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February 5, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

On March 6th and 7th, the Argentine General Zionist Federation will hold its National Convention in Buenos Aires.

May I suggest that you send them a message of greeting some time towards the end of this month?

Their address is as follows:

Federacion Sionista Argentina
Cangallo 2194
Buenos Aires, Argentina

With warmest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Leon Ilutovich
Assistant Executive Director

LI/mf

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Friday, September 10, 1954

ZINS WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

Israel Progressive Daily Calls for Return of Dr. Silver to Active Leadership

JERUSALEM (ZINS) - "The present disturbing political situation points up sharply the necessity of again calling for political backing by Diaspora Jewry," Zmanim, Progressive daily in Israel, asserts editorially. "The name of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is mentioned in connection with the political activities of the Zionist Organization of America, where he has been elected Honorary Chairman of the new Department of Public Information of the ZOA," the editorial comments. "It is doubtful whether this is the most appropriate position for him at this time. There is, however, no doubt that today, more than ever before, it is necessary that Dr. Silver return to active Zionist leadership which would utilize to the full his rich experience, prominent position and intellectual power."

"The trend in the United States in recent years," Zmanim continues, "calls for a reevaluation of the ZOA role. Instead of polemics on Zionist policy, we should return to Zionist activity. The current dangers confronting Israel should serve as a warning to the State and the Zionist movement in the United States."

Latin-American Confederation of General Zionists Established;
Conference Hears Messages from Dr. Silver, Dr. Neumann and Many Others

SANTIAGO (ZINS) - The Latin-American Conference of General Zionists ended its deliberations on Sunday, September 5th, with the establishment of a Latin-American Confederation of General Zionists with headquarters to be in Buenos Aires. The new body will be affiliated with the World Confederation of General Zionists. A presidium was elected, composed of: Dr. Mateo Goldstein of Argentina, Acting-Chairman; Jose Adler of Brazil, Roberto Aron of Chile, Jacob Leszcz of Uruguay, and Arturo Wolfowitz of Mexico, Vice-Chairmen; S. Breiter of Argentina, General Secretary; M. Starkman of Argentina, Treasurer; as well as representatives of women's and youth organizations.

The conference adopted resolutions supporting the readiness of the General Zionists to unite with the Progressive Party in Israel, rejecting any justification for the further existence of a separate Progressive Party. Other resolutions, lauded the outstanding leadership of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, backing the position of Israel Progressive leaders Rosen and Foerder in favor of General Zionist unification, marking the continued growth of Israel's General Zionist Party, and calling for the return of Dr. Silver to active leadership.

In his message to the conference, Dr. Emanuel Neumann emphasized that "as General Zionists we are concerned not with any one phase or aspect of Zionism, but with all its aspects, with its totality. We are total Zionists. Ours is an integral Zionism, embracing every phase of our people's struggle for existence and creative life both in Israel and the Diaspora." He hailed the strengthening of General Zionism throughout the world, particularly the "sudden and dramatic growth of the General Zionist Party in Israel in recent years and the position it has achieved as the second largest party in Israel."

For Dr. Silver

September 20, 1954

Senator Estes Kefauver
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Kefauver:

In accordance with your exchange of radiograms with Mortimer May, President of the Zionist Organization of America, and in Mr. May's behalf, I am forwarding the draft of the suggested letter for your approval.

As soon as we have heard from your office that the text has been approved, we shall arrange for its release to the press and its distribution throughout the country. I trust that we shall receive word to this effect at the earliest opportunity.

Please accept, on behalf of my colleagues in the Zionist Organization of America and on my own behalf, an expression of our highest esteem and profound thanks for the warm friendship which you have demonstrated for our cause throughout the years.

Sincerely yours,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/br
encl.

Mr. Mortimer May, President
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Mr. May:

I am pleased to give you my impressions of my recent visit to Israel, which you are free to convey to the members of the Zionist Organization of America and to all friends of Israel.

Although my visit was brief, I gathered the distinct impression that the great constructive efforts of the past few years are showing results, in the form of agricultural and industrial progress and improved economic conditions. As an American I was proud to realize the substantial part played in this development by American economic aid which has come to Israel from public as well as private sources.

Despite the misgivings and disappointments experienced by Israelis over certain aspects of United States policy in the Middle East, I feel that the great mass of the people are not only deeply grateful to the United States, but have a profound and warm friendship for the American people and a tremendous admiration for the American way of life. The overwhelming majority of the population is definitely in our corner, devoted to the cause of world democracy and the ideals of Western civilization. Because of this, they are proof against the blandishments of Communist propaganda and fiercely opposed to totalitarian doctrines of whatever brand. Israel is our only ally and dependable friend in that part of the world.

It must be admitted, however, that the Israelis are gravely concerned and shocked by the one-sided policy of our State Department in supplying arms to the Arab states, which threatens to upset the status quo and the precarious balance of military power in the area. They are equally disturbed by the

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effects of the coming evacuation of the Suez Canal zone by the British, which greatly increases the striking power of Egypt's armed forces, while Egypt persists in maintaining an illegal blockade of the Canal against Israeli shipping.

Personally, I feel that Israel's alarm is well-founded. I favor every effort to win the friendship of the Arab states -- but not at the expense of impairing our friendship with Israel, or imperiling her security. Anxious as I am to provide bi-partisan support for the foreign policies of the Administration, I deem it my duty to warn against any departure from the Administration's own declared policy of impartiality toward Israel and the Arab nations. I am persuaded that it is entirely possible to provide for Israel's security from attack by hostile neighbors and to do so within the context of our general policy in the Middle East. To ignore the looming danger over Israel's security is to ignore a serious threat to the peace and stability of the Middle East. I shall bend every effort to ensure that this problem will be accorded far-sighted statesmanship in harmony with our national interest.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Estes Kefauver

Material transmitted to Sen. LVS

For Dr. Silver

CONFIDENTIAL

Memorandum on Action

from HPM

1. Public statements. (See the attached draft, as well as the memorandum, The Arming of the Arab States, which contains background material that may be utilized during the coming weeks.) — (This memo is being mimeographed & you should receive it soon.)
2. In the present circumstances the word "action" clearly implies specific steps to be taken in Washington. It should be emphasized that not much will be gained if the public statements are not followed by concrete action on the part of the Administration. (Needless to say, the Senator's efforts in bringing about such action should be widely publicized.)

a) On the arming of the Arab states — the required action is indicated in the attached draft: "The State Department should immediately undertake a most careful reconsideration of the present policy, during which no American arms should be sent to any of the states involved. A very different approach is clearly indicated and should speedily replace the current one — a policy that will assure Israel's security as an essential feature of our program for the Middle East."

In other words, every effort should be made to withhold the contemplated arms shipments to Arab states. However, if the State Department remains adamant on the projected shipments to the Arabs, it must at the same time provide corresponding military supplies for Israel.

b) On the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal against Israel-bound ships — a strong note from the United States Government to Egypt is definitely called for. Egypt should be required to abide by the Security Council Resolution of September 1, 1951.

Draft of Statement

The current policy of arming Arab states, without parallel action to maintain Israel's security, is bound to have most unfortunate results. Instead of promoting stability, which is vital to our interests_{in} in that area, these arms shipments will upset the military balance of power which has thus far inhibited the Arabs' desire for a "second round" with Israel. Instead of moving the Arab leaders in the direction of agreements -- and an early peace -- with Israel, this policy has only encouraged them to believe that they can continue their hostile attitude indefinitely and with impunity. And instead of strengthening the Free World against Communist aggression, this policy is provoking the very tensions which lend themselves to Communist exploitation. We will not strengthen our position in the Middle East by actions that create a serious danger for our staunchest friend in that part of the world.

Such short-sighted and one-sided actions do not reflect the position taken by President Eisenhower. Indeed, they distort the policy of genuine impartiality which the President projected and which I am confident will prevail. The State Department should immediately undertake a most careful reconsideration of the present policy, during which no American arms should be sent to any of the states involved. A very different approach is clearly indicated and should speedily replace the current one -- a policy that will assure Israel's security as an essential feature of our program for the Middle East.

As one who fought for the establishment of the State of Israel and for the traditional American policy of supporting its development, I am -- and shall remain -- deeply concerned with the future of American-Israel relations. I am profoundly convinced that our support of Israel serves the best interests of America and shall bend every effort to ensure that it is maintained. I know that this view is shared by the leaders of the Administration and the Republican Party.

Memorandum

To: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER, PRESIDENT

September 21, 1954

From: DELL FEUERLICHT
DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, ZOA

Subject: ABIR ISRAEL BEER

The newest product from Israel on the American market is Abir Beer. An important shipment arrived in this country a short time ago and it is already reaching national distribution through the importers, Metropolis Brewery.

Beer connoisseurs are most enthusiastic about this product. They feel that it should reach a considerable distribution in this country.

I am taking this opportunity of urging you to try this beer and to spread the word to our membership.

The beer is available in Cleveland, Ohio at:

Gil Schwartz Distributing Co.
548 South Liberty Street
Painesville, Ohio

I know that I can count on your cooperation in this important project.

D. F. Elmwood-5172

24 bottles
\$6.50
case

Shaker Sq.

Beverage House

Pioneer Beverage

Waukegan +
Wm Allen

Warehouse Beverage

Wm Mayfield + Waukegan

Wm Mayfield + Waukegan
Spinn Rd. + Mayfield

Memorandum

September 21, 1954

To: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
DELL FEUERLICHT
From: DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, ZOA
Subject: ISRAEL WINE

As you no doubt know, the Palestine Economic Commission has through its affiliate, The Israel Corporation of America, imported into this country Carmel Wines from Richon-le-Zion and Zichron-Jacob in Israel.

The first shipment of this wine has met with signal success and at the present time we are cooperating to the fullest to increase sales in this country. The success of this campaign will not only provide much needed dollar currency for Israel, but employment and a most important step toward the economic stability of the country. I am sure that you will go along with us in the fostering of this program.

Not only during the High Holidays but throughout the year this wine should find a natural market. It is inexpensive in comparison with other imports (\$1.49 a bottle). It is well packaged and no corners have been cut to assure highest quality.

It would be of great importance if you would apprise your membership of this product and ask them to contact retail wine outlets in their neighborhoods and ask for it by name.

The distributor for Cleveland, Ohio is:

Abbot Wines, Inc.
2530 East 22nd Street

PR 1-7959

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I am sure we can count on your active support for this program.

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D.F.

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September 24, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Some time ago, Mr. Harold Manson informed me that you would be good enough to go to Baltimore on December 8, 20, or January 4.

I am wondering whether, now that the Baltimore function is out, you would be ready to give us these dates for alternative communities. For example, I know that Eastern Pennsylvania has been asking for you year after year, and they have **never** had the pleasure of your presence.

I would appreciate if you would let me hear from you on this, and meanwhile wish to send you and Mrs. Silver my warmest wishes for a very prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Hannah Stein.

