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THE AMERICAN ZIONIST

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July 28, 1958

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. and Ansell Road
Cleveland, Ohio

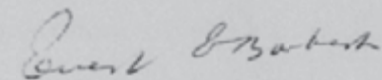
Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Zionist Record of Johannesburg, South Africa, considered one of the world's best Zionist weeklys of its kind, is celebrating its Golden Jubilee with the publication of a special issue. It would be an appropriate gesture were you to address a message to

Mr. C. Gershater, Editor
Zionist Record
313 Zionist Centre
84 De Villiers Street
Johannesburg, South Africa

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Ernest E. Barbarash
Editor

EEB/rk

Memorandum

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date: July 30, 1958

From: Harold P. Manson

Subject:

Mr. S. Gershater, Editor of the Zionist Record of South Africa, has written to us concerning the Golden Jubilee issue of that publication which is currently being prepared. Mr. Gershater would be most grateful for a message of greeting from you for the special anniversary issue.

The address is:

Mr. C. Gershater, Editor
Zionist Record
313 Zionist Centre
84 De Villiers Street
Johannesburg, South Africa

Ever best.

HPM:ha

Harold P. Manson

August 19, 1958

Mr. C. Gershater
Editor, Zionist Record
313 Zionist Centre
84 De Villiers Street
Johannesburg, South Africa

My dear Mr. Gershater:

I understand that the Zionist Record is about to celebrate its Golden Jubilee. Permit me to extend my heartiest felicitations to you as Editor of the Zionist Record. You have reason to be proud of the contribution which the Record has made to the life of South African Jewry. It has been the mouthpiece of all that is worthy and constructive in Jewish life and has maintained through the years a high standard of journalistic integrity. I wish you many years of continued service to our common cause.

With warmest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:lg

On behalf of the Dayton Zionist District the following resolution has been presented to the Resolutions Committee of the Ohio Valley Zionist District for action and adoption by delegates attending the annual convention of the Region held in Columbus, Ohio on August 24, 1958.

WHEREAS THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA HAS BEEN NOTED FOR ITS DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURE IN THE ELECTION OF ITS LEADERSHIP AND EVIDENCED THIS DEMOCRATIC PROCESS BY THE ROTATION OF PRESIDENTS, WITH NO MAN SERVING MORE THAN TWO (2) TERMS. THIS PROCEDURE HAS BROUGHT TO THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR ORGANIZATION MEN FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND REPRESENTING VARIOUS FACETS OF ZIONIST THOUGHT. FORTUNATELY THIS ROTATION OF THE HIGHEST OFFICE HAS NOT DETERRED ANY INDIVIDUAL FROM SERVING TO HIS FULLEST ABILITY THE IDEALS AND GOALS OF THE MOVEMENT; NOR DOES THIS ROTATION MINIMIZE THE ESTEEM AND RECOGNITION HELD BY THE MEMBERSHIP FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL RELINQUISHING THIS HIGH OFFICE AFTER TWO (2) TERMS.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE OHIO VALLEY ZOA REGION MEETING IN ANNUAL CONVENTION ON AUGUST 24th, 1958 THAT NO CHANGES BE MADE IN THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION SEEKING TO PERPETUATE THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ANY INCUMBENTS, THUS CONTINUING TO AFFORD THE MEMBERSHIP THE OPPORTUNITY OF ELECTING NEW LEADERSHIP TO THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN THEIR POWER TO BESTOW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE DELEGATES REPRESENTING THE OHIO VALLEY ZOA REGION BE INSTRUCTED TO VOTE AGAINST ANY SUCH CHANGES IN THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ALL OHIO VALLEY DISTRICT DELEGATES BE URGED TO TAKE SERIOUS NOTE OF THIS RESOLUTION AND TO SUPPORT IT ACCORDINGLY AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION. IF ADOPTED, THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ZOA CONVENTION AND A COPY BE SENT TO PRESIDENT DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN SO THAT HE MAY KNOW THE FEELINGS OF OUR REGION WITH THE HOPE THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR ORGANIZATION AS HE HAS IN THE PAST EVEN THOUGH NOT VESTED WITH THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.

Z I O N I S T R E C O R D .

P.O. Box 150,
JOHANNESBURG.

August 26, 1958.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,
CLEVELAND 6, OHIO.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

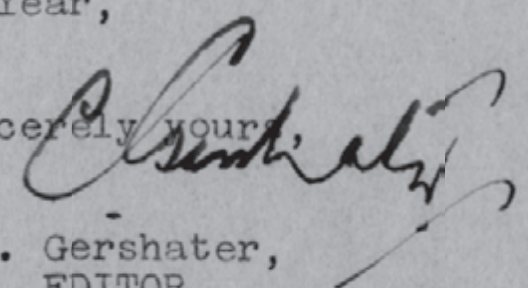
Many thanks for your message of August 19 on
the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Zionist Record.
The sentiments expressed by you are very much appreciated.

The special Golden Jubilee issue of the Record will
not now be published before the middle of November.
Elaborate arrangements are being made for the celebration
of the anniversary. I have no doubt that your message will
be read with much interest.

We all recall with great happiness your visit to
this country, and we hope that it will not be long before
you and Mrs. Silver are with us again.

With best wishes for A Happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,


C. Gershater,
EDITOR.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,

The Temple,

East 105th Street at Ansel Road,

CLEVELAND 6, OHIO.

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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August 27, 1958.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

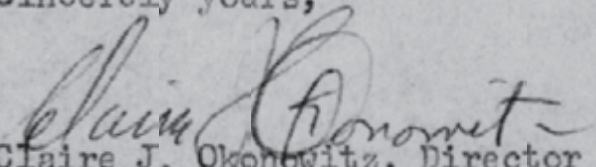
Mr. Seltzman and Leonard Narrow among others, represented Cleveland at the Ohio Valley Convention which was held this past weekend in Columbus Ohio.

At that time, the "Ed Sullivan - ZOA Cavalcade of Israel Stars" was offered to selected Districts as part of the nation-wide tour. The Cleveland representatives of course, felt that the success of this presentation in your community could only be assured by your wholehearted backing and cooperation. This is a unique opportunity to help build the cultural bridge between American Jewry and the People of Israel. It will add powerfully to the prestige of the Jewish community and make a profound impact on the Non-Jewish community as well, if it is properly projected and publicized. This could be a fund raising medium on behalf of Kfar Silver that could easily net \$10,000 if properly handled in Severance Hall.

Enclosed for your information are the first and second bulletins announcing the Cavalcade. Robert Abrahami will be calling to see you during the week of September 2nd, to discuss the matter more fully with you. We are counting on your complete support and cooperation to assure the success of this unique Cavalcade in your community.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,


Claire J. Okonowicz, Director
SPEAKERS' AND ARTISTS' BUREAU

CJO/bt
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cc: Rabbi Daniel J. Silver

Charles Auerbach

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September 4, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
19810 Shaker Blvd.,
Shaker Heights,
Cleveland, Ohio,
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I have pleasure in despatching to you today under separate
cover the 5719 Zionist Year Book.

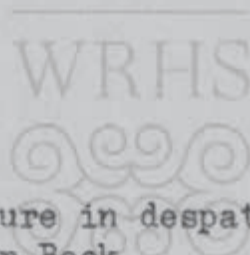
With my best wishes for a very Happy New Year,

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Yours sincerely,

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(Rabbi Dr.) J. Litvin





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September 5, 1958

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to you today in connection with the
Falkman Memorial project.

