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Zionist Organization of America, 1953-1954.

JACQUES TORCZYNER

May 25, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just returned from Israel and want to take this opportunity to convey to you the regards of all our friends in and near the Government.

Conditions in general are better than when we were there last - and while some of the members of the General Zionist Party are nervous about their participation in the Government - the Ministers feel confident that they will be successful, if given time.

Mr. Dulles' visit was the occasion for a very large display of police forces in the streets of Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem - and while it has been the cause for much joking - de facto, Stassen showed very great knowledge of the problems, while Dulles preferred to discuss things in generalities.

I visited Kfar-Silver, where some work is being carried on and am enclosing some photographs which I thought might interest you. I also brought back with me a complete budget to submit to our Inner Committee which will alert them to the amount of money that must be raised for this Project.

I spent quite a bit of time at the ZOA House where Alkow has become the Director. By the way, Alkow has joined the General Zionist Party and made a contribution of I.L.50.- to the Party. This is a very valuable project, particularly since Alkow himself removed the photographs of Browdy and Monosson. While there, I greeted a Delegation of Reform Rabbis under the leadership of Eisendrath. They were all impressed and Rabbi Eisendrath told me that he would see to it that eventually some financial help would be given us for the House.

I was advised in Israel that you intend going there this summer. I hope this will materialize so that it will afford you the opportunity to see for yourself how the country is developing; also, that the people of Israel have the same affection and respect for you that we all here, have.

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Silver.

Cordially yours,

JT:BW

Jacques Torczyner

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MURRAY HILL 7-6237

August 31, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

How shall I thank you for coming to my testimonial dinner and the beautiful tribute you delivered there? You know, of course, that you made the evening. Without your presence and your address, it could not have amounted to much; and for me, it would have lost half its significance. As for all you said about me, may Heaven forgive you for your - well - shall we say, exaggerations.

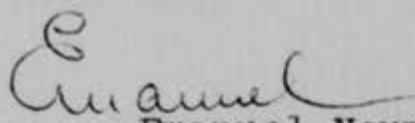
I only regret that because of my little accident I had no opportunity for further talk with you, but I understand that our friends did.

The thing which pleases me most about this Convention is that our circles of friends throughout the country have firmly resolved to continue their group relationship and cohesion, and to plan together for a brighter future for our Movement, a thing which neither they nor I can envisage without your return to a commanding position in its councils.

Again my deepest thanks to you and warmest regards to the family.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,

  
Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

# Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President  
41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

September 2, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

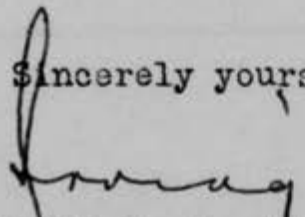
I want to express my sincere thanks to you for the important role you accepted in the 56th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America. Your participation was one of the highlights of our deliberations.

The proceedings had vitality and a sense of dynamics in which you played a major part. The atmosphere was a product of your creation.

I look forward to close collaboration with you in the days ahead to build well for the future of the Zionist Organization of America and for Israel and Jewry.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Rabbi Irving Miller  
President

IM:mdh



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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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September 2, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a word to tell you how delighted I am to note your designation as Past President . May I offer you my heartiest congratulations.

The year ahead will pose many problems to all of us to build well for the future of the Zionist Organization of America, for Israel and American Jewry.

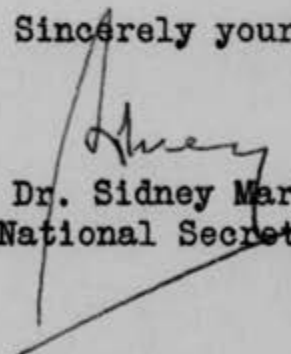
The spirit of the Convention was most gratifying and I am sure that the year ahead will prove to be one of constructive achievement.

If I can be of any help to you whatsoever in the performance of your duty, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

May I express to you and your family these best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
National Secretary

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Personal

September 4, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sure you recall our conversation concerning the invitation extended to you by the Brookline-Brighton-Newton District in Boston, to be the guest speaker at their dinner.

I received today a copy of a letter which the President of the District, Bernard Garber, sent to you on September 2nd.

Needless to say, I again wholeheartedly support their request. As mentioned to you in New York, both from an organizational as well as from an ideological point of view, it is of the utmost importance that we lend support to this District, which is the largest in New England and is a stronghold of General Zionism in that Region.

I would be most grateful if you would accept their invitation.

Dr. Harris Levine mentioned to me that he gave you one or two letters from Elias Epstein to me. I circulate these letters among a few people here. Kindly return the letter(s) to me at your earliest convenience.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Leon Ilutovich  
Assistant Executive Director

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September 4, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba,

Our General Zionist friends in Uruguay have translated the article which I wrote for the American Zionist, on the occasion of your sixtieth birthday, into Yiddish and have published it in pamphlet form. It looks like a good translation and I have suggested to Ilutovich that we ask for a quantity of them for distribution to newspaper editors and other friends throughout the country.

A copy of the pamphlet will be sent to you.

Kind regards.

As ever,

*h n l c y l*

*Emanuel*  
Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

*The foreword is splendid. The translation somewhat imperfect.*

# PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION

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September 8, 1953

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As per our few words in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, I send you herewith a copy of the speech I made at the Z.O.A. Convention; and I beg leave to call particular attention to the first paragraph on Page 3.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Szold

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Excerpts from Speech by Robert Szold at Zionist Organization of America Convention Thursday morning, August 27, 1953.

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Prior to the establishment of the State of Israel, private capital furnished by far the largest part of the funds for the development of the economy of the country. Careful studies presented to the Anglo-American Commission of inquiry showed that over 80% of the funds from abroad represented private capital. The City of Tel Aviv, and the Aliyah from Eastern Europe of the 1930's, stand as examples.

After the establishment of the State, when the project of floating bonds by the State of Israel was discussed, it was commonly understood that the unprecedented immigration had caused unprecedented economic problems; that large sums would be needed from abroad; and that these would be provided by a four point program consisting of (1) U.J.A., (2) Government aid, (3) bonds, and (4) private capital. As a matter of fact, the amount of private capital that has gone into the State is insignificant. This is so in the aggregate amount of dollars. It is also true relatively speaking, that is in comparison with the amounts raised by U.J.A., bonds and U. S. Governmental aid.

The emphasis in the public mind, for the past few years, has been on U.J.A. and on State of Israel Bonds. In the propaganda in this country, the need for private capital has been subordinated. Furthermore, in Israel the climate has not been such as to attract private enterprise, individual initiative, and private capital. Many Americans went to Israel full of enthusiasm, ready to invest; comparatively little resulted. Private capital cannot be commandeered. On the other hand, it can be easily and definitely deterred. The State of Israel issued many pronouncements inviting private capital. They passed a law, said to be designed to encourage private capital. In order to induce private capital, however, words are not sufficient, promises are not enough. Actual conditions,



favorable conditions, must be created and maintained.

Today the need for private capital is greater than ever. The State cannot permanently exist on emergency drives; nor on mounting indebtedness, payment of interest and repayment of principal of which creates additional troubles. In the last few years, the State has managed to expend for imports ten times the hard currency it obtains from exports. Such imbalance between exports and imports cannot permanently endure. The currency must be stabilized. The cases are innumerable where dollars otherwise available have not been transferred to Israel because of the uncertainty of the value of the Israel pound. It is not enough to stop the issuance of currency and to freeze the facilities of credit, while at the same time wages continue to rise and mount, and prices of commodities follow suit.

The one great source of capital that has not yet been given a chance, and that could be available, is American private capital. Experts may have various opinions as to the ability of private capital fully to satisfy all of Israel's economic needs. Doctrinaires may disagree altogether as to the desirability of private capital. All, however, must agree that private capital could do a vastly bigger job. The very influx of private capital and the efficiency of private initiative would tend to create those actual conditions which will themselves provide additional incentive.

The task of the Z.O.A. at the present juncture is to throw its full power and influence toward seeking the solution of the economic difficulties of Israel. Sovereignty is not there, if confined to the political field alone. To be sovereign, the State must be economically independent. Economic independence in Israel has not been achieved. Far, far from it. The Z.O.A. cannot have satisfied its purpose by having participated in obtaining political independence until that

independence is secured by achieving economic independence.

If there were no corporation available, the Z.O.A. should form a corporation for the purpose of enlisting private capital, individual initiative and American know-how. It is not enough for the Z.O.A. to maintain a bureau of information, to promote sale of Israel projects and tourism, however valuable such incidental items may be. Their impact can be small indeed on the main problem of today. That problem is no less than economic survival. The introduction of private capital, the removal of handicaps thereto, can mean the difference between surviving and perishing. The economic fate of Israel is at stake. Such a cause is worthy of the Z.O.A.

To secure the inflow of private capital is not an easy task. By reason of the thousands of miles in distance between America and Israel; by reason of the expenses involved in investigation of local markets and of local labor conditions, by trade experts, by tax experts, by attorneys and by lawyers; by reason of the myriad regulations involving permits and licenses which the investor must face; by reason also of the very sums required today even for the smallest enterprise in Israel, encouragement by the Z.O.A. to its members to make smaller investments in Israel, however, good, cannot do the full job. A corporation of large capital, of experience in the land, which knows its way around, which has the engineering, tax and legal experts, is the really productive way. If such a corporation were not in existence, the Z.O.A. should found it. But such a corporation is in existence - the Palestine Economic Corporation.

PEC is acquainted with the economic and social and political conditions of Israel. It has financial and industrial know-how. It is enterprising but sound. It has pioneered in large enterprises and in small. It sponsored the formation of the Fertilizers and Chemicals Company in Haifa, the Israel General Tire and Rubber Company, the Mazer Paper Mill and many smaller concerns. For the investor, whether by way of cash or by turning in and converting State of

Israel Bonds, there is no more effective way than through the Palestine Economic Corporation.

As I have previously had occasion to say:

"Palestine Economic Corporation is a business corporation whose assets aggregate \$10,000,000. Since 1946, four percent dividends have been paid on the par value of the share. Palestine Economic Corporation offers to the American a ready-made means of participation in the growth of Israel.

"An American who desires to establish an Israel industrial plant finds practical difficulties. The land is over 6,000 miles away. The maze of governmental regulations bewilders. Palestine Economic Corporation furnishes its experience and knowledge of local conditions, of personalities, and of adaptation to regulations. It offers financial partnership to the business man who has a special know-how, and a desire to take a personal part in such soul-satisfying enterprise. It is fair to say that the plant of the General Tire and Rubber Co. would not have been begun without the dollar investment by Palestine Economic Corporation; nor the plastics factory; nor the Joseph Levy Office Building; nor the Mazer Paper Plant. At this juncture in Israeli history, Palestine Economic Corporation stands fortified to furnish the underpinning, and to accelerate the building of the industrial superstructure.

"Palestine Economic Corporation is integrated in the life of Israel.

"Palestine Economic Corporation, which imports money from abroad, is not an exotic exploiter, but a partner. It has been affirmative, aggressive, venturesome, but not predatory. It has a reputation for reliability, for trustworthiness."

It is not enough to pass resolutions every year. The Z.O.A. has resolved,

year after year, that its task is to assist in the gathering of private capital for Israel; that the approved medium for that purpose is Palestine Economic Corporation and no other corporation. But nothing happens. The Z.O.A. has not responded to its great task. The incoming administration should see to it that this is in the forefront for the coming years, and that it has primacy over all other activities; that it should not be diverted. The State of Israel has no greater need. The Z.O.A. has <sup>ever</sup> had greater opportunity.



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September 14, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have exchanged a number of letters with our friends in the General Zionist Federation in Argentina, who are very anxious to have you visit their country. I understand that they wrote to you about it directly and that Mr. Antonio Klein, of Buenos Aires, called you over the phone during his last visit to New York a few months ago.

After several consultations with our leading people in Argentina, the conclusion was reached that the most appropriate time for your visit would be in the Spring (the end of April or May) 1954. At that time they launch the United Israel Appeal in Argentina, and if you accept, our friends are ready to arrange a special invitation for you from the Appeal leadership.

As mentioned in one of my previous letters, Moshe Sharett opened their campaign last Spring. Two years ago Shazar visited Argentina and our friends are now expecting that you would accept their invitation.

Needless to say, your visit to Argentina would not only be the most outstanding event in Jewish life in Latin-America, but would considerably strengthen the position of General Zionism in this part of the world.

I am sure you would be interested to know that our friends in Argentina are continuously gaining strength in the leadership of the General Zionist Federation. All the other South American countries (Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Brazil) are becoming more and more oriented towards the General Zionist Party in Israel.

I will be most grateful to you if you could give me your affirmative reply in principle now, so that I can get in touch with our people in Buenos Aires to arrange for the invitation of the United Appeal and to slowly begin all the necessary preparations.

I don't need to emphasize that Mrs. Silver could accompany you on this trip, if she so desires.

With warmest regards and best wishes for a Happy New Year, I am,

Faithfully yours,

*Leon Lautovich*  
Leon Lautovich, Director

World Zionist Affairs Department

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Z. O. A. Program — Aid to Israel



# BETWEEN OURSELVES

A VETERAN'S LEGION?

By A. B. BENNETT

**D**O YOU remember the hot spell a few weeks ago? You were probably railing at nature and the cosmic order for causing things to be so uncomfortable for you. Well, in the very midst of the equatorial visitation, I went to New York to see the doings at the convention of the Zionist Organization of America, and particularly to grace with my inconspicuous presence the dinner tendered to Emanuel Neumann celebrating the sixtieth year of his tenure in the world of Jewishness.

For the major part of my life, I have kept in close touch with the development of the Zionist theme in Jewish life, the unfoldment of the idea as a thesis of Jewish reality, and the extension and ramification of its instrumentalities in the realm of practical affairs; in Canada—a minor segment; on the world scene; and quite attentively, in the telling area in the land to the south of us. I managed to keep fairly well posted on the problems and activities across the Zionist landscape by closely following the periodical press, studying the serious treatises in the more abiding formats, and by association with the important figures who were guiding the destinies of the various wings of the movement.

Latterly, as a consequence of the emergence of the Israeli state, the Zionist world has found itself floundering in a state of confusion. Notions and activities and orientations that had had basic relevancy to Zionist purpose and program suddenly appeared stripped of meaning and value in the dislocated perspective of Israeli statehood. The urgencies of the new situation have caused doubts to crop up as to the value and life-worthiness of the Zionist organizational structure. Some of the leaders in Israel were already rehearsing the kaddish (in sephardic accents) which they expected soon to declaim at the bier of American Zionism. On all sides, people with long records of Zionist service were searchingly asking themselves: In view of the unprecedented needs and pressures in Israel, and the unique convolutions of interest on the Americo-Jewish communal scene, are the Zionists, and the existing Zionist apparatus, geared to deal with the new situation—are they not outmoded, and a cluttering barrier in the path of the flow of support that could be drawn from the broader sources of unlabelled Jewish sympathy for Israel?

Indeed, the question that disturbed Zionist thought was not alone that of the instrumental value and functional utility of the Zionist setup, but as well, that of the reordering of the entire system of ideological gravity in the universe of Jewish values. Palestine—the historic entity—has occupied a place of centrality in the scheme of Jewish motivation. It was the heart of the fabric of tradition and religio-cultural influences which inspired and nurtured Jewish group loyalty through the ages. Now Pales-

tine has given way to a political entity endowed with the particularistic attributes of physical statehood. Will the new creature, now primarily preoccupied with its politico-economic affairs, be able to supply Jewish life with the thematic sustenance hitherto furnished by atavistic Palestinianism?

**P**ersonally, I have been giving this problem much consideration. The matter of Jewishness on this continent—Judaism stranded in the midst of a host of overpowering distractions—is a concern that affects the nerve of gregariousness in all of us. And I was rather curious to see, at first hand, how our friends, the Zionists in the United States—the most significant crystallization of Jew consciousness in the world today—were reacting to the ideological challenge. And I was particularly keen to be present at the function where the electric impaction of Dr. Silver's personality on the Zionist setting was to take place. Dr. Silver is the most im-

portant figure in American Zionism. He is the sole hope, the last hope, of the mass of Zionists for the redemption of Zionism as a force in the American milieu. Due to the criminal stupidity of Israeli leadership and the tragic ineptness of office seekers and holders in the American Zionist hierarchy, Dr. Silver has been denied his rightful place in the economy of Zionist affairs. But it had been arranged for Dr. Silver to make one appearance at the Zionist convention—to deliver an address of tribute to his close friend and colleague, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, at the banquet tendered in the latter's honour. Silver's deliverance was expected to offer some hint of his plans with regard to the scope of his participation in Zionist matters and was looked forward to with eager interest.

To be frank, I was not too diligent in my attendance at the open sessions, and saw nothing of the so-called "workshops", or special-problem committee meetings. But I was around enough to gauge the temper

and spirit of the gathering and size up its potentialities. The framework within which the organizational discussions and planning were to be contained was clearly outlined, and, within its confines, the deliberations were probably as relevant and illuminating as could be expected. If you assume that the "Zee O. A." is just another organization such as the Scions of Jacob, the Disciples of the Covenant or the Pocket Hole Menders' Union, then you could properly be quite satisfied with the arrangements and accomplishments of the convention. The executive and official personnel had presumably done their job competently. There were addresses and reports with moments of spiraling enthusiasm, as well as of searching and questioning. There were breakfasts and luncheons, and an Oneg Shabat, and cantorial renditions, and an excellent banquet—things that delegates from Oshkosh and River Bend and Jacksonville do not get very often. And there was enough jockeying for minor positions, accompanied by small-time intrigues and hints of politics, to keep the professional convention busybodies preoccupied. And there was the usual rash of resolutions, some new, the majority probably warmed over from previous conventions, to serve as the matured fruitage of the convention's gestatory processes.

**B**ut the convention was essentially a gathering of small men; organizational craftsmen; veterans of the grind; decent fellows; second-rate rabbis. Folks felt that their organization was face to face with a crisis. But they knew that they were impotent. They were trapped. There was no leadership about to stir them, to lift them, to show them the way to a new road to destiny. The only man of any stature among the elite was Emanuel Neumann, and actually, today he is only half American—belonging as much to Israel as to the United States. The president, Rabbi Miller, could manage on occasion to muster enough words, of a certain quality of sonority, to give the impression of eloquence and profundity. Essentially, however, Rabbi Miller is still a bar-mitzva prodigy. His declamations have the hollow ring of immaturity. His accents of leadership are pitched to a terminal Amen.

There is the rather ripe Louis Lipsky. People are pleased to see him wiggle his stogies between his lips with his old abandon, and are grateful for his alternating spells of crustiness and mellowness as evidence of his old time vigor and wisdom. What can he offer for the future? Dr. Israel Goldstein is one of the giants of American Zionism. But his altitudinousness is so obviously achieved by the lift of stilts that his true size can hardly be mistaken by the most casual observers. Now his supports consist of the chairmanship of the National Fund.

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## TORONTO'S ISRAEL BOND DRIVE — AN EDITORIAL —

*THE CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF ACTIVITY WHICH HAS been going on behind the scenes in Toronto's preparation for its share in the purchase of Israel Bonds is now being translated into action on the level of the general Jewish public. Meetings are already being held to organize Toronto Jewry for a major effort in the Bond Drive now opening and soon, it is expected, plans will have been completed to make this current campaign the greatest that has ever taken place in this city.*

*TO EMPHASIZE THE URGENCY OF THE NEED FOR THE proceeds of the Israel Bond Drive would, indeed, be to painting the lily. Those who read, even most casually, the English, Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish press, those who listen, however sporadically, to the discourses of our communal leaders, those who interest themselves, however indifferently, in the welfare of the State of Israel, must surely be aware of the tremendous function the proceeds of the Israel Bonds are serving in that country. Industries are being assisted by Canadian investment in Israel Bonds, which provide employment for thousands of persons. A life-giving stream, no less important to the body politic of Israel than is blood itself to the human body, is being injected into the veins of Israel's economic life. Visitors returning from Israel tell the story of Canada's great contribution to Israel's economy with unbounded enthusiasm which must certainly infect all of those interested in Israel's welfare.*

*BEST OF ALL, CANADIAN PURCHASES OF BONDS ARE A contribution to Israel's well-being which Jews can make on a business-like basis, free of the customary connotation of charity. Israel's bonds are the debentures of a corporation which has never once defaulted on its obligations and are, therefore, an excellent investment from the practical as well as from the emotional point of view.*

*THE CORE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE SALE OF Israel Bonds in Toronto already exists. It will be expected that all of those who have Israel's interests at heart will volunteer their services, and make their own purchases, to the very maximum of their power.*



# From A Rabbi's Watch-tower

"TIME AND TIDE" . . . START OVER AGAIN!"

By RABBI ABRAHAM L. FEINBERG

Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto

TWO summers ago I read an interesting drama by Lord Dunsany; it had a one-word title: *If*. In its first scene an Englishman, John Deane, is rushing to a crucial appointment, on which he has pinned every hope for the future. But he misses the train. Just when he reaches the gates, they close in front of him. He finds himself compelled to give up the appointment—and life goes on. He gets married and settles down to mediocre obscurity. Through the years, the memory of that train he had missed keeps turning and rankling in his mind. Often, when he feels especially bitter about frustration and failure, he mutters to himself: "Just think! If only I had been there one minute earlier, how different my life would have been. If . . ."

One day an oriental merchant

whom he had befriended gives John Deane a magic crystal which enables its owner to re-live one event in his life. "With this crystal the years will be yours to re-live", says the dealer. "In the course of ten hours you will live as in a dream through ten years. But at the end of the ten hours, you will find yourself back where you started."

Of course, Deane takes the crystal, and returns to that gate at the railway station—this time one minute earlier. He slips through, boards the train and keeps the business appointment. Thenceforth his life broadens out into new dimensions, he visits far lands and has strange adventures. Yet, as the dealer warned, the ten years of his dream-life pass, the cycle ends, and he wakes up, after ten hours, in his actual drab and unsatisfying home.

. . . He had gazed into the unknown world behind that "if", he had reversed the flow of time—but at the end he is just where he was before . . .

John Deane yearned for the impossible. No one can roll back the flow of the stream of time. A moment approaches out of eternity, and then is gone—forever.

I remember, during my childhood days, in a little town on the Ohio River, the fun we had when the river rose to flood-stage, nearly every spring. The banks were almost covered by the muddy waters. We boys would stand on a high knoll overlooking the wide, swirling expanse, and try to lasso objects that were floating on the crest. It might be part of a hen-house, or a barn, or even a stick of furniture snatched by the flood up-stream. But we never caught anything with our

rope. The raging river went by so swiftly that no object could be hauled out of it and held. . . . That is the symbol of time. We can't even seize the quick-flowing present. How, then, shall we re-live the past? Life is not a movie-projector which can be stopped at will and turned back to a chosen frame!

In a period of depression we are inclined to idealize the past, and wish fervently for the "good, old days" . . . Many thinkers in this hectic city civilization are fed up with the turmoil and clatter. They have convinced themselves that they would be content, and blessed beyond reckoning, if they could live in the Middle Ages, which had supernatural faith and serenity instead of gas fumes, congestion and noisy radios. But they forget the filth, the cruelty and the plagues. . . .

There are Jews of recent years who glamourize the ghetto. "What a relief it would be", they say, "to live in a segregated world, and build our peculiar and precious kind of life, and never have to concern ourselves about Gentiles! Our forefathers in the ghettos had dignity and status. They lived apart!" But these dreamers of a lost ghetto forget the fear of persecution and the fanaticism which usually ruled it. . . .

## BEHIND THE HEADLINES

THE NEWS OF THE FORTNIGHT PASSES IN REVIEW

By GERSHON B. NEWMAN

A FEW MONTHS AGO CANADA's globe-trotting, ubiquitous radio commentator and home-making expert, Kate Aitken, shocked the readers of the *Globe & Mail*. She revealed that Premier Malan of South

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Africa had told her in an interview that if he had his way he would strip all the Jews in South Africa of their lands and possessions

and drive them from his country.

Though Dr. Malan has no reputation as a liberal in religious and racial matters, the statement did not jibe with his recorded behaviour to Jews. A few months ago he met Ben Gurion and was escorted on a tour through Israel, presumably on friendly terms with his hosts. (On his return home last month, the first Premier of a foreign country to visit the Jewish state, he was guest of honour at a dinner given in Cape-town by South African Zionists. He had words of high praise for Israel and her efforts.)

The report of Mrs. Aitken's interview travelled to South Africa and reached the aged Premier. Indignantly he denied the whole story. Never said such a thing, never met such a woman, he said, dismissing the tale as a pure fabrication invented by an "eccentric."

THREE NEW ROSH HASHONAH—Yom Kippur services were held in Greater Toronto this year, adding to the total of 70 established in the 1952 season. The new services were all in the North York area; the Labour Zionist Farband arranged for

worship in their still uncompleted Folk-School; the New Year was ushered in at Wilson and Bathurst in a new Talmud Torah building, likewise unfinished; half-way between the two, at Baycrest and Bathurst, the *Un-saneh Tokef* and other familiar High Holy Day chants were intoned under canvas, at a newly-formed congregation led by a recent arrival, Dr. Ernst Klein.

RABBI MAURICE EISENDRATH became known to Canadians far and wide as a preacher, thinker, and writer during his stay as minister of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple. About ten years ago he left Toronto to assume the executive headship of the federation of Reform congregations in the U.S. and Canada, a position that has put him in the very centre of American Jewish communal life. Next month Dr. Eisendrath will be back in Toronto, making his first public appearance there since his departure. He will be the guest of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Plenary Session on Thanksgiving Day weekend.

TORONTO'S ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUES and benefit societies will elect their delegates to the Congress Plenary Sessions at a balloting meeting on Sunday evening, September 27th at the new Y.M.H.A. building. Congress is using the occasion later the same evening to throw the meeting open to the general public for what has become known as a "Town Hall" meeting. This is meant to serve as a popular caucus for the community at which the man on the street can

present his thoughts on the agenda and proceedings of the Plenary Sessions.

AND NOW IT IS THE SUKKAH which has succumbed to the historic process of industrialization, American style. Advertisements in the Anglo-Jewish press play up the virtues of the "lifetime, easy-to-as-

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semble, packaged, portable sukkah" — a structure, incidentally, whose makeshift nature was meant to symbolize the transient, impermanent nature of the Jew's dwelling-place. This new, prefabricated product of the assembly-line comes fully-equipped with frame and fittings, walls of "yellow DURAHUE DUCK," electric fixtures, bamboo strips to hold together the flimsy *s'chach*, and a corrugated carton which can also be used to store the whole thing — all for \$90, F.O.B. New York.

THAT THE SEX HABITS OF Jewish women do not differ appreciably from those of other faiths is one of the findings of Dr. Kinsey, student-extraordinary of phenomena erotica. It is true that his study reveals that the observantly Orthodox Jewish woman has a lower rate of sexual infidelity and extra-marital relations than her non-observant Jewish sister. The same, however, holds true for observant Catholic and Protestant women vis-a-vis their less devout co-religionists.

