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Zionist Youth Commission (Zionist Council for Youth), 1946-1947.

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Nov. 25th -

Dear Rabbi,

The Central States Youth Commission,
of which I am Chairman, has concluded
a successful year of activity on behalf
of youth groups in our Region.

We sponsored a successful ^(August) week's
Leadership Training at Big Eagle Camp
near Zionsville, Indiana with the help of
Dr. Alfred Jaffe 'Hillel' and the U. of Indiana;
a significant Leaders' week end in
Detroit attracting over 100 outside (of Detroit)
registrants last April, a Young Indiana
convention in Camp Wise last December,
besides mailing & constant contacts
during the year with all the Youth Commissions,
Regional organizations & our youth groups,

and so forth.

Hodassah ^{chapters} & 30 ^{districts} in the Region
support us. May we ask you to
be good enough & consider
giving us your ^(Society) support this
year to the extent of \$50⁰⁰?

I would be most happy, & submit
our complete budget should
you feel it necessary.

A reply would be greatly
appreciated.

Very sincerely
with Chasukah greetings -
Celia Auerbach

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 P.M., by Mr. Louis Polster, vice-president. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Shulman gave the treasurer's report. The treasurer was asked to write Dr. Folkman requesting a written answer as to the reason for not receiving the amount due from the Cleveland Zionist Society. A copy of this letter is to be sent to Mr. Kagan. It was suggested that both Mr. Kagan and the vice-president of the Society be talked to. Mr. Polster volunteered to do this.

Mr. Kohrman reported on Young Judaea activities. Both Dr. Kohrman and Mr. Polster met with some of the Young Judaea leaders and together plans have been arranged for an Oneg Shabat, for seniors and leaders, on Friday evening, February 29 at the Bureau of Jewish Education. An attractive floater has been mailed out and it is hoped that there will be a large turn out.

It was announced that Miss Shirley Saddle of Warren, Ohio had applied for the position of Zionist Youth worker in Cleveland. She has been interviewed by Mr. Polster and Mrs. Kohe. It was suggested that Mr. Benson Jaffe be considered for this position, too. A letter from Mr. Brilliant expressed the hope that he would have someone for the position by September. It was thought that perhaps we could get someone apart from Camp Galil, in the meantime. The subject of salary was discussed. Miss Shulman made a motion that the executive board of the ZYC study the budget and then interview Mr. Jaffe and be empowered to take the action they saw fit. This motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Polster announced that Habonim had been accepted as a member of the HEIGHTS' HOUSE group. Young Judaea is still under consideration but no definite action has been taken as yet. As soon as the Young Judaea leaders are re-organized the Jewish Young Adult Bureau will be contacted regarding an affiliation.

Junior Hadassah reported on their coming formal March 1, at the Lakeshore Country Club. Between 150-200 delegates are expected at the Regional Convention to be held here, at the Hotel Allerton, March 14 week-end. Rabbi Samuel Silver and Miss Zelda Funk were guest speakers. Junior Hadassah and Masada were commended for undertaking a joint study group in basic Zionism which meets every Tuesday evening.

Mr. Jack Bergman reported that IZFA held a Musicale on December 12 and cleared \$500 for the project of Bet Harava. An open meeting was held on February 23, at which the UJA movie "Collective Adventure" was shown. A very successful Protest Rally was held on the campus, February 19; a number of prominent speakers were on the program. A series of advanced study lectures led by Nathan Brilliant are being held on the campus. There are 15 members enrolled. IZFA membership now totals 95.

A discussion followed regarding constituent organizations sending representatives regularly to the ZYC meetings. Mr. Bloomberg and Mr. Polster, and Dr. Kohrman will contact by letter and phone these organizations reminding them of their duty.