On July 10th, Mr. Leon Ilutovich wrote you regarding
the possibility of dedicating a room in one of the dormitories
in the name of the late Dr. Fred Falkman. I am happy to
inform you that Mrs. Falkman has just sent us her personal
contribution of \$1,000 towards this project. She has, however,
asked me not to announce her name as contributor. I have asked
her for permission, at least, to inform you privately of her
generosity and she agreed to this provided that it would go
no further.

In terms of dollars and cents this means that we still
require, to the best of my knowledge, \$1,450.00 from the Cleveland
Zionist Society, to give us the full \$5000 towards this project.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course and in the
meantime want to take this opportunity to wish you and Mrs. Silver
a very happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Hannah Stein

Hannah Stein, Director
American Zionist Fund

HS/rk

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, *President, ZOA*

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To: Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the ZOA

September 11, 1958

From: Harold P. Manson, Executive Vice-Chairman
Department of Public Information

Personal and Confidential

On Friday, September 5, Sidney Marks, at Abe Goodman's request, solicited my opinion of a draft resolution prepared by Nat Rothenberg and himself. The resolution was designed for circulation to the members of the NEC in advance of the next meeting, which has been called for Sunday, September 21. I was surprised to read a text which was an impassioned plea to call upon Dr. Emanuel Neumann to serve an additional term as ZOA President and, to that end, to recommend that the Convention suspend that article of the ZOA Constitution which precludes a third term.

This did not jibe at all with what I had heard from you during our meeting on Wednesday, September 3. At that time you stated that your sole personal aim at present is to get out, which, you will recall, I fully understood. There was not the slightest hint that you were remotely considering the further projection of your name in the context of a draft call to the coming Convention. My bewilderment was increased when I learned that a draft resolution had been discussed at the Officers' Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 3 (which, as you know, I did not attend, as I shall not attend further meetings of the ZOA's official bodies) and that there was every indication that this was being done on the basis of prior consultation with yourself. I was once again confronted with a dilemma of trying to act sensibly in a situation for which I had not only not been prepared, but -- as I have already indicated -- where the attitude you expressed to me was the very opposite from the reality with which I was presented.

I felt that the resolution shown to me by Marks was a bad blunder from your own point of view. I reasoned that even if, as I was informed, you wished to have the NEC act on the draft proposal and felt that the Council members should be apprised of the matter in advance of the meeting, that text could produce a disaster for you, as it would have been a signal for the substantial opposition to you (which Torczyner created during the past few years and which today operates to some extent on its own steam) to prepare before the meeting and perhaps defeat the resolution. This could be brought about by seizing upon one or more sentences in the lengthy preamble, questioning the validity of the premises on which they are based, and thereby knocking down the proposal as a whole. This thought struck Marks as a revelation. He thereupon phoned Goodman who, in turn, got in touch with me. I explained the matter to him and he got the point, thanking me profusely for my judgment in the matter. End result: the communication to the NEC members from Marks and Goodman states merely that the agenda will consist of "a proposal to suspend the operation of Article IX, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Zionist Organization of America" -- without mentioning names, drafts, etc.

If my intervention was, as Goodman felt, beneficial to your interests, I am glad. But if I had blundered I would not blame myself -- for I was compelled to make a split-second decision on the basis of a brand-new set of assumptions which were diametrically opposed to those I had acquired from you two days earlier. It's more and more like "Alice in Wonderland" or a nightmarish novel by Kafka.

(more)

Need I add that this has not served to modify the conclusions I expressed on September 3 -- especially since I found that your two memoranda regarding the status of your "deputy" contained in fact the very opposite of the ex post facto "safeguards" which you had in mind. Incidentally, I have already received some "Mr. Torczyner requests that you..." messages, transmitted via other staff members, as well as one attempted direct request from the little Capone himself. I have ignored such messages and will continue to do so, whether they be in the form of directives or relayed requests.

You did not mention, and I neglected to ask you, what passed between Goodman and yourself in the conversation which you said you were going to have with him prior to your departure. I do hope that when the practical item involved comes up, no one here will engage in stalling devices or maneuvering on the matter -- which, as I have said, I regard as a matter of right and not of patronage. I mention this because I am anxious to avert any explosions and resultant chain reactions.

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On the personal level -- the baby's wonderful, Natanya's fine, and we send our best shana tova wishes and love to Fan and yourself.

HPM:ha





Zionist Organization of America

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September 11, 1958

Personal

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed, for your personal information, is a copy of the revised memorandum which I sent today to the President of the Z.O.A.

Need I add that I am deeply grateful to you for having taken the time and trouble to think through these problems with me -- apart from the fact that it was good for my soul to see a few friendly and honest faces.

If there are any important developments (including any which might lead to a modification of the gloomy appraisal I gave you) I will, of course, let you know. For the present, however, I regret to say that the situation I encountered upon my return to my desk tends to confirm my admittedly pessimistic outlook. My first obligation in the present circumstances must, therefore, be to look to my future and to that of my family, which I fear would not be very bright if I were to continue to link it with that of this organization.

On this score, I am welcoming suggestions, tips and leads from all quarters.

In the meantime, may I extend to you and Mrs. Silver, and the boys and their families, every good wish for the New Year.

Ever,

Harold P. Manson

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America and Israel - Toward New Horizons

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CONVENTION

OCTOBER 23 - 26th, 1958
PLAN TO BE THERE!

DEAUVILLE HOTEL
MIAMI BEACH, FLA.

September 17, 1958

Rabbi Dr. Joseph Litvin
The Zionist Year Book
77, Great Russell Street
London, W.C.1., England

My dear Rabbi Litvin:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the 5719 Zionist Year Book, which I shall be very happy to add to the library of our Temple.

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

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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C O P Y

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

To: Dr. Emanuel Neumann

September 26th, 1958

From: Harold P. Manson

*Personal. For
your information.
Harold*

This is by way of a progress (or perhaps I should say no-progress) report on all those aspects of the Convention program with which I am concerned.

As of this date, my warning at the time that the Convention date was determined has, unfortunately, been fully justified. Where top-flight political spokesmen are concerned, the proximity of our Convention to Election Day (a difference of a little more than a week) has proved to be a decisive negative factor. This applies to both Democrats and Republicans. Among the Democrats who have turned us down, with appropriate expressions of regret, are: Kennedy, Symington, Mansfield and, finally, Stevenson, whom I had on the line for a full week - the main bait having been a \$1,000 honorarium which I reluctantly advised the Democratic National Committee people that we would pay. Finally, however, I received a very nice note from Stevenson explaining that his schedule during this election period has already been extended beyond his endurance. I am sure he was telling the truth and that he had, indeed, been "sorely tempted" by our invitation.

On the Democratic side of the ledger, the present prospects are: a) Sparkman b) Meyner (although I have already received a discouraging report where the Governor is concerned.)

On the Republican side - I have not yet received a definite reply from Javits either in connection with the citation which we wish to confer upon him or in connection with the presence of an Administration spokesman at the Convention. I had also written to him about our readiness to provide an appropriate forum for Rockefeller and am awaiting word on this too. If I do not receive a reply by the beginning of next week I shall try to reach him by 'phone.

Meanwhile, I am also awaiting word from Nixon, who was given the choice of two dates; the Convention or the November 17th A.Z.F. Dinner in New York.