Gabriel Cohen, editor of the

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IN SOME quarters the proposal has been made, seriously, that mankind give up scientific research. It is said: "Close up the laboratories, put a stop to inventions; they have only brought ruin! Look at the atom-bomb! Rather be ignorant, than live in dread!" But these fine souls forget that the mind can't be untaught what it already knows. It is more difficult to *unlearn* than to *learn*. We can't deliberately set our minds back—like a pawn on a chess-board. Can a grown-up man shrink into an infant? However destructive and dangerous the achievements of science have become, they are here to remain! We can't reverse the record!

Strangely enough, Yom Kippur and this entire Holy Season are like the crystal ball John Deane used, to re-live that moment at the railway depot. Think of the resemblances; they are remarkable! He was granted, through the magic ball, a *ten-hour* interlude for dwelling in the past. This period of self-examination gives us *ten days*—from Rosh Hashonah to Yom Kippur, the Ten Days of Penitence—during which it is ordained that Jews make a reckoning of their deeds and misdeeds, and summon before the bar of conscience all that they have done. Do we not then re-live in *imagination* everything that has happened? . . . John Deane leaped back over life *ten years*, to his missing the train. Yom Kippur revives our *entire career*, from the hour we first discerned the conflict between good and evil. . . . John Deane, at the end of his journey back into time, was just the same as he had been before. We—and here is a

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ahead for it for the instatement of the fundamental ideas and ideals which its being represents. In urging the importance of a strong personality such as Silver in the present crisis, I do not fear being chided for believing in the leadership cult in the making of history. Zionism, as a revolutionary movement in Jewish life, owed its birth and continued influence to the incidence of strong personalities at its helm. Herzl, Nordau, Jabotinsky, Weizmann, Stephen Wise, Brandeis, Silver — these men converted a philosophy into a flaming force that wrought miracles. In times of emergency, it takes inspired leadership to mobilize potentialities and substantiate human emotions into an instrument of group action.

Silver undoubtedly laid himself open to a charge of oversimplification when he assigned sole responsibility for the American Zionist debacle to the Israeli government. To be sure, several members of the Israeli government, together with Nahum Goldmann and Rose Halperin, had a great deal to do with the humiliating ouster of Silver from the councils of Zionism. Too, there is no doubt that some of the guiding spirits of the Israeli government interpreted the trends in the Jewish communal scene on this continent to indicate the dispensability of the American Zionist Organization, and were not sorry to lend a hand to hasten its process of dissolution.

THE Israeli government, if the principle of collective cabinet responsibility were to apply to its pattern, cannot escape culpability on both counts. But, granting this fact, it is still true that the American Zionist situation has facets and angles quite independent of the actions — malign or otherwise — of the Israeli government, or individual members thereof.

The trouble with the Zionist Organization of America is paradoxically that the difficulties stem not from its own deficiencies, but from the malaise which afflicts the ideal or ideology which underlies it. Zionism as a code of tenets seeking to pervade Jewish conduct, had set its compass to a polarity of historic influence. The center of polarity has shifted from the historico-cultural Palestine to the Israel that is now being fashioned. The compass oscillates wildly between the two centres of gravity. How is Zionism to chart its course? And, unfortunately, the climate of Jewish communal enterprise favors definitiveness, concreteness, organizational monolithicism, and is intolerant of intellectual or spiritual indecisiveness.

The task before American Zionists is to rehabilitate Zionism as a guide to Jewish living in our given milieu on this continent; to reinterpret its central doctrines in terms of the American Jewish scene; to make it a force to be reckoned with in the deployment of American Jewish resources, intellectual as well as emotional. If Zionism regains its prestige and dignity as a system of Jewish values, and satisfies the craving of Jewish men and women for understanding of the meaning of Jewish existence, then the problem of adequate organizational shaping will fall away.

Who is there in American Zionism able to save the Z.O.A. from complete dissolution?

We Extend Cordial Good Wishes  
for the New Year  
to our Friends and Relatives

**MR. & MRS. A. APPLEBAUM**

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10 Whitmore Ave.  
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Best Wishes for the New Year

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At another moment, he towers on the high base of the presidency of the Z.O.C. Next he is an eminent nabob in the American Jewish Conference. Then there are the presidencies of the Confederation of the General Zionists and of the American Jewish Congress. Always he is perched on a presidential elevation and creates an illusion of bigness. He deigned to appear in one of the oratorical displays. He uttered words with basso robustness.

There were none of the transcendental figures of the Agency on hand to give of their global wisdom to the territorial gathering. Nahum Goldmann? He was probably engaged in some big diplomatic deal, and could not waste time on the trifling business of a mere convention of American Zionists. Besides, in his personal deployment of Jewish destiny, he has long written off American Zionism as a dead issue; and he probably felt that it would not be too comfortable for him to move around among ghosts of his own making. And what about Hadassah? The sisters and wives of the men who draw the water and hew the wood in America Zionism? The problem of American Zionism — the problem of how American Jews shall reorient their modus of living in the light of

the Israeli episode has one type of cogency for the male section of the Jewish households and another type for the female portion. Sex is a determinant in the configuration of Zionist challenges. Hadassah did not take any part in the convention. The feminine genius of American Zionism dare not associate with the masculine genius in the quest of their common goal. The genius of American Hadassah operates within areas of unchallenged power.

**T**HERE was Emanuel Neumann. I have been told that his paper on the present situation in Zionism was the intellectual highlight of the convention. Unfortunately, that address had been delivered before I arrived in New York. Neumann today is the only thinker in American Zionism, the only person associated

September 15, 1953

Mr. Robert Szold  
Palestine Economic Corporation  
400 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the address which you delivered at the Zionist Convention. I read it with a great deal of pleasure, and I agree with you fully on the importance of stimulating the investment of American private capital in Israel. I have stressed that for many years - so far, I am afraid, not very much has been done in that field.

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

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

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27.9.1953

לכבוד  
ד"ר א.ה. סילבר,  
קליבלנד.

ד"ר סילבר היקר,

אני מקוה כי מכתבי זה ימצא אה כב' ובני ביהו בקו  
הבריאות וכי בליהם אה החגים בנעימים.

בשעה המצאתי לכב' אה פרק "שרשים". אני מקוה שכב'  
קיבל אותו וכי האחר במענה, יסודו רק במרדה הרבה של כב' בקשר עם  
ה"מים הנוראים".

ארשה לי להשתמש בהזדמנות זו לבקש אה כב' כי יואיל  
לעבור על הפרק הנדון ולהחזירו לי בצירוף חוות דעה, יחד עם כל מיני  
הערות והוספות שכב' ימצא לנכון לחתן, ע"מ שאוכל לסיים אה הפרק בכי  
טוב.

אגב, בדעתי לשלח לכב' בעהיד, הלא רחוק חומר נוסף  
מהוך הספר, ע"מ שכב' יעיין בו ויהן אה הערותיו גם שם.

בעטיפה מיוחדת הנני מהכבד להמציא לכב' אה עהון  
ה"אונזער היינעם" של ערב יום כפור, אשר בו מופיע כאמרי, בשם: "דער  
משיח בענקטאפט אין דער יידישער געשיכטע". וכן אה עהון "דער אידישער  
זשורנאל", ובו מאמרי על כב'.

בקשר עם כך אודה לכב' אם יואיל לחתן חוות דעתו על  
עבודותי אלה. אגב, חושבני כי שני עהונים אלה הנם סנוניות ראשונות  
בלבד, מהוך מקהלת העהונים אשר הנני מקוה כי נקבל מכל קצווי חבל, בקשר  
עם הנושא הנדון.

בד"ש ממספחתי לכב' ולמשפחתו,  
בכל הכבוד והאנחה  
ובברכה מועדים לשמחה

נ.ב.  
הוך כדי כתיבת מכתבי זה  
הגיעני עהון "קענעדער אדלער",  
ובו מאמרי על כב' והנני מהכבד  
לצרפו בעטיפה המיוחדת.



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September 30, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

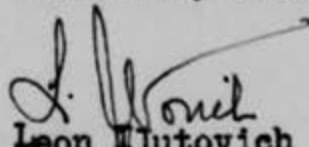
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you, for your information, the full text of the statement published by the Progressives in Israel in reply to your remarks about them contained in your address at the dinner in honor of Dr. Neumann on August 29th.

It is significant to note that the Israeli daily press did not give publicity to this statement and even the impartial "Haaretz" mentioned only one or two lines. It seems to me that this poor publicity should be attributed to the viciousness of some of the remarks in the statement which are so characteristic of Mr. Kol and some of his friends in the Haoved Hazoni, who actually control the Progressive Party in Israel. The tone of the Progressive statement proves that your remarks hit them very hard and this is apparently why they are so sore about it.

With warmest personal regards and best wishes for a very happy New Year, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

  
Leon Blutovich

Assistant Executive Director

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Dr. A. H. Silver

Statement of the Progressive Party in Israel in Reply to the  
Statement made by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver during his address delivered at the Dinner  
in honor of Dr. Emanuel Neumann at the ZOA Convention in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel,  
New York, on Saturday, August 29, 1953

Dr. Silver came to the ZOA Convention to speak in honor of his friend Dr. Neumann. This gave him an excellent opportunity to make a serious "cheshbon hanefesh". Dr. Silver was the Zionist leader who, during the last presidential elections in the United States, undermined the old tradition of Zionist leadership. Zionism has friends in both big political parties in the United States and this is why Zionist leaders refrained from identifying Zionism with any of the two parties. Dr. Silver took a very serious step. He published open statements in favor of the Republicans. Now several months have passed with the Republican administration in power in the United States. The American Middle East policy has not crystallized itself as yet. We frequently hear that there is no cause for alarm on the part of the State of Israel. In his last address Dr. Silver also repeated this statement. However, we can point to facts which prompt us to be alarmed and afraid. Here are a few of them: Mr. Foster Dulles returned from his trip to Israel and the Middle East and spoke on the radio. His speech contained several unpleasant and unjustified remarks on our account. Mr. Dulles gave an interview in Beirut which was published. He was requested to publish a denial, but a clear denial was never made by him.

Mr. Stassen spoke several months ago at the U.J.A. Convention. He didn't mention Israel by one word and didn't utter the usual friendly words. Israel's request for a consolidation loan was rejected and the publicity which was given to it showed that this was done in a way that the Arabs should learn about it. America is about to supply arms to the Arab states. A statement against the transfer of the Israel Foreign Office to Jerusalem was published and the American Embassy is not being moved to the Capital. On the contrary - other states are being urged not to transfer their diplomatic missions and to increase the pressure upon Israel.

President Eisenhower sent greetings to the ZOA Convention and for the first time an American President does not mention the American-Israel Friendship in such a message. Should not these facts give cause for alarm to Dr. Silver? Only a few months ago Dr. Miller told us here that the American policy towards Israel has not been changed and now, in opening the ZOA Convention he expressed bitter protests against his government. Dr. Silver is close to the government in Washington. He is a courageous leader. What happened to Dr. Silver at the ZOA Convention? Why didn't he raise his voice against his government? Why didn't he, who called to vote for Eisenhower, ask what all these facts mean? Why was Israel missing in the message of the American President? These are matters which today interest every Jew and every Zionist in the United States and every citizen in Israel! Perhaps we would have received a satisfactory answer as a result of Dr. Silver's question?

Instead of concentrating himself on these questions, Dr. Silver raised a smoke-screen in his address on internal party questions about which nobody asks for his advice and where his advice is absolutely irrelevant. Dr. Silver cannot issue verdicts on the question of the existence of the Progressive Party in Israel. A year ago he announced, at a convention, that this party doesn't exist any more... and here, suddenly, it disturbs his peace of mind. After Dr. Silver tried to identify Zionism in America with the Republicans and General Zionists in the United States with the party of the right wing of the General Zionists in Israel, he apparently is very disturbed by the tendencies of his pupil, Dr. Miller, aimed at making peace with those who follow the Progressives within the Zionist Organization of America.



Dr. Silver didn't learn anything. Two years ago he said that the identification of the ZOA with the General Zionists in Israel will raise its prestige and will strengthen its influence. This resolution was adopted, but since then the ZOA began to deal with narrow party matters: the differences of opinion in its ranks grew and its influence and its membership dropped drastically. Now, when Dr. Miller wants to improve the situation a little and to establish peace in the ranks in order to concentrate on the political front, Dr. Silver found it necessary to disturb this peace atmosphere and to again attack the Progressives in Israel. This time, however, Dr. Silver doesn't speak about unification of the Progressives with the General Zionists, but about unity of all non- or anti-Socialist forces in Israel. This is a call to a rightist concentration which will become an important ally of the Republicans in America; now the intention is clear.

Dr. Silver raised a smoke-screen with his speech. He did not speak about the relations between the United States and Israel. He does not see the facts which we asked and emphasized. He deal with his "beloved" subjects: the existence of the Progressives, whose growing strength begins to worry him. . .

No, there is no prospect that Dr. Silver's advice will be accepted. The Progressive Party has a great mission in Israel and in the Zionist world. We would like to suggest to Dr. Silver now, on the eve of the holidays, that he should call for a "cheshbon hanefesh" not only the members of his congregation in Cleveland, but that he should look into his own speeches. This is proper for a rabbi, although a reformed rabbi, and to a courageous man ~~xx~~ and to a leader these days!

Moshe Kol



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### ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE YEAR 5714

we think it fitting to summarize in a few words the main events of the year now drawing to its close.

The Movement can look back with satisfaction on a year which saw in the Diaspora the consolidation of the Zionist organizations and in Israel the enactment of a law granting special status to the World Zionist Organisation.

Thanks largely to the Party's efforts, a national Coalition was formed, thus finally giving the country a Government on a broad basis, comprising all factions of General Zionism. Incessant endeavours on our part resulted in the adoption of the Bill on Unified State Education, one of the cardinal exigencies of our national survival, complementing such milestones in Israel's history as the proclamation of the State and the Law of the Return.

Throughout the year 5713, the General Zionist Progressive Party continued to enlarge its ranks; not only were its achievements in the spheres of agricultural settlement and industry most impressive, but on the organizational front, too, significant progress could be recorded, as was demonstrated in every election. The final note of a year of success and expansion will be struck with the realization of a long-cherished dream - the publication of the first issue of "Zmanim", which will carry the Party's message over the globe.

It is to be regretted that the last days of this year should have been marred by the unprovoked attack on our Party by a Zionist of reputation and merits. Our answer has been given, and this is not the place to expound this matter. Suffice it to say here that we can hardly believe these utterances to have been Dr. Silver's considered opinion, particularly as he was full of praise for the Coalition whose establishment was largely due to the undaunted efforts of our Party and in which our influence by far exceeds our numerical strength, as must be known to Dr. Silver. It is to be hoped that this was merely a regrettable incident, and that full harmony will once more reign in the World Confederation of General Zionists so that it will not lag in the fulfilment of the historic rôle it is destined to play and which our Party stands committed to assume.

To all our friends, wherever they be, we extend our heartiest greetings and our best wishes for a Happy New Year.

With Zion's greetings,

WORLD ZIONIST RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
GENERAL ZIONIST PROGRESSIVE PARTY

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October 5, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is by way of a strictly personal communication to you.

I understand that Mr. Izhar Harari, Progressive member of the Knesset, will be among the speakers at the National UJA Conference in Cleveland on October 10th and 11th. No doubt you will meet him at the conference.

I never met Mr. Harari personally, but I have known for a long time that he belongs to the extreme left wing of the Progressive Party. Serlin told me already last year in New York that Harari frankly admitted to him that in case the Progressives will merge with the General Zionists, he, personally, would then join Mapai. I think this illustration is sufficient to make clear where he stands.

I am writing this note to you since I feel that you should be informed in advance, just in case you meet the man in Cleveland.

With warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Leon Ilutovich  
Assistant Executive Director

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October 5, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am happy to report that Isreeli's condition is greatly improved. I understand that a blood clot has been removed and that he is definitely on the mend.

His address, which I finally received only this morning, is:

Long Island College Hospital  
Pacific and Henry Streets  
Brooklyn, New York

With best wishes and warmest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/mb



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Max Bressler

October 13, 1953

FROM: Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash

It has come to my attention that you have made statements maligning my work and services in the ZOA and I am therefore constrained to remind you, in case you do not already know, that:

In my early youth in London I had the great distinction of working under Max Nordau, Dr. Weizmann, Nahum Sokolow and Vladimir Jabotinsky.

For the past twenty-eight years I have given my youth, my energy and my brain in loyal service to the ZOA. I have served under fourteen presidents and at one time or another I have headed every department - including the office of secretary.

No one, but no one, can and will erase this record.

CC: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Mr. Louis Lipsky  
Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
Dr. Israel Goldstein  
Judge Louis E. Levinthal  
Rabbi Irving Miller

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October 15, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You asked me where you can reach  
Dr. Granados and Dr. Fabregat. Their  
addresses are:

✓ Dr. Jorge Garcia-Granados  
Chalet Alcala  
Calle Real  
Delavilla, Guatemala City  
Guatemala

Dr. Enrique Rodriguez Fabregat  
Brittany Hotel  
55 East 10th Street  
New York, N. Y.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/mb

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To: ZOA DISTRICT AND REGIONAL LEADERS

October 20, 1953

From: THE COMMISSION ON ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST  
Rabbi Leon Feuer, Chairman Harold P. Manson, Director

Subject: THE NEW EMERGENCY

The tragic incidents in the border areas between Israel and the Arab states have produced deep sorrow and concern in our midst. Innocent people have died on both sides and there is every indication that such tragedies may be repeated - unless the fundamental problem which has brought them about is eradicated once and for all. That problem is the absence of peace between Israel and the Arab states; and it grows out of the failure of the major Powers, especially the United States, to induce the Arabs to make a final settlement with Israel. Our State Department would be playing a more constructive role if it were to concentrate on this basic question rather than to single out Israel for rebuke. If our government wishes a solution, it must go to the root of the problem!

Moreover it is unfair to call attention only to the loss of Arab lives at Kibya without at the same time referring to the many murders of innocent Israelis which preceded - and provoked - this incident. Even the commander of Jordan's Arab Legion, Brigadier John Bagot Glubb, acknowledged that Israel had been provoked by infiltrations from the Jordan side (Associated Press dispatch datelined Jerusalem, October 18). Should the U.S. Department of State do less? The government of Israel has published a list of the border violations by Jordan since 1950. 421 Israelis were killed during this period as a result of 866 border raids by Jordanians. During 1952 alone, armistice violations resulted in 135 Israel casualties, including 60 killed. From January to June, 1953 there were 97 Israel casualties, including 26 killed. These figures provide only a small indication of the tensions that have been created among the Israel population, which is at the same time undergoing unprecedented economic hardship.

It is clear that our State Department's actions do not reflect a deep awareness of these facts or a readiness to grapple with the fundamental issue of convincing the Arabs to make peace with Israel. It is therefore our immediate task to carry on a nationwide program of education on this question. To that end, the American Zionist Council has issued a statement on behalf of the entire Zionist Movement in this country which all Zionist organizations are requested to publicize. The Council's statement reads:

"The American Zionist Council, speaking in the name of hundreds of thousands of American citizens, deeply concerned with the well-being not only of Israel but of all the peoples of the Near East, deplores outbreaks of violence on the borders between Israel and the Arab states.

"We must, however, make it clear that these acts of violence, which have resulted in the loss of many hundreds of innocent lives on both sides, spring from the deliberate policy of the Arab states in maintaining a state of war against Israel five years after their initial aggression and in violation of armistice agreements.

"In these circumstances, we must express our alarm that the Department of State has hastened to single out one side for rebuke on the eve of the Security Council's consideration of the whole problem of Near East tension. In our view, the Department of State has acted with obvious bias, in disregard of the traditional friendship between America and Israel, and contrary to the best interests of the United States. In particular, we regard the Department of State's decision to withhold economic aid from Israel as an unwarranted act of duress.

"This situation underlines the urgent need for peace in the Near East which Israel has sought again and again. We call upon our government, in concert with other powers, to use its influence with the states of the Near East to convert the armistice agreements into treaties of lasting peace."

We urge you to carry out the following action in cooperation with the local committees of the American Zionist Council:

1. Call a special meeting of your Districts in order to acquaint them with the facts as outlined in this memorandum.
2. Bring about the publication of the Council's statement in your local newspapers.
3. See to it that the information contained in this memorandum is made available to molders of public opinion in your community - editors, radio commentators, etc.
4. Request a selected group of community leaders, both Jewish and non-Jewish, to send wires and letters to Secretary of State Dulles along the lines of the American Zionist Council's statement, but in their own words.

Please keep us posted on the results of your activities.

A great task is before us. We know that we can count on you.

Regards.

HPM/mb



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TELEPHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

October 21, 1953

My dear Abba:-

I read in the paper that Morgenthau is withdrawing from the Bond campaign.

This may be the beginning of the "fairweather" Zionists and the newly acquired "Friends" of Israel running away like rats from what they think is a sinking ship. Again, your warnings that relying on these newly acquired converts is *חלילה לנו* is proving to be true.

Or, maybe Morgenthau is resigning because Histadrut can not forgive him for saying what he did say at the Bond conference against Histadrut's going into private enterprise! They did it to you when you

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had the courage of your convictions.

The political situation is terrible, almost hopeless. No doubt the "statesmen" in Israel must have aroused Dylkes' and Gen. Van Benneke's ire, by ~~treating~~ thinking they can treat them as the Histadrut treats anyone who refuses to obey orders. Did Ben-Gurion think that he can do with them as he did with you and get away with it?

I believe a great deal of Israel's trouble has to do with Ben Gurion's irresponsible statement when Russia agreed to resume diplomatic relations. He has estranged the U. S. Government thereby, and - Vishinski votes with the Arabs.

The goodwill of the American people that it took you years to cultivate is being dissipated

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by the present coterie of  
"great" statesmen. For

How is Virginia? And  
Daniel and Raphael? When is  
Daniel expected home?

Anna joins me in  
best wishes to you and Virginia.

As ever yours  
Sol.



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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET • NEW YORK 17, N. Y. • Murray Hill 2-3205

October 22, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Perhaps you have heard by now that our friend, George Flesch of Tel Aviv, will arrive in Cleveland on Sunday, October 25th to speak at a certain Bond Drive function.

I believe you know Mr. Flesch personally. He is a General Zionist member of the Knesset, Chairman of the General Zionist Party's Foreign Affairs Committee and an outstanding leader of the Maccabi movement.

He might have written to you personally already, but since I am not sure about it and there was no way of reaching Flesch during the past two days due to his absence from town, I therefore am writing to you personally.

I am sure Flesch would like to meet you in Cleveland and he will contact you upon his arrival.

With warmest regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Leon I. Gutovich  
Assistant Executive Director

LI/mf

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October 29, 1953

My dear Abba:-

I received a release from the J. O. A. about the Kfar Silver Agricultural School, setting forth the cost of various projects in the School that may be underwritten by Districts or Regions.

I know how keenly you feel about Kfar Silver. I wish you would let me know when you expect to be in New York so that I could discuss the entire matter with you and make sure that ~~it~~ this does not become a fiasco as did the many other projects undertaken previously by J. O. A.

Congratulation on your most successful conference with Eisenhower and Dulles. We know beforehand how Ben. Gurion, Golda and the others will evince their "gratitude".

Anna joins me in best wishes to you, Virginia and the boys. As ever yours, Sol.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is my pleasure to convey to you the following resolution which was passed at the Sixth Annual Convention of the Eastern Pennsylvania Zionist Region which met at Hazleton, Pa., on October 17 and 18, 1953.

"The Eastern Pennsylvania Zionist Region at its 6th Annual Convention urges Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver to accept a role of active leadership on the American Zionist scene. We consider his active leadership of vital importance in these critical days."

Respectfully yours,

*Harvey Trachtenberg*  
Harvey Trachtenberg  
Executive Director

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*Ohio Valley Zionist Region*

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From the Office of:  
J. ABE LIFF, President

November 3, 1953

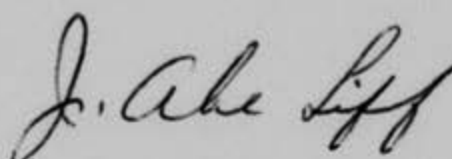
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Congregation Tifereth Israel  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sure that you will be happy to know that the Executive Committee of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region meeting in Executive session in Dayton, Ohio on Sunday November 1, resolved that you "be drafted into active leadership in the Zionist Movement". Especially was it the feeling of the group that you seek leadership in that position where historically you did such Yeoman service for the cause of Zion. We referred specifically to the head of the American Zionist Council.

In this period of crisis, we look to you for your spirited leadership that we may continue our dedicated endeavors.

Sincerely yours,



J. Abe Liff

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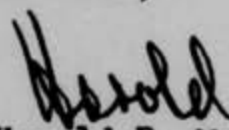
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Michael Egnal has sent us a memorandum on the meeting of the National Council of the American Friends of the Middle East which was held recently in Philadelphia. I am sure that you are interested in knowing the current line of the AFME and am therefore sending you a copy of the report.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

  
Harold P. Manson

HPM/mb

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November 12, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am transmitting the attached request  
from the ZOA Membership Department and shall  
be guided by your wishes in the matter.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/mb



## Memorandum

To: Harold Manson

November 12, 1953

From: Herschel Auerbach

Subject:

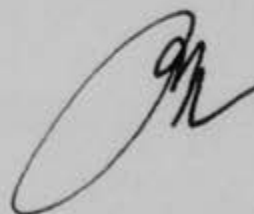
Reference is made to our conversation concerning the necessity of keeping our people aroused as to the current political crisis with respect to Israel. Because of the renewal of aid to Israel, most of our local leaders are no longer fully cognizant of the seriousness of continued organizational work and activity.

May I urge that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver be approached for a letter to go out in his name to each of the 4000 officers on the local, regional and national level of the ZOA. This letter should be a personalized fill-in type of communication which we will mail out. It should cover an expression of gratitude to the ZOA leadership throughout the country for its wonderful response to the crisis with reference to aid. It should then continue by pointing out the grave danger in which Israel still finds itself; the fact that Arab forces and their friends are determined to stop Israel's development; the objectives of the Arab attack namely strangling Israel economically, reducing her territory and eventually wiping her off the map of the world.

The letter should end with a call for organization and mobilization of every possible source of support for our cause with particular reference to the mobilization of our own districts.

As you know, the preparation and mailing of such a letter will take several days and I urge you, therefore, most strongly that you do everything possible to secure an approved copy for such a letter from Dr. Silver.

Warmest regards.