Hannah Stein, Director
American Zionist Fund

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THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL

A Letter to the President of the Zionist Organization of America
By Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee

September 27, 1954

Mr. Mortimer May, President
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Mr. May:

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our general policy in the Middle East. Before furnishing arms to the Arab states, Britain and the United States should use every effort to effectuate an Arab-Israel peace. To ignore the looming danger to Israel's security is to ignore a serious threat to the peace and stability of the Middle East. I shall bend every effort to ensure that this problem will be accorded far-sighted statesmanship in harmony with our national interest.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Estes Kefauver



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September 27, 1954

AIR MAIL

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

Dear Rabbi:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 24th. The meeting that we have in Miami Beach is set for March 13th and not March 17th as you have. This March 13th is a Sunday which is usually the best date.

Now I really want you to make this meeting and it may be the only definite request that I will personally make of you. It is in my own area and we are going to make an effort, at least I set out this way, to give it some national significance which is not too hard at that season of the year in Miami Beach as you well know. I am just a little afraid that if we don't get you to say "Yes" now that some other things will intervene. I can well understand your reluctance to make commitments in advance, at least that far in advance; but on the other hand you well know that you are much in demand and if I don't ask you to do something here and now someone else will slip something in a little bit later and then we will be completely out.

My plans are to be in New York the first three weeks in October and if before I leave here I could get your affirmative answer it would surely be helpful in getting this thing under way while I am in New York. Please look over your calendar again and let me hear from you as promptly as possible.

May I too join in the good wishes for the coming year that you have sent to my wife and me, and of course she likewise raises her voice in the same spirit.

Sincerely yours,

MORTIMER MAY

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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HOUSTON 2, TEXAS

October 4, 1954

DR. MARCUS LEVINSON
VICE-PRESIDENT

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
% The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For many years, I have been one of your chasidim and have fought many a battle on behalf of our point of view. I felt especially close to you during the Congress meetings in Israel in 1951. I always was very much impressed with the pride you have shown for our movement. I too, in my humble way, am a proud man. Perhaps that is why I have been a Zionist and am continuing to believe in our movement today. Because of all these bonds, I take the liberty of writing you this letter.

For many years the Southwest Zionist Region has tried to bring you to our area and especially to our city. On some occasions you had almost promised to come. Such was the occasion when you were invited by Sidney Herald, of blessed memory, a few years ago. If you recall, only recently at our National Administrative Council Meeting in Cleveland, I spoke to you about coming to Houston to address our annual convention. However, due to unavoidable occurrences, you never came.

It has come to our attention from announcements made in our newspapers, that on Monday, November 1st, you will address a dinner of one of our Congregations, in our city. Though at one time, this congregation favored the Zionist ideal, I doubt whether it has today out of a membership of about 600 families, even 25 ZOA members. Not only that, but the complete leadership of this Congregation, though it gives lip service to the State of Israel, openly proclaims that there is no need for the Zionist movement, and the Zionist Organization of America. It is not for me to make opinions of what groups you should address, but unless some meeting, luncheon, or other small gathering takes place with you, and some other leaders of the Zionist Organization of Houston, it would be a great blow to the prestige of the ZOA, and a great damage to Zionism in our city.

I mentioned at the beginning of my letter that I am a proud man. I have never begged anyone. But for the good of the ZOA and the fight which we have carried on in our city, especially since 1949, for the ZOA, I felt that you should know the conditions and repercussions that will take place. As a Vice President of the ZOA, and as one who felt and suffered the various defeats of the Zionist movement, along with you, I beg of you if at all possible, to find time on your visit to Houston to meet with some of us prior or after the dinner you are to address. The dinner is to take place on Monday, November 1st. Perhaps a brief luncheon could be arranged to remove some of the sting that will be felt by the Zionist leadership.

Anxiously awaiting your reply, and with best wishes for a very Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Marcus Levinson

ZOA Daniel Frisch House

26 Ibn Gabirol Street
Tel Aviv, Israel

October 11, 1954

Mr. E. Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Erny:

One of my associates, Mr. Winograd, is preparing some memoirs on Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. A number of articles have already appeared on Dr. Silver and it is very likely that in due time he will have sufficient material ready for a publication of a book on his life and work. He is at the present time anxious to know the following and I know no one who can supply me of the information better than you can.

1. When did Dr. Silver begin to cooperate with Dr. Weizmann after he and Mr. Brandeis' party separated from him.
2. What were his reasons for resuming his cooperation.
3. What is your view of his return to the Weizmann fold.
4. Do you have any material that would be of special interest, not readily available.
5. Could you supply us with some explanation on Dr. Silver's public activities such as the Boycott against Germany.
6. Do you know about Dr. Silver's book "The Democratic Impulse in Jewish History" (N.Y. 1928) and where can this book be obtained.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Jacob M. Alkow
Chairman, Program and Planning Committee

JMA/me

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October 22, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Barbarash has called my attention to a letter requesting certain biographical material concerning you which he received from Jacob Alkow. I am enclosing a copy of Alkow's letter.

I am not in possession of the material and information referred to, especially on the first three items. I will be glad to send Alkow whatever background material you may wish to pass along.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

HFM/br
encl.

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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November 4, 1954

via airmail

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 8, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Levine told me yesterday that you plan to come to New York on Sunday, November 14th. The two of us are very anxious to meet with you on that day to discuss a number of matters related to Kfar Silver.

Would it be possible for you to schedule an appointment for us? If so, will you be good enough to let me know the time and the place.

With warmest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Leon Ilutovich
Assistant Executive Director

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c: Dr. Harris J. Levine

It's November 18th at the
Hotel Statler, New York
The MORTIMER MAY
Testimonial Dinner
Senators Bridges and Kefauver
will be there!
Will you be there?

November 9, 1954

Mr. Leon Ilutovich
Zionist Organization of America
1145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Friend:

Replying to your letter of November 4th, I shall be glad to see you on Monday, November 15th. I shall be stopping at the Plaza Hotel. Please phone me in the morning, and I will arrange to get together with you and Dr. Levine.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

ABH:rms

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Department for ZOA Activities in Israel

November 18, 1954

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Following is the information I succeeded in obtaining thus far regarding the Ford Foundation.

Their headquarters are located at 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y.;
Tel: PLaza 1-2900. The president of the Foundation is H. Rowan Gaither.

As you know, the first president of the Foundation was Paul Hoffman, former head of the Marshall Plan and his successor was Milton Katz, who formerly directed the Marshall Plan operations in Europe from his headquarters in Paris.

I understand that Milton Katz is at the present time Program Counsellor to the Ford Foundation and he is doing some legal research for them at the Harvard Law School, where he can be contacted.

A request for support for Kfar Silver will most likely have to be directed to the Department for Foreign Training and Research of the Ford Foundation.

I will appreciate any connections you could establish for us in the Ford Foundation along the lines of our conversation in New York last Monday.

With warmest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Leon Flutovich
Assistant Executive Director

LI/mf

cc: Dr. Emanuel Neumann
Dr. Harris J. Levine

December 30, 1954

Dr. Harris J. Levine, President
Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

My dear Friend:

I appreciate very much your phoning to me the other day. I wish I were free to come to the Jewish National Fund function in February, if only because you are so eager to have me come, but truly, my crowded program will not permit it. I have committed myself to out of town engagements for the next few months far more than I should have. I have accepted a goodly number of engagements this year in connection with community Tercentenary celebrations and also at colleges and universities.

In justice to myself and to my health, I cannot take on any additional responsibilities. I am carrying a heavy schedule locally. I hope that you will understand.

With warmest regards, and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Bruxelles, le 13 janvier 1954

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Dr. Abba Hillel SILVER,
c/o Zionist Organisation of
America,
East 42th Street, 41,
NEW-YORK 17 (U.S.A.)

Monsieur,

En février prochain, nous fêterons le deuxième anniversaire de l'existence de notre organe, la Tribune Sioniste. Au cours de ces deux années, le journal est devenu le porte-parole du judaïsme belge et un important instrument au service de l'Organisation Sioniste.

Avec des moyens fort modestes, nous avons créé notre organe à une époque où l'existence de la presse juive en général et de la presse sioniste en particulier était fort pénible, et nous sommes heureux de constater que depuis la création, le journal a paru à des intervalles réguliers. Aujourd'hui la Tribune Sioniste constitue le seul journal en Europe qui appartienne officiellement à l'Organisation Sioniste.

A l'occasion du deuxième anniversaire du journal, nous nous proposons de faire paraître un numéro spécial, de plus grand volume et à tirage plus élevé qui aurait un caractère éducatif.

Nous nous permettons de vous prier de bien vouloir nous faire parvenir un article ou un message pour ce numéro. En ce faisant, vous contribuerez au relèvement du niveau de notre journal et de son prestige. L'article peut être écrit dans la langue qui vous conviendra le mieux: nous nous chargerons de la traduction. Nous vous saurions gré de bien vouloir accompagner si possible votre texte d'une photographie que nous ferons paraître avec l'article, pour autant que vous n'y voyez pas d'inconvénient.

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Bruxelles,

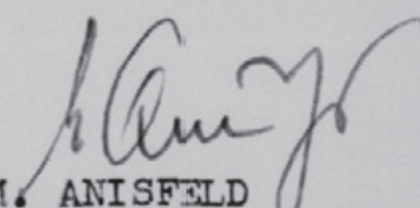
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Nous espérons qu'en considération de l'importance de notre demande, vous voudrez bien donner une suite favorable à celle-ci, et nous vous en remercions d'avance.

Veillez croire, Monsieur, à l'assurance de notre haute considération et agréer l'expression de nos sentiments sionistes les meilleurs.




M. ANISFELD
Secrétaire Général

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Zionist Federation of Australia and New Zealand

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TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY
OUR REF. No. 1065/55

18 LANG ROAD
CENTENNIAL PARK,
NEW SOUTH WALES

PHONE: FA 5339

14th January, 1955

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
19810 Shaker Boulevard,
SHAKER HEIGHTS CLEVELAND OHIO.

Dear Dr. Silver,

It is my very great pleasure to extend to you and Mrs. Silver, on behalf of the Executive and, indeed, in the name of the Australian Zionist Movement, a cordial invitation to visit Australia.

My Executive and I are deeply conscious of the great honour of your visit and, at the same time, are convinced that such a visit would be a stimulus and source of inspiration to the remote communities of Australia and New Zealand.

The United Israel Appeal is scheduled to be launched soon after Passover and, should you be able to accept our invitation, it would be most advantageous that your visit should coincide with the commencement of this year's drive and the celebrations of Yom Haatzmaut.

I hope that you will be able to accept and that you will honour us with your early reply to this effect.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
ZIONIST FEDERATION OF AUSTH. & N.Z.

Max Freilich
MAX FREILICH,
President.

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January 17th, 1955

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On April 3rd, 1955, at the Hotel Fontainebleu in Miami Beach, the Southeastern Zionist Region is tendering a reception and dinner in honor of Rabbi Irving Lehrman of Temple Emanuel. Rabbi Lehrman recently returned from his second trip to Israel. He has done an outstanding job on behalf of the State of Israel.

Mr. Mortimer May, National President of ZOA, has suggested that it would be a very fine gesture on your part if you would consent to serve as Honorary Chairman of the dinner committee.

I am writing you in my capacity as Chairman of the dinner, which honor was tendered to me by reason of my being President of the Southeast Region of the Zionist Organization of America.