Dr. Kohrman suggested that the NZYC be contacted for materials to be sent to all members of the Commission. He asked for a more professional attitude of the members - that they study this material and really become experts on the subject of General Zionist Youth work. Members were asked to be more aware of the doings of youth groups. Miss Shulman suggested that organizations should devote one of their meetings to discussing the work of the commission and really getting to know them. (next page)

REMINDER-----

Monthly Meeting:
Tuesday, March 25, 1947
The Bureau of Jewish Education

MINUTES (cont'd)

Mrs. Auerbach asked that the ZYC manual be read to members at the next meeting.

A discussion of the Commission's relationship to the YZAC took place. The Palestine Youth Conference was mentioned. It was decided that regardless of the supervision of the Emergency Council, the Youth Commission should be informed of YZAC work and doings. Perhaps if the Youth Commission took an interest in their work and proved helpful to them they would come to us for suggestions and help.

Miss Winer thanked the Commission on behalf of Junior Hadassah and Masada whose delegates attended with the help of the Commission. A report of the Regional Youth Institute in Buffalo will be made later.

It was announced that Bartley Crum would speak in Cleveland on Friday, February 29, at the Lawyers Guild meeting. Commission members were urged to attend and bring their Gentile friends.

Mrs. Kohe read a letter from the National Youth Commission regarding a play they are sending out. The play is entitled "Palestine Parachutists." It was suggested that this might be used as an Oneg Shabat program for all General Zionist Youth Groups.

There is to be a Regional Young Judaea Convention in Youngstown, Ohio., the week-end of March 8. No conclusion was reached as to whether the Youth Commission should pay for delegates attending. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M.,

Acting Secretary

Audrey Winer.

GENERAL ZIONIST YOUTH CALENDAR:

Masada:	April 6	Joint Masada, Junior Hadassah, Young Judaea Model Seder, place not yet set; plans not definite.
	April 12	Annual Spring Dance at the Park Lane Villa Ballroom. Proceeds for Masada Palestine Project; music by Melo Masters - \$1.20 plus tax.
	April 20	Regular meeting "Nation and Nationalities" Bureau of Jewish Education
Jr. Hadassah	March 30 Tuesday	Regular Meeting - Bureau of Jewish Education Joint study group on Basic Zionism, every Tuesday night, Hadassah headquarters, with Masada.
IZFA:	April 11	Third Seder in cooperation with Hillel. Bureau of Jewish Education. Meeting may be opened to the Cleveland Intergroup Council.
	April 20	Regular meeting at the Bureau. Rabbi Ende will speak.
Young Judaea:		Leaders' training course will start in near future.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
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Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am submitting to you herewith
the report of the Committee appointed by you as
President of the Cleveland Zionist Society on
the Zionist Youth Commission of Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

Saul Danaceau
Chairman of Com.

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Rabbi A. H. Silver, President
Cleveland Zionist Society
The Temple
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Cleveland 6 Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Cleveland Zionist Youth Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Dov Rappaport as Director who will devote his time exclusively to youth work.

Mr. Rappaport has an extensive Zionist background and is also a member of Hechalutz.

As you know your representatives on the Youth Commission approved the action which enabled us to secure Mr. Rappaport's services for the coming year.

We are hopeful that the 1947-1948 year will be most successful for the Youth Commission and that increased numbers of Jewish youth will affiliate themselves with General Zionist Organizations and actively participate in Zionist activities in Cleveland.

We take this opportunity of again thanking you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,
CLEVELAND ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION

Lewis H. Polster,
Chairman

LHP:mbk
cc-F.M.Falkman

[undated]

REPORT ON ZIONIST YOUTH COMMISSION

Your Committee met with Mrs. M. J. Kohe, president, Mrs. Charles Auerbach, past president, and Mr. Louis Polster, president-elect of the Zionist Youth Commission and gathered from these persons the following facts:

The Zionist Youth Commission of Cleveland consists of two classes of membership. There are first the voting members, who are the representatives of The Cleveland Zionist Society, The Cleveland Zionist District, The Heights Temple Zionist District, Hadassah, and Kenen Hayesod. There are second the non-voting members, who are the representatives of the Youth groups. These groups and their memberships are:

Masada (young men out of school)	75
Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America (boys and girls at college)	90
Junior Hadassah (young women out of school)	175
Young Judea (ages 10 to 17)	?