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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ZOA DISTRICT AND REGIONAL LEADERS

November 17, 1953

FROM: THE COMMISSION ON ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST  
Rabbi Leon Feuer, Chairman Harold P. Manson, Director

SUBJECT: TELEGRAMS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT

The following telegram was sent today to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles by Rabbi Irving Miller, President of the Zionist Organization of America:

WE ARE SHOCKED BY PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT OUR DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS WILL JOIN IN THE INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ONLY ISRAEL FOR BORDER VIOLATIONS AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION WILL OMIT STRONG REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR DIRECT ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE TALKS. WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT OUR DELEGATION PROPOSES TO PLAY SUCH A NEGATIVE ROLE IN THE CURRENT MIDDLE EASTERN SITUATION. TO SINGLE OUT ONLY ISRAEL FOR REBUKE, WITHOUT REFERRING TO THE MANY ARAB ATTACKS WHICH PRECEDED AND PROVOKED THE TRAGIC KIBYA INCIDENT, WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE THE ARAB STATES TO CREATE NEW TENSIONS AND WAR THREATS. MOREOVER, FAILURE TO CALL UPON BOTH SIDES TO ENTER INTO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IMMEDIATELY WOULD REPRESENT AN UNWARRANTED RETREAT FROM OUR PREVIOUS POSITION. WE URGE YOU TO AVERT AN ACTION WHICH WOULD HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE PEACE OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOR THE MORAL INFLUENCE AND PRESTIGE OF OUR COUNTRY.

Please make every effort to have similar communications sent to the Secretary of State immediately.

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AT A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY  
ZIONIST REGION HELD IN NEWARK TONIGHT, IT WAS  
 UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT YOU BE CALLED BACK TO ACTIVE  
 LEADERSHIP OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT IN AMERICA.  
 WE STAND ABLE AND WILLING TO CARRY OUT YOUR ORDERS SO  
 THAT WE CAN MOBILIZE AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION FAVORABLE  
 TO ISRAEL. IN PARTICULAR, WE REQUIRE YOUR OUTSTANDING  
 ABILITY, YOUR WIDE EXPERIENCE, YOUR VIGOR AND YOUR

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# ORGANISATION SIONISTE DE FRANCE

SIONISTES GÉNÉRAUX

COMITÉ CENTRAL

47, RUE DE CHABROL

PARIS - X<sup>e</sup>

Tél.: PROvence 97-34

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Paris, le 20 Novembre 1953

Dr. Aba Hilel SILVER  
East 105 Str. at Ansel Road  
CLEVELAND  
OHIO.

Cher Dr. Silver,

En vous envoyant la résolution prise par notre Conférence Nationale, tenue à Paris les 24 et 25 Octobre dernier, et exprimant le désir de tous les Sionistes Généraux de France de vous voir revenir à la tête du Mouvement Sioniste, j'ai le plaisir de vous exprimer, au nom de tous les Haverim de l'O.S.F., nos sentiments de sympathie.

Nous tous, qui éprouvons une amitié très profonde envers vous, amitié scellée par une communauté d'idées, serions heureux de vous voir reprendre votre activité dans nos rangs sionistes. Nous sommes convaincus que votre retour à la direction du Mouvement Sioniste lui donnera l'essor et le renouveau dont il a tant besoin.

Recevez, cher Dr. Silver, en mon nom personnel ainsi qu'au nom de tous les Haverim du Comité Central, l'expression de notre entier dévouement et un très cordial chalom,

Le Secrétaire Général,  
J. WEINBERG.

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## RESOLUTION.

" La Conférence Nationale envoie au Dr. Aba Hilel Silver ses salutations chaleureuses.

La Conférence exprime sa conviction, qu'à la lumière des derniers événements dans Israël et autour d'elle, et qui exigent la plus intense mobilisation des forces juives autour de l'Etat d'Israël, il sera donné au Dr. Silver la possibilité de redevenir actif à la tête du Mouvement Sioniste. "



# Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President  
41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

November 25, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

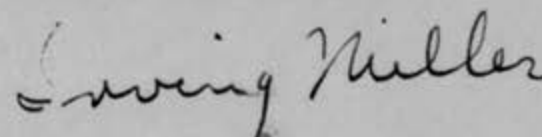
My dear Dr. Silver:

I have just gotten around to looking over some of the many messages I received while at the hospital and I am, of course, very grateful to you for your good wishes.

Harold has kept me informed of the burdensome period you have gone through in recent weeks in connection with the situation in Israel. I trust that we may have an opportunity soon to get together for a full discussion of the situation.

Please convey my warmest regards to Virginia.

Sincerely yours,



Irving Miller

IM:d

November 27, 1953

Mr. Emanuel Neumann  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

My dear Emanuel:

I have been receiving from Israel copies of the Yediot Achronot containing Rosenblum's interview with Ben-Gurion. If you have not seen it, I'm enclosing the full interview. Evidently it has stirred up quite a number of people in Israel. I am wondering whether the opportunity should not be taken to publish a full reply in this same paper, telling the facts which Ben-Gurion has so shamelessly and persistently distorted to exculpate himself. I do not feel that I should do that personally. Let me have your thought in the matter.

There is another matter to which my attention has been drawn. There will be an important meeting of American Jewish leaders to be held in New York on December 11-13 under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal; the purpose of it will be to get men to underwrite a five-year 75 million dollar loan to the government of Israel to enable it to consolidate its short-term loans, etc. Some of those who will be asked to sign to guarantee the loan will want to know that the loan will be paid back and that the economic policies of the government will be such as to contribute to economic stability in the country to the encouragement of private capital, etc. This would be an excellent opportunity for some forceful voicing of the best thought of American Jewish leaders on the subject of the political economy of the country. Some definite concrete suggestions may very properly be made by men who are asked to underwrite loans.

It is my thought that perhaps you or Dr. Bernstein may formulate such concrete suggestions and that some leaders at the conference may propose them. Please give it your thought. With warmest regards, I remain

As ever yours,

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON WORLD ZIONIST AFFAIRS  
at its meeting on Sunday, November 29, 1953  
and approved by the  
ZOA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
at its meeting the same day

1. The NEC reaffirms the position taken by the ZOA at its 56th Annual National Convention regarding the next Zionist Congress and calls for its convocation as scheduled in the course of 1954.

The NEC directs its representatives on the Zionist Actions Committee and on the Jewish Agency Executive to vote for the implementation of this resolution.

2. The NEC directs its members on the Zionist Actions Committee and on the Jewish Agency Executive to request that the next regular session of the Actions Committee be held in the United States; if this should be impossible this meeting should be held in one of the countries of Europe.

3. a) The NEC reaffirms the position taken by the ZOA against the continuation of the "double shekel" in Israel. It rejects all compromise proposals which are inconsistent with the basic democratic principles of the movement.  
b) The NEC takes the position that the best interests of the Zionist movement and its democratic traditions will be served if elections to Zionist Congresses are regularly held.

The NEC, therefore, resolves that its representatives on the Shekel and Elections Board in the United States be directed to vote for holding of elections to the 24th Zionist Congress in this country.

- c) In order to give the largest representation possible to the Jewish people at the next Zionist Congress, be it resolved that the voting franchise be granted to all holders and buyers of the shekel of the year in which the Congress will be held.
4. The NEC reaffirms the resolution on non-Zionist participation in work on behalf of Israel adopted by the ZOA 56th National Convention, and which reads as follows:

"The convention takes note that the Executive of the Jewish Agency has before it several proposals looking toward its enlargement, in order that non-Zionist groups and individuals who are concerned with Israel's welfare shall be drawn into work on behalf of Israel and given greater responsibilities.

"The convention is mindful that as a result of the establishment of the State of Israel, large segments of the Jewish population which are unaffiliated with the Zionist movement have manifested their deep concern for Israel's welfare and their readiness to contribute significantly to its upbuilding. However, the convention regards any scheme to revive the 1929 composition of the Jewish Agency Executive as inadvisable and impractical.

"The convention recommends to the Executive of the Jewish Agency that, in furtherance of its aim to draw these pro-Israel elements into its work, it should explore plans to that end apart from the enlargement of the Jewish Agency, through the appointment of a special committee consisting of representatives of all Zionist parties, which should be directed to submit its recommendations to the next World Zionist Congress".

NOTE: Section C of Resolution 3 was not approved by the National Executive as binding upon the ZOA representatives on the Jewish Agency Executive and on the Actions Committee. It was decided to leave the implementation of this resolution to the discretion of our representatives on the Jewish Agency and Actions Committee.



EMANUEL NEUMANN  
521 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.  
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December 1, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

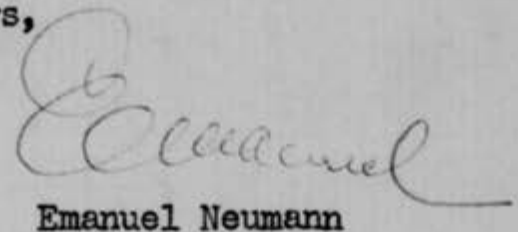
I have your letter of the 27th together with a copy of the "Yediot Achronot" containing B-G's interview. I am inclined to agree with you that a reply should be published in the same paper and am consulting with Harold Manson and others about the matter. It will undoubtedly be helpful if you could send Harold or me a memo of your own, containing some relevant facts because there may be some points that we here may overlook.

Regarding the meeting of December 11, I think your idea is a good one, but to implement it would require considerable painstaking preparation. It is a delicate matter. Individuals have to be selected and carefully briefed, etc., and I doubt whether I, personally, can undertake to organize and prepare the discussion. But I will be giving the matter thought and perhaps find the right person to undertake it, with some help on my part.

Could we meet early Saturday evening, before the first session of the Conference - say at 5:30 or 6:00 P.M.? This may be the only opportunity before my forthcoming journey to Israel, to discuss a number of matters of interest.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

December 4, 1953

Mr. Harvey Trachtenberg  
Executive Director  
Eastern Pennsylvania Region  
Zionist Organisation of America  
612 Central Building  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Friend,

Thank you so much for your kind note of November 2nd and for transmitting to me the resolution which was adopted at the Sixth Annual Convention of the Eastern Pennsylvania Zionist Region. I feel highly honored at the action which was taken.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

December 4, 1953

Mr. J. Abe Liff, President  
Ohio Valley Zionist Region  
11 West Monument Building  
Dayton, Ohio

My dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your kind note of November 3rd and for transmitting to me the resolution which was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region. I feel highly honored at the action which was taken.

With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:dk

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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December 8, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been informed that it would  
be best to write to Bartley Crum at his  
New York address: 236 East 68 Street.

Louis Segal's home address is  
235 East 22 Street, New York, N.Y.

Cordially,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/mb

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December 11, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Miller has made the following suggestion - and request - in connection with the meeting of the ZOA Administrative Council which is to be held in Cleveland on January 23rd and January 24th:

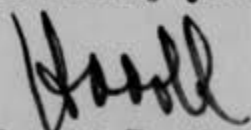
Having in mind that your birthday will take place that week, Miller would like to hold a birthday dinner under the auspices of the ZOA (AZF) on Saturday evening January 23rd, to which the members of the NAC, as well as the Zionists of Cleveland, will be invited. The proceeds of the affair will go to Kfar Silver. Miller believes that such an event would serve a number of important purposes:

1. It would give the ZOA, as well as your own community, another opportunity to demonstrate their affection for you.
2. It would ensure the success of the NAC meeting and guarantee a good turn-out.
3. It would provide an excellent opportunity to launch the AZF campaign for Kfar Silver.

Miller would like to begin with the technical arrangements as speedily as possible and would therefore appreciate a quick reply from you.

With best wishes and warmest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Harold P. Manson

HPM/mb

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December 24, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

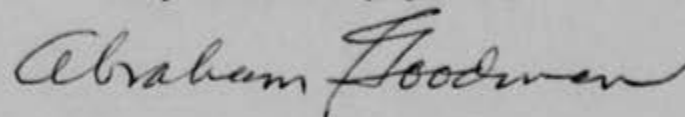
It is too bad that you were unable to be present at the meeting of our group to which you were invited and which took place on December 7, 1953 at the Roosevelt Hotel. Some sixty people attended and the meeting more than accomplished its purpose. It proved beyond a doubt that there is an urgent need to reactivate the group that you and I participated in prior to the 1952 Convention of the ZOA, and that from now on the aim of our group should be to develop a challenging platform, a positive program of activities, and a slate of officers that will offer inspiring leadership to our organization in the years ahead.

In accordance with the resolution unanimously adopted at our meeting, I have appointed a committee to deal with the above described objectives and to present the findings to our group at its next meeting which I expect to call within the next sixty days.

The introductory remarks made by the chairman at the opening of the meeting, the discussion that ensued and the resolution that was unanimously adopted make up together a fairly good picture of the thinking and the objectives that animate our group. Accordingly I am enclosing herewith a report of the meeting that includes all the above elements.

Please do not hesitate to write to me offering suggestions. I assure you that they will be placed before the committee for careful consideration.

Very sincerely yours,



Abraham Goodman

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REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE GROUP OF ZOA LEADERS  
AT THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, ON DECEMBER 7, 1953.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Abraham Goodman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Miss Nahama Merle Courland

The chairman opened the meeting with a statement of policy, most of which is quoted herein:

"We must remember that our group came into existence at a time when the ZOA had reached its nadir. Despair and frustration were evident everywhere. It was the time when the executive head of the Government of Israel persisted in one violent attack after another on the ZOA and referred to us as "a bankrupt organization". When he visited this country in the Spring of 1951 in connection with the Bond campaign, he never even as much as mentioned the ZOA. At a meeting of all Zionist leaders in the Waldorf his attack on the Zionist Movement was so severe, that even Dr. Goldstein and Dr. Goldmann were aroused to protest. Our own ZOA continued only on momentum and as a shell of its former self. It stood before the world devoid of leadership and empty of thought and deed. Its leaders repudiated their own ideological beliefs and the solemn resolutions of our organization.

In the midst of such a state of affairs our group was born. Its first get-together was in October, 1951, in the Park Sheraton Hotel, upon the initiative of Dr. Emanuel Neumann. We came there without fixed ideas or plans of action, but when we had with us men like Emanuel Neumann, Jacques Torczyner, Dr. Harris Levine, Mortimer May, Rabbi Miller and many others the purpose was clear; and so we decided to act in unison to bring back life and soul to the ZOA, and to call on all like-minded Zionist leaders to join our ranks. We had no money, but that did not matter. We had no public organ, so we brought back to life a mimeographed letter called ZINS. Much to the dismay of many people who disapproved of what we were doing, we did not resort to scandals, to abuse, to name-calling and to personal attacks, nor did we flaunt our own names and pictures before the public. We were not interested in advertising our own greatness. Instead we devoted the pages of ZINS to disseminate worthwhile Zionist information among the leaders of our organization.

And so, some months later, on Lincoln's birthday, about 300 leaders from all parts of the country were assembled. From that meeting a platform, a program of action, an organized body and a standard bearer evolved. That meeting started a crusade which rekindled the dying embers of Zionist enthusiasm and catapulted us on the unforgettable road to final victory. We were not motivated by personal ambitions nor deterred by baseless charges and attacks. We advocated no specialisms and did not attack other people's credos. We wanted only the opportunity to identify ourselves with the best interests of Israel so that Israel could live and prosper, so that Israel should belong to all Jewry regardless of party label and not to a minority group of its people. We wanted to have the right to criticize what's wrong and to applaud what's right. We wanted that the ZOA should retain its former status, leadership and prestige because we knew that without a strong ZOA there would be a weak American Jewry, a weak Zionist Movement and a weak Israel.

You all must still remember our battles in the months preceding the Convention at the Executive Committee and Administrative council meetings to assure for our group proper representation at the Convention and how bitterly we were fought at every step. Certainly you remember the great debate at the Convention itself by Dr. Neumann and Rabbi Miller on our side and by Louis Lipsky and Dr. Nahum Goldmann on the side of the Browdy and Progressive elements. You remember their attempt to nullify the identification resolution of the previous year at Atlantic City and how

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eagerly the Mapai and Government leadership in Israel, with the help of the Jerusalem radio station, worked for our defeat; and you of course remember how the rank and file of our Movement voted overwhelmingly for our policies, our resolution and our slate. That victory rang out through the entire Zionist world. It gave a new lift to General Zionism not only in Israel, but in every land.

For us I hope it settled once and for all the question of our right to identify ourselves with General Zionist principles and groups. It reestablished the idea that the ZOA is not a catchall organization without specific color and ideological contents. Our victory finally halted the period of lassitude and decline. It put an end to the domination of the theory of philanthropic Zionism that threatened to engulf and destroy our Movement.

For the last 18 months our group has been a part of and identified with the present ZOA administration. It is too early to draw a balance sheet on which we could all agree. There are bright lines as well as some shadows. There are great accomplishments as well as some disappointments. But, it is well for us at this moment to remember the positive achievements registered in these past 18 months. In Israel a coalition government was established less than a year ago which, in my opinion, would never have taken place if the prestige and prospects of the General Zionist Party in Israel had not been raised as a result of our victory. From this coalition Israel has already received great benefits. The unified school system for which General Zionism fought so hard is finally a reality. This means that the youth of Israel will now be trained for one common citizenship which will insure national unity and political stability in the years ahead.

General Zionists in the coalition can claim credit for ending most of the controls in Israel and for stopping the rush of inflation, for strengthening the Israel pound and stabilizing the currency; for making available in plentiful supply foodstuffs and articles of human consumption of improved quality and at lower prices.

The General Zionist Party is growing in strength and in five years has risen to a membership of over 50,000. Public opinion in Israel is definitely on the march in favor of General Zionism. Since our group came into power the General Zionists in Israel have sent us delegations and representatives and have found here an address where they are welcome and well received. We have worked together with them in many directions. We are jointly building the Agricultural School known as Kfar Silver, and only recently sent them \$110,000 on account of our commitments. Together with the General Zionists in Israel we helped establish here an American-Israel Chamber of Commerce which is functioning well and is helping the economy of Israel. The ZOA House in Israel was completed during the present administration and has become a cultural center of activities as well as a gathering place for General Zionist conferences and celebrations. Our identification with the General Zionist Party has been a program of action rather than, as some feared, a subordination of our own principles, our freedom of thought and our freedom of action.

On the American scene our achievements have been significant. ZINS has become a regular weekly news-bulletin and has been a source of General Zionist information for our own leaders, for the Jewish press here and in 46 countries. The Committee on World Zionist Affairs under the chairmanship of Jacques Torczyner and the World Zionist Affairs Dept. under the direction of Leon Ilutovich have done a magnificent job in keeping us alerted to the problems connected with the World Confederation, with the World Zionist Organization and with Israel. This department has become the liaison between us and General Zionists in Canada, Latin America, Europe, So. Africa and Israel. All this has been done at an insignificant cost to the organization, and I don't know of any parallel situation where so much has been done by so little and by so few.

We have established an effective Commission on Israel and the Middle East which has been the clearing house for declarations on political problems, for policies and directives.



This committee has organized area conferences in different parts of the country, and has given the ZOA a political voice and stature which it has lacked for so many years.

On the economic front, under the leadership of Hy Weisman, a challenging program of action is evolving, including plans for Buy-Israel Clubs, and closer cooperation with PEC. This cooperation was demonstrated at a Dinner in honor of Robert Szold in which the ZOA took a leading part and which brought great material results. We also established a special department to encourage tourism to Israel which is making significant progress.

This incomplete list of achievements serves to prove that in spite of many difficulties, we have been marching forward, faithful to our trust. The questions before us tonight are: Has our task been completed? Has the ZOA reached safety harbor? Can we now rest on our laurels and allow the organization to follow its normal course without benefit of our guidance, our vigilance and our watchful eye? Are the ideas for which we stand now in safe hands and no longer require our protective arm? Is the present political situation in a state of normalcy and no longer calls for our utmost concern and mightiest effort? Is the internal fabric of our organization strong and impregnable? Have those who have been against us laid down their arms of opposition and signed a solemn declaration of peace and harmony?

The answer to these questions are self-evident. On the political front we have suffered defeat after defeat. The United Nations has in recent years voted consistently against Israel. In America the Administration has become bolder in its policy of resistance, discrimination and even attack. Our opponents from within have not relented in their opposition. Mr. Ben Gurion still practices his favorite pastime, and explodes from time to time against the ZOA and its leaders. Moshe Kol, the leader of the Progressives in Israel, only recently made a most violent attack on Dr. Silver for the ideas he expressed on the question of General Zionist unity at Dr. Neumann's 60th birthday dinner. The head of the Confederation, Dr. Israel Goldstein, shows the greatest vigilance against the General Zionists in Israel on every front. He attacked them for establishing a General Zionist World Youth Movement in spite of the fact that the youth of Israel has no place to go other than Mapai and Mapan, and that the Confederation Youth Organization, Hanoar Hazioni, has been weak, ineffective, empty of ideological content and is Mapai oriented. Dr. Goldstein also found it necessary to raise a hue and cry over the fact that the General Zionists of Israel sent a representative to Great Britain, the citadel of the Progressives, to help over there in an attempt to get the General Zionists together.

The thoughts here expressed must have also been the thoughts in your minds that brought you here tonight. We are not here to create new schisms and separations. We are here to develop clarity of vision, unity of purpose, firmness of resolve and eternal vigilance. When we are solidly united, we will be ready and anxious to send out a clarion call to all good and true Zionists to forget past differences and to join with us in support of the principles for which we stand. For this purpose we must develop a program of action on the political front. We must reestablish faith in the Silver-Neumann bipartisan policy. We must not forget that we have great friends in both parties - also that we had opposition in the State Department as well as other Departments regardless of the party in control. We had our Colonel House way back in President Wilson's days. More recently, our State Department was able to prevail on F. D. Roosevelt to go back on his promises to us and make a secret deal with Ibn Saud, and in Truman's administration we had our James Forrestal. John Foster Dulles is therefore not a new phenomenon in Washington, but a continuation of an old situation.

Most of all, the time is probably ripe for a re-appraisal of our cooperation with Israel on the political front. I believe that Israel's representatives in America, able as they are, can use to advantage our better knowledge of this country. This is a matter that concerns not only Israel, but also American Jewry. Anything that affects public



opinion in America about Israel also affects us. Our antisemites have learned a new lesson, that while open anti-semitism may not be easy to sell, the same purpose can be achieved through subtle means of attacks on Israel. Kibya incidents and the Arab refugee problem also affect us. Whether or not Israel should have sent a token contingent to Korea as was done by Turkey and Greece is also a question that not only affected grant in aid for Israel, but American public opinion towards us as well.

The moment is propitious for a resurgent and reawakened American Jewry. The ideas that we have advocated over the years are beginning to strike root even in most unexpected quarters. Witness recent pronouncements by Mr. Morgenthau and others. The resignation of Ben Gurion can only inure to the strengthening of General Zionism. To carry out these objectives and potentialities we need leaders of the highest order that will command the utmost respect and confidence here and abroad. These leaders must not make the ZOA their personal property, but must be willing to carry forward our joint decisions and the policies for which we stand. For this purpose I hope we will reactivate ourselves tonight as a group and unite for common thought and common action. Only if we are united will the ZOA be strong, and will Israel's future be assured."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann then asked for the floor for a brief statement, and wanted to be excused on account of another appointment. He said that the Zionist Movement is looking to our group for leadership and that he has full confidence in the ability of our group to supply such leadership. He pledged his unqualified loyalty and wholehearted support to our group. However, he emphatically denied that he is a candidate for the Presidency of the ZOA, and stated that he has not sought and is not seeking that office.

Judge Joseph Klau then presented a resolution to form the basis upon which the group should be reactivated. The following is the sense of the resolution that was adopted unanimously:

"As leaders of ZOA Districts and Regions, and as original members of the group that was organized early in 1952 to revitalize the ZOA we have assembled to review the state of the Organization and to chart a course for its future.

We derive satisfaction from the progress recorded by this administration and from the increase in our Organization's prestige and stature throughout the American Jewish community and in Israel. Deeply mindful of the critical problems which now confront Israel and the Zionist Movement and which are likely to persist for some time to come, we deem it imperative that the ZOA's current growth be accelerated and that its strength be greatly increased. In order to be equal to the tasks before it our Organization must recapture the strength and spirit that animated it in the years immediately preceding Israel's establishment under the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and of Dr. Emanuel Neumann. The present situation demands that the ZOA should once again draw its inspiration and guidance from this type of leadership.

We therefore resolve that we continue as an organized group and that a small committee be named by the chairman to develop plans for a program of activities and public relations as well as for ways and means, to invite like-minded leaders of the ZOA to join our group, and to study the question of the election at the forthcoming convention of a slate of officers who will most effectively meet the needs of the ZOA. Be it further resolved that said committee shall present its report and recommendations to the next meeting of our group which shall be called by the chairman."

A great array of speakers participated in the discussion that followed the introduction of the resolution. Stress was laid by many speakers on the ideological basis of unity of the group, which can best be described as the Silver-Neumann General Zionist line.

Regardless of Dr. Neumann's emphatic denial of his candidacy, there was strong demand for a draft-Neumann campaign.

Rabbi J. Sternstein voiced apprehension that the ZOA has far from recovered from its downgrade movement. He was apprehensive of the Neumann proposal for an all-embracing council for Israel. He strongly urged a "Watch-dog Vigilante" committee for our group whose duties should include overseeing ZOA office staff and executives.

Dr. Dunner advocated the need for an "impartial civil service".

Jacques Torczyner urged that we must be organized, that we must observe inner discipline, and that we prepare a program and a platform to be presented to the Convention in midsummer.

Judge Klau favored two candidates, in the following order of preference:

Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
Mr. Mortimer May

Jacob Goodman pointed out that the time for decision on a candidate is now, as there are other candidates already out in the field campaigning for themselves.

Judge Lerner stated that our group has reached a higher degree of maturity than it possessed when originally organized.

Ben Winnick pledged his loyalty to our group.

Robert Persky put forward the candidacy of Mortimer May.

Dr. Harris Levine amended Judge Klau's resolution to provide that Rabbi Miller should be included in the committee to be appointed by the chairman.

Jacques Torczyner supported the amendment and same was unanimously adopted. The resolution, as amended, was then put to a vote and was unanimously adopted.

In accordance with the resolution, the following persons were appointed to serve on the committee:

Abraham Goodman  
Harris Levine  
Jacques Torczyner  
Ben Winnick  
Dr. Hyman Silver  
Rabbi Kirshblum  
Ben Gordon  
Morris Zeldin

Irving Miller  
Joe Greenley  
Joe Klau  
Michael Egnal  
Mr. Karff  
David Horowitz  
Isidor Turover  
Miss Courland, Secretary

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December 28, 1953

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is a copy of the third cable  
which arrived from Emanuel Neumann this after-  
noon together with Miller's reply.