Where Israeli spokesmen are concerned - you may recall my having advised you that during the summer Claire Okonowitz had made enquiries concerning Eban's availability. She was advised that he cannot be at our Convention, since he had already been scheduled to address the Hadassah meeting in Miami a few days earlier and would not be able to make the Miami/New York trip twice within so short a period. I have thus far received no further word concerning an appropriate substitute spokesman, but have a number of 'phone calls in on this subject.

Abe Goodman pressed me today for a speedy confirmation of the date on which Dr. Silver would appear at the Convention. I 'phoned Dr. Silver, who advised me that he finds that he cannot be there at all, that he would be represented by his son Daniel, who is scheduled to speak at the services, and that he would send an appropriate message.

Goodman was, of course, very upset when I conveyed this information. He thought that you would wish to try to prevail upon Silver personally and considered cabling you on the matter. I later informed him that I would be writing to you myself.

Goodman made much of my absence from yesterday's meeting of the Officers Committee, where the Convention program was discussed, whereupon I found it necessary to advise him directly

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Continuation....

September 26th, 1958

that I would no longer be attending these meetings, and that you are fully au courant with my reasons. (The great importance that has suddenly been attached to my attendance of Officers Committee meetings is somewhat amusing in the light of past experience, when an "Issue" had to be made of the fact that I was pointedly eliminated from the list of participants.) In any case, I doubt that I would have been able to contribute much to the collective judgement of the Committee on these matters, which has been enshrined in the attached memo to me from Sidney. I have no doubt that you will be particularly delighted with the Danny Kaye suggestion.

On related matters - the A.Z.F. wanted to have a special advance big-givers luncheon early in October, following your return. Jacques had dropped the names of Rockefeller and Harriman in this connection and the matter was, of course, dropped in my lap. I decided that the Harriman - Rockefeller idea did not make sense, especially since I had already succeeded in bring Harriman down to a recent N.E.C. meeting. Recalling Moses Schonfeld's assurance that we could get the members of the Israel Delegation to the General Assembly to participate in a special luncheon with some of our people, I effected a "merger" of the two ventures, and I trust that all concerned are proceeding accordingly. At the same time, I hear that Jacques has let it be known that, through certain contacts, he is able to get Rockefeller for October 9th so I am not absolutely certain what the character of the event will be.

In this connection - I learned that Jacques had sent a cable to Soustelle with regard to the proposed A.Z.F. event. The reply was, of course, negative.

I am still trying to pindown one or two political figures for the Convention. I hope that something will jell soon - though, as you know, I am not in the habit of making categoric promises unless I am reasonably sure that I can deliver. However, the picture is bound to get better since it could not possibly get worse.

HMP/d

P.S. Oh yet it can get worse! I just received a telephone call from Javits. He is deeply grateful to us for singling him out for a citation at our Convention, but regrets that, due to the pressure of campaign activities, he cannot possibly be in Miami between October 23rd - 26th. (This is the refrain which I have been hearing on all sides - and it happens to be the truth.)

However, Javits would be prepared to attend an appropriate function in New York - perhaps even before Election Day. If we decide to do something along these lines, I have been asked to clear the date with his New York Office. Perhaps we can bring him into the A.Z.F. Luncheon or some other event following your return? HPM.

C O P Y

To: Harold P. Manson

September 26, 1958

From: Dr. Sidney Marks.

At the meeting of the Officers Committee yesterday, the subject of speakers for the Convention was presented. Among the suggestions that were made for the Convention are the following:

1. Mrs. Clare Booth Luce
2. The gentlemen from Siam and Burma
3. Nixon
4. Judge Douglas
5. Mr. Oppenheim of the Advanced Studies Institute
6. Danny Kaye
7. General Sarnoff
8. Eric Johnson
9. Lord Balfour

Goodman indicated the urgency of the matter and pressed for a speaker, apparently favoring someone outside of the political arena. Everyone seems to have been enthused about Danny Kaye. Jacques Torczyner is to contact Jerry Wald with reference to Danny Kaye.

They also stress the desirability of someone like Eric Johnson and General Sarnoff.

My affectionate regards.

SM:hc

NITE LETTER

October 24, 1958

TO:

DR. EMANUEL NEWMAN
c/o ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
HOTEL DEAUVILLE
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

I DEEPLY REGRET MY INABILITY TO ATTEND THIS CONVENTION OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA THE FIRST ONE WHICH I FAILED TO ATTEND IN MANY YEARS. UNFORESEEN AND URGENT MATTERS COMPEL ME TO REMAIN IN CLEVELAND BUT I HAVE SENT YOU A GOOD SUBSTITUTE AND WITH HIM I CONVEY TO YOU ALL MY BEST WISHES FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE CONVENTION WHICH WILL ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF OUR MOVEMENT IN THIS COUNTRY. THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA IS VITAL TO THE INTERESTS OF ISRAEL. IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES DAYS IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL TO MAINTAIN IN THE UNITED STATES A STRONG ZIONIST MOVEMENT WHICH WILL BE CONSTANTLY ON THE ALERT TO DEFEND ITS JUST AND FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS.



ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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October 25, 1958

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

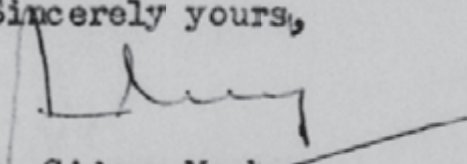
Many thanks for your letter dated October 20th.

Dan is sitting on the Committee on Committees and
Committee on Nominations.

I enjoyed his sermon. You should be very proud
of him.


My affectionate regards and please extend them
to Mrs. Silver.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Sidney Marks
Executive Director

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P.S. We miss you at the convention.



Z.O.A. - 60 Years of Solid Achievement for Israel and Jewry

October 30, 1958

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have secured Dean Joseph Weil as our speaker for the December 8th dinner.

I spoke to Dean Weil in Miami and upon his return to the University of Florida in Gainesville, he will have his secretary send me biographical material for newspaper releases.

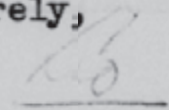
At the recent conference on Science and Technology for the Peaceful Development of Israel and the Middle East, held in New York two weeks ago, he presented a paper at the "Energy Sources" session.

In the 1957 Technion Year Book, a copy of which the Temple library had on display, appears an article on "Florida as a Model for Israel" by Dean Weil. This article was a condensed version of an address delivered at the 1956 Technological Conference sponsored by the American Technion Society. The Editor's note in the 1957 Year Book has the following to say about Dean Weil:

"Dr. Joseph Weil, Dean of the College of Engineering of the University of Florida, and Director of its Engineering and Industrial Experiment Station, is a close friend of Technion. He has advised Technion on the development of a program of nuclear energy studies and is a strong advocate of the development by Israel of atomic energy installations."

I told Dean Weil that you are one of the Co-Chairmen of our dinner and he was delighted. I think he would be most pleased if you were to drop him a line thanking him for accepting the speaking engagement.

Sincerely,


Leo Rutstein

Dr. Joseph Weil
Dean of the College of Engineering
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida.

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November 3rd, 1958

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I assume that you either saw or heard about the Ed Sullivan Show of last night, which included some good shots of Kfar Silver, as well as nice personal reference to yourself. All in all, the show was quite good and contained some fine publicity for the ZOA's projects in Israel -- Kfar Silver and the ZOA House. We can only hope that this will be effectively exploited by our AZF and membership campaigners.

I imagine that Daniel gave you a full picture of what transpired at the Convention. I trust that he was not too discouraged by the inside view of the politikking which he obtained in the Nominations Committee and in conversation with some of us.