Whatever considerations you might give this request to serve as Honorary Chairman, will be greatly appreciated by the entire leadership and membership of the Zionist Organization of America.

Sincerely yours,

Leo R. Burson
Dinner Chairman

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Dr. Silver

...On another matter -- Alex Bein the biographer of Herzl, is in the country in connection with some of the work envisaged by Neumann's Department in the Agency. Bein tells me that one of the things that he would like to achieve during his stay here is the setting up of a central archive on the history of American Zionism. In this connection, he is trying to track down and gain access to the files of the most important American Zionist leaders, and he asked me to apprise you of his plans in this respect. He plans to be in Cleveland during the early part of February, at which time he would like to meet with you on this question.

I might add that while Neumann seems to be encouraging all of Bein's efforts during his stay here, he told me prior to his departure for Israel that he has already taken steps to set up an American Zionist archive or research bureau under the aegis of his department in the Agency, with Abraham Duker doing the work. There are prospects for confusion and over-lapping here, which should be eliminated before you agree to turn over any of your private files to anyone. (I mention this for your private information, and would prefer that this fact should grow out of any conversation that you may have with Bein, rather than as coming from me.)



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January 27, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

East 105 Street at Ansel Road

Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mortimer May has informed me that you have indicated that you may accept our invitation to address our Twentieth Jubilee Year Dinner. All of us in the Region are thrilled with this possibility.

The Dinner is the culmination of a year of observances marking twenty years of Zionist life and service with and through the Region. It is presently scheduled for the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Plaza at Fifth Avenue and 59 Street for Sunday, March 13, 1955 at 8 o'clock. We understand that you may not be available for Sunday, March 13 and that March 15 may be more convenient. If this be so, we shall be more than happy to arrange for a change of the date to March 15.

We expect to have up to 600 people at the affair. Attendance is reserved for those who have obtained or personally contributed \$100 or more to the American Zionist Fund. Each such contribution will entitle the contributor to two reservations and the Dinner will be separately paid for.

As you know, the Long Island Zionist Region is a Class B Region, paying its own way fully. Notwithstanding this, we have thus far been credited by National with over \$4,000 for the current year.

As a token of our appreciation of your coming to the Dinner, our Finance Committee, consisting of such notables as Sol Cohen, Ben Friedman, William Dorfman (Chairman of the National Finance Committee and Chairman of our Administrative Council), Ben Doft and others, authorized the remittance to National on or before the Dinner of an additional \$1,000, at the same time undertaking to make every effort to make available to National an additional \$5,000 before the end of this fiscal year.

You have my personal assurance that I will do all in my power to effectuate this undertaking.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
January 27, 1955

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Anticipating your favorable reply, we have taken an option with the hotel for March 15, but they insist on our exercising this option before the week is out. Under any circumstances, we shall fix the date that is most convenient to you. On the other hand, as you realize, Sunday in New York is a day for going places and if you could possibly see your way clear to flying to New York on our original date, that would undoubtedly result in added attendance. If not, March 15 is equally as good.

It would be deeply appreciated if you would send us a collect telegram upon receipt of this letter so that we may make the final arrangements with the hotel.

Again my sincerest thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely yours

Jacob M. Dinnes

Jacob M. Dinnes
President



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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

145 EAST 32ND STREET • NEW YORK 16, N.Y. • MURRAY HILL 3-9201

February 10, 1955

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you will see from the enclosed copy of my reply to Abe Duker, I too received a letter from him which was identical to the one addressed to you. I also call your attention to the enclosed excerpt of a letter which I wrote to you on January 19th, at which time I sought to alert you on this entire matter, both in connection with Duker's project, which has been initiated by Neumann at the Jewish Agency, and with a similar venture envisioned by Alex Bein.

The Theodor Herzl Foundation is a special instrumentality which Neumann is creating, and for which he seems to be getting Jewish Agency financial support, in order to carry out special research and educational projects of this character.

If Alex Bein has been in touch with you concerning his plans, in accordance with the ideas he expressed to me in January, please let me know what, if anything, was projected. You will note that, at the very outset, I sought to avoid the over-lapping of functions and I counselled against your turning over any of your papers to anyone before the prospects for confusion have been entirely eliminated. I, too, will do nothing along these lines until I am fully satisfied on the two points that I raised in my letter to Duker. With this background you will know best how to reply to Duker, or whether to delay your answer until I have received his comments on the questions that I have raised.

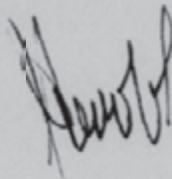
With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

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P.S. You will, I am sure, be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter which Emanuel sent to Eban in reply to a confidential note of complaint by Eban against my last editorial in the American Zionist. The nature of the complaint and the arguments presented by Eban will be obvious to you from the text of Neumann's reply. I must say that they reflected an appalling lack of understanding of the elementary political tactics that are appropriate to the American scene. I was glad to note that Neumann explained a few of the facts of life to him, quite without prompting from me.



HPM/br
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February 10, 1955

Mr. Abraham G. Daker
315 West 98th Street
New York 25, N.Y.

Dear Aba:

I was, of course, deeply interested in the information contained in your letter of February 2nd. Emanuel Neumann had already mentioned to me that you would be undertaking research for a projected history of American Zionism and that this was being made possible by the Theodor Herzl Foundation which he has initiated at the Jewish Agency.

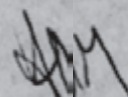
I do have a considerable amount of documentary material in my personal files which, I believe, would prove invaluable in connection with a work on the history of American Zionism. This material covers the years 1943-1950. However, before making it available to anyone else, I wish to be absolutely certain about the following:

- a) ~~that~~ I would retain ~~my~~ priority on the publication of this material if I find it possible to proceed with my own long-contemplated narrative of the political struggle leading to Israel's establishment;
- b) that there would be no conflicts or duplications between the effort that you are now setting in motion and similar work which has been projected in conversation by Alex Bein, who also told me that he wishes to prepare a complete archive on the history of American Zionism and is already seeking access to various private files in this country for that purpose.

When I have received your comments on the above matters I shall be in a better position to know how to proceed. Perhaps we can then get together in order to discuss the question further.

With warmest regards, I am

Cordially,



Harold P. Manson

HPM/br
cc: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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Office of the President

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NEW ADDRESS
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February 16, 1955

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

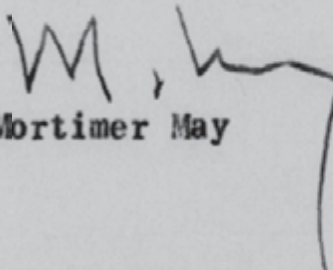
I was very sorry to learn that you could not make arrangements that were satisfactory with the Long Island Region for an address, on or about March 15. By the time this became a fact, it was really too late to communicate with other regions and districts for an AZF function.

I am therefore wondering if you would assign us some date later in the season - in April or May - and we would then arrange for your appearance at what we would think would be the most advantageous point.

Naturally, inquiries for your services are constant and thus far this year, we have not been able to get the stimulus that you can bring us, for one reason or another. I certainly trust you will give us this extension because it will be apparently the only appearance that you will make under ZOA auspices. Just name some date and we shall proceed, knowing that you want a real sum for the AZF to come out of your appearance.

Warm regards.

Cordially yours,


Mortimer May

MM:BW

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February 18, 1955

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Harry Menzer, President of our Pittsburgh District, has written regretfully to explain that a March function for the American Zionist Fund will not be feasible because the United Jewish Fund Campaign will be on then.

Mr. Menzer asks us to convey to you the invitation of the District to be the speaker at its AZF Dinner which has been set for October 16, 1955 at the William Penn Hotel. We hope we may be able to inform our Pittsburgh friends of your acceptance.

Sincerely yours,

David E. Hirsch
SPEAKERS' AND ARTISTS' BUREAU

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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April 25, 1955

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In line with my promise to keep you informed on the progress being made in Kfar Silver I am pleased to tell you about the agreement recently entered into by Kfar Silver with the Youth Aliya Department in Jerusalem.

The salient points of this agreement signed in connection with preparations for the opening of the school in September or October, 1955, are as follows:

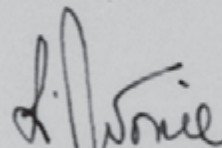
- (a) The J.A. Youth Aliya Department has appointed a committee to assist us in furthering the interests of the school and to inquire in what degree the school is ready to admit pupils.
- (b) It was agreed that the school be "traditional" and that the staff to be appointed must conform with this status. While not subject to all the stringency of orthodoxy, the school will have to conform to the observances common to North African Jewry: "kasher" kitchen, avoidance of public Sabbath desecration, candles and Kiddush on Sabbath and holiday eves, public prayers for pupils desiring to participate in them. We feel that Dr. Silver and the ZOA in general will also welcome this traditional spirit. We are the more inclined towards it, as this type of education is greatly in demand amongst North African parents, who find the orthodox schools too strict but find the "free" ones completely uncongenial.
- (c) The appointment of the Headmaster is to be approved by the J.A. Youth Department.
- (d) The Youth Department will pay us abt. IL. 47. - per month for maintenance and IL. 35. - as its share in personal equipment and furniture for each pupil. This understanding will not become valid until the committee

April 25, 1955

mentioned under (a) certifies that all arrangements and conditions for satisfying the educational, housing, work, health, etc. needs of the pupils are available and satisfactory.

If we are to fulfill these conditions, we must immediately begin with the completion of the kitchen, acquiring kitchen, dining room, dormitory and classrooms equipment, textbooks, etc.

Sincerely yours,



Leon Ilutovich
Assistant Executive Director

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ZIONIST ORGANISATION OF AMERICA

New York, U.S.A.

ISRAEL CORRESPONDENT

ההסתדרות הציונית בארץ-יב

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Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, USA.

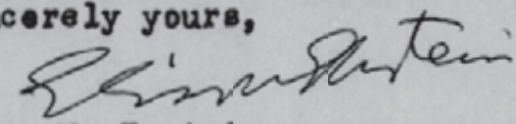
Dear Dr. Silver,

I expect to be able to spend the month of June in the USA, and to have the opportunity of participating in the Annual Convention of the Z.O.A. in Washington. I look forward to my visit, having been absent from the States since 1952, not only in order to renew contacts and to bring myself up-to-date on American trends, but to consult with friends and colleagues on our mutual problems. One cannot but be concerned by the absence of progress in adjusting the relations between the Diaspora and the State, and I fear that the likely consequences are not adequately appreciated in the proper quarters.

I am writing to express the hope that it may be possible to meet you and to have the benefit of your counsel. I am anxious to submit to you my thoughts on the situation, which, despite an innate optimism, I fear is grievous.

The Z.O.A. has now nominated me a Representative on the Board of Kfar Silver. It is a disappointment that this fine project is not yet functioning, though there has been substantial progress in building, and the fields are now being cultivated, irrigation having been installed. I will regard it as a privilege as well as duty to do my best to overcome the hindrances to its opening, which is over-due.

With deep respect and greetings,
Sincerely yours,


Elias M. Epstein.

