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Silver, Dr. Abba Hillel, trip to London, 1942.

January 26, 1942

Dr. Kurt Blumenfeld
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Blumenfeld:

Thank you for your telegram. I have also received a letter this morning from Leib Jaffe. The decision as to whether I will go to England will depend upon whether there is important work for me to do there outside of campaigning for the Keren Hayesod. Dr. Goldmann asked me for my reaction to a political mission to England. I told him that if there is real work to be done, where I can be helpful, I shall consider it. He also made mention of the campaign for the Keren Hayesod and asked me whether I would visit two or three communities while I was in England in behalf of the campaign. I told him that I would of course be happy to do so.

If it is only campaigning for funds, then you readily understand that there is plenty to do for me right here in the United States in connection with the United Palestine Appeal.

Under any circumstances, I should like to discuss the matter of a visit to England at this time with Dr. Weizmann when he arrives.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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April 2, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

From the report which we have just received from Dr. Nahum Goldmann, we were happy to learn that you were scheduled to leave Lisbon, and we hope that this letter finds you safely at home after your extremely successful mission to England. We eagerly followed the dispatches concerning your activities among British Zionists and non-Jewish circles.

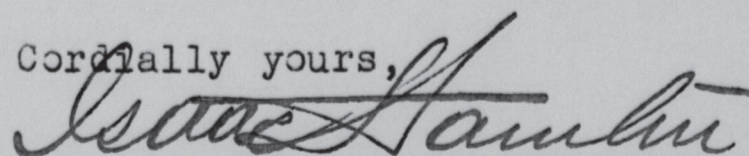
I am taking the liberty of reminding you of your acceptance of our invitation to address the traditional Third Seder Festival, dedicated to the Palestine Histadrut, which will be held this Sunday evening, April 5th, at the Hotels Astor and Commodore. Over 5,000 friends of Palestine will be gathered at this great affair, and the grand ballrooms of both these hotels will be filled to capacity. Everyone is anxiously awaiting the opportunity to greet you and to hear your message.

We hope that you will arrive in time to speak at the Seder Festival, and thus encourage a very large group of ardent friends of Palestine to even greater efforts in behalf of our Homeland and the democratic struggle.

In order to facilitate your coming to New York, we are enclosing a round-trip airplane ticket. You will be able to determine the best connections in Cleveland. If Mrs. Silver is to accompany you, please wire so that we may make necessary reservations.


Anticipating the pleasure of greeting you at the Seder, I remain,

Cordially yours,



Isaac Hamlin,
National Secretary

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

April 3, 1942

Isaac Hamlin, Nat'l Secretary
Nat'l Labor Committee for Palestine
275 Seventh Ave., N.Y.



RABBI SILVER STILL ENROUTE. EXPECTED IN CLEVELAND BY SUNDAY. HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING AT PRESENT TIME WHETHER HE WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND SEDER FESTIVAL IN EVENING. WILL WIRE AGAIN WHEN WE HERE FURTHER.

Bessie Kline
Secretary to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

collect

April 7, 1942

Dr. Jonah B. Wise
35 E. 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jonah:

Thank you so much for your kind telegram. I am sorry that I missed the meeting of March 29, but I was delayed in Lisbon. I hope that I shall have the opportunity very soon to tell you about some of my experiences abroad. I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Schwartz and Rosen in Lisbon and they were indeed very helpful. I also had an opportunity to get a close-up view of the work of the JDC which is being done in Lisbon. Very fine indeed! I shall speak of it at the first opportunity.

With warmest Passover greetings, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 7, 1942

Dr. Stephen S. Wise
40 West 68th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

Thank you so much for your telegram. I had hoped to stop over in New York upon my return in order to make a report of my trip to the Emergency Committee but because of the long delay in Lisbon I had to go to Cleveland immediately upon my arrival. I plan to be in New York next Tuesday, and I understand that a meeting of the Emergency Committee has been called for that day.

I had a very satisfactory and stimulating experience in England of which I shall tell you when I see you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

April 22, 1942

Dr. Stephen S. Wise
40 West 68th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me the clippings of the Zionist Review and the Jewish Chronicle. I am very happy indeed that my visit to England has been helpful. I enjoyed the experience tremendously.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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April 22, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You may not have seen the ~~the~~ page of the Passover
number of the Zionist Review so I hasten to send it to you.
What a fine word of appreciation of your service.

Looking forward to seeing you in the course of
the week,

Faithfully yours,

SSW:GS
Encl.



H.C.

[Handwritten signature]

April 27, 1942

His Excellency
The Right Honorable Viscount Halifax
Ambassador of Great Britain
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I recently returned from a short visit to England where I went in behalf of the Palestine Foundation Fund. During my short stay in London I had the pleasure of an interview with Lord Cranborne, Mr. Richard Law, Sir William Jowitt, Sir Neville Butler and others.

I should like to express to you and through you to your Government my profound appreciation for the many courtesies which were extended to me by the various branches of your Government on my way to and from England and during my sojourn there. Everything was done to facilitate my visit and I realize how much that means in these difficult war times.

I was in ten of the principal cities of England. I saw the ravages of the war in many of them and came to understand the very heavy burdens which the people are bearing. I carried away with me stirring memories of a stout-hearted and gallant people going through with amazing fortitude a great national tribulation. I am now trying to tell the American people something of what I saw and experienced in your country.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS.BK

BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 30th, 1942

My dear Rabbi Silver,

I was very glad to get your letter of April 27th and to learn that your visit to England proved so interesting. It was very good of you to write and tell me so, and I have no doubt you were able to bring encouragement to very many people whom you will have met.

I am delighted to think that you will now be able to speak of what you have seen to your people here.

Yours very sincerely,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.C.,
The Temple,
East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

May 13, 1942

Mr. Simon Marks
Dorchester Hotel
London, England

My dear Friend:

I have delayed writing to you because I wanted to catch my breath after my return to the States. I have been going at a terrific pace, catching up with my work, traveling about reporting on my visit to England, and launching campaigns throughout the country for the United Jewish Appeal.

I am sure that you know how deeply I appreciated the many courtesies which you extended to me during my visit to your country, and the very warm hospitality. You made my brief but exciting sojourn in England extremely pleasant and enjoyable. I was heartened and rewarded by the things which you did for me and the things which you said about me and I shall long treasure the opportunity of getting closer to you which my visit to England made possible.

I have seen Dr. and Mrs. Weizmann twice since my return. We had a great Zionist Conference of all the parties in the United States last Saturday and Sunday at the Hotel Biltmore in New York, to which delegates came from all parts of the country. The Conference was something in the nature of a miniature World Zionist Congress and was a very impressive affair. Dr. Weizmann's leadership was acclaimed and reaffirmed. He has now the solid backing of the largest Zionist community in the world behind him and I believe that his hands have been greatly strengthened.

Please convey my best wishes to all our mutual friends. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK