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American Zionist Emergency Council, general, 1943.

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## American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

### CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America  
Mizrachi Organization of America  
Poale Zion-Zeire Zion of America  
Zionist Organization of America

41 EAST 42nd STREET

ROOM 1121

NEW YORK CITY

February 1, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Office Committee of the Emergency Committee met last Thursday to discuss questions arising from the fact that 6,000 children may arrive in Palestine before the end of this fiscal year. Hadassah has already launched an Emergency campaign of \$500,000 for this purpose and all of us felt that for the time being this was the best way of meeting the emergency situation. We are not at all sure that the whole 6,000 children will be able to travel and reach their destination. But, in the meantime, the best fund-raising agency for the purpose is Hadassah for many reasons.

In the first place, it is the only Zionist body completely free to go ahead with an emergency campaign of this kind. Secondly, it has carried the work of Youth Aliyah for seven years and is associated in the public mind with this project. We also discussed the possibility of the whole 6,000 children reaching Palestine, in which case the \$500,000 raised by Hadassah would certainly not be sufficient. All of us agree that the UPA should then approach the Allocations Committee directly and that it would not be advisable to approach the JDC and have them request it of the same Allocations Committee. But all these problems will not become real until the end of the year.

The UPA could not approach the Allocations Committee of the UJA for a special allocation for the children before the first nine million dollars has been raised and distributed. As was pointed out by Judge Rothenberg, this means that no new allocations can be accepted by the committee before October.

I am sure that you will agree with the line taken by us. We both have the same purpose of getting as much money for Palestine and the children as possible. Since Hadassah is the only organization which can start a special campaign now, we believe it is to our common interest not to interfere with their campaign and to leave the publicity to them. If the UPA will have to come into the picture when the UJA will have money to allocate beyond the nine million dollars and the 6,000 children have actually arrived in Palestine, we will all back up the UPA in its request for further money.

We did not pass any formal motion at the Office Committee as you were not present and we did not want to take formal action without discussing the matter with you. I am therefore writing to convey to you our unanimous opinion and I am sure that you will agree with us.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Louis E. Levinthal*  
Louis E. Levinthal.

*Once again, heartiest congratulations  
on your birthday anniversary.*



CC- Mr. Montor

February the fourth  
1943

My dear Judge Levinthal:

Thank you for your letter of February first informing me of the discussion which took place at the Office Committee of the Emergency Committee with reference to the 6,000 children for whom visas have been obtained. I am glad to be informed of your discussions. As a matter of procedure, however, it is highly desirable that such discussions should first be undertaken with the officers of the UPA, either by the Emergency Committee or by the Hadassah, and in their presence, to have the whole situation canvassed.

It is not wise for the Office Committee of the Emergency Committee, which has no specific responsibilities in the matter of raising funds for Palestine, to decide, (even without a formal vote) which Zionist instrumentality is to raise money in the United States for such a project.

Mr. Eliezer Kaplan of the Jewish Agency directed an inquiry to the UPA about the financing of this 6,000 children-project. The matter will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the UPA next Wednesday. Until such time, both the Office Committee and the Hadassah might hold themselves in check. The matter is not quite as simple as your letter seems to suggest.

I trust that you will be able to attend the UPA meeting next Wednesday. With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:bw

Judge Louis E. Levinthal  
American Emergency Committee for  
Zionist Affairs  
New York, N.Y.



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THE EXECUTIVE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANISATION

No. 328

Jerusalem, July 18th, 1943

The Secretary

Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs,  
41 East 42nd Street,  
NEW YORK

Dear Sir,

You have been informed by cable of the decision of the Executive to hold in Palestine, in the late autumn of this year, a session of the Zionist General Council (Actions Committee) combined with a representative conference of Zionists from all parts of the world for the purpose of joint consultation and coordination of Zionist activities.

The need for a personal exchange of views between the representatives of the movement and an authoritative consultation on the problems of the hour has been felt for a long time past. The Executive has come to the conclusion that the moment for such a reunion has arrived and hopes that by dint of determined efforts most of the technical obstacles that have stood in the way of such a venture can now be overcome.

It will soon be four years from the time when our last pre-war Congress was held, and some time will still elapse before we can convene it again. The General Council (A.C.) elected by the Congress has, fortunately, in transferring its powers to the Inner A.C. in Palestine, enabled us to preserve constitutional propriety by providing us with a deliberative body with unchallenged authority to whom vital decisions could be and have been submitted for valid confirmation. In addition, every endeavour has been made to maintain contacts with the movement and its leaders in all parts of the world that have remained intact, by all means available, including occasional personal visits by members and delegates of the Executive. There was also a singular inter-communication between the various parts of the movement, resulting, as it did, in an identical formulation of immediate aims by practically all Zionist conventions held over the globe during last year.

None the less, it is felt that cogent reasons, set forth in the Executive's cable, require the holding of a more direct and more comprehensive and authoritative meeting. The Executive thinks that a session of the Zionist General Council (Greater A.C.) enlarged by representative delegates from the principal countries can be held some time in October or November next and that Palestine is the natural and most suitable venue for this gathering.