You will, I know, be happy to learn that Daniel's sermon evoked very warm comment, in which I too was happy to join. He made a very fine impression indeed.

Ever best,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/d

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November 10, 1958

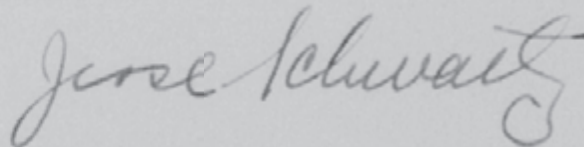
Secretary to
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

I should appreciate it very much if you would let me have a recent glossy photo of Dr. Silver. I want to use it in connection with a review I am writing for a forthcoming issue of the Canadian Zionist, of the book that was published in Israel in Hebrew, dealing with the life of Dr. Silver.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Jesse Schwartz,
Editor, Canadian Zionist.

JS/ml

November 13, 1958

Mr. Jesse Schwartz
Editor, Canadian Zionist
Zionist Organization of Canada
2025 University Street
Montreal, Canada

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Enclosed is the glossy photograph of Dr. Silver
that you requested in your letter dated November 10, 1958.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. M. L. Goldstein
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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enclosed

Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President
145 EAST 32nd STREET
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November 19, 1958

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

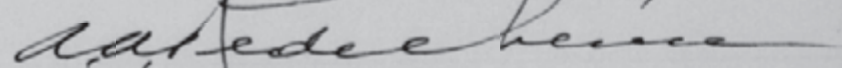
The many post-convention pressures have kept me from turning to the more pleasant duties that have come to me following my election to the presidency of the organization. Foremost among these is an expression of deep appreciation for your message to our convention in Miami Beach which, needless to say, was warmly welcomed by the delegates.

I know that I need not dwell on my own immeasurable esteem of your leadership and my personal devotion to you as the greatest Zionist personality of our generation. I took occasion to express these feelings in my first major address following my assumption of office at the Metropolitan AZF dinner at the Waldorf Astoria on Monday evening, November 17th. I stated: "Great movements have a way of producing great human spirits to articulate their purposes, to lead and to inspire their followers. Our organization has been truly blessed in this respect. In the era of the struggle for statehood and its achievement, our organization brought forth Abba Hillel Silver."

As I undertake the burdens of office, it is my profound hope that our organization may continue to be blessed with your leadership and guidance for many years to come.

With warmest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Abraham A. Redelheim

AAR:hs

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November 21, 1958

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

Dear Madam:

If copies are available of
Dr. Silver's recent address on the book
"Dr. Zhivago", please send me a copy.

JS:PW

Cordially yours,

Jesse Schwartz
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November 24, 1958

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The National City Bank of Cleveland in its letter addressed to Kfar Silver in Israel on June 3, 1958, said it anticipated that the legacy of the late Philip Lagowitz in the amount of \$20,000 for Kfar Silver would be paid on or about December 1, 1958.

Chaim Danieli, Chairman of the Kfar Silver Board of Directors, asked the Bank in his letter of last June 22nd to communicate with me in this respect.

I am sorry for the imposition, but perhaps you could contact the Bank to find out exactly when we can expect the money.

We are pressed for funds for Kfar Silver and early receipt of the above sum would be very helpful.

With thanks in advance and warmest regards, I am, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

Leon Ilutovich

Assistant Executive Director

LI:mr

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November 24, 1958

My dear Redelheim:

Let me thank you for your letter of November 19th. I am sorry that I could not attend the Convention in Miami Beach, but I followed its proceedings with great interest. I want to extend to you my warmest felicitations upon your election to the presidency of Z.C.A.

I know that you will bring to the important post a large experience and a great devotion. I shall, of course, be ready at all times to assist you in your work.

I see where the Convention has voted to reach out for a "Greater Zionism"; Concentration is perhaps better - on important projects in Israel and on more intensive educational and political work in the United States.

With all good wishes for a very successful administration and to you personally, I remain

Very cordially yours

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Abraham A. Redelheim
President
Zionist Organization of America

145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, N.Y.

November 24, 1958

Rabbi Jesse Schwartz
General Secretary
Zionist Organization of Canada
2025 University Street
Montreal, Canada

Dear Rabbi Schwartz:

Replying to your letter of November 21st, I
regret to inform you that there are no copies
available of Dr. Silver's sermon on "Dr. Zhavigo".

Sincerely yours,

(MRS.) Beatrice F. May
Secretary to Dr. Silver

December 19, 1958
310 E. Mifflin St.
Madison, Wisconsin

Mr. Ernest Barbarash
Zionist Organization of America
145 E. 32nd Street
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Barbarash:

I am a graduate student in the Department of Speech of the University of Wisconsin. Presently I am working on a master's thesis which deals with the public speaking of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in the Zionist movement. I have enclosed a questionnaire which I am circulating to people who are most likely to be familiar with Dr. Silver's work. The purpose of the questionnaire is to secure information for my thesis. I would be most grateful if you would fill in the form and return it to me. Be assured that all information I receive will be used for academic purposes only.

Very truly yours,

(sgd)

Jerome B. Polisky

The Public Speaking of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver-
Description and Evaluation

This questionnaire was filled in by _____ Date _____

Position and/or occupation _____

This form contains four general topics for describing and evaluating the public speaking of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. Under each topic-heading space is provided for your analysis, comments and evaluation. Any additional comments on points not covered in this questionnaire will be appreciated.

I. General Information (Answer all questions here if possible.)

A. Have you heard Abba Hillel Silver deliver public speeches? How many have you heard? (Radio and television speeches as well as general public appearances are relevant to this questionnaire.)

B. When and Where did you hear him speak?

C. On what occasion or occasions have you heard him speak?

D. On what subject or subjects did he speak?

E. Approximately how many people were present at the **speech** or speeches you heard?

F. What was the immediate reaction of the audience to the speech or speeches you heard?

II. Speech Delivery (You might want to discuss the following items in your commentary: method of presentation - i.e. full-text manuscript, notes, from memory; use of public address system; use of voice; use of gestures, bodily action, facial expressiveness; general evaluation of speech delivery)

III. Speech Content (You might want to discuss the following items: organization; major kinds of persuasive appeals - i.e. logical, emotional; use of language - i.e. metaphor etc; use of illustrations, examples, other interest and attention factors; general evaluation of speech content.)

IV. Overall Evaluation of the public speaking of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

(You might want to include the following items in your discussion: Silver's ability to gain and maintain the attention of the audience; general persuasiveness; impact on his immediate audience, strongest public speaking qualities; elements of weakness in his public speaking)

V. Other Comments

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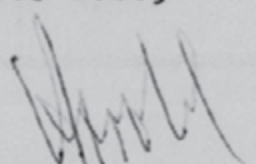
December 30, 1958

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested in -- and perhaps a bit amused by -- the enclosed questionnaire.

Ever best,


Harold P. Manson

HPM/d

COPY FOR DR. SILVER

To
From
MR. ERNEST E. BARBARASH

December 30, 1958

HAROLD P. MANSON

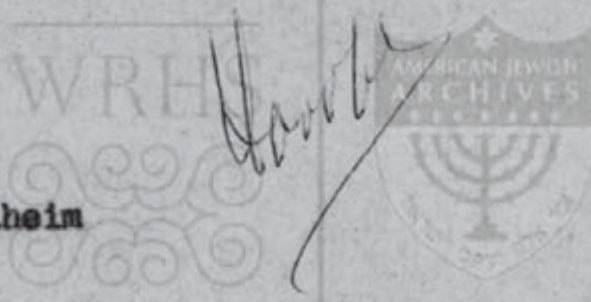
Regarding the questionnaire concerning "The Public Speaking of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver" which you received from the graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, Jerome B. Polisky -- I would now recommend that you reply to it, since Mr. Polisky has evidently sent the questionnaire to a considerable number of people prominent in Zionist public life and will presumably base his conclusions on the replies he will receive. (To my knowledge, others here who received the questionnaire include Dr. Neumann, Mr. Redelheim and Dr. Marks.)

