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December 22, 1950

Mr. Charles L. Levin  
Zionist Organization of Chicago  
220 South State Street  
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Mr. Levin:

In reply to your telegram of December 21st, I am enclosing herewith my message to Mr. Bressler on the occasion of the testimonial dinner being tendered him. The delay in getting this to you was due to my frequent absence from the city during the month of December.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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It is with pleasure that I learned that the Zionist community of Chicago is tendering a testimonial dinner to its president, Max Bressler. May I be permitted to join his host of friends in congratulation him on this occasion and in paying tribute to his devoted and conscientious efforts in behalf of our historic cause through the years.

Mr. Bressler has brought to his leadership in Zionism a fine grasp of its fundamentals, an unswerving loyalty, an initiative and an enthusiasm which have been of inestimable service to the Movement.

May he and the community of Chicago be blessed with many more years of his distinguished leadership.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

December 22, 1950

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חשובער פרעזידענט ד"ר ע. ניומאן

אלס בזכר פון דער אלגעמיינ-ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין פראנקרייך (ציונים-כללים) האלט איך פאר מיינ חוב אייך אויפצוקלערן די פארשיידענע פראבלעמען וועלכע שטייען היינט צו טאג פאר אונזער ארגאניזאציע, און וועלכע זיינען זער ענג פארבונדן מיט אונזערע פינאנציעלע מיטלען.

ווי אייך איז שוין זיכער באקאנט, שטייען מיר אין אזער שווערן קאמף פאר אונזער דריטן מאנדאט אין פראנקרייך, נעמליך אין עלזאס-לאטרינגען, וולכעס איז אבאזונדערער וואל-קרייז. דארט איז געהאט געקומען צו אן אפמאך צווישן די פארטייען לויט וועלכן אונזער פארטיי האט באקומען איינעם פון די דריי פארטיילטע מאנדאטן.

אבער מיט צוויי טעג שפעטער האבן מיר זיך דערוואסט אז דער פארטייער פון אונזער פארטיי, וועלכער האט באקומען אונזער מאנדאט אין עלזאס-לאטרינגען, האט זיך דערקלערט אלס פראגרעסיווער. פון דאנען נעמט זיך, אגב, די באהויפטונג אז די פראגרעסיווע האבן אין פראנקרייך באקומען צוויי מאנדאטן.

מיר האבן, נאטירליך, באלד אויפגעהויבן אגרויסן קאמף געגן דעם פאליטישן שווינדל און ענדליך איז אונז געלונגען דעם דאזיקן אפמאך צו אנולירן, און מיר שטייען היינט צו טאג דארט פאר נייע וואלן. ס'איז ביי אונז אויסער יעדן ספק, אז מיר האבן דערמיט געוואונען אונזער דריטן מאנדאט אין פראנקרייך. אבער ס'איז צו דערווארטן אז ביי די דאזיקע וואלן וועלן אלע פארטייען פירן אזער גרויסן קאמף און ספעציעל די פראגרעסיווע וועלן נישט קענען אזוי לייכט אראפשלינגען די חרפה, און וועלן זיכער ווארפן גרויסע כוחות און גרויסע געלט מיטלען אין דעם קאמף אריין.

דער צווייטער פראבלעם איז טונים. אויך דארט איז שוין געווען אן אפמאך, און די פראגרעסיווע (דורך זייערע שליחים) האבן דארט דעם ענין שוין געהאט פארטאכלעוועט פארן פרייז פון זייערן אמאנדאט. אויך געגן דעם דאזיקן אפמאך האבן מיר אויפגעהויבן אגרויסן פראטעסט שטורעם, מיר האבן געשיקט קיין טונים עטליכע פון אונזערע בעסטע און פעיקסטע חברים (אייך פערזענליך בין דארט געווען דריי מאל) און מיר האבן אין גאנצן לאנד צוגעפאמלט איבער צווייטויזנט דריייהונדערט אונטערשריפטן פון שוקלים, אסך מער ווי

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וויפיל ס'איז נויטיק בכדי געזעצליך צו פאדערן וואלן, און אויך דערדאזיקער אפמאך איז  
ענדליך אנולירט געווארן! אבער אזוי ווי ס'וועט זיין אויסגעהאלבן אייראפע, האט זיך דאבין  
סקדים געווען און האט שטעל באשטימט אלס וואל-קאמיטאר פאר ס'וועט, דעם ספאלי'ניק דעם  
חבר בוסקאווסקי, ארגאניזאציע-לייטער פון דער יידישער אגענדא אין אייראפע, מיטן חסכם  
פון משה קול און רפאל! (מיר האבן אליין געזען די סעלעבראציע דאסירט פון ניו-יארק).  
פארשטייט זיך אז אויך דארט וועט די הייליקע אפאזיציע ס'אלן אין איר וועלט כדי  
אונז צו באזייטיקן פון דעם ענין. אבער, נישט צו דערלאזן דערצו, מוזן מיר דארט  
זיין און דעם ענין גוט היסן און אויך ארגאניזירן אונזערע חברים!  
וואס שייך מאראקא, האבן מיר ליידער דעם ענין שוין פארשפילט. און דאס בלויז דערפאר  
וואס מיר האבן נישט געהאט די מעגליכקייטן דארט צו זיין אויפן ארט און היסן דעם ענין.  
בכדי אבער, אז די אויבנדערמאנטע אקציעס זאלן קענען דערפירט ווערן צו אניצחון-  
פולער ענדע, איז אונז אומבאדינגט נויטיק ווייניקסטנס ביי א דריי טויזנט דאלאר, און  
דאס אין און די נאנטסטע טעג, כדי מיר זאלן נישט, אזוי ווי אין מאראקא, קומען צו שפעט!  
מיר, פון אונזער זייט, האבן שוין-טראץ אונזערע אייגענע פינאנציעלע שוועריקייטן-  
אין דעם ענין אריינגעלייגט אסאך געלט. בלויז איין ריזיג איז פארבונדן מיט עטליכע הונ  
דערס דאלאר אויסגאבן!  
מיר האבן וועגן די ענינים דא גערעט מיט דיר! שטארק, בעת זיין באזוך אין פראנקרייך  
אבער ליידער זיינען אונזערע חברים אין ישראל אליין פארשולדיקט איבערן קאפ! אויך פון  
קאמאנדא! וואל-פאנד האבן מיר דערווייל גארנישט באקומען!  
בלייבט אונז נאר איבער זיך צו ווענדן צו אונזערע חברים אין אמעריקע, און ספעציעל  
צו אייך, חשובער פרעזידענט דיר ניומאן, אז איר זאלט אונז העלפן די ענינים דערפירן צו  
אסוקסעפולען סוף!  
אין דערווארטונג אייער באלידיקע חשוכה, פארענדיק איך מיט כבוד און דרך-ארץ  
אייער איבערגעבענער

# Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President  
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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

December 27, 1950

Dr. A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very happy to designate you as a member of the Board of the United Palestine Appeal for 1951, representing the ZOA.

I am sure that at this time, when the success of the UPA is of such primary importance in our efforts for Israel, that you will exert every effort to serve faithfully.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Benjamin G. Browdy*  
Benjamin G. Browdy  
President



# Lobbying for the

**M**ORE than ever before, American churches are in the thick of the political battles at Washington. Some churchmen have registered frankly as lobbyists. Others put "heat" on legislators indirectly. As a result, the debate is getting louder about whether church people ought to be "mixing in politics" this way.

How hot you personally get around the collar on the subject of "church lobbying" will probably depend on whether you approve of its goals. For, make no mistake about it, the churches have made enemies by working for this law or against that one.

The very fact that a Christian group sends a representative to Washington to work "on the Hill" means that it is going to fight for some principle—and that implies that there is someone against that principle.

The famous old Methodist Board of Temperance, scarred after long combat but still active, is a case in point. It has been ridiculed and pilloried because of its dramatic fight for Prohibition, and many "wet" Congressmen have considered it a pest. Church representatives in Washington, including at least one Methodist, told me they didn't approve of the Board's methods. In its defense, however, it is argued that "the liquor traffic," never faint-hearted in bringing pressure, would doubtless bathe the country in alcohol if the church "drys" were any less persistent.

So it goes. One man's lobby for the Lord is another man's pressure group.

None of us, in fact, could approve all the aims of the church agencies at work in the capital—because sometimes they are on opposite sides of the scrap!

Newspapers have lately been taking note of the Christian lobbying. A columnist in the New York *Daily News* wrote a recent critical article on the subject. Meanwhile, in the affiliated paper, the Chicago *Tribune*, under a headline CAPITAL FEARS PRESSURES OF CHURCH GROUPS, Washington correspondent Walter Trohan pointed out the objections being made to this lobbying:

"During the last two decades, particularly in the last 10 years, capital observers have noted mounting political pressure on government from religious groups of all denominations. The White House, members of Congress, and officials generally are complaining about the exertion of political pressure rather than moral suasion by such groups."

Implying that church lobbyists make themselves pests by frequent visits to officials, Trohan goes on: "This religious intervention is regretted because the injection of religion frequently brings a vehemence into public questions over and above that of ordinary partisanship. . . . Officials are disturbed by the growing desire of church groups to enforce doctrines by secular law, to press for economic measures and to demand political ends considered desirable to this or that sect."

If some Congressmen dislike pres-

sure from the churches, however, others welcome the church interest in legislation. Several have participated in church-sponsored meetings and "schools" in the capital to acquaint church-members with the Washington scene.

Once when a representative of the Methodist Woman's Division was testifying on the poll tax before a House committee, a Congressman asked her whether these women should be concerned about the question. Representative Wayne Hays of Ohio spoke up: "Of course the Methodists should speak. My wife is a member of the Methodist Society, and I'm glad the Woman's Division of the Methodist Church is interested in these things!"

**S**OMETIMES Congressmen actually seek out church lobbyists to get their slant on pending legislation. One day, for example, a Senator who had not made up his mind on the Atlantic Pact telephoned to get the opinions of E. Raymond Wilson, director of the Friends (Quakers) Committee on National Legislation—one of the largest Protestant offices.

"Here are Congressmen who have to make decisions," Wilson explains, "and who welcome thoughtful observations from those who try to see both sides. I feel it is immoral for the churches to make moral pronouncements and then not follow through at the practical level."

The recent growth of lobbying activity has been particularly marked

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*Left: Leading Baptist officials conferring in Washington, D. C.: Dr. Louie A. Newton, Dr. J. M. Dawson and Dr. Stanley I. Stuber. Dr. Dawson heads the Baptist office at the capital.*

*Right: E. Raymond Wilson, director of the Friends (Quakers) Committee on National Legislation. Wilson is a force to be reckoned with on Capitol Hill.*

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# LORD

Did you know that religion also has pressure groups in Washington? Here's a frank look at some of them.

By ROBERT ROOT

among the Protestant churches. There are now fifteen offices (some of them part-time), with perhaps two score employees, representing the governmental concerns of the Protestants alone. The total of their annual budgets runs well into six figures. With the exception of the Methodist temperance office, the biggest and most active of these have all got under way in the capital during the last six or seven years.

**I**N at least one continuing activity, the Protestants cooperate with Jewish and Roman Catholic groups. This is the Civil Liberties Clearing House, three years old, an organization for joint action by more than 125 church, Negro, farm, veteran and other organizations concerned about citizens' rights. Through it, the members clear with each other on facts they have picked up, and plan strategy.

Both Jews and Catholics conduct lobbying activities on their own. The Anti-Defamation League, organized by the Jewish fraternal organization, B'nai B'rith, is active in Jewish interests. While it was started to make an educational campaign against anti-Semitism, its goals have taken it into legislative areas (for instance, it participates in the Civil Liberties Clearing House).

Zionist groups, of course, have waged a hard and successful battle for the establishment of a Jewish homeland and, since that came into being, for its preservation and support. While

traveling in the Near East a couple of years ago, I was told repeatedly by American government representatives and missionaries that these Zionist pressures were crucial in the future of Palestine. It is hardly too much to say that Israel owes its existence as much to the political victories of the Zionists in America as to the force of Israeli arms.

Roman Catholic pressure in Washington is also well known. At different government levels, Catholic wishes are frequently and effectively expressed on questions concerning church teachings, such as divorce and birth control. But these pressures, when apparently less directly related to faith, have also had impact right at the heart of such ticklish Washington issues as use of federal money for parochial school buses and lunches. Recognized as the spokesman for Catholic matters is the National Catholic Welfare Conference, which often takes a "liberal" line on economic and social questions.

Because of Catholic power in Europe, the influence of this church is unquestionably great on American foreign policy. Though many Catholics may dislike Franco, their church gets the credit for the United States' friendly overtures towards totalitarian Spain; not long ago the liberal Catholic lay magazine, *Commonweal*, even printed an article which quoted an official as attributing recent American wobbliness on Franco to Catholic pressure. This is only one facet of the strong international Catholic "cold war" on

Communism, which unquestionably tends to "toughen" U. S. policy.

(Zionist Jews and Catholics, incidentally, found themselves on opposite sides during debate over the internationalization of Jerusalem with its Christian shrines. Similarly, on recognition of Franco, Catholic forces have been opposed by Protestants, whose churches are being persecuted in Spain.)

The effectiveness of Catholic work in Washington is cited as the very reason for the existence of one of the most active and publicized Protestant agencies. This is "Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State"—an unwieldy handle usually chopped down to "P. O. A. U."

**A**FTER a series of conferences through 1947, this organization was launched to seek separation of church and state—which was a nice way of saying it wanted to end undue Catholic influence on government as well as any governmental aid to Catholicism. It is one of the ironies of politics that a church group, presumably dedicated to cutting church and government apart, has willy-nilly been one of the churches' "fightingest" agencies seeking to influence government!

Behind the starting of P.O.A.U. were some of the biggest names in Protestantism—John A. Mackay, Edwin McNeill Poteat, G. Bromley Oxnam, Louis D. Newton, and Charles Clayton Morrison. Its membership and



Above: The Rt. Rev. Francis Keough, Archbishop of Baltimore and vice chairman of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, one of the Roman church's chief lobbyists.

Below: Glenn L. Archer, director of the P.O.A.U. Right: Benson Y. Landis, secretary of the Washington office of the Federal Council.





*Lines of a Layman*

## AMERICA IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

*By J. C. Penney*

**I** HAVE WRITTEN here over a period of several months the facts of the dangers that confront America. But what are we doing about it? Not just what we're doing about it through the organizations to which we belong, the chambers of commerce and such, but what we're doing *individually* and *personally*.

For your consideration I submit a few modest thoughts: First, we need to recognize that if this magnificent thing which men call the American Way of Life shall pass away, or be unalterably changed, *history will not hold us guiltless*. We must not, we cannot fail to accept the responsibilities which our free society places upon us. Second, we ourselves need to become informed concerning the principles of sound economics. It's not enough to say the taxes are too high, or that the welfare state is too costly, or that bureaucracy is inherently inefficient. We need to understand clearly the function of capital—as well as that of labor. Third, let us lose no opportunity either in our personal contacts or through our businesses, and most of all in our association with our own employees, to disseminate the facts concerning our economy. Fourth, let us lose no opportunity to exert every bit of influence we have and can muster politically. I am not interested in which political party you belong to. But I am interested in whether or not you are active in the party of your allegiance. Fifth, let us rally to our side every public opinion molding force which we can influence. Let's make certain that our clergy, those who minister to us and to our families and speak from our pulpits—whether Catholic, Protestant or Jew—know the basic facts of sound economics. Sixth, let us conduct ourselves and our businesses with a strict sense of personal morality and social responsibility. Let's give every man his due and do it voluntarily.

Finally, and most important of all, let us do everything in our power to strengthen those institutions out of which has grown this philosophy which created America, the American home and the American church. Character develops in the home. And the social attitudes so important to a free society are more often *caught* than *taught*, and they are caught from the child's parents most easily and most often.

As regards the church, make no mistake about it, the American Way of Life is a by-product of man's faith in the Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of all mankind. *Capitalism, except it be shot through with a belief in those values which are above and beyond and yet deep within all life, can be as barbaric as Communism!*

coffers have swelled. In twenty-two states, mass meetings have been held under its auspices, and it claims the support of twenty denominations, as well as groups of Jews and humanists. It has raised more than \$100,000 and bought a building for permanent headquarters in central Washington.

Church lobbies can rarely claim a single-handed victory, but P.O.A.U. can come pretty close to it on two issues. While Protestant churches throughout the country expressed disapproval of the Myron Taylor mission to the Vatican, P.O.A.U. kept the question alive in Washington. After three statements that he would not resign, Taylor did resign—and, as P. O. A. U. pressure continues, no successor has thus far been appointed.

The other issue on which P.O.A.U. activity has been decisive is federal aid to education. Opponents of P. O. A. U. charge that it has only succeeded in killing all federal aid, which is sorely needed by schools in poorer states.

P.O.A.U. takes no stand against school aid as such. However, Glenn LeRoy Archer, 44-year-old Kansan who directs P.O.A.U., grants that the aid, including use of public funds for textbooks in Catholic schools, might have passed had it not been for his organization's opposition to this feature. If P.O.A.U. can just hold its ground, Archer says, no public funds will go to church schools—and perhaps therefore not even to public schools.

Are the churches, then, really "lobbying"? Yes and no. Some of the Prot-

estant representatives carefully avoid anything resembling direct pressure on Congressmen. Others, to be perfectly straight with the lobbying law, have actually registered with the government.

In general, the public considers lobbying a vicious practice where special interests pay huge sums to wine and dine Congressmen, to make them friendly and get through legislation that may be against the general welfare. In this sense, most of the Protestant churches could hardly be accused of lobbying.

How do they work, then?

All these groups will tell you that their major job is education. They grind out newsletters, bulletins and pamphlets to tell church people at the grassroots what is going on in Washington.

For example, the Federal Council of Churches has a Washington office which carefully avoids anything even resembling lobbying and confines itself to sending informational reports to its churches, without recommendations. Recipients then may "take such action as they see fit," explains its secretary, Benson Y. Landis. Other religious agencies, on the other hand, often suggest to constituents what kind of letters should be going to Congressmen.

**T**HE most impressive of the educational projects is the "Washington Seminars for Christian Citizens." Since the war, as increasing numbers of church groups—clergy, laymen, and high school and college students—have been coming to Washington for periods of a few days. In the morning they listen to Senators, Representatives, officials—all those who can give them "the low-down" on the capital—and discuss Christian philosophy. During the first half of the year, twenty-two such groups made visits to the capital.

Directing the seminars is a group which the churchmen call "the joint staff"—not to be confused with the Joint Chiefs of Staff! This is a team of Protestant representatives who not only interpret government to church people, but interpret the opinions of churchmembers to government. They do a good deal of the ball-carrying on the Hill for the churches. Represented on the joint staff are Baptists, Congregationalists, Quakers, Methodists, Presbyterians, Brethren, Mennonites, and Lutherans. (In addition, the Federal Council office represents the Disciples, Reformed, Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Evangelical and Reformed, Moravian, and Evangelical United Brethren churches.)

Since a church lobbyist can't keep up-to-date on everything any better than a politician can, joint-staff mem-

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men moved back to get it laid out on the floor. Iris' heart was thudding almost as hard with excitement as Freddy's.

They put the control of the train on Freddy's bed. For one terrible, agonizing second Iris thought he couldn't find strength enough in his thumb to press the button that started it. And all those men were standing, looking on. Then the motor hummed, the lights came on in the little cars. They blurred in her eyes.

Later, down home in Washita, they left Freddy parked in the station wagon for a few minutes and came back to find the folks laughing, kidding him, the way people do in a small town when they've known you all their life.

For a moment Iris' heart was filled with an overwhelming joy. Freddy had this, whatever happened he had this forever. And she thought of that other mother, thousands of Christmases ago

— on that first Christmas. She had watched her Son, too. Maybe that's all any mother had a right to expect from God. The right to watch her son, to stand by, to believe with all her heart that God would do the right thing so long as she herself did not lose faith and did the things she could.

Now Iris knew she had been right that day in the doctor's office when they told her there was nothing more they could do. She had not turned her back on God—had not given up hope. The doctor too had been right when he said, "We can only trust in a Power higher than ours..."

Iris and Alton Gill have never ceased to pray and have asked others to pray, too, for Freddy. They still believe in their hearts that a miracle will happen. That Freddy will be saved. But whether that happens or not, say Iris and Alton Gill, "it is God's will." Their faith is sufficient.

## LOBBYING FOR THE LORD

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bers divide up the field. Baptists, for example, have been paying particular attention to the atom, food, and loyalty programs, while the Presbyterians have specialized on U. N., liquor questions, social security, and European recovery.

What successes have these Protestant lobbies had?

By the nature of politics, their victories are usually won as part of a team. For example, Protestants (especially Lutherans) joined Jews and Catholics in pressing this year for American admission of more displaced persons. It was a hard fight, but they won.

Sometimes a church spokesman can make a well-timed stroke which will swing an issue. When Congress knocked out aid to Korea last winter, for example, the president of the Methodist Woman's Division telephoned its Washington representative, Miss Eleanor Neff. In turn, she called the State Department and Congressmen to check on strategy and exchange ideas. Aid was voted for Korea. Similarly, when China fell, Chinese students in America sorely needed government aid. The Methodists joined the fight for it—and aid was given.

By bringing visiting German bishops together with officials of the State Department and Army, the Lutherans improved understanding of the problems of German Protestants under the occupation.

The Congregational office thought it hit a home-run when it got Ronald Bridges, former Moderator of this denomination, and brother of Republican Senator Styles Bridges, to testify for the Marshall Plan. That was one of myriad influences in approval of this

crucial aid to Europe. But the Congregationalists felt repaid when they heard what an Italian had said to a State Department official in Rome. Waving a mimeographed copy of a news release with the Bridges testimony, the Italian exclaimed: "If this is what you stand for, and if this is what the Marshall Plan means, I'm very much in favor!" That happened to be at a time when Italian elections were coming up and, if the Communists were not to sweep Italy, friends and influence had to be won for America.

Wilson of the Quakers, moreover, credits the Congregational office with being "as responsible as anyone" for one of the most important post-war political steps—winning civilian control of atomic energy.

The four Baptist conventions are represented by a Texan, Dr. J. M. Dawson, who took 100,000 names to the San Francisco conference to get the United Nations to include religious liberty in its "Universal Declaration of Human Rights." It was included. Modestly, he claims merely "a rightful share" in that victory.

He also worked for the Langer bill on liquor advertising this year—an issue which is not yet settled. The vote of Senator Lindon Johnson of Texas was in doubt when this subject came up for consideration.

This Baptist office wrote every one of Texas' 3,000 Baptist pastors to suggest that they express their own convictions. Hundreds of letters and telegrams barraged the capital. The Senator learned where Texas Baptists stood—and it wasn't in favor of liquor advertising!

Though President Truman is a Baptist, his reported annoyance at church





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lobbyists can hardly be blamed on Baptist Dawson, for he considers that the Truman church affiliation has "no bearing on his politics." Many Baptists wire and phone Dr. Dawson and ask him to work on the President as a fellow churchman. But the preacher resents the implication that he would have any influence. He has called on the Baptist in the White House only once, and then it was on behalf of a Baptist pastor in Germany.

Ruefully, one church representative observed that a great deal of effort must go merely to stopping "bad" legislation. Even that, though, can have very positive Christian results.

For example, there was the misery of the Arab refugees—many of them Christians, many of them in hovels around the site of the Bethlehem manager. The United States was supposed to supply half of a \$32 million fund for relief to them through the U. N. Late one afternoon, word came suddenly to joint-staff members that the Senate Appropriations Committee had lopped \$2 million off the American grant, and the bill would be on the Senate floor for passage the following noon. Immediately, Wilson and Miss Neff rushed to the Hill—since both Quakers and Methodists had voted favoring relief for the Arabs. The Senators whom they saw were sympathetic but too engrossed with other matters to bear the brunt of battle on the floor.

By chance, Wilson was seated next to Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota at a banquet that night. They discussed the problem. Humphrey said he'd think about it. The next morning he decided he was willing to raise the issue. But when he got up on the Senate floor, other Senators explained that the cut was simply a flat one being made on all grants, because prices had gone down here. It looked as if the gallant, last-minute struggle would be lost.