Young Judea is temporarily inactive. Prior to a year or so ago it had twenty groups with a total membership of 200. It is expected to be easily revived if a competent leader becomes available.

All of these groups are General Zionist, except that the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America, the college campus group, consists of all types of Zionists. Presently, the majority are General Zionists.

Prior to this year the Youth Commission received a limited amount of time of Mr. Joseph Schub of the Bureau of Jewish Education. Mr. Schub directed their activities, particularly with reference to Young Judea, for which he was paid approximately \$1,500.00 per year, of which the Bureau paid \$1,100.00 and the Youth Commission \$400.00. He moved to Chicago and for the past year no one has taken his place and there has been accordingly no paid director, part time or otherwise.

Since 1940 one of the principal activities of the Commission has been to select four young persons for Zionist training and send them for six-week periods to Camp Brandeis at a total annual cost of \$500.00. In all approximately twenty-six boys and girls have received these campships.

As to whether or not the persons selected were General Zionists, the Commission made no particular study. The youngsters come from General Zionist Youth Groups. In most instances they remained General Zionist after their camp experiences. In several instances they turned to labor Zionism.

The Youth Commission also attempts to provide social and cultural activities among the youth groups, and participates in local and regional seminars on Zionism at which outstanding Zionists lecture and conduct discussions.

The budget of the Youth Commission has approximately some \$1,500.00 per year. After paying \$400.00 to \$500.00 for campships the remaining \$1,000.00 to \$1,100.00 was spent for a part time director and for other operating costs. The contributions to the Commission by the Zionist organizations last year was as follows:

Hadassah	\$ 500.00
Cleveland Zionist District	350.00
Heights Zionist District	350.00
Cleveland Zionist Society	200.00
Keren Hayesod	<u>150.00</u>
Total	\$1,550.00

There is under consideration a plan whereby the services and costs of a director would be shared with Camp Galil, which serves Jewish youngsters but is not as such a Zionist camp. Camp Galil would have his services during the summer months and perhaps certain other times during the year. During the other months his principal activity would be with the Zionist Youth groups. It is expected that such an arrangement would be adequate, at least until membership has been greatly increased. Other

costs relate to providing club activities, leadership training, educational literature, seminars, and organizational activities. A part time director would cost about \$2,500.00; full time \$4,500.00. Other costs would approximate \$2,000.00.

No funds have been received from the National Zionist Youth Commission. It has provided Camp Brandeis with all its facilities, lecturers, etc., but each camper pays for transportation and the local Commission pays \$125.00 for each youngster to meet the cost of board for six weeks.

We were advised that the national budget was set at \$240,000.00, of which one-half was to be paid by the Zionist Organization of America and one-half by Hadassah. So far this past year, each has paid only \$70,000.00, leaving a deficiency of \$100,000.00. The deficiency is considered to represent the needs of Regional Headquarters. In any event there has been, and apparently will be, no funds available for local youth work.

While your committee deems its functions to be limited to report the facts, it desires to make the following observations:

1. The lack of sufficient interest in the Youth Commission and much of its weakness is the result of inadequate collaboration with all of the constituent sponsoring organizations who have been rarely consulted, except for financial contributions.
2. Much more active participation of all such sponsoring organizations in the work of the Youth Commission is imperative.
3. A much greater emphasis should be put to the enlargement of the membership of the various youth groups. This should be the primary objective and camps and regional seminars should be incidental and secondary.
4. Mr. Polster, the present president, and his associates appear to be fully aware of the foregoing deficiencies and needs and with proper assistance and support, financial and otherwise, appear to have the zeal and ability to vitalize the various Zionist youth groups and greatly expand their membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Saul Danneberg
Chairman