Ever best,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/mb  
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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA 41 E 42 St

LT ZIONISTS NEWYORK

(Browly)

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NEWYORK (FOR MILLER GOODMAN ZIONIST  
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA 41 EAST 42 ST R600)

MONOSSON LEADING ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ BATTLE HAVE CONFEDERATION REPUDIATE YOUR STAND,  
HAVE BEN WITHDRAW RESIGNATION STOP ALSO CLAIM NEITHER INNERCOM NOR OTHER BODY  
HAS ACTED, THEREFORE URGENTLY REQUEST CALL IMMEDIATELY MEETING EXECUTIVE ADOPT  
STRONG RESOLUTIONS FIRST SUSTAIN YOUR ACTION SECONDLY PROTESTING ANY ACTION  
CONFEDERATION OR ZOA MEMBERS ACTIONS COM PREVENT OR DELAY RESIGNATION THIRDLY GIVIN  
FULL POWER MORTIMER MYSELF REPRESENT ZOA THIS WHOLE MATTER AND SEND APPROPRIATE  
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BEN'S RESIGNATION STANDS GROSSMAN TAKING MY PLACE JERUSALEM

NEUMANN



Telegram sent for Mrs. Silver

December 30, 1953

Claire Okonowitz  
Zionist Organization of America  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, New York

DEEPLY REGRET THAT I HAVENO PHOTOGRAPH. IT MAY SOUND STRANGE,  
BUT I HAVE HAD NO PICTURE TAKEN FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. HAPPY NEW  
YEAR.

VIRGINIA SILVER

גליליה  
POSTCARD

תנ"מ  
CORRESPONDENCE



Cordial regards from one  
who is witnessing a superb  
performance, on a smaller scale,  
from 1951.

Cordial regards

Yours Truly  
[Signature]

Dr. J. M. Abba Hilll Silver

The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio



VIA

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JERUSALEM Buildings of the Jewish Agency.



ABBA HILLEL SILVER AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL, KFAR SILVER, MIGDAL ASHKELON.

January 5, 1954

No. F/5904/DS/RL

Dear Dr. Levin,

Allow me to express my gratification at your visit to Kfar Silver, your interest in our work there, and your promise to help us in raising the funds for the continuation of building activities and the equipping of the school.

You have been able to witness the first steps towards the realization of this project, which was discussed and announced so prominently here and in the States. To all practical intents, we have begun with its implementation only a few months ago, with the restricted means available to us. We were all the time aware that it would have been impractical to wait until the whole amount for the complete plan had been raised, but that we must at least make a beginning, even if it was to be a modest one; for once the first step had been taken, the obligation resting upon all factors concerned to raise the sums needed for the remaining part would be much stronger. As you may see from the following report, we have already invested all the money at our disposal, and we shall, for lack of means, have to interrupt the work - not for long, we hope.

I must confess that your statement that we could not rely on the ZOA for money was most disturbing, for until now we had considered that organization as our only serious source of funds for carrying on the work. If your opinion proves right, and if we cannot find adequate support elsewhere, we shall, to our infinite regret, be forced to discontinue a project in which we have already spent much thought, investigations, planning, efforts and good will, as well as the not inconsiderable amount of a quarter of a million pounds. It should be realized that the execution of this project, under the conditions obtaining here, involves many problems and enormous difficulties, which cannot be solved with money alone.

The project is a pledge of honour on the part of our Party and the ZOA towards Dr. Silver. It is the duty of us all to spare no effort to ensure that we do not fail him.

According to preliminary estimates, which may have to be changed at any moment; the execution and equipment of the project, which is intended for 300 pupils and which will necessitate the employment of some 60-70 adults (teachers, instructors, staff and workers) will involve an amount of appr. 1½ million IL. We are fully aware that the means available will not allow us to execute the whole project at once (though that would be far less expensive), so that we shall have to proceed step by step.

1) Land, orchard, vineyard, old buildings:

Kfar Silver covers an area of 1500 dunams, which has been acquired by the KKL and will be let to us for 49 years on the customary conditions against a rental of IL. 1.- per dunam per year. The area includes an orchard in good condition, which covers 232 dunams; the value of its trees will have to be paid to the Government's Development Authority, which has already decided to transfer them

to us. There is also a 60 dunam vineyard, which has been reconditioned during the last years and will begin to bear fruit in two year's time. We are still negotiating for the price of the fruit trees and the vines, but we understand that an amount of about IL. 70,000 will be involved. The fruit of the grove already covers cultivation expenses, but a small amount must still be invested to complete the reconditioning of the vineyard and for its cultivation until the first harvest. There is a chance that we shall be able to distribute the payments over 10 years, so that they can be written off out of the profits from the orchard, which will bear increasing quantities of fruit in the next years.

The orchard and the vineyard will provide an immediate field of work for the pupils, and their revenue will soon be an important item on the School's budget.

On the Kfar Silver lands there still stand 10 shells of old houses. Seven of these have already been reconditioned and will serve as office and as part of the staff quarters. For these buildings the Government also demands payment, and we hope to reach agreement on an amount of IL. 10,000.

## 2) Plans for School, Buildings, Farm, Irrigation, etc.

Planning of the school and its buildings and supervision of building work is carried out by the architects and engineers Messrs. Hurman-Einziger and Adler. Agricultural planning has been entrusted to the agronomist Mr. Gat and his assistants. Planning of the irrigation system and supervision of its execution is carried out by Mr. Maknovitzke, engineer.

Most of the plans have been completed and the majority has been approved by the governmental and municipal authorities concerned. Total expenses under this head will amount to about IL. 16,000.

## 3) Execution of works: RASSCO Ltd. and Hamifde Haezrahi Ltd.

Construction of the buildings and farm will be carried out by the above two contracting firms. With RASSCO, a contract for works amounting to a total of IL. 200,000 has been signed, on account of which the firm has granted us a credit, guaranteed by the KMK, of IL. 70,000, repayable on 31.3.55. "Hamifde Haezrahi" will commence work at a later stage.

Until now the following works have been carried out:

### A) BUILDINGS

2 dormitories for about 40 pupils each (out of 8 provided in the final plan), each consisting of 9 rooms, study room, bath, showers and toilets, a	IL. 25,300 ..
.....	IL. 50,600
Dining hall and kitchen for 300 pupils, also to serve as auditorium	46,000
Reconditioning of existing buildings for office and staff quarters	<u>23,000</u>
	IL. 119,600

### B) IRRIGATION SYSTEM

A new well has been sunk at a depth of 105 meters, producing some 330 m<sup>3</sup> per hour. Within the next days a beginning will be made with the establishment of a pumping station and the preparation of an irrigated area of 250 dunam. This is the first stage of the irrigation plan and will cost IL. 113,438.

Planning, building work and irrigation, and also one year's rent to the KKL, most of which have been completed, while the remainder is being carried out, will amount to a total of IL. 250,538.



#### 4) Finance

The amount required for the execution of the works mentioned above have been raised by us until January 1, 1954, from the following sources:

<u>Cash and Credits available</u> <u>per January 1, 1954.</u>	<u>Expenditure and commitments a/c works</u> <u>ordered and partly executed and paid (stage 1)</u>
KKK.....I.L.86,485	<u>Plans</u> .....IL. 16,000
United Appeal ..... 29,764	<u>Buildings</u>
Special contribution.. 2,000	2 dormitories...IL.44,000
From "Amir" Ltd. a/c rent 2,028	Dining hall &
Credit from RASSCO..... 70,000	kitchen..... 40,000
Govt. loan for 2 school	Improvements of
buildings (four classes) 7,500	old buildings... 20,000
Govt. loan for irrigation	15% increase in Lab
system..... 50,000	and material cost. <u>15,600</u>
	119,600
<u>Total.....IL.247,777</u>	<u>Irrigation System</u>
	Well, pump station
	and irrigation
	system (stage 1)IL.98,438
	15% increase in
	labour & mater-
	ial cost..... <u>15,000 (abt)</u>
	113,438
	<u>Rent</u>
	To KKL for 1 year..... <u>1,500</u>
	Total..... IL. 250,588
	Cash and Credits in hand..... <u>247,777</u>
	Deficit for covering expenses
	and commitments for works
	executed and ordered under
	Stage 1..... <u>IL. 2,761</u>

Note: a) The Government loans are for 7 years at 5%.

b) The figures relating to expenditure and undertakings are those which figure in the estimates which we went to the ZOA on May 15, 1953 (copy attached), plus the increase of prices and wages which occurred in the course of the year. The same applies to the following figures, which refer to the completion of the work to a degree which will enable us to open the School at part capacity (120-150 pupils).

#### 5) Budget for further works essential for opening the School at Stage 1 (150 pupils) (See estimates submitted to ZOA dated 15.5.53)

##### Para. B

2 dormitories.....	IL..44,000
Infirmary.....	7,500
8 additional staff quarters.....	58,000
2 School buildings (4 classrooms) .....	18,000
Increased cost of labour and material (abt. 20%).....	<u>25,500</u> IL. 153,000

##### Para. C

Whole paragraph.....	IL 43,000
Cost increase as above (15%).....	<u>6,450</u> 49,450



Para. E

Whole paragraph.....	IL.	34,000	
Cost increase (abt. 20%).....		<u>6,800</u>	40,800

Para. F

Whole paragraph.....		8,000	
Cost increase (abt. 20%).....		<u>1,600</u>	9,600

Para. G

Equipment & furniture for classrooms, dining room & kitchen	102,000	
Cost increase (abt. 20%).....	20,400	122,400

Para. H

Whole paragraph.....	IL.	35,000	
Cost increase (abt. 20%).....		<u>7,000</u>	42,000
Para. 1.....			<u>35,000</u>
		Total...IL.	452,250

All in all the following amounts are needed:

1.-Deficit a/c commitments.....	IL.	2,761
2.-For completion of Stage 1.....		452,250
3.-a/c purchase of orchard, vineyard and existing buildings (see 1 above), part payment.....		25,000
Total.....	IL.	<u><u>480,011</u></u>

This amount would enable us to open the school at part capacity.

6) Estimate for maintenance and management of the school:

This estimate cannot yet be given, for it depends on the educational level and the composition of the student material and on the degree to which parents and institutions can contribute towards the cost of maintaining and teaching the pupils.

The total expenses per pupil, including board and lodging, tuition, washing, medical expenses etc., amount at present to some IL.70.- per month. All agricultural schools in the country, including the oldest of the, Mikveh Israel, have yearly deficits, which are in part covered by the government and by political and economic institutions which provide scholarships, and in part by other contributions.

Even now it is not too early for recruiting friends of the school who are prepared to provide scholarships, for without these it will not be possible to maintain the school.

7) Aim and educational level of the School:

It is the aim of the school to provide for boys and girls of the age of 13-17, born in Israel and from amongst the Youth Aliyah, from towns and settlements, an education based on general knowledge and Jewish ethics and laying particular stress on agricultural science and experience. Pupils will study for half a day, and for the remaining half receive training in all branches of agriculture and connected crafts.

The educational level has not yet been determined exactly. The matter is being discussed thoroughly with educational and agricultural experts, and it seems probable that the course will begin with the first grade of the agricultural secondary school and last for 3-4 years, with the issue, of its completion, of an agricultural matriculation certificate which will entitle its holder to register at the agricultural faculty of the Hebrew University.

As for the seventh and eighth grade of the national elementary school with additional agricultural syllabus, Kfar Silver will provide these pupils with training and education within the school, including experience with two types of farm commonly found in Israel, which will be duplicated at the school. Thus the pupils concerned will be able to return to the farms of their parents, who are mostly new settlers without much agricultural experience and to assist them with the aid of the training which they have received at the school. This type of agricultural education (grade 7 and 8 of the elementary school) is to some extent an innovation in Israel favoured by many experts, as it trains ordinary farmers who still will be able to become rooted at their parents' farms before they are drafted into the army. Pupils who distinguish themselves will be enabled to continue their secondary education at the school.

I hope that the educational aspect will soon be settled, and shall, of course, keep you informed.

Perhaps this letter is rather long, though even so I doubt whether I have been able to raise all the problems connected with the establishment and maintenance of the School.

It is extremely difficult and costly project, but of such great importance to the country as a whole and to our Party in particular, that I feel sure that it will find many supporters. I hope that we may count you and your friends amongst them.

Very sincerely yours,

Ozer Gutzman  
Secretary

Dr. Harris J. Levine  
President of the Bnai Zion  
Order of America,  
225 West 57th St.,  
New York.

ESTIMATE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF

ABBA HILLEL SILVER AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL (5.5.53)

Complete establishment of the School (for 300 students) requires an approximate amount of IL. 1 1/4 million.

Partial establishment ( for 150 pupils) involves the following amounts:

A) Planning

Planning, works supervisions, buildings.....	IL. 10,000.-	
Topographical surveyings, irrigation plans.....	2,500.-	
Agricultural programme planning.....	1,000.-	
Soil tests and preparatory work.....	1,000.-	
Survey, field lay-out, plantation scheme, marking.	1,500.-	
		IL. 16,000.-

B) Dormitories, dining hall, staff quarters, etc.

Accommodation for 150 students in 4 dormitories (36 rooms) a IL. 22,000.0.....	IL. 88,000.-	
Dining hall and kitchen <u>for 300 students</u> .....	40,000.-	
Infirmary.....	7,500.0	
4 classrooms (2 buildings) a IL. 9,000.-	18,000.-	
Staff quarters (8 houses).....	58,000.-	
Repair of existing buildings (offices and staff quarters).....	20,000.-	
		IL. 231,500.-

C) Farm buildings

Dairy.....	IL. 10,000.-	
Chicken houses and brood coops.....	7,000.-	
Tool store and barn.....	4,000.-	
Machine shed.....	7,000.-	
Fences and various.....	15,000.-	
		IL. 43,000.-

D) Irrigation installation

Boring.....	IL. 8,000.-	
Vertical pump.....	5,000.-	
Pump house.....	1,500.-	
Power connection.....	3,000.-	
Installation and test pumping.....	1,000.-	
Water tower 100m3 (3500 c/t).....	4,000.-	

c/f

IL. 22,500.-

IL. 290,500.-



	b/f	IL. 22,500.-	IL. 290,500.-
Pipes and fittings.....		30,738.-	
Pipe laying and excavation.....		7,200.-	
Concrete reservoir 1000 m <sup>3</sup> (3500 c/t).....		13,000.-	
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lation and power connection.....		7,000.-	
Planning, drainage, filling in of wadis.....		18,000.-	
			98,438.-

**E) Plantations**

100 dunams (25 acres) citrus grove.....	IL. 28,000.-	
30 dunams (7 1/2 acres) sub-tropical fruits	9,000.-	
Deciduous fruit, olives, carrots, bananas...	5,000.-	
		34,000.-

**F) Livestock**

10 cows and calves.....	IL. 5,000.-	
1000 chickens.....	2,000.-	
2 draught animals.....	1,000.-	
		8,000/-

**G) Equipment and furniture**

Kitchen equipment.....	IL. 15,000.-	
Hot water installation.....	12,000.-	
Furniture for dormitories, dining room, class-		
rooms.....	75,000.-	
		102,000.0

**H) Agricultural equipment and machinery**

Tractor, ploughs, etc.....	IL. 25,000.-	
Truck.....	8,000.-	
Tools.....	2,000.-	
		35,000.-

**I) Administration**

Administzation and various.....	IL. 10,000.-	
Circulatin capital.....	25,000.-	
		35,000.-

Grand total.....IL. 602,938.-

SUMMARY

Planning.....	IL. 16,000.-
Dormitories, dining hall, staff quarters, etc.....	231,500.-
Farm buildings.....	43,000.-
Water supply.....	98,438.-
Plantations.....	34,000.-
Livestock.....	8,000.-
Equipment and furniture.....	102,000.-
Agricultural machinery and tools.....	35,000.-
Administration.....	35,000.-

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Grand Total	IL. 602,938.-
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Of which in hand and assured....	220,000.-
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To be raised.....	IL. 382,938.-
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JACQUES TORCZYNER

January 8, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just returned from Israel and imagine that you are au courant of developments there through the newspapers.

I must confess I have not felt as badly since the Congress in 1951 - for this time we were faced, in Jerusalem, with the left-overs of the Browdy administration, including the great man himself. He made every corruptible effort to withdraw the resignation he had already given and which had been accepted.

In general, the meetings of the Actions Committee were without enthusiasm or spirit. There were the usual attacks of Israelis against Americans; the usual American patriotic attitude of the "Daughters of the Jewish Revolution" - only now, Mrs. Shulman is the sleeping President while Mrs. Halprin leads the fight. Dr. Goldmann was ever-present, presenting the problem, discussing it, criticizing it and adopting the resolutions which he had previously drafted. He complained that the Government does not cooperate with the Jewish Agency and it is really pitiful to see a Movement still in search of a function.

All our friends in Israel, as well as the average Israel citizen inquired about you. They were all informed by us of the magnificent work you did, during the last political crisis. This, naturally, was one of the best-kept secrets. It was quite ironical to have the Actions Committee adopt a vote of thanks to the American Jews for having fought their government in the last crisis - as if, from 1944-48, we had not done anything.

Kfar Silver is progressing and our General Zionist friends are making great efforts to have the project going by the middle of this year.

The General Zionist Party is gaining strength, even though the protracted negotiations for the formation of the new Coalition are a tactical mistake, as far as they are concerned. By having made such large demands, but ending up by getting so little, they have not gained in prestige. The leader of the General Zionists in the country, is now Saphir, who has gained the respect and admiration not only of his opponents but his friends. He is coming to the U.S. at the invitation of the UJA and I hope, at that time, he will also be able to meet with our friends throughout the country.

My great fear is that the retired leader in Sde Boker will come out of retirement to lead his party to victory in the next election. The main effort we will have to make here, is to give all possible assistance to the General Zionists in Israel, so that they will emerge stronger in the next Knesseth election.



JACQUES TORCZYNER

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As you know, Dr. Neumann has joined the American Section of the Agency again and I hope he will be back in time to attend the NAC which is being held in Cleveland at the end of this month.

The situation within the ZOA requires a great deal of attention and we have an election coming up this year for which there are many candidates. The present incumbent, while possessing great talents and abilities, has not been the leader he could have been. In his efforts to obtain other positions through appeasement of certain forces in the Jewish Agency, he weakened the ZOA without gaining anything for himself.

I hope we will have an opportunity to meet with you before we crystallize the future plans of our group for the next Convention.

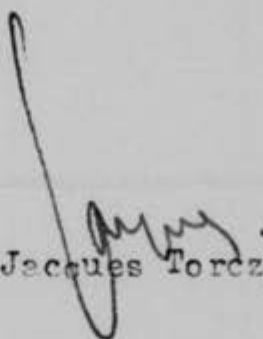
Please extend my best regards to Mrs. Silver. I was very interested to read the article which Daniel wrote in the "Reconstructionist" a few months ago. How is Raphael?

With best wishes, I am

As always,

Yours,

JT:BW

  
Jacques Torczyner

## Silver Warns on Arming Arabs

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BOSTON, Jan. 14—Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland said tonight that United States arms sent to the Arab nations would be used against Israel instead of defending democracy and fighting communist aggression. Addressing a dinner in his honor by the Brookline, Brighton, Newton Zionist district, Mr. Silver told 600 Jewish leaders that the Arab rulers would "not fight the Soviet any more than they fought the Nazis."

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AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

January 15, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I thought that you would be glad to receive the attached clipping from this morning's New York Times. I know that you had your doubts as to whether this had been taken care of, and I am really very glad that your request was fulfilled.

I know that you do not require my thanks for appearing last night, but I do hope that you feel a sense of gratification. The Boston ZOA has not had this kind of a function in many a year, and everyone felt elated and inspired by your presence.

I look forward to seeing you next week, and meanwhile send you and Mrs. Silver every good wish.

Sincerely yours,

*Hannah.*

Hannah Stein, Director  
American Zionist Fund

Enclosure

HS:mkg



# Cleveland Zionist Council

January 17, 54

Dear Rabbi Silver;

Following the Zionist Council assemblage in New York, the delegates from Cleveland felt it urgent to meet and revamp our own Zionist Council in Cleveland. Therefore Mr. Danaceau is calling together the presidents and delegates of all the Cleveland Zionist bodies on Wednesday January 27 at 8:15 P.M. at the Bureau of Jewish Education on Taylor Rd.

It would really give the Zionist Council here a shot in the arm if you could arrange to attend.

Sincerely yours  
Janet Merlin  
Secretary

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ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Director*  
PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

*AIR-MAIL-SPECIAL*

January 18, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Irving Spiegel, of the NEW YORK TIMES is coming especially to Cleveland to cover the address you are scheduled to deliver at the meeting of our Administrative Council on Saturday night.

Inasmuch as the Saturday deadline is very early (he has to file his dispatch on Saturday noon) I shall appreciate it if you will have extracts of your address for me not later than Friday morning. I shall be in Cleveland on Friday morning (my press room will be in Parlor B, Statler Hotel) and I will get in touch with you then. This will enable me to process the material and also cable the copy to the Israeli papers in time for them to receive it on Saturday.

It is needless to say that your cooperation will be deeply appreciated.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

*Barbarash*  
Ernest E. Barbarash

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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January 19, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

After our telephone conversation today I cabled back to Dr. Yagubsky and Joseph Lutzky, Chairman and Secretary of the United Campaign Committee in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and told them that you are able to deliver Yiddish addresses, but as far as your availability is concerned, I will discuss the matter with you in Cleveland this coming weekend, whereupon we will be able to give them your final reply.

Kindly give this matter some additional thought. Our friends in Latin-America would be very disappointed if turned down by you. They have been waiting for this visit for a long time.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you in Cleveland, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Leon Flutovich  
Assistant Executive Director

LI/mf



*Cleveland Zionist  
Council*

January 20, 1954

Miss Janet Merlin  
3715 Blanche  
Cleveland 18, Ohio

My dear Miss Merlin:

Thank you for your kind note of January seventeenth.  
I regret that I shall not be able to attend the  
meeting on January twenty-seventh as Mrs. Silver  
and I are leaving on the twenty-fifth for a short  
vacation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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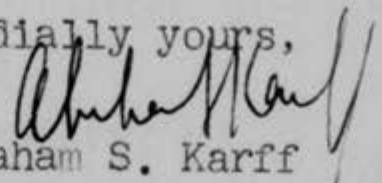
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

As a member of the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, and chairman of arrangements for the January 14th Dinner, permit me to thank you for the immeasurable help and moral boost you gave the New England Zionists.

Your presence was an inspiration, and from it came encouragement to increase our efforts for the Zionist Organization of America.

Cordially yours,

  
Abraham S. Karff

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January 22, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our Fourth Annual Educational Conference of the Young Zionist Districts, is being held on February 20 to 23 at the Breakers Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

We would like very much to have you address this conference.

A special effort has been made during the last few months to re-organize and strengthen the Young Zionist Districts. We have been able to lay the groundwork for enlarged activity and to arouse new interest among wider youth circles. Your presence would inspire the youth to greater effort, and we appeal to you to please make it possible to address our conference.

We would be happy if you could plan to speak at the official opening Saturday evening, February 21, but we will gladly adjust our program to your convenience.

We are eagerly looking forward to your affirmative reply.

Very sincerely yours,

Marlene Kalik, Chairwoman  
Educational Conference

MK:jn



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Dear Mr. Luntz:

I am enclosing a check for \$..... to cover  
..... reservations for the dinner in honor of the  
National Administrative Council at the Hotel Statler on  
Saturday, January 23, 1954.

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Name .....

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*The following will be my guests:*

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*Office of Chief Medical Examiner*

HARRIS J. LEVINE, M. D.

January 27, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I had been looking forward to seeing you in Cleveland last weekend, but unfortunately my wife Dorothy had to undergo a very serious operation and has only come out of the hospital a few days ago. I know you will be happy to learn that the operation was a success and that she ought to be fully recovered in a few weeks.

My primary reason for wanting to see you now was to discuss with you the Kfar Silver project in Israel. I had the pleasure of visiting the area during my recent trip to Israel and a large delegation including the chief architect as well as our friends among the General Zionists were there to welcome me. We already see the formative stages. Two dormitory buildings have been completed and the dining hall and kitchen are almost finished. They are very beautiful and hold forth promise for an even more beautiful picture when it is completed.

The complaint from the builders was one that you undoubtedly are aware of, i.e., that the Z.O.A. is not providing the necessary funds. I told them of the promise that Irving Miller had made to you in my presence during the last convention, that the sum of \$50,000 would be available for the project this year. I told him also that I would discuss this matter with some of our friends here and if necessary with you to see whether or not a more intensive effort could be launched in the country to obtain the funds necessary to carry the project through to its completion.

I am sending you a copy of a letter that I received the other day from Mr. Gutmann which gives a comprehensive analysis of the needs. You will note that there is one budget for a completed project to accommodate 300 pupils and another one for a partial project to accommodate 150. It is their hope that this second budget can be made

January 27, 1954

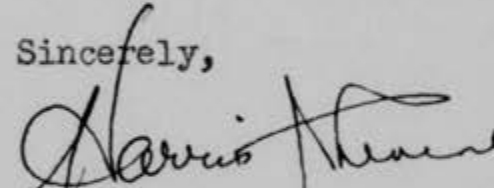
available so that students for the school can be registered for the fall of 1954.

It is my firm conviction that if the funds necessary will not be forthcoming from the A.Z.F. that a national committee should be formed that would attempt to contact your host of friends in this country without resorting to the machinery of the Z.O.A. This project must be completed quickly not only because of the eternal debt which we owe to one Abba Hillel Silver, but because the school will be of tremendous help to our friends in Israel and to the Zionist thinking which is so close to all of us.

I would like to have your reaction to this second thought and if possible I would like to meet you on the occasion of your next visit to the city. For this work I have the close support of two very good friends of yours, Messrs. Benjamin Gordon and Meyer Pessin, who, as you know, ~~were~~ put in charge of the project at my suggestion.

May I hear from you about it. Meanwhile, please extend my sincerest best wishes to Virginia.

Sincerely,



Dr. Harris J. Levine

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January 27, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our friends in Atlanta -- who were so very insistent to have you on February 15 -- have now changed their request for May 8, Israel's Independence Day, or any time in the week prior or after May 8. They are most anxious to go ahead and have a really big function waiting for you at that time.

I would appreciate it immensely if you could kindly let me know whether you can see your way clear to accept this invitation.

In addition to the above, we had a meeting yesterday of the top men of the Manhattan Region, who are most anxious to hold an Israel Independence Day celebration on Sunday, May 9, in the evening, in Carnegie Hall, and have requested you to be the main speaker. They have asked me to take out an option on Carnegie Hall. I might mention to you that they only wish to go ahead with this particular function if you personally are ready to accept. They would not hold it without you.

In connection with both of the above functions, you will of course be receiving their official invitation, but in the meantime they have requested me to contact you, and I would be very grateful if you could give me your reply shortly after your return from Florida.

I sincerely hope that you have had a pleasant vacation, and wish to send you and Mrs. Silver my warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Hannah.*

Hannah Stein, Director  
American Zionist Fund

HS:mkg

February 9, 1954

Miss Hannah Stein  
Zionist Organization of America  
145 East Thirty-second Street  
New York, New York

My dear Miss Stein:

It will not be possible for me to accept the  
Atlanta invitation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms

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February 12, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I hope you and Mrs. Silver had a thoroughly enjoyable stay in Miami. I had some business to attend to in West Palm Beach and managed to get in some golf there and in Miami.