Again by luck, however, the church representatives were accompanied at the Chamber by a Quaker relief worker just back from Palestine. He pointed out that, far from declining, the number of refugees had recently gone up one-third. Wilson got a friendly Senator to carry a note with this information to Senator Humphrey. And in the end, the Senate restored the cut.

Two million dollars, to be sure, is small change compared to the vast bomb appropriations of Washington. But for the women, the children, the babies of the Arab camps, it was food, clothes, hope. Their voices and their thanks were not heard that day. But speaking for them were the Christian representatives of the American churches.

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## LOBBYING FOR THE LORD

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church lobbying at its best. But whether we like church lobbying or not, it looks as if it will have a long future in Washington.

The big reason is that most of us church people really want it. Not many of us refuse to vote on church resolutions about political questions, and lobbying is merely a logical extension of such perennial efforts to bring Christian influence to bear on government. Most of us, if we'll be honest with ourselves, have at some time or other mixed religion and politics when we have looked to the church for support of a political idea—whether to bolster our economic system (or change it), or to scathe Fascism and Communism or maybe just to close up that annoying beer tavern on the corner.

So there's going to be lobbying in the name of the church. What we Christians must do is see that our lobbyists steer clear of narrow, selfish interests. Our job is to insist that they really bring the best of our Christian thinking to bear on our common problems at Washington, for the welfare of all.

## THE HIDDEN YEARS

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we were all growing up and reaching out for larger things. They were probably—nay, almost certainly—looking forward to marriage and the bringing up of children. And Nazareth held but small hopes for them in such matters. And our trade, which had comfortably supported six, found twelve something of a burden.

There were many discussions about it, some of which went on as we all sat in the sunset together when the day's work was done.

The upshot of it all was that the joint family at last decided to move to Kaphar-Nahum on the Lake, where the aspirations of the eager young folk would find larger scope, and the family income would be more likely to equal the demands upon it.

For there, in addition to all the work we were accustomed to, there were boats to be mended and many repairs to the gear of the caravans that travelled the Great Roads to Damascus and the Desert and the South—endless opportunities for work.

When the great upheaval had been accomplished and they were all gone, we moved down to the other house so that I could live alongside my workshop. Zerah, as of right, took the room Jesus had always occupied and I think she found some consolation in that.

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המנהיג דומה מתגלה כביד. עזריש שמועמק באמריקה לעזרת ממשלת הממשלה ארצות הברית למדינת ישראל. — הוסיף איש שיחי העזרה. הממשלה החשובה יותר מהמלוכה של ממשלת ישראל, אך אין להשיג בלי יעה קהל פתאומה. ובלי הנועה ציונית חזקה, הממשלה האמריקאית תתן את הכסף כאשר הרגיש שהעם האמריקאי רוצה בכך. העם האמריקאי ירצה בכך, ויעזר בכך. ממשלתו לעשות זאת, אך ייש תחת לחץ מכלת ציונית חזקה אשר הראתה את כחה בהודמנות אחרות. — ערב הקמת מדינת ישראל.

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— אך סרם אחרנו את המועד — הרים הדיר סילבר את קולו. יש לבנות עתה מחדש את אשר נהרס באופן כה טפשי ולהסיר את כל המכשולים שהושמו לרגלי הנועה הציונית. הדיר נעשה על ידי אנשים אשר חשבו כי ידעו לתרוש טוב וזה את ארצות אמריקה כאשר המנהיגים הציונים העובדים בשדות אלה שנים רבות יתבן והדיר נעשה תוך חשבוניות למנהיגים צרים, אך דבר אחד ברור — כולם חייבים להכות, על חסאי ולהכיר בשינוי. ביאתם בקרוב יתברר באופן מוחלט, כי התקפה שהובעה בחוגים שונים שהלא ציונים והאנטיציונים יתחלו את העבודה הפוליטית והכלכלית בשביל ישראל — היתה אשליה. עובדה שאין לסתור אותה היא שהמלוכה העכספי של ממשלת ישראל מתחיל באמריקה נוכח יתגנדותם של כמה חוגים אנטיציונים שאינם מצוינים בסוכת מדינת ישראל.

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הוצאות הבחירות הוכיחו שציונים הכלליים בישראל לא אכזבו — החל הדיר סילבר ודבריו. הגני שכך רצון מתוצאות החוקה אמנותי, שהציונים הכלליים יהפכו למפלגה מרכזית במדינת ישראל, — לאחת המפלגות שפעילות והמריכות בארץ. חזיתי את ידמי לפני שנתיים, ועתה רואה אני בהשגתם הרבה. המפלגה עלתה על דרך הפלך. מוליכת אותה במסון הנכון ואמונת ציוני אמריקה בחבריהם בארץ לא יונה בחיי נה שעות. — אמר.

**השניאה מצינוי מונטרו**  
בדבריו על הכמה, הביוליון שעלית הוחלט בוועידת התורם בירושלים ובדי צידת והאשגנפון. אמר הדיר סילבר: „מאפיין אני שקיימת האפשרות העלית במלות העכספי של ממשלת ישראל באמריקה, אך, — וסיי, — התנאי העיקרי להצלחה הוא המיכת המפעל למפעל עכספי ולקשור אותו בקשר ישיר עם ההסתדרות הציונית באמריקה. יחידים כלליים באמריקה הגם שאף הפי אורגן הגדול ביותר במדינת ההסתדרות הציונים באמריקה כחום בלתי מוגבלים להשגתה המשימה ועלית היתה חייבת ממשלת ישראל להסיל את המעצמות.

אולם לא כן חשבה ממשלת ישראל, מפעל המניות נמסר למר מונטרו. לאדם הנחשב למאמרוה נאן גראסיה. הציונות האמריקאית, התפקיד נמסר לו למרות שלא הפך פעולם בתכניות של השקעות בישראל וקשריו עם המגבית והאחרות בשנים האחרונות בלו כשלון ויחידה מדהימה בהכנסות המגבית.

בה בעת שהמחקר שנערך באמריקה הוכיח, כי בשנתיים האחרונות גילו תרומות יהדות אמריקה במידה גברה — באותה מידה ירדו הכנסות המגבית המאוחדת. בהתחבכו על מאמר שפורסם ב„סיימס“ קבע הדיר סילבר כי המחקר שנערך על ידי „ראסל סאג“ — אגודה התורקת בסוכספי הכסף הנאספים באפי ריקה לצרכי צדקה וקשרה — נתברר, כי כמעט השנים האחרונות עלו והתרומות באמריקה מצו בליון ודולר ל-4 בליון. והיאגנרטה המצינות את העליו מראה על עליה גדולה ביותר דוקא בשלש השנים האחרונות, ולעצמה עליו גדולה זו מציין המאזן של המגבית והאחרות יחידה מדהימה מ-150 מיליון דולר ל-100

הציונית. וילה נימה של צער וכאב — צערו של ציוני מסור המואב את כאב צמו — ול השניאות וההתנחות שנעשו באמריקה על ידי גורמים ציונים ושל שונות ישראל, שניאות שתוצאותיהן מרגשים עתה הושבי מדינת ישראל על כשרם. „הבראתה הכלכלית של ישראל תבוא על ידי משיכת הון פרטי לישראל ועל ידי עזרת הממשלה האמריקאית. תוצאות הבחירות בארץ — והנועה ציונית חזקה, באמריקה, הגם ערובה יחידה להצלחת שני התנאים העיקריים האלה לקיום מדינת ישראל ובנין כלכלתה“ — אמר הדיר סילבר.

פנישתי עם הדיר סילבר יערכה שבוע אחר פרסום תוצאות הבחירות בישראל אך הוא, וכן ראשי הנועה הציונית באמריקה, עמדו עדיין תחת רושם הבחירות ושיחתנו הופסקה כדי פעם בפעם על ידי קריאות סלפניות לחזרו של הדיר סילבר, „כול טובי“ — זו היתה הברכה ששמעתי משני צידי

ברציון מיוחד ל„הבוקר“ — ראיון ראשון עם עמוסי טאו התפטרותו מראשות הנועה הציונית באמריקה, לפני שנתיים — הודיע דיר אבא הלל סילבר על עמדתו ודשקפתו כלפי הבעיות. התפטרות עתה בעולם הציוני כישור לעזרה לישראל והתפטרות שחלו בציוני נות העולמית, והאמריקאית כפרי, נוכח נצחון הציונים הכלליים בישראל בכחי רות האחרונות. מתוצאות הבחירות רואה הדיר סילבר עונתהצלה למועה הציונית ונורם מריוע להבראתה הכלכלית של מדינת ישראל. הבחירות בישראל וכן מצב הציונות בעולם יסקחו עניי רבים לראות את צדק דבריו לפני שנתיים בעת המספר שגרם להתפטרותו, ובסוף הוא היהתדרות הציונים הכלליים תפעל עתה במשנהימור לקראת הבחירות לקונגרס הציוני אשר יתה קונגרס גדולי למועה הציונית ומתפקידו לחזק ולבנות את הנועה הציונית העולמית לטובת יהדות הגולה ומדינת ישראל.

הדיר סילבר, אשר באופן רשמי סרם חזר לעבודה — פעילה — בהנועה

## סילבר מזהיר

באמריקה, המטה מיליון יהודי אמריקה מאורגנים ומלוכדים בהנועה ציונית וחי קה מהמים כוח עצום לשם השגת פרטי מדינת ישראל בשטח הפוליטי והכלכלי. אותו מספר יהודים בלתי מאורגנים ובלי ההתדרות ציונית אינם יכולים לעשות דבר ואין להם כל השפעה. זאת אין לשחור בשום אופן. — אמר.

פעות הוא להגיד שהממשלה האמריקאית עומדת ליסין מדינת ישראל בכל התנאים. הממשלה האמריקאית היא עכסו כל עוד מאחרי מדינת ישראל עומד מתנה ופשיפי על דעת הקהל באמריקה וכל דעת הממשלה האמריקאית.

הדיר סילבר הביע את תקווהו שהציונים הכלליים בישראל יפעלו ויגי כונו לבחירות לקונגרס כשם שעשו בהצלחה יוצאת מנזר הרגיל לקראת הבחירות למועצות ולעיריות.

הדיר סילבר סירב לגלות את הבדי יחיוי בנוגע לעבודתו הציונית, אך ציין כי בשנה האחרונה נהיה פעיל יותר בהסתדרות הציונית באמריקה, ורצה הוא לתת מכונו ונמיונו למפלגה אשר התחזקה בשנה האחרונה. הוא הביע את שביעת רצונו שהמפלגה באמריקה קבלת תכניתו בדבר שיתוף ציונות אמריקה עם ההסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל, והרגיש שתוצאות הבחירות בארץ חיוק עוד יותר את עמדת המפלגה באמריקה. (ניי יורק, 1 בינואר 1950)

(עמוד 2)  
דיו אישים לגבי הקונג צועה הציונית בעולם — י אמריקה בסוף דבריו. רינת ישראל קיום הנועה מתפקיד הקונגרס הציוני יעשה צויד להיות ברור לתקנה ציונית מבוטלת ויחידה שית והכלכלית.

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ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

Office of  
ZIONIST INFORMATION SERVICE

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January 9, 1950

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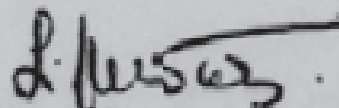
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find a clipping from the Haboker  
of January 1st containing your interview given to Mr.  
J. Ginsburg, the newspaper's correspondent in the United  
States.

My kindest personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

  
Leon Glutovich, Director  
Zionist Information Service

Dr. Sidney Marks  
*Secretary*

LI/pm  
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# Zionist Organization of America

January 9, 1950

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sure you will be pleased to learn that the Zionist Organization of America plans to establish a Quarterly magazine which will devote itself to the serious discussion of questions of Zionist and world Jewish interest. Mr. Harold Manson has been requested to undertake the editorship of such a journal.

Of paramount importance to the successful functioning of this type of magazine is its editorial board. We believe that such a board should be composed of a small group of leading American General Zionists who have made outstanding contributions to contemporary Jewish thought and literature, and we are therefore inviting the following to serve on it, in addition to yourself:

Rabbi Philip Bernstein  
Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn  
Mr. Louis Lipsky  
Mr. Marvin Lowenthal  
Dr. Samuel Margoshes  
Dr. Emanuel Neumann

It is my profound hope that you will wish to participate fully in this important work, to the end that the Zionist Organization of America shall produce a Quarterly which will fill a long-felt need and bring credit to American Zionism. I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience as we wish to proceed with the matter as speedily as possible.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Benjamin G. Browdy*

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התאחדות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

January 10, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are making preparations for the annual pageant at Madison Square Garden and we would like to include your name as one of the sponsors of this occasion.

I would appreciate your courtesy in writing me immediately in this connection.

My affectionate regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

SM/bz

January 11, 1951

Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Browdy:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of January 9th and your invitation to serve as a member of the editorial board of the proposed new quarterly magazine of the Z.O.A. I am very pleased that the Z.O.A. proposes to publish a quarterly magazine for the presentation of major Jewish and Zionist subjects to the American Jewish reading public. Such a magazine is long overdue, and I shall be very happy to serve on its editorial board.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

January 11, 1951

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

My dear Sidney:

In reply to your kind letter of January 10th I shall be very happy to be a sponsor of the annual pageant of the Zionist Organization of America at the Madison Square Garden.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

January 12, 1951

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a note to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful membership recording which you made. I heard it yesterday and it is truly inspiring.

We will announce this recording in about two weeks, and it will be sent to all our districts shortly thereafter.

I am certain it will be the most valuable single stimulant for new membership which we have had for many a day.

Thanks again and warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Herschel Auerbach  
Director of Membership

ha/cm

התאחדות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

January 15, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

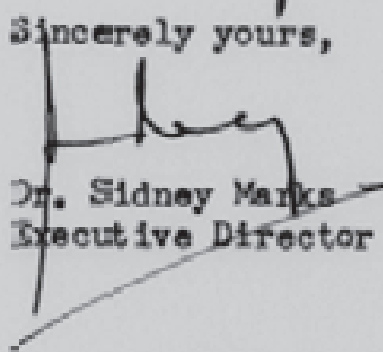
Dear Dr. Silver:

I was delighted to receive your letter dated January 11th. I am truly grateful to you.

I also want to take this occasion to call your attention to the fact that the World Confederation sent out Dr. Neumann's article which appeared in the New Palestine, with Lipsky's reply. It seems to me that something should be done about this matter. I do not believe that it is within the province of the World Confederation to undertake this function. They don't make a practice of it, and it was undoubtedly done deliberately.

Accept my affectionate regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

SM/bz

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE: January 26, 1951

FROM: Leon Ilutovich

SUBJECT: You might be interested to know that the following report appeared in "Haaretz".

"A demand for unity with the General-Zionists, the Center Party, was made at a meeting of the Progressive Party Executive on Friday, December 8th in Tel Aviv.

This demand was made in a motion moved by Mr. M. Tatzah, who demanded that negotiations be opened with the General-Zionists. Mr. M. Dunsky, the South African Zionist who supported this motion demanded that a special committee consisting of those desiring unity be appointed. Opposing the motion, Mr. M. Kol, a member of the Jewish Agency Executive, attacked bitterly the General-Zionists, and stated that there was no place for unity between the Progressives and the General-Zionists as the latter represented class-interests and were abusing the name of the Zionist Organization.

As no conclusion was arrived at, the debate will continue the following week".

Kindest regards.

L.I.

LI:fm

Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy

January 30, 1951

Mr. Harold P. Hanson

The following are my proposals for the reorganization of the ZOA's educational activities:

1 - The existing Education Department and the America-Israel Information Service - and their budgets - should be merged into a single department, to be known as the ZOA Education and Cultural Relations Department.

2 - The concept of this department should be broadened to include the program which I originally envisaged for the America-Israel Information Service. Thus, while the programming activities of the present Education Department would be continued, greater emphasis would be placed on Israel-American cultural relations.

3 - The activities of the new department should be divided into two sections - a Cultural Relations Section and a Programming Section.

a) Area of operations of the Cultural Relations Section:

Publication of a Quarterly magazine  
Publication of books and pamphlets  
The annual book award  
Preparation of radio programs  
Scholarships (when special funds are available)  
Establishment of Chaires in universities (when special funds are available)  
Other special projects involving Israel-American relations

b) Area of operations of the Programming Section:

Speakers and Artists Bureau  
Preparation of program material for ZOA Districts and Regions  
Distribution of literature  
Distribution of films and filmstrips  
Other routine services to Districts and Regions

4 - Composition and Structure:

The department should be headed by a Director, who would be in charge of all its functions and operations. The Director would devote himself chiefly to the Cultural Relations Section and serve as Editor of the Quarterly. In order to do this effectively he should have the assistance of a competent staff, as follows:

a) A qualified assistant who would undertake all of the activities of the Programming Section under the general supervision of the Director.

b) An able editorial assistant who would carry out both technical and editorial assignments in connection with the department's publications, especially the Quarterly.

January 30, 1951

The magazine would require the services of such a person in any case - someone who is able to do "leg work" in the promotion of circulation and advertisements, as well as minor editorial work (proof-reading, etc.)

c) Secretarial assistance - the number of secretaries to be determined in consultation with the ZOA's Executive Director on the basis of needs.

5 - Authority for the various operations of the department should be retained, as heretofore, by the Director. The department would be represented on the National Commission of Z.O.A. Educational Activities by its Director. Two meetings of the Commission, under the chairmanship of Professor Katch, have made it unmistakably clear that this body is of a consultative nature. Thus, the suggestion that "the activities, projects and responsibilities now embraced within the Education Department be centralized under the National Commission of ZOA Educational Activities" is not in accord with the decision reached by the members of the Commission themselves, who stipulated that the Commission and its chairman should not exercise administrative or executive authority over any of the ZOA's educational activities. This should be generally understood in order to avoid future misunderstandings.

6 - I have no objection whatever to Mr. Alpert's suggestion that he retain responsibility for the ZOA Book Shop and the ZOA Essay Contest. I assume, however, that he proposes to keep the Director informed of his activities in this connection.

7 - Physical Arrangements.

If the department is to function effectively, it is absolutely essential that proper office facilities be provided for it. My present office arrangement makes work extremely difficult - and, at times, out of the question. I am unable to carry on a conversation without shouting to make myself heard above the din (against which open partitions offer no protection). This situation promises to become even worse now that additional technical personnel is being moved into Room 615. Frankly, I have been embarrassed so often that I am today reluctant to set appointments in my own office. I cannot be expected to attract the right people to our work under such circumstances. Nor is such an atmosphere conducive to creative writing or thinking.

I have refrained from complaining until now. However, I really do not see how I can undertake these added responsibilities without new office facilities which will make it possible for me to work.

I trust that the above points also represent your thoughts on this question.  
Education Department.

My kind regards,

HBN/pm



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I trust that the above points also represent your thoughts on this question. If that is the case, I am prepared to become Director of the Education and Cultural Relations Department.

My kind regards.

RPN/pn

# Memorandum

To: Dr. Silver

February 6, 1961

From: Leon Ilutovich

Subject: Enclosed please find the last issue of the "Jewish Spectator". Significantly enough I received ten copies of this issue marked by the editors of this magazine, apparently with the purpose of attracting my attention to its editorials.

Please read editorials on page four and five. For how long, if I may ask, will this lady be tolerated in the columns of "The New Palestine"?

My kindest regards.

J.I.

LI:fm

התאחדות הציונים של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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February 7, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

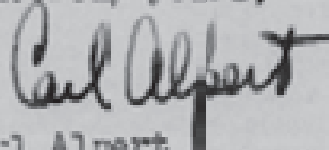
Dear Dr. Silver:

The Essay Contest described in the enclosed circulars has been given tremendous publicity in this country and in Israel, and a splendid response is anticipated.

I hope you can accept our invitation to serve as one of the three distinguished Judges of the Contest. The duties will not be onerous, and we shall carefully sift the chaff from the wheat before asking you to read any of these essays which, you will note, are brief.

It would be a source of great encouragement to us if you would advise of your acceptance.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert  
Director Education Dept.

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enc.





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## "מדינת ישראל ויהדות אמריקה"

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February 16, 1951

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

My dear Mr. Alpert:

Thank you for your note of February 7th. I should like to know who the other judges in the contest will be before I can give you a reply.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

How Zionist public events are conducted today

February 16, 1951

Personal

Mr. Daniel Trotsky  
1775 Broadway  
New York City

Dear Mr. Trotsky:

The following is my comment on the script of "Twin Flames of Freedom" by Ben Aronin, which I have read at your request:

I must state with profound regret that the fears which I expressed when you were in my office were more than justified by Mr. Aronin's text. While it is better than the original draft of last year's script, it is still less than adequate. I shall not give you a detailed criticism of individual speeches and scenes, as that would involve an overhauling of the script (which I do not wish to do). I shall merely state my chief general objections to the piece.

1 - The script is, in the final analysis, a repetition of last year's pageant in Madison Square Garden. It is not fair to the public to present warmed over cliches. This piece does not reflect the special problems now confronting Israel, except for the few general references to the country's economic plight which have been tacked onto the final speech.

Strangely enough, last year - when a presentation of the struggle with the British Empire was called for - Mr. Aronin made no mention of that fact, and I felt it necessary to write in a few scenes portraying the Haganah's battle with the British. Today, when the trend of Israel's foreign policy is towards rapprochement with Britain, Mr. Aronin writes at great length concerning British perfidy and cruelty. At the same time, he neglects to dramatize the facts of life in Israel today - the mass influx of immigrants, the continuing political struggle, the economic strangulation of the country.

2 - In order to be fair to Mr. Aronin, I suggest that you obtain the opinion of someone whose literary standards are somewhat more flexible than my own. I find it difficult to approach any piece of writing with the attitude which is usually expressed by: "Oh, this is good enough for the 'ordinary' people who come to Zionist mass meetings... Give them a Jewish song or two, and a good chazan to sing them, throw in a couple of 'chassidic' dances, tear at their heart strings with a few scenes of Jewish misery, make with the lights and colorful costumes - and the quality of the dialogue doesn't matter... And if you



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write in a scene spoken in Yiddish you will surely have the old-timers on your side..."

Unfortunately, I am quite unable to adopt such a double standard. I believe that the tendency to underestimate the public's taste and understanding is as unhealthy as it is unrealistic. For these reasons, I cannot bring myself to view kindly a script whose chief characteristics are shameless tear-jerking, bombastic sloganeering and crude redundancy.

I do not mean to suggest that ZOA pageants should be written for students of Shakespeare and the Greek drama. At the same time, we should assume that most people can sense the difference between an honest scene and a phoney scene. We should not mistake a Zionist audience's tolerance for stupidity.

3 - A word or two about the script's main theme. While it is entirely valid to draw parallels between the American colonists' struggle for independence and the fight to establish the State of Israel, such an approach can sometimes be carried too far. Many of Mr. Aronin's analogies simply do not ring true. When the author argues that the narrator's father came to America for essentially the same reasons that moved his uncle in the direction of Palestine, the case is misrepresented. The former was seeking a refuge from persecution, while the latter was motivated by a nationalist ideal.

In conclusion - I fail to understand the procedure which has been followed with regard to this entire affair. If the advice of those who are qualified to evaluate the script is to have any meaning, it should have been solicited before Mr. Aronin's play was accepted by the ZOA - before contracts were signed, etc. The fact that the exact opposite has been the case is especially irritating to me because many weeks ago I urged Mr. Fossy to ensure that there is no repetition of the mistakes that were made in connection with last year's pageant.

Last spring, you will recall, the ZOA committee which was in charge of the Madison Square Garden affair approached me with an urgent request that I revise Mr. Aronin's script in order to avert a catastrophe for the ZOA. I was induced to undertake this unpleasant task after much pleading by members of the committee and did so with the understanding that my name would not be associated with the production - having taken this position as a firm believer in the non-convertability of sow's ears into silk purses. The play which was finally presented in Madison Square Garden was adequate - no more, no less.

I review last year's experience because we must learn, once and for all, that there is a right way as well as a wrong way of doing things.

