet shortly to plan a program on the American scene.

#### ZOA ECONOMIC COMMISSION:

Mr. Turover, co-chairman of the ZOA Economic Commission, outlined briefly the organization's activities in the economic field. He said the Commission was working on a two-fold plan, and urged ZOA districts to spur still further the sale of PEC stock in accordance with the resolution adopted by the last ZOA convention.

Mr. Turover stressed the need to enlist the interest and support of American industrialists in investment in Israel. To this end the ZOA was trying to register and mobilize every available resource at the command of the Zionist movement in this country. Plans are under way for an industrial commission to go to Israel in April to study Israel's economy at firsthand. On their return to this country, it is hoped that the members of the Industrial Commission will enlist the active interest and support of members of their respective communities.

#### EDUCATION:

Dr. Marks reported for Dr. Katsch in behalf of the ZOA Education Commission. He pointed out that the organization was in the forefront of the groups sponsoring the National Conference on Jewish Education which will be held in New York in January. The ZOA's educational program is being successfully implemented through an intensive program of publications, radio, scholarship program, etc.

#### CHALUTZIUT:

Referring to chalutzit, Dr. Marks read a brief report prepared by Mr. Abraham Redelheim, chairman of the Chalutzit Commission. He reported that as a result of negotiations between the ZOA and Hadassah, the General Zionist Chalutzit Commission has been reconstituted. The Commission will include representatives of all interested youth bodies. An allocation of \$40,000 has been made to the Chalutzit Commission by ZOA and Hadassah (each) for the 1950-51 budget. The scope of its activities will include training for professional and technical aliyah, and hachshara both in America and Israel, in addition to the usual agricultural aliyah activities.

#### JNF:

Mr. Meniel Fisher told of the plans being made for the Jubilee Celebration of the JNF, to be held in Washington the weekend of January 19-21st. He urged

ZOA districts to participate in local celebrations and lend JNF wholehearted cooperation. He called attention to the commitments to JNF made by districts and regions at the last annual convention and urged that these obligations be met.

REPORT OF MR. LIPSKY:

Mr. Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, reported on the proposed agenda of the all-day conference convened by the Council scheduled for the following day. He prefaced his report with a statement that no resolutions would be adopted which would be binding on the seven organizations affiliated with the Council or their designated representatives who will participate in the sessions. The program to be adopted is not exclusively one of the AZC, but represents the consensus of various authorities in the Zionist movement. It will be presented only if it has the unanimous agreement of all concerned, and will not involve a discussion of controversial questions.

The proposed resolutions, Mr. Lipsky stated will deal generally with the acceptance of the program adopted at the recent National Planning Conference as well as the recommendations of common action in which Zionists of America can cooperate. These will include U.S. grant-in-aid to Israel and the relationship of Zionists to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, whose annual meeting will be held shortly in Washington. Mr. Lipsky added that the agenda of the AZC meeting will hear a factual report of the work of the Council as well as addresses by Mr. Berl Locker and Dr. Nahum Goldman.

STATEMENT BY MR. SONNEBORN:

Mr. Sonneborn, chairman of the NAC, relinquished the chair in order to read a statement bearing on problems which he felt were fundamental to the welfare of the ZOA and requiring serious consideration at this time.

In introducing his statement, Mr. Sonneborn referred to the meeting of the American Zionist Council the next day, in which Zionists of all parties will discuss the present status of the movement and plan joint action for a constructive program. He queried the position of the ZOA, especially its relationship to the Government of Israel. He urged that all grounds for disagreement be removed and that the ZOA adhere to its fundamental concept of mobilizing American Jewry through Zionist principles behind the building of the Jewish State. He cautioned against any diversion of this basic precept. Mr. Sonneborn maintained that individual members of the ZOA of course had the right to favor any political leader in Israel, but he felt that the organization as such should not attempt to mobilize its forces behind any specific political party. If this were done, he cautioned that we would be destroying the foundations of unified Zionist effort in America. He urged that the ZOA take full cognizance of the active identification of many of its members in all important activities for Israel, such as the Jerusalem Conference, the National Planning Conference and the adoption of the Point Four program.

He concluded with a strong plea that the ZOA bring into its fold all Jews, regardless of their points-of-view in American or Israeli politics, for the good and welfare of the entire people of Israel--those who are there now and those who will enter the land in the next three years. To achieve its goals, Israel needs a unified American Jewry. Those beliefs which are shared in common should be stressed and petty differences minimized. Such a procedure would ensure stability and peace for America and Israel.

DR. NEUMANN

Dr. Neumann commented briefly on some of the aspects of Mr. Sonneborn's remarks, particularly those referring to individuals within the ZOA who are not cooperating with the Government of Israel. He denied these statements as implications and innuendos without basis of fact. He maintained it was not the ZOA which had underestimated its position of leadership in the UJA, but rather others in the UJA who had tried to undermine the prestige and authority of the Zionist Organization and to deny it its proper place. He reminded Mr. Sonneborn that it was Dr. Silver and himself who had moved and seconded the unanimous resolution of the National Executive endorsing the program adopted at the Jerusalem Conference.

Dr. Neumann then referred to the action taken by the National Executive which approved a statement of policy regarding the strengthening of General Zionism throughout the world and particularly the General Zionist Organization in Israel and the unification of the two General Zionist parties in Israel. He stated that as long as the Party system existed in Israel, General Zionism in America had the same right as other parties to strengthen their ranks. The recent municipal elections in Israel were a great victory for the General Zionists.

Concluding, Dr. Neumann reiterated that nothing has been done or said which bespeaks intervention in the government of Israel. The adoption of a statement of policy by the NEC of the ZOA or a declaration of interest in our sister party in Israel is consistent with the minimum which is being done by other Zionist groups.