Of course, I believe that this entire method of conducting surveys -- which is so popular in academic circles these days -- is rather absurd. If one of these questionnaires had been addressed to me, I would be inclined to give a series of one-world answers -- in the case of Dr. Silver's speeches: "Great," "Terrific," "Merely Stupendous," etc.

Warmest regards,

HPM/d

cc. Mr. Abraham A. Redelheim
Dr. Emanuel Neumann
Dr. Sidney Marks





Baltimore District

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Zionist Organization of America

2448 EUTAW PLACE

BALTIMORE 17, MARYLAND

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January 5, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sure you must know that for the past several years the Baltimore District has been very active in securing scholarship contributions for the Kfar Silver Youth Village and Agricultural Training Institute in Israel. We are always faced with the problem of trying to establish closer liaison and relationship between the individual contributor and the school.

At a recent executive meeting of our Board it was suggested that it would probably be most helpful if you could find it possible to visit Baltimore when you are in this part of the country.

This would not be for the purposes of fund raising, since we have already had our fund raising campaign this year. Nor would we ask you to make a special trip for this. But when you do plan to be in New York or Washington it would be wonderful if you would allocate some time and plan to be with us at a small luncheon or evening meeting, and meet with the people who have contributed scholarships to the Kfar Silver School.

Just drop me a note any time you find this possible and we will make any arrangements to suit your own convenience.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially,

Aaron G. Blum
Aaron G. Blum
Executive Director

AGB/fl

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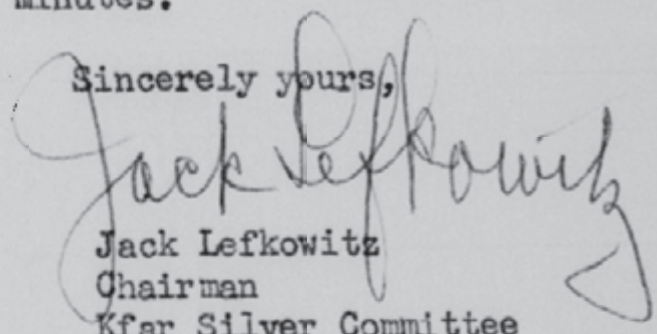
WRHS
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

My Committee is most anxious to confer with you in person. I would greatly appreciate your letting me know when you expect to be in New York City, so that we may see you.

I am sure, Dr. Silver, that you can grant us the time, which will not be more than a few minutes.

Sincerely yours,


Jack Lefkowitz
Chairman
Kfar Silver Committee

JL:is

January 8, 1959

Mr. Jack Lefkowitz
Bronx Zionist Region
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lefkowitz:

Dr. Silver is out of the country. He will return towards the end of February and I shall be happy to bring your letter to his attention at that time.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Lee Goldstein
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

/lg

January 9, 1959

Mr. Aaron G. Blum
Zionist Organization of America
2448 Eutaw Place
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Mr. Blum:

Dr. Silver is out of the country. He will not return until February 20th. I will call your message to his attention at that time.

Cordially yours,

Lee Goldstein
Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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הקונפדרציה העולמית של הציונים הכלליים
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לכבוד
ד"ר אבא הלל סילבר
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ד"ר סילבר הנכבד והנערץ,

ב"דבר" מיום 2 לינואר ש.ז. פורסמה כתבה מאת יוסף כנען, המוסרת את תוכן שיחתו עם כב'. הנני מצרף למכתבי זה את ההעתק של הקטע בו מדובר.

לא אסתיר לפני כב' שידדינו בארץ אינם נוטים להאמין שסופר "דבר" מסר את הדברים בצורה נכונה ומדויקת. חוששים אנו שמתוך כוונות ברורות ומובנות הרשה לעצמו לא לעמוד על דיוק הדעות שכב' השמיע. מתנגדינו כבר מיהרו לנצל את הדברים שפורסמו ב"דבר".

אכן בקשתנו שכב' יעבור על הקטע המצורף וישלח לנו הודעה מוסמכת על הנושא עליו שוחח עם הסופר הנ"ל. אם כב' ימצא לנחוץ נפרסם בעתונות המקומית את ההודעה הזאת.

בכבוד רב,

ב.וינשטיין
מנהל המשרד

Zionist Organization of America
WESTERN STATES REGION

590 N. Vermont Avenue
Room 317
Los Angeles 4, California

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January 23, 1959

Secretary to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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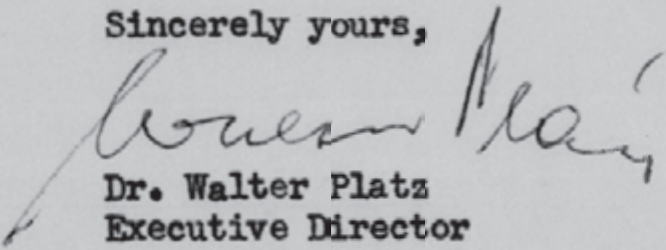
Dear Madam:

I was just informed by Mr. Jack Verdi of San Francisco, that Dr. Silver will come to that city upon invitation by the Board of Rabbis of Northern California, on Monday, February 2.

As we are at the moment engaged in a Drive for the AZF, could you possibly ask Dr. Silver whether he would be willing and in a position to address a private parlor meeting in that community under the auspices of AZF? Mr. Verdi would then immediately call and prepare for such a meeting.

I would be very grateful indeed if you would kindly inform me or Mr. Verdi as soon as possible of Dr. Silver's decision.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Walter Platz
Executive Director

WP/ss

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January 26, 1959

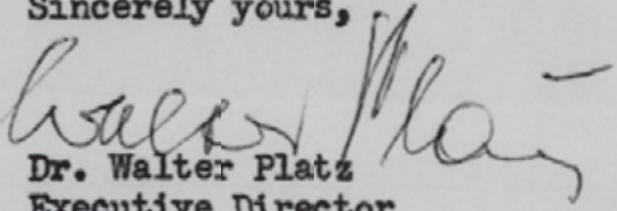
Secretary to
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Madam:

Mr. Jack Verdi called me to inform me that he had given me the wrong date for Dr. Silver's appearance in San Francisco under the auspices of the Board of Rabbis of Northern California.

The dates seem to be February 14, 15, and 16. Mr. Verdi extends his most cordial invitation to Dr. Silver and would appreciate it very much to receive your or Dr. Silver's early reply.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Walter Platz
Executive Director

WP/ss

January 26, 1959

Mr. Walter Platz
Executive Director
Zionist Organization of America
590 North Vermont Avenue - Room 317
Los Angeles 4, California

Dear Mr. Platz:

Your letter of January 23rd has just been received and I am answering immediately to inform you that that Dr. Silver is not due in San Francisco until February 11th upon his return from a world tour.

Evidently Mr. Verdi was mis-informed regarding the date of Dr. Silver's speaking engagement there.