הסתדרות הציונים הכלליים בישראל GENERAL ZIONISTS ORGANIZATION IN ISRAEL

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ד"ר סילבר הנכבד,

כותב אני לכב' בקשר לפרס ע"ש ז' פרידמן קליבלנד. בודאי כב' נתן דעתו על הצלחת המפעל ופרסומו. מכיון שנתבקשתי בזמנו לארגן את המפעל בראשותו - הקדשתי אף אני תשומת לב למפעל הנאה הזה. עתה, עם סיום הפרשה, לאחר הטקס החגיגי של חלוקת הפרס, רואה אני חובה לעצמי לכתוב לכב' מספר מלים.

לפי ההדלים הרבים שהגיעו אלינו מהטקס ומעבודת הועדה יכולים אנו לשפוט שהיתה זו פעולה מאד רצינית ומכובדת וכל אלה שעסקו בה ראויים לשבח והוקרה. התוצאות מצדיקות בהחלט את התקוות שתלינו בהרכב הועדה ובמזכירה.

מר אקבס פעל, מהרגע הראשון בשקידה רבה ובמסירות בלתי רגילה. הוא ניגש לבצע מפעל זה בדחילו ורחימו וברטט של קדושה ממש, והצליח במלוי תפקידו.

בכל לבי אני ממליץ שתינתן למר אקבס תמורה מתאימה והולמת, לפי ראות עיני המשפחה.

יש לי הרושם שאם המוסד יתנהל כפי שהתחלה הוכיחה - עתיד הפרס לשמש אחת התופעות הספרותיות והאמנותיות המכובדות ביותר של ישראל.

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ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר,
קליבלנד

ZINS WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

National Unity, Close Bonds with Zionist Movement and Encouragement of Private Initiative Chief Goals of General Zionists in Israel, States Haim Levanon

TEL AVIV (ZINS) - Israel's General Zionists have set three main goals for the near future, declared Haim Levanon, mayor of Tel Aviv, at a recent meeting held here. These aims, he said, are national unity; closer ties with the Zionist Movement and encouragement of private initiative.

To achieve national unity Mr. Levanon called for the establishment of government labor exchanges, to protect the rights of all workers and free them from dependence on party institutions for the right to work.

Referring to the second goal, the mayor declared that at the 22nd World Zionist Congress in Basle, the General Zionists' active and positive leadership brought Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Emanuel Neumann and David Ben Gurion to leadership of the world Zionist movement. But later, he charged, Mapai sacrificed Silver and Neumann to Henry Montor. Today Mapai is admitting its mistake, he pointed out, and expressed hope that the labor party would understand the importance of returning Dr. Silver to active leadership in the world Zionist movement in strengthening the bonds with Diaspora Jewry which Israel must do to survive.

Mr. Levanon closed his address with an appeal to encourage private initiative.

Zionist Actions Committee Called for August 23

JERUSALEM (ZINS) - The next session of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization will now take place in Jerusalem August 23-31. The Actions Committee was to have convened on August 16.

Joseph Serlin: The Army Must Remain Untouched by Partisan Politics

HAIFA (ZINS) - "It is regrettable that national security has been injected as an issue by the leftist parties in both the Histadrut and Knesset elections. High ranking officers, who were major contributing factors to victory in the War of Liberation, are being besmirched," charged Minister of Health Joseph Serlin at a mass meeting in Haifa.

The General Zionists will under no circumstances drag the Army into the elections, Mr. Serlin added. We have been, and will remain a party which does not seek votes at the expense of the nation's security, he emphasized. There are matters in the life of a nation which, in spite of internal differences, must remain inviolate, he warned.

Dr. Lincoln Hale: Israel's Standard of Living Must Not Fall

BEERSHEBA (ZINS) - "I do not believe that the standard of living in Israel should be lowered; instead an effort should be made to increase the export of industrial products," said Dr. Lincoln Hale, chief of the American Operations Mission in Israel after inspecting railroad construction in the Negev.

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

National Convention Committee

I. S. TUROVER
CHAIRMAN
P. O. BOX 5909
WASHINGTON 14, D. C.

June 3, 1955

My dear Dr. Silver:

Permit me to tell you how elated and grateful I am for your indication that you are going to be with us at the Convention and address the main political session on Saturday evening, June 18. We all eagerly look forward to your presence and the inspiration that we so badly need nowadays.

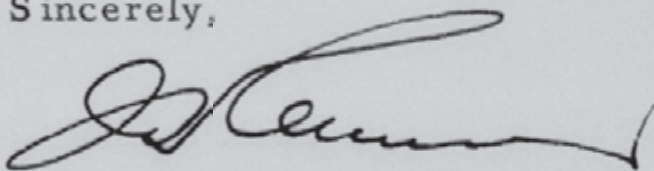
Please do let me know of your travel plans so that we may make adequate arrangements for your comfort in the hotel.

I should have liked to send you a complete convention program, but unfortunately, as you probably know, we are still struggling to secure proper bipartisan representation at the convention, and particularly so for the session that you are addressing. I will be most happy to report to you promptly if there is any good news that develops in regard to this troublesome question.

Thanks again.

Most cordial regards.

Sincerely,



I. S. Turover

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

June 3, 1955

Mr. Jack Martin
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Jack:

I am enclosing herewith the draft of the telegram which we discussed. The President might wish to direct the telegram to me and I would then read it at the opening session of the Convention on Thursday, June 16th. Otherwise, he might wish to direct it to the President of the Zionist Organization of America, who is Mortimer May.

The Convention will be held over the weekend of June 16th, and the headquarters will be the Hotel Willard.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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enclosure

I AM PLEASED TO SEND MY WARMEST GREETINGS TO THE 58TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA NOW MEETING IN WASHINGTON. I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING WITH GREAT INTEREST AND SATISFACTION THE SPLENDID STRIDES WHICH THE YOUNG STATE OF ISRAEL HAS BEEN MAKING IN ITS ECONOMIC LIFE AND ITS STEADY PROGRESS TOWARDS STABILITY. OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR PEOPLE WISH IT WELL. THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASSISTED IN THIS DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONVICTION THAT AN ECONOMICALLY STABLE ISRAEL WILL BE OF GREAT BENEFIT NOT ALONE TO ITS OWN PEOPLE BUT TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE NEAR EAST IN WHOSE PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS ~~VERY~~ VITALLY INTERESTED AND TO THE FREE WORLD GENERALLY. IT IS MY FONDEST HOPE THAT A PERMANENT AND ENDURING PEACE MAY SOON BE ESTABLISHED IN THAT REGION OF THE WORLD WHOSE PEOPLES HAVE SO MUCH TO GAIN FROM PEACE AND COOPERATION. I CONGRATULATE THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA ON ITS LAUDABLE RECORD OF SERVICE IN THESE DIRECTIONS.

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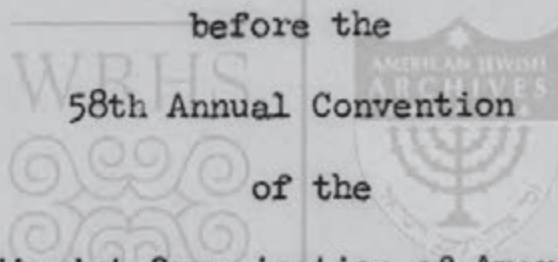
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HONORABLE HERBERT BROWNELL, JR.
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

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Hotel Willard
Washington, D. C.

Saturday, June 18, 1955

It gives me great pleasure to participate in this evening's session of the 58th National Convention of the Zionist Organization of America and to convey the warmest greetings of the Government of the United States on this important occasion.

The theme of your convention -- American-Israel Friendship -- is one with which I believe an overwhelming majority of our fellow-Americans would wish to be identified; for the task of creating understanding and promoting friendship between our country and other free nations throughout the world is one of the supreme challenges to Americans at this moment in our country's history. If we are to discharge successfully the tremendous responsibility which America has been called upon to assume in our generation - the obligation to lead the free world towards security, progress and peace - it is imperative that our life should be correctly interpreted to our friends of other lands and that their hopes and aspirations should be fully explained to us.

The young State of Israel stands high on the list of nations whose friendship is of great importance to the American Government and people. The significance of that friendship is not to be measured by Israel's size and numbers, although that country's strategic location and the high calibre of its population are no doubt weighty factors which must be recognized. It is the spirit that animates Israel that is of primary importance to us. We see in Israel a pilot-plant of American ideas in an area of the world that sorely needs these concepts, a striving after goals that are similar to our own.

I recently found striking evidence of this in a field in which I find myself continually occupied - the area of constitutional law. I have had occasion to read a fascinating account of four cases, involving important

constitutional questions of law, which recently came before the Supreme Court of Israel. The central fact that emerged from this paper by Judge Cheshin, Deputy President of Israel's Supreme Court, is that Israel's still-evolving system of justice not only shows a close affinity for our American system, but often utilizes opinions delivered throughout the years by the Supreme Court of the United States. No one who is close to the legal procedures of our nation can fail to be both proud and inspired by what I have just described. This trend augurs well for the citizens of Israel and the protection of their rights. It also reflects the continued vigor and health of our American legal system.

As the chief legal officer of this country, I am naturally interested in comparative law. I am mindful that the Talmudic law has contributed to our own. During all the time that the Jews formed communities in one country after another, often only to be expelled, the elaboration of the Talmud continued. This was, and is, a manifestation of the creative spirit of Israel.

I am also aware - sympathetically aware - of the complex structure of the law in Israel, consisting, as it does, of the law of the old Ottoman Empire, the British Mandatory law, and the laws enacted by the New State. In addition, each religious community applies its own laws to all matters affecting personal status, such as marriage and divorce, guardianship and alimony.

This complicated structure of laws is undoubtedly cumbersome. The government of Israel long has recognized the necessity of developing a new legal system for Israel. It is approaching this momentous task in a manner

which has impressed me from the beginning and which I have spoken of before. It manifests not only a creative spirit, but also a flexibility which is characteristic of youth, strength, and growth.

About three years ago the Ministry of Justice of Israel joined with Harvard Law School in the establishment of the Harvard Law School-Israel Cooperative Research project, supported by voluntary funds. Harvard University, on its part, has made available the resources of its outstanding Library of Comparative Law and the scholarly advice of its staff. But it has done more. It has enlisted the active participation of scholars from many other leading American law schools and is expanding their participation. On its part, Israel has provided representatives of the Ministry of Justice and experts in Hebrew and in jurisprudence. In no sense, of course, are laws for Israel being drafted at the Harvard Law School-Israel Cooperative Research project center. What is being done is the collection and organization of the infinite variety of information necessary to enable the Knesseth, Israel's legislative body, to draft the new code in the light of complete knowledge.

This approach to this problem, which has such huge importance, is of particular significance in this day and age. How good it is to see scholarly cooperation across continents in creating means to enable men and women to live in peace and confidence.

I have no doubt that from this present effort new concepts may arise. They will take their place along with the many gifts which the legal minds of Israel have bestowed upon the philosophy of the law. I believe that when the work at Harvard is utilized by the Knesseth, it will carry with it the conviction that ultimate good and justice can be achieved through peaceful cooperation with neighboring nations.