The speaker emphasized that the ZOA has always cooperated with the Government of Israel and will continue to do so -- whether in the field of investment, bond drive or UJA. However, the right of personal freedom to criticize or question constituted no question of loyalty to the Zionist movement or the State of Israel.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of Hatikvah at 11:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks  
Secretary

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

The industrial and commercial resources of the Jewish communities must be mobilized to increase capital investment in Israel's industries. This is vital to Israel's economy. Through private investment, jobs, food, housing, and trade can be created in Israel and the country's economy maintained on a stable basis.

To further this program of private investment, Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy, President of the Zionist Organization of America, recently appointed a number of national business leaders, representing a cross-section of American industry to serve on the ZCA National Economic Commission. In order to provide this Commission with a truly representative character and with effective regional participation, additional appointments of qualified persons must be made. We are relying upon your good judgement in this important matter and request that you supply us with the names of those individuals whose services would, in your opinion, enhance the work on this committee. They should be outstanding men in trade, commerce, industry, housing, labor, etc.

These appointments will be made on the basis of each region being entitled to 50% of its number of National Administrative Council designees. Your region is entitled to recommend 1 member of the National Economic Commission.

We urge your immediate attention to this timely question. We are desirous of establishing the full membership of this committee in order that our vital work for Israel may be undertaken without delay.

Cordially yours,

*Albert Schiff*

Albert Schiff  
Chairman  
ZOA Economic Commission

*I. S. Turover*

I. S. Turover  
Co-Chairman  
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November 20, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

It was my pleasure to handle the publicity in *the Jewish,*  
~~the~~ English and Anglo-Jewish press covering your cable to  
Dr. Bernstein on the outcome of the elections. Mr. Mansen  
gave me a copy of the cable to which I attended immediately.

You have undoubtedly also been apprized of the  
nationwide coverage accorded to your address before the  
Seaboard Regional Conference in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Assuring you of my cooperation and best wishes.

Very truly yours,



Ernest E. Barbarash

An afterthought: I shall always be able to get widespread  
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before delivery.

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November 20, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Upon my return from the Conference of the Zionist parties, I hasten to offer you a hearty Mazal Tov on the results of last Tuesday's elections in Israel.

General Zionism, as taught and practiced by you, has certainly been vindicated.

With this expressed approval by the voters in Israel, comes also a challenge to the Z.O.A. and to its leadership. We shall either carry these gains to ultimate victory, or, by default, turn the trend towards either extreme.


Dr. Silver, no battles are successfully fought without the guidance of a General, no matter how competent the Colonels and the Captains may be. No battles are won unless there is full solidification of the ranks, resulting in united action.

I am deeply convinced that the results in Israel, on one hand, and the plotting by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on the other, make the achievement of this solidification I speak of, a certainty.

I plead for an opportunity to help.

With my warmest greetings, I remain

Respectfully yours,

  
Max Bressler

mb/fgn

MORTON J. ROBBINS, M. D.  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

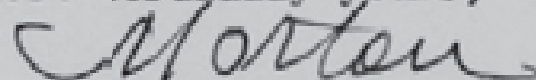
And so the "sitra achra" did try to upset the last meeting of the Administrative Council.

I am sure that by now you know all the details and I have nothing to add except my hope that this unwarranted, unprecedented and most untactful act on the part of the gentleman will finally convince all parties concerned that the majority of the ZO's membership ~~was~~ represented by its leadership rejoices with our comrades in Israel over their recent victory.

I know that you were in New York today, but not receiving any word about any meetings of the Congress Committee. I am sure that none was held.

Trusting that this letter finds you in the best of health and with all good wishes, I am

Most Cordially yours,



Morton J. Robbins, M. D.

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Dr. A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
CLEVELAND, O. U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Silver,

You may recall that I tried to meet you while I was in the States last May, to discuss the "economic situation", which I felt was fraught with danger for Israel. Unfortunately, we were unable to meet, and I had to continue alone to impress upon the General Zionists here, through successive articles in the "Haboker", the importance of stressing a change in the economic policy of the Government. Indeed, before I left in March of last year, the first of my series of articles appeared under the title "The people are wiser than the Government", emphasizing the importance of a free economy to attract American capital, and to help us build up a sound economic structure.

After my return in July, I continued these articles, warning that American capital could not be brought in under the present methods of restrictions and overcentralised control. The whole matter became even more complicated with a call for a National Loan, which was not well thought out, and what I regarded as a by-passing of the Z.O.A. On August 10th, I wrote to Neumann as follows:-

" I am particularly worried about the fact that the Government has taken in Montor and Weisgal as advisors for possible money raising on a bond issue, besides a reconstitution of the U.J.A. In the latter task it is clear to me that Montor wants to by-pass, completely, the Z.O.A. and build up a new "Charity Trust", where big names can be manipulated, but the real control vested in the body of officials. That is such a danger that I am almost tempted to leave the beautiful Carmel for the whole season and fight out the issue in America as I did in former times."

Is it possible for you to come to Israel shortly? I feel that with your presence we might perhaps heal the breach with the Progressives. Above all, we must work out a constructive policy and a definitive program for the General Zionists which might form the basis for the Congress elections, in which you should assume the leadership. I feel that it is imperative for the good of the State of Israel that the Jewish Agency should be re-organised, and hope that you can advise me how I can help in that campaign.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Bernard A. Rosenthal*

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

At the request of Dr. Margoshes I have translated your article "Israel and Liberal Judaism" from the volume "Vision and Victory" for publication in the coming issue of the Yiddish magazine "Zukunft".

Mr. Manson was kind enough to shorten the above article by cutting out some passages directly related to the question of liberal Judaism.

Please accept my kindest personal regards.

Yours very sincerely,



Leo Ilutsvich  
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November 23, 1950.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have it from a very trustworthy (labor) source that B.-G. has been trying for some time to have a personal talk with you and heal the breach that took place two years ago. Goldman and Rose Halprin stood in the way. He has now returned to this matter and upon the advice of some of his closest friends in the ranks of American labor he intends to make this move independently without the knowledge of the Agency people.

It is my understanding that you will soon be visited informally by two emissaries who will "feel you out" on the subject. I told them privately that insofar that I know you, no move will be initiated by you to effect a reconciliation, but that if B.-G. wishes to talk with you, you will probably not refuse to discuss matters with him.