Your letter will be held for Dr. Silver's attention upon his return to the office which will probably be about the 17th of February.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs) Beatrice F. May
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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פחות מפלגות - יותר איחוד

מכאן גלשה שיחתנו לבעיות ישראליות מקומיות. שאלתי את ד"ר סילבר על מירת הזדהותו עם מפלגת הציונים הכלליים, והוא השיב בחיוך קל ופיקח על ספתיו. "כאשר פרשתי מתפקידי המרובים בתנועה הציונית ביקשה מפלגה מסוימת בארץ, אשר אני קרוב לה מבחינה פוליטית, לעשות מזה הון ולזכות אותי עם דרכה, השקפתה ודעתה. אולם אני חוזר ומדגיש, שאינני חבר בשום מפלגה פוליטית אלא אך ורק חבר נאמן בתנועה הציונית". ומה דעתך על נסיונות המיזוג בין הציונים הכלליים ו"חירות"? - הקשיתי. "פלירט אומלל וממושך זה איני רואה בעין טובה - השיב ד"ר סילבר. אני עדיין סבור, שהמיזוג הטוב והיעיל לטובת ישראל ויהודיה יהיה בין מפא"י לציונים הכלליים. זאת אמרתי לא אחת לחברי בתנועה, ואני חוזר על כך פעם נוספת. יהיה זה אסון למפלגת הציונים הכלליים אם הם יתאחדו עם "חרות".

ומבאן עברה שיחתנו לשאלת יחסי ישראל עם שכנותיה. מיד ראיתי והרגשתי, שבן שיחי היה זהיר עוד יותר. תשובותיו לא קלחו עוד אלא יצאו משפטים משפטים, קצובים וקצרים. הוא התנצל, שאינו בקי די הצורך בכל השאלות הנוגעות לנושא עדין זה, ולכן לא יהיה טעם ותכלית ללחוץ עליו בנקודות שונות. הרגשתי, שבן שיחי מבקש להשתמש. לבסוף נעתר והשיב: "אני סומך את ידי על מדיניותה של ממשלת ישראל בכל הנוגע ליחסי ישראל-ערב. אין דרך אחרת, מאשר לגלות יד תקיפה כאשר הנסיבות דורשות זאת. וגם להצהיר הצהרות מתונות אך תקיפות עם זאת בכל הנוגע לשאלת יישוב הפליטים הערבים".

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February 12th, 1959

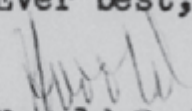
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Before reading the attached copy of my letter to HADOAR, please see the editorial to which it refers, which I had forwarded to you.

One of my friends in the ZOA office just took me to task for "sticking my neck out" with such a letter, arguing that this would further harm my status with "the powers that be." I guess I'm just stuck with my convictions.

Ever best,


Harold P. Manson

HPM/d

February 12, 1959

The Editor
Hadoar Hebrew Weekly
120 West 16th Street
New York, N.Y.

To the Editor of HADOAR:

Your call for the return of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to active administrative leadership was very moving. As one who has had the privilege of working in close association with Dr. Silver in the great political effort which led to Israel's establishment, I can attest to the correctness of your appraisal of the quality, character and decisive influence of his leadership throughout that heroic period.

You are no less correct in your evaluation of the grave responsibility confronting the Jewish people today in the light of the mass immigration of Eastern European Jews to Israel. This is, indeed, both a challenge and an historic opportunity, requiring a maximum performance on the part of American Jewry such as was inspired and led by Dr. Silver in previous years.

Permit me to add, however, that in appealing to Dr. Silver to assume leadership in this emergency, you unintentionally created the false impression that Dr. Silver is awaiting some sort of "honors" (kibudim) before agreeing to take the helm again. The picture that emerged from your editorial -- again, without ill-intent on your part -- is of an embittered man, pouting in solitude over slights and hurts of the past. The facts are otherwise.

If the full force of Dr. Silver's leadership has not been applied to the affairs of the Zionist Movement in recent years, this is not due to any reticence on Dr. Silver's part, but to the expressed desire of the "powers that be." It should be recalled that Dr. Silver did not wish to withdraw as chairman of the Jewish Agency in this country; not did he leave in a fit of pique. He was forced out. Having performed the task which your editorial describes so stirringly, he was evidently regarded as expendable. Nevertheless, during the years that followed, Dr. Silver has been anything but inactive -- as is shown by his many interventions in

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The Editor

February 12, 1959

Washington in Israel's behalf, his chairmanship of the Board of Governors of the Isfael Bond organization, and numerous other activities. It is true that during these years he has not exercised full administrative leadership -- but in view of the history of the matter, it is quite unfair to reproach him for this.

In brief, your excellent Open Letter was not addressed to the right party.

Sincerely yours,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/d



February 25, 1959

Mr. B. Weinstein
World Confederation of
General Zionists
33 Hashmal Street
Tel Aviv, Israel

My dear Mr. Weinstein:

I have recently returned from a tour around the world and I am replying to your letter of January 11th which I found on my desk. The report of the conversation which Mr. Joseph Canaan had with me and which was published in "Davar" of January 2nd, (copy of which you sent me) is an inaccurate report. That the General Zionists of Israel "sought to make capital of my withdrawal from political offices in the Zionist movement and to identify me with their way, outlook and opinion", - words not spoken by me - suggest that they were attempting to do something disingenuous. As everyone knows, I have always been in sympathy with the position of the General Zionists, especially as pertaining to active encouragement of private investments in Israel.

I never advocated a merger (if this is the meaning of the term ~~Yif~~) of the General Zionists and ~~Mapai~~, as the article states, but a coalition government which would be composed dominantly of these two parties.

On the subject of a merger of the General Zionists with Heruth, I expressed myself publicly when I was in Israel last May. This is a matter for the two groups in Israel to decide. Personally, I could not see any advantage which might accrue to the General Zionists from such a merger. But, while, in my judgment, such a merger was undesirable, I would not regard it as a calamity (), I also deprecate the term "flirt" used by Mr. Canaan in referring to the serious discussions which went on between the two parties on their possible merger.

February 25, 1959

Mr. B. Weinstein

My past and present friendship with many of the leaders of the General Zionists in Israel and my close sympathy with many of their activities compel me to make the above observations.

With all good wishes, I remain

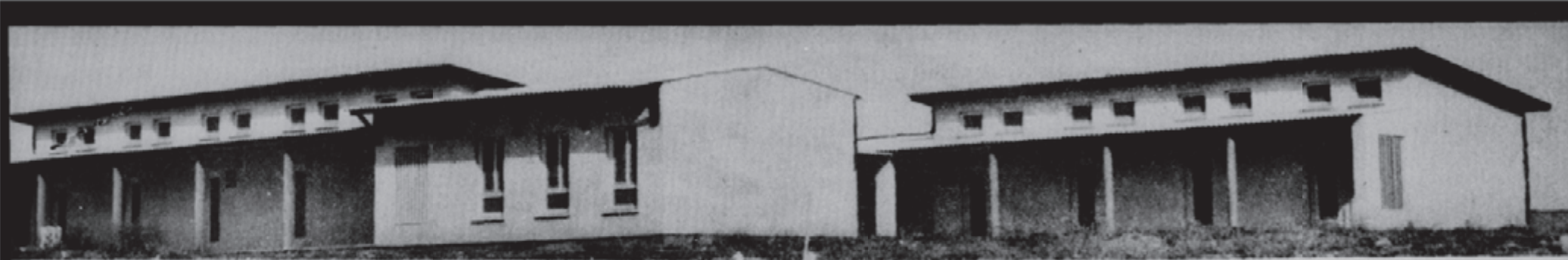
Very cordially yours,

Abba

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS :bfm





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March 4, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I wrote to you on January 6th and was informed that you were out of the country and that you were expected to be back about this time.


