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Zionist Youth Commission (Zionist Council for Youth), 1941-1942.

Cleveland Chapter of HADASSAH

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CEdar 4977

18507 Newell Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio,
June 20, 1941.

Rabbi A.H. Silver
Ansel Rd., Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Please permit me to express our appreciation for your genuine interest in our work, even to the extent of promising us more time in the future.

Following your suggestion, I approached Mr. Harry Rosen about meeting with his Young Adult Bureau board this summer to discuss the possibility of including a major part of our needs in his budget. I was informed that their meetings have terminated for the season, and the probability was that most of them would not be available for a meeting.

From this I gather that it is best to wait until early fall, inasmuch as we have little choice. If I pressed the matter I suppose, an emergency meeting could be called, but I don't see the need.

Until such time as we can decide about the permanent source of income for our activity, we will continue to ask the constituent adult Zionist Organizations to see us through on our commitments, which we have been able to meet so far. The next quarterly payment is due July 1st. Any amount the Zionist Society can forward at that time will be most welcome.

Our next big project is the conducting¹ a Zionist Youth Camp Seminar for the week end of September 5th at Camp Henry Baker, at which time we hope to gather over sixty young leaders, and potential leaders from over ten Zionist Youth groups in the city, for an intensive cultural Zionist training period to inspire them further for the next year's work.

Please let me assure you again that any guidance you can give us will be extremely helpful in ^{doing} this job the way it should be done. Inasmuch as this is a new venture and we are embarking upon it with the most idealistic motives, I am more aware than ever that we need proper direction to avoid disastrous mistakes.

Sincerest greetings from our Council,

Helia Auerbach

President of the Zionist Council of
Youth.

(Mrs. Charles Auerbach)

Statement

Cleveland Chapter of HADASSAH

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Zionist Council for Youth

Cleveland Zionist Society -

Paid to date

\$ 64.00

Note -

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Although you have made no regular commitments we are sending you this form reminder.

Be good enough to submit this to your board, if possible, for action.

Our third quarterly bills are now being sent out

most cordially

Celia Auerbach
President

Please make check payable to the Zionist Council for Youth
Cleveland Chapter of Hadassah

Cleveland Chapter of HADASSAH

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July 3rd, 1941

Rabbi A.H. Silver
President of the Zionist Society
City

Dear Rabbi Silver,

At this time we feel that the Zionist Council for Youth should give an accounting of its activities to date and a summary of the plans for the future.

The Council has since its inception focused most of its attention on Young Judaea. To this end we have provided funds for paid leaders, the renting of a gymnasium for athletics, prizes for the oratorical and declamation contests, transportation and refreshments for the picnic. Even this small effort has acted as a stimulus for the clubs already in existence and the formation of a number of new clubs. To date, there are about twelve clubs with a total membership of about 132. As you can see from these figures there is tremendous need for more Young Judaea activities.

Toward this end we are providing \$175.00 for scholarships for ten young people to go to the Zionist Youth Camp for a training period of two weeks. We have chosen the material which we feel will make the most out of this training and be prepared to lead younger clubs.

We have also provided a scholarship to one Zvukah girl to attend the Avukah camp for two weeks. Avukah is one of the Zionist Youth Groups which will need a great deal of attention and encouragement this next year. Plans are now being formulated for just such cooperation with these young people on our Western Reserve Campus.

In addition, we are now planning a week-end camp seminar at Camp Henry Baker over the week-end of September 5th. The program for this seminar is being carefully worked out with the help of Dr. Eisenberg and Mr. Harry Rosen. We have so far had several meetings with the leaders of the Youth Groups and there seems to be a great deal of enthusiasm for this camp week-end. We hope that it will act as a stimulus for the Zionist Youth Groups in the city.

There is room and need for much work. We have made a good beginning and we hope that with the cooperation of your group we can go on to build an active Zionist Youth in Cleveland.

With cordial greetings, I am,

Celia Auerbach

Mrs. Charles Auerbach
President

Digest of Minutes of the Zionist Council for Youth--July 16th, 1941

The summer meeting of the Zionist Council for Youth was held Wednesday July 16th, at 8:30 P.M. at the home of the president, Mrs. Chas. Auerbach.

It was moved and seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The budget committee, headed by the treasurer Mrs. Clarence Weidenthal, reported a meeting with Rabbi Silver as to budget procedure for the ensuing year. He recommended that our funds come from the Welfare Fund directly or through an agency of the Welfare Fund as the Jewish Young Adult Bureau. Until such a plan be worked out he agreed that we were to continue raising money from the present existing Adult Zionist organizations.

It was suggested that further discussion of the budget be tabled inasmuch as definite action will be taken by the conventions of the Z. O. A. and Hadassah for Youth work. It was thought that quotas would be assumed by these large groups, which would bring moral obligations upon Adult Zionist groups all over the country.

It was recommended that we send letters requesting Presidents of the representative organizations to the Council asking them to appoint representatives for the next season. There again will be two representatives and two alternates from each constituent group. It was recommended that we advise the presidents as to who was coming regularly and who was not so that they could act accordingly in making their appointments for the following year.

Miss Ethel Gandal reported that Young Judea had a successful picnic on June 29 at Rocky River for 125 children, made possible through funds from the Zionist Council.

Through the scholarships offered by the Council to the Young Judeaeans, ten will go to the National Young Judea Camp at Amhurst, N. H. in August. Because of the enthusiasm they will gain from such an experience, Cleveland Young Judea can expect definite growth.

It was suggested that a large meeting be held to hear these young people when they return.

Rachel Jacobson was chosen by Avukah to be sent on a Council scholarship to Liberty N. Y. to the National Avukah Camp.

Mrs. Harold Klein and Miss Ethel Gandal will be the registrars for the week-end Seminar being planned by the Zionist Council for 50 to 70 young Zionists September 5, 6, and 7th at Camp Henry Baker.

The fee is \$3.75. The Council will have to supplement for guests, such as Mr. Joseph Wilfand from Palestine, for the snacks, lifeguards, custodians, and incidentals. Registrations will be taken August 12 to 14th at the Hadassah Office. Registrations can also be taken through any representative of the youth groups, thru the Jewish Young Adult Bureau, and the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Mr. Bill Lakritz gave a resume report of the Tentative program for the week-end which was still to be developed. A brief discussion was held as to a suitable memorial for Michael Gallin. A committee will be appointed to work out suggestions.

Mrs. Weidenthal treasurer reported that bills were sent out July 1st, for the third quarter. She asked to be replaced as soon as new appointments were selected.

The business meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M..

THE ZIONIST COUNCIL FOR YOUTH

Financial Statement

January 1 to July 31, 1941

RECEIPTS

Cleveland Chapter of Hadassah	\$ 187.50
Business & Professional Women's Division of Hadassah	50.00
Cleveland Zionist District	125.00
Keren Hayesod Women's Club	75.00
Heights Zionist District	25.00
Cleveland Zionist Society	64.00
Migdal Zioni	25.00
Total Receipts	\$ 551.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Rent for Gymnasium	\$ 42.00
Leaders Fees	43.50
Expenses for Young Judaea, prizes, picnic, Zionist Family Get-Together, etc.	136.87
Scholarships for Zionist Youth Camps, Auvkah	25.00
Young Judaea	175.00
General Expenses	5.77
Total Disbursements	\$ 428.14

Total Receipts	\$551.50
Total Disbursements	<u>428.14</u>
Balance July 31, 1941	<u>\$123.36</u>

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August 16, 1941

Rabbi A.H. Silver, Pres.
The Cleveland Zionist Society
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Enclosed please find a digest of the minutes of the summer meeting of the Zionist Council for Youth, and a card for two representatives and two alternates to be appointed for the ensuing year. Please return the card by August 30th.

Our very existence depends on your support which can only come with an understanding of our work and our efforts in behalf of the Cleveland Zionist youth. Therefore, whenever possible, please read the minutes to your board, from whom we desire recommendations frequently, so that we may develop the Zionist Council along the lines of the collective thinking of the boards of all our constituent organizations.

May I ask also that as the season progresses, your representatives be asked to present their reports as regularly as your agenda permits?

Very sincerely yours;

Celia Auerbach

President of the Zionist Council for Youth.

Cleveland Chapter of HADASSAH

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CEdar 4977

Sept. 25, 1941.

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

Dear Rabbi,

Permit us to extend our sincerest wishes for your continued health and fine success during the coming year.

We missed the representatives of the Zionist Society at our Council Board meeting last night. Therefore I must relay through letter some essential information.

After you make your selection of a fourth representative to our board, we may be assured of one or two present. Our work cannot be effective unless we are able to reach all adult Zionist organizations.

Four youngsters, whom the Council subsidized to National Zionist camps this summer, told us of their meaningful experiences. Because of their contagious enthusiasm, it was voted to send them to the first board meetings of our adult Zionists to repeat their charming short talks. Two are Young Judaeans, two are Avukah members.

Please send me the date of your first board meeting if you can find time on your agenda for their appearance.

Each representative was again instructed to take up the subject of budget commitments to the Zionist Council, since our new fiscal ^{year} begins October 1st. They were asked to make the following requests:

Cleveland Chapter of Hadassah	\$300.00
Cleveland Zionist District	250.00
Heights district	150.00
Keren Hayesod Women's Group	100.00
Migdal Zion Men's Group	25.00

There were three maximum payments expected so far and were made as follows:

Hadassah 3 payments---	237.50	
Cl. Z. Dist. 2 pay.----	125.00	the third has been authorized
Hts. Z. Dist.-----	25.00	the bal. of \$125. was authorized
Keren Hayesod in full-	100.00	
Migdal Zion in full-	25.00	
Zionist Society-----	64.00	

Enclosed please find a statement as to our budget for the ensuing year.

As to the Zionist Society, you recall you agreed at our meeting with you last summer, that until such time as the Welfare Fund could make us a grant, we were to raise our budget through the adult constituents.

Cleveland Chapter of HADASSAH

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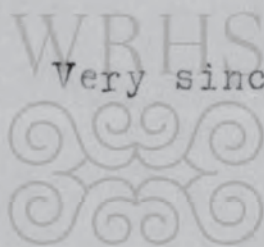
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At the outset of the coming year, is there any way in which you can plan a definite method of raising your share in proportion to the other large Zionist organizations? At least for this year, since the budget considerations of the Welfare Board will not take place until late spring of 1942.

The feeling of the Council Board last night, was that they ^{members} are loathe to relinquish this financial tie with Zionist youth, arguing that the responsibility must of necessity bring about closer interest. Be that as it may, it is some time before we need to define our approach to the Welfare budget committee.

Knowing your vital interest in Zionist education for youth, I am hoping ~~for~~ the pleasure of a reply to this letter giving us the benefit of your counsel and guidance. The organization is young and must have the advice of the community's leaders.

I have written to you often, but have never heard from you in return.



Very sincerely,

Celia Auerbach
President



Cleveland, O.
Feb. 9, 1942.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, O.

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Dear Rabbi Silver

We would like your
permission to put up on
your bulletin board a
poster announcing the
coming "Zionist Family
Get Together" which takes
place on Mar. 29.

The poster will be
ready around Mar. 1st.

A reply will be
appreciated

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Respectfully yours,
Zionist Youth Commission
Mrs. Jacob Uedim
Chairman Display Comm.
3401 Blanche

ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION

ZIONIST COUNCIL FOR YOUTH
MRS. CHAS. AUERBACH, CHAIRMAN
18507 NEWELL ROAD, CLEVELAND, O.

April 17, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Ansel Road Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Zionist Youth Commission plans to meet at Mrs. E. Shulman's home, 2776 Hampshire Road, April 26, Sunday evening, at 8:30 P. M.

Dr. Bardin, head of the National Youth Commission will be the guest speaker. At this meeting the National Summer Camp Institute will be discussed as well as other problems.

The Zionist Youth Commission extends a sincere invitation to you as our special guest for this meeting.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

R.S.V.P.
PO: 6059

Celia Auerbach
Mrs. Celia Auerbach *PA*
President

April 22, 1942

Mrs. Celia Auerbach, President
Zionist Youth Commission
18507 Newell Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I appreciate greatly your invitation to attend a meeting on Sunday evening to meet Dr. Bardin. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately I have a long standing engagement for that evening which makes it impossible.

Since speaking to you, I had occasion to look over the new budget of the Jewish Welfare Fund for 1942. I find that both the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Jewish Young Adult Bureau are receiving substantial increases for 1942 -- in the one instance a \$3000 increase and in the other, \$2500. I am wondering why either or both organizations can not find room within their substantial budgets for the relatively small budget of the Zionist Youth Commission.

I told you of the \$500 contribution which the Cleveland Zionist Society must make annually to the Hebrew University Scholarship. I did not mention that the Society also gave last year \$140 to the Jewish Welfare Fund -- the only Zionist group, I believe, which made such a contribution. You can readily see in what condition the treasury of the Society is left and why we find it impossible to make the contribution which you requested.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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FINANCIAL BUDGET FOR OCTOBER 1st to SEPTEMBER 30 1942.

Zionist Council for Youth

YOUNG JUDAEA

8 leaders-- 30 meetings-- @ \$1.50 per meeting	\$360.00
Rental for gym 24 sessions@ 3.00 per session	72.00
Material for leaders.	
Recreational, Zionist pamphlets, Young Judaea Leader Magazines, etc.	45.00
Annual picnic, leaders' outing, prizes for contests.	75.00
25 National Camp scholarships for Senior Young Judaeans	\$500.00

(Alternate suggestion;
a local or regional camp for three weeks in
cooperation with other Zionist Youth Groups.)

or

15 Young Judaeans scholarships to Amherst N.Hampshire	\$300.00
4 Avukans scholarships to Liberty, N.Y.	100.00
4 Avukans to the Mid Eastern Camp	48.00
Repetition of the local Zionist Youth Camp Seminar	50.00

Annual Family Get Together for all Zionist organizations \$100.00

Bureau ^{*Jewish*} provides for

Director for Young Judaea
Secretarial work, services,
supplies estimated

Masada
Avuka
Junior Hadassah



\$2,002.