I am interested not only in the development of the law of Israel, but as a member of the Cabinet I have watched with admiration Israel's growth among the community of nations in almost every area of human endeavor - in science, industry, literature, and other areas of mankind's never ending struggle for progress. There is already a great deal of traffic over the American-Israel "Friendship Bridge." As time goes on, I am convinced, this will increasingly become a two-way movement, for we will surely have much to learn from a people that has produced the ethical values that are held in common by all Americans, particularly after this people has resumed its normal existence in its ancestral homeland. This close collaboration extends to the most important areas of scientific research. All of us were gratified to hear of the atomic energy agreement recently concluded between the United States and Israel. The promise of nuclear energy means much to Israel where natural resources are sparse. The prospect of Israel's scientific genius being brought to bear on the peaceful use of atomic energy means much to the United States and to free peoples everywhere. In dealing with the question of this two-way bridge between the United States and Israel, I wish to express my hearty congratulations to the Zionist Organization of America, whose current work in this field is no less important than the historic role it played in the creation of the State of Israel.

Now, I am persuaded that in our relations with Israel, any differences which may arise from time to time will undoubtedly be resolved to the mutual satisfaction of both countries. Occasional differences are bound to arise between the friendliest of nations, and the Government of the United States has encountered this even in its dealings with its closest allies. But where there are strong ties of mutual interest, identity of outlook and

common aspirations, the disagreements are bound to be temporary. The geographic distance between the Potomac and Jordan Rivers may be great, but there is certainly little difference in spirit between the two countries. I, therefore, firmly believe that our initial premise is that Israel's destiny will remain linked with that of the United States of America.

I know that the continuing tension between Israel and her neighbors figures prominently in your deliberations at this Convention. The absence of peace between Israel and the Arab states certainly provides ample reason for concern. The Government of the United States is not only mindful of the urgency of the problem, but is actively seeking to bring about a solution. This was recently clearly expressed by President Eisenhower. In his message requesting Congressional approval for the new Mutual Security Program, the President stated:

"The continuing tension between the Arab states and Israel handicaps the peoples of all Near East nations. We should continue to work with the governments and peoples of both sides to improve their economic status and accelerate their progress toward lasting peace between them. Our cooperation is beginning to bring results, particularly in the development of water resources. Such developments in the Palestine area can go far to remove present causes of tension."

This government is determined to move forward in the spirit reflected in the President's message and we shall persist in our efforts until we have achieved the peace which is required in the region by all those who seek to achieve a free world, and without which neither Israel nor the Arab states will be able to prosper. The issues of the Arab-Israel conflict can be resolved through patience and understanding. It is the task of everyone to recognize this and to work toward it.

By continuing our economic and technical assistance to both Israel and

the Arab states and by raising living standards throughout the region, we shall be doing much to bring peace to the area. With respect to our planning for regional defense, I should like to say this:

The United States Government - I assure you - is not unmindful of Israel's security and the protection and welfare of its people. It is our hope and our desire that area defense arrangements will develop through which all countries in the area can contribute toward their mutual protection against aggression from the communist menace. This is definitely in our own interest and represents a major element in our policy for the Middle East and for strengthening the defense of the free world.





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Z. O. A. CONVENTION ASKS U.S. TO CONCLUDE DEFENSE TREATY WITH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 19. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America adopted today a resolution deploring "recent actions of our State Department" in arming Iraq and making other offers of "arms or military arrangements" which "have only encouraged the Arab governments to believe that an Arab-Israel peace is not imperative and that they may continue to provoke tensions and outbreaks along Israel's borders with impunity." (A statement revealing the existence of a split within the ZOA was issued by Louis Lipsky. See Page 3.)

The ZOA called on the United States "to alter this policy, particularly in view of the fact that no arms or mutual security pact have yet been offered to Israel." The resolution said the ZOA was "deeply disturbed by the unabated tension." A defense treaty linking Israel with the United States was urged as a solution for and means of strengthening Middle Eastern stability. The U.S. Government was commended for continuing economic and technical assistance to Israel and working toward a regional water agreement.

Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr. addressing the convention yesterday, assured the delegates that the United States was "not unmindful" of Israel's security. "It is our hope and our desire," he stated, "that area defense arrangements will develop through which all countries in the area can contribute toward their mutual protection against aggression from the Communist menace. This is definitely in our own interest and represents a major element in our policy for the Middle East and for strengthening the defense of the free world."

Mr. Brownell said the "issues of the Arab-Israel conflict can be resolved through patience and understanding. It is the task of everyone to recognize this and to work toward it." He cited a recent message by President Eisenhower requesting Congressional approval for Mutual Security legislation, in which the President indicated economic aid and regional water development would do much to eliminate the causes of Arab-Israel tension.

Brownell Links Israel's Destiny with that of U.S.

Stating his belief that "Israel's destiny will remain linked with that of the United States," Mr. Brownell said: "Now, I am persuaded that in our relations with Israel, any differences which may arise from time to time will undoubtedly be resolved to the mutual satisfaction of both countries. Occasional differences are bound to arise between the friendliest of nations, and the government of the United States has encountered this even in its dealings with its closest allies. But while there are strong ties of mutual interest, identity of outlook and common aspirations, the disagreements are bound to be temporary. The geographic distance between the Potomac and Jordan Rivers may be great, but there is certainly little difference in spirit between the two countries."

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Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota Democrat, addressing the ZOA parley, called on the Administration to conclude a defense pact with Israel and support direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states.

Eisenhower Asked for Immediate Pact with Israel

Dr. Emanuel Neumann told the convention that "a full explanation of the Administration's Middle Eastern policy and course of action is long overdue." He said: "To temporize is only to aggravate a critical situation which is rapidly deteriorating. The State Department has officially declared that a defense pact with Israel would be highly logical. Let then President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles have the courage and leadership to take this constructive step and do it now."

"Many months ago," Dr. Neumann continued, "the Administration through its authorized spokesmen promised to reconsider American official policy toward Israel and to announce in due course the result of such a re-examination. We take the liberty of reminding the Administration that this promise is still unredeemed. Now and then there

are signs of a sounder and more realistic approach to the problem but thus far the State Department has not come up with any plan calculated to remedy the dangerous situation basically and permanently."

Joseph Serlin, Israel Minister of Health, who came from Jerusalem to address the ZOA convention, appealed to the American Zionist movement to educate Jews in this country for "personal aliyah." He said that Israel needs more Jews for security and for political and national reasons. "The free countries contain the reservoir of Jewish manpower. The task of the State of Israel must be to create a regime in the country which should attract these Jews. The regime cannot be a socialistic one," he declared.

Jacques Torczyner, chairman of the ZOA's world Zionist affairs committee, reported to the convention on what he termed "a widening gulf between the Jews in Israel and the United States." He attributed "this condition partly to Israel for denying the importance of the Zionist movement and by-passing it consistently and steadily." He warned that "if there is no Zionist feeling in a community, if there is no Zionist guidance, the Jewish consciousness disappears."

Rabbi Miller Appeals for "Conciliatory Move" by Russia

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, expressed a view that it is time for a conciliatory move by the Kremlin "insofar as the status of Zionism and Zionists in Soviet Russia is concerned," in view of the conciliatory attitude toward the West "professed by the present rulers of Soviet Russia aimed at the easings of world tensions."

He appealed to the Soviet Union to permit contact by world Jewry with Iron Curtain Jewry and to remove "the unjust and cruelly repressive measures against those Jews who are suspected of harboring sympathies toward Zionists and Zionism." He urged that Soviet Jews wishing to emigrate be permitted to do so. The freeing of Soviet Jewry from anti-Zionist restrictions and other such moves, he said, "will constitute a major test of the genuine intentions on the part of the Soviet Russian Government in their professed desire for co-existence and the restoration of an atmosphere of peace."

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban told the ZOA delegates that "President Eisenhower's direct assurance to American Zionists that he attaches great value to firm friendship between America and Israel is matched by the Israel Government's own desire to cherish and reinforce that friendship." Apparently commenting on assertions by State Department officials that no real Arab danger confronts Israel, Mr. Eban said: "Anybody who envisages himself and his country in our position of siege and regional solitude must judge for himself whether it is an illusory fear, or an apprehension soundly based."

"The existence of treaty relationships between some of America's allies and the Arab states further emphasizes the lack of equilibrium in the security structure of the Middle East," Mr. Eban stated. "It is out of concern for Israel's legitimate security that Prime Minister Moshe Sharett has publicly stated that we feel entitled to request binding, formal arrangements for maintaining the integrity of our frontiers. The United States," the Israel Ambassador emphasized, "has a unique opportunity to make a decisive contribution to the stability of the Middle East."

Mortimer May, Emanuel Neumann Re-Elected as ZOA Leaders

Mortimer May was re-elected national president of ZOA. Dr. Emanuel Neumann was re-elected chairman of the ZOA executive committee. Named associate chairmen of the executive committee were Dr. Max Nusbaum, Los Angeles, and Herman L. Weisman, New York. Dr. Harris J. Levine was re-elected chairman of the administrative council.

Dr. Levine, who is also president of the Jewish National Fund of America, reported to the ZOA convention that within the last five years 180 border settlements ringing the frontiers of Israel have been built on Jewish National Fund land as part of the contribution of the land development agency of the World Zionist Organization toward the security of Israel. He said that under a new five-year plan undertaken by the JNF \$53,000,000 will be required to "establish 200 security villages and the planting of 25,000,000 trees" in Israel. Seventy percent of this sum, he said, will have to be raised here. Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Fund, said that since its establishment in 1901 more than \$200,000,000 had been raised here for the purchase and development of land in Israel.

Moscow Warns Israel Against Concluding Pact with United States

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government newspaper "Izvestia" has warned Israel against concluding any defense alliance with the United States, the New York Times reported from Moscow.

The Times dispatch said that "Izvestia" said that such a pact would be contradictory to the Israel undertaking given the USSR in 1953. The Soviet newspaper reminded Israel that in that undertaking, which restored Soviet-Israel diplomatic relations which had been ruptured by the USSR in the wake of the bombing of its legation in Tel Aviv, Israel said that she would not enter into any pact that has aggressive aims against the Soviet Union.

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LIPSKY ANNOUNCES SPLIT IN Z. O. A. ; REVEALS SHARP INTERNAL DIFFERENCES

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- A split in the Zionist Organization of America was revealed today by Louis Lipsky, noted leader of the American Zionist movement, in a statement in which he announced that he and a number of other active leaders of the ZOA had decided not to participate in the ZOA convention now taking place in Washington. Mr. Lipsky indicated that the present ZOA administration had rejected a number of proposals offered for the purpose of "restoring unity" in the ZOA.

"I regret that I shall not attend the annual convention of the ZOA this year," Mr. Lipsky said in his statement. "It was not an easy decision to make, for I have attended our conventions for over 50 years. I feel, therefore, that I owe my fellow Zionists an explanation.