In these circumstances, I can only suggest that Mr. Aronin's script be turned over to someone who is less prejudiced against this type of writing.

I realize full well that you are not personally at fault in this affair. However, you asked for my comments and I am in the habit of speaking as honestly as I can.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HPM/pm

Harold P. Manson

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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February 16, 1951

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The enclosed personal letter is written by an American citizen, resident of Israel for the last 18 years. It has been directed to my office with a request to transmit it to you.

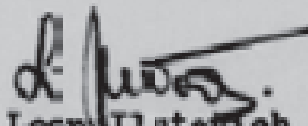
Mrs. Naomi Rabinovich is an active and devoted General Zionist. While on a visit in the United States for the last six months she twice published open letters to the editors both of "The New Palestine" and the "Jewish Daily Forward" in support of the position taken by the ZOA in the Declaration of Principles of October 24th. She is an English teacher by profession. Some foreign diplomats in Israel are among her pupils in Tel Aviv. It seems to me it would be advisable to drop her a few lines.

I was expecting you last Tuesday in New York but learned in the last moment that unfortunately you were sick and confined to bed. I hope you are well by this time.

I will appreciate very much if you can give me an appointment while on your next visit to New York.

Please accept my kindest personal regards.

Yours very sincerely,

  
Leon Hlatovich  
Director, Zionist  
Information Service

L:fm

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

February 20, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Z.O.A. House is gradually taking shape. A recent picture in "Inside Israel" shows that the exterior is practically completed, and work is proceeding on the interior.

It is going to be a wonderful symbol of Z.O.A. in Israel, a permanent monument to American Zionist efforts which made it possible for the State of Israel to be declared.

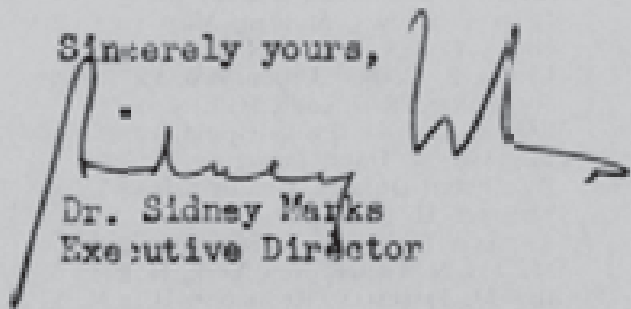
However, rising costs and materials' scarcity are playing havoc with us. We need all of the pledges which have been made. I have been advised that the sum of \$1000 is still outstanding on your pledge.

I know of the great demands made upon you, but this pledge and its payment will make it possible to complete the House in time for the Congress and for the flood of Americans who are expected to visit Israel this summer. It would be good for Israel to have them received by the "Z.O.A. in Israel".

Please let me hear from you.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

SM/bz

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Silver, Dr. Neumann, Dr. Marks,  
Dr. Margoshes, Mr. Torczyner, Mr. Manson

DATE: February 20, 1951

FROM: Leon Ilutovich

SUBJECT: Here is the text of Mrs. Rose Halprin's statement at a press conference in Jerusalem as published by the "Jerusalem Post" a few days ago:

"Mrs. Rose Halprin, President of Hadassah, told the press in Jerusalem yesterday that her group supported "classic non-party general Zionism, not a one-class party of the bourgeoisie". Hadassah is the largest Zionist organization in the U. S.

"We certainly do not want to see a nation of shopkeepers here", she said. "Israel has done a magnificent thing for herself and the world in proving that a cooperative way of life could be developed simultaneously with private enterprise. Our organization is friendly to Labor and liberal both in Israel and in America".

Mrs. Halprin pointed out that while Hadassah was a party of General Zionists it remained unaffiliated with any local party and supported issues rather than parties. "We feel that the General Zionists should be participating in the present coalition", Mrs. Halprin said. "It may be more advantageous from a political point of view to be in opposition but the overall political and economic situation of the country requires the greatest cooperation. National interests must now be placed above party interests."

She criticized local business people who visit the U. S. and spread "terrible stories" about the Israel Government. "Anyone who tells you that millions of dollars are lying around waiting to be invested in Israel is not telling the truth. The dollars have to be induced to come", she said.

Mrs. Halprin also said that Mrs. Etta Rosensohn, Chairman of the Medical Organization, would succeed her as president at the end of the year when her constitutional period in office will have ended.

American Zionist youth groups, Mrs. Halprin states, were suffering loss of membership because of the conscription for the armed services. In answer to a question Mrs. Halprin described the work of the Jewish Agency, and said that under the present structure there is no place for office of President of President of the World Zionist Organization".

Kindest regards.

L.I.

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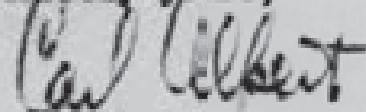
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am replying to your note which inquired as to the other Judges in our Essay Contest. I have invited three men to serve as judges: Dr. Silver, Abba Eban and Dr. Salo Baron.

I hope that all three will accept. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert, Director  
Education Department

CA:RWH

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February 26, 1951

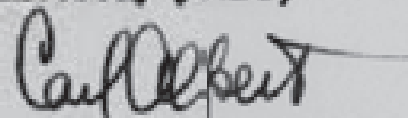
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am delighted to inform you that Abba Eban has accepted our invitation to serve as one of the judges in our Essay Contest.

I would be grateful for word of similar acceptance from you.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert, Director  
Education Department

GA:RWH

February 26, 1951

Mr. Leon Ilutovich  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Ilutovich:

Thank you for sending me the text of Mrs. Halprin's statement to the press conference in Jerusalem. I think that an article should be written and widely distributed, especially among the Board members of Hadassah and its leadership in the country, calling attention to this statement of Mrs. Halprin and asking whether this really represents the point of view of the Hadassah. Has the Hadassah membership ever been consulted at any of its conventions on whether it wants to back the "general Zionists" or the Progressives?

Mrs. Halprin who now claims that her groups support "classic non-party General Zionist" and is "not affiliated with any local party and supports issues rather than parties", lent her name to the Progressive political party ticket in France. Does the rank and file of the Hadassah have the same attitude towards "a nation of shop-keepers" as Mrs. Halprin? Is not the membership of the Hadassah composed largely of the wives of shop-keepers, and do not all the campaigns for Israel - the U.J.A., Bonds for Israel, etc., and even that of Histadruth - derive overwhelmingly their income from American Jews who do not despise shop-keeping in the same manner as Mrs. Halprin?

I think the time has come for the machinations of the little clique within the Hadassah, headed by Mrs. Halprin, who have lent themselves as the willing tools of the Mapai, to undermine the strength of General Zionists in the world movement and in the Executive of the Jewish Agency, to be exposed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL STIFER

ABS:er

February 26, 1951

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

My dear Mr. Alpert:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 23rd. I shall be very pleased to be one of the three judges in the Essay Contest.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

LEON ILUTOVICH

608 West 114th Street

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March 5, 1951.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Dear Dr. Silver,

Thank you for your letter of February 26 regarding the statement of Mrs. Rose Halpern at her press conference in Jerusalem. After consulting both Dr. Neumann and Dr. Margoshes I wrote to the editors of "Inside Israel" which is published bi-weekly by our Party in Israel, and requested them to publish several articles in reply to Mrs. Halpern's statement along the lines indicated by you in your letter. At the same time I supplied them with some additional material contained in the last circular letter issued here by the Hadassah National Office to all their Political Chairmen throughout the country. It seems to me it was published by Mrs. Judith Epstein as Political Chairman on the national level. "Inside Israel" being distributed through my Office reaches already about 200 Hadassah women including all the members of their National Board, the Presidents of the most important Regions and Chapters etc.

Unfortunately there is nothing much I can do from this end. Mr. Browdy will not permit to publish anything of this kind in the New Palestine. In spite of the decisions passed at the last meeting of the Committee on World Zionist Affairs under your chairmanship, all ZINS material to be released in English must be submitted by me to Mr. Browdy for approval prior to publication. This "censorship" is still in force, so that an article about Hadassah which I would be delighted to send out, will simply not be permitted. For your information I want you to know that the last Zins release about the ZOA delegation to the Congress signed by Observer in English (the same that was published by me in Yiddish yesterday) was submitted to Browdy ten days ago has not been approved by him till today and the manuscript with the cut stencils are still on his desk. He buried already one article by this method a few weeks ago, and the same is going to happen now. The article stressed the point that the ZOA delegation was a Silver delegation and that Mr. Browdy is pledged to the Silver line in accordance with his statement while assuming the Presidency. Browdy apparently does not want to clear an article of this kind in order to please the Progressives and not to enrage his good friend Goldmann.

In addition to all this our President complains every two weeks to Margoshes that Zins spends too much money, that it is unnecessary and so on, and so on. When I presented to Dr. Margoshes the real figures he calmed down Browdy for a few days and then it starts all over again.



LEON ILUTOVICH

508 WEST 114TH STREET

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To make the picture complete I want to bring to your attention the following characteristic fact. About two weeks ago Browdy told Margoshes that he would like to give me a well paid position in the Bond Drive office and thus to liquidate the Zins. At the outset I did not realize whose "brilliant" idea it was. But only two days later I received a letter from our European correspondent Mr. Leneman from Paris who asked me whether it was true that I would leave the Zins soon for a better position outside of the ZOA. He heard the story from Goldmann who was on his way to Israel in Paris. Then I understood who planted the whole plan in Browdy's mind.

That is how things are here. Dr. Neumann lunched with Browdy yesterday, and had with him a very cordial conversation. Browdy agreed to receive Serlin and Zysmann as the official guests of the ZOA etc. In a few days, however, Goldmann will return and Browdy's "mood" will undergo a radical change again. He always agrees with the one who speaks to him last.

At the coming meeting of the Committee on World Zionist Affairs on March 15th two things must be laid down in unmistakable terms: 1/ Abolition of the Browdy censorship once and for all, 2/ a sound budget for the Zins provided by the ZOA (there will be much more money this year than ever before).

In conclusion let me please ~~make~~ make just one more remark pertaining to the general internal situation within the ZOA. The present administration under the present president is utterly incapable of accomplishing anything. The time has come now for a real working partnership between us and the rising force of the General Zionists in Israel; a partnership that may become the driving power of the Zionist movement and an important factor in Israel after the forthcoming Knesseth elections. Goldmann and the progressive clique here will do everything in their power to prevent it, and they will do it through Browdy who has no policy, no opinion and no courage. This president must go. His stay in office might be a calamity if permitted for a longer time.

Please consider this letter<sup>a</sup> personal and confidential one. I did not want even my secretary to see it. If you can give me an appointment when you will be in New York next time, I shall appreciate it greatly.

My kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

*L. Ilutovich*  
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March 17, 1951.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th Str. at Ansel Str.,  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been away from the city for a while and a  
apologize for not having answered your gracious  
letter earlier.

I greatly appreciate your courtesy in explaining to  
me the nature of the slate of Zionist delegates to  
the World Zionist Congress to be held in Jerusalem.  
It is a pity that we are allowed only thirty-four  
delegates. ~~Wouldn't~~ we had the right to thirty-six,  
-- lamed vav--that I might be included among the  
Tsaddikim. I doubt very much whether it will be  
possible for me to go because, as I have written to  
Dr. Marks, it is a great financial sacrifice for a  
man in my position to go to Israel for six weeks.  
To go there with only the vague possibility of par-  
ticipating fully would remove some of the glow, as  
you can well understand.

I wish you health, strength, and happiness in your  
exemplary leadership of Zionism in particular, and  
our Jewish people, in general. I hope that your  
outstanding ability will be recognized at the forth-  
coming Congress and that you may don the mantle of  
Herzl and become the acknowledged leader of Zionism.  
Even though the State is a reality, Medinath Yisrael  
needs all of us outside Israel to help strengthen it.  
A strong Zionist movement is the best guarantor of a  
continual growth and development of Mamsheleth Yisrael.

With sincerest best wishes, I am,

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Most gratefully yours,

Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow

התאחדות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
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March 22, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

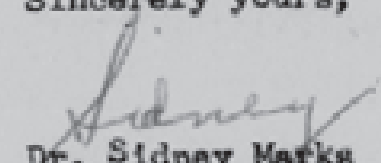
Just a word of sincere appreciation to you for the few minutes I spent with you. It was literally a "shot in the arm" for me. I employ the vernacular because it is most descriptive.

The amount assumed by the Cleveland Zionist Society practically bludgeoned the others into comparable action. I do hope that they will meet their quotas.

In all events, it is nice to know that a very grand fellow, called Silver, is in Cleveland and "just around the corner".

Accept my affectionate regards and please extend them to the family.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

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[March 29, 1951]

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DIGEST OF DR. GOLDMANN'S ADDRESS

MARCH 29, 1951

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HOTEL BILTMORE, NEW YORK CITY

- 1 There are two major external problems in Israel a) Arab problem & no peace, b) orientation of Israel in conflict between East and West. None of these problems have reached solution. The Arab problem is worse today than a year ago. Jordan, a year ago, was expected to break Arab League solidarity but now this possibility is remote. Abdullah was a most reasonable monarch with respect to peace with Israel but the creation of a parliament and cabinet (democratization) and the annexation of Arab Palestine have changed the situation.

The personal hatred of Palestine Arabs now in Jordan for Israel, the prominent part they play in Jordan's political life, makes Abdullah no longer master of the situation. He must now get formal consent from the parliament and cabinet. Nevertheless, attempts are being regularly made for solution. If Jordan made peace, others will make peace. It is unrealistic to think that the other Arab states will first talk peace.

Arabs, however, will not start a second round - if the Western Nations can help it - although the situations in Iraq and Iran are deplorable. The 3 power pact would stop war, since it would be disastrous to their interests in that part of the world.

The present frozen status will continue for some time. It is bad for Israel, politically and economically. As it is, Israel must buy wheat from Canada and oil is shipped around the Cape since it is prevented from access to the Suez Canal.

- II As to Israel in the world scene - the tension between the East and West will continue for many years. The major political and social problems cannot be settled in a couple of years. Any war will bring civil internal as well as external war. Israel belongs to the Western ideology. It will not change. In the coming elections, Mapai will which leans to the East and not to the West, will not emerge with strength in the coming elections. Israel will therefore have to determine its real political position upon the security pacts in which the world and the Middle East area are involved. This is the trend.

The United States has undertaken guarantees under the Atlantic Pact but has not extended itself to guarantee the Near East. This is the same attitude adopted in part by England. However, the West realizes that it must defend the Middle East. The oil resources would make a difference in Russia's aggressiveness. The whole idea is urged in principle but the fact is that the United States has not, at present, the resources to make such guarantees.

Today, we cannot integrate the Middle East into a total military establishment. Israel and the Arab States are at war; there are hostile or undefined borders. Therefore, peace is a prerequisite to integration and Israel must pursue a careful policy.

You may ask what is the U.N. and English attitude. It is best answered by General Robertson's statement in Syria that Israel's army will not be permitted to go over its boundaries to resist Soviet aggression. If the problem is not solved and the West will not guaranty peace, the present Israel policy must be continued. Much talk



has been made of military bases in Israel and it is true that Haifa, after Alexandria, is the best port. But it is questionable whether the British or U.N. would accept them. British bases in Cyprus and Amen are sufficient.

As to the causes for Israel's economic difficulties, they are 1) immigration and 2) mistakes of government. Immigration is getting larger and larger. We are no longer masters of the situation. Planes are moving from Iraq to Lydda now and 800-1000 Jews are brought every night. They must be out by the end of May and 55 - 60,000 Jews are still there. Their safety cannot be guaranteed after the expiration date.

One great achievement of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem is that these Jews are no longer brought into camps. 30-35,000 are in camps and they consist of the old and sick. The newcomers are given immediately some form of work. 300,000 Jews are already received in Israel this year alone. German Jewry protests the issuance of 50 - 100 visas monthly. The DP's are worried. If war strikes, Russia will be the occupying power and the DP's do not want to be there. Morocco receives 50 - 100 visas and 60 - 80,000 are ready to leave. Jewry in Libya is terrified that a new Arab State will be established and pogroms similar to those under British mandate are in the offing. Conditions are also far from satisfactory in India and Pakistan but they are not number one priorities.

With this immigration, there must be an economic crisis and the political composition of the government is immaterial. Israel is facing an election fight and many issues will be raised. There are differences of opinion and facts will be exaggerated, amplified, distorted or ~~EXAGGERATED~~ otherwise turned by all sides to political advantage.

~~On the matter of Congress problems, they must be solved and determined~~

On the matter of Congress problems, they must be solved and determined before the Congress convenes. The survival of Jewry is involved.

Israel itself is not interested in specific Zionist problems. The everyday problems of food and existence and other problems must first be their concern.

On the matter of the actual problems, the Executive appointed a committee of 21, based on the shkel key to resolve issues in advance and submit them to a larger committee which would bind the parties, if possible.

As to the problems themselves: (1) The need of a new program for the Zionist movement to replace the Basle program. Many believe we should follow the British example of an unwritten constitution. However, it is quite possible to formulate a new Zionist program. There is unanimous agreement in the smaller group which is discussing the program; (2) There is no difference of opinion as to the Congress taking place this summer. It will take place 2 or 3 weeks after the National elections. The National elections should have nothing to do with the Congress. The Knesseth will set the elections next week. The congress building will be ready by August 1st for the preliminary sessions; (3) as to the problem of the status of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency -- there is unanimous small committee agreement of according Jewish Agency formal and legal status. It is important for the Government of Israel and the Zionist movement. Status is needed more with Jewish Government than with the British. Status is not decisive, but it can revitalize the World Zionist Movement. The Knesseth should pass a law which will accord the Jewish Agency (not the World Zionist Organization) a legal status as the one representative of the Jewish people in the Diaspora in all matters regarding Israel.

It will limit the policy of Israel as to the work of other organizations who desire to operate in Israel. They may only do so in Israel through the Jewish Agency. It will prevent Government departments from making agreements with organizations. These agreements will be made with the Jewish Agency. All parties agreed to this arrangement in the small committee. The Jewish Agency, however, after a number of years will entertain applications for membership from these other organizations, since it was intended to include Non-Zionists. The only unsolved problem is whether this law shall be passed before or after the Zionist Congress -- by the old or new Knesseth. The new Knesseth has more authority. The law must be prepared in time in agreement with the Zionist parties. (5) There is no unanimity on the matter of the re-organization of the Zionist movement -- territorial units or party system; majority of executive from territorial units, but Goldmann identified with those forming party system. Anything else is unrealistic. (5) Disposition of shekel is unsolved. It is not ideal, but matter of replacement unsolved. It may be contributions to funds or other means. (6) As to the funds -- there seems to be a school of thought that the status quo be preserved. On the other hand, the Keren Kayemeth remains autonomous for its constructive work and still engages in traditional fund-raising. The Keren Hayesod acts as a legal holding company for its investments and loans. There is to be established Keren L'Israel. They will conduct all Israel campaigns and be a department of the Jewish Agency.

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April 3, 1951

Mr. Leon Ilutovich  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Ilutovich:

In connection with the address which you said you are to deliver in Brooklyn in reply to the criticism which has been directed by the Jewish Daily Forwards against my position on Korea and German rearmament, you may be interested in the enclosed article which appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12th and which has just come to my notice. It gives the result of a poll taken by some newspapers in Ohio, Michigan and Illinois, including the News of Cleveland, which is a good index as to what Americans feel about the Korean adventure. What is interpreted as pro-Communism by the journalistic tramps of the Daily Forwards is, in this part of the country, interpreted as pro-Americanism.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Enc.

P.S. The Cleveland News is a very conservative newspaper, and I assume that is the case with the other newspapers that took the poll of opinion.



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April 6, 1951

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Dr. Sidney Marks  
*Secretary*

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio


Dear Dr. Silver:

It was very gratifying to see the great enthusiasm expressed by the audience at the last meeting of the Brighton Beach District 28, in Brooklyn, which I addressed last night, on the subject: "The Rogoff attacks on Dr. Abba Hillel Silver".

Although a few left-wingers and even Communists tried to disrupt the meeting, it was a very exciting experience. During the discussion that followed my talk, the majority of our people showed an outstanding orientation in the entire affair and its real background.

Please accept my kindest personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Leon Ilutovich  
Director, Zionist  
Information Service

P.S. Enclosed is a leaflet published on the eve of the said meeting.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA - APRIL 8, 1951  
HOTEL WALDORF-ASTORIA, NEW YORK

**PRESENT:** Benjamin G. Browdy, President, Messrs. Marcus Abramson, Sol P. Benamy, Sol Biederman, Louis E. Brown, Harry Cohen, Sol Cohen, Louis Dince, Dr. Joseph Dunner, Judge Henry Ellenbogen, Louis A. Falk, Mendel N. Fisher, Joseph Goldberg, Abraham Goodman, Joseph W. Greenleaf, Leon Ilutovich, Max Kabatznick, Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, Murray Langbaum, Jack Lefkowitz, Dr. Harris J. Levine, Dr. Marcus Levinson, Irving Libman, Louis Lipsky, Jacob G. Lukashok, Dr. Samuel Margoshes, Morris Margulies, Dr. Sidney Marks, Rabbi Irving Miller, Fred Mcnossion, David Moskowitz, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Abraham A. Redelheim, Philip S. Resnikoy, Dr. Morton J. Robbins, Moses Robinson, Jochanon I. Rudavsky, Bernard Shulman, Milton J. Silberman, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, Harry Torczyner, Jacques Torczyner, I. S. Turover, Rabbi Jerome Unger, Jack Verdi, Morris Weinberg, Ben R. Winick, Charles Wolf.

**Guests from Israel:** Dr. Joseph Serlin, Major Shalom Zysman, Elias Epstein.

**PRESIDING:** In the absence of Mortimer May, chairman of the NEC, Mr. Browdy, ZOA president, presided.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

In his report, the president touched on several important developments within the organization as well as on the international scene. Referring to the controversy between Syria and Israel over the draining of the Huleh marsh, he termed the opposition of Syria to Israel's reclamation of this area as an example of the age-old struggle between civilization and the desert. He expressed confidence that the American Government and people would recognize the justice of Israel's position.

Mr. Browdy called for the speedy passage in Congress of the bill for \$150,000,000 grant-in-aid to Israel and voiced the thanks of the ZOA to the leaders of both political parties for their support.

The president then stressed the prime necessity of supporting the UJA as the greatest instrumentality through which American Jewry can aid Israel. Such aid in the form of gift dollars, he said, is more essential now than ever before, particularly in view of the critical situation of Jews in Iraq.

Mr. Browdy spoke at length concerning the floating of the Israel bond issue toward which the ZOA has pledged 100 million dollars. He reiterated the determination of the organization to redeem this commitment in full. He discussed plans for the visit of Prime Minister Ben Gurion to America when he hoped to announce on behalf of the ZOA, the attainment of a large part of the 100 million dollar bond pledge. He told of preparations that are being made on a nationwide scale for the sale of bonds and the predominant role which the ZOA is playing in this connection. He concluded with a strong plea for unity of action by the Zionists of America.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Dr. Marks rendered a brief report on the progress of the organization in

all its aspects. He stressed the need for maintaining a large membership in order to carry out the many projects in which the ZOA is engaged, and to guarantee sufficient income and manpower to ensure the organization's successful functioning. Membership figures to date are behind those of the previous year. Dr. Marks urged members of the executive to take the leadership in their respective communities in spearheading membership activities. He pointed out that where districts were active and meeting regularly, their membership enrollments in many instances, exceeded those of last year.

ZOA Projects Fund income since October 1st amounted to \$237,000, with shipments in kind totalling \$650,000.

Dr. Marks then spoke briefly on the set-up nationally for implementing the sale of Israel bonds, pointing out the heavy financial burden imposed on the organization and the need to reorganize the staff to meet the new situation. The concentration of efforts on bonds had of necessity caused the lessening of activity for Israel Projects and other regular ZOA activities. The speaker warned against the resulting lessened income which he felt would affect the normal functioning of the organization.

Touching on the all-around activities of the ZOA, Dr. Marks told of the wholehearted cooperation of the organization in pushing the grant-in-aid bill in Congress; its public relations work; the program of the Education Department; the increasing role of Young Zionist Districts, and the Madison Square Garden "Salute to Israel" celebration on May 13th.

In concluding, he paid tribute to the tireless efforts of the President and pleaded for wholehearted support in order to carry out successfully the manifold activities of the organization.

#### REPORT OF LOUIS FALK:

Mr. Falk, chairman of the ZOA National Bond Executive Committee, rendered a comprehensive report of the progress of the ZOA bond campaign, dealing with the pre-campaign planning and organization, leading up to the official opening of the campaign on May 1st. He emphasized that all reports clearly indicated that the ZOA was the backbone of the country-wide bond effort and as a result of this activity, the ZOA had become revitalized, mobilizing its forces for a tremendous effort.

Mr. Falk then explained the relationship of the ZOA to the over-all bond set up both on the national scene and in the communities; its relationship to the American Financial & Development Corporation for Israel, the underwriting agency created by the Government of Israel for the sale of bonds. He stated there was close liaison and mutual understanding of problems between the two organizations. Mr. Jacques Torcyner and Mr. Falk are ZOA national liaison officers.

Speaking of credits for ZOA, he gave assurance that effective arrangements had been arrived at to assure ZOA credit wherever it is deserved, not only for the actual sale of bonds but in connection with the activities of ZOA leaders and workers. He pointed out that a great majority of the membership of the Board of Governors of the AFDCI are ZOA members and an equally large number of community chairmen already appointed nationally, were also ZOA members.

Mr. Falk described plans for the ZOA Bond Campaign and their effective implementation.

The entire ZOA machinery is geared to meet the demands being made upon it in connection with the Bond Drive. Plans have been made to receive nation-wide reports of bond sales at ZOA headquarters on April 30th, and arrangements completed for a special radio broadcast by the Voice of America from ZOA headquarters that

day. The speaker paid tribute to all those associated with him at the ZOA in carrying out these extensive plans and ended his report on a note of high confidence that not only would the goal be reached but that the ZOA would be greatly strengthened as a result of this.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Dunner, President of the Central States Region, in speaking of Zionist activity in his area, emphasized that the Zionists were in the forefront of Bond activity. He expressed hope that part of the proceeds of the Bond campaign might be used for private investment in Israel.

Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum recommended that Landsmanshaften be called upon to take an active part in contributing both money and manpower in behalf of the bond campaign; Mr. Max Kabatznick also suggested that Jewish War Veterans be approached for funds.

Mr. Torczyner strongly emphasized the vital role of the ZOA in the success of the bond campaign. He urged that every step be taken to ensure ZOA credit where rightfully due. He felt it was of the greatest importance to the ZOA that all the people of Israel -- and not one party -- benefit from the proceeds of the bond drive, and that they be aware of the fact that the money raised by the ZOA-- by the General Zionists-- is intended to help all the people of Israel, and not any one sector.

Dr. Marcus Levinson, as well as other speakers, pointed out that it was the Zionists who were furnishing the leaders and manpower throughout the country in the bond campaign.

Mr. Lipsky, while praising highly the efforts being exerted for the investment dollar through the sale of bonds, stressed the primacy of the gift dollar, through the UJA. He felt the UJA was being relegated to a secondary role in Zionist economy and regarded by some as inferior to investment funds.

Referring to the expenditure of the proceeds in Israel of Bond income, Mr. Lipsky pointed out that these moneys would be used by the Government of Israel in accordance with the decisions made by the Knesseth. Jews outside of Israel he said, are not in a position to influence the manner in which these funds can be dispersed by the government. He commended the efforts of the ZOA for the sale of bonds, stating it was thereby strengthening itself, adding however, the ZOA should utilize that strength to the best of its ability.

Mr. Falk stated that subscription blanks used by ZOA to obtain bond sales would have a ZOA credit line imposed thereon to guarantee proper credit.

Rabbi Irving Miller paid tribute to the work which is being done in the planning and preparation of the bond campaign. At the same time he underscored the importance of the UJA as a first obligation. He cautioned against over-emphasis on the bond drive to the detriment of the UJA and expressed the hope that the organization would continue, as in the past, to make known its full support of, and interest in, the UJA as well as in the bond drive.

In response, the president reiterated the stand of the ZOA in supporting wholeheartedly the primary needs of the UJA.

Mr. Monosson, who was asked by the chairman to report on his recent visit to Israel, requested that his report be deferred to a later meeting. However, he

urged that the ZOA should not neglect its other important projects in its concentration on the Bond campaign--UJA, Kfar Truman, ZOA House in Israel, Israel Projects Fund, etc.

REPORTS OF MR. SERLIN AND MAJOR ZYSMAN:

The President called on Mr. Joseph Serlin, vice-president of the General Zionist Organization in Israel and member of the Knesseth. Mr. Serlin gave a brief confidential report in Yiddish. He was followed by Major Shalom Zysman of the General Zionist Organization in Israel who accompanied Mr. Serlin to America.

Major Zysman spoke as a representative of Israel youth, who had grown up in Israel and fought in its war of liberation. He called for a free, democratic system in Israel which would give a fair deal to private enterprise. He added that the youth of the country wanted to aid in building a sound economy. The speaker emphasized the need of close cooperation between Israel and America through a program of education in this country.

DR. SILVER'S TRIP TO ISRAEL:

In introducing Dr. Silver, the President reported that Dr. Silver was leaving for Israel shortly as an honored guest of the General Zionist Party in Israel, and wished him Godspeed.

Dr. Silver stated he was visiting Israel unofficially for about three to four weeks, after an absence of two and one-half years to see for himself the transformation of the country since the establishment of the State. He stressed the need for unity of the two General Zionist parties in Israel stating that he was willing to be helpful in bringing about their unification. He also called for the consolidation of the ranks in this country.

Speaking of the UJA and Bond drives, Dr. Silver voiced gratification over the great success of the UJA drive this year. He expressed the hope that there would be no competition between the UJA and Bond campaigns, both of which are vital to the welfare of the State of Israel. He also voiced optimism that the Grant-in-Aid bill now before the United States Congress would receive a favorable response.

He closed on a note of hope that the results of these activities would enable the Government of Israel to meet the colossal problems confronting it.

The Chairman, in thanking Dr. Silver, told of the important role which he is playing in connection with the passage of the Israel grant-in-aid bill in Congress.

A resolution was then presented by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, expressing the deep satisfaction of the NEC over his forthcoming visit to Israel and wishing him a pleasant and fruitful visit. The resolution adopted unanimously reads as follows:

"The National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America expresses deep satisfaction over the announcement that the beloved leader of American Zionism, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, will shortly visit the State of Israel.

"Renewed personal contact between the people of the Jewish State and the great leader of Diaspora Jewry is long overdue.

"We are confident that the citizenry of Israel, fully aware of the historic services rendered by Dr. Silver in the long struggle to establish the



Jewish State, will welcome his presence in their midst, not only out of recognition of his unparalleled contributions to the Zionist cause, but also out of a profound awareness of American Zionism.

"We wish Dr. Silver Godspeed and convey to him the love and devotion of our entire membership."

The meeting adjourned at 7 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director





RESOLUTION ON ABBA HILLEL SILVER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL

ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION AT MEETING OF

NATIONAL ZOA EXECUTIVE ON APRIL 8, 1951

The National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America expresses deep satisfaction over the announcement that the beloved leader of American Zionism, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, will shortly visit the state of Israel. Renewed personal contact between the people of the Jewish State and the great leader of diaspora Jewry is long overdue.

We are confident that the citizenry of Israel, fully aware of the historic services tendered by Dr. Silver in the long struggle to establish the Jewish State, will welcome his presence in their midst - not only out of recognition of his unparalleled contributions to the Zionist cause but also out of a profound awareness that Dr. Silver speaks for the broad mass of American Zionists.

We wish Dr. Silver God speed and convey to him the love and devotion of our entire membership.

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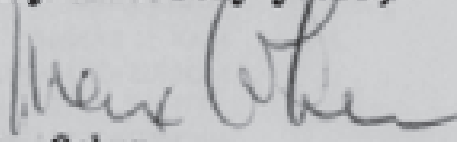
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would greatly appreciate your sending me a copy of your address in which you discussed the Korean situation. I followed your address yesterday at the Jewish War Veterans' luncheon honoring you.

As I told you, I am not clear about one point, and your address, herewith requested, will clear it up for me.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Max Cohen,  
Regional Director.

MC:MG

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19810, Shaker Boulevard,  
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Cleveland,  
Ohio.

9th April, 1951.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

The Zionist Federation has now in preparation  
a Zionist Year Book, which will be an indispensable  
volume of reference for all those in Great Britain  
and abroad who are interested in the Zionist Move-  
ment.

One of the features of this book is to be a  
"WHO'S WHO" of the Zionist Movement. The Editorial  
Committee has suggested that a short biographical  
note of yourself should be included.

I should be grateful, therefore, if you would  
kindly fill in the enclosed form, answering all or  
some of the queries as you please, and return it to  
this office at your earliest convenience.

I am,  
Yours sincerely,

Rev. A. S. SUPER,  
Editor, Zionist Year Book.

# Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President  
41 EAST 42nd STREET  
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April 11, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you know, the Prime Minister of Israel, Mr. David Ben Gurion, expects to be in this country early in May in connection with the launching of the Israel Bond Issue. He is scheduled to arrive in Washington about May 7th for a series of official visits and will then make his first public address at Madison Square Garden, New York on May 10th.

The Zionist Organization of America has been invited by Ambassador Abba Eban to designate ten representatives on a Committee of Welcome to Mr. Ben Gurion.

It is my pleasure to inform you that I have appointed you as one of the ten representatives of the ZOA on this Committee of Welcome.

You will be kept informed of details as the time of Mr. Ben Gurion's arrival in this country approaches.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Benjamin G. Browdy*

Benjamin G. Browdy  
President



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Dear Dr Silver

I am sure this will  
interest you. It shows how  
sincere the ranks & file of  
our "Sisters" are -  
wishing you a pleasant trip to Norton

April 11, 1951

Mrs. Max Dushkin  
2690 West Boston, Apt. 301  
Detroit 6, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Dushkin:

I was glad to receive your kind letter of April 11, and I wish to thank you for its contents.

I appreciate your readiness to concur with my ideas about the General Zionist ideology. I feel stronger every day now, about the matter, and I believe that it is high-time for us to become General Zionists instead of "Zionists in General". We can no longer say that we are not concerned with how Israel is being built. Either we take an active interest in the future of our homeland, or else we just continue as contributors to a cause, which I for one refuse to do. Those of us who have given a life-time to our movement, and who feel keenly about the future of our homeland, must stand up and be counted.

I do not prepare my speeches in writing and I therefore can not send you any copies, nor do I know of any official matter on the subject, except perhaps a resolution adopted by the ZOA Administrative Council in October of 1950, which specifically states our support of and affiliation with the General Zionists in Israel. I am asking Dr. Sidney Marks, the Director of the ZOA to send you a copy of same.

I am particularly interested in your personal opinion, as expressed in your letter, because you are the Chairman of the Hadassah Committee on Education, in your city, and it pleases me to know that you are prepared to integrate my ideology into Hadassah. This is not necessarily a ZOA ideology, but rather a General Zionist viewpoint which naturally makes it a ZOA opinion and indeed should be the ideology and opinion of Hadassah, which is "supposed" to be a Womens' General Zionist Organization.

Assuring you that it was a pleasure to hear from you, and with kind personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

MJR:HM

Morton J. Robbins, M. D.  
National Chairman

Mrs. Max Dushkin  
2690 West Boston, Apt. 301  
Detroit, Michigan

April 11, 1951

Dear Dr. Robbins:

I heard you speak at the Board Meeting of the ZOA in Detroit recently and was very much inspired by your remarks concerning the forthcoming Israeli Bond Drive.

I was particularly interested in your statements concerning the importance of emphasis on the ideology of the ZOA in which I concur completely with your sentiments.

As Chairman of Education in Hadassah for the coming year, I would appreciate copies of any speeches you have made on this subject or any communications either official or unofficial on this subject which you may care to send me.

I am anxious to integrate ideology of the ZOA such as you expressed that night into our Education program for the coming year.

Awaiting your early reply and thanking you,  
I am

Yours truly,

(signed)  
Helen Dushkin

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אסנענומען אויף דער 25-טער יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע דעם 15-טן אפריל 1951.

1. די 25-טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע שיקט איבער אירע הארציקסטע ברכות די אלע שעפערישע כוחות וועלכע שטייען סאג טעגליך אין קאמף פאר דער לעבעדיגקייט און קאנסאלידירונג פון מדינת ישראל.
2. די 25-טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, שיקט איבער אירע געפילן און לעסטעקס און דוד ארץ דעם ערשטן פרעזידענט פון מדינת ישראל ד"ר חיים ווייצמאן און פרעניער מיניסטער דוד בן-גוריון.
3. די 25-טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, דריקט אויס איר איבערצייגונג אז א שטארקע ציוניסטישע וועלט ארגאניזאציע איז א נויטווענדיקייט פארן אויפבוי און אנטוויקלונג פון מדינת ישראל און איר פולבארעכטיקטע צוזאמענארבעט מיט די ארגאנען פון דער מדינה איז די איינציקע נאראטיווע פאר דער ענטוילטיקער פארוויקליכונג פון ציוניסטישן חזון און קבוץ גלויות נאך אין אונזער צייט. די קאנפערענץ דריקט אויס גלייכצייטיק איר ווונטש, אז דער פארשטייענדיקער 28-טער ציוניסטישער קאנגרעס וועט געפינען די וועגן פאר דער ארכאנישער צוזאמענארבעט.
4. די 25-טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, וויל זען די וועלט קאנפערענציע פון די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטן פארוואנדלט אין א וועלט פארטיי מיט אן איינהייטליכן דעמאקראטישן ליבעראלן פראגראם און א שטארקע אינעוועליכע פארטיי דיסציפלין. א פארטיי געמיינעסאמ און שטארק וואס זאל זיין ביכולות אריינבריינגען שווייט אין דער ישראלדיקער פאליטישער און עקאנאמישער וויקליכקייט אין די אינטערעסן און אויפבוי פון דער מדינה און גאנצן פאלק ישראל.
5. די 25-טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, דריקט אויס איר צוטרוי און אנערקענונג דעם אוועקגענוגן קאמיטעט פון דער ארגאניזאציע מיט די חברים ירחמיאל וויטנעוויטש און צמח פארמנוי בראש פאר זייער פרוכטבארער און קאנסטרוקטיווער אלגעמיינ-ציוניסטישער ארבעט במשך זייער קאדענץ אין פארגאנגענע יאר 1950/51.
6. די 25-טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, באגרייפט דעם וועלט דירעקטאריום פון קרן למעלים קונסטרוקטביים פאר זיינע פאזיטיווע דערגרייכונגען אויפן געביט פון אויפבוי און קאאניזאציע און וויל זען דעם פאנז אלס עפעקטיווער מיטל פאר דער פארייניקונג פון אלגעמיינע ציוניזם אין ישראל.
7. די 25-טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, דריקט אויס איר אנערקענונג דעם פאטראנאט, דירעקטאר און לערער פערסאנאל פון דער חרבות שולע מיט די חברים יצחק בלאט, זאב קופער, און דירעקטאר ד"ר ליפא בריל בראש פאר זייער איבערגעבענער ארבעט לסובת דער נאציאנאלער העברעאישער דערציאונג אין מעקסיקע.
8. די 25-טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע זעט אלס איר ציוניסטישער אידעאל אן איינהייטליכן יידישן שול וועגן אין מעקסיקע מיט העברעאיש אלס אונטערריכט שפראך און באגרייפט צווישנצייט אלע באמיינונגען וועלכע פירן צו א קאאפעראציע פון אלע שולעס אויף א ציון באזע.

9. די 25טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע באגרייט און ראטיפיצירט דעם באשלוס פון צענטראל ראט פון דער ארגאניזאציע פון 12טן אפריל 1951 וועגן צוטיילן גלייך קאנטישע הילף אין דער סומע פון 25,000 דאלאר פאר דער הסדרות הציונים הכללים בישראל און אין פאל ווען עס וועט אויך קומען א ווענדונג אין זעלבן זין פון אן איינהייסליכע פראגרעסיווע פארטיי אין ישראל וועט איר אויך צוגעשלאסן ווערן די עקאנאמישע הילף אין דער פראפארץ פון 1 לגבי 6.

10. די 25טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, באגרייט מיט פרייד און אנערקענונג די גרויסע דערנרייכונגען פון די אלגעמיינע ציוניסטישע יונגס קערפערשאפטן "הנוער הציוני" און "בני סיון" פאר זייערע גרויסע דערנרייכונגען אויפן געביט פון אלגעמיינער ציוני. יונגס ארבעט אין מעקסיקע.

11. די 25טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, באגרייט דער שוועסטער ארגאניזאציע "וויצא" אין מעקסיקע פאר איר דערפאלג-רייכער און פרוכטבארער ארבעט און דריקט אויס דעם ווונטש פון א ענגע צוזאמענארבעט פון ביידע ארגאניזאציעס.

12. די 25טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, דריקט אויס איר סימפטע אנערקענונג די רעדאקציע קאלעניום און אדמיניסטראציע פון די פרעסע ארגאניזאציע פון דער ארגאניזאציע "לא וואגו סיאניסטה" און "די ציוניסטישע שטימע" פאר זייער גלענצענדער אלגעמיינער ציוניסטישער אויסקלערונג ארבעט אין מעקסיקע.

13. די 25טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, רעקאמענדירט דעם נייעם דערוויילסן קאמיטעט פון דער ארגאניזאציע צו פארשטארקן די קולטורעלע און צווייטלערונג ארבעט צווישן די מיטגלידער פון דער ארג. בכדי צו שאפן א ענגן קאנטאקט מיט די מיטגלידער און צו פארטיפן אונזער אידיאלאגישע איינשטעלונג.

14. די 25טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, באגרייט די אנפירענדע חברים פון די דירעקטאריאט פון די נאציאנאלע פארן און ישראל קאמפייין און באזונדער די פארטרעטער פון דער ארגאניזאציע אין די דירעקטאריאט פון קאמיטעטן פון די זעלבע פאר זייערע גלענצענדע דערנרייכונגען און פרוכטבארער ארבעט אין ארגאניזאציעס יאר.

15. די 25טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, באגרייט דעם סניף פון דער ארגאניזאציע אין מאנטרעאל מיטן "חום וועג" גראדוסקי בראש פאק זייער ווונדערבארער ארבעט און גרויסן דערפאלג ביי די וואלן צום 28טן ציוני קאנגרעס.

16. די 25טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, באגרייט די אלע חברים בויער און קעמפער פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע וועלכע זיינען במשך דער גאנצער צייט געשטאנען ביי דער ארבעט און האבן דערפירט דער ארגאניזאציע צו איר היינטיקן צושטאנד.

17. די 25טע יובל קאנפערענץ פון דער ציוניסטישער ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע, באדאנקט דעם ערן גאסט ד"ר יוסף טערלין, מנהיג פון דער אלגעמיינער ציוני פארטיי אין מדינת ישראל פאר אננעמען די איינלאדונג פון דער ארגאניזאציע איינצולאזענען אלס איר ערן גאסט צו די 25טע יארטיקע יובל פיערונגען און דערביי זיי נעבן דעם דיכטיקן טראכט און גלאנץ מיט זיין אנוועזענהייט. די קאנפערענץ שיקט איבער גלייכצייטיק דורך אים א חברתו גרוס די חברים פון הסדרות הציונים הכללים אין ישראל מיט די בעסטע ווונטשן פון א דערפאלג-רייכער ארבעט און ווייטערדיקער נצחונות אויף אלע ארבעטס צווייגן פון דער ארג.



ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

April 18, 1951

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

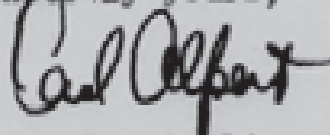
We are having difficulty from a couple of conservative Rabbis who object to the singing of "Hatikvah" and the display of the Israel flag at Zionist meetings. They give the usual reasons.

In several instances, our Fieldman has learned that a statement in writing from you would do much to allay the fears which these Rabbis feel. Your name was singled out as one in whom they would have confidence for a straightforward statement on the propriety of the matter.

Have you written anything along these lines which I could quote for them? If not, would you care to send me a letter which could be cited for similar purpose?

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert, Director  
Education Department

CA:RWH

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April 19, 1951

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Barbarash:

In accordance with your request, there is enclosed a paragraph which you may use in your publicity in connection with Dr. Silver's visit to Israel.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

Enc.

APRIL 19, 1951

I AM EAGER TO REVISIT ISRAEL. IT IS NOW MORE THAN TWO YEARS SINCE I WAS LAST THERE. I SHOULD LIKE TO ACQUAINT MYSELF DIRECTLY WITH THE REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE THERE, THE GROWTH AND PROGRESS OF THE NEW STATE, AND TO FEEL THE PULSE OF ITS NEW LIFE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT I SHALL DERIVE A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION ON MY VISIT AND INSPIRATION FOR THE WORK WHICH LIES AHEAD. I ALSO HOPE TO BRING TO THE VALLANT MEN AND WOMEN OF ISRAEL REASSURANCE OF THE UNABATED INTEREST OF AMERICAN JEWRY AND OF THEIR SUPPORT TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL. THEY MEAN TO STAND BY THEM AS THEY HAVE HERETOFORE UNTIL THE STATE BECOMES FIRMLY ESTABLISHED, ECONOMICALLY SOUND AND SECURE. I AM GOING ON A VISIT, NOT ON A MISSION, AND MY PURPOSE IS TO LEARN AND OBSERVE. I HOPE TO MEET WITH MY MANY GOOD FRIENDS IN ISRAEL AND TO LEARN FROM THEM FIRST HAND ABOUT THEIR TASKS AND THEIR HOPES.

Rec'd 4/19/51 3:10 p.m.

WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM YOU FOR PRESS BY  
WIRE COLLECT EXCERPTS OF YOUR REMARKS AT ZOA FAREWELL  
LUNCHEON ON EVE OF YOUR DEPARTURE.

ERNEST M. BARBARASH

התאחדות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

4/19/51

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is a personal note. I did want to be present at the Bon Voyage luncheon on Monday, which I helped arrange, but I will be in Haiti at that time.

Yes — it is the Romance of which I spoke during my stay in Cleveland — and it is a good cause!

May I extend to you these good wishes for a Happy Passover and a pleasant journey.

If there is anything I can do for you, please call upon me.

Accept my affectionate regards and please extend them to your family.

Sincerely,

Henry

Henry

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[May 7, 1951]

# ההסתדרות הציונית במכסיקו

## ORGANIZACION SIONISTA DE MEXICO

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דעם 7טן מאי 1951  
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לכבוד הח"כ  
ד"ר אבא הלל סילווער  
קליולאנד אכאיא.  
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ח.מ.נ.

דערמיט ווילן מיר אייד אויסדריקן אונזער הארציקן דאנק פאר דער  
ווארעמער באגריסונג וועלכער איר זינט געווען וויליק אונז צושיקן צו  
די 25 יארליכע יובל פיייערונגען און יובל קאנסערענץ פון אונזער ארגא-  
ניזאציע.

ביי דער געלעגנהייט ווילן מיר אייד אינפארמירן, אז דער עקזע-  
קוטיוו קאמיטעט פון צענטראל ראט פון אונזער ארגאניזאציע איז קאנס-  
טיטואירט געווארן אין פאלגענדן צוזאמענשטעל:

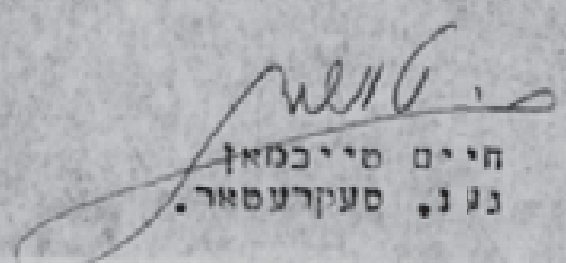
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- ג. גענעראל סעקרעטאר: צמח פארמנוי און חיים סייכמאן
- ד. פינאנץ סעקרעטאר: ישעיהו פעדערמאן
- ה. קאסיר: משה קאזשוד
- ו. עקזעקוטיוו סעקרעטאר: משה שוסטער.

