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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 Reformed 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

EMANUEL NEUMANN
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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.

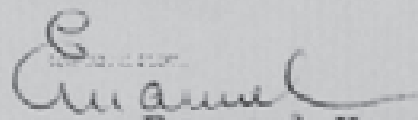
I only regret that because of my little accident I had no opportunity for further talk with you, but I understand that our friends did.

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

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Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President
41 EAST 42nd STREET
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September 2, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

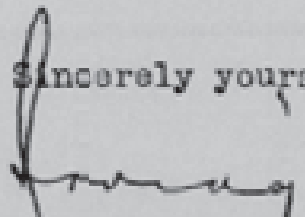
I want to express my sincere thanks to you for the important role you accepted in the 56th Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America. Your participation was one of the highlights of our deliberations.

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

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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.

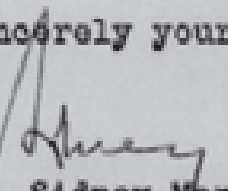
The spirit of the Convention was most gratifying and I am sure that the year ahead will prove to be one of constructive achievement.

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 Angel 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 Flutovich
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,

Emanuel
Emanuel Neumann

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The foreword is splendid. The translation somewhat imperfect.

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September 8, 1953

Rabbi Abba H. Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street
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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.

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 Kazer 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 ~~never~~ 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 Iantovich
Leon Iantovich, Director

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World Zionist Affairs Department

BETWEEN OURSELVES

A VETERAN'S LEGION?

By A. B. BENNETT

DO 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 America-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. New 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?

Personally, I have been giving this problem much consideration. The matter of Judaism 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.

But 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 sonorousness, 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 adventures 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 lassoo 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 clutter. 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 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-assemble, 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 (Please turn to Page 12)

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 Harperin, 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?

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BETWEEN

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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.

THERE 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
100 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 סכחתי זה ימצא את כב' וכני ביהו בקו
חבריות וכי בליהם את החגים בנעימים.

בשעה הסצאה לכב' את פרק "פרשים". אני מקוה שכב'
קיבל אותו וכי האחד בסעודה ובכבוד רק בסודה חרבה של כב' נקשר עם
ה"ימים הנוראים".

ארשה לי להספיק בהודמנות זו לבקש את כב' כי יואיל
לעבור על הפרק הנדון ולהחזיר לי באירוע חווה דעה, יחד עם כל מיני
הערה והוספות שכב' ימצא לנכון לחתן, ע"ס שאוכל לסיים את הפרק בכי
טוב.

אגב, בדעתי לשלח לכב' בעה"ד, הלא רחוק חוסר נוסף
מהוך הספר, ע"ס שכב' יעיין בו ויהן את הערה"ו גם שם.

בעטיפה מיוחדת הנני מהכבד להמציא לכב' את עה"ו
ה"אונזער היינט" של ערב יום כפור, אשר בו מופיע מאמר, נוסף דער
משיח בענקטאפט אין דער יידישער געשיכטע". וכן את עה"ו "זער אידישער
זשורנאל", ובו מאמר על כב'.

בקשר עם כך אודה לכב' אם יואיל להח חווה דעהו על
עבודותי אלה. אגב, חושבני כי שני עה"וים אלה הנם סגונים ראשונים
בלבד, מהוך מקהלת העה"וים אשר הנני מקוה כי נקבל ככל קצווי חבל, בקשר
עם הנושא הנדון.

בד"ש מספחתי לכב' ולמשפחהו,
בכל הכבוד האוני
ובברכה מועדים ישרים.

נ.ב.
הוך כדי כהיבה סכחתי זה
הגיעני עה"ו "קענעדער ארלער",
ובו מאמר על כב' והנני מהכבד
לצרפו בעטיפה מיוחדת.

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September 30, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 106th 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 Hazioni, 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. 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, 1963

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 ~~in~~ and to a leader these days!



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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

Tishri 5714
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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 Isidorovich
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 Israel'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

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Max Bressler

October 13, 1953

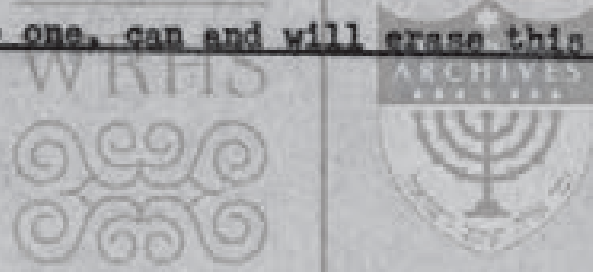
FROM: Mr. Ernest E. Barbarash

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.



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CC: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Mr. Louis Lipsky
Dr. Emanuel Neumarn
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
Chelst Alcala
Calle Real
Belavilla, 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

Memorandum

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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/sb

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TELEPHONE LONGACRE 5-5880

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 *חזקת מים*
is proving to be true.

Or, maybe Morgenthau
is resigning because his talent
can not forgive him for saying
what he did say at the Bond
conference against his talents
going into private enterprise!
They lied 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 Dykes' and Gen. Van Buren'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 Israeli 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

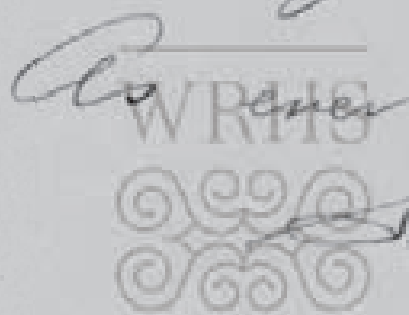
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by the present coterie of
"great" statesmen. For

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

Anna joins me in
best wishes to you and Virginia.