"For some time now I have felt that the ZOA was losing its sense of direction, that it was being confused as to its functions, that it was pursuing a purposeless existence; that it was avoiding through fear the courageous tackling of a problem which was being created for the Zionist movement as a whole by historic circumstances over which it had no control. It was taking up fragments of projects, trying to give them a uniqueness they did not possess, and was being lost in a maze of activities which did not add up to a program, but helped to maintain the facelessness of what was once a great creative Zionist organization.

"This conviction was fixed in my mind in July, 1952, when our annual convention, against the strong protest of a substantial minority, adopted a resolution identifying the ZOA with the Israel General Zionist Party. This was an act of escape. Instead of facing its problems, the ZOA sought in this way to lose itself in the political struggle of Israel by taking cover under the wing of one of the political parties in Israel. Since that fateful day in 1952, I have been distressed--as many other ZOA liberals of standing and friends of Zionism--to witness the ZOA leadership keeping faith with only one of its objectives--its identification with the General Zionist Party in Israel--and serving the interests of that party by attacking Israel political personalities with whom its Israel counterpart was not in agreement; and meddling in the internal Israel political affairs which are the legitimate province of the citizens of that state.

Says ZOA Prestige Has Declined with "Shocking Rapidity"

"This concentration of zealous partisanship and an itch for controversy has inhibited the ZOA from taking up the causes that are its own immediate concern and acting effectively in areas in the United States that are within its natural competence. Its repetitious resolutions on education and culture have come to be regarded by the general public as the empty utterances of an impotent agency. Its declared allegiance to the promotion of Hebrew has remained a dead letter. As a consequence, the prestige of the ZOA has declined with shocking rapidity. Its membership has fallen disastrously. Its influence in Zionist circles has deteriorated and its influence on American Jewry has never been so feeble as it is today, although the challenges confronting it and the opportunities for historic achievement were never greater.

"Last December, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, as leader of world Zionism, after many preliminary meetings, succeeded in bringing together leaders of the ZOA administration and leaders of the liberal Zionist groups to discuss the problems with a view to the restoration of unity within ZOA ranks and as preliminary to the consideration of a radically revised program, functions and procedures. I personally was given the assurance by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the ZOA executive, that there was a fair chance for arriving at a reasonable understanding.

"Pursuant to these preliminary discussions, a meeting of the ZOA executive committee was held recently where it was agreed, to authorize Dr. Neumann to appoint a balanced subcommittee and to report back to the executive committee. This committee was composed of Dr. Neumann (chairman), Abraham Goodman, Harris Levine, Leon Kohn and Jacques Torczyner for the ZOA; and for the liberal group, Ezra Shapiro, of Cleveland, Dewey Stone, of Taunton, Judge Louis Leventhal, of Philadelphia, Dr. Samuel Margoshes and myself. In the course of the general discussion of the first meeting of the committee, our group proposed that the committee report unanimous agreement to a special committee of the convention on these points:

"1. That a high level commission - which might be called a Hoover Commission - be named by the convention which would in the course of about six months make a thorough study of ZOA problems - its organizational forms and funds and functions - and submit definite recommendations on how the ZOA could function, what its program would be, etc., in the light of present day circumstances. We asked that the naming of the commission at the convention should be made an occasion for a demonstration of unity and of the determination of the ZOA to face its problems in a comprehensive way.

"2. In order to create the proper atmosphere for the revision of certain matters that are definitely an issue within the ZOA, the ZOA administration should suspend--for the period in which the commission would be in existence--its special propaganda in connection with the General Zionist Party of Israel and that a temporary vacation be granted to its news bulletin 'ZINS,' which has been a disruptive factor in Zionist affairs.

"3. To further the general impression of a desire for a united front, the election of Mortimer May as president for a second term would take place as planned, but that the

liberal group should be given the privilege of nominating the chairman of the executive committee, and name one that would be acceptable to the present ZOA administration.

"Our impression was that these proposals raised a possibility of some agreement, but as the discussion continued over many hours it became evident that the ZOA leadership was disinclined to raise the issues involved at the convention in Washington, that they were adamant about the identification suggestion, and were reluctant to build up the high level commission, feeling that the effect of the appointment of such a commission would be to raise all sorts of questions that would be reflected in the imminent Israel political campaign. I moved to end the discussion at the first meeting and to adjourn sine die, without a report. But Dr. Neumann still felt that it would be worthwhile to continue the discussion at a second meeting, which he called to take place on Tuesday, July 14, two days before the opening of the convention.

"At this second and last meeting, the ZOA representatives practically rejected the three points that were made. In other words, after all the assurances that were given that some feasible way would be found to restore unity in the ZOA, and to help raise the prestige of the ZOA, in the last analysis the ZOA administration was unwilling to go further in the direction of revision which had been indicated over a period of about a year.

"Under these circumstances, it is my painful duty to declare on my own behalf, and on behalf of my colleagues, and on behalf of large numbers of Zionists throughout the United States, that participation in the ZOA convention at this time would have been without purpose and that steps would have to be taken after the convention has adjourned to express our views on the frustration of legitimate hopes for peace and revision that had been raised."

U. S. LABOR ZIONIST ORDER CONCLUDES THREE-DAY NATIONAL PARLEY

HIGHLAND MILLS, N. Y., June 19. (JTA) -- The three-day national conference of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order concluded here today with the adoption of resolutions designed to strengthen Jewish life in the United States, to help in the upbuilding of the State of Israel and to further the growth of the organization.

The delegates voted to expand their political and economic support to the Jewish State and urged the State Department to reverse its policy of arming the Arab states. The conference unanimously called for repeal of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act. It was also decided to exert every effort to the sale of shekolim to give the Labor Zionist movement adequate representation at the 24th World Zionist Congress, which will be held next May.

Louis Segal, general secretary of the organization, in his report to the convention, disclosed that 3,000 new members had been enrolled since January 1, 1954, bringing the organization's total membership to 30,000. Among the other speakers at the conference were: Reuven Dafni, acting consul general of Israel in New York; Meyer L. Brown, Farband president; Earuch Zuckerman, member of the Jewish Agency, and Abraham Dickstein, president of AMPAL.

UNITED HIAS SERVICE TO HELP GREEK JEWS EMIGRATE TO UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- A special emergency program to bring swift rescue through emigration to Greek Jews has been inaugurated by United HIAS Service, the Jewish international migration agency, it was announced today by Ben Touster, president of the organization.

Under special provisions of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, Mr. Touster said, special priority is granted to victims of natural disasters, and by the terms of these provisions the survivors in the earthquake area in Greece may qualify specifically for entrance to the United States as speedily as they can be processed and documented by the United HIAS aides who are working feverishly now to speed their immigration to our country.

Special attention is being paid to the 400 Jews of Volos who recently suffered the full force of the earthquake, which practically leveled the town, leaving thousands homeless, Mr. Touster reported. The United HIAS office in Athens has petitioned the U. S. Consul to grant priority to the applications of 100 Volos Jews who had registered with the agency for immigration to the U. S. under the Refugee Relief Act before the disaster, and whose visas have been held up in the processing pipeline for several months.

FRATERNITY BIAS ATTACKED AT BOWDOIN COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

BRUNSWICK, Maine, June 19. (JTA) -- An attack on fraternity bias at Bowdoin College here was made at the 150th commencement exercises of the school this week-end. The attack was made by a member of the graduating class, G. Curtis Webber 2nd., son of a Maine Superior Court Justice.

Speaking to an audience which included Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson and British Ambassador Roger Makins, Mr. Webber called upon the college to set a time limit, of perhaps three years, after which the fraternities would have to end all bias. Mr. Webber charged that the college is failing in its "responsibility to its students and to the community as long as discrimination is condoned within the ivied walls."

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June 21, 1955

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is a copy of the Brownell address, as delivered at our Convention on Saturday night.

You will, I am sure, be interested to note where and how the final draft differs from the original text. The insertions -- i.e., paragraphs on the Harvard research project and on the U.S.-Israel Atomic Energy Agreement -- were, of course, in order. The deviations from the original (compare pages 4,5 and 6 of the enclosed with pages 3 and 4 of the first draft) are not without significance. I was glad to learn that you are writing appropriate notes to Brownell and Sobeloff. I am also sending letters of thanks to them and others who were helpful in making the Convention a success, in May's name, as well as on my own behalf.

I do hope that we have a chance to say goodbye to you before you leave for Europe. I hope also that Daniel will be in touch with me before he takes off. I may have a few suggestions that might prove to be helpful in connection with his visit to Israel.

With warmest regards, I am

As ever,

Harold P. Manson

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June 21, 1955

The Honorable Herbert Brownell, Jr.
The Attorney General
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Brownell:

I regret more than I can tell you the fact that I missed your address before the Zionist Organization of America last Saturday evening. I had to leave Washington immediately after my address before the same body on Thursday evening to keep a long-standing engagement in Detroit.

I want to tell you that I have heard nothing but the highest praise for what must have been a magnificent address. I want to thank you for making this contribution and for lifting the spirits of the hundreds of delegates who came from all parts of the country to receive just the kind of message which you must have delivered.

With warmest regards and best wishes for a most happy summer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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From The Desk of . . .

Harold P. Manson

For Dr. Silver

I felt that hipky's blast should be answered by Neumann, since he started the whole business of the "negotiations," but he does not wish to do so.

I therefore drafted the attached statement for May, making only a passing reference to the "negotiations," with which matter I am not accourant.

May is prepared to go along with this. However, Neumann is now going over the text... We shall see what emerges.

As ever,

Harold

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June 29, 1955

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just returned to the office from the Convention and truly feel in an exalted mood. I believe we demonstrated at the Convention, not only that many things needed to be done, but that the ZOA was the proper instrument for their doing. More important, perhaps, was the spirit of dedication shown to our unfulfilled duties to Israel and to American Jewry. There is no need to elaborate on this for those of you who attended the Convention -- and to those who did not, I commend a careful reading of the next issue of our AMERICAN ZIONIST.

You have been selected by the Convention to serve on the Executive Committee to which is entrusted much of the policy-making and the actual operations of our Organization. To be effective, we must have our financial house in order; yet we must not have to spend too large a proportion of our time in fund raising.

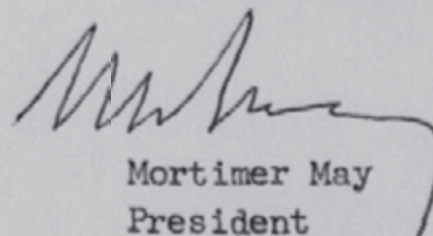
I, therefore, feel that one of the first duties of each member of the NEC, is to himself make a pledge to our American Zionist Fund. No one, too, can be a good solicitor until he himself has made a contribution.

I am glad to state that the level of giving has been raised in the last year, and am equally happy to report that at our AZF luncheon, many excellent pledges were made. I think these will be of interest to you and I am enclosing herewith a list of all contributors of \$250 and over. I should like to include the entire list, but this would be a little too long.

I should appreciate hearing from you at the earliest moment.

We enter a new year of work with our horizons broadened by the Convention, and with a vigorous determination to make it one of progress and increasing service to Israel and American Jewry.