It has been suggested that B.-G. call you via long distance for a preliminary talk and then invite you to come to Israel.

I wish to return to the Lipsky matter. I was very much annoyed with him. When I phoned you some time ago it was with his knowledge, if not at his behest. I advised him to call you on the phone and he agreed. Later he told me that he would rather call upon you personally upon his visit to Cleveland where he was scheduled to lecture. I know now that he did not call you. He explains it this way - a visit to you at this time when his resignation was in the hands of the Council would have evoked false rumors.

Lipsky would still prefer to work with you in strengthening ~~subcom~~ the ZOA and the Council, according to what he told me yesterday. He is greatly discouraged by the present ZOA administration and also by the



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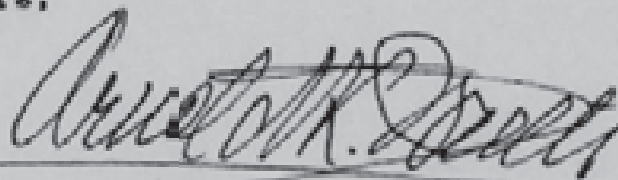
"Progressives" within the ZOA. He said that after Sonnenborn's stupid statement at the meeting of the Administrative Council, "the progressives are dead". He praised highly Neumann's talk there. Lipsky would like to see a "cabinet" of 5 or 7 take over the work of the ZOA administration, no matter who is president, with yourself taking the political portfolio and Lipsky in charge of propaganda and publications. I told him that as far as Dr. Silver is concerned, Lipsky should make the first move.

By the way, Lipsky gave me to understand that Browdy promised the Progressive group proportionate representation in the delegation to the Zionist Congress. I think you ought to know about this.

I am still reading your books and have derived the greatest amount of pleasure and knowledge from them. My wife shares this enthusiasm with me.

Hoping to see you in New York on your next visit.

Most Cordially Yours,



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November 29, 1950

Mr. Leon Ilutovich  
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41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Ilutovich:

Thank you for sending me the translation of my article on "Israel and Liberal Judaism". I read it with great interest. I assume that you want the manuscript back and I am returning it herewith. When it is published, I should appreciate your sending me a copy of the magazine.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLM. SILVER

AHS:er  
Enc.

November 30, 1950

Mr. A. K. Isroeli  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 26th which I read with much interest. I shall watch with interest and with - skepticism developments on both accounts.

I hope to be in New York this coming Sunday evening to address the American Association for Jewish Education. I shall probably remain over Monday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

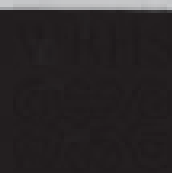
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## Introduction

In addressing our fifty-third annual convention in Chicago last July I called attention primarily to the challenge which confronted our organization at that time. We had come to full realization of the nature of the problems which faced us, and were conscious of the magnitude of the tasks still before us. The convention devoted itself, in efficient and business-like manner, to thorough study and thoughtful deliberation, out of which grew the vast and vibrant program on which we are now engaged.

Four months have elapsed since those sessions in Chicago. They have been eventful and historic months. The new state has continued to grow and expand, meeting each new problem and each fresh difficulty with the courage, the devotion and the energy which we might have expected. And here in the United States the Zionist Organization of America, too, has kept pace with the swiftly moving currents and has emerged at last into an area of assurance and constructive operations.

We have now moved out of the blue-print and planning stage and are already in the midst of a schedule of activities which tax our every resource and call for our every effort. These words, recorded some four months after our convention, are in the nature of an interim report to the National Administrative Council, and beyond that body, to the country at large.

— BENJAMIN G. BROWDY

## Z.O.A. Relationship with the White House

Few developments during my brief term of office have afforded me as much personal satisfaction as the establishment of the present cordial relations between the White House and the Z.O.A. I was privileged to call upon President Truman last June and to discuss with him at considerable length *the situation in the Middle East*—and again on August 30th the President received me at the Executive Mansion for a further conference.

The significance of this new relationship cannot be minimized, and need not be spelled out for the American Zionist. The Chief Executive of the nation commands our loyalty irrespective of the political party to which he may belong, and indeed we are fortunate in the bi-partisan support which Zionism has received generally in Washington. I hasten to add that to my mind the present occupant of the White House is a warm-hearted, sincere friend who has proved his friendship on many occasions in the past and who, during my conversations with him, revealed a keen understanding and deep appreciation of all our aspirations.

We discussed more than the past, however. President Truman was deeply interested in the problems which confront Israel, and I seized the opportunity to acquaint him, in some detail, with the nature of the country's difficulties and to suggest means whereby the United States, under its established policy of grants-in-aid to democracies elsewhere, was in a position to aid the state of Israel. The President's attention and concern were most gratifying, and without making any premature revelations I can safely say that there will be more to tell along these lines soon.

During these sessions I notified the President of the plans by American Zionists to establish a colony in his name in Israel, and I utilized the further opportunity to present to him a plaque testifying to our appreciation for his magnificent support of our cause.



## The Z.O.A. and the Government of Israel

During my visit to Israel this fall I met with David Ben-Gurion several times and with other members of the government. On every hand I found a marked cordiality and an awareness of the role which our organization has played in the past and must yet play in the months and years ahead. The part which the Z.O.A. has played in fund-raising for Israel and the tremendous potential of Z.O.A. efforts in behalf of economic investment and the proposed bond issue are fully appreciated. Whatever misunderstandings may have existed were exaggerated far out of proportion, to an extent, because of our own lack of adequate liaison with the country. That serious omission is about to be corrected by the opening of our new Z.O.A. headquarters in Israel.

Our relations with the government of Israel are proper and satisfactory. Representatives of the government have called upon us for assistance and cooperation on a number of occasions, and can testify that our response has never been faltering or inadequate. I have no reason to believe that there will be any change in this mutual trust and high regard.

