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Weizmann Dinner, 1942.

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FORTY ONE EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET NEW YORK

April 20, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland. Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency for Palestine, arrived in the United States this week for a brief stay. He undertook this arduous voyage at a time when the news of his younger son missing in the R.A.F. has come as a grievous blow to Mrs. Weizmann and himself. But as the leader of his people, he has put aside all personal considerations in coming here to take counsel with friends and colleagues on desperately grave problems which confront the Jewish people today.

In tribute to his leadership for more than three decades and to his outstanding scientific work in the furtherance of the common cause of the United Nations, a committee of distinguished American citizens is tendering a dinner in his honor in New York the latter part of May or beginning of June.

May I extend to you a cordial invitation to join the committee of sponsors and add your name to a list of leaders in Government, science, literature, and representatives of the United Nations, who will thus pay tribute to the leader of the Jewish people.

Your acceptance will be deeply appreciated.

Cordially yours,

STEPHEN S. WISE

Chairman

STEPHEN S. WISE FORTY-ONE EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET NEW YORK May 20, 1942 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple. Cleveland, Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver: To make doubly sure I am writing this brief note to advise you that the dinner to Dr. Weizmann is definitely set for June 10th at the Waldorf Astoria. Yours is the principal address of the evening. Although I know that you marked it down in your book and that I confirmed it over the telephone about a week ago, I nevertheless want to repeat it here so that all channels are properly cleared. I think we are going to have a most impressive affair and an unusually fine attendance. Looking forward to seeing you, I am Cordially Henral MWW: FR