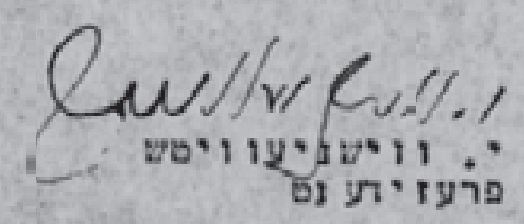
דער נייער אוינגעוויילטער צענטראל ראט פון אונזער ארגאניזא-  
ציע וועט פארזעצן זיינע פארצווייגטע אקטיוויטעטן און אנטפערענדיגען  
אין דער ריכטונג פון דער פארטיפונג פארנעמערונג און פארשטארקונג  
פון אלגעמיינעם ציוניזם אין מעקסיקע און זיין פרוכטבארע ארבעט לסובת  
דער ציוניסטישער וועלט באוועגונג און מדינת ישראל.

בייגעלייגט וועט איר געפינען א קאפיא פון די רעזאלוציעס וועל-  
כע זיינען איינשטימיק אנגענומען געווארן אויף דער יובל קאנסערענץ  
פון אונזער ארג. צו אייער קענסעניש און אינפארמאציע.

ברנטי כבוד ובברכה

ציוניסטישע ארגאניזאציע אין מעקסיקע

  
חיים סייכמאן  
גענ. סעקרעטאר.

  
י. וויטניעוויטש  
פרעזידענט

8222/51

מ"ד אייר חשי"א  
(20/5/1951)

לכבוד  
מר משה ויבלין  
ג י ו - י ו ר ק

מר ויבלין יקירי,

רצוף בזה תמצא:

חומר אינפורמטיבי ובקורותי - בקשר עם הבחירות לקונגרס בישראל  
שהופיע ב"הצופה" של יום הששי האחרון (18/5/51)  
אני מתכוון ל-2 קטעים מעתון זה הר"ב:

(א) מאמר אינפורמטיבי ביותר - בשם "הבחירות לקונגרס כיצד?" - שנכתב  
ע"י מר יעקב קופר.

(ב) מאמר בקורותי-עיוני בשם "צללים במחנה הציוני" - הדן, בחלקו הראשון,  
גם הוא, בענין "הצללים" בהפצת השקל וכו'.

(ג) רפורטג'ה שהופיעה בעתון זה על "מסבת העתונאים" שערכנו בשתוף עם  
המזרחי בקשר עם החלטתנו המשותפת לא להשתתף בבחירות לקונגרס - ללא  
"פנקס-בוחרים".

הושבני כי לחומר זה (בפרט 2 הקטעים הראשונים) ערך רב, הן  
מבחינת סגנון הופעתו - "הצופה" המו"ל ע"י "הפועל-המזרחי" שאינו נמנה  
כידוע (בנגוד לר"ר ויבלין, ד"ר סטום, החו"מ ורובבות חברים ואוהדים אחרים  
שלנו החיים מיגיע כפיהם) על "בעלי הגוף" ו"אוכלי האדם העובד בישראל".

אם תביא את תכן המאמרים הנ"ל בצורה נאותה (כדיוכך בקודש)  
לידיעת דעת הקהל בתפוצות אין ספק שהיא תבא לעזרתנו במלחמתנו נגד מעשי  
החרמית והזיוף הסיטוניים הנעשים בקשר עם הפצת השקל בישראל.

רצוף תמצא כמ"כ רפורטג'ה של "הבקר" על "מסבת העתונאים"  
כנ"ל.  
רצופה בזה גם רשימת האישים והארצות אשר עליהם הננו שולחים  
העתק מכתבנו זה בצורך החומר.

בכבוד רב,

מסתוריות הציונים הכלליים בישראל  
ועדת הקשר לענייני חוץ והחלוקה הציונית

י. וינגרד - מנהל

זמ/

LIST OF ADDRESSES, OUR LETTER NO. 8227/51 -DATED MAY 20 1951

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1000 Blinckers Lane, Victoria, Australia



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# הסתדרות הציונים הכללים בישראל

## מפלגת המרכז

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ולא לפרסום!  
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רח' הסלך ג' ורג' 33  
טלפונים 4533-57907  
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4 ביולטין מס' 4

של

"ועדת הקשר לענייני חוץ והתנועה הציונית".  
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תל-אביב, י"ז אייר תשי"א  
(20. 5. 1951.) =====



ב ו ל ט י ן מ.ס. 4

של

"ועדת הקשר לעניני חרץ והתנועה הציונית"  
"ועדת הקשר לעניני חרץ והתנועה הציונית"

מנהל המחלקה:

ה' יסעיהו וינוגרד.

יו"ר הועדה:

ה' יוסף סרלין.

חברי הועדה ה"ה:

פ. ברנשטיין,	ש.ז. אברהםוב,
הנב' ג. זינגר, ב"כ א.נ.צ.כ.	ש. זיסמן,
ח. לבנון,	ד"ר א. סטופ,
י. ריבלין,	ד"ר א. ריסלס.

מ"מ יו"ר הועדה

ה' יוסף ריבלין, אשר בתקופת העדרו של יו"ר המחלקה -  
סר סרלין, שעשה בסליחות המפלגה באפריקה, פעל כיו"ר  
הועדה.

בולטין זה הנו דו"ח על פעולות הועדה במסך התקופה  
1 לסוף 1951 - 20 למאי 1951

פרק א':

"ועדת-סילבר"

בולה הכותרת של פעולות "ועדת הקשר" בתקופת

דו"ח זה - היו גלי ספק:

(1) עבודות והכנה לקבלת הפנים לכב' ד"ר אבא הלל  
סילבר שנחלו ביום 10.4.51.

(2) הספול הנקבי והיסודי שספלה הועדה באורח במסך  
כל זמן נסותו בארץ עד ה-14 לחודש מאי - יום  
צאתו את הארץ בדרכו חזרה לארה"ב, וכאן מקום

# תוכן הענינים:

- פרק א' : "ועדת-סילבר".
- פרק ב' : נשיאות הקונפדרציה בישראל.
- פרק ג' : הציונות הכללית באנגליה.
- פרק ד' : השמעת מפלגתנו ע"י ד"ר נחום גולדמן.
- פרק ה' : הבחירות לקונגרס בארץ.
- פרק ו' : פעולות "ועדת-הקשר":
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| 1 | { | ארצות-הברית ; | 7  | { | אנגליה ; |
| 2 | { | מכסיקו ;      | 8  | { | בלגיה ;  |
| 3 | { | ארגנטינה ;    | 9  | { | הולנד ;  |
| 4 | { | ברזיל ;       | 10 | { | צרפת ;   |
| 5 | { | קנדה ;        | 11 | { | סוויס .  |
| 6 | { | ארגנטינה ;    |    |   |          |
- פרק ז' : "אמבסדורים למפלגה".
- פרק ח' : התקפות והגנות.
- פרק ט' : סכתבים ומברקים שיצאו ונכנסו.

הועדה עומדת להוציא בימים הקרובים חוברת  
מיוחדת שתוקדש ל"ד"ר סילבר בישראל" ובה יובאו גאומיו  
וכו'.

בשורות הבאות בדעתנו להביא לתשומת לב חברי  
הועדה"פ את הפעולות שנעשו על ידי "הועדה" במסך התקופה  
סקדמה "למבצע ד"ר סילבר", היינו: 10.4.51 - 1.3.51  
ותמצית הפעולות האחרות של הועדה, בעצם ימי שהותו  
של ד"ר סילבר בישראל.

פרק ב':

### נשיאות הקונפדרציה בישראל

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בתחלת חודש סרץ התקיימו כידוע בירושלים, לפי  
יזמתו של מר פרד מונסון מסנהייב הציונות הכללית  
באר"ב, כסה פגישות בין חברי הנהלת מפלגתנו לבין חברי  
הנהלת המפלגה הפרוגרסיבית ובהסתתפותו של ד"ר ג. גולדמן.  
(בפגישה הראשונה הסתתפה גם הנב' רוז הלפרין). היה זה נסיון  
נוסף למצא בסיס לאחודם של שני פלגי הציונות הכללית  
בארץ. בהיות ואנו מחשיבים מאד את האחד מנקודת ראות  
ציונית כללית כי ראינו תמיד את שלמות ההתאחדות העולמית  
כענין חיוני לתנועה הציונית העולמית, הסכמנו גם הפעם  
להסתתף בסיחות מסוג זה, אף כי ידענו יפה כי המפלגה  
הפרוגרסיבית נמצאת במדרון וכי חלקים רבים מסנה עומדים  
בין כך ובין כך להצטרף אלינו.

אלא שבדרךם תמיד, כן גם הפעם, הביעו נציגי  
הפרוגרסיבים בארץ, שנתסכו אגב ע"י האורחים מחו"ל  
את סרובם המחלס לאחוד המפלגות בישראל.

תמהנו איפוא מאד כאשר ימים ספורים אחרי הפסקת  
הדיונים ב"ועדת מונסון" החלו להופיע בעתונות הארץ  
ידיעות שהגיעו מחו"ל - שהופצו כנראה מסקורות

לציין כי עניני האורח הוסיפו להעסיק את המחלקה -  
משך תקופה של שבוע נוסף, היינו עד ה-20 לחודש  
מאי.

לצורך עריכת קבלת הפנים והסדר הרצאותיו, מסעיו  
וסיוריו של ד"ר סילבר בארץ, סנתה הנהלת המפלגה ועדה  
מצומצמת - שנקראה בשם "ועדת סילבר".

### הרכב "ועדת-סילבר"

ליו"ר הועדה - נבחר מ"ס יו"ר "ועדת-הקשר" - פר יוסף  
ריבלין.

כחברי הועדה - נבחרו חברי הנהלת המפלגה ה"ה ד"ר א.  
ססופ, ג.פלס, סגן יו"ר המפלגה ד"ר  
א. רימלס וסר ש. כספי - מהנהלת  
"המכבי".

למרכז הועדה - ולמזכירו האישי של האורח כל תקופת  
עשותו בארץ נתמנה מר י. וינוגרד.

אין ספק שההתלהבות העצומה ורגסי הכבוד וההערצה  
אשר גלו המוני בית ישראל כלפי ד"ר סילבר בכל הערים  
והמוסדות והכפרים במ הופיע, החל מרגע צאתו מאירוונו  
בסדה התעופה כלוד - ועד רגע עזבו את הארץ, שססו הפגנת-  
אהבה עצומה לאישיותו החביבה של האורח, הסנהיג הדגול  
והלוחם האמיץ לתקומת ישראל מסך יובל שנים - מצד אחד  
ולאידיאלים הנדולים אשר מפלגתנו וד"ר סילבר דוגלים  
ונלחמים עבורם - מצד שני.

אנו בטוחים כי האורח עזב את ארצנו מעודד  
למראה גדולה המפתיע של מפלגתנו - ואנו תקוה כי  
אלו ישמשו לו לד"ר סילבר מקור הסראה במערכתו הקשה,  
ע"ם לעשות את מדינת ישראל, נחלתו של עם ישראל כלו  
ללא הבדל מפלגה ומעמד.

הנהלת המפלגה קיימה לכב' ד"ר סילבר כמה ישיבות  
חגיגיות ומעשיות - וכך נתנה לאורח האפשרות לעמוד  
מקרוב על השאלות והבעיות החמורות המסוידות את מפלגתנו  
כיום; ואמנם הבטיח האורח בהזדמנויות שונות לשמור  
על הקשר והמגע החי כינו לבין המפלגה ולפעול לשובתה  
בארה"ב.

לסגור "שליחים" ותעמלנים פרוגרסיבים היוצאים לכל ארצות אירופה ואפריקה הצפונית מטנ"ר ועד מצרים ומביאים את דבר המפלגה הפרוגרסיבית (מבלי להתחשב בעובדה כי הקונפדרציה אינה גוף השייך למפלגה הפרוגרסיבית בלבד) - יוצא איפוא ש-40% אלו מהוים הקצבה למפלגה הפרוגרסיבית. והנה אם נקח בחשבון את העובדה שגם מן היחרה, היינו מ-60% מן הכספים המועברים לארץ, אנו הצ"כ שהננו גדולים פי 6, כפי שהוכיחו הבחירות המוניציפליות, מן המפלגה הפרוגרסיבית המצטמקת והולכת בישראל, מקבלים רק  $\frac{2}{5}$  ואילו הפרוגרסיבים שוב מקבלים  $\frac{3}{5}$  מן היחרה, הרי שאנו מקבלים בסופו של דבר רק 24% מכספי הק.מ.ק., באנגליה, ואילו ה"פרוגרסיבים" מקבלים 76% מכספים אלו, עת אשר לפי כל יחס הכוחות בארץ צריכה היתה חלוקת הכספים להיות לפי יחס הפוך בדיוק.

כן הבאנו לתשומת לבו של מר הלוי את הסמועות שהגיעונו על 12000 ל"י שהועברו בזמן האחרון מאנגליה לפרוגרסיבים. בהזדמנות זו הזכרנו שוב לנשיא הפדרציה הציונית באנגליה - כי בהתחשב עם ההשפעה המפלגתית שיש לו לפלוג בישראל על שורות הציונות הכללית בגולה, הוטענו פעמים רבות, כפי שיעיד ד"ר גולדהסיין נשיא הקונפדרציה, את ידנו לאחוז עם הפרוגרסיבים, אך ידנו נשארה תלויה באויר, הוטפנו ואסנו כי לנו בישראל ישנה ההרשעה - כי למצב זה בציונות הכללית שהפך לבלתי נסוא, יש חלק רב ליחס הנדיב והסלחני של הפדרציה הציונית באנגליה - כלפי המפלגה הפרוגרסיבית בישראל.

נוסף למכתב זה שלחנו ביום 23 לחודש מרץ, היינו יום לפני פתיחת הועידה מברק ברכה בחתימת מר ברנשטיין.

והתוצאה ... התעלמות גמורה מצד נשיאות הועידה גם מן התרעומות וגם מדברי הברכה שלנו הן במכתב והן במברק. ליחס כזה מצד ועידה ציונית בחו"ל למפלגה ציונית המונה שמונה רבבות חברים ואוהדים בישראל לא צפה איש מאתנו.

יחס זה שיש בו משום סטיה מחוקי הנסוס האלמנטריים ביותר ושהנו בנצוד לכל חוקי ההגינות (פייר פליי) המקובלים בארץ הנמוסים הסובים כאנגליה אפשר שיש למצא לו הצדקה בפחד המרדף את אנשי הקואליציה של מפא"י - פרוגרסיבים. אגב, נשיאות הועידה לא מצאה גם לנחוח



פרוגרסיביים (מסעמים הידועים רק להם) ושספרו על חידושה  
כביכול של נשיאות הקונפדרציה של הציונים הכלליים בישראל.  
הועדה סברה להכחיש בכל האמצעים והצנורות העומדים  
לרשותנו, את הידיעות האלה בארץ ובחו"ל כידיעות שאין  
להן שחר והוספנו כי כעת (היינו אחרי כשלונן המוחלט  
של כל הפניסות שמסרתן היתה אחוד 2 הפלנים,) לא מצאנו  
לאפשרי לחדס את הנשיאות של הקונפדרציה בישראל.

סרק ג' :

### הציונות הכללית באנגליה

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ידענו כי הפדרציה הציונית באנגליה סקרתת בנאסנות  
את עניני המפלגה ה"פרוגרסיבית", אלא שחשבנו, כי המסנה  
שחל בהלך הרוח בישראל כפי דקכל את בסויו הנאמן בבחירות  
המוניציפליות בישראל אשר הראו לכל העולם היהודי  
והציוני הכללי כאחד, את אפסותו של כח המפלגה הפרוג-  
רסיבית, מול כחה העולה של מפלגתנו - הביאו גם את  
מנהיגי הציונות הכללית באנגליה לידי הרהורים בנוגע  
לדרכם בעתיד.

כאשר שמענו לכן על ועידת ציוני אנגליה העומדת  
להתכנס בלונדון ב-24 לחודס סרץ, פנה נשיא המפלגה מר  
ברנסטיין (אנו לא הוזמנו לוועידה) אל מר יעקב הלוי,  
נשיא הפדרציה הציונית באנגליה, במכתב מיוחד בו ברך  
אותו ואת הועידה בהצלחה כדיונית. כן בקס מר ברנסטיין  
את מר הלוי כי יואיל להביא בפני הועידה את תרעומותיה  
ותעצומותיה של מפלגתנו נגד נוהג ההפליה לרעה שנוהגת  
ה"פדרציה הציונית באנגליה" כלפי מפלגתנו בקשר עם  
חלוקת הכספים המוקצים לק.מ.ק. מתוך כספי המגבית  
המאוחדת באנגליה:

א) 40% מן הכספים האלה, מנוכים מיד לשם עבודות  
ארגוניות, לא באנגליה נוסה, אלא מועברים למשרד  
האירופי של הקונפדרציה בפריז, משרד שהפך להיות מכשירה  
האקסקלוסיבי של המפלגה הפרוגרסיבית וכך יוצא שכל  
הכספים האלו וסייכים לק.מ.ק. בתור סכנו, מוצאים למעשה  
אך ורק עבור העמולה פרוגרסיבית. בכספים אלו מסתמשים

"מצטערים ומסתוממים לקרא בעתונות על באום הנדופים של גולדמן בועידתכם, נגד מפלגתנו וגם נגד חלק הציונות הכללית הסודרה אתנו בעולם כולו. נקודה. אנו חושבים את ההתקפה בלתי הוגנת (unfair) באין בא כח מוזמן של מפלגתנו לוועידה ולכן איננו יכולים לענות על ההשמצות נגד מפלגתנו ומנהיגיה. נקודה. באום ד"ר גולדמן איננו עניני, ויש בו רק התקפות אישיות וסרוס עובדות. נקודה. ד"ר גולדמן שהנו האשם בעדוד הפלוג מלפני שנתיים מנסה לשוא להצדיק את פעולותיו שהסכו נזק רב לציונות הכללית ולתנועה הציונית. נקודה. צר לנו על אשר ועידתכם שמטה במה להפצת באום מלא שנאה נגדנו.

חתום ד"ר ריימלס."

בו ביום שלגרפנו גם אל ד"ר גולדסטיין נשיא הקונפדרציה בניו יורק וזה לשון המברק:

"לפי העתונות באם ד"ר גולדסטיין בועידת ציוני אנגליה באום שסנה נגד מפלגתנו. מוחים בכל תוקף נגד ניצול בלתי הוגן ההזדמנות להתקיפנו באין בא כחנו בועידה סיכול לענות. נקודה. ההתקפה לא ענינית אלא נגד אישים שלנו. נקודה. ד"ר גולדמן שהנו בין האסמים בפילוג מצדיק לשוא הפילוג. נקודה. המסך ההתקפות מסין זה ירחיב ללא תקנה התהום בין בני פלגי הציונות הכללית במדינה ובעולם.

חתום ד"ר ריימלס."

אוב, גם לכלגרמה זאת לא קבלנו עד היום כל אשר מנשיאות הועידה ואף לא מד"ר גולדסטיין.

תרגמנו לאנגלית את דברי ההשמצה שהוסמעו ע"י ד"ר גחום גולדמן וצרפנו אליהם את מברקי המחאה שלנו אל נשיאות הועידה באנגליה ואל ד"ר גולדסטיין יו"ר הקונפדרציה - והפצנום בין ידידינו ואוהדינו בכל רחבי התפוצות.

לאסר את דבר קבלת המכתב והמברק.

אלא סתהדים שהגיעונו מועידה זו, הננו למדים  
שם שם נתולו בקיעים; נתולו הם בזמן האחרון ספני  
"סתרת אנלקסואלית". שגורמה:

(1) כתוצאה מבקורם בארץ של כמה מנהיגים ציונים  
אנגליים - אשר חזרו מאוכזבים מכל אשר ראו כאן.  
אמנם ספאת ארגונה היוצא מן הכלל של הקואליציה חוששים  
הללו לצאת מבקורת גלויה נגד השלישים בציונות האנגלית  
היות והם חוששים כי האדמיניסטרציה הסלתת תסתר לחסלם;  
אלא סלו יכולנו אנו מכאן להוסיף להם עזרה ארגונית -  
לחס הסכרת המצב לדעת הקהל הציוני שם, אין ספק  
שיכולים היינו בהדרגה לחנות את פני הדברים. ועל  
הנהלת המפלגה ליתן דעתה על כך.

מהמכתבים המגיעים אלינו שם אנו למדים כי  
"אינסטיטוט איזראלי" משריע גם בארץ זו עלא שחסרה היד  
אשר תספל בהפצוה הסתאית בין החוגים הציוניים  
הצמאים לסמע את האמת בישראל.

פרק ד'

### השמות מפלגתנו ע"י ד"ר נחום גולדמן

מידת ההוינו האלמנטרית צריכה היתה לדעתנו  
להייב את נסיאות ונידת ציוני אנגליה - לשמור על כבודה  
של "הועידה" לנחות בזה, שלא תרשה כי מעל כמה זו, אשר  
אליה (1) - לא הווסנה מפלגתנו - (2) - ואשר לתסומת  
לב ציריה לא הובאו התרעוסות הצודקות סלנו ואף לא  
דברי הברכה שהוסצאו לה ע"י מפלגתנו בשני צנורות  
נפרדים, ישמעו דברי הססצה נוצה ונגד איסים ממנהיגיה.  
לצערנו קראנו ג"הבקר" של יום 26/3 מברק שיצא מלונדון,  
ב-25/3 היינו ביום השני לקיום "הועידה" בו ססר מר  
גולדסמיד כתבו של נתון זה בלונדון על דברי ההססצה  
והבלע נגד מפלגתנו ואיסים ממנהיגיה, שהססיע ד"ר נחום  
גולדמן בועידה זו. מהרנו לשלוח לגסיא הועידה את  
מברק הסחאה כדלקמן: (תרגום מן הסכסס האנגלי)

ת"א, כ"ג בשבט תשי"א  
20.1.1951

הנידון: שיטת בוחרים לקונגרס הציוני.

בהמשך למכתבנו מיום 16.1.51, הרינו מוסרים לכב' להלן את תוכן המסקנה של ועדת המוסמים הכללי תלויה שנתמנתה לבדיקת דרכי הביצוע לעריכת רשימות בוחרים לקונגרס הבא:

"לאחר שמיצת דעת חברי הנסיאות של הוועדה הראשית לבחירות ולאחר דיון מסצה בין חברי הוועדה עצמה, באה ועדת המוסמים פה אחד לידי המסקנה הבאה:

בהתחשב עם הזמן העומד לרשות ועדת הבחירות והתנאים הסכניים הקשים לעריכת הבחירות (כתבות מסוכסות ומוששטות, נדידה עצומה של הסוקלים וכו'), אין ועדת המוסמים רואה כל אפשרות באיזה אופן שהוא לבצע עריכת רשימות בוחרים בארץ לקונגרס הב'צ".

(חתום) המדור לסקל.

הוספנו עם סיום פרק זה כבוליסין מס. 3 ואמרנו: "... על המפלגות לסקול היסב אם יש טעם להסתתפותן בבחירות בלי "פנקס בוחרים", שהעדרו, קובע מראש את התוצאות".

דעתנו בענין "הוועדה" היא:

(1) עצם היות מר מלך נוישטאט, ב"כ מפא"י - המפלגה שהתנגדה מלכתחילה לעריכת "פנקס בוחרים" - חבר בה, פוסל אותה ונוסל ממנה את היכולת לדון בענין כגוף אוניקסיבי.

