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American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, Palestine  
Jewish Legion, 1942.



# 25th Anniversary

## PALESTINE JEWISH LEGION

(38TH, 39TH AND 40TH BATTALIONS, ROYAL FUSILIERS)

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

AMERICAN EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR ZIONIST AFFAIRS

AND THE

AMERICAN PALESTINE JEWISH LEGION

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April 30, 1942.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

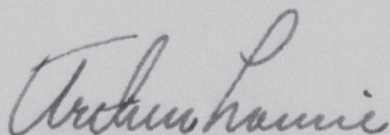
The month of June 1942 will mark the 25th anniversary of the establishment during the last war of the Jewish Legion. The Legion was recruited primarily from Jews of America, and comprised the 38th, 39th and 40th Battalions of the British Royal Fusiliers (later officially designated the Judaeans). It was the first specifically Jewish force to be organized since the days of ancient Rome. Under the late Field-Marshal Allenby, the Legion took part in a number of important operations in and near the Jordan Valley, and received favorable mention in his official despatches.

In commemoration of this anniversary a public celebration will take place in Town Hall, New York, (123 W. 43rd St.) on Tuesday evening, June 2nd. The anniversary of the Legion of 1917 is of particular interest today in view of the part played in the present war by thousands of Jews who have been fighting with distinction in units of the United Nations in Ethiopia, Greece, Syria and Lybia.

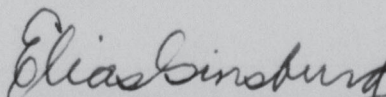
May we extend to you a cordial invitation to join the committee of sponsors and to add your name to the list of leading Americans who will thus associate themselves with this occasion.

Your acceptance will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur Lourie,  
American Emergency Committee  
for Zionist Affairs.



Elias Ginsburg, National Commander  
American Palestine Jewish Legion

P.S. Please address your reply to Mr. Arthur Lourie, Room 1121, 41 East 42 St.  
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