Cordially yours,



Mortimer May
President

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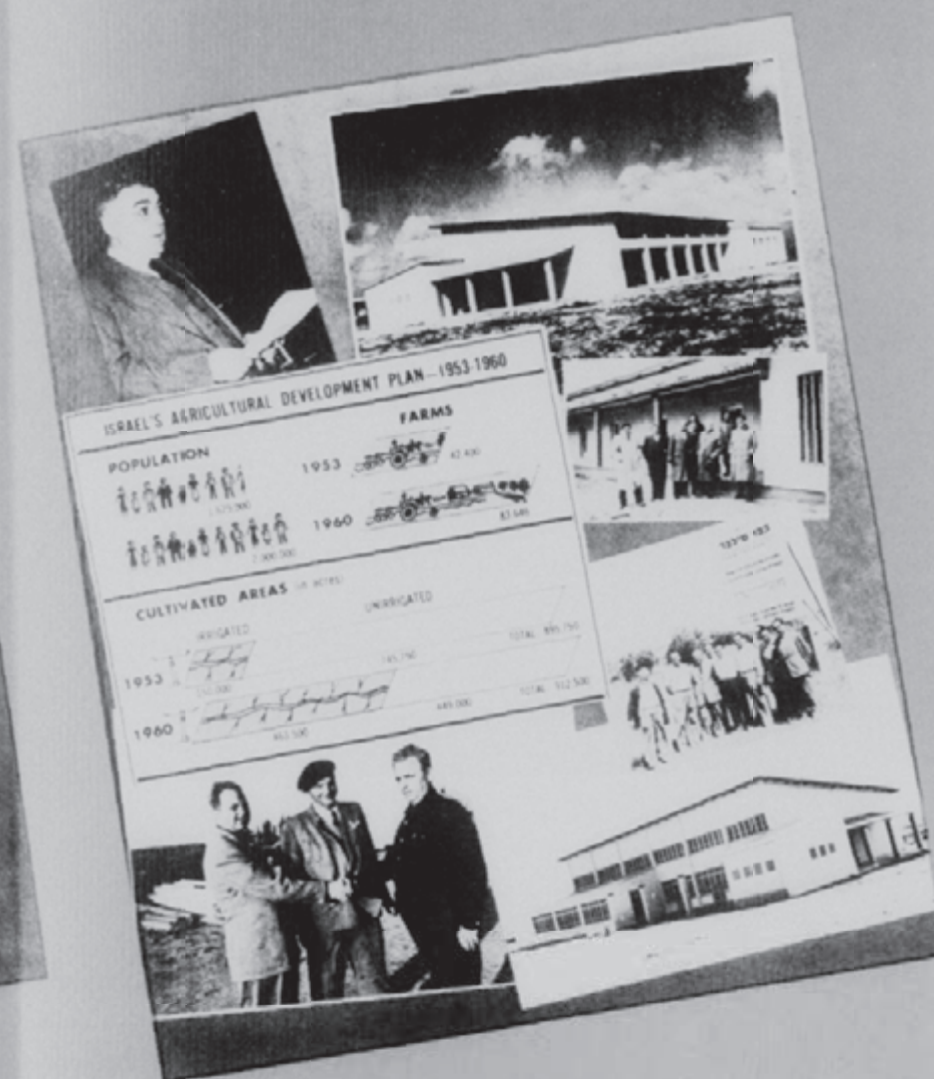
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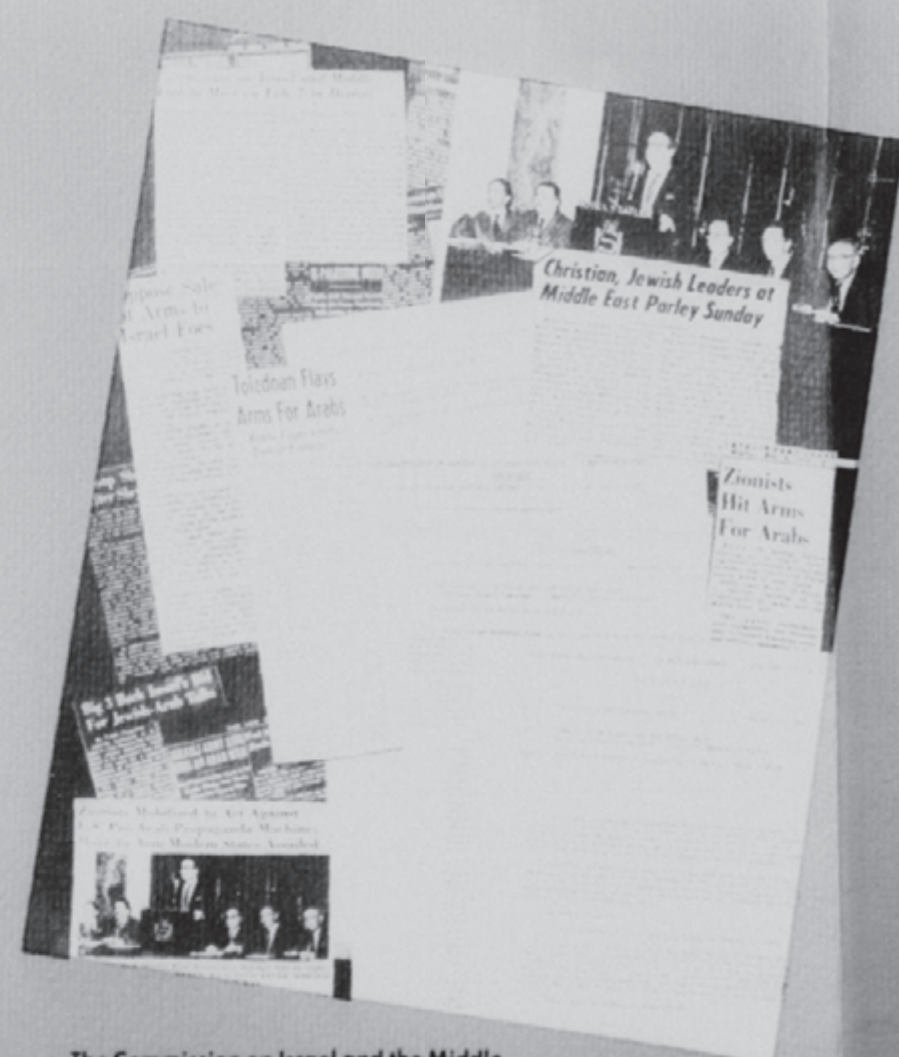