I just got back and learned that Robert Zsold is due back from Israel on March 13th. It would be a wonderful idea to schedule an appearance by Mr. Zsold in Cleveland as soon after March 13th as possible. You may remember that I mentioned the idea to you at the recent Sunday meeting in Cleveland.

Mr. Dell Feuerlicht, the Director of the ZOA's Economic Committee, would like to visit Cleveland in the next week or so to establish a suitable date and attend to some other preliminaries. I'd like to telephone you next week to ascertain when it will be most convenient for you to spend a few minutes with him.

Dr. Miller tells me that in my absence the arrangement with PEC was crystallized and ZOA has already received its \$10,000 check. Dr. Miller is using the "house warming" reception at the ZOA's new quarters this coming Sunday to advance our economic work. As long as your wonderful speech in Cleveland gave first place to economic activity, some of us are trying to do something about it. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Herman L. Weisman*  
Herman L. Weisman

HLW/n

February 16, 1954

Dr. Harris J. Levine  
B'nai Zion  
225 West 57th Street  
New York 19, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter and please pardon the delay in answering it. I was down in Florida for a brief vacation, and my correspondence has lagged accordingly.

I shall be in New York for a day next Tuesday, February twenty-third, stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria. I shall be very happy to see you during the day. Please telephone me and we will arrange for a meeting time.

I am glad to know that Dorothy is recovering from her operation. I trust that by now she is entirely well. Please give her my warmest good wishes in which Virginia joins me.

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



February 16, 1954

Miss Marlene Kalik, Chairwoman  
Educational Conference  
Zionist Organization of America  
145 East Thirty-second Street  
New York, New York

My dear Miss Kalik:

I greatly appreciate your gracious invitation to address the Fourth Annual Educational Conference of the Young Zionist Districts. I wish I were free to come, but as you probably know, I am scheduled to address the National Conference of the United Jewish Appeal in Miami Beach that weekend. I trust that your <sup>meeting</sup> weekend will be very successful.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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February 24, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver

Yesterday Harold Manson told me that you were anxious to know the state of affairs regarding the income for Kfar Silver.

I am attaching a list of donations received as of today, which were specifically earmarked for Kfar Silver, and a second list of specific commitments known to us at this time.

I sincerely trust that this finds you in the best of health and send you and Mrs. Silver my warmest wishes.

Sincerely yours,

*Hannah.*

Hannah Stein, Director  
American Zionist Fund

Encls.

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DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR KFAR SILVER

as of February 24, 1954

\$1,450	Mr. I. S. Turover
IL2,000	Mr. Charles M. Chizewer - balance outstanding; Mr. Bressler negotiating
\$ 500	Mr. Morton C. Roberts - Bronx
500	Mr. Robert P. Roberts - Bronx
500	Penninsula Zionist District (Rabbi J.J. Finkle, Minyan Club of Rodef Sholom Temple)
600	Bayonne Zionist District - 1952-53
5,905.05	Westchester Region
10,000	Boston Silver Dinner
6,420	Cleveland Silver Dinner
12,246	Connecticut Region (Abe Goldstein Dining Hall)
180	Leon Kay - Detroit

COMMITMENTS MADE TO CONTRIBUTE TO KFAR SILVER  
as of February 24, 1954

Phoenix Brandeis Zionist District (Harry Breverman) - expect \$3,000

Isaac Segel (Boston, Mass.) - \$1,000 to be made available in April

Masada Young Men's Zionist Dist. (L.A.)

Victorian Zionist Org. (Melbourne, Australia)

Bilu District - Bronx

Connecticut Region (Dining Hall)

Beth Abraham Synagogue Center (Dayton, Ohio, Rabbi Jos. Steinman)

Westchester Region

Bayonne, N.J. - Rose Gluckman bequest - \$4,000

San Francisco District



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February 26, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are having a Purim Seuda in the New York Metropolitan area with all the regions cooperating.

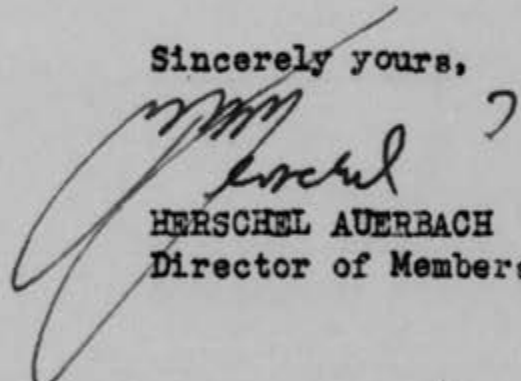
At this Seuda, we desire to honor each regional president and regional membership chairman. It is our belief that the Zionist leaders would most appreciate receiving a personally autographed copy of your book, "Vision and Victory". We would present each of these leaders with this copy at the Purim Seuda, at which we will have in the neighborhood of 1,000 people.

I am taking the liberty of mailing you nineteen (19) copies of your book and will be most grateful if you will inscribe them to each of the individuals on the enclosed list and return them to me in time for our Seuda on March 21st.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best wishes and warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
HERSCHEL AUERBACH  
Director of Membership

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Sent 3/9/54

LIST OF INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM BOOKS SHOULD BE INSCRIBED:-

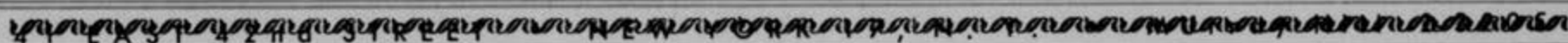
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Pres., Brooklyn Zionist Region
- ✓ Harold Carmely  
Membership Chairman, Brooklyn Zionist Region
- ✓ Solomon Biederman  
Pres., Bronx Zionist Region
- ✓ Irving Goldsmith  
Membership Chairman, Bronx Zionist Region
- ✓ Walter Schwartz  
Membership Co-Chairman, Bronx
- ✓ Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum  
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Membership Chairman, Manhattan Zionist Region
- ✓ Julius Curtis  
Membership Co-Chairman, Manhattan Zionist Region
- ✓ Jacob M. Dinnes  
Pres., Long Island Zionist Region
- ✓ Irving Galt  
Membership Chairman, Long Island Zionist Region
- ✓ Moses Weinstein  
Membership Co-Chairman, Long Island Zionist Region
- ✓ Bernard Buchholz  
Pres., Westchester Zionist Region
- ✓ Gershon J. Feigon  
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March 4, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested in the attached copy of a letter which has just come to my attention.

I shall withhold comment on the matter at this time, but will be interested to see whether my hunch concerning future "re-groupings" will prove to be correct with respect to both Montor and Goldmann.

With warmest regards, ~~████~~

Ever best,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/br  
enc.

DUPLICATE COPY

General Zionist Organization in Israel  
33 Hashmal Street  
POB 1778  
Tel Aviv, Israel

February 19, 1954

Dear Mr. Torczyner:

At the King David Hotel in Jerusalem on January 9th, a meeting took place between Mr. Henry Montor, Vice-President of the American Financial Development Corporation for Israel, Mr. J. Serlin, Minister of Health, and Knesset Members Mr. H. Ariav and Mr. G. Flesch. Unfortunately, being unwell on that day, I was unable to attend.

However, I understand that the atmosphere was very cordial and the problems dealing with our assistance to and cooperation with the Independence Bond Drive in North America and other countries were discussed and clarified. Mr. Montor kindly asked to maintain close contact with us and his request was received in a favorable light. Likewise your relations with the Bond Drive were discussed and Mr. Montor expressed himself in favour of reaching an understanding with you.

A few days after his departure a meeting of the Executive was held and the talks with Mr. Montor reported. It was decided to accept his invitation that a member of the party, who would have powers to coordinate between us and the American Financial Development Corporation for Israel and yourselves, proceed to the U.S.A., and I take pleasure in informing you that the Executive has designated Mr. George Flesch, M.K., who enjoys our trust and support and who is on very cordial terms with Mr. Montor.

Mr. Flesch, who has been fully briefed, will be leaving for the U.S.A. shortly and will be glad to be of any service to you in reaching an understanding with the American Financial Development Corporation for Israel.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

(s/)

S. Babe  
a/Chairman

Mr. Jacques Torczyner, Chairman  
World Zionist Affairs Committee  
Zionist Organization of America  
145 East 32nd Street  
New York 16, N.Y.



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March 9, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Fred Zirl who was a former Young Zionist District President and Chairman of the Brooklyn Young Zionist District Council, is now in Cleveland. He is located at 3508 Bendemeer Road, Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio.

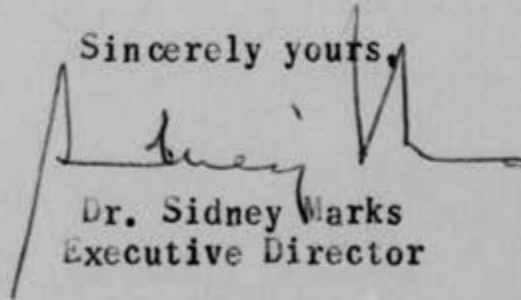
He is anxious to organize a Young Zionist District in Cleveland and he is calling a small meeting of approximately 15 to 20 for sometime during the beginning of April.

I wonder whether it would be possible for you to permit Mr. Zirl to call this organizing meeting in The Temple, and whether you could step in for a minute at that time and give them a word of encouragement.

I trust that this letter finds you and the family in the best of health and spirits.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

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*Knabe*

March 11, 1954

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Morris Sirote called from Birmingham today to invite and urge you to be the speaker at the dinner on Saturday, May 8th, through which Birmingham raises a substantial amount for the American Zionist Fund.

Mr. Sirote feels that since you will be en route to Florida you may find it convenient to stop off for this dinner.

Will you be good enough to advise us promptly if you can accept this engagement.

In deep appreciation,

Sincerely,

*DE Hirsch*

David E. Hirsch, Director  
SPEAKERS AND ARTISTS BUREAU

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is always pleasant to convey good news.

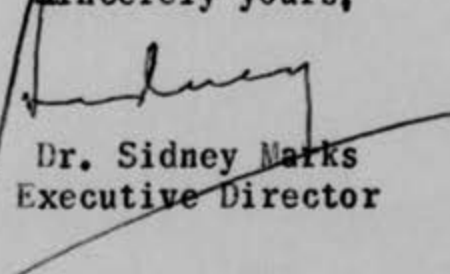
Mr. Ben Paul Brasley, an Attorney, Suite 412 Frick Building, Pittsburgh 19, Pa., has forwarded to us a State of Israel Bond for \$5000 exclusively for Kfar Silver. We are so designating these funds.

What is of equal importance is the fact that he has forwarded this Israel Bond to us in your honor. He does so as an act of gratefulness to you for your efforts in establishing the State of Israel. As a matter of fact, I understand that Mr. Brasley believes that you, above all other individuals, are responsible for the creation of the new State.

I do know that you will want to write to Mr. Brasley and tell him of your feelings.

Accept my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

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March 11, 1954

Dr. A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St., & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

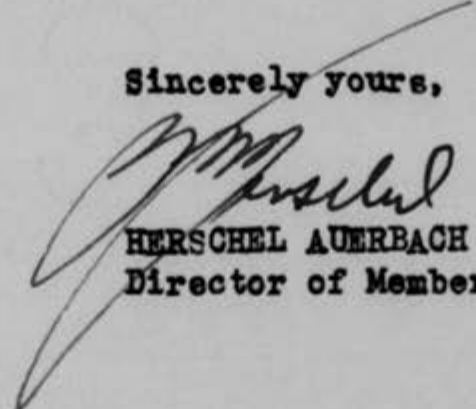
Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a note with reference to my letter of recent date concerning the books which I sent you for inscription. I know you had quite a snow storm in Cleveland and were pretty well snow bound for a number of days. This may account for our not having received these books with your inscription.

In view of the fact that our Purim Sueda at which these books are to be presented is scheduled for Sunday, March 21st, some ten days off, I would appreciate your taking this into consideration and returning the inscribed books to me.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
HERSCHEL AUERBACH  
Director of Membership

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*"Only a small change in the street and telephone number, but a big change in looks, working space and efficiency. Whenever you are nearby, please drop in and see us."*

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St., & Angel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Just a note to express my thanks and appreciation for your inscriptions on the copies of your book, "Vision and Victory". We received them today and I am impatiently awaiting the presentation of these books to the individuals concerned. I know how much they will be appreciated and what a great honor these people will deem it.

Sincerely yours,

HERSCHEL AUERBACH  
Director of Membership

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9. Free delivery will not be made at points where the company maintains no delivery service; at points where delivery service is maintained free delivery will not be made at addresses beyond the established and published delivery limits.

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11. The company shall not be liable for any loss, damage, or delay to said shipments over ocean routes and their foreign connections, the destination of which is in a foreign country, occurring outside the boundaries of the United States, which may be occasioned by any such acts, lading, laws, regulations, or customs. Claims for loss, damage or delay must be made in writing to the carrier at the port of export or to the carrier issuing this receipt, within nine months after delivery of the property at said port or in case of failure to make such delivery then within nine months and fifteen days after date of shipment; and claims so made against said delivering or issuing carrier shall be deemed to have been made against any carrier which may be liable hereunder. Suits shall be instituted only within two years and one day after the date when notice in writing is given by the carrier to the claimant that the carrier has disallowed the claim or any part or parts thereof. Where claims are not so made, and/or suits are not instituted thereon in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the carrier shall not be liable.

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March 15, 1954

Mr. Herschel Auerbach  
Director of Membership  
Zionist Organization of America  
145 East 32nd Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Auerbach:

This is to inform you that the carton of books which you sent for Rabbi Silver's inscription was shipped to you via Railway Express on March 11th. The Railway Express people promised you would receive the parcel within two or three days. I hope they will arrive in adequate time and would appreciate hearing from you on receipt of the books.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

March 16, 1954

Dr. Sidney Marks  
Zionist Organization of America  
145 East 32nd Street  
New York 16, New York

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of March eleventh in which you inform me that Mr. Ben Paul Brasley of Pittsburgh has forwarded to you a State of Israel Bond for \$5000 exclusively for Kfar Silver. I am writing this day to thank Mr. Brasley for his very generous contribution.

In this connection, I am somewhat disturbed by the fact that none of the funds which had been received by the ZOA earmarked for Kfar Silver have as yet been forwarded to Israel. I understand that more than \$30,000 has been received, and I know that you are earmarking these moneys, but earmarking is not enough. These funds are needed in Israel where they are engaged in building the school. I have received some disturbing letters from Israel.

I realize that the ZOA finds itself in a tight financial situation, but assuredly these funds which are now badly needed in Israel and which have been contributed by donors who have specifically earmarked them for Kfar Silver should not be used for any other purpose. The fact that an allocation has been made out of the General Zionist funds by the ZOA for this purpose in no way alters the situation. It was never intended that funds raised by the ZOA specifically for the Kfar Silver through the Zionist Fund or in other ways should be charged up against this allocation. It seems to me that whatever funds are received for the Kfar Silver should be forwarded as rapidly as possible to Israel.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 18, 1951

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David E. Hirsch  
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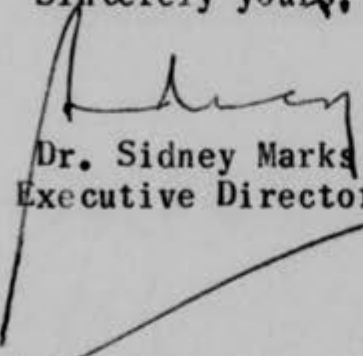
Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your letter dated March 16th. I was delighted to hear from you.

I will take up the contents of your letter with our fiscal officers. You may depend upon an immediate response.

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

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

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*Memorandum*

To: ZOA DISTRICT AND REGIONAL LEADERS March 23, 1954

From: THE COMMISSION ON ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST (AZE)  
Rabbi Leon Feuer, Chairman Harold P. Manson, Director

Subject: STATEMENT ON THE MASSACRE OF MARCH 17TH

The massacre at Scorpion Pass in the Negev, where eleven Israeli travelers were murdered by heavily-armed Arabs, must not be allowed to pass unnoticed by any segment of American public opinion. We must make clear the cause of such tragedies -- the persistent refusal of the Arab states to make peace with Israel and the failure of the major Powers, especially the United States, to bring about a change in the Arab attitude.

A full statement on this subject was made by Rabbi Irving Miller, President of the Zionist Organization of America, on March 21, 1954 before the National Administrative Council of the Z.O.A. We are sending it to you for your guidance and urge you to call it to the attention of newspaper editors, columnists, radio and TV commentators, clergymen and other moulders of public opinion in your community. The text of the statement follows:

The most recent Arab outrage perpetrated against peaceful Israel citizens has brought the tensions in the Middle East almost to the breaking point. The massacre of March 17th, when eleven Israelis, including women and children, were machine-gunned in cold blood while traveling by bus in the Negev, is the latest in a series of murderous acts committed by Arab states against Israel. Full responsibility for this wanton killing must be borne by the government of Jordan, whose official denials are obviously designed to evade censure by the United Nations. Such denials are contemptible coming from a government which has ceaselessly and openly threatened war against Israel, and which has deliberately and maliciously fed the flames of hatred against Israel among its people. The heavily-armed Arabs who crossed from Jordan into Israel on their errand of murder were acting in the spirit of their government's official pronouncements.

This same government of Jordan has impudently rejected the long-standing request of the United Nations Secretary General that it meet with Israel in compliance with its obligations under the Armistice Agreements. A similar increase in hostility has characterized the behavior of the other Arab states towards Israel. Egypt maintains its blockade of the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba against Israel-bound shipping, in defiance of international law, of the Armistice Agreements, of a Security Council Resolution and of public opinion throughout the free world. Syria continues to bar the way to a peaceful settlement of the controversy over Jordan water development. Iraq repeatedly calls for Israel's destruction. The King of Saudi Arabia rants about sacrificing ten million Arabs in order to wipe out Israel.

Meanwhile, our State Department continues to woo these Arab states under the slogan of "impartiality", offering American arms to nations which publicly proclaim their aggressive designs against America's only true friend in that part of the world. If our State Department

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had hoped that its policy of coddling the Arabs would result in the lessening of their intransigent attitude towards a peaceful settlement with Israel, recent events should have made it clear that the very opposite effect has been produced. The State Department's policy has only served to encourage the Arab politicians to believe that they can continue, and even intensify, their hostility against Israel with impunity.

We recall how hastily and energetically the State Department rushed forward to condemn Israel at the time of the tragic Kibya incident, which had been provoked by a long series of Jordanian attacks carried out against Israel's citizens without a word of reproof from our Government. The manner in which the Administration will act with respect to the massacre at Scorpion Pass will be carefully noted by Arabs and Israelis alike -- indeed, by public opinion everywhere -- and conclusions will be drawn by all concerned.

Finally, if we really wish to avoid the repetition of such tragedies and to save other innocent people, both Israelis and Arabs, from death and suffering, we must eradicate the cause of these incidents -- and do so without delay. There will be no end to this misery until there is peace, which Israel wants, but which the Arab states reject. The indefensible attitude of the Arab states is clearly the root of the problem, and the failure of the major Powers, especially the United States, to bring about a change in that attitude is equally responsible for the present situation. Our State Department would be playing a more constructive role if it were to concentrate on this fundamental problem. If the Arabs are told that they will no longer be appeased at Israel's expense -- and if they know that we mean it -- there will be peace. Our government should undertake to discharge this task for the sake of stability in an area which is vital to American interests and in defense of the democratic way of life.

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March 24, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you, under separate cover, a volume of "Vision and Victory", which I read again after several years. I will greatly appreciate it if you would be kind enough to autograph this volume for me and have it returned to my office in New York.

I hope my personal request will not be too much of an imposition upon you.

With many thanks and warmest regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Leon Ilutovich  
Assistant Executive Director

LI/mf

*Handwritten:*  
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3/31/54

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March 25, 1954

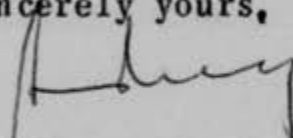
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Further with reference to your letter dated March 16th, I am bring this matter of Kfar Silver and its funds to the attention of the Finance Committee which is meeting on Monday, March 29th.

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

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

SM:dh



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March 31, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Some weeks ago you asked me to make inquiries about the best procedure for sending funds to Kfar Silver. At that time I sent a memorandum to Emanuel Neumann, believing him to be in the best position to provide the information. Today I received word from Emanuel that he would see to it that the matter is properly handled after he receives details concerning the sum involved. I assume that you will wish to convey this information to him.

I have also received a reply on another matter of mutual interest which has been pending for some time. You will recall that I had discussed a Hebrew translation of "Vision and Victory" with an Israeli correspondent, Joseph Nedava, who was to interest an Israeli publisher in undertaking the publication of the book. Nedava has informed me that, despite his early optimism, the publisher concerned (Pali, I believe) has hesitated to proceed with the venture on a private enterprise (i.e. non-subsidized) basis. However, I still think that the idea is sound and intend to make further inquiries.

I imagine that you are just as disturbed as I am over the steady deterioration of the political situation. I am appalled by the blunders which have been committed by some of our friends in the Israel government -- and the public relations set-up of the Zionist movement in this country is a very bad joke. The reorganization which finally took place after almost two years of discussion and negotiation has only served to complicate matters further, and the movement is today almost totally devoid of direction in political matters. I have been trying to do what little I can from here within the framework of the new set-up, but I am the first to admit that this is wholly inadequate. I shall not trouble you with the details in this letter, but am prepared to provide you with all of the particulars if you should request them.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

*Harold*

Harold P. Manson

*P.S. I just received a report that Byroade has agreed to speak at the forthcoming conference of the Council for Jewish*

HPM/br

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April 6, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a word to thank you heartily for autographing  
the volume of "Vision and Victory".

I greatly appreciate your taking the trouble of re-  
turning the volume so promptly.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Leon Ilutovich  
Assistant Executive Director

LI/mf

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April 22, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you undoubtedly know, the first Zionist District in the ZOA to name their District in your honor has been formed in Manhattan. I know the President of the District, Mr. Jack B. Cohen wrote to you and you replied affirmatively, consenting to the use of your name in that connection.

A large open meeting is being planned for Monday evening, May 24th <sup>✓</sup> at which time a charter will be presented to them. The principal address will be delivered by Mr. Harold Manson, who was so effective as your "Prime Minister" during the political fight for Jewish statehood between 1943 and 1948.

If you would be good enough to send a congratulatory message to that meeting, it would have a most stimulating and electrifying effect upon the assemblage. Please be good enough to address your wire to

Mr. Jack B. Cohen, President  
Abba Hillel Silver District  
Westover Hotel  
72nd Street and West End. Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

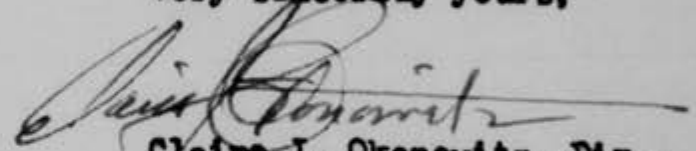
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April 22, 1954

May I add a personal note. I feel deeply honored that in the area for which I am responsible, we have consummated the organization of the first District to be named in your honor in the ZOA. To me, this achievement is something I will cherish above all others. You will be happy to learn that this District has a vast potential, both in wealth and in aggressive activities among the substantial business men who make up the backbone of the group. In the space of three months, they have already achieved a membership of close to 150. I know you will derive a great deal of Naches from this District as the years pass.

Kindest personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,



Claire J. Okonowitz, Dir.,  
Metropolitan N.Y.  
Membership Division

cjo:ps

cc: Harold Manson



APRIL 23, 1954

TELEGRAM

MR. HAROLD MANSON  
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DO NOT PLAN TO BE IN NEW YORK IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.  
WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO SEE MR. SAPHIR AT ANY TIME  
HERE IN CLEVELAND.

REGARDS

הסתדרות הציונית של ניו קנגלאנד

# NEW ENGLAND ZIONIST REGION



ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Zionist House — 17 Commonwealth Avenue — Boston 16, Massachusetts — COpley 7-3602

PRESIDENT  
Julius Stone

April 26, 1954

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

As Executor of the estate of Isaac Segel, late of Everett, Massachusetts, I have just mailed Hannah Stein a donation of \$1,000 which I was directed by my decedent to give to an educational institution in Israel and asked her to use it for Kfar Silver.

Before I went to Israel, from which we have but recently returned, my inclinations were to make such a designation because of my high regard for the historic contribution you made to the Zionist movement and the establishment of the state as well as my approval of the agricultural school which was to be established there. However, my visit resolved any doubt of the need of this type of an educational institution and the buildings already erected give evidence of creative and judicious planning.

Israel and our Z.O.A. too will benefit by the prompt completion of this important project and I look to your many devoted admirers all over our country to make the completion of the school an early reality.

Perhaps you will find it possible to lead a delegation of American Zionists to the Holy Land to join in a memorable dedication and I would ask your approval to present the suggestion

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May 4, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I informed Irving Miller that you were planning to sound out Vice-President Nixon with respect to an appearance at the Z.O.A. Convention, and he was glad to know this.

As for the banquet on Saturday night, June 26th, Miller made the following points: If the Vice-President (or some other leading Republican) will speak on Thursday evening, we should have a prominent Democrat at the banquet. But if we invite Gov. Lausche we should also invite Gov. Dewey for Saturday night. Since the banquet will get under way very late due to Shabbat, it would be preferable to have only one major address. Miller would like to try Justice Douglas before canvassing others and therefore suggests that you defer any conversation on the matter with Gov. Lausche for the present.

With warmest regards, I am



May 4, 1954

Miss Hannah Stein  
Zionist Organization of America  
145 East 32nd Street  
New York 16, New York

My dear Miss Stein:

I received a letter from Mr. Julius Stone of Boston informing me that as Executor of the estate of Isaac Segel he has forwarded to you a donation of \$1,000 to be used for Kfar Silver.

I hope that this amount will be forwarded immediately to Kfar Silver and will not suffer the fate of the many other gifts which have been designated for Kfar Silver and which have so far not reached their destination. I am very much disturbed about the whole situation, and the explanations which have been made are far from being satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms



WASHINGTON, D.C.      MAY 5, 1954

JULIUS MEYER  
CO-CHAIRMAN 6TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
INDEPENDENCE OF ISRAEL  
1 STATE STREET, BOSTON

I AM HAPPY TO SEND MY GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL THOSE CITIZENS OF DORCHESTER AND MATTAPAN WHO ARE GATHERED ON FRANKLIN FIELD TO OBSERVE THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. IN THIS SHORT TIME ISRAEL HAS MADE REMARKABLE HEADWAY ALONG THE ROAD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND ALL AMERICANS FERVENTLY HOPE FOR ITS CONTINUED AND PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT. PLEASE EXTEND MY PERSONAL REGARDS TO GOVERNOR HERTER WHO IS TO BE YOUR DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER ON THIS OCCASION. WITH ALL GOOD WISHES.