## Aid to Israel

The United Jewish Appeal continues to hold priority in all fund-raising and campaigning, and those who participate in U.J.A. drives in community after community, up and down the country, can best testify as to the leading role which our own Z.O.A. personnel play in this major effort. There is no aspect of the campaigning and the contributing and the arduous day-to-day work of U.J.A. which does not find our people in the front ranks.

Every other aspect of aid to Israel has our genuine and full-hearted support. Together with a delegation from the Z.O.A. I attended the extraordinary economic conference in Israel in September and participated in the deliberations there. We made no secret of our offer of support. That offer was made, not in perfunctory manner nor in vague, general terms. I stated that the Z.O.A. would undertake to sell \$100,000,000 worth of bonds should the Israel government float such a loan, and since my return I have come to the conclusion that this figure constitutes our minimum.

I am told that the forthright declaration of the Z.O.A. was in sharp contrast to some of the other general and not clearly specific pledges.

The National Planning Conference for Israel held in Washington a month later found the Z.O.A. again in the forefront. Wherever there was hesitancy, expression of doubt, statement of reservations, we threw the full weight of the organization in the balance and in favor of maximum American aid to Israel. Our role during this period of crisis for Israel has been one of decision and of constructive leadership.

Yet we have not been content even with these two major aspects of aid for Israel. Since the convention we have re-established our national Israel Economic Department, and are today engaged in the many elements of that work: promotion of the sale of shares of the Palestine Economic Corporation, stimulation of personal private investment, and the furnishing of information on business investment in Israel to all interested. At the same time we are performing the functions of a Marketing Council which will be of assistance to Israeli businessmen in merchandising their products in this country. The opportunities for service in this field are tremendous and we shall pursue them diligently.

Within the near future one or more delegations of Z.O.A. businessmen may proceed to Israel on tours to map further details of our activity along economic lines.

And in further token of our determination to leave no stone unturned and no opportunity neglected, I last month

publicly called for American grants-in-aid to Israel, under the provisions of the Point Four program. It has been encouraging to note that this call, first sounded by the Z.O.A., has been picked up, repeated, and is now being given serious consideration in Washington. Once again the Z.O.A. afforded the leadership and the initiative in a vital area.

## Our New Israel Projects

Engaged as we were under magnificent political leadership in the prosecution of the vital public relations tasks of the past half dozen years, we never had the opportunity to launch specific projects or activities in Israel which would bear our name and constitute our particular responsibility. The whole field of Zionist aspiration was our arena, and I venture to say that were the history of the past few years to be relived, there is no one among us who would venture to alter the course of action on which the Z.O.A. embarked so successfully.

Yet we have felt sorely the lack of organizational enterprises, and following the necessary authorization by the convention we have moved to quick implementation of the plans presented in Chicago.

### *Israel Veterans Project*

At the invitation of the government of Israel, we have assumed responsibility for meeting many of the readjustment and rehabilitation needs of the army's veterans. Pressing problems of re-employment, social service, care of the disabled, recreation, resettlement—all constitute a challenge which the Z.O.A. has accepted. It may be of interest to note that we have received full cooperation from official Washington in the implementation of these projects.

Brief recapitulation of only a few of the major items shipped by the Z.O.A. during these four months will serve to indicate the magnitude of the operation in which we are

engaged. During this period we have sent to Israel for the *Vaad Haartzi Lema'an Hachayil* 5,000 pairs of shoes, 100,000 assorted American magazines, an ice manufacturing machine for the Negev, a complete needle-trades factory unit for the establishment of a veterans' cooperative, a vast number of hand and machine tools, agricultural implements, construction equipment, radio and electronic supplies, etc. Our packing invoices are almost endless.

This is a project which has properly captured the imagination of many of our Districts, and there is every indication that the volume of shipments will continue to swell in the months ahead.

### *Machinery and Equipment Project*

Once again at the request of the government of Israel we have sent to Israel such items as concrete mixers, water pumps, lens-grinding machines, diathermy and x-ray machines, \$30,000 worth of needed automobile parts. A carload of milk powder and 2 carloads of kosher meat were sent along to help meet the needs of the hour.

At this very moment the latest shipment leaving port includes 3 tractors, 1500 sacks of rice, more immense amounts of new clothing.

We speak here, it should be emphasized, not of plans or expectations but of realities—of a gigantic program of aid in which the Z.O.A. is once again demonstrating its capacity for service and action.

### *Trade Schools*

Understanding the need for training Israel's young generation in sound and constructive vocations, the Z.O.A. has committed itself to the support of two youth villages in the Jewish State, one located at Katamon, just outside of Jerusalem, and the other at Magdiel.

The Katamon institution, which caters largely to refugee children recently arrived in the country, has already received from us the complete facilities and equipment for

the erection of a needle trades school, together with all necessary supplies to keep the school in operation for a good many years. The aggregate value of this shipment alone is approximately \$100,000. By this step we have made it possible for a large number of young people to look forward to lives of gainful occupation in which they will also be contributing substantially to the economy of the country. Once again the Z.O.A. has struck deep roots into the soil of Israel, and established a personal relationship from which both Israel and American Jewry will have much to gain.

### *The Z.O.A. Daniel Frisch House*

The Z.O.A. House is not essentially a new project, but the progress made upon it within the past four months, in the face of shortages of materials, lack of funds, and other difficulties, has been most gratifying. Those of us who were in Israel a few months ago saw the shining walls of the new structure already going up.

When completed it will be a true Z.O.A. headquarters center of all our projects and activities in Israel, a cultural bureau for the fostering of closer relationships between the two countries, a clearing house for American businessmen, tourists, students and others—in short, an embodiment in Israel of the Z.O.A. in all its ramifications and all its activities.

### *Two Colonies*

Under terms of an agreement reached with the Jewish Agency last year, the Z.O.A. is to establish two agricultural settlements in Israel, with the cooperation of the Agency's Colonization Department and the Jewish National Fund. The land area for one of these colonies has already been allocated, amounting to some 3,000 dunams located on the highway from Tel Aviv to Gedera, in a fertile and promising section of the country. The area is accessible to electricity and water supply and is located on a main road.