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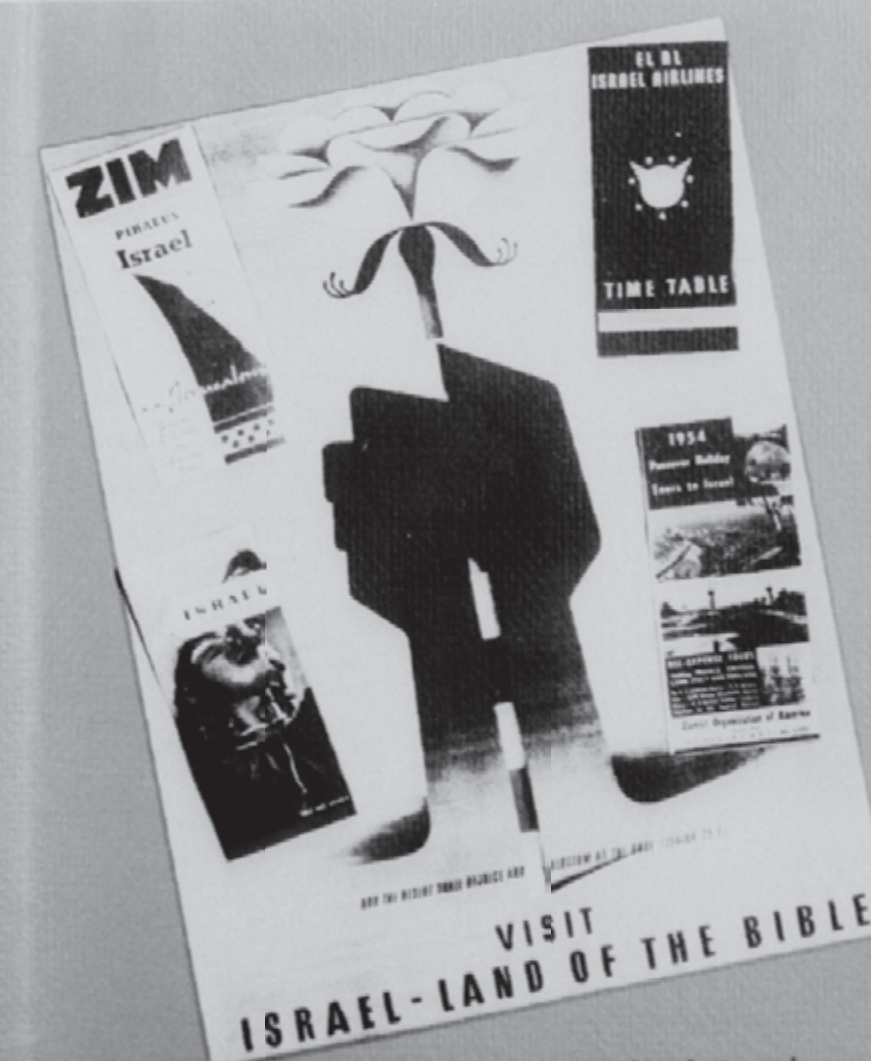
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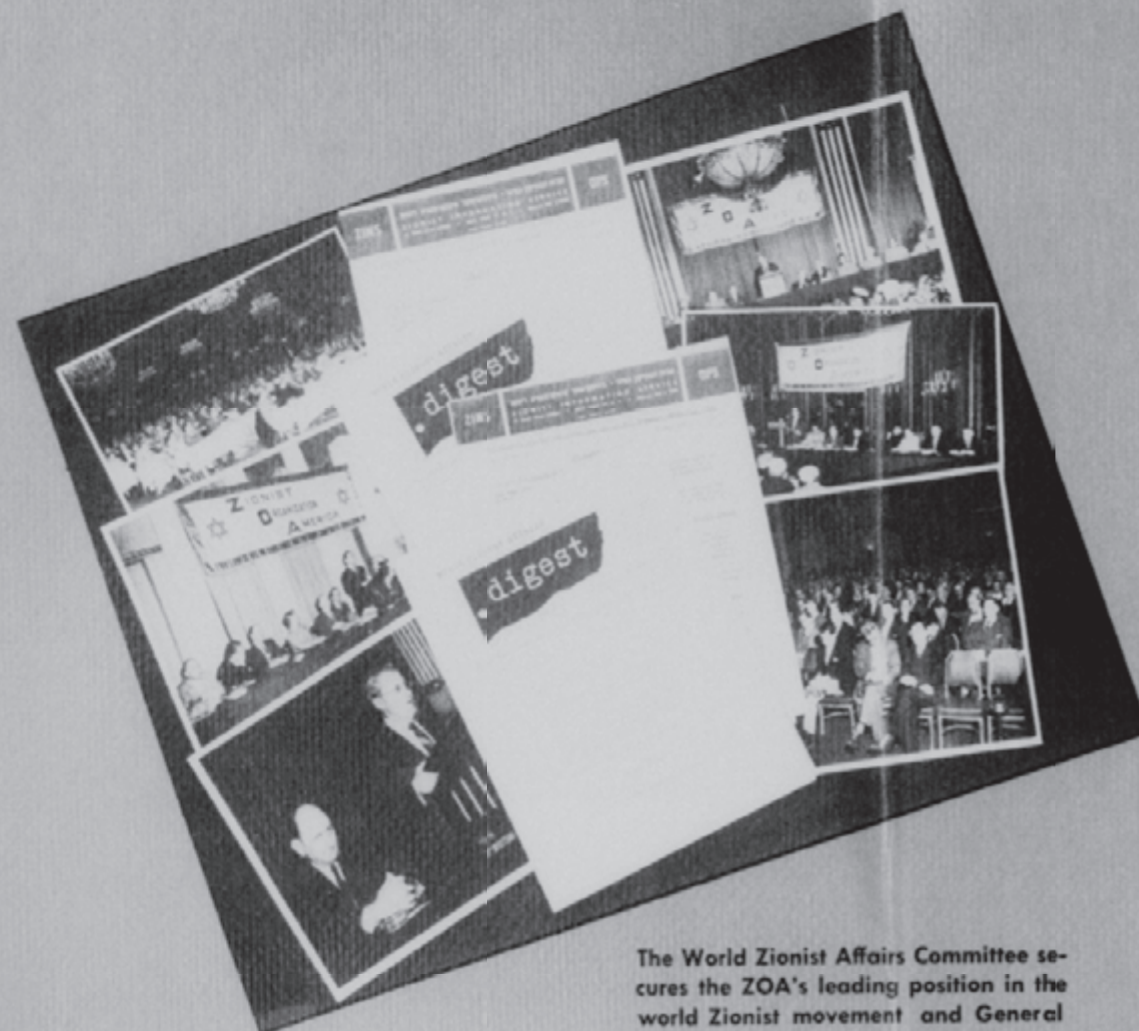
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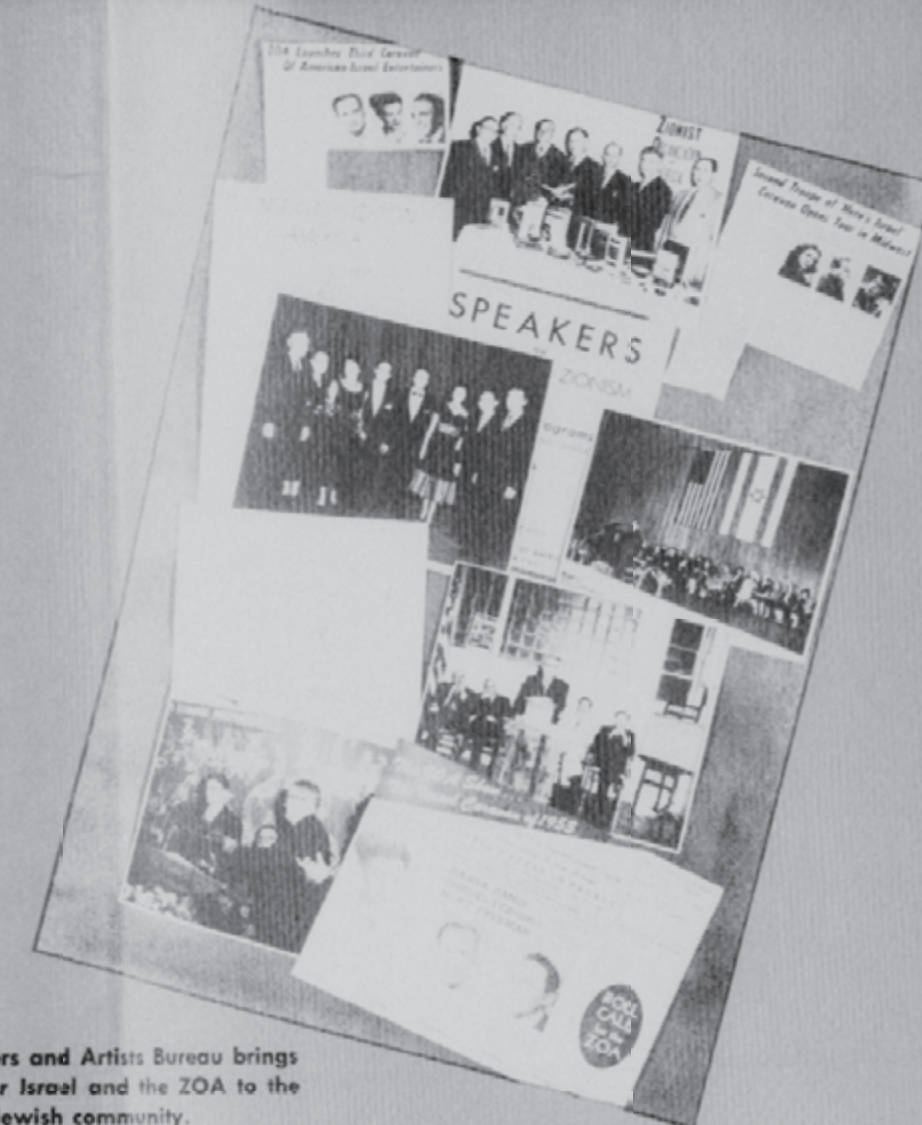
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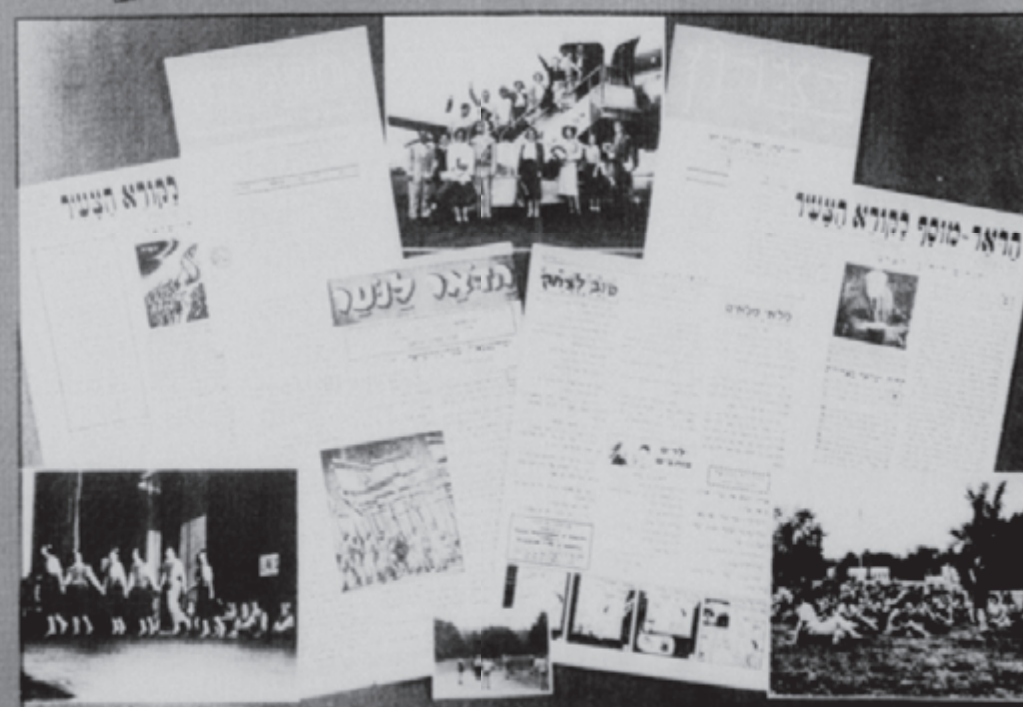
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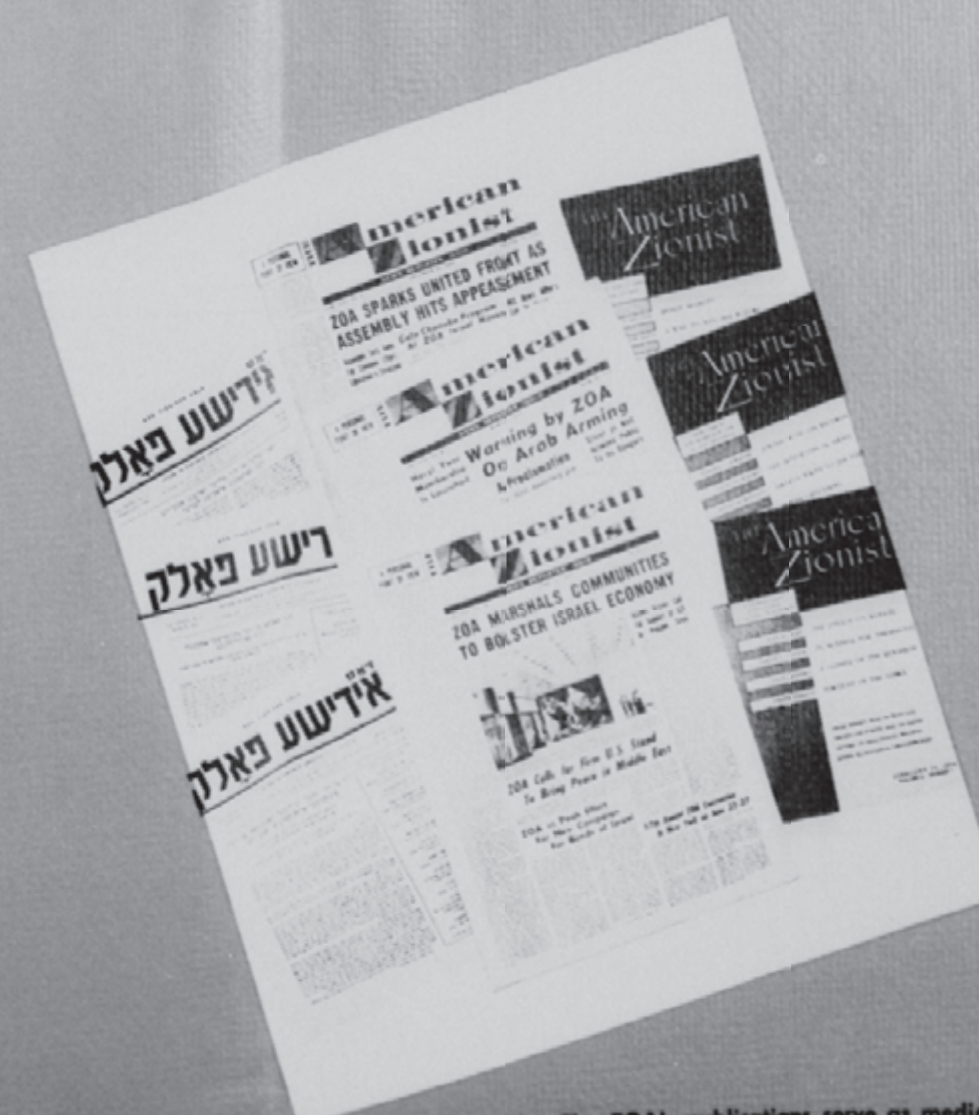
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