# MAY HOSIERY MILLS

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PHONE 42-1611

May 7th,  
1954.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Emanuel told me when I was in New York over the last weekend, that you were so good as to have announced your support of my candidacy for President of the ZOA. This made me feel *happy* indeed, and I appreciate this very much.

If things work out right I shall want to enlist your full support so that we may build a stronger and more effective organization. In any case I count on seeing you at the Convention.

Thanking you once more,

Sincerely yours,

*M. May*  
Mortimer May

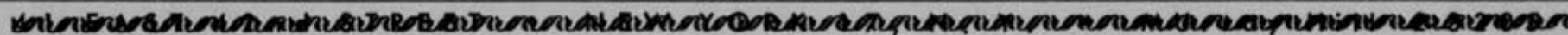
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I cannot tell you how deeply embarrassed I am over the contents of your letter of May 4.

I hope you will permit me to write these lines to you confidentially and to give you an official reply after next Monday's Inner and Finance Committees meeting. Frankly, the question involved is not only the matter of the Estate of Issac Segel of Boston, but a far greater amount is involved.

Of course, you will appreciate that my duties are confined to fund raising and that I can only use pressure but have no jurisdiction over the dispersion of the funds.

From what I understand, Rabbi Miller undertook to pay \$50,000 in the current year to our friends who are building Kfar Silver. I am happy to inform you that we have raised very close to that amount, specifically earmarked towards the agricultural school which is to bear your name. However, the problem is one of appropriating such amount to Kfar Silver.

As I understand, we have to date transferred IL10,000 to Israel, and we are now in the process of transferring a \$5,000 bond, which we received from Mr. Brasley of Pittsburgh. We are having some difficulty in this connection, since Dr. Wirklich, the chairman of the Board of Regents of Kfar Silver, feels that he will not be able to make use of this bond, although we have ascertained that the Government will cooperate fully with him on it. In any case, this \$5,000 is in the works, so to speak, which would bring the amount transferred to date to \$10,000.

As you can well imagine, I feel as strongly as you do that all monies specifically donated for this purpose be transferred immediately and, as I mentioned above, I shall do my utmost to see that on Monday positive action is taken.

May 7, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Until then, please accept my warmest wishes and personal regards to you and Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely yours,

*Hannah Stein*

Hannah Stein, Director  
American Zionist Fund

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## Memorandum

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Dr. Sidney Marks

May 11, 1954

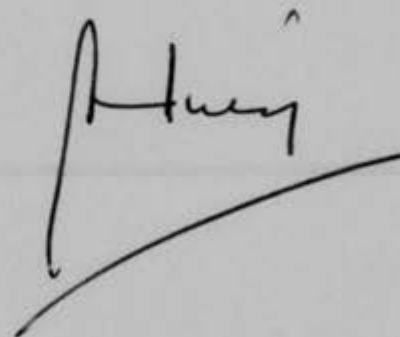
Subject:

I thought you might be interested in learning that the Finance Committee has allocated an additional \$12,000 worth of Bonds to Kfar Silver which will bring the allocations to \$22,000.00.

We have written to Israel today requesting instructions regarding the funds.

My affectionate regards *and please extend them to the family*

SM:dh



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*Memorandum*

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Harold P. Manson

May 11, 1954

Subject:

You will, I am sure, be interested in the attached text of a message from Vice-President Nixon to the Israel Anniversary Celebration of the Mattapan-Dorchester-Roxbury District in Boston.

Warmest regards.



HPM/br  
encl.

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May 12, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

A short time ago you called my attention to the forthcoming history of the Jews in America by Oscar Handlin, and suggested that someone should interest himself in the volume in order to ensure that the role of American Jewry in bringing about Israel's establishment ~~was~~ properly treated. The stimulation of books which serve the interests of the Movement is one of the functions of the new department which Emanuel Neumann is heading in the Jewish Agency. I have therefore called his attention to this matter.

In this connection -- a few days ago I came across the new American edition of Paul Goodman's History of the Jews, for which you wrote an excellent introduction. (The publishers had neglected to send me a copy of the volume after it came off the press.) You will recall that I was invited by the publishers to contribute a chapter on the role of American Jewry after you called their attention to the omission of this important part of the story from the new chapters written by Israel Cohen. I was glad to note that the book jacket featured the section I contributed, but was somewhat piqued to find no acknowledgement of my authorship in Israel Cohen's preface, a courtesy which should have been routine. Of course, I was paid for my effort, but that should not have affected the normal acknowledgement.

It is, however, a small matter -- and I really should not trouble you about it, except that I recalled it in connection with your note about Handlin's forthcoming history.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

*Harold*

Harold P. Manson

HPM/br

P.S. Have you been receiving the Yearbooks of the American People's Encyclopedia, ~~to~~ which I have now contributed three articles on Zionism? Z.O.A. Program -- Aid to Israel and Service to Our Community

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May 12, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Arieh Gelblum telephoned me yesterday in order to transmit the contents of a United Press dispatch, datelined Washington, which has been published in the Israeli press.

The dispatch quotes governmental sources as saying that at the time of your recent visit to the White House you were informed that the White House has not transmitted to the State Department any criticism of the Byroade speech and that the White House does not intend to intervene in the matter. The dispatch states further that you visited the White House on another matter, but took occasion to bring up the question of the Byroade speech. The Assistant to the President informed you that the President does not wish to interfere and is leaving everything in the hands of the State Department.

Gelblum ventured a guess that the UP approached the White House on this matter after receiving word from its correspondent in Israel that one of Gelblum's dispatches from here had mentioned that you had visited the White House, where you discussed the question of Byroade's speech.

Since the UP is a world-wide service and is used also by some newspapers in the Arab world the effects of this story can be very damaging, especially the implication that the White House is not responsive to the influence of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

I have asked Gelblum to send you the Hebrew text.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/br

May 13, 1954

Mr. Harold P. Manson  
145 East 32nd Street (ZOA)  
New York 16, New York

Please INFORM GELBLUM THAT "UP" STORY IS MANUFACTURED OUT OF THE  
WHOLE CLOTH. NO ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT GAVE ME ANY INFORMA-  
TION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING THE ATTITUDE OF THE PRESIDENT TO  
BYROADE'S SPEECH OR ~~ANY~~ CRITICISM OF IT.

MY

ABBAHILLEL SILVER



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May 14, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have released the essential facts concerning your recent conversations in Washington to the JTA, the Day-Morning Journal and to the Israeli press (Remba of Haboker and Gelblum of Zmanim). Remba and Gelblum have also cabled your denial of the inaccurate UP report of your conversation with Sherman Adams.

The report which I transmitted to the above-mentioned newspapers today was as follows:

WASHINGTON — An important conference took place at the State Department on Tuesday, May 11th between Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Secretary of State Dulles, it was learned today by the (name of newspaper). The conversation covered a wide range of subjects related to American policy towards Israel and the Middle East. Subsequently, on Thursday, May 13th, Secretary of State Dulles met with Israeli Ambassador Eban, who stated that Mr. Dulles had given him "a most important and encouraging reply concerning the high value he attaches to the friendship" between the U.S. and Israel.

Dr. Silver also conferred on Tuesday with Vice President Nixon, the (name of newspaper) learned.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/br

May 18, 1954

Telegram

VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

EAGERLY AWAITING YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF MY INVITATION TO ADDRESS  
CONVENTION ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA IN NEW YORK CITY  
THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 24th. WOULD BE OF GREAT SERVICE TO  
EVERYONE IF YOU WOULD ACCEPT. WARMEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
THE TEMPLE  
ANSEL ROAD AND EAST 105th STREET  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

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May 18, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

1. The Convention Committee is most anxious to know whether Vice President Nixon is accepting the invitation which you extended to him. I told Harris Levine that you would undoubtedly phone me as soon as you have received a definite answer.

2. I spoke to Saphir yesterday at a reception in his honor tendered by the Confederation at the Jewish Agency. He told me he had heard that you would be in New York on May 25th to speak at the UJA dinner, and that he would very much like to meet you for lunch on that date -- provided that this would prove feasible for both of you. (He is not sure whether he is to leave for Israel on the 23rd or the 26th, but suggested that a luncheon meeting on the 25th could take place if he leaves on the latter date - and if you will be in town.)

3. I assume that you have seen the reports of your visit to Washington in the JTA and the Yiddish press.

4. I see by the extensive correspondence on the subject, that you have been requested to send a message to the first meeting of the Abba Hillel Silver Zionist District, which I am scheduled to address on Monday evening, May 24th. I note further that Miss Okonowitz, of the ZOA Membership Department, has suggested that this message be conveyed by me as your "Prime Minister."

Having already informed the lady that the designation was not appropriate, may I inquire how "Your Majesty" wishes to proceed - whether "Your Majesty" wishes to send a telegram directly to the meeting or prefers to have a suitable message prepared and delivered by the "Prime Minister."

Ministerially yours,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/br



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AFTER CAREFULLY CHECKING LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE WITH SENATOR KNOWLAND IT APPEARS VERY LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE NIGHT SESSIONS THE LATTER PART OF JUNE. CONSEQUENTLY BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE DIVISION IN THE SENATE I HAVE HAD TO ADOPT A POLICY OF MAKING NO ENGAGEMENTS OUT OF WASHINGTON DURING THAT PERIOD AND THEREFORE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE CONVENTION OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA ON THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 24. I HOPE THAT I MAY BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE ORGANIZATION AT ONE OF ITS MEETINGS IN THE FUTURE.

BEST WISHES=

RICHARD NIXON=



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May 21, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have no doubt that you already have a heavy schedule of appointments for next Tuesday in New York. However, there are a number of important matters which I am most anxious to discuss with you, and I wonder whether a meeting can be arranged in the course of Tuesday (or Wednesday?).

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/br

*Committee for the Election of*  
**MORTIMER MAY**  
*as President of the*  
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May 21, 1954

Miss Price  
Secretary to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Price:

I wonder whether you would be good enough  
to send us the address of Mr. Irving Kane of Cleve-  
land who is a member of the ZOA and a personal friend  
of Mr. Mortimer May.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Goldie Starker*  
Goldie Starker  
Secretary

May 24, 1954

Telegram

Mr. Harold P. Manson  
Zionist Organization of America  
115 East 32nd Street  
New York 16, New York

WILL BE GLAD TO SEE YOU TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT THE ASTOR HOTEL. PLEASE  
PREPARE ALSO AND TRANSMIT MESSAGE FROM ME TO NEWLY ORGANIZED ZIONIST  
DISTRICT WHICH YOU ARE TO ADDRESS THIS EVENING. WARMEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

*Memorandum*

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To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Claire J. Okonowitz

Subject: Charter meeting of the Abba Hillel Silver Zionist District - May 24, 1954

Due to a duplication of booking error at the hotel previously indicated as the meeting place of the Silver District on May 24th, the meeting is now scheduled to be held at the Hotel Riverside Plaza, 73rd Street, bet. Broadway and West end Avenue, New York City.

Please be good enough to note the change accordingly and send your wire to:

Jacob B. Cohen, Pres.  
Abba Hillel Silver Zionist Dist.  
Hotel Riverside Plaza,  
73 St. Bet. Bway and West End  
New York City

Kindest personal regards.





May 25, 1951

Miss Goldie Starker *VVA*  
521 Fifth Avenue  
Room 2118  
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Starker:

You may communicate with Mr. Irving Kane  
c/o The Hospital Specialty Co., 1991  
East Sixty-sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

June 3, 1954

Mr. Harold Manson  
Zionist Organization of America  
145 East 32nd Street  
New York 16, New York

My dear Harold:

I have this day written to Secretary Dulles  
and I have also included the statement concerning  
which I spoke to you this morning.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:rms  
enclosure

*See copy with Dulles  
correspondence*

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ERNEST E. BARBARASH, *Director*  
PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

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June 15, 1954

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

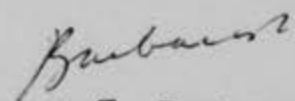
Dear Dr. Silver:

I would appreciate receiving as early as possible, salient excerpts of your address at our forthcoming convention.

In order that I may give your address the widest possible press coverage it is important that I have the excerpts thereof by Tuesday morning, June 22, preferably earlier.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ernest E. Barbarash

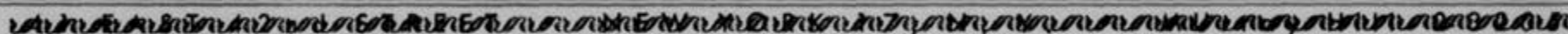
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June 16, 1954

Mrs. Sparrow  
Secretary to Dr. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Sparrow:

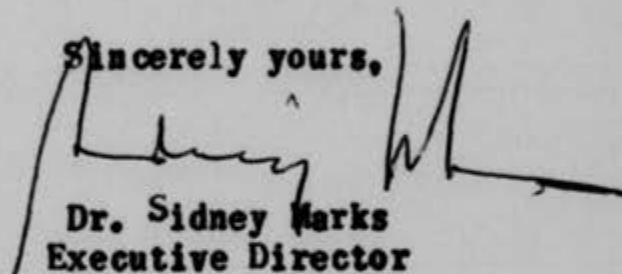
I am happy to inform you that I have made reservations for Dr. Silver and for his son, Dan, for Tuesday, June 22nd arrival as requested.

We are doing everything humanly possible to secure air-conditioned room and have so instructed the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

It is a pleasure to be of service.

Accept my kindest personal regards and please extend them to Dr. Silver and his family.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Executive Director

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June 17, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Following our telephone conversation of yesterday, I prepared letters to President Eisenhower and Governor Dewey, as well as a somewhat shorter draft of the proposed message from the President. Copies of all of these letters are enclosed.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/br  
encl.

June 17, 1954

Dr. Sidney Marks  
Zionist Organization of America  
145 East 32nd Street  
New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Marks:

Thank you so much for your prompt action in obtaining hotel reservations for Rabbi Silver and Dan.

There seems to have been a slight misunderstanding, however. The rooms will be occupied beginning Wednesday, the 23rd, rather than Tuesday, as specified in your letter. They plan to leave New York on Friday, the 25th; therefore, the rooms will be needed for a total of two nights - Wednesday and Thursday. I thought the Waldorf might like to know this so as to have those rooms available for others on Tuesday, as they must be at a premium.

Thank you very much for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth M. Sparrow  
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

For Dr. Silver

June 17, 1954

Governor Thomas E. Dewey  
Roosevelt Hotel  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Governor Dewey:

It was, as always, a great privilege to meet with you and to encounter your deep understanding of the problems which we discussed.

In accordance with your suggestion, I am enclosing my letter to the President, together with the draft of a message which I believe would be proper in the present circumstances. Such a statement will, I am sure, be enthusiastically received not only at the Convention but throughout the country. However, if the President should not wish to send a message of this type, it would be preferable for all concerned to have none at all, rather than a greeting such as the one we received at last year's Convention.

Please accept my profound thanks for your invaluable help, as well as my kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Irving Miller

IM/nbr  
encl.



June 17, 1954

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to extend to you a most cordial invitation to send a message to the Fifty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, which will be opened at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on Wednesday evening, June 23rd.

The delegates to the Convention, who will represent all parts of our country, are profoundly and gratefully aware of your historic role in saving the remnants of European Jewry for a new life in Israel. They are equally conscious of the warm friendship which you have expressed for Israel, and would be most gratified by a message from you on this important occasion.

Permit me to take this opportunity to convey every good wish to you, Mr. President, in leading our country and the free world towards peace and progress.

Respectfully yours,

Rabbi Irving Miller

IM/nbr



DRAFT OF MESSAGE

Rabbi Irving Miller, President  
Zionist Organization of America  
145 East 32nd Street  
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Miller:

I am very pleased to send my greetings to the Fifty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

The Zionist Organization of America has rendered outstanding service to the Jewish people and to our cherished American ideals. It has been led by great American Jews, such as Justice Louis D. Brandeis, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and has many important achievements to its credit, not the least of which is the part it played in the creation of the State of Israel. No less significant is its current contribution to mutual understanding between the people of Israel and the United States, and its effort to strengthen the common interest of both countries in peace and democratic progress.

As one who had occasion to witness at first hand the tragedy of the Jewish people in Europe, I am happy to know that their remnants are today living and working productively in Israel. The deep interest of the United States in the lands and peoples of the Near East has found frequent expression in the material and moral support which we have extended to the countries of that area. The continuation of our economic assistance program for the Near East should contribute greatly to the solution of pressing economic problems that today beset Israel and the Arab countries.

The Government of the United States is bending every effort to bring about peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors, which is of vital importance

to the free world. The problems which have thus far stood in the way of a solution are not insuperable and, with good will on both sides, could be resolved in direct negotiations. This would prove to be a blessing for both Israel and the Arab states, which must inevitably share common tasks and a common destiny in the Near East.

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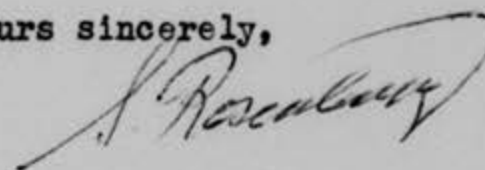
June 21st 1954

Rabbi Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

We are enclosing copy of our letter to the Secretary of State - Mr. John Foster Dulles - on the serious situation in the Middle East.

Yours sincerely,



S. Rosenberg  
Executive Director.



# UNITED ZIONISTS-REVISIONISTS OF AMERICA

BRIT HERUT—HATZOHAR

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276 WEST 43rd STREET, NEW YORK 36, N. Y.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State  
State Department  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is with satisfaction that we learned of your assurance, given to the Israeli ambassador, that the United States government values highly the friendship of the State of Israel. As Americans and Zionists, we firmly believe that this friendship is mutual because it is rooted deeply in the hearts of the peoples, and that it is in keeping with their best interests. At this time, when the United States is undertaking to stem the tide of world-wide Communist imperialism, it is reassuring to know that our government views Israel as a nation whose position is of importance in the alignment of forces defending the freedom and peace of the world.

However, we deem it our duty to convey to you the profound uneasiness engendered by the recent policy of the State Department towards the Arab States. Specifically, we refer to the supplying of arms to Iraq and the attempt to win the cooperation of the other Arab States with the objective of building a defense-line against Soviet aspirations in the Middle East. We must view such a policy as highly illusory and fraught with danger to the security of the United States and its democratic allies.

The record of the Arab states, in war and peace, indicates that they can hardly be considered of real military and political value. However we might wish it otherwise, they cannot be trusted as allies or friends in time of need. These States are not guided by the same democratic principles and way of life which we of the Western world cherish, and which are our main strength in the struggle against totalitarian Communism. The danger of a Communist thrust into the Middle East is so imminent that we cannot afford to waste our strength and resources on building defense positions in Arab quicksand.

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May we remind you, Mr. Secretary, that during the last war with the Nazi enemy, the Arab states had their sympathies and hopes in Hitler's camp.

Iraq virtually stabbed Great Britain in the back in her most perilous hour, despite the fact that Great Britain had been her benefactor and ally, and it was Great Britain which fought the Ottoman Empire, freed Iraq and gave her independence.

When Mussolini's fascist hordes invaded Egypt, together with the Nazi Panzer divisions, the Egyptian government did not lift a finger to defend that country's independence and to join the Allies in the fight against the totalitarian onslaught. Instead, they conspired with the invaders and the British were compelled to use force to prevent betrayal.

The spokesman for Arab nationalism, the former Mufti of Jerusalem, although appeased and coddled by Great Britain, made his wartime headquarters in Berlin, from whence he sought to rally the Arab world to oppose the Allies and support Hitler. Today, the Mufti is again active in the Arab countries, unleashing his hatred against the Western world.

There is no firm and determined anti-Communist and pro-Allied attitude on the part of the quickly shifting Arab regimes. There is no crystallized public opinion, no democratic tradition, no realization of the impending danger, no feeling of solidarity with the West. To place reliance upon the Arab states is like leaning on a broken rod.

We realize the need for the United States to build up a dam against the wave of Communism. It would be, however, highly unreasonable to expect that the Arab states can be cemented into such a dam. The martial record of the Arab armies in recent years proves conclusively that their military value is of very slight consequence.

In their onslaught on the hastily improvised, poorly armed and untrained Israeli defense forces in 1948, the Arab aggressors -- superior in arms and training, and outnumbering them five to one -- displayed such weakness that there is every reason to believe that no amount of American weapons will be able to convert them, within the foreseeable future, into a military force of real value.

In the final analysis, the strength of an army lies not only in its equipment, but in the purposefulness and integrity of its leadership, and in the spirit, devotion and determination of each soldier to fight for his cause. The Arab military machinery obviously does not possess these qualities. Why, then, waste good American money and valuable military equipment on vain attempts to achieve an impossible goal?

You will remember that President Eisenhower, in his speech before the Committee for Economic Development, in Washington,

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on May 20th, uttered a profound truth when he stated: "Now, everyone knows that no security force is any good at all unless it is one of fine morale, belief and conviction."

There can hardly be any doubt that for many years to come no Arab army, no matter how magnificently equipped, would be able to withstand, or even to delay, an attack by Communist troops. Any Arab state so attacked will be quickly overrun, and American equipment will inevitably fall into the hands of the enemy.

May we suggest, Mr. Secretary, that our State Department stop appeasing the unappeasable Arab politicians, whose power is extremely evanescent, anyway. We ask you to reconsider the entire American policy in the Middle East with a view to establishing a realistic defensible position there against Soviet encroachment.

In addition to considerations of spiritual kinship between the mightiest and smallest democracies of the free world, we beg you to take into account also the realistic value of Israel's industrial potential in peace and war.

Israel, with its young, valiant army, its fervent devotion to the ideals of democracy and freedom, should be integrated, not merely with words, but with deeds, into the ranks of the allies to defend the Middle East against a potential Soviet attack.

An Israeli military force of 10 to 12 divisions, if properly outfitted with the most recent developments in the military field, can be America's most effective first line of defense in that region.

It is to America's best advantage to take into account the industrial and technological potential of the State of Israel. In World War II, the then embryonic industry of that country played a decisive role in the defense of the Eastern Mediterranean, and the continuing growth of Israeli industry is a factor which cannot be overlooked.

In the ideological struggle between the free and the enslaved world, the voice of Zion, in the land of the Bible, the cradle of religion, which gave the democratic world the human values by which we are inspired and live, will add strength to the democratic camp in its fight for the dignity of man, for justice and liberty.

Respectfully yours,

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Leo Wolfson, President

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Joseph L. Beder, Exec. Chairman

AMERICAN ZIONIST COMMITTEE  
FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
1737 H Street, N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

#### ARE WE REALLY IMPARTIAL?

The 1300-page transcript of the hearings before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on the 1954 Mutual Security Act deals with many controversial aspects of the American aid program to the Near East and also with some of the political issues which affect the relations between Israel and the Arab states, and our own policy in that area.

After reading the transcript, we believe it desirable and necessary to submit some comments, in the hope that we may be helpful in clarifying some of the issues that were raised.

We wish to make clear that we were impressed by the objective evidence submitted by officials of both the Department of State and the Foreign Operations Administration on the justification for the continuation of economic assistance to the Near East. On the other hand, we are deeply disturbed by the political testimony submitted by some of the officials of the Department of State, for in our judgment they reveal that the implementation of American policy in the Near East is not faithful to our professed impartiality.

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#### Economic Aid to Israel

Both Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade and Mr. Norman S. Paul of the Foreign Operations Administration reported to the Committee on the effective use that Israel has made of the assistance which our government has rendered to that country in the past.

"The funds in Israel have been used well," Mr. Byroade said (p. 205), while Mr. Paul recorded all those factors in Israel's economy which have brought about a substantial improvement and which promise that Israel is on the way to economic independence (p. 210).

It is our hope that economic aid to Israel will be continued on the level of the last year and will not be reduced, for it would be unfortunate if the progress that has been made would now be arrested by an untimely and premature reduction in our assistance.

We would refer to two issues raised in the hearings:

1. The allocation of funds in the area.
2. Israel's agricultural development.



The Fallacy of Mechanical Comparison

The claim is sometimes made that we have been unfair to the Arab states because we have given more aid to Israel than we have allotted to them. This criticism is buttressed by mathematical calculations showing that the per capita figure for Israel is far greater than that for the Arab countries. Both Mr. Arthur Z. Gardiner (Politico-Economic Adviser, Bureau of Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs, Department of State) and Mr. Paul have dealt effectively with this question, for Mr. Gardiner has reported to the Committee of the "demonstrated need" and the "demonstrated ability" to make use of aid in Israel (p. 653) and how it has been difficult to get engineering projects started in the Arab countries, some of which have not needed our assistance. Thus, Mr. Gardiner points out, "there is no such case of need to feed Syria" and "Iraq clearly doesn't need the money."

For a concise statement on this issue, one should turn to the letter written by Mr. Paul to Congressman Javits, which may be found on page 1188 of the record and which reads, in part, as follows:

"2. Levels of aid are not determined by population numbers.

"3. In view of the many considerations entering into the granting of economic assistance, it is misleading, if not impossible, to compare the needs of Israel on the one hand and the Arab states on the other in terms of total magnitude or per capita benefits. The nature and source of these needs differ from each other and change with time. Quite different economies are involved, as you point out, and many other factors--the existence of an emergency, the need for support to assure national survival, the availability of suitable and adequately engineered projects, absorptive capacity and willingness to comply with United States legislative conditions--may have a bearing not revealed through such comparisons. It is only fair to add, however, that the substantial oil royalties available to some Arab states do not lessen the needs of others and that the demands of large-scale refugee resettlement may yet be an important factor in the Arab states as well as Israel.

"4. Individual Arabs in prominent positions have advocated that the United States government aid to Israel and the Arab states 'be equated at zero', and the Arab League is on record as denouncing aid to Israel. In part, because of Arab preoccupation with the Palestine problem, there was a period in which there was relatively little Arab interest in aid for them-



selves, despite a serious accentuation of economic imbalances attended by social unrest. In recent years, however, there has been a growing appreciation of the need to meet some basic economic problems. As a result there is a great deal of present interest in an economic aid program, and negotiations with several of the Arab states are now in progress."

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#### Israel's Agricultural Development

A recurring theme in the hearings is the belief of some members that Israel has failed to turn its new immigrants into farmers and that accordingly its agricultural development has been unsatisfactory.

Every fair-minded person will recognize the difficulties of transforming middle-class townsfolk--refugees from concentration camps and ghettos who have never touched the soil--into productive farmers, especially when starved and eroded lands must be reclaimed from centuries of neglect and desolation. Moreover, it should be borne in mind that Arab border raids are not innocent perambulations. They are designed to terrorize Israel's border settlements and force Israel's new farmers to retreat from remote areas to the cities. Yet, despite these great handicaps, Israel has made remarkable agricultural progress. Thus, Mr. Gardiner, replying to this criticism, points out that between 1948 and 1952, the urban population in Israel doubled, while the rural population tripled, showing that an increasing proportion of the Jewish population in Israel is going to the land. The rural population was 330,000 as of December 31, 1952 (p. 602) and Mr. Gardiner points out that the Israel farmers are up against the difficulty that the "countryside is less safe" than the cities.