Neighboring settlements are Beer Tuvia, Kfar Warburg and Kfar Menachem. The plan of settlement is for mixed farming, which includes cattle raising, vegetables, fodder, poultry and fruits. Approximately one half of the hundred settlers will be Americans and the remainder will be drawn from other English-speaking Jewries. It is our fond hope that further arrangements may shortly be completed and announced for the development of what will become two more links in the chain of Z.O.A. operations in Israel.

## The American Scene

Up to this point I have dealt only with Z.O.A. relationship to Israel. There is still another, and an equally important aspect of our organization however, that dealing with the life, the creative content and the future of American Jewry. The lifting, even to a small degree, of some of the responsibilities which have hitherto weighed heavily upon the Z.O.A., now permits us to continue to expand our activity and broaden our interests in this area, in accordance with the classical conception of Zionism.

We are American citizens—we are Jews, and the identity of the democratic elements basic to both serves to create a harmony and an integration in our lives which few other groups, without our history and heritage, can experience.

Certain phases of our role on the American scene have already received considerable attention; others are just now being cultivated in greater depth and with greater energy.

### *Jewish Education*

Our interest in this field is not new, and we are every day expanding the area of our activities. The very promising National Conference on Jewish Education, the first of its kind ever held in this country, finds the Z.O.A. in the forefront of cooperating and participating organizations. Our

facilities and our resources are constantly being used by educational bodies and by congregations, and our manpower, in every community, is taking an increasingly active role in this vital aspect of American Jewish life.

True education does not normally lend itself to dramatization or to public relations exploitation, but the increased tempo of our work as evidenced by such activity as our publications program, our speakers and artists bureau, our book department, our educational contests, and the numerous other phases of our work which are intensively carried on should afford pride and gratification to all of us.

### *Youth and Chalutzit*

In the area of youth activity we have completed the integration of the former Masada organization within the ranks of the Z.O.A. and the number of our Young Adult Districts is rapidly increasing. These young people, standing beside us as equals in rights and in obligations, are already beginning to make their mark and to impress their stamp upon the character of the organization. The Young Districts are a great and shining inspiration to all of us, as well as a guarantee of the continuity of our movement.

We have continued our participation with Hadassah in the American Zionist Youth Commission and are affording a maximum of support in its magnificent work with young people. The work that must be done among children, among young people, and on the college campus must be regarded not as an "extra" or as a luxury, but as one of the major aspects of true Zionism. We are proud of the splendid program being conducted on both national and local levels, and are confident that these far-flung efforts will have a lasting effect on the future of the movement in America.

At the same time we have, since the convention, reconstituted the Chalutzit Commission, again with Hadassah, and are already engaged in assisting those young American Jews who are anxious to join personally in the great task of re-

building the Jewish State. We are under no illusions as to the numbers of American youth who may be willing to go to Israel, but we are convinced that Israel's need for American skills, American know-how, American talent and experience, will not be answered in less full measure than the appeal of other democracies around the world for such aid. American Jewish youth who go to Israel, whether as farmers, as businessmen or as engineers, deserve and shall increasingly have our warm support.

### *Scholarships for Israel*

Young people who spend two months—or a year—in Israel return to the United States bearing rich and fruitful contributions for the cause of Jewish survival here. In the past we have annually sent a limited number of such young people to Israel, and we have within recent months set up a special department to promote as many such scholarships as possible. Our American-Israel Information Service has already helped make possible several such scholarships for the coming year, and is working with other Districts and Regions towards the setting up of more. This is a project which we shall not neglect or abandon. It is, in the largest sense, a Z.O.A. contribution to the preparation of an informed and inspired elite who will constitute the leadership of tomorrow on the American Jewish scene.

It is significant, too, that ours is a two-way scholarship plan, and we are making it possible for selected young Israel students to come to this country, attend educational institutions here, and then return to the Jewish State with the knowledge and the skills which they have acquired with our help.

### *Public Relations*

The task of acquainting the great American public with the work of the Z.O.A. and of providing accurate, authentic and detailed information on every phase of Zionist activity and life in Israel is no small one. We sometimes tend to

take for granted certain phases of our organizational work which are carried on from day to day, but which nevertheless constitute the life-blood of our apparatus and the instrumentalities of our operations. Our news bulletins, information brochures, *The New Palestine*—all are vital elements geared to our progress.

Nor do we stand still even in this sphere. Plans are already in advanced stages for the airing of a nation-wide series of radio broadcasts based on transcriptions of Israel's *Kol Zion*. We are investing funds and effort in this project, and consider it a public relations enterprise of the first magnitude, designed to acquaint millions of American Jews and non-Jews with the realities of the Jewish State.

## Membership

That these many activities have found an appreciative response on the part of our membership and the Jewish community at large is nowhere evidenced more clearly than in the hard, cold statistics of our membership rolls. When we came into the Chicago convention with a modest loss in numbers we congratulated ourselves that we had at least held the losses to a minimum. Four months later we not only point to a reversal of the trend, but note with immense satisfaction the upsurge of enrollment which has made October, 1950, the most successful membership enrollment month in Z.O.A. history, not even excepting the peak years of 1947, 1948 and 1949.

There is no reason why the trend should not continue. The Z.O.A. has a sound, practical, realistic program; the needs of Israel challenge our attention; our membership campaign is being conducted in an organized and systematic manner; our members are alert, informed, anxious to serve. This administration is determined to maintain the organization keyed up to a pitch of service and vital function which will make its appeal to every American Jew.

At the same time there has been an increase of enrollment in the ranks of Life Membership. As a result of this project, more than half a million dollars has been made available for direct, needed utilization in Israel. None of the Life Membership proceeds are utilized for needs of the moment, but are devoted to investment in specific needs of the new state.

## Conclusion

This has been in the nature of an interim report, intended to give a brief review of our major activities since the convention in July. Of necessity, much of the information is curtailed and telescoped within these pages. Yet no one can scan this review without the dual emotions of pride and optimism—pride in the great role which the Z.O.A. is enabled to play at this stage of Jewish history—and optimism regarding our continued strength and our future.