(2) חות דעתה של "הוועדה" סספלה בענין מבחינה טכנית גרידא אינו מתוך כסום פנים את עצם האשמתנו נוד ועדת הבחירות המרכזית על אשר לא נגסה למפל בעריכת "פנקס הבוחרים" בעוד מועד, היינו ב"יום הקובע" שנקבע ל-31 באוגוסט אשתקד - תאריך שהיה גם היום האחרון לסקילה בתוקף הפוק, דבר שהיה מונע מהמפלגות המעונינות בדבר, לרכוש את הסקלים ולהחזיר את תלושיהם עם סמות בדויים "כיום הקובע" ואילו את הסקל עצמו למלא בסם המתאים לנוסא תצודת הזהות ביום הבחירות עצמו ולמסרו לעולה חדס, שהגיע לאחר "היום הקובע" לארץ וכבר כחר לקונגרס בבחירות שהתקיימו עוד לפני זמן רב בארץ אשר

פרק ה'

## הבחירות לקונגרס בארץ

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בבולטין שלנו מספר 2 מחדש ינואר כסרנו על  
תביעתנו בחודש דצמבר, סאת נסיאות הועה"פ הציוני  
בירושלים:

"לקיים את הבחירות לקונגרס בארץ ז"ס"פ פנקס  
בוחרים" וזה בכדי לסנוע זיופים בבחירות".

בבולטין מס. 3 מחדש פברואר ז"ס"פ סרנו בענין  
הנדון לאמור:

"ב-15 לינואר סלורפנו כדלקמן:

"אל ההנהלה הציונית מחלקת הארגון, ירושלים.  
חוזרים על סרישתנו לקיים בחירות לקונגרס בארץ על  
יסוד רשימת בוחרים ולפי אזורים. שיטה אחרת נושאת  
בתוכה אפשרויות רבות של זיופים. הננו תובעים  
החלטה מהירה וברורה".

בתשובה לתביעותינו אלה קבלנו סאת "המחלקה  
הארגונית" של הנהלת ההסתדרות הציונית את המכתב הבא:

"הנידון: רשימת בוחרים לקונגרס הציוני.

בתשובה על מכ"ק כב' מיום 15.1.51, הננו מתכבדים  
להודיע לו, שהוקמה ועדת מומחים בלתי תלויה לבירור  
דרכי הביצוע לעריכת רשימת בוחרים לקונגרס. הועדה  
מורכבת מה"ה ד"ר א. ברט, פרופ' ד. בקי, סר מלך נוי-  
סדס, סר מ. צילן וסר מ. גוץ. הישיבה הראשונה של  
הועדה תתקיים בירושלים ביום ד', 17.1.51.

בכל הכבוד,

המחלקה הארגונית".

בתאריך כ"ה שבט, תשי"א (1.2.51) קבלנו  
מכתב סני מהנהלה הציונית: -



המפלגה; ונאה היה הסכום של ד"ר ניומן עם סיום פעולות המסלחת באסרו: "מפלגת המרכז יכולה להיות נאה על סייב המסלחת ועל עבודתה".

לחבריו הצומדים לחזור השבוע לארץ, אחרי שנעדרו מסנה מסך קרוב לשלשה חדשים אנו אופרים: "ברוך בואכם ויישר כוחכם - חברים"

חליפת מכתבים עם "הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה"

ב.

הועדה עמדה בקשר מכתבים מתמיד עם כל מחלקותיה של "הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה" ועם נשיאה מר בנסיין בראודי.

בחליפת מכתבים זו נדונו בין השאר:

- (1) ענין "הצריפים המוכנים" שהובטחו בסעתו למר ברנסיין שלנו, עבור מועדונים לסניפי המפלגה בעיר ובכפר. אנו מקווים כי השאלה תקבל את פתרונה בצורה מתאימה בקרוב.
- (2) כן נדונו בחליפת המכתבים עניני "קשרי המכתבים" בין חברי הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה לבין חברינו בארץ וכמו "כ עניני ה"תחרות הספרותית" של הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה.
- (3) קורספונדנציה רב צוונית וענינית החליפה המחלקה עם איש הקשר של המפלגה בניו-יורק - מר משה ריבלין.
- (4) במסך תקופה זו שהיתה תקופת המיורים בישראל, היו ידי המחלקה מלאות בספול בתיירים שעלו לבקר בישראל ואשר הופנו אלינו ע"י מזכירות הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה (וע"י הסתדרויות-אחיות אחרות, בכל רחבי העולם). המחלקה עשתה את כל אשר היה ביכלתה ע"פ לבוא לעזרת החברים האלה בהדרכה וכו'.
- (5) בין האורחים יש לציין:  
א. את המנהיג הציוני האמריקני הידוע, נזכרה הארצי של הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה ויו"ר "בית הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה בישראל" - מר מרד מונסטון מבוסטון.

ממנה עלה. האפשרות שהיתה קיימת בעבר לזהות את סם בעל התלוש עם בעל השקל, אינה קיימת עוד, והסום סאין רשימת בוחרים. יוצא איטוא שבניגוד מפורס לחוקת ההסתדרות בציונית תימסך הפצת השקלים ביום הבחירות עצמו, ללא כל פיקוח.

עסינו מאמצים גדולים להביא את ועדת הבחירות המרכזית לזכרת תביעותינו הצודקות - לסדור "פנקס בוחרים", ומסלא הצלחנו החליטה הנהלת המפלגה תוך שתוף עם "הסתדרות הסורחי" לא להסתתף בבחירות. והודענו על כך ישירות ל"ועדות הבחירות" ולדעת הקהל באמצעות "כסבת-עתונאים" שותפת לנו ול"סורחי" שנערכה ביום 17.5.51 בלועדון העתונאים - בת"א.

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### פעולות ועדת הקשר

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(1) ארצות הברית

א. משלחת המפלגה בארה"ב

הועדה מציינת בספוק רב את פעולת ההסברה המצויינת שנעשתה בארה"ב, במסך התקופה שדו"ח זה דן בה, ע"י היו"ר שלה - חבר ההנהלה מר יוסף סרלין, וחבר הועדה - חבר ההנהלה מר שלום זיסמן, חברי משלחת המפלגה שעשו, ללא לאות את עבודת המפלגה בעברים את ארה"ב לארכה ולרחבה למן האוקיינוס האטלנטי ועד לאוקיינוס השקט - והביאו עמם לכל מקום כצורה נאה ומכובדת את דבר מפלגתנו לצבור היהודי באמריקה.

העתונים והמכתבים שהגיעו לנו מכל קצות הארץ מספרים על ההתלהבות והעניין הרב שעוררו חברינו אלה בכל מקום בו הופיעו ובקשה אחת בסוי כל ידידינו שם: "המשיכו כשגור משלחות כאלה לארה"ב לשם חזוק הקשרים בין המפלגה לבין הצבור היהודי בארה"ב לסרבת המפלגה והסדינה כאחת".

חוויה גדולה היתה זו כנראה לידידינו בארה"ב לסמוע זו הפעם הראשונה מכלי ראשון את דבר

החלטה אחת, מתוך 17 ההחלטות שקבלה ועידה זו קובעת:  
"ועידת היוכל ה-25 של ההסתדרות הציונית במכסיקו,  
מקבלת כרצון ומאשרת את ההחלטה של בועד המרכזי  
בתאריך 12.4.51 ביחס להוספת עזרה פיזית בסך  
25.000 דולר להסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל  
ובמקרה שתובא הצעה דומה מצד מפלגה פרוגרסיבית  
מאוחדת בישראל, הרי תוגס גם לה עזרה כלכלית  
בסעור יחסי של 6:1".

פר י. סרלין - מזכ"ל "הועידה" במכסיקו.

ב.

שמענו בסעור כי פר סרלין שלנו הוזמן להיות אורחה  
של "הועידה" במכסיקו. והנה מתוך הסככים שהגיעונו  
ומתוך ה"פרסי כל" וההחלטות שנתקבלו ב"ועידה" אנו  
למדים כי בקורו זה של יו"ר "הועידה" הפך להיות  
לציוני מכסיקו, מאורע הסנה ו"מסמר הועידה". במכתבה  
מורה הנהלת ההסתדרות הציונית במכסיקו לסר ברנססיין,  
עבור הופעתו של פר סרלין בועידתם, "הופעה שהספיעה  
ועוד תמשיך להספיע באורה ובחוסה על תפקידיה  
העתידיים של תנועתנו. היתה זו הפעם הראשונה שדבר  
הציונות הכללית הובא בצורה כה עניינית ומעמיקה -  
בפני התנועה במכסיקו ועקתה רוסס כל ימחה על חברינו  
ועל כל סדרות הידוב".

ההחלטה ה-17 והאחרונה של "הועידה", אומרת:

"ועידת היוכל ה-25 של ההסתדרות הציונית במכסיקו,  
טודה לאורח הכבוד פר יוסף סרלין מהסתדרות הציונים  
הכלליים בישראל עבור הענותו להזמנה הסתדרותנו  
להיות אורח הכבוד שלה בחגיגות ועידת היוכל ה-25  
סלה, ואשר בנוסחותו בה, האציל עליה ברק של פאר  
והדר. "הועידה" מעבירה כאמצעותה בדעת חברים  
נאמנה להסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל כצרוף  
אחוליה הטובים לעבודה פוריה ולנצחונות נוספים  
בכל ענפי פעולתה של המפלגה".

"ועדת הקשר" שמחה בהזדמנות זו להודיע לחברי הועה"ס,  
כי פר חיים סיימון, חבר הועה"ס הארצי לסעבר, נבחר  
בועידה זו להיות מזכירה הכללי של ההסתדרות ציונית  
זו.

ב. את מר סמואל פישמן מניו-יורק, יהודי בעל הסכלה עברית רחבה המתמצא יפה בכל הבעיות המסריות את מפלגתנו פה ואת חברינו וידידינו מעבר לים - חבר נאמן לענייני מפלגתנו.

ג. את העסקן הציוני מר אהרון רבינוביץ מקורדובה ארגנטינה, אחיו של ידידינו הטוב, המנהיג הציוני הידוע - מר סמואל רבינוביץ, מארגנטינה.

המחלקה נהלה גם חליפת סכתבים מלאה עניין עם "שרות המודיעין הציוני של הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה" ("ציונס"). חליפת סכתבים שהיה בה מן המועיל גם ל"הסתדרות ציוני אמריקה" וגם לנו.

כן גדלו מאד תוך תקופה זו חליפת הסכתבים עם ידידים ואוהדים מכל רחבי ארה"ב, המבקשים לקבל את ירחוננו "אינסטיטוט איזראל" שקנה לו שם טוב כמביא את דבר האמת בישראל.

#### 1. מסבות לכבוד אורה מארה"ב

הנהלת המפלגה ערכה מסבת ארוחת צהרים חגיגית בסועדון המפלגה לכבוד מר פרד מונטסון מבוסטון.

גם מר סרלין, יו"ר "ועדת הקשר" ערך בביתו, בערב סלפני זאת את הארץ - מסבה נאה לכבוד מר מונטסון, ואשר אליה ווזמנו חברי ההנהלה ומספר אורחים מחו"ל שעשו אז בת"א.

#### 2. מ.כ.ס.י.ק.ו.

א. ועידת היובל ה-25 של הסתדרות ציוני מכסיקו.

ב-10 לאפריל נפתחה במכסיקו ועידת היובל ה-25 של הסתדרות ציוני ארץ זו.

בבולסין הקודם אמרנו, בדברנו על מכסיקו: "הקשרים עם חברינו במכסיקו הנם הדוקים ביותר. מכסיקו צועדת בראש בתביעתה להפוך את הקונפדרציה לכעלת פרונרסה ומשמעת" - ואנו שמחים לציין כי בוועידתה זו האחרונה המסיכה הסתדרות ציונית לחזק ולהגביר עוד יותר את "קשריה הדוקים" אתנו.

8. ב ל ג י ה

"ועדת הקשר" ערכה ביום ו' - 16 לסרץ, מסבת ארוחת-צהרים - חגיגת לכב' מנהיגי הסתדרות הציונים וכלליים בכלגיה ה"ה הורוביץ ולפקוביץ.

במסבה שהשתתפו בה כל חברי הנהלת המפקדה וחברי "ועדת הקשר" - הושמעו דברי ברכה ע"י חברי ההנהלה והאורחים. והוחלפו דעות על דרכי הפעולה המשותפים בעתיד.

9. ה ו ל ג ו

"הועדה" חדשה גם את הקשר עם הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בהולנד.

10. צ ר פ ת

גם במסך תקופת הדו"ח הזה, קיימנו קשרים אמיצים עם חברינו לדעה בארץ זו.

11. ט ו ר ג י ס

קיימנו חליטת מכתבים עם ההסתדרות הציונית ועם ועד העדה בעיר זו.

פרק ז':

"אמכסדורים" לחפלה

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יו"ר המפלגה, מר ברנסטיין, וסגן יו"ר המפלגה, ד"ר א. רימלס קבלו ואסרו את הצעתו של מר ריבלין, בדבר פניה לחברי ואוהדי המפלגה - מתלמידים או הורים וקרובים למתלמידים ישראלים המשתלמים באוניברסיטאות ובתי ספר גבוהים בתפוצות הגולה - כי ישתדלו ליצור קשרים בינם לבין המפלגה ע"פ שיטתו "אמכסדורים" שלנו הן לבתי האולפנא הגבוהים וזן לארצות מ:וריהם הארעיות, לשם ארגון חובים "ציוניים כלליים" שם. "חובים" כאלו יוכלו, לכסיקבלו עזרה ארגונית מהמפלגה בארץ, לארגון בעונות החופשה של גתי"הם בקורי מתלמידים ואחרים בישראל.

בהתחשב עם העובדה שבקורים מעין אלו יערכו בעיקר בעונת הקיץ של כל שנה, אפשר יהיה בנקל לדאוג לאכסונם



ברכותינו הנאמנות שלוחות בזה לחברנו מר סייכמן,  
לנשיא והסתדרות מר וויסינעוויסס ולכל החברים  
האחרים שנבחרו להנהלה המרכזית שם, כי יראו פרי  
בעבודתם המועילה להרמת קרן הציונות הכללית  
במכסיקו ובעולם כלו.

### 3. א ר ג נ ט י ג ה

הועדה עמדה בקשרי מכתבים עם ידידינו בארגנטינה  
מר סמואל רבינוביץ ומר יוסף לוצקי.

### 4. ב ר ז י ל

קוים קשר מכתבים עם "ההתאחדות הציונים הכלליים  
בברזיל" וכן קשר אישי עם כמה ממנהיגי "ההתאחדות"  
שבקרו בישראל.

### 5. ק ג נ ד ה

יו"ר "הועדה" שלנו בקר גם בקנדה ולפי הידיעות  
שבדינינו הוכתר בקורו גם בארץ זו - בהצלחה יוצאת  
מן הכלל.

### 6. א ו ס ט ר ל י ה

בקר במסרדי המפלגה כמה פעמים המנהיג הציוני  
מאוסטרליה, מר רוס, שהפך להיות ידידה של המפלגה  
ואף הבטיח להוסיף לה עזרה מעשית מזמן לזמן -  
עבור העולים החדשים שלנו.

"הועדה" שמחז כמו"כ על האפשרות שנתנה לה להכיר  
אישית את ידידת המפלגה הגב' ריקו כהן מסידני,  
אוסטרליה, עורכת ה"עבריה" שבקרה במפלגה - לשם  
התודעות אישית אחרי ההיכרות שנעשתה ע"י "אינסטיט  
איוזרל".

### 7. א ב ג ל י ה

עמדנו בקשרי מכתבים ומברקים עם ידידנו המפקד אס.  
לינקולן ועם מר ס. גולדסמידס סופר "הבקר" בלונדון,  
אשר המצאנו לו העתק ממכתבו של מר ברנשטיין אל  
נשיא הפדרציה הציונית, ובקסנוהו להעתיקו ולחלקו  
בין צירי "הועדה". אך כנראה שהעובדה שתוכן  
מכתב זה לא הובא לתשומת לב הצירים ע"י הנשיאות,  
מנעה בעד מר גולדסמידס מלמלא אחרי בקשתנו זו.

פרק ט':

# מכתבים ומברקים שיצאו ונכנסו

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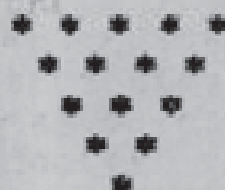
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המספרים הנ"ל כוללים את כל חליפת המכתבים והמברקים שנתקיימה בין מחלקה לבין חברים וידידים בארצות שונות כדלקמן:

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אנגליה;	(6		



של האורחים, אם בבתי הספר הבעריה ובכפרים ואם בבתים פרטיים או במחנות הקיץ שיאורגנו לסם כך. הוצע, כי מפעל זה מברכה רבה צפונה בו לחזוק כח המפלגה בכל העולם ע"י חדירה ישירה לבין הכחות האינסלקטובליים של מחר, יוצא לפועל תוך שתוף פעולה מלא עם מחלקת הנוער של המפלגה.

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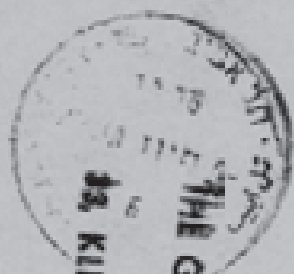
### התקפות והגבורה

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מוטן לזמן מופיעים בעתונות השטאל (בעיקר ב"הדור" כלי מסבאה הצהוב של המפלגה השלטת) ובעתונות הפרוגרסיבית בחו"ל - סאמרי התקפות נוד מפלותנו ומנהיגיה בארץ ובחו"ל.

והנה במקרים שההתקפות הן אישיות דוגמת ההתקפות המפלות ב"הדור" על ד"ר סילבר (בחדש סקדם לבאו לארץ) ועל ד"ר ניומן, נהנה המחלקה להעתיק ולתרגם את הקטעים ולשלחם לכל ידידינו בתפוצות, למען יראו גם הם, מה גדולה מדת האיבה האישית שמנהיגי המפלגה השלטת מספחים בלב צאן מרעיתם כלפי מנהיגים ציוניים ותיקים ודגולים במגמה לבסס ולחזק את שלטונם הם בארץ; אך באותם המקרים שההתקפה היתה "עניינית" כביכול, ונעשתה ע"י ידירים "היודעים את האמת ומתכוונים לסרוד בה", דוגמת סאמר ההתקפה נוד מר ברגסטיין שלנו, בקשר עם הדברים הגלויים שנאמרו על ידו ב"כנסת", בענין העליה שאינה נקלסת, סאמר שהופיע בעתון דרום אבריקאי בחתימת מר סם סול מן המחנה הפרוגרסיבי, המציאה המחלקה לעתון דברי הכחשה והסברה עניינית.

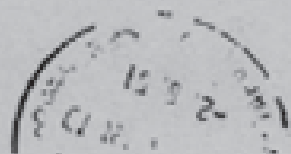
כן נהגת המחלקה מוטן לזמן להמציא לידידינו העתקות ותרגומים של סאמרים המזדהים עמנו ועם השקפותינו - הסופיעים בעתונות היומית או הפריוודית של מתנגדינו, (אין ספק שאלו נכחכים ונדפסים ברגעי שכחה-עצמית ותחת השפעת כחה הגדול של האמת הציונית אשר עמנו).



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May 21, 1951


Dear Fellow Zionist,

A cordial invitation is extended to you to attend the Conference of the World Confederation of General Zionists to be held in Jerusalem prior to the World Zionist Congress.

As the date of the Congress has been set to commence August 14th, our Conference will commence August 2nd, 5th, and shall last five days. You will be notified later regarding the place and other arrangements.

May we urge that you plan your trip to Israel so as to leave these five days uninterrupted for our Conference. It will be an important opportunity to clarify the General Zionist position on a number of problems, including the future of the World Zionist Organization which will come up at the Zionist Congress, as well as to discuss, and if possible, solve the internal problems of our Confederation.

Yours with Zionist Greetings,

  
Dr. Israel Goldstein,  
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May 24, 1951

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

Dear Dr. Marks:

In connection with the ZOA Convention in Atlantic City, Dr. Silver has informed me that he must remain in Atlantic City Saturday night. However, he must be back at The Temple on Sunday morning for the closing exercises of our Religious School. I have, therefore, made arrangements for him to fly back from Philadelphia via TWA, Flight #21, leaving there at 12:50 a.m. EST, which will connect with a flight in Pittsburgh. It, of course, means that he will be up all night, but it seems the only way it can be arranged and he is agreeable. However, he asked that I check with you concerning his transportation from Atlantic City to Philadelphia. When you arrive in Atlantic City, will you check on trains, and if there is none available, will you please arrange for him to go by car, as it is imperative that he be back in Cleveland on June 17th.

With best wishes to you and many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
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May 24, 1951

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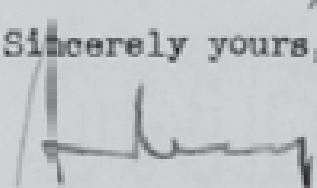
Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just returned from my trip and this is my first opportunity to tell you how elated everyone has been with reference to the mass meeting. There was a tremendous overflow crowd and I do wish that there had been another hall available to accommodate all of them.

It was good to see you in such excellent health and spirits.

Accept my affectionate regards and please extend them to Mrs. Silver and the boys.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

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*Buy Israel Bonds Through Your Z.O.A.*

May 25, 1951

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

Dear Dr. Marks:

Would you be good enough to arrange for comfortable accommodations for Dr. Silver at the Convention in Atlantic City. He will arrive by train Thursday morning, June 14th, and as I wrote you yesterday, will leave Saturday night.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

NIGHT LETTER FROM NEW YORK - TELEPHONED IN FRIDAY, 5/25/51 - 9 A.M.

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MORTON J. ROBBINS





ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
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May 28, 1951

Miss Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Dr. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Blvd.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

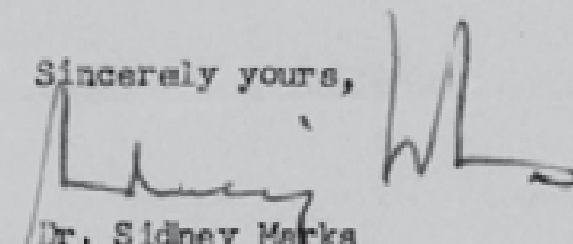
Many thanks for your letters dated May 24th and 25th.

I am having arrangements made for Dr. Silver and will do everything possible to make sure that he gets into Philadelphia as requested.

In fact, you can depend upon a car for Dr. Silver which he can use after he is through on Saturday night. He will undoubtedly want to make the plane connection.

Accept my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

SM:dh

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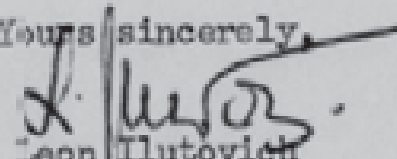
Dear Dr. Silver,

After consultations with Dr. Margoshes and Dr. Neumann we all came to the conclusion that the time comes now, on the eve of the Convention, to include the Zionist Information Service into the annual budget of the ZCA as one of the regular depts. which should function under the general supervision of the Committee on Zionist Affairs. It would be very difficult to continue on the basis of allocations for which Dr. Margoshes had to fight every two three months.

The present annual budget based on our monthly expenditures amounts to something like over 20 thousand dollars. I suggest, therefore, to request an annual budget of \$ 25,000.

I will appreciate it very much if you take up the matter with the proper people so as to settle it still before the Convention.

Please accept my kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,  
  
Leon Ilutovich  
Director, Zionist  
Information Service



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Cleveland 6, Ohio

RABBI ABRAHAM PRERO  
National Director

Dear Dr. Silver:

I cannot find words adequate to convey to you my gratitude for your acceptance of the invitation to preside at the Youth Commission Session during the Z.O.A. Convention.

It is a matter of sincere concern for all of us who are charged with responsibility for our Zionist youth program to have it properly focused and understood among the Z.O.A. membership. The fact that you will preside at this Session will guarantee -- as no other element could -- that we shall have an overflowing audience. In addition, your own recognized contribution and thinking, with respect to Zionist youth education, will bring effective substance and content to that evening.

Not only I, as Chairman of the Commission, nor even only the young people affiliated with us, but indeed the entire Z.O.A. will benefit immensely by your participation in that Session. I am confident now that it will be a major highlight in the Convention's proceedings.