The most striking facts may be found in the statistics submitted by Mr. Paul (pp. 1189-91). Between 1948 and 1953, the cultivated area in Israel expanded from 412,000 acres to one million; the irrigated area from 72,000 to 160,000. The value of agricultural products, exclusive of citrus, doubled. Vegetable production almost tripled. The number of cases of citrus fruit exported rose from 3,864,000 in 1949 to 7,965,000 in 1954, as of May. These gains could not have been accomplished if it had not been for the fact that Israel was devoting a great deal of its concern and attention to the recruitment and training of farmers from its urban population and to the development of its agricultural economy. The Israelis have been forced to live on the most austere diet since the state was established and they regard agricultural self-sufficiency as their major need and undertaking.

### The Political Testimony

In any discussion of the continuing Arab-Israel conflict, it is difficult to distinguish between propaganda and fact. Yet, everyone who has followed history since 1948 knows that the Arab states went to war against the 1947 United Nations decision in an effort to prevent Israel's establishment and that, having failed and now hoping to recoup their defeat, they have since blockaded and boycotted Israel's economy, rejecting all proposals to enter into any direct negotiations.

But the testimony submitted by Mr. Gardiner would seem to shift responsibility for the lack of peace from the Arab states to Israel. Throughout his testimony, he calls upon Israel to make concessions to the Arab states in advance of any peace negotiations. He makes no such demands upon the Arab states, who are therefore permitted to infer that, until Israel makes such concessions, they are not obliged in any way to deal with Israel.

This is most regrettable, for it appears to us that we have now abandoned any pretense of avowed impartiality. The Arab states are fortified in their refusal to answer the summons of the United Nations to sit down to discuss peace with Israel, as Jordan has recently refused to do, and they are encouraged to exact larger and larger concessions from Israel and from our own country as the price for the abandonment of their hostility.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has condemned the Soviet Union for its "attempts to create pre-conditions" to a conference "which will gain for it many of the results which it would hope to get out of the conference." It would seem that the Communist policy which Mr. Dulles has so roundly condemned is quite similar to the Arab policy which Mr. Gardiner seemed so determined to defend.

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### What do we ask from the Arabs?

It is instructive to record Mr. Gardiner's answers to the questions put to him by Congressman Jacob K. Javits of New York. Mr. Javits asked Mr. Gardiner, "What is it we expect of the Arab states? . . . what do we represent to them that we want them to do?" Mr. Gardiner replied:

"We would like to see the Arab states develop their economies. We would like to see them better off materially. We would like to see them grow more food in their own countries. We would like to see them continue to develop their

mineral resources, and particularly their oil, in an orderly and effective way.

"We still place high value on the importance of that resource to the free world in general. We would like to see them develop more stable governments. We would like to have them able to develop the police, the gendarmerie and the military forces which would increase their resistance to subversion. We would like, in due course--and it will take many years--to develop genuine defensive strength in that region so it does not remain a power vacuum." (p. 628)

All this, of course, is most commendable, but in this preliminary reply to Mr. Javits' question, Mr. Gardiner does not disclose that we are asking the Arab states to revise their anti-Israel policy in any way.

Continuing his questioning, Mr. Javits elicited from Mr. Gardiner that we have been making some representations to the Arab countries on refugee resettlement and that we have deplored border incidents. But if our Department of State is asking the Arab countries to comply with United Nations decisions and to call off their illegal boycotts and blockades and to sit down and talk peace with Israel, Mr. Gardiner is keeping that a secret.

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What do we ask from Israel?

On the other hand, when Mr. Javits asked Mr. Gardiner, "What have we represented to Israel that we want of her?" Mr. Gardiner replied:

"We would like to see Israel develop and maintain the resources of its country. We would like to see Israel take steps to compensate the Arab refugees. We would like to see Israel take steps to unfreeze still further the frozen bank accounts of the Arabs. We would like to see Israel reach terms with the United Nations regarding the division of the waters of the Jordan River so that it will be possible to erect in the Jordan Valley structures for a dependable supply of water which will increase the agricultural potential of the Jordan Valley.

"We would like to see Israel consider still further possibilities of repatriation of the Arab refugees, realizing full well that repatriation can only be a partial solution of the Arab refugee problem.



"We would like to see Israel adopt a more conciliatory attitude toward the Arabs and to be ready to suggest measures of conciliation, bearing in mind the fact that Israel has been the victor in the struggle between the Jew and Arab.

"We would like to see Israel take steps to reassure the Arabs that they have no further intentions to expand the State of Israel." (p. 632).

The remarkable contrast between these two statements is a revealing indictment of current policy. It shows that Mr. Gardiner associates himself with Arab demands upon Israel and that he has become an apologist for the Arab refusal to make peace. There is no longer any doubt as to why Arab belligerence against Israel has mounted during the last year and why peace is further off than ever before.

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#### The Myth of Israel's Expansion

Mr. Gardiner takes seriously alleged Arab fears that Israel must inevitably expand because of its immigration policy. Here there is a startling difference of opinion between him and his superior, Mr. Byroade. In his May 1 speech, Mr. Byroade dwelt upon Arab fears of Israel expansion, but he was fair enough to refer to this as "a specter which does not seem to be based upon reality." (p. 475).

But Mr. Gardiner insists that the Arabs do have cause for alarm. He said:

"I think that if you listen to certain influential Israeli leaders, you have every cause for alarm. When they talk about the possible increase in the population to 4 million people, particularly. . . as of the next two or three years."

Mr. Gardiner knows, as Mr. Byroade himself testified, that immigration to Israel has fallen off almost completely and is virtually balanced by emigration.

Mr. Paul submitted official statistics showing immigration figures into Israel: In 1948 - 102,000; 1949 - 240,000; 1950 - 170,000; 1951 - 174,000; 1952 - 23,000; 1953 - 10,000 (p. 606). Thus, it will be seen that immigration into Israel began to fall after 1951, following the mass expulsion of the 120,000 Jews of Iraq. It has since gone down because sources of immigration have



dried up. And Mr. Byroade said:

"Immigration is stopped to the point where the numbers outgoing exceeded the incoming in the last three to four months." (p. 482)

Under the circumstances, it is difficult to understand why any official of the Department of State should accept Arab propaganda on this issue without challenge. It is not new propaganda. It is a myth that goes back many years. As far back as 1930, when the Jewish population of all Palestine was only 160,000, a British Commission reported that there wasn't room for any more settlers. Yet, today, there are 1,669,000 Jews and Arabs in Israel (which is smaller than Palestine) and the country is still far from crowded. In 1929, the population density for Palestine was 96 people per square mile. Today, the population density in Israel is 211, but that is not a high figure by any means. It is much higher in many other countries. It is 739 in Belgium, 679 in the Netherlands, 537 in the United Kingdom, 306 in Switzerland, 267 in Denmark, all countries which, despite their large populations, have a higher per capita income than Israel. Even Lebanon, Israel's northern neighbor, has a population density of 330. If population density were the criterion, then Israel would have more to fear from Lebanon than Lebanon from Israel.

If our State Department were really persuaded that Israel had no more room for more people, then it should, once and for all, stop asking Israel to accept the return of some of the Arab refugees. In truth, Arab propaganda on this issue goes down in clashing contradiction. On the one hand, the Arabs insist that Israel is overcrowded and must reduce its immigration lest it be compelled to burst its frontiers and seize their territory. On the other hand, pro-Arab spokesmen in our country call upon Israel to increase its population by accepting the return of Arab refugees and, simultaneously, to make the country even more crowded by ceding some territory to its neighbors as a concession to win peace.

What can Israel do to reassure its Arab neighbors that it will not expand? The more crucial question is what the Arabs should do to reassure Israel that they will not attack. The truth is that Israel has repeatedly offered to enter into a peace treaty with the Arab states, based on existing frontiers. It is the Arabs--not the Israelis--who want to change the frontier, for the Arabs are always demanding that Israel surrender territory in advance of any negotiations.

Finally, it is a fact that the Great Powers have guaranteed the frontiers. If America's guarantee is not enough to assure the Arabs, then what effective guarantees can Israel give?

### The Substance of the Issue

But we cannot close the discussion of the issue of Jewish immigration into Israel without putting upon the record our distress and our dismay that one of the most dramatic and humanitarian undertakings in history has been smudged and smeared by an unwholesome and discreditable acquiescence in tawdry propaganda.

The State of Israel was not created as an end in itself. It was established so that there might be some place in the world where the door would be open, and where Jews would be welcome, where Jews might enter as of right, and not on sufferance. The international community, the United Nations, recognized the need for the fulfillment of this age-long aspiration after the holocaust of World War II, in which six million Jews were murdered. There was an urgent need to provide sanctuary for the survivors, who had no place to go, after their liberation from the concentration camps. (There is utterly no foundation for the suggestion that the Zionists, because of their preoccupation with Israel as a national homeland in some way defeated plans to settle Jews elsewhere. All Jewish organizations, Zionist and non-Zionist, joined in advocating legislation to liberalize our own immigration laws, so that Jewish refugees might come into this country).

Jews everywhere in the world are proud of the restoration of the Jewish people to its ancient homeland. And American Jews are doubly proud because of our own great country's contribution. There could be no more sordid anti-climax to this great historic redemption than to suggest that the Jewish state should now post a sign in the harbor of Haifa: "No more Jews may enter here." Only one completely insensitive to the long history of twenty centuries of dispersion and wandering could entertain a proposal twisting the Jewish state into a sardonic caricature.

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### Arms for Iraq

We have, on previous occasions, registered our misgivings about the Administration's proposal to make arms available to Iraq, a country which has never signed an armistice agreement with Israel, which forced virtually all of its Jewish population to flee in 1951, and which mobilizes anti-Israel sentiment in the Arab League. We find it difficult to accept the enthusiasm of Mr. Byroade and Mr. Gardiner for their plan to place arms at the disposal of the Iraqi government. We question Mr. Gardiner's belief that the furnishing of arms to Iraq "can turn out to be a stabilizing force in the area." We fear that, once again, as in Syria and in Egypt,

the Department of State is reposing its confidence in regimes which cannot have stability because they are undemocratic and do not derive their strength and support from the consent of those they govern.

It remains our conviction that the arms that we send to Iraq are more likely to be used against Israel, or for the purposes of internal repression, than for the defense of the region against international communism. We do not believe that we will win the friendship of the people of Iraq if our weapons are used in the streets of Baghdad against them.

Finally, we detect a curious contradiction in the testimony submitted by Mr. Byroade. In justifying our assistance to Iraq, he has stated:

"There is a new spirit in Iraq. For the first time, you have the government of that country going around making open and effective anti-Communist speeches." (p. 485)

A few seconds later, Congressman Vorys called Mr. Byroade's attention to the recent Iraqi "speech from the throne" which emphasized Iraq's anti-Israel policy. He asked whether this was typical of the public viewpoint of the Iraqi government. Mr. Byroade replied:

"It is typical of some of the speeches that are made for domestic political purposes."

We are not inclined to dismiss the anti-Israel speeches so lightly for these issue from the highest Iraqi officials -- from the throne itself. If Mr. Byroade discounts these as speeches "intended for domestic political purposes," how can he be so sure that the open and effective "anti-Communist speeches" to which he previously referred here are not being made for external political purposes?

What device does Mr. Byroade use to determine when an Iraqi political speech is to be regarded as legitimate and taken seriously?

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### Conclusion

In conclusion, we believe that Arab-Israel peace can be attained if our government makes it clear to the Arabs as well as to the Israelis that we want peace. Representatives of Israel and the Arab states must sit down in direct negotiations looking towards a reconciliation of all outstanding problems. They must



be urged to take this course as the one means of securing cooperation for development and defense so essential if the threat of international Communism is to be met in the Near East. We do not believe that there is any ready-made peace plan that can be imposed upon the parties, and negotiations must be freely carried out without external coercion or pressure. We shall not gain peace in the Near East if we are defeatist or if we gloss over the failure of the Arab states to respond to their international obligations. It is not impartiality to bring pressure against one side and to pamper and coddle the other.

We reaffirm our conviction that America can continue to contribute effectively to peace and defense in the Near East by our great economic assistance programs. We believe that the Congress of the United States must be commended for its support of these programs in the past and trust that this support will be continued.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I did not want to allow this Convention to go by without sending you a line of personal appreciation for your most inspiring speech last Thursday night. It really did something to all of us and I can still feel the excitement and reverberations that you created.

I understand from Dr. Levine and Mr. Goodman that they discussed the Kfar Silver matter with you, and that you now understand the problems which faced us in this connection. I am really sorry about your justified dissatisfaction, but you will now have learned what happened at this end. I am sure that this matter will be more satisfactorily handled in the current year.

You may remember, over the past two years our Baltimore Zionist District has been most anxious to have you at its annual AZF dinner. I have again been requested to find out whether you could see your way clear to being the guest of honor on December 8, at their annual AZF dinner. They have promised a net income of \$10,000. This money can, of course, be earmarked for Kfar Silver, if you so desire.

As soon as I have your reply, which I do hope will be in the affirmative, you will of course receive an official invitation from our friends in Baltimore.

I look forward to a favorable reply, and send you and Mrs. Silver my cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,

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## The Zionist Swan Song

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's speech at the 57th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) last week was not only the highlight of the meeting, but also its *raison d'être*. Practically the entire interest of the convention seemed to revolve around that address and the meeting was clearly called to provide a platform for it.

The speech was a crucial one and will doubtless go down as the swan song of the Zionist movement in America. That movement has been hard pressed and on the defensive ever since the emergence of the State of Israel. During the last year its position had become desperate. It was attacked on all sides, by enemies and friends, in Israel and outside it, from within and from without. Nationalists like Ben Gurion attacked American Zionists for not being nationalistic enough on the ground that they are not leaving their American homes and settling in Israel. Anti-nationalists attacked them as too nationalistic on the ground that they still cling theoretically to *Kibbutz Galuyot*. Liberal Zionists, like Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, Rabbi Eisenstein and Maurice Samuel, counselled a modified "New Zionism".

Worse than this ideological offensive, however, was the new critical attitude to Zionism on the part of the State Department and other branches of the government. It was in order to meet this attack from all sides, to retrieve the rapidly losing position, to stem the tide of criticism, that Rabbi Silver was called in to save the ZOA, which he led in its days of power and success, from complete disintegration.

Rabbi Silver responded to the call, despite the fact that the rank and file of the ZOA cast him and his group aside to follow Ben Gurion as soon as the State was established and Silver's usefulness seemed to be over. His speech can be described as the last plea of a good defense attorney before the verdict is brought in by the jury, or as the last attempt of a general to rally his retreating army to make a final stand and even to launch a counter-offensive. It was a speech delivered by a master orator who has clearly not lost the power of swaying and carrying his audiences. It called forth a momentary echo of past glory and enthusiasm. But it failed definitely in its chief purpose. It made no dent in the great encircling movement of the attacking forces. It did not stop the retreat of his own army. It did not even permanently raise its morale by providing it with a plausible justification for continuing the lost fight. The best and the worst that can be said about the speech is that it was a swan song, an attempt to recapture a melody of better days, and to build upon it as if it were a solid foundation.

### A Revival of Militancy

Rabbi Silver seemed aware of this fact. He reminisced nostalgically about his appearance and a speech he delivered on the same platform eleven years ago when he carried the Zionist movement in a militant decision to adopt a resolution calling for

the immediate establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth. He called for a revival of that spirit and for a repetition of performances of those days. He dismissed the internal liberal critics of Zionism by saying "There are people who are calling for a new Zionism, for new definitions and new philosophies. Unfortunately, I have none to offer to you. What we need is not a new philosophy, but a renewed dedication to the great cause to which we, by our efforts in the past, have contributed so much, but which is not yet fully consummated." His was an appeal for a return to the past, to the era of militant American Zionism, when American Zionists spearheaded and sponsored the terrorist movement which fanned the embers of early nationalism into the flames of Israeli chauvinism of today. It was evident that Silver and the bulk of American Zionists still live in the memory of those 'glorious' days of their greatest success and that they are blind to the fact that a new world has arisen during the last decade, and that they cannot repeat successfully past performances. This was exactly what Silver tried to do.

It was a speech just as uncharitable in spirit and as militant in words as any of eleven years ago. He attacked the State Department with the same bitterness and in the same intemperate language as Zionists attacked the British Foreign Office a decade ago. He charged that Messrs. Byroade and Gardiner did not speak for their Department and did not reflect the thoughts and feelings of President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles on the Middle East. He implied that the State Department spokesmen were not motivated by the interests of the United States in their Middle East policy, but by personal bias against Israel which, he broadly hinted, was of an anti-semitic character—an insinuation openly used by Zionists against the late Ernest Bevin and still widely used today against any non-Jew opposed to the excesses of Zionism.

Worse still, he revived with a new vigor the contemptible technique of American Zionists of smearing every anti-Zionist Jew as a "traitor" and "informer"—a technique which more than anything else has degraded the organized American Jewish community during the last quarter of a century to the spiritual level of totalitarian nationalistic extremists who, like McCarthy, equate their party with the entire nation and make disagreement with them equivalent to treason. Like most Zionist rabbis, he forgot that he was not only a political Zionist, but also a spiritual leader of Jews and appealed to hidden fears and passions of his listeners to arouse their hatred and contempt for fellow Jews who do not share his particular brand of militant Zionism. In short, he made an open bid to arouse hates and hysteria of eleven years ago as a means of renewing and transferring the fight of Zionism against Great Britain to American soil.

### History Cannot Be Repeated

What has not been realized by Rabbi Silver and American Zionists now in their desperate effort to save their movement is: (1) that history cannot be repeated by merely repeating



external tactics of procedure and propaganda (2) that the political situation in the United States now is not the same as in England a decade ago; that the United States at the height of its world leadership is not likely to yield to organized Zionist pressure as did England; (3) that Israel of today no longer has the same humanitarian and emotional appeal to the non-Jewish and Jewish world that the Jewish National Home had before it became a state and when millions of Jews were still in danger of Nazi extermination; (4) that the bulk of American Jews (and even of American Zionists) will not place the interests of Israel above those of the United States when a choice between the two will have to be made.

Above all, Rabbi Silver and the ZOA failed to realize the all important fact that the time when Zionism could be of political help to Israel has passed. Unlike a decade ago, Zionism is no longer a help, but a political millstone on the neck of Israel, and the sooner Zionists outside Israel stop "helping" the new State with anything but economic aid and relief, the healthier it will be for all. For Israel, if it is to have peace, must become another State in the Middle East, while Zionism cannot exist without dreams of a World Jewry with world frontiers and world power. The sooner this dangerous ideological dream is separated from the political reality of Israel, the better for all.

—william zukerman

## NEWS IN REVIEW

**Churchill for "Arab Rights and Legitimate Zionist Aspirations".** Winston Churchill, in his press interview in Washington stated that he was a Zionist from the days of the Balfour Declaration. Peace between Arabs and Israelis, he said, was possible. Old Palestine 2,000 years ago supported more people than there are now in the area. "We not only can greatly increase the population of the area, but we can bring harmony there which will be a security and not an element of anxiety in the Middle East. Let us be tolerant and let us be friendly, and let us support Arab rights and help the legitimate Zionist aspirations."

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**While antisemitism in its old-fashioned forms** of open hate-propaganda and rowdyism is definitely on the decline in the United States now, nevertheless it is assuming new forms which are more serious than is generally recognized. This is the sum total of a number of reports submitted to the annual conference of the National Community Relations Advisory Council (NCRAC) in Atlantic City. Specifically, the reports claimed that there is still much discrimination against Jews in employment in large industrial, commercial and banking enterprises. This discrimination is not being felt at present because employment is high among Jews. But it may become a danger in the future when unemployment will rise. "In 1944, the principal concern of Jewish community relations agencies was antisemitism in its most direct expression—Nazi inspired literature, the canard of the domestic antisemitism that Jews had finagled the United States into the war, physical assaults on Jews, desecration of synagogues and the like," stated Isaiah Mindoff, General Secretary of NCRAC and he recommended that Jewish community relations bodies should deal with "the underlying causes rather than with the surface manifestations." Jewish agencies must be "advocates of great positive purposes rather than being mere watchmen of our own rights." (The NCRAC is the coordinating body, representing the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish War Veterans, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and a number of local Jewish communities which generally lean more toward nationalistic concepts. It does not include the larger and older American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League which broke away from NCRAC two years ago.

**Conditions on the Israeli-Jordan frontier have deteriorated** following a new incident at the border settlement of Mevoot Betar at which three Israelis were killed. The United Nations Armistice Commission, from which Israel withdrew several months ago, found that the Israelis were killed when they crossed into Jordan territory. This has further increased the tension and is largely responsible for the rejection of an American-British-French proposal for strengthening the UN truce machinery with a view to lessening tension. Among the proposals was one that Israel should return to the Truce Commission because its absence from the Commission makes thorough investigations harder, if not impossible. Israel however, holds out against returning to the Commission and demands the replacement of General Vagn Bennike, the present chairman of the Commission whom it accuses of anti-Israeli bias. This the Western Powers refuse to do.

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**A bill was introduced in the Israeli Knesset to limit foreign language newspapers** in the country and place them in a second-class category as compared with the dominant Hebrew language newspapers. Among the foreign languages is included also Yiddish. The bill has called forth considerable criticism, both in Israel and among pro-Zionists in this country. The opposition to the bill is based on two points: First, why discriminate against foreign language in general? Is not such discrimination an undemocratic act against which Jews in particular have always protested in all countries of their abode as a minority? Secondly, and more important, why should Yiddish be included among the foreign languages to be discriminated against in a so-called Jewish State?

It was this second point that aroused the protest of even Zionists and pro-Zionists in Israel and in this country. The American Yiddish Writers Union, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Congress for Yiddish Culture and the Yiddish Pen Club have issued an official statement protesting against the absurdity of classifying Yiddish, which is the language of the bulk of the Jewish people as a foreign language in Israel. On the other hand, *Davar*, the official organ of the government Mapai Party (Socialist), in an editorial of June 3rd, states the official Israeli position toward Yiddish as follows:

It will be impossible to crystallize a new Israeli society; it will be impossible to overcome the diaspora mentality and habits of dependence and slavery, if Hebrew is not to be the only language in the home and in the State, in the workshop, business and every-day life. The schools and the Army are already helping considerably to solve this problem. But they alone will not be able to accomplish this task in our generation. It requires comprehensive social activities and it requires a State law.

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**The first eye-witness report by an American newspaperman** on Birobidjan was published last week in the New York Times by Mr. Harrison E. Salisbury, its Moscow correspondent. Birobidjan now has a population of 200,000 including an estimated 100,000 Jews. But there is nothing to show, except for a few signs in Yiddish and in Russian and a Yiddish Communist newspaper entitled *Birobidzhaner Shtern* with a circulation of 1,000 copies, that the place is an Autonomous Jewish Province and the Soviet equivalent of Zionism that it was supposed to have been when it was started twenty years ago. An article on the history, background and failure of this Soviet "Zionist" project will appear in the next issue of the Jewish Newsletter.

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**Seventy-two American Jews have answered Israel's call** for the Ingathering of the Exiles and will leave the United States to settle permanently in Israel this summer. Thirty have already left on the *S. S. Jerusalem* last week. They included businessmen, professionals, students, teachers and members of Zionist Youth Aliyah groups.



## More on the "Dangerous Master Plan"

A reader and friend of the *Jewish Newsletter* who is also a leader of a well-known American Jewish organization and was present at the famous meeting at which Dr. Goldmann's plan for unifying and coordinating the activities of all American Jewish organizations in behalf of Israel was discussed and accepted, has criticized rather sharply our report of the meeting ("A Dangerous Master Plan", *JN*, June 7). Our friend, who prefers to remain anonymous, claims that neither the facts about the proposed new body nor the Diarist's interpretation of them are correct. He writes:

**Your article, "A Dangerous Master Plan" is totally inaccurate. First of all, this is not a new central and over-all Jewish body. It is merely a form and a procedure. There are no commitments to votes and there is no staff or financial provision. This is merely an opportunity for heads of organizations to consider the impact of Israel on American Jewry. This is not limited to political matters at all. If it were what you call it, I would not have associated myself with it. You are so wrong as to mislead not only your own thinking, but that of the readers who will be exposed to this completely inaccurate report.**

Diarist writes in response: I have before me two reports of the meeting by two of the highest official sources of Zionist propaganda which fully confirm the facts and interpretation of our report. One is by Mr. Boris Smolar, editor of the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, official mouthpiece of the Jewish Agency, the highest body in the World Zionist movement. In a lengthy article, entitled "Plan to Create a Council of Jewish Leaders in America," in the *Jewish Daily Forward* of May 23, Smolar describes Dr. Goldmann's plan as the "creation of a Council of Jewish leaders of all trends". Smolar continues:

**The creation of such a Council is particularly important now because the time is approaching when the State Department will attempt more than once to exert pressure on Israel and when American Jewry will have to express more than one dissatisfaction with the actions of the State Department.**

An editorial in *Der Yiddisher Kempfer* of June 4 greets the new body as "an Important Beginning" which will lead to a complete unification of American and world Jews in behalf of Israel. The editorial admits that Zionists had a much wider plan for the new organization to include all activities in behalf of Israel. But they found that the non-Zionists are not yet ready for such a plan. They, therefore, agreed to the formation of this body which will for the time being be limited in scope to political activities.

**We are certain that when the representatives of the larger Jewish organizations will get used to working together in this field, they will cease to fear a wider coordination. They will quickly reach a real Jewish American council in questions pertaining to the State of Israel. And when that second step is achieved, we will come with our further plans in which, in our opinion, lies the possibility of minimizing, if not abolishing entirely, the chaos which dominates American Jewry in the field of organized representation.**

How is one to account for these obvious contradictions in the facts and interpretation of an event as it is presented in the official Zionist press and to non-Zionist leaders? The only way to reconcile the differences is to remember that Zionists, like most other ideologists, have no scruples about the use of double talk. They speak one language when they address a meeting of non-Zionist leaders whom they want to win over for a strategic plan and they speak another language when they address their own followers. True leadership in our days consists in being able to hear the still voice of truth through the din, clatter and confusion of propaganda double talk.—Ed.

## Ben Gurion Is Prophet of Youth in Israel

*By Our Israeli Correspondent*

The speech delivered by Ben Gurion in Sheich Munis near Tel Aviv, at the special rally of Israeli high school youths on June 10, has definitely destroyed the legend that Ben Gurion retired from political life. It has clearly confirmed the theory that from Sde Boker, Ben Gurion wishes to play the role of a prophetic leader of youth. He believes that from Israeli youth will arise a new generation, free from the psychology of the galuth, which will effect the unification of the new Israeli nation.