My committee is most anxious to confer with you in person. I would greatly appreciate your letting me know when you expect to be in New York City, so that we may see you.

I am sure, Dr. Silver, that when you get to our city you will spare us a few minutes of your time, which our conference will require.

Very sincerely yours,

Jack Lefkowitz
Jack Lefkowitz
Chairman
Kfar Silver Committee

JL:hs

 MAX COHEN, Director

March 11, 1959

Mr. Jack Lefkowitz
Chairman
Kfar Silver Committee
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Mr. Lefkowitz:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of March 4th. I have no definite engagement at the moment for New York City, but when I go there I shall be very happy to get in touch with you and to meet with you and your committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm



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March 16, 1959

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105 Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Baruch Weinstein sent to me from Tel Aviv copy of your letter to him of February 25th regarding the interview published in "Davar" last January 2nd.

Excerpts from your letter appeared on the front page of "Haboker" on March 9th.

Since a full translation of the "Davar" story was published in the "Jewish Day" in New York on January 22nd, it would be very helpful if you would send your letter to the "Jewish Day". I am sure they will publish it.

With warmest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Leon Ilutovich
Assistant Executive Director

LI:mr
c.c: Baruch Weinstein--Tel Aviv

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THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

THE PRESIDENT

הנשיא

18th March, 1959.

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

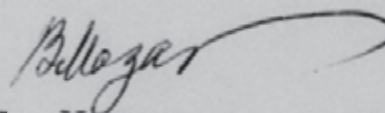
Dear Dr. Silver,

Thank you very much for your letter of
March 13th.

It would have been a great privilege for
me to be the guest of honour at the annual meeting
of your Temple's congregation, but as I will not be
in the States in March I have regretfully to decline
it. As a matter of fact I do not intend to visit
the States in the near future, but when I do come I
will certainly let you know in advance about my plans.

With kindest regards and best wishes to
you and Mrs. Silver,

Sincerely yours,


B. Mazar
President

March 18, 1959

Mr. Leon Ilutovich
Assistant Executive Director
Zionist Organization of America
145 East 32nd Street
New York 16, New York

My dear Leon:

Thank you for your letter of March 16th.
I sent a copy of my letter addressed to Mr.
Weinstein to the "Jewish Day" of New York
on the same day that I sent it to Mr. Weinstein
in Tel Aviv. I do not know why the "Jewish Day"
did not publish it. I am enclosing herewith
copy of the letter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

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Enclosure:

Cc letter 2/25/59
to E. Weinstein



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March 20, 1959

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks for your letter of March 18.

I am asking our Press and Publicity Department to contact
The Day and see to it that your letter regarding the story
in Davar is published.

My warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Leon Plutovich
Assistant Executive Director

LI/mf

cc: Baruch Weinstein (Tel Aviv)

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Mr. Asher Wolk

March 20, 1959

Harold P. Manson

On January 22nd, 1959, The Day published a lengthy article based on a piece which had appeared in Davar and which purported to present Dr. Silver's views on a variety of subjects. I am sure you will recall the article.

When Dr. Silver returned from his around-the-world trip, he replied to a letter from Mr. Baruch Weinstein of the World Confederation of General Zionists, who had requested Dr. Silver's comment on the Davar piece. A copy of Dr. Silver's letter to Mr. Weinstein is enclosed.

Dr. Silver's letter was published in Haboker.

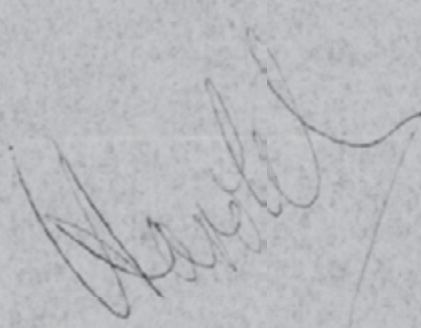
I now learn that on the same day that Dr. Silver wrote to Mr. Weinstein he sent a copy of his letter to the Jewish Day in New York in the expectation that the Day, too, would publish his comments, since it had prominently featured the interview in Davar. Thus far the Day has not seen fit to publish Dr. Silver's letter, which is truly astonishing.

Please go to work on this immediately and call the Day's attention to the necessity of publishing Dr. Silver's remarks, as set down in his letter to Mr. Weinstein, as speedily and as prominently as possible. Such an article should recall what was said in the January 22nd piece, due to the fact that a considerable amount of time has passed since the appearance of the original digest of the Davar article.

Warmest regards,

HPM/d

cc. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓
Dr. Emanuel Neumann
Mr. Ernest A. Barbarash
Mr. Leon Ilutovich



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March 30, 1959

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very glad of an opportunity to write to you as I think of you often with great affection and admiration.

One of our good old Zionists (about 75 years old), Mr. Aaron Ellman, who is an annual trustee for Israel Bonds, and has recently contributed \$5,000.00 to Kfar Silver, has expressed the wish to have your book "Where Judaism Differed" autographed by you. We would, indeed, be very grateful if you were kind enough to autograph a copy for him. We are sending you one by the same mail, and, if it is not too much trouble, please have it mailed directly to Mr. Ellman, who is at present in Miami Beach. His address there is Coronet Hotel, Collins Avenue and 19th Street, Miami Beach, Florida.

Thanking you ever so much for your kindness, I am with best personal regards to you and Mrs. Silver,

Sincerely yours,

Nettie Eisner
Director, Israel Bond Dept.

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mailed 4/4/59

SHALOM ZYSMAN
Deputy Mayor, Ramat-Gan

שלום זיסמן
סגן ראש עיריית רמת-גן

May 28th, 1959

Dear Dr. Silver:

First of all, let me express my sincere thanks for your kind and generous attitude and most effective assistance you rendered to me during my short stay in Cleveland.

I consider myself extremely lucky to have the honor of meeting you ~~and~~ stay in your "Dalet Amot" and enjoy your great and inspiring personality.

Owing to the late hour, prior to my departure, I was unable to report to you on my activities. I am doing it now:

Mr. Luntz called me and we had quite a long talk, the result of which was a pledge of \$500.00. It was not too easy but I understand that he had a bad year as he remarked "If you will ask Dr. Silver, he will tell you that this is quite a satisfactory response".

However, he promised wholeheartedly, to give a hand to the small committee established, comprising of Mr. Luntz - Judge Silbert and Ed Braverman with a forthright and clear promise of Mr. Garber to cooperate in all ways possible.

This small group has undertaken to raise a sum of \$10,000. for the cause of which your gracious \$1000.00 and Mr. Luntz's \$500.00 is the basis.

Later in the evening, I had dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Luntz and had again the opportunity of enjoying their nice and warm company.

I managed to arrange a short get-to-gether of Mr. Luntz and Mr. Braverman where first lines of action were sketched.

SHALOM ZYSMAN
Deputy Mayor, Ramat-Gan

שלום זיסמן
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I met more people like Judge Danaceard and others and have reason to assume that there are good prospects for successful results. I have not seen Mr. Ratner.

Suming up my 36 hour stay in Cleveland, I can only say again how thankful I am and how thankful our people back home will be to you Sir, for everything you have done for me.