We shall, of course, see to it that you have no additional strain placed upon you, in terms of program preparation for that evening. Rabbi Prero, Director of the Commission, will provide you with all of the information necessary, as well as details of the agenda. It is our plan, in addition to your own comments, to have a few words of greeting from Ben Browdy, two talks (one by me and another by Rabbi Prero), neither of these being more than 15 minutes in length, a dramatization by our young people, mirroring the program and Israeli singing and dancing.

Let me tell you again how warmed and thrilled I am by your gracious acceptance of our invitation.

With Zionist greetings,

Sincerely,

Morton J. Robbins, M.D.

MJR:df

*"As the Twig is Bent . . . the Tree Will Grow"*

May 31, 1951

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

Dear Dr. Marks:

Thank you for your letter of May 28th and for all your trouble in arranging a car for Dr. Silver. At which hotel have you made a reservation for him in Atlantic City?

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have the pleasure of enclosing an invitation to you to attend our installation of officers to be held on Thursday evening June 7, 1951, at 9 P. M. at the Hebrew Alliance, Br. 6th Street & Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. I know it would be too wonderful if you could possibly be with us if you should be in New York that evening, but miracles are still occurring and so I dare hope.

With our best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Evelyn Streimer*  
Evelyn Streimer  
Secretary

May 31, 1951



Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy

Copy for Dr. Silver

June 1, 1951

Ernest E. Barbarash

The other day I had an hour long talk with Hillel Rogoff, managing editor of the Forward about ZOA press coverage in his newspaper. Mr. Rogoff assured me that although The Forward is strongly opposed to Dr. Silver, ZOA news as such will not suffer. He told me that he is very much in favor of what the ZOA is doing and our items will not be discriminated against.

I tried my best to convince him that The Forward is wrong in labelling Dr. Silver a pro-Communist. I told him that Dr. Silver has on numerous occasions attacked Communism. His reply was that while he agrees that Dr. Silver is no Communist, his utterances nevertheless correspond with the Communist line in Korea.

Mr. Rogoff was under the impression that the ZOA was discriminating against The Forward on the allocation of advertisements. I convinced him that he was wrong.

Regards.

Dr. Silver:

I have softened up somewhat  
Mr. Rogoff on the Forward stand  
toward you.

Barbarash

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June 1, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105 and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

If you may remember, as a result of our discussion and your strong support at the Chalutzit Commission meeting at last year's ZOA convention in Chicago, the General Zionist Chalutzit Commission was reestablished jointly with Hadassah under the chairmanship of Abraham Redelheim. This did much to give a new lease of life to General Zionist Chalutzit work here, and since that time and due to the great interest you have taken in our movement, we have more or less considered you to be the God-father of our work with the ZOA here. Unfortunately, however, Chalutzit remains the step-child of American General Zionism, useful when there is a need for favorable publicity in the Zionist world but burdensome when it becomes necessary to devote time, money and energy for the achievement of results. Further than that, the opposition to chalutzit and the even more dangerous indifference continues to plague us at every step and now, once again, threatens to stifle our work. It is in order to overcome this impending threat on the eve of another ZOA convention that I am once again writing to you to ask your advice and aid.

We have always conceived of General Zionist Chalutz work fulfilling a large function within the framework of the Zionist Movement here. Although the help given us by Abraham Redelheim has been enthusiastic and active, the scope of the Commission has been greatly limited financially and organizationally until it really represents only a small pigeon-hole of Zionist work here. Our work and scope have come under sharp attack by the members of the American Zionist Youth Commission, particularly the representatives of Hadassah and its executive professional staff. These people, although not at all against chalutzit in theory, have expressed and publicized violent objection to chalutz education and in doing so, have vilified both our movement and the members of the Chalutzit Commission who work with us. They have not yet taken the trouble to vilify similarly the other chalutz movements, confining the point of their criticism and adverse publicity to our 'political' General Zionism. They have continually encouraged the Youth Movement of the American Zionist Youth Commission, Young Judaea, to affiliate, aid and support the Tsafim movement in Israel, ignoring the General Zionists and our kibbutz movement, and brushing lightly aside the obvious fact that the Tsafim are an organ of Mapai and Mapam. Their youth education is geared to identification with this Israeli movement. In addition, and perhaps more dangerously, the Youth Commission has begun a loud and insistent clamor to have the Chalutzit Commission absorbed into the Youth Commission, which was

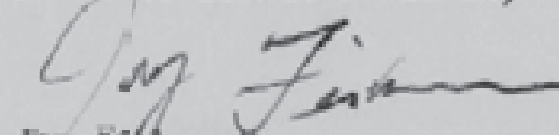
to a great extent, the issue involved at last year's discussion.

We do not claim that we have accomplished anything miraculous during this past year, but we do think that we have made a significant beginning. We have been beset by many difficulties---in addition to our trouble in gaining recognition in the General Zionist world, the effect of the international situation on America's manpower mobilization has presented many obstacles to our work. In spite of these things, we have succeeded in organizing the first American General Zionist Youth Leadership Institute in Jerusalem where twenty five of our youth are studying chalutz leadership and General Zionist ideology at a Youth Aliyah Village and led by people in our movement in Aretz. It will last for seven months after which they will return to work here. A combined group of forty or fifty Americans and Canadians will leave for the second course in September. We have significantly increased the scope of our work into the Zionist Districts of the ZOA beginning a program of professional and technical aliyah, continued the development and strengthening of Kvutzat Hesolelim, and our second Garin is now taking hachshara at Tel Yitzchak. Our summer camp program which we feel in the future will be our major means of chalutz education, has been expanded from our original Hatzofen at our hachshara farm to a second camp in Northern New York State, and General Zionist Leadership Institutes in all parts of Canada. We have hopes of developing such General Zionist camps in all parts of the United States, but that requires the development of a large project, far beyond the scope of the present intentions of the ZOA.

Chalutzit could be made a very significant factor in Zionist work here, and it is my belief that a serious program of such education, wisely and sincerely implemented, would greatly strengthen General Zionism here and particularly in Israel. You are the only person who might wield sufficient influence to take such a program and make it a reality. We have the first meeting of the Chalutzit Committee of the convention meeting on Friday. I would greatly appreciate it if you might give me some time before then to elaborate on these problems and program further.

I had the privilege of reading your series of articles on German rearmament in the New York Compass and thought them most incisive. We have taken the liberty of incorporating them into our regular discussion program in our organization.

B'racha Zionit N'emanah,



Jay Fishman

Plugat Aliyah-Hanoar Hatzioni

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MORTON J. ROBBINS, M.D.  
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June 2, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street At Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I hope you will forgive my taking the liberty to bring to your attention a matter of importance to me.

It concerns the chairmanship of the National Administrative Council of the ZOA. I know that two other candidates have contacted you by phone and I feel that you should know my angle as well.

On Thursday, May 24, while in New York, I was told by Abe Redelheim that he is a candidate for Chairman of the Administrative Council, informing me at the same time that Mr. Torczyner has also announced himself as candidate for the same position. It was then that I learned for the first time of the vacancy, not realizing that there is a constitutional provision of a two year limit. It was late in the evening when I learned all this, and before speaking to anyone about it, I wanted to apprise Mr. Browdy first.

On Sunday, May 27, while in Montreal, I spoke in confidence to Mr. Moskowitz and to Dr. Newmann, asking them not to say a word about it until I speak to the President.

On Tuesday, May 29, while at the Prime Minister's reception, I spoke to Mr. Browdy, informing him of my candidacy. I asked him whether he is committed to Mr. Redelheim, and he told me that he is not committed to him other than telling him that he has no objection to his running for the office. The truth of the matter is that Mr. Browdy at the time did not know of my ambition.

Here is where I come in. You may know that when the negotiations were going on between the Progressives and ourselves, during the Administration of the late Mr. Frisch, I was being considered for the position of Chairman of the Administrative Council, but because of

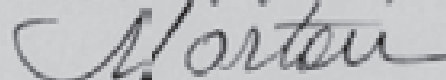
the "deal", it went to Mr. Sonneborn, and I was elected first Vice-Chairman of the Council. This explains the reason why my name appears first on the stationery, even though it is not in alphabetical order. Last year, the sub-committee on nominations took the same action after a question was raised about the alphabetical irregularity. I feel that if there is a vacancy for promotion available, it should go to a Vice-Chairman of the same committee, and because of the "deal", I feel that it rightly belongs to me.

I have nothing against Mr. Redelheim, and he and I are the best of friends, but it looks bad that neither one of the Vice-Chairmen are worthy of the promotion.

I just wanted to bring this to your attention. I do not mean to say that the present Administration is under any obligation to carry out legacies of a previous administration. At the same time I feel that as a loyal and devoted servant of the Organization and its Administration, and because I was originally slated for this office, I should be given consideration. As to the "deal" it can be substantiated by Benjamin Gordon of New Jersey, by David Moskowitz, and by our President, who I am sure remembers it too.

With all good wishes and kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Morton J. Robbins, M. D.

MJR:ms



June 5, 1951

Miss Evelyn Streiner  
Brighton Beach District 20A  
3023 Brighton 6th Street  
Brooklyn, New York

My dear Miss Streiner:

Thank you for your note of May 31st and for your invitation to attend the installation of your officers on Thursday evening, June 7th, at 9 p.m. in New York. Unfortunately, a previous engagement makes it impossible for me to accept.

With all good wishes to you and with deep appreciation for your thoughtfulness, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

June 5, 1951

Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Barbarash:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your memorandum to Mr. Browdy with reference to the conversation with Mr. Rogoff. I know that you say that you "softened" him up in his stand towards me. I do not know that that is at all necessary. I rather enjoy the fulminations of the journalistic tramps of the Forwards. You will recall that their attacks on me began some years ago, long before the Korean affair developed.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
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June 6, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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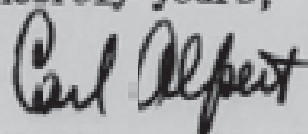
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sure you will recall having consented to serve as one of the panel of Judges, together with Mr. Abba Eban and Prof. Salc Baron in the ZOA Essay Contest which closed several weeks ago.

We have been deluged with hundreds of essays both from this country and from Israel. A small committee of readers is now going through these manuscripts to select those which are worthy of further consideration and the most promising manuscripts will be sent along for your official scrutiny.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert, Director  
Education Department

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*Brighton Beach District 28*

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*on Thursday Evening, June Seventh, 1951*

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Dear Dr. Silver:

The Seventh Zionist District is the largest District in the country with a paid up membership of over 3,000, of which the vast majority are not only warm and most active supporters of your policies, but also look up to you as the true Jewish voice of your day.

I was elected President of the District at it's annual meeting last week and my program centers around revitalizing the Zionist soul, and Jewish consciousness. I believe that only such a program will produce satisfactory results in fund raising, too.

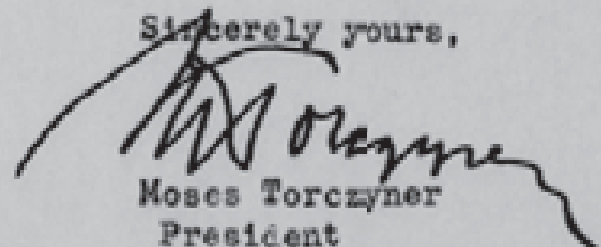
Far from being satisfied with our number of members, I intend to set out on a big campaign to increase them manifold. I wonder, dear Dr. Silver, whether you would find it possible to address a meeting of our district on a large scale in Manhattan in the coming season, to be the culminating event of our drive. Though, it is only on a District level, it is going to be a mass meeting on a very large scale or we can make it regional, if you so desire.

Of course, I know, of your many responsibilities and obligations, here and abroad. However, we would plan our drive around any date, you could possibly grant us.

I, therefore, take the liberty of appealing to you to give kind consideration to my plea, and to honor us with an address if it is at all possible for you to do so. I need not tell you at length how much your appearance on Manhattan's West Side will mean to us and how anxiously we look forward to a favorable reply.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
Moses Torczyner  
President

MT:ej



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June 19, 1951

Mr. Moses Torcszyner, President  
Seventh Zionist District  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Mr. Torcszyner:

Thank you for your letter of June 8th and for your kind invitation to address the Seventh Zionist District during the coming season. I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness. However, I am leaving tomorrow for South Africa and at this writing it is not possible for me to make any commitments. I should suggest, therefore, that you get in touch with me again upon my return to the city the early part of September.

I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating you upon your election as President of your district and to wish you every success in this undertaking.

With best wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABRAHAM HILIEL SILVER

AHS:er

[undated]

A STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

In view of the preparation for the twenty-third 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 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 this 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 right and left.

At this ~~XXIII~~ 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 Organisation of General Zionists in Israel (Histadruth Hazonim Haklalim) 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 interest of stability and the harmonious collaboration of all constructive elements.

✓ We have consistently deplored the rift created 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. *R*

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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**THEME:**

The essay submitted should deal specifically with both aspects of the question: "What can Israel offer American Jewry—What can American Jewry offer Israel?" Full consideration should be given to the role of the Zionist Organization of America in this connection.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Any American Jew and any citizen or resident of Israel regardless of age, occupation or affiliation may participate in this contest. Israel students who may be attending school outside of Israel are eligible if they have been away from Israel for less than one year from date of submission of their entry.

**FORM:**

All manuscripts must be typewritten and submitted in duplicate. They may be written in English, Hebrew or Yiddish. Essays must be no more than 500 words in length. The Judges will be concerned with content and ideas primarily.

Each essay must be accompanied by a letter or statement containing the following full information:

- Name and Address of the Contestant.
- Age and Present Occupation.
- Length of Residence in Israel  
(For Israelis only)

**AWARDS:**

Duplicate winners will be selected from entries submitted from Israel and America

and duplicate prizes will be awarded. Writers of prize winning essays selected by the National Judges will receive the following awards:

<i>In Israel</i>	<i>In America</i>
First Prize .....\$500	First Prize .....\$500
Second Prize .....\$200	Second Prize .....\$200
Three additional Prizes .....\$100 each	Three additional Prizes .....\$100 each

**CLOSING DATE:**

All manuscripts should be addressed to the National Education Department of the Zionist Organization of America, 41 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y., and must be received no later than May 11, 1951 — 5 Iyar, 5711. Announcement of the Judges' decision will be made as soon as possible thereafter.

**PUBLICATION RIGHTS:**

All entries in this contest become the property of the Zionist Organization of America and may be published within its discretion. Each contestant agrees to abide by the decision of the Judges. Entry in the Contest will be evidence of the contestant's acceptance of the rules.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Contest is to promote understanding and cultural relationship between American Jewry and the people of Israel. It is hoped that the largest possible number of persons will be stimulated to give serious thought to both aspects of the question posed in the assigned theme.

**PRIZE AWARDS FOR THIS CONTEST HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY**

**BENJAMIN G. BROWDY, President**  
*Zionist Organization of America*

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#### DRAFT OF STATEMENT

The current governmental crisis in Israel gives no cause for alarm as to the stability of the Jewish State. It is erroneous to identify any particular government with the State as a whole. Governments may come and go in Israel, but the nation will survive and prosper, for it is the creation of the entire Jewish people who will continue to watch over it.

The fact that the citizens of Israel are planning to resolve the governmental crisis through a new national election is itself evidence of the strength inherent in Israel's democracy. The methods by which the people of Israel change their governments are in sharp contrast to the assassinations and putches which are traditional in most Middle Eastern countries.

The present situation serves to demonstrate the correctness of the view repeatedly affirmed by the Zionist Organization of America that governmental stability can best be ensured in Israel by a strong center party which would promote the principles of General Zionism. These principles are today best expressed in the program and activities of the General Zionist Organization in Israel (Histadruth Hatzionim Haklalim), whose progress and growth we have observed with satisfaction.

We have always deplored the rift created in General Zionist ranks by the Progressive Group, and regret that this group has not seen fit to respond affirmatively to the offers of unity which have been put forward time and again by the General Zionist party. 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. We continue to hope for the early re-entry of the Progressive Group into the General Zionist ranks, and look forward to the further expansion of the General Zionist Organization in Israel as a major contribution to the stability and strength of the government and the State of Israel.

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The Committee on Nominations of the 53rd Annual  
Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, upon motion duly  
made and seconded, hereby resolves:

That the Convention increase the National Executive  
Committee to sixty members, of which twelve shall be appointed by the  
President with the consent of the National Administrative Council.

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## ZOA PROJECTS

### Six Months Interim Report

#### Method of Operation

With the inauguration of our current campaign on August 11, 1950, our first task was to consolidate a number of new fund raising endeavors under central administration and management in such manner as to promote full exploitation of the dramatic and public relations values of each. Successful achievement of this aim has made possible greater effort, both locally and nationally in behalf of all our projects, and our Districts are now beginning to respond with renewed enthusiasm.

Under the terms of our agreement with most Welfare Funds, however, sums received from these sources for the domestic projects of the ZOA are ear-marked specifically for such projects.

The true test of any operations is in the results, of course. During the first four months of the current period larger sums have been collected in this department than in the ten months immediately preceding. This is a clear indication of the willingness of our membership to participate in a clearly defined system of ZOA projects, promoted in a manner best calculated to arouse interest and enthusiasm.

It is interesting to note that the figures listed below are credited to every single Region throughout the country. Whereas delays in making the necessary arrangements with each Region have in the past seriously retarded the progress of our campaign, this year diligent work throughout the summer months resulted in the early conclusion of understandings and agreements. We thus obtained an early start and the ZOA projects are benefitting accordingly.

#### Anticipated Revenue

Our Speakers and representatives are now touring the country and discussing our projects before large audiences. Almost daily reports reach us of new pledges or new allocations made in our favor. Should all of these pledges and allocations be realized and the funds remitted to the National office, our anticipated revenue for the year would amount to the following:

Bronx	\$ 25,000	New England	\$ 20,000
Brooklyn	50,000	New Jersey	30,000
Long Island	25,000	North Pacific	30,000
Manhattan	25,000	Ohio Valley	15,000
Westchester	20,000	Philadelphia	20,000
Central States and Northwest	30,000	Rhode Island	10,000
Chicago	20,000	Seaboard	30,000
Connecticut	15,000	Southeast	25,000
Eastern Pa.	25,000	South Pacific	35,000
Empire State	15,000	Southwest	45,000
Michigan	15,000	West New York	10,000
		Misc. mailings	
			Total \$ 535,000

This is for Domestic Projects.



These figures of course do not reflect the full quotas assigned to the regions, but represent the practical amounts that can be anticipated from them if we receive the full support of our leadership in these areas.

The only region omitted is Tri-State from whom we have received no commitment, with the exception of a commitment from the Pittsburgh Zionist District, of which 50% has been paid, and 50% will be remitted.

These facts and figures are based upon negotiations, deliberations and many conferences with the leaders of the regions and districts. These figures do not even represent an ideal set-up, inasmuch as the potential of many of these regions is far greater than what the figures indicate.

Despite our coordination, some organization discipline is still lacking in many parts of the country with the result that much needed funds are siphoned off to other secondary agencies.

It also must be taken into consideration that these figures represent net figures and do not represent that portion of collections which are retained by regions and districts for the implementation of their own program.

This department is making every effort to reduce effectively the cost of the raising of funds, so that a maximum will remain for the implementation of ZOA Projects. In addition to our efforts concerning the raising of funds we are attempting to implement a vast-scale program for the collection of gifts in kind to be sent to our beneficiaries in Israel, namely the Vaad Hartzai Lemaan Hechayol, The Israel Goldstein Youth Village in Katamon, The Educational and Agricultural Institute of Magdiel, and Migdall Gad, the three Youth Villages which the ZOA is sponsoring. Further details on these funds as well as on our ZOA House in Israel appear later in this report.

Region By BROOKLYN  
Region  
Report

The Brooklyn Zionist Region is devoting itself this year exclusively to a campaign on behalf of the Vaad Hartzai Lemaan Hechayol. Each district has accepted sponsorship of a major item of equipment, and will obtain the necessary funds with which to purchase them. Over 20 parlor meetings have been held in the Brooklyn Zionist Region, and money is being received at the National office almost on a daily basis.

The Quota adopted by the Brooklyn Zionist Region is \$110,000. The collections as of today indicate a higher ratio than was received during the course of the unprecedented Food For Israel campaign two years ago.

LONG ISLAND

The Long Island Region is dependent upon the success of its fund-raising campaign for the maintenance of the Region. However, included in the Regional budget and in their campaign plans are many projects of the ZOA, covered by this department. The agreement entered into between National and Long Island will provide a minimum of not less than \$25,000 for the National Organization.



#### MANHATTAN

The Manhattan Region has conducted individual campaigns in each of its districts on behalf of the Projects Fund. At its initial meeting \$14,000 was subscribed and results are being received on a daily basis from our districts in this Region, indicating that the National share of their collections will come to somewhere in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

#### WESTCHESTER

The Westchester Region had divided its drive into two parts. One campaign is devoted specifically to the Vaad Hartzai Lemaan Hechayol. A series of parlor meetings have been conducted and results indicate a collection to date of \$14,000. It can be confidently anticipated that a sum in excess of \$20,000 will be subscribed from that source. In addition, the Westchester Region is conducting a concert on February 28th, which should net for the National Organization an additional \$5,000.

#### CENTRAL STATES

The Central States Region was covered intensively by Rev. Adolf, who visited the Northwest Region. Pledges received by Rev. Adolf from these two areas are in excess of \$30,000, and individual pledges were given by each of the districts. These pledges included specific items of equipment for our Israel projects and represented a program, in addition to cash, for large quantities of gifts in kind. Results are beginning to come in and districts that heretofore never contributed more than \$100 are sending in checks in excess of \$1,000.

#### CHICAGO

The ZOA Projects Fund is a beneficiary of the Chicago Zionist Fund, which conducts an annual Chanukah Festival from which the ZOA receives an allocation. In addition, this year Chicago conducted a supplementary Testimonial Dinner in honor of Mr. Max Bressler. \$20,000 has so far been allocated to the ZOA. A separate campaign for gifts in kind has been implemented. Each District will accept the responsibility to collect or obtain items for the Vaad Hartzai Lemaan Hechayol. Negotiations are also being conducted for Chicago to provide a Needle Trades Training School for one of the three Youth Villages.

#### CONNECTICUT

The ZOA is a beneficiary of most of the Welfare Funds in the State of Connecticut. An extensive campaign has also been launched to secure priority items needed for the Vaad Hartzai Lemaan Hechayol.

#### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The Eastern Pennsylvania Region has embarked upon a special campaign for the Vaad Hartzai Lemaan Hechayol. Large quotas have been set and results look promising. Pottsville, a comparatively small community has already allocated a sum of \$5,000. Tremendous quantities of equipment have also been received from several points in Eastern Pennsylvania including a complete Needle Works unit already consigned to the Vaad Hartzai Lemaan Hechayol. Allocations for the domestic projects of the ZOA are being granted from Welfare Funds.

#### EMPIRE STATE

The Empire State Region, which in the past had an extremely poor record in behalf of the American Zionist Fund, and operated upon a considerable deficit, has accepted a quota of \$110,000 in cash and in kind for the ZOA Projects Fund. Initial indications from the Districts show enthusiasm and support for this new kind of campaign.

#### MICHIGAN

The Michigan Region, in addition to specific cash allocations which it seeks for the ZOA, of which \$10,000 is already guaranteed, has undertaken the responsibility to secure an Automotive Workers' Training School. Upon its conclusion, this drive should result in a \$100,000 unit being consigned to Israel to one of the villages.

#### NEW ENGLAND

The ZOA is a beneficiary of the New England Zionist Chest which assures the ZOA a minimum allocation of \$10,000 to \$15,000. A vast program on behalf of the Vaad Hatzit Lemaan Hechayol has been implemented in New England and encompasses the entirety of the community. The initial results are magnificent. Vast collections are being stored, ready for trans-shipment.

#### NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Region has accepted sponsorship of a Plumbers' Trade School in Israel, in addition to assuming the largest quota ever accepted in its history for a ZOA project. Results are gratifying. Every indication points to the fact that the Jersey City District will in all probability contribute as much as the entire New Jersey Region contributed last year. The Region has also been granted four scholarships from the proceeds of an estate of \$50,000 inherited by the ZOA from a New Jersey source.