### *Cynicism in Place of Zionism*

In his speech, Ben Gurion stressed three historic aims of Israeli youth: (1) moral purity; (2) settlement on the frontiers of Israel, and (3) the integration of the new immigrants. With these three aims are bound up all the hopes of the leaders of Israel. In the Babel of tribes which is Israel, the school youth of Israel is the only unifying force whose language and culture is Hebrew. And it is this youth that can lead to the unification and the blending of all Jews in Israel into one nation. It is the youth which also has to bear the burden of national defense which, under present Israeli conditions, makes Israel a land consisting entirely of frontiers. Youth must also create a new spirit free from the old diaspora mentality.

Unfortunately, it is several years already that the leaders of Israel have been witnessing a moral degeneration of Israeli youth. It is no secret and the entire Israeli press has written about it many times. Israeli youth is not what it was expected to be. It does not have the idealism which it had during the years of the Israeli-Arab war. Youth does not join the Zionist youth organizations. It is generally not interested in politics and in state problems. "Zionism has become a mockery among Israeli youth. 'You speak Zionism' is equivalent now to saying 'you talk nonsense'."

Israel is flooded with pornographic and semi-pornographic books and journals which are being read mostly by youth. The young people do not attend the various cultural institutions, but they fill the cinemas, cafes and various places of entertainment. The attempts to bring together young people of the different immigrant groups have so far failed. There is still a sharp distinction between the so-called white and dark youths. There is no response to the constant appeals to youth to settle on the land or to settle in the Negev. Of course, the economic conditions are probably mostly responsible for that. In former years the Halutzit youth acted differently and made great sacrifices in clearing up the swamps and building the kibbutzim. It is this moral disintegration that is causing alarm to the leaders of Israel.

### *Will the Speeches Help?*

It is too early to attempt an analysis of the tragic problem of youth in Israel and to predict what will happen. But it is worth mentioning that the older Zionist generation is not without responsibility for the present mood of the youth. That generation brought up youth in a spirit alien to the Jewish people of the entire world. It awakened in youth great aspirations in connection with the emergence of the State of Israel. All these aspirations have collapsed when youth saw that the State of Israel is a small state dependent mostly on relief from abroad and subject to constant danger from its neighbors. Ben Gurion spoke about doing away with poor and rich. But who can take seriously such advice at a time when in the leadership itself the distinction between rich and poor is growing daily? Israeli youth is disappointed in Zionist idealism and it is doubtful whether Ben Gurion will succeed in awakening it.

Jacob Bacht



## American Jews and Israel: Discussion

### *Israel as a Moral Center*

By Lessing J. Rosenwald

In your point IV — Israel as a spiritual, moral, cultural center (Jewish Newsletter, June 21) I have this feeling:

Israel may, in time, be just that. If so, Israel can only become such through demonstrated merit. No fiat or law or propaganda can make her such, now or in the future, unless she can prove to the world that the world should emulate her for these qualities. If Israel does merit it, the world will *voluntarily* accept such leadership; it cannot be *compelled* to do so. If Israel does not merit it, no amount of *persuasion* can *force* the world to believe or accept such a hollow formula. If Israel is sincere in her desire to be such a center, her course is obvious — she must so conduct herself as to bring about such an exalted position. If Israel is not constituted to permit such self-inspection, she cannot attain the status which she is now demanding “on faith,” and without the substance to promote it.

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### American Jews at a Turning Point

By Lester L. Stern

Permit me the privilege of a few lines in your publication and to thank you for the excellent editorial “The Turning Point” in your May 10, 1954, issue. American Jews may well hope that the turning point, which I believe you have accurately indicated is at hand, means a turning point in their attitude as well as in the foreign policy of the United States.

It has been apparent for a long time that American Jews have failed to realize the difference between Zionism as an idea and Zionism as the agency of a state which is not alone foreign to American Jews but which considers itself to occupy a Messianic role for the purpose of “saving” all Jews from all dangers at all times and in all places. That this is no fanciful evaluation of the Israeli-Zionist position has been made abundantly clear in the official and unofficial attacks made by both Zionists and Israelis on the two recent speeches of Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade.

When everything is said and done, all that Mr. Byroade attempted to do was to define a relationship between American Jews and the State of Israel which, in the American pattern, is the normal relationship of any American citizen to any foreign state. In this effort, Mr. Byroade has been severely attacked by both Israelis and American Zionists and, except for the American Council for Judaism, there has been no indication from any organization of American Jews that they resent these Zionist-Israeli attacks which, in effect, say that Mr. Byroade is Assistant Secretary of State for all Americans except those of Jewish faith; and that where Americans of Jewish faith are concerned and where the State of Israel is involved, the relationship is one of special and intimate character over which the Assistant Secretary for all of the American people has no competence of jurisdiction. It seems to me there can be no other fundamental evaluation of these Zionist-Israeli efforts to repudiate and to discredit Mr. Byroade.

Secondly, I should like to say in this letter, that a change of attitude on the part of American Jews reflecting the turning point which you indicate has come, would be recognized when the old “hush-hush” attitudes are clearly discarded by the so-called “non-Zionist” organizations. There is no longer any sense or logic in the so-called “defense agencies” attempting to smear public discussion of all aspects of the relationship of American Jews to Israel by saying that such discussion, in public, is “washing dirty linen”. In this day and age when American foreign policy is one of the most widely discussed and closely scrutinized phenomena

of our world, Jewish organizations that are at all abreast of recent developments must now recognize that this question, which they have for so long attempted to hide like a skeleton in the closet, is now firmly and irrevocably in the public domain.

The Government of the United States has given its answer. The Zionists have given theirs. The Government of Israel has given theirs. The non-Zionists, as usual, have remained silent hoping that some as yet uncharted wind will blow the problem away. And the American Council for Judaism, as you correctly point out in your editorial, has given its answer consistent with its whole history. American Jews cannot say that they have been deprived of the opportunity to make their choice in freedom and in full view of all of the facts. The only thing which is now to be determined is whether or not—and to what extent—they will exercise the prerogative of their freedom.

### Bankruptcy of Political Zionism

By Klaus Niemeyer

It was fascinating to learn from the *Jewish Newsletter* that Rabbi Eisenstein now proclaims the Ingathering of the Exiles, i.e., the heart and core of Zionism, to be a “limited doctrine.” Without disrespect to the High Priests of Reconstructionism, may one ask whether there is such a thing as a limited doctrine? Is it not a conviction that has lost its persuasiveness, or a dogma deprived of its authority? For all practical purposes, it would seem to mean a doctrine for others, or, in the rabbi's own words, “Israel for the persecuted Jews of all lands and for those who wish to fulfill themselves as Jews by living in Israel”.

As one might expect from the erudite and high-minded founders of Reconstructionism, their integrity does not allow them to deny the logic of the obvious facts. Zionism is not, was not, and never will be anything more than just this doctrine limited to these two groups of Jews. This is how it started: Palestine as a haven for the physically or spiritually homeless. Nobody has ever been against it. No State of Israel was needed to make room for the victims of persecution; self-realization as a Jew was accomplished easier under the British Mandate than by becoming an Israeli citizen.

What Rabbi Eisenstein said means, in effect, that political Zionism is bankrupt, and that, though the State of Israel was established under its flag, it never did or will mean anything more than the much-maligned refugeeism plus a trickle of tribal sectarianism. Yours was a temperate and overly modest report on a magnificent vindication of the *Jewish Newsletter* and what it stands for, forecasting the time when Zionists of all shades of opinion will have to reconstruct themselves to facts, not theories (since such are the facts of their own lives) and admit, without delicate intellectual embroidery, that they have been horribly mistaken; that for the American Jews, Israel means schizophrenia instead of the hoped-for survival of Judaism, and that, incidentally, the U.S.A. is the only country where an ordained “rabbi in Israel” can still find receptive audiences for limited doctrines. For myself, I'd rather be without any doctrine.

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**Approximately 2,000 non-Jewish Americans adopt Judaism annually in order to marry Jewish partners, according to a report submitted to the Annual Convention of American Reform Rabbis. Applications are made to Reform, Conservative and Orthodox rabbis.**

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**415 returnees left Israel last month. Of these, 115 returned to Turkey and Persia. The others went to various European countries.**

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July 6, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received a letter from the General Zionist Organization of Peru asking to convey to you their invitation to come to Peru in the fall to launch their United Israel campaign.

I am sure you recall our conversation regarding Latin America last year when you indicated that you would not be able to go there during the coming Autumn. I advised our friends in Peru accordingly, but promised to convey their invitation to you.

You may have heard about the planned Latin American Conference of General Zionists scheduled for September 3-6 in Santiago, Chile. Our people in South America on several occasions expressed their sincere desire of having either you or Dr. Neumann at this Conference in which, most likely, representatives from ten to fifteen Latin American countries will be present.

Would you be good enough to let me know whether there is any possibility for you to attend the Latin American Conference. I know how busy you are during the pre-holiday season, but perhaps you could make an exception at this time.

With warmest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Leon Ilutovich  
Assistant Executive Director

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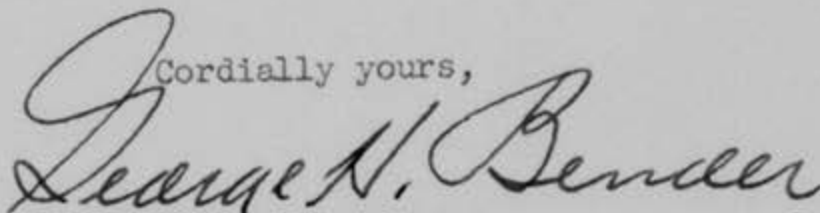
July 16, 1954

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I take pleasure in sending you under separate cover a copy of the Congressional RECORD of Thursday, July 15th, in which I have had inserted your address before the 57th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America last June 24th, which I thought would be of interest to you.

With warmest regards, I am

Cordially yours,  
  
GEORGE H. BENDER

GHB/ct



July 28, 1954

The Honorable George Bender  
The House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind note of July sixteenth enclosing the copy of the address which you had inserted in the Congressional Record on July fifteenth. I need not tell you that I am very appreciative of this thoughtful act.

My attention has also been drawn to the fact that you read into the Record the editorials which appeared in the Cleveland newspapers on the occasion of the announcement of the establishment of Abba Hillel Silver Park.

I trust that you are well. With warmest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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לכבוד  
ד"ר הרים לוין  
יו"ר המחלקה למפעלי הז.א.א.י. בישראל.

ד"ר לוין הנכבד,  
הרינו להביא לידיעתך ולתשומת לבך שבחוד הנועת "ישראל הצעירה" שהינה השלוחה של  
הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים שמטרתה ללכד בהוכה נוער בגולה ובישראל, להנכס ולהדריכם לפי  
עקרונות ומסורת הציונית הכללית, קם גרעין הקלאי עמונה כיום למעלה מ-40 חברים והברות  
בגיל 28-2 המשתוקק לעלות על הקרקע וליסד ישוב הקלאי חדש.

לאחר המאמצים שעשינו להגשמת מטרה זו, ברור לנו כבר עתה כי עוד יחלוף זמן עד אשר  
יקבע לנו המקום להתישבות ויוקצב לנו התקציב המיועד לכך.

כרם, אנו חוששים מאוד שאם חברינו ישארו בודדים כל אחד במקומו, עלול גרעין זה  
להתפורר. לכן שמהנו מאוד להצעה הקורטריון של כפר סילבר, הנכון לשכן במקום את החברים  
ולהעסיקם בעבודות הקמת המוסד החדש והמשק הקלאי וע"כ האופשר השטרם החברתי  
והקלאי של חברינו.

הננו להדגיש במיוחד שעלית הגרעין שלנו לכפר סילבר איננה מטרה בפני עצמה  
אלא יש לראותה בהחנת ביניים, הכרחית ומועילה ביותר שבאמצעותה נגיע למטרתנו הסופית -  
יסוד נקודה הקלאית עצמאית.

אנו מאמינים שהטבר קצר זה של הכנייתנו ישכנע את מנהיגי הזי.א.א. וחברי הועדה  
ההשוכה שכב' עומד בראשה, להגיש לנו את עזרתם.

לבסוף, הרינו לבקש את ועדתכם לחת לקורטריון של כפר סילבר את האמצעים והכלים  
הדרושים להתפתחות המהירה של המוסד הזה, שהשיבותו התינוכית גדולה ליצוב דמותו ואופיו  
של הנוער הציוני הכללי.

להשוכה כב' אנו מצפים.

בתודה מראש  
ובהוקרה רבה,

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August 5, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will be reading this soon after returning from what I hope was an exceptionally good summer vacation with Mrs. Silver.

You heard probably that I am A.Z.F. Chairman this year - a stern harness which May - Neumann - Goodman contrived to slip over me.

Our plan is to get started early and raise as much money as possible for the American Zionist Fund early in the year. Fortunately a number of the important committees are responding by fixing early dates for their A.Z.F. annual dinners. It is our disposition to call on you only when it is absolutely necessary and when it is important enough to the Z.O.A. and the A.Z.F.

Two communities are pressing to conduct their A.Z.F. dinners in your honor; Pittsburgh, on Sunday evening, October 17th, and Baltimore, on Wednesday evening, December 8th. Please let me know as early as you can whether you can make yourself available on these dates. If we are lucky enough to get the favorable answers which we hope you can give, we would prefer (if you approve) for you to allow us to confirm the dates to the communities from the New York office. It will be more beneficial to A.Z.F. that way.

Both functions are extremely important for pace-setting purposes to send off our A.Z.F. campaign for a good start. While we'd like an answer on both as soon as you can do it, an earlier answer is due to Pittsburgh.

Best regards!

Sincerely yours,

*Herman L. Weisman*

Herman L. Weisman

HLW/n

*\* In Detroit Oct 17<sup>th</sup>*

*declined via  
Arnold Neuman*



Please reply to:  
73 Staverton Road,  
N.W.2.

11th August, 1954.

and Dr. E. Neumann.  
Mr. P. Bernstein,  
Telaviv.

Dear Mr. Bernstein, and Dr. Neumann,

As Chairman of this Committee, I deem it my duty to draw your kind attention to the following.

From 1946 until this day the World Zionist Organisation has been without a President. This unfortunate state of affairs is due to one cause alone, viz. the opposition of the Weizmann caucus to the election of Dr. Silver as President. (It may be of interest to state that the centre of this caucus was the British Commonwealth Group formed by Rev. A. Baum, an employee of the London Zionist Federation acting on the instructions of Bakstansky & Co. The same Baum was later found to have embezzled large sums from the Zionist funds).

The consequences were tragic indeed. My friends and I have no doubt that thousands of young Jewish lives would have been saved had Dr. Silver been President during the struggle in Israel.

The forthcoming Zionist Congress must elect Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as President of the World Zionist Movement, and it is our duty to take steps betimes to ensure his election.

Israel is in great danger, Britain is still very hostile. The fate of Israel depends almost exclusively on Washington. Dr. Silver, the well-known Republican, is the only man who, as President of the World Zionist Organisation



could move the present Republican administration in our favour. Dr. Silver is, in any case, the most fitted to be President of the World Zionist Organisation, but in present circumstances it would be a crime and a national betrayal to elect any other than Dr. Silver.

We General Zionists know from our bitter experience in London, that the Progressives and their associates are ever ready to sacrifice the vital interests of our people and of the state of Israel for the sake of their narrow selfish personal and party advantages. They will certainly use every trick to prevent Silver's election. It is the considered opinion of our organisation here that it is the prime duty of General Zionists in all parts of the world to mobilise without delay all forces needed to elect Silver as President. This may, with the help of the Almighty, bring about a new and happy era in Israel and a revival of Zionism in the rest of the world.

We have had enough of the regime of Locker and Co.

Yours in Zion,

Samuel Landman.



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My dear Dr. Silver -

Arrived in Geneva yesterday after a most encouraging stay in Israel. I realized there that the more you stay away from Zionist meetings (and this includes the meeting of the Actions Committee) - and the more you see of Israel itself, both the land and the people, the more optimistic you become. They have made definite progress and it can be seen everywhere you go except in the offices of the Agency or the KKL -

By this time you have probably heard from the committee for the Kfar Silver. There has been a temporary modification of their plans to open the school this year. Because of

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The lack of funds, they are settling - to  
these 15 youths - and their families - to  
start work on the soil. This will make  
it possible not only to put to use the  
splendid facilities there but will also  
have the advantage of preparing for the  
opening of the school next year and  
at the same time give training in  
agriculture to a considerable number of  
General Zionist young men and women  
who would otherwise not have that opportunity.  
I am bringing complete details on the  
Kfar Silver plans to you and I hope  
to get together with you for a  
detailed discussion.

Your very generous contribution  
of a \$500 bond was a great lift  
to the morale of the Committee. I had



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to organize the entire leadership of  
the Party to get a fair rate of exchange  
for the bond, but just before I left I got a  
call from Jerusalem that they had succeeded  
in getting a \$1.60 rate for it. Incidentally  
your associate Dr Stone - sent \$400 which  
could bring only \$1.30

I committed the 20th. for \$100,000  
for the coming year, and we are going to spend  
it if I have to wring it out of <sup>our American friends</sup> ~~them~~. The  
project is tremendously important, I made  
a beautiful start, and its successful completion  
is essential to maintain our dignity and  
self respect -

My best to you dear Virginia -  
And I hope we can get together soon.  
May I hear from you.

Sincerely regards.  
Harriet Thorne

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Aug 12/1954

Dear Dr Silver,

Enclose copy of letter,

which we have sent to Israel &  
hope they will understand the

urgency.

May I have your comments  
on my letter on p. 10 of the

Jewish Chronicle of Aug 6th.

With best wishes  
Yours sincerely

S. Landman

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August 23, 1954

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

Following our meeting in Cleveland, which was of great help to me in formulating my plans for the new Department of Public Information, I went on to Toledo where the work for the coming year was surveyed in detail by Leon Feuer and myself. He will serve as the active Chairman for the new department. Our friends here were of course gratified to learn that you agreed to serve as Honorary Chairman.

Immediately upon my return to New York I raised the question of Kfar Silver with those who are most directly concerned with the project. Abe Goodman said that you have every right to feel strongly on the matter, but assured me that it is being dealt with in accordance with the promises made to you. Jacques Torczyner, who had been delegated to effect the bond transfer, assured me that he is not neglecting his responsibility and that the transfer should be concluded within a matter of days. Emanuel Neumann is returning today and will surely be in touch with you on Kfar Silver, as will Harris Levine who is due back in the course of this week.

As for the \$1,000 contribution in Sol Cohen's name -- the enclosed copy of a memorandum to me from Hannah Stein is self-explanatory.

I am hopeful therefore that the entire question is being disposed of in a proper manner and that you will be in a position to include AZF functions on your calendar of activities without being inhibited by the Organization's past performance on Kfar Silver.

Meanwhile, Baltimore is pressing us for a definite answer from you on the dinner that they are planning for December 8th. Their anxiety is understandable since they report that the Histadruth campaign will be running in competition with us and that the Histadruth people are spreading the word that the guest

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

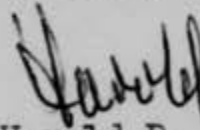
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speaker at their dinner, which will take place during the same period, will be Harry Truman. I have already made it clear to some of our friends in Baltimore that if you accept their invitation and if it turns out that Truman will be speaking for the Histadruth at approximately the same time, they must not make the ZOA function a "Republican" affair as against the Histadruth's "Democratic" dinner.

Please let me have your reply on this matter as speedily as possible since Miss Stein must get in touch with the Baltimore District.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,



Harold P. Manson

HPM/br  
encl.



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August 24, 1954

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

1. I believe Harold Manson mentioned to you in Cleveland, that I will be leaving this coming Sunday, August 29th, for South America, to attend the Latin-American Conference of General Zionists in Santaigo, Chile, on September 1-5, as official ZOA representative. Mr. Chaim Ariav will attend the conference in behalf of the Israel General Zionist Party.

After the Conference I plan to visit Buenos Aires, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; and Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, Brazil. If everything goes well, I expect to be back in New York on September 17th.

You no doubt recall our previous correspondence in connection with invitations sent to you from Argentina and other Latin-American countries to visit them. You indicated that you could not make it this year, but that the possibility exists that you may be able to go to South America to open the United Israel Appeal campaigns in Argentina, and perhaps a few other countries in the spring of 1955 (beginning of winter in that part of the world).

Needless to say, it would be wonderful, if you could permit me to inform our friends in South America, that you would accept their invitation to visit Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Peru, or one or two of the above mentioned countries this coming spring. Your presence would, of course, add prestige and strength to the General Zionist organizations on the eve of the Zionist Congress.

I know how crowded you are for time, but I would like to ask you to prepare a message of greetings to the conference. If I receive it in New York by Friday, I will still be able to prepare a Yiddish translation.

2. From the Convention Issue of the "American Zionist News Reporter" and from other ZOA press releases you may have learned about the establishment of the new Department for ZOA Activities in Israel. The Department, which

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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August 24, 1954

was established by the new administration right after the Convention, is under my direction and it will centralize all present and future ZOA projects and activities in Israel, including Kfar Silver and the ZOA House. It will also serve as the only channel of communications and liaison between the ZOA and Kfar Silver in Israel and the ZOA in New York.

This step has been long overdue and I hope it will introduce coordination and order in a previously rather chaotic situation.

At the same time, Mr. May appointed a Committee for ZOA Activities in Israel with Dr. Harris Levine as Chairman, and Messrs. Moses Torczyner and Meyer Pesin as Vice-Chairmen. The Kfar Silver Committee, with Mr. Meyer Pesin as Chairman and the Kfar Silver Department with Hannah Stein, was, of course, abolished and included in this new Department.

In accordance with the terms of reference for the new Department and Committee the AZF will continue its fund raising efforts for the overall ZOA Program both here and in Israel as in the past. This new Department and Committee will concentrate exclusively on individual large donations, legacies and bequests for the ZOA House, Kfar Silver and any activities the ZOA may undertake in Israel in the future, both from ZOA members, as well as non-Zionists. Of course, this limited fund raising effort of our Department will be closely coordinated and cleared with the AZF.

I am writing all this since I thought you would be glad to learn about this new set-up.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,



Leon Ilutovich  
Assistant Executive Director  
Zionist Organization of America

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

*"Only a small change in the street and telephone number, but a big change in looks, working space and efficiency. Whenever you are nearby, please drop in and see us."*

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

Dr. Harris J. Levine has just returned from Israel and has asked me to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter sent to him by the General Zionist Youth organization in Israel.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Leon Ilutovich  
Assistant Executive Director

LI/mf  
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August 30, 1954

Mr. Harris J. Levine  
2116 Grand Avenue  
New York 53, New York

My dear friend:

I want to thank you for your lovely letter which you sent me from Geneva. I am grateful to you for having successfully carried out the transmission of my contribution to Kfar Silver. I have not yet heard from Dr. Neumann with reference to the \$2,500.00 which I gave him out of the Silver Foundation Fund for the same project. My latest information is that the ZOA has not yet effected the bond transfer which it promised to do last June. I am happy that you have undertaken the responsibility for the ZOA commitment to the project. I am confident that under your chairmanship the funds allocated for it will be transmitted promptly.

If I have followed the reports of the Actions Committee meeting in the public press, the same old singsong--  
baiting the American and ~~holding down~~ *hanging on* to the double Shekel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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ROBERT O ARON  
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ON BEHALF ZOA TAKE PLEASURE GREETING OUR FELLOW GENERAL ZIONISTS  
 LATIN AMERICA STOP MAY YOUR CONFERENCE STRENGTHEN OUR SPIRITUAL TIES  
 AND FURTHER GENERAL ZIONIST PURPOSES TO WHICH WE ARE DEDICATED AND  
 WHOSE REALIZATION IS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR WELFARE ISRAEL AND OUR  
 MOVEMENT WARMEST REGARDS

MORTIMER MAY

PRESIDENT ZOA

cc: Mortimer May  
 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓  
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SENDER PLEASE SPECIFY ROUTE

**INSERT "RCA"**

PLEASE CONVEY MY WARMEST GREETINGS LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE GENERAL ZIONISTS  
STOP INCREASINGLY CRITICAL SITUATION CONFRONTING ISRAEL OUR MOVEMENT ON  
WORLD SCENE MAKES IMPERATIVE FULLEST MOBILIZATION JEWRY LED BY ZIONIST MOVEMENT  
STOP EVENTS RECENT YEARS HAVE DEMONSTRATED INDISPENSABILITY GENERAL ZIONIST  
PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS FOR SOLUTION ISRAELS MAJOR PROBLEMS STOP MAY YOUR  
DELIBERATIONS ADVANCE THESE HIGH PURPOSES WARMEST REGARDS

**ABBA HILLEL SILVER**

cc: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓  
Mortimer May  
Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
Abraham Goodman  
Jacques Torczyner  
Leon Ilutovich  
Ernest E. Barbarash

[undated]

*Committee for the Election of*  
**MORTIMER MAY**  
*as President of the*  
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ZOA LEADERS ENDORSE CANDIDACY OF MORTIMER MAY FOR PRESIDENCY

DR. EMANUAL NEUMANN HEADS NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SPONSORS

FOR MAY'S ELECTION

New York, N. Y.:— The candidacy of Mortimer May of Nashville, Tenn. for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America was announced today following a meeting of sixty leaders of the organization, who gathered here to exchange views on the forthcoming 57th Annual National Convention and the future program of the ZOA. Mr. May's candidacy was unanimously endorsed by the meeting, in which ZOA Regional and District leaders participated.

In making this announcement, the ZOA leaders, headed by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, also stated that a national Committee for the Election of Mortimer May is in formation. Other leaders who joined in endorsing Mr. May include: Abraham Goodman, Chairman of the ZOA Inner Committee; Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, National Membership Chairman; Dr. Harris J. Levine, President of the Jewish National Fund; Jacques Torczyner, Vice-President; Herman L. Weisman, National Chairman of the ZOA Economic Committee, and others among whom are many national officers, Regional Presidents and leaders of ZOA key districts from areas throughout the country.

These men led the campaign which, two years ago, culminated in the election of the present ZOA administration.

"Surely, Mortimer May is eminently qualified to stand at the helm of the ZOA," they stated. "His attainments in the leadership of our organization, where he now serves as Chairman of the National Administrative Council, his contributions to American Jewish life and to civic affairs, his intellect and his personality have already won him a place of honor in American Jewry. We are confident that the membership of the ZOA will heartily approve his candidacy."

Mr. May formerly served as Chairman of the National Executive Committee of the ZOA and as its Vice-President. He is also a member of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization.

Mr. May is a graduate of Columbia University and holder of the Phi Beta Kappa key and is recognized as both a scholar and one possessed of keen and penetrating political acumen. He has attended many World Zionist Congresses as a ZOA delegate and participated in the formulation of Zionist policy. He has been a close associate and supporter of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann.

Mr. May is Vice-President of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and is an executive board member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He serves on the following boards: American Association for Jewish Education, United Israel Appeal, American Fund for Israel Institutions and on the Board of Governors of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel.

In recent years, Mr. May has visited Israel several times and he is intimately acquainted with its development and problems.

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