With best regards to Mrs. Silver, I am

Sincerely and Respectfully yours,



A handwritten signature, "Shalom Zisman", is written in cursive over a circular stamp. The stamp features a menorah in the center and the words "AMERICAN ARCHIVES" at the top. A vertical line is drawn to the left of the signature.

הוועד הציוני לנער בארצות הברית

AMERICAN
ZIONIST
YOUTH
COMMISSION

116 WEST 14TH STREET, NEW YORK 11, NEW YORK, OREGON 5-1164



June 5, 1959

115 E. 110th St.
Parkway
Brooklyn, N.Y.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The American Zionist Youth Commission takes great pride in announcing that on June 21, 1959 there will take place in New York City a gala celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Young Judaea. This program will climax a year of such affairs which have been held throughout the United States in order to pay honor to this youth movement which has played such a significant role in the history of the American Jewish community.

Such a celebration is unthinkable without your presence as a founding member of the Theodore Herzl Zion Club which later became the nucleus for Young Judaea, and in view of the historic role that you have played in the history of the Zionist movement. You have become for Young Judaeans everywhere a symbol for them to strive to emulate.

It gives us great pleasure, therefore, to formally invite you to attend this celebration and to address the Judaeans, ex-Judaeans and their friends who will be assembled there.

We urge you to send us your consent as quickly as possible so that we may go ahead with the printing of our program, and look forward to meeting you personally on June 21.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL WIGDER, Chairman
Zionist Organization of America

SHONI B. LEVI, Chairman
Hadassah

ED BERMAN, President
National Young Judaea

June 19, 1959

Mr. Samuel Wigder
115 Mosholu Parkway
Bronx, New York

My dear Mr. Wigder:

I deeply regret my inability to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of The Young Judea this Sunday. It would have given me great pleasure, indeed, if I could attend this function. Unfortunately, an earlier and very important commitment makes it imperative for me to remain in Cleveland. Permit me to extend to The Young Judea and to all those who are attending its Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration my felicitations. The Young Judea has a proud record of achievement during the half-century of its existence. It has been an invaluable agency for education of Jewish Youth in devotion and loyalty to the great historic purposes of our people. It has pointed the way for many young men and women to an eager and joyous identification with the life of their people. It has trained men and women who later became leaders in the movement for our national re-birth. The Jews of America and the people of the State of Israel are grateful to the historic contributions which Young Judea has made.

Personally, I am happy to have witnessed the birth of Young Judea and to have followed its career through the years. I was among those who founded the first Zionist Youth Club in the United States - the Dr. Herzl Zion Club - out of which The Young Judea evolved. I shall follow in the future, as I have in the past, the activities of Young Judea with the keenest interest and I wish its members and its leaders the utmost success.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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*This was also sent as a note-letter this
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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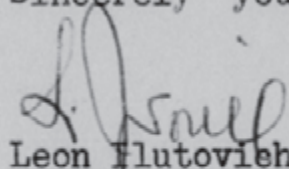
Dear Dr. Silver:

I believe you will be interested in the enclosed clippings from the Israeli press with reports on Dr. Neumann replying to Ben-Gurion concerning the statements made by the latter at a meeting of the "Bible Circle" in Jerusalem.

Dr. Neumann told us that prior to his departure from Israel, "Davar" published an official statement by the Chairman of the above "Bible Circle", denying the press reports on Ben-Gurion's statement, and saying that none was made at any of the Circles' meetings. No denial however, was ever made by Ben-Gurion himself.

With warmest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Leon Flutovitch

Assistant Executive Director

LI:hs

Encl.

cc: Dr. Emanuel Neumann

Zionist Organization of America

Office of the President
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July 23, 1959

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

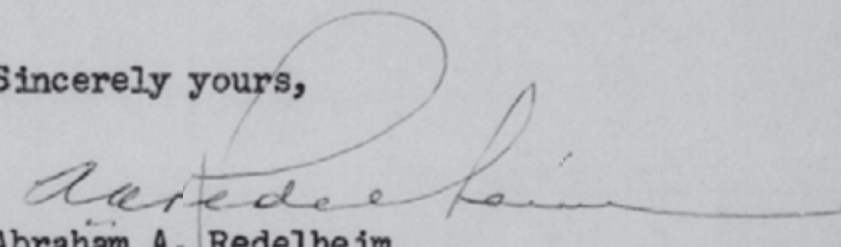
You are probably aware of the fact that the National Z.O.A. Convention this year will be held on September 10th -13th at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C.

We will consider it a privilege and an honor to have you as the principal speaker at the Convention Banquet on Sunday night, September 13th. Delegates from throughout the country will be looking forward to hearing you again from our Convention platform, particularly since you could not be present in Miami last year.

Knowing your crowded schedule and preoccupation with a wide range of public affairs, we have refrained from calling upon you for other less important engagements. I, therefore, hope you will give me your favorable reply.

With every good wish for a pleasant summer to yourself and the family, I am, as ever

Sincerely yours,



Abraham A. Redelheim
President

MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND TO
Z.O.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION, WASHINGTON, SEPT. 1959.

London, 31st August, 1959.

We, the General Zionist Organization of Great Britain and Ireland, send our heartfelt greetings to your 62nd Annual Convention. You are assembling at a most decisive hour when the destiny, not only of Israel, but of the whole of mankind, and particularly its Western civilised and democratic part, is literally trembling in the balance.

The Knesset elections in Israel are close upon us. A victory of Mapai signifies another four or five years of frustration, of half measures, of further grave economic crises in Israel. It may mean the continuation of the madly exaggerated bureaucratic regimentation and controls imposed on our young and struggling State by those who worship the false idols of class struggle and other bankrupt imported slogans of Marxism.

Unfortunately, our Party in Israel has, in our opinion, completely misjudged the situation and by its misguided tactics missed many excellent opportunities of putting an end to the harmful rule of Mapai. We view with grave apprehension the future of our Movement in Israel. We cannot see any possibility of our Party in Israel extricating itself, without outside help and support, from the blind alley into which it has blundered through the mistakes, miscalculations and lack of loyalty of some of its leaders. We hope and pray that you, our comrades in the greatest Republic of the West, the bastion of freedom and civilisation which harbours the most numerous, strongest, proudest, and most living Jewish Community in the world outside Israel, we hope and pray that you will raise your voices and take all necessary measures to restore the honour and prestige of our Movement and thus make it once again the most active opponent of pernicious socialism. You in America must become the rallying point of a patriotic front uniting all truly patriotic elements in the Yishuv under a clear and simple unified programme, namely a Jewish State economically independent, materially rich, and ideologically traditional. We must refuse to be swayed by concessions, real or imaginary, from Ben Gurion and his lieutenants, or dazzled by promises of jobs, distinctions, or positions of influence. We must put aside all petty rivalries, personal feuds and dislikes among the patriotic elements in the Yishuv and in Jewry. Our great motto must be "Kol Yisrael Chaverim".

Let us not forget that if General Zionism fails this time, whether on account of our own short sightedness, other peoples broken promises, or personal friction among our leaders, then the whole future of Israel is dark, and our own Movement doomed to extinction. If, however, we can rise above petty personal squabbles and feuds and draw our inspiration only from the real traditions of our people, if we concentrate our efforts towards its final redemption, and work passionately to achieve it, then General Zionism has the chance to become the true and real heir of Herzlian Non-Party Zionism uniting all classes.

73, Staverton Road,
LONDON, N.W.2.

Samuel Landman,
Chairman.