Your Z.O.A. is a mighty organization. It is the sum total of the devotion, the consecration and the efforts of hundreds of thousands of Zionists in every part of the land. They and the national, regional and district officers, the national chairmen, and the tireless staff are the media and the instrumentalities of all that we accomplish. These men and women are today stirred by the challenge of Israel's reality even as they were moved and inspired for so many years by the vision of the Zionist hope. It is their faith in the Jewish people and their loyalty to the Zionist cause which make of the Zionist Organization of America a powerful instrument of aid to Israel and of creative Jewish survival in America.



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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION of CHICAGO

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December 1, 1950

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Zionist community of Chicago is tendering a Testimonial Dinner to Max Bressler, its President, on Sunday evening, January 7th, at the Sherman Hotel.

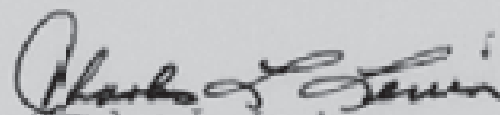
In conjunction with the dinner, a Testimonial Book is being published. We are writing to request a message from you, not exceeding 100 words, which will be published in this book and presented to him and all the guests on that evening.

We are confident that Mr. Bressler will cherish this as a life-long memento of this occasion, as well as your manifestation of friendship for him.

We would appreciate receiving this message at the earliest possible convenience, inasmuch as time is of the essence in the preparation of this book.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, we are

Very sincerely yours,



Charles L. Levin  
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

C O P Y

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

Office of  
Zionist Information Service

December 6, 1950

Dr. Israel Goldstein, Chairman  
World Confederation of General Zionists  
501 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

Many thanks for your letter to Mr. Edelman in Paris. I do hope they will change their line in the future. For the time being, however, nothing changed as far as our press material is concerned. It is interesting to point out that in the first post-election issue of the Zionistische Shtimme dated November 23, there is not a single article about the significance of the election outcome. The only remark that I could find is that the Progressive was the only coalition party not to lose votes in comparison with the elections to the Knesset.

Please accept my kindest personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Leon Ilutovich, Director  
Zionist Information Service

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42<sup>nd</sup> STREET  
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December 8, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

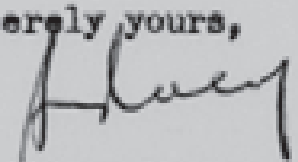
I received a letter from Joe Serlin of the General Zionist Organization in Israel.

He writes me as follows: "We should like to have the names of the Z.O.A. leaders - Dr. Silver, Dr. Neuman and Mr. Browdy - at the head of our list. Please let us have their O.K."

I spoke to Dr. Neumann and he advised that I write to you. I should like to have your advices so that I may communicate with Mr. Serlin.

Accept my affectionate regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

SM/bz

C O P Y

December 8, 1950

Dear Mr. Edelman:

I am enclosing a copy of another letter from Mr. Ilutovich.

May I say, in connection with his observations, that I, too, have the feeling from reading your paper that it does not adequately reflect the significance of the General Zionist victory in Israel.

The statement which I issued and of which a copy was sent to your office indicates what in my judgment should be the reaction of all General Zionists, whatever their particular nuances. I would fully expect that a General Zionist belonging to the Progressive group would feel much more gratified to see the General Zionist group in Israel win a substantial victory than to see Mapai, Mizrahi or any other party achieve that victory. By the same token, one who belongs to the General Zionist Party should feel the same about victories of the Progressive Party.

We must not permit ourselves to become engrossed in the internal fight as to lose all sense of perspective and proportion. If, as all of us are saying, the Progressive Party and the General Zionist Party have much more in common than they have in difference, and if on the basis of that thesis we are urging a unification of the two groups in Israel, then we certainly must be logically consistent with that thesis and recognize that if one of those two groups makes an impressive showing in the elections, it is cause for gratification all around.

I appeal for this logical approach which is, at the same time, the only morally correct approach.

So far as your newspaper is concerned, it is clear to me that if it wants to be considered an organ not of one group but of the General Zionists as a whole, it must give adequate attention to significant General Zionist happenings such as the recent victory of the General Zionists in Israel.

Sincerely yours,

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

December 11, 1950

Mr. Albert Schiff, Chairman  
Mr. I. S. Turover, Co-Chairman  
ZOA Economic Commission  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Friends:

In reply to your letter of November 20th in which you request me to provide you with the names of some individuals who might serve on the ZOA National Economic Commission, I would suggest the names of Leonard Ratner, 3531 Shannon Road, Cleveland 18, Ohio, and A. M. Luntz, Hanna Building, Cleveland 15, Ohio.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er



December 11, 1950

Mr. J. Weinberg  
Zionist Organization of France  
47, Rue de Chabrol  
Paris 10, France

My dear Mr. Weinberg:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 15th. I am enclosing herewith the signed statement which you have requested.

I do not know when I shall be able to go to Israel. When I do, I shall certainly want to meet with you and our friends in Paris.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ARS:er

December 11, 1950

Mr. Max Bressler  
Zionist Organization of Chicago  
220 South State Street  
Chicago 4, Illinois

My dear Mr. Bressler:

I wanted very much to come to your testimonial dinner, and I tried to make the necessary re-arrangements on my schedule to make that possible. Unfortunately, it was not. I know that your friends in Chicago will turn out in large numbers to pay you tribute for your faithful and deserved service to our cause, and I should like my own tribute and congratulations to be included among them.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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# Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President  
41 EAST 42nd STREET  
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December 11, 1950

## CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Government of Israel has formally decided to launch a bond issue in the United States. Detailed definitions of the bonds are still under consideration and are receiving the attention of the most expert financial figures in our country.

We do know, however, that within a very short time all these matters will be cleared and the bond issue will be ready for public sale.