#### NORTHERN PACIFIC

This area was intensively covered by Hannah Stein, who encouraged all Districts to undertake specific projects on behalf of the Projects Fund. \$30,000 has been pledged by the Districts.

#### OHIO VALLEY

No satisfactory agreement has been entered into with the Ohio Valley Region. Welfare allocations, however, for 1950-1951 amount to \$15,000.

#### PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia Zionist Organization has just concluded a comprehensive campaign for the ZOA Projects Fund and for its own needs. A cash sum of \$20,000 has been allocated to National. In addition, over \$150,000 worth of material was shipped out of Philadelphia. This material included a Needle Trades factory to Katamon, vast quantities of food, etc.

#### RHODE ISLAND

The Rhode Island Region has allocated from its Welfare Fund \$15,000 for the ZOA Projects Fund.

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN

No arrangements

#### SOUTHEASTERN

The Southeastern Region has adopted a quota of \$150,000 for the ZOA Projects Fund. Advance pledges and contributions come to the sum of \$10,000.

#### SOUTHERN PACIFIC

The Southern Pacific Region has embarked upon a unique campaign for tractors for Israel. Six tractors have already been shipped. Cash proceeds to date amount to \$18,000 with another \$18,000 anticipated and collectable.

#### SOUTHWEST

The Southwest Region has initiated three campaigns: one for Food and Farm equipment, one for the ZOA House and one for domestic projects. Initial results have been gratifying. Large quantities of food have already been collected and shipped. This effort was spearheaded through Houston and New Orleans. Cash anticipations of 3 times as much as last year are expected.

#### TRI-STATE

The Tri-State Region has entered into no agreement with the National Organization. Pittsburgh has allocated \$10,000 to the ZOA fund.

#### YOUNG ADULT ZIONIST DISTRICTS

The Young Adult Zionist Districts have adopted a quota of \$151,000 for the erection of three recreational centers for the Veterans.

#### AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION

The American Zionist Youth Commission has adopted a project on behalf of the Vaad Hatzai Lema'an Hechayol under ZOA sponsorship.

#### MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

The ZOA Projects Fund has concluded arrangements for conducting its Second Annual Salute to Israel at Madison Square Garden on May 9, 1951. It is anticipated that tickets in the value of \$140,000 will be sold. Expenses and production will amount to a considerable sum, but it is confidently anticipated that in addition to a thrilling performance with tremendous public relations effect, a substantial profit in excess of \$50,000 will be made for the Organization.

Relationship  
With Other  
Organizations

In addition to the physical tasks of collecting funds, implementing campaigns, entering into agreements with Regions and the shipment of materials, this Department has acted as liaison with all the agencies with whom the ZOA has had occasions to do business pertaining to our Projects.

A constant liaison is maintained with the World Confederation of General Zionists in order to expedite assistance to the three Youth Villages. Liaison is maintained with them in connection with the allocations made to the ZOA from the General Constructive Fund and the Jewish Agency. The Department is also instrumental in expediting payment of allocations in Israel.

Liaison is maintained with the Israel Supply Mission and our Department acts on behalf of the Supply Mission in the procurement of many vitally-needed priority items. Direct liaison is maintained with the Vaad Hatzvi Lemaan Hechayol at all times.

Their priority needs, once received by us, are transmitted immediately through the facilities of the ZOA to our membership.

Liaison is also maintained with the Mifde Ezrachi, the General Zionist Kupat Cholim and Maccabi. Whenever possible assistance is given to the General Zionist Kibbutzim and there is a direct contact between their office in the United States, their Schlichim, their Kibbutzim and the ZOA.

ZOA HOUSE

The Daniel Frisch House of the Zionist Organization of America in Israel is undoubtedly our most important project. This project represents the first concrete step taken by the Organization in establishing an address in Israel. It will help us create a little American Embassy in Tel Aviv and will commemorate the dream and the vision of our late president, Daniel Frisch.

It is the answer of the ZOA to a pressing need in Israel, and will be the means through which many thousands of American tourists will get a new perspective towards Israel, as well as give the opportunity to many Israelis to learn about Americans. It will provide every service an American tourist will require. It will have reception rooms, libraries, cafeteria, etc. It will be the means through which the cultural bridge between Israel and the United States can become a reality. This great dream is nearing its completion, spurred on by the personal supervision of the Chairman of the ZOA House, Mr. Fred Monosson. It is being expedited because of the constant contact maintained by our chairman with the architects in Israel. His four visits to Israel in this connection were certainly most helpful. Through the mutual cooperation of the committee with the chairman, we are pleased to advise that the house will be finished in late summer or early fall, and will be prepared to receive its first visitors by the fall. All negotiations and contracts consummated by the National Chairman were registered with the Department. The Department now acts as a purchasing agency on behalf of the ZOA House.

Some delay has been caused because of the scarcity of much needed material within Israel. In order to overcome this problem, large quantities of equipment and material obtainable only in the United States, have been ordered and are either en route to Israel or



being processed for shipment. As a precaution, insurance has been placed upon all equipment so that it is fully covered until such time as it is put into the hands of the construction workers.

Stockpiling arrangements have been made in Tel Aviv, and we are constantly working to ship material and expedite such shipments in view of the international situation.

Items ordered in the United States are as follows:

LUMBER (part shipment is to be made from Japan.  
This lumber is not only for construction, but for furniture also.)

GLUE	KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	GLASSWARE
FLATWARE	CHINAWARE	ELEVATORS
AIR CONDITIONING	VENETIAN BLINDS	ASPHALT TILE
CELOTEX	REFRIGERATORS	WASHING MACHINES
PAPER NAPKINS	TOWELS	STAINLESS STEEL
PLUMBING SUPPLIES including	BATHROOMS AND LAVATORIES	WATER COOLERS
LAMPS	ASH TRAYS	GLASS
WHITE CEMENT FROM BELGIUM	WINDOWS	DRAPES, etc.

VAAD HARTZI  
LEMAAN  
HECHAYOL

The Zionist Organization of America is committed to a program to supply the Social, cultural and vocational needs of the Israel Veterans whose welfare is looked after by the Vaad Hartzi Lemaan Hechayol.

In undertaking this project, the ZOA is assuming a solemn obligation to fulfill a crying need of the people of Israel and to provide for the cream of their youth, those who were ready to die for their country. In making these provisions, we are cognizant of the needs of their families. A list of equipment and supplies sent to Israel and acknowledged by Mrs. Lea Fraenkel, director of the Vaad Hartzi Lemaan Hachayol of Tel Aviv, is contained in the following lists. The list also includes items in our shipments to youth villages.

TO THE MISRAD HABITACHON TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>BOAT</u>
Automotive Equipment	Washington, D.C.	S.S. Yaffe
3 Marine Packard engines	Wilkes Barre, Pa.	S.S. Haifa
Drill and air compresses	Wilkes Barre, Pa.	S.S. Akko
Dental X-ray machine )	New York City	S.S. Akko
Diathermy machine )		
Cardiograph machine )		
Picker X-ray )		
100,000 lbs. rice	New Orleans, La.	S.S. Yaffe
1 carload milk powder	New York	S.S. Akko
50,000 lbs. meat	Mexico	S.S. Henrietta Szold

TO THE VAAD HARTZI LEMAN HACHAYOL

60,000 lbs. meat	Galveston, Texas	S.S. Virginia Lykes
1 ice manufacturing plant	New York City	S.S. Henrietta Szold
5,000 pairs of shoes	" " "	S.S. Steel Surveyor
25,000 lbs. sugar candy	" " "	S.S. Henrietta Szold



ITEM	SOURCE	BOAT
1 Fairbanks-Norse electric motor)	New York City	S.S. Henrietta Szold
2 type "H" electric motors )	" " "	" " "
10 washing machines )	" " "	" " "
5 ringers )	" " "	" " "
10,000 hand tools (saws, files, hammers, chisels) )	" " "	" " "
5 domestic sewing machines )	" " "	" " "
5 lens grinding machines )	" " "	" " "
5 knitting machines )	" " "	" " "
125,000 magazines (current issues Readers Digest, Look, etc. )	" " "	" " "
40 automobile tires )	" " "	" " "
1 complete needle trades factory for the manufacture of Israel Army uniforms	Pennsylvania	S.S. Steel Surveyor
7 cases (25,000 units hand tools)	New York State	S.S. Steel Surveyor
5 lens grinding machines	Miscellaneous	S.S. " "
1 pressing machine )		
Agricultural hand tools )		
reamer )		
wrenches )		
electrodes )		
printing machine )		
slicing machine )		
Macks )		
grease pumps )		
Singer sewing machine )		
Switch boxes )		
clutches and pulleys )		
25 medical cabinets and medical supplies )		
Chrysler transmissions )		
5,000 ping pong balls )		
transmitters )		
dental supplies )		
pharmaceuticals and instruments )		
oxygen administrator )		
25,000 magazines )	"	S.S. Steel Surveyor
5 tractors )	Westchester, N.Y. and Los Angeles, Calif.	S.S. Haifa
1 carload skimmed milk )	Philadelphia, Pa.	S.S. Henrietta Szold
1 set Encyclopedia Britannica )	Connecticut	" " "
1 set Encyclopedia Britannica )	Brooklyn, New York	" " "
50 crates automobile transmissions )	Michigan	" " "
1 tractor )	Brooklyn, New York	" " "
10 cases sewing machines )	" " "	" " "
11 carrying cases for above )	" " "	" " "
1 wire recorder )	" " "	S.S. Haifa
1 X-ray field unit )	" " "	S.S. Henrietta Szold
1000 raincoats )	Philadelphia, Pa.	S.S. " "
800 dresses )	" "	" " "
250 uniforms )	" "	" " "
5000 yards textile material )	" "	" " "

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>BOAT</u>
1,000,000 yards thread )	Philadelphia, Pa.	S.S. Henrietta Szold
500 dozen towels )	" "	" " "
3,000 curtains and case )	" "	" " "
spreads )	" "	" " "
graduate chemical vessels )	Richmond, Virginia	" " "
medicines and disinfectants )	Philadelphia, Pa.	" " "
5 washing machines )	" "	" " "
1 tire changer and parts )	" "	" " "
1 adding machine )	" "	" " "
1 dental unit )	" "	" " "
4 lamps and stands )	" "	" " "
dental instruments )	" "	" " "
1 meat slicer )	" "	" " "
1 scale )	" "	" " "
480 cases tunafish and )	" "	" " "
salmon )	" "	" " "
70 cases soap and soap )	" "	" " "
powder )	" "	" " "
10,000 lbs. rice )	" "	" " "
100 cases condensed milk )	" "	" " "

SHIPPED TO YOUTH VILLAGES

1 needle trades school )	Philadelphia, Pa.	" " "
(100 units complete )	" "	" " "
1,000 raincoats )	" "	" " "

SHIPPED TO MACCABI

5,000 lbs. meat	Galveston, Texas	S.S. Virginia Lykes
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Bills of lading are available and on file in the National Office.

BEING STOCKPILED, AWAITING TRANSHIPMENT TO ISRAEL

MISRAD HABITACHON

50,000 lbs. rice	New Orleans, La.
4,000 lbs. soap	" " "
100,000 lbs. miscellaneous foods	" " "

This food has been accumulated and is awaiting arrival of an Israel flagship for transshipment to Tel Aviv.

ITEM

SOURCE

100,000 lbs. rice	Houston, Texas
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This food will be equally split between the Misrad Habitachon and the Vaad Hatzai Leman Hachayol.

ITEM

1,500 doz. pairs of Nylon hose  
500 pocketbooks

Boston, Mass.  
" "

records, wire recorders  
duplicating machines, radios  
photographs (inventory not completed)

" "

123 radios  
600 ladies' sweaters  
carload of mattresses  
250,000 cigarettes

Brooklyn, New York  
Boston, Mass.  
Worcester, Mass.  
Z.O.A. National

Awaiting transshipment on El-Al Airlines (leaving January) and assigned to the Vaad, Misrad Habitachon and to Chen .

2 heavy duty tractors

Texas (In conjunction with Southern Pacific Zionist Region)

1 heavy duty tractor

Montgomery, Alabama (In conjunction with Southern Pacific Zionist Region)

For the account of the Brooklyn Region:

1 medical field unit

1,000 heating stoves

1 Ford Station wagon

for Israel Army Staff



Enroute from Portland, Oregon

Gary, Indiana

Currently being stockpiled throughout the country are the following items:

blankets  
stoves  
food  
mattresses

Inventory not yet taken

As a result of this campaign which was so overwhelmingly supported by our Districts and Regions, a value in excess of \$250,000 has been consigned to Israel. The above mentioned equipment of this value represents a distinct contribution towards the economy of the country. This is but the beginning. The effort must be exceeded and must be the most gigantic ever undertaken and successfully consummated by the ZOA.

YOUTH VILLAGES

A complete Needle Trade factory has already been consigned to the Israel Goldstein Youth Village in Katamon.

An Automotive Training School is being equipped and will be consigned to Migdal Gad from Michigan. A Plumbers' Trade School has been assigned to the New Jersey Region and an additional Needle Trade School for Migdal is being consigned from Chicago.

GENERAL ZIONIST KUPAT CHOLIM

Diathermy machines, X-ray equipment, cardiographs have been consigned and shipped to the General Zionist Kupat Cholim.

GENERAL ZIONIST KIBBUTZIM

A tractor has been consigned to Kibbutz Hasolelim and other equipment including Encyclopedia Britannica.

A new tractor was consigned to Kfar Glicksen and sewing machine units.

The ZOA was also instrumental in helping the General Zionist Kibbutzim in acquiring large quantities of food and equipment.

Every effort is being made to make this a banner year for the ZOA so that a maximum amount of cash is collected and maximum merchandise is consigned.

It is the intention of the ZOA Projects Fund to honor every commitment made by the ZOA, and even to exceed our promises.



**CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION  
OF AMERICA**



*As Amended by the Forty-third  
Annual Zionist Convention held  
in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1940.*



**1940**



# **CONSTITUTION** **of the** **ZIONIST ORGANIZATION** **OF AMERICA**

## **PREAMBLE**

We, Zionists of the United States of America, in order to promote Zionist activities in the United States, and to further the aim and purpose of the Basle Platform, namely, "to establish a publicly recognized and legally secured home for the Jewish people in Palestine," do ordain and establish this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name**

Section 1. The name of this Organization shall be: Zionist Organization of America.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **World Zionist Congress**

Section 1. The Zionist Organization of America shall be affiliated with and shall elect delegates and alternates to the Congress of the World Zionist Organization, pursuant to its statutes, rules and regulations.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Affiliated Organizations**

Section 1. National Jewish Organizations which shall subscribe to the Basle Program may be chartered by the Executive of the Zionist Organization

of America as Affiliated Organizations upon such terms and conditions and with such rights, privileges, powers and obligations as the Executive, with the approval of the Administrative Council, shall prescribe.

## ARTICLE IV

### Membership

Section 1. Every Jew or Jewess, 18 years of age and upwards, residing in the United States of America or in its territorial possessions, who shall subscribe to the Basle Program, and agree to abide by the Constitution and by-laws of the Zionist Organization of America, may become a member of the Zionist Organization of America.

## ARTICLE V

### Dues

Section 1. Membership dues of the Zionist Organization of America shall be \$5.00 per annum, which shall include payment of the Shekel to the World Zionist Organization.

Section 2. The Executive, with the approval of the Administrative Council, may create other classes of membership and fix the dues thereof.

Section 3. All members, irrespective of classification, shall have equal rights and privileges.

Section 4. All life memberships heretofore created shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 5. All Zionist funds shall become the property of the Zionist Organization of America immediately upon collection thereof by any Region, District, Society, person, or other agency acting on behalf of the Organization, and such funds shall either be remitted immediately to the national organization, or be placed at its disposal in accordance with its instructions.

## ARTICLE VI

### Regions

Section 1. The Executive shall have the power to charter any group of Districts and Societies as defined in Article VII herein, located in a given territory, as a Region. Any such group of Districts and Societies may apply to the Executive for such charter, and if the application be denied they may apply for a charter to the Administrative Council which shall then have the power to grant the same.

Section 2. Every District and Society, as defined in Article VII hereof, now in existence or which may hereafter be organized, and located within the territory included in a Region, and all members of the Zionist Organization of America residing within such territory shall be included in the Region and be subject to its jurisdiction.

Section 3. Each Region shall have the fullest measure of responsibility and autonomy in the conduct of Zionist affairs in its territory, subject to the control and supervision of the Executive.

## ARTICLE VII

### Districts and Societies

Section 1. (a) Any group of not less than fifty members of the Zionist Organization of America, in good standing, shall constitute a District upon receiving a Charter from the Executive.

(b) Any group of not less than fifty members engaged in social, religious, educational, economic, professional, fraternal or other similar activities which shall subscribe to the principles and purposes of the Zionist Organization may be chartered as a Society by the Executive, and upon being so chartered, shall be entitled to the rights and privileges and shall be subject to the duties and responsibilities of a District.

Section 2. All persons eligible to membership in the Zionist Organization of America shall be eligible to membership in a District. A society may,

however, fix such qualifications for membership as it may desire, subject to the requirement that each member shall be a member of the Zionist Organization of America in good standing.

Section 3. Districts and Societies heretofore chartered shall not be required to obtain a new charter.

## ARTICLE VII

### Convention

Section 1. The Convention shall be the supreme legislative body of the Zionist Organization of America and, except as hereinafter specifically set forth, shall elect the National Administration hereinafter provided.

Section 2. The Convention shall meet annually at a time and place fixed by the Administrative Council. Written notice thereof shall be given to the Regions, Districts, Societies and Affiliated Organizations at least one month in advance.

Section 3. Each District or Society shall be entitled to one delegate to the Convention for each 50 paid-up members in good standing. The Executive, with the approval of the Administrative Council, may increase the unit of representation from 50 paid-up members to not more than 100 paid-up members. No increase in the unit of representation shall be effective unless approved by the Administrative Council not later than six weeks prior to the opening date of the Convention.

Section 4. Each Region shall be entitled to one delegate for each 1,000 members, and major fraction thereof, in good standing, but in no event less than one delegate.

Section 5. The Executive or the Administrative Council shall have the right to call a special session of the Convention at any time, upon such notice to the Regions, Districts, Societies and affiliated organizations it may deem necessary. Such special session shall be composed of the delegates elected to the Convention immediately preceding such call.

Section 6. Delegates to the Convention shall be elected only by paid-up members of the Zionist Organization of America.

Section 7. No member shall be elected as a delegate to the Convention unless he has been a member of record of a District or Society for at least six months prior to the election, and at the time of election is a paid-up member in good standing of the Zionist Organization of America.

Section 8. The Executive, subject to approval of the Administrative Council, shall establish rules for the election of delegates and their alternates.

Section 9. A quorum shall consist of one-third of the total number of delegates elected.

Section 10. All decisions of the Convention, unless otherwise expressly provided for herein, shall require a majority vote of those present and voting.

Section 11. The Convention shall elect its officers, appoint committees and adopt rules for its procedure.

## ARTICLE IX

### National Administration

Section 1. The Administration of the Zionist Organization of America shall be vested in its Officers, Executive, and the Administrative Council.

### Officers

Section 2. The Officers shall be: A President, not less than three nor more than seven Vice-Presidents, a Chairman of the Administrative Council, a Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 3. All officers, except the Secretary, shall be elected at the Annual Convention. The Secretary shall be elected by the Executive at its first meeting following the Annual Convention. All officers,



including the Secretary, shall hold office for one year and until their successors in office have been elected.

Section 4. (a) During the absence or disability of the President, the duties of the President shall be performed by a Vice-President designated by the President, or, in the absence of such designation, by a Vice-President designated by the Executive.

(b) The Chairman of the Administrative Council shall preside at its meetings.

(c) The officers shall have, in addition to the duties specifically mentioned herein, such duties as usually inhere in their respective offices or as may be prescribed by the Executive with the approval of the Administrative Council.

Section 5. No President may serve consecutively for more than two terms.

Section 6. No officer or member of the Executive shall receive compensation for his services as such officer or member of the Executive, with the exception of the Secretary.

### **The Executive and Administrative Council**

Section 7. The Executive of the Zionist Organization of America shall consist of the elected officers and not less than nine nor more than twenty-five members to be elected by the Convention. They shall hold office for one year and until their successors in office have been elected.

Section 8. The Administrative Council shall consist of the officers, members of the Executive, the Regional Chairmen, and such additional number of members, not exceeding one hundred and twenty, as the Convention shall prescribe, of whom no more than half shall reside in the City of New York.

Section 9. The Administrative Council shall be elected as follows:

(a) 20 at the Convention.

(b) 100 by the regions (having due regard to

representation of districts and societies) on the basis of the numerical strength of each region in the Zionist Organization of America. The members of the Administrative Council shall serve for a period of one year and until their successors shall have been elected. The Council shall hold four regular meetings annually and such special meetings as may be called by the president of the Zionist Organization, by the Executive or upon petition of 25 members of the Administrative Council.

Section 10. Except with respect to the powers expressly vested by this Constitution in the Executive or Administrative Council, the Executive and Administrative Council may exercise concurrently the following powers:

(a) To administer and direct the affairs and activities of the organization; to determine, subject to the authority of the Convention, and of the World Zionist Congress all questions of Zionist policy; to execute all resolutions of the Convention; to promulgate by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the Organization, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

(b) To supervise and direct the activities of Regions, Districts, and Societies; to promulgate rules and regulations for their government; to inspect and audit their books of account and financial records; to approve and revise their constitutions and by-laws.

If at any time a difference shall arise between the Executive and the Administrative Council in the exercise of any power conferred by this section, then and in such event the determination of the Administrative Council shall be paramount and conclusive.

Section 11. The Executive shall report its activities and decisions monthly to the Administrative Council.

Section 12. The Executive shall submit to the Annual Convention a tentative budget in writing

for the next ensuing fiscal year. If approved, the Executive shall not deviate from it in any substantial manner, except with the approval of the Administrative Council given at any regular or special meeting thereof.

Section 13. The Executive shall have the power to engage, discharge and fix the compensation of all administrative officers and employees of the organization.

Section 14. The Executive shall make all arrangements for the election of delegates and alternates to the World Zionist Congress by Shekel-payers, in accordance with the election laws of such Congress.

Section 15. The Executive shall have the power for cause to suspend or revoke the charter of, and dissolve or reorganize, any Region, Society or District, but such action shall be taken only after a hearing and upon written notice to the affected party. The party affected may appeal from such action to the Administrative Council within thirty days after receipt of written notice thereof, and the determination of the Administrative Council shall be final and conclusive. Pending the determination of such appeal by the Administrative Council, the charter of the affected party shall be deemed suspended. The Executive with the approval of the Administrative Council shall formulate rules of procedure under this Section.

Section 16. The Administrative Council shall fill all vacancies in the officers, the Executive and its own membership.

Section 17. A member of the Executive or of the Administrative Council (except non-residents of New York City) who fails to attend three successive meetings without excuse acceptable to the Administrative Council may be removed by it.

Section 18. The Executive and Administrative Council shall have power to adopt rules and regulations for their respective bodies.

## **Court of Honor**

Section 19. There shall be elected at each Convention a Court of Honor consisting of five members to hear and determine all questions submitted to it by the Executive, the Administrative Council or the Convention relating to the honor or discipline of any member or officer of the Zionist Organization of America. The power of the Court and the rules of procedure governing it shall be fixed by the Executive.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Amendments**

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended upon recommendation of the Executive or the Administrative Council, or upon a petition signed by at least two hundred and fifty members in good standing, by a two-third vote of the delegates voting at a regular or special session of the Convention, provided written notice of the proposed amendment is given to each Region, District, Society and Affiliated Organization at least thirty days before such Convention, and the proposed amendment is published in the official publication of the Zionist Organization of America, at least thirty days before such Convention. This Constitution may also be amended by the Convention, without prior notice, by a two-third vote of all the delegates elected to it.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Repeal**

Section 1. The Constitution and by-laws heretofore enacted are hereby repealed.