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October 22, 1963

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 135th 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 Iltovitch
Assistant Executive Director

LI/mf

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
4 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 36, N. Y.
TELEPHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

October 29, 1953

My dear Abba:

I received a release from the J. O. G. 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 does not become a fiasco as did the many other projects undertaken previously by J. O. G.

Congratulations on your most successful conference with Eisenhower and Dulles. We know beforehand how Ben-Gurion, Golda and the others will win 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

HGT/ns

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

JAL:lh

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November 3, 1953

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

*Report handed to
Dancy 5:40
2/9/54*

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November 12, 1953

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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:

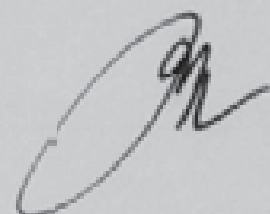
Reference is made to our conversation concerning the necessity of keeping our people aroused as to the current political crisis with respect to Israel. Because of the renewal of aid to Israel, most of our local leaders are no longer fully cognizant of the seriousness of continued organizational work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



HA:rk

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

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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SIONISTES GÉNÉRAUX

COMITÉ CENTRAL

47, RUE DE CHABROL

PARIS - XI

Tél.: PROVENCE 97-34

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Paris, le 20 Novembre 1963

Dr. Aba Hilel SILVER

East 105 Str. at Ansel Road

CLEVELAND

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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.

[Signature]

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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

Irving Miller

IM:d

November 27, 1953

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
Zionist Organisation 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,

AHS:dk

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
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December 1, 1953

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

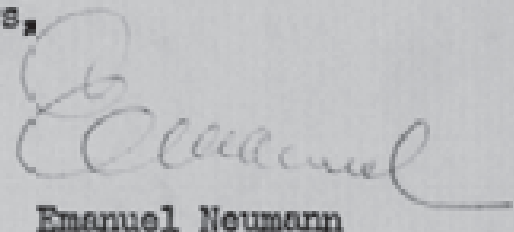
I have your letter of the 27th together with a copy of the "Yediot Achronot" containing E-G's interview. I am inclined to agree with you that a reply should be published in the same paper and am consulting with Harold Manson and others about the matter. It will undoubtedly be helpful if you could send 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 Organization 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 HILJEL SILVER

December 4, 1953

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

My dear Friend:

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

HFM/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. Abbe Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

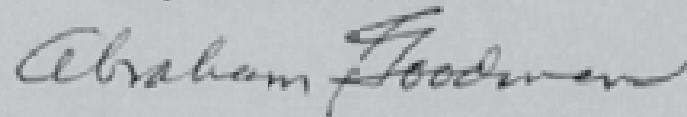
It is too bad that you were unable to be present at the meeting of our group to which you were invited and which took place on December 7, 1953 at the Roosevelt Hotel. Some sixty people attended and the meeting more than accomplished its purpose. It proved beyond a doubt that there is an urgent need 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

AG/SS

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.

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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

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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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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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

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

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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
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MONOSSON LEADING ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ BATTLE HAVE CONFEDERATION REPUDIATE YOUR STAND,
HAVE BEN WITHDRAWN 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 ON ZOA MEMBERS ACTIONS COM PREVENT OR DELAY RESIGNATION THIRDLY GIVING
FULL POWER MORTIMER MYSELF REPRESENT ZOA THIS WHOLE MATTER AND SEND APPROPRIATE
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NEUMANN

Telegram sent for Mrs. Silver

December 30, 1953

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

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

VIRGINIA SILVER



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U.S. M.
CORRESPONDENCE

Cordial regards from one
who is witnessing your
performance, on a
from 1961.

Cordial regards

from
Fanny

WRHS



466 Hill St.
The Temple

Cleveland, Ohio

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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. Maknovitske, 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 work: 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 work 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	45,000
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 m³ 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.. 3,000	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 labour
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>
	<u>Total..... IL. 350,588</u>
	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>35,500</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.....	<u>IL. 480,011</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 Outman
Secretary

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

ESTIMATE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF

ABRA 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 for 300 students	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 100m ³ (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 ³ (3500 c/t).....		13,000.-	
2 Beesters incl. foundations, building, instal- 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

Administration and various.....	IL. 10,000.-	
Circulation 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.-

Grand Total IL. 602,938.-

Of which in hand and assured.... 280,000.-

To be raised.....IL. 382,938.-



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.

Zfar 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 crystallise 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 Berlin
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 able 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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January 19, 1964

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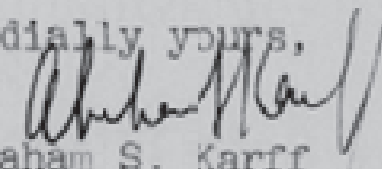
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

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

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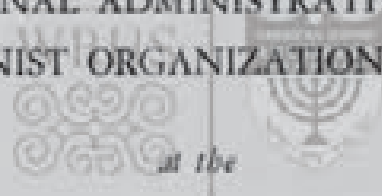
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Dear Mr. Luntz:

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.

Reservations: \$3.50 per Person. (Table seats 10.)

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Make checks payable to Zionist Organization of America

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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

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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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harris J. Levine".

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

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Z. O. A. Program — Aid to Israel and Service to Our Community

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:mas

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 ^{meeting} Long Beach that weekend. I trust that your weekend will be very successful.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:mas