As is proper and incumbent upon us, the Zionist Organization of America has taken the initiative and has pledged the sale of One Hundred Million Dollars of these bonds. Only if we succeed will Israel be able to finance its sound economic growth, and build its absorptive capacity on a secure financial basis. This is the moment you and I have been waiting for -- the opportunity to join the people of Israel in a direct constructive partnership.

It is important that you take the following steps at once:

1. Call a special meeting of your District to discuss your participation in the bond drive.
2. Appoint a Bond Chairman and Committee. Notify me immediately of their names and addresses.
3. It would be very helpful to me if you would meet a few of the more affluent members of your District and get from them an opinion as to the amounts that probably would be subscribed in your District by them and by others.

In this program we must move forward with broad imagination and set the high standards which will be necessary to assure its success. Let us all join together now in helping to build a strong Israel

Please let me hear from you by return mail. I am handling this matter personally.

With warm regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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December 12, 1950

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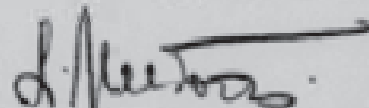
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver:  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am sure you will be interested in reading the  
enclosed memo concerning the situation in  
South America.

My kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Leon Ilutovich  
Director, Zionist  
Information Service

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Dr. E. Neumann, Dr. S. Marks, Dr. S. Margoshes,  
Mr. Jacques Torcsynor and Mr. Harold Manson.

December 12, 1950

Leon Ilutovich

CONFIDENTIAL

IMPORTANT

On the basis of two comprehensive letters received from Mr. Jose Lutzky, Buenos Aires, Argentine and Mr. Aron Neuman, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, I am submitting herewith a short report on the State of Affairs in Latin-America.

1) The situation in South America and especially in Argentina is a direct result of negligence on our part on one hand and of mistakes committed by our people there on the other hand.

Argentina with its great Jewish community and strong Zionist Movement is the center of all Zionist activities for the whole continent and all actions emanating from Buenos Aires have a bearing on developments in all other Latin-American republics.

From Mr. Lutzky's report it looks that our followers in Argentina: Egon Glicksman, Heral Gesang, Dr. Francisco Sefor, all of whom are elected members of the Latin-American branch of the World Confederation committed a grave error in quitting with their group the Zionist Federation in Argentina and trying to establish a separate organization. The last election results proved the correctness of this statement. Although the Zionist Federation received only 2000 votes (two delegates), our group polled only about 600 votes without obtaining a single mandate.

The present leadership of the Zionist Federation of Argentina consists of:

Dr. Mateo Goldstein - President, who is actually not a Progressive and never was but as Mr. Aron Neuman rightly put it "an opportunist who acts as a Progressive". Because of personal struggles with our people he was pushed into the other camp and today supports Dr. Nahum Goldman and the Progressives. The "neutral" position taken by Dr. Israel Goldstein as chairman of the Confederation and the activities of the Confederation's delegate in South America, Mr. Simon Bergman, are of course a source of encouragement to him.

Dr. Yagubsky - vice president of the Federation is our sympathiser who did not want, however, to follow Gesang and the others and leave the Federation. He is still today on our side.

Both Dr. Mateo Goldstein and Dr. Yagubsky are delegates to the Zionist Congress.

Mr. Bronfman - vice president of the Zionist Federation and Dr. Ellor - general-secretary of the Zionist Federation are both openly and strongly Progressive and naturally against us.

The majority of the rank and file of the Zionist Federation of Argentina both in Buenos Aires and all over the country was never Progressive. Our people alienated many members of the organization by their irresponsible and often tactless behavior towards many old and respected leaders who do not like their methods of running the organization rather than their ideological leanings.



The net result of all this is that the great majority of General-Zionists are organized in the Zionist Federation of Argentina under the leadership of Dr. Mateo Goldstein and a minority organized in a small separate group.

It is difficult from here to decide what course should be followed by our people now, after both groups went down to defeat during the last Congress elections. I have asked Mr. Latsky for advice whether our people should return to the Federation and try to capture it from within or to continue as a separate group and try to build up an independent organization. It seems to me that only a man on the spot will be in a position to decide this question. It makes the sending of a delegate from here to Argentina if even for a short period of time the more urgent.

2) In Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Uruguay and Ecuador the General-Zionist organizations are small and inadequately organized. In none of these countries however, is there a Progressive majority or even a trend towards the Progressives. They just follow the lead of Argentina and do not want to fight and to split.

The so-called Latin American Conference of the World Confederation convened by Mr. Bergman in Buenos Aires on September 30th and October 1st, 1950 was just an accidental gathering of people from a few countries who happened to attend at that time the Congress of Latin-American Zionists called by the Jewish Agency in Buenos Aires. The participants in that General-Zionist gathering with Mr. Bergman never elected delegates to a Latin-American Conference of General-Zionists and had no authority whatsoever to pass any decisions.

Brazil: The Zionist Organization officially supported the policy declaration of the ZOA in a letter received by us two weeks ago. Mr. J. Adler, president and Mr. Frankenthal from Sao Paulo who both participated in the gathering in Buenos Aires are on our side. The same applies to Dr. Ch. Sinai - Chile, Mr. Glaser - Uruguay, Mr. Schwartzman - Paraguay all of whom participated in the said "conference" and who are our supporters. Had the Argentine organization been under our control all the other countries would have followed suit.

3) The General-Zionists of South America will be represented by 8 or even more delegates at the Congress (Chile 1, Peru 1, Bolivia 1, Argentina 2, Uruguay 1, Brazil 1 and Ecuador 1 independent). It is of utmost importance therefore that we concentrate on them now with the aim of winning them over to our side. It can be done by way of correspondence, supplying them with our propaganda material and direct contacts by a delegate sent from here.

In this connection the suggestion made by our people in Mexico to convene a conference of all Central and South American General-Zionists gains momentum and should be considered by us very carefully.

Please accept my kindest regards.

Copy to Dr. Silver.

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# AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL

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December 14, 1950

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

Dear Dr. Silver:-

The enclosed article "Lobbying for the Lord" appeared in the December issue of the Christian Herald -- Dr. Daniel Poling's magazine.

I should like to call your attention to the item on the second page that is marked in red.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Adolph Hubbard

DECEMBER 15, 1950

MORTIMER MAY  
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

# MAY HOSIERY MILLS

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December 12, 1950

AIR MAIL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Neumann and myself were together for quite awhile in Miami Beach last week and among other things we discussed the possible date for the next meeting of the Executive. It was thought that the afternoon of January 1 might be in order. This would be at a week-end and on the other hand we thought it would be helpful to you because we know it is generally hard for you to get off on Sundays. Other days of the week are, of course, difficult for businessmen and those residing at a distance from New York.

If this date meets with your pleasure, would you please wire me and I will see if Mr. Browdy is agreeable thereto. He may have some objection, but I would like to approach him now if it meets your approval.

I attended the meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds held in Washington. I was very glad that you and Dr. Neumann did not ~~take the steps~~ <sup>now take the steps</sup> that I am sure was initiated by Henry Montor. I think that by and large those in the Council are now quite friendly to us and our outlook on things although with not all the fervor we possess. Treating them, however, as enemies is far from any realization of the facts. I believe additionally that Mr. Montor ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> quarreling with those who were his own buddies in several of the differences that we had in recent years.

The last week-end I spent at the Regional Conference of the Z.O.A. in Miami Beach and I always enjoy these because naturally those there are from my own area.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

MORTIMER MAY

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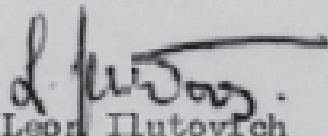
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find a copy of my report on the activities of the Zionist Information Service for the period from October 16th -- December 15th, 1950, submitted by me through Dr. Margoshes to the last meeting of the Committee on World Zionist Affairs.

Please accept my kindest personal regards.

Yours very sincerely,

  
Leon Ilutovich  
Director, Zionist  
Information Service

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R E P O R T  
ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ZIONIST INFORMATION SERVICE  
FOR THE Period October 16th — December 15th, 1970

The Zionist Information Service was reestablished exactly two months ago for the purpose of keeping general Jewish and Zionist public opinion abroad acquainted with the character, activities and achievements of American Zionism, notably the Zionist Organization of America and with major developments in general Zionism in the United States, Israel and elsewhere.

Anyone travelling outside the United States and reading the foreign press cannot but be astounded by the great amount of ignorance and misconception concerning American General-Zionism, as represented by the Zionist Organization of America and its leadership. To counteract this situation the Zionist Information Service has been reactivated.

During the short period of the first two months of our activities, ending December 15th, the Zionist Information Service published:

a total number of 45 press releases.

Of them: 18 Yiddish releases

14 English releases

13 Spanish releases

These releases contained a variety of material as:

weekly reviews of Zionist developments in America; articles of general-Jewish and Zionist interest by Zionist leaders and journalists in the United States, Israel and other countries; correspondences; statements by the President and leaders of the ZOA; news releases on events of special significance etc.

Two new features have been added to our activities during the past two weeks:

1) Special correspondences covering the European Zionist scene by our newly appointed European correspondent Mr. L. Leneman in Paris (Mr. Leneman, as experienced newspaperman is official correspondent of "Haboker" in Paris).

2) A weekly short News-Bulletin containing the most important Zionist news not published by any of the other Jewish news agencies.

We are serving at present 63 newspapers (dailies and periodicals) in the following 38 countries: England, France, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Israel, India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, Cuba, Brazil, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Colombia, Santo Domingo, Venezuela, Surinam, Uruguay, Paraguay, Panama, Peru, Nicaragua, Jamaica, Honduras, Haiti, Guatemala, Mexico, Argentine, Bolivia, Chile, Trinidad, Ecuador.

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| Out of these 63 newspapers: | 17 are in Yiddish | 2 Portugese |
|                             | 16 English        | 1 Hebrew    |
|                             | 19 Spanish        | 5 German    |
|                             |                   | 3 French    |

In addition to that our English press-releases are usually mailed to a group of key leaders of the Zionist Organization of America throughout the country.

On the basis of received reports and clippings 36 newspapers have published our press material so far. Thousands of inches of space in the newspapers of more than 30 countries have been taken up with information about the role and activities of the Zionist Organization of America.

Contacts with Israeli newspapermen accredited in the U. S. is being maintained.

At the same time the Zionist Information Service remains in contact with many of the General-Zionist organizations in the countries mentioned above with the aim of building up understanding and support for the aims and ideas of the Zionist Organization of America and in particular for its program to the coming 23rd Zionist Congress.

In a nutshell, these are the highlights of our activities for the first two months.

In conclusion, I wish to express my deep appreciation to the President of the ZOA, Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy, to the members of the Committee on World Zionist Affairs, and in particular, to our Executive Director, Dr. Sidney Marks, for their full and wholehearted cooperation that made our work possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Ilutovich  
Director, Zionist  
Information Service

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# Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President  
41 EAST 42nd STREET  
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December 20, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

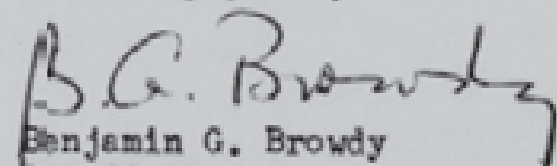
I have the honor to designate you as a member of the Committee for Change of Name of The New Palestine.

Dr. Morton J. Robbins will act as Chairman of this Committee, and a report of its deliberations will be submitted to the next meeting of the National Administrative Council.

I know that I can depend upon you to give this matter your always devoted attention.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Benjamin G. Browdy  
President

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December 21, 1950

Dr. Sidney Marks  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Dr. Marks:

In reply to your kind letter of December 8th in which you convey to me the request of Mr. Serlin to use my name in connection with the list of the General Zionists Organization in Israel, I shall be very pleased to have them use my name, and I trust that Dr. Neumann and Mr. Browdy will likewise agree to have their names used.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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