Cables to this effect have been sent to England, USA, Canada, South Africa, Australia and Argentina, and it is hoped that, after securing the necessary facilities, the attendance of delegations fully representative of Zionists in those countries can be assured.

As far as the USA, the country that occupies at present the foremost place in our movement and in Jewry generally, is concerned, we expect you to assure the fully representative character of the Conference by securing the attendance of the leading members of your committee, of the heads of the Zionist Funds and, above all, of those of the principal Zionist Organizations (Z.C.A., Hadassah, Mizrahi, Poale-Zion-Zeire-Zion).

We request you particularly to extend on behalf of the Executive invitations to members of the General Council residing in USA of whom a list is enclosed herewith.



The Executive expects from you and all concerned supreme efforts necessary to make the Conference both possible and fully representative. We shall be glad if, after communicating with all concerned and ascertaining the position as it presents itself from the general and practical point of view, you will inform us by cable of the names of all delegates whose presence can be assured and, in the case of members of the General Council, indicate which of them are able to attend and which prefer to be represented by elected substitutes resident in Palestine.

We are awaiting your telegraphic reply and shall keep you informed of the progress made in this important matter. Detailed instructions will be issued as soon as, on the strength of the replies received, more definite decisions can be taken on the further course of action.

With Zion's greetings,

Yours faithfully,  
(signed) Leo Lauterbach  
EXECUTIVE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANISATION  
Organisation Department.

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LIST OF MEMBERS of the ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL RESIDENT IN U.S.A.

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Isaac Naiditsch  
Judge Julian Mack  
Dr. Stephan Wise

Labour Party

Haym Greenberg  
Isreal Mereminsky  
Dr. Arjeh Tartakower  
David Wertheim  
Boruch Zuckermann

Confederation of General Zionists

Kurt Blumenfeld  
Rabbi Barnett Brickner  
Dr. Solomon Goldman  
Dr. Isreal Goldstein  
Mrs. S.W. Halprin  
Salman Schocken  
Mrs. Albert P. Schoolman  
Mrs. Samuel Schulsinger  
Mrs. Tamar de Sola Pool

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Rabbi Mayer Berlin  
Isidore Epstein  
Leon Gellmann  
Rabbi Wolf Gold  
Zerach Wahrhaftig  
Jacob Grynberg  
Dr. Abraham Weiss

Jewish State Party  
Meir Grossmann

Members of the Zionist Executive

Dr. Nahum Goldman  
Louis Lipsky



September 14, 1943

Miss Bertha Willig  
205 East Tenth Street  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Willig:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I have as yet hardly familiarized myself with the organizational set-up of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs. As soon as I do, and if I discover a post in the organization where your experience and ability would fit in, I shall be most happy to communicate with you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



SZOLD, BRANDWEN & SHUBERT

FILE COPY

September 16, 1943

Dear Felix:

As you doubtless know, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has been elected co-Chairman with Dr. Wise of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs and he has also been elected Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Emergency Committee. He will thus carry heavy responsibility in the conduct of the affairs of the Committee; and in the course of the next few months may be faced with problems which require decision. I am sure he shall want to consult you as problems may arise and that you will give him the benefit of counsel and advice.

Faithfully yours,

*Rab. Szold*

*copy for Dr. Silver*

Honorable Felix Frankfurter,  
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court  
of the United States,  
Washington, D.C.

RS.RAL



A.H.S.

In a preliminary way I should like to submit to you the results of a survey I have been making of the organizational set-up of the Emergency Committee and its Executive. It goes without saying, of course, that any modifications that may be made in methods of operation designed to promote more efficiency have no bearing on the essential nature of the Emergency Committee. I think it important to emphasize, as we start, that major questions of policy remain the province of the whole Emergency Committee. It is for that Committee to map out our long-range political objectives. It is the function of the Executive to create the best methods for attaining those objectives. The Emergency Committee will receive regular reports from the Executive Committee of the progress of the work being done. At the regular meetings of the whole Emergency Committee once a month we may expect to give our full attention to the basic issues and the major political questions. It will be for the Executive Committee to see to it that the discussion of these great political problems is not obscured by consideration of details, which should be disposed of in the day-by-day work.

In the meantime, I offer these suggestions for the machinery of the Emergency Committee. They represent the result of discussions I have had with members of the Committee and with the staff. I have also had the benefit of some proposals for the re-organization of our work which were previously submitted but not acted upon. Everyone with whom I have spoken is agreed on three things which require correction:

- (1) Excessive duplication and delay.
- (2) Lack of definition of scope and authority of members of the committees, sub-committees and professional staff.
- (3) A serious undermanning in the professional staff

It is my suggestion that the Executive Committee from now on function through a number of committee whose scope and authority shall be clearly defined. Each of these committees shall be headed <sup>as far as possible</sup> by a member of the Executive.



Each should contain at least one member of each of the parties, to be drawn, if necessary, from the larger Emergency Committee, or from the alternates. Each committee shall have the right to coopt other members of the kind and to the number best suited to the purposes of the particular committee. In several instances, it would be desirable for the Emergency Committee itself to coopt members who may serve a specially valuable purpose in one or another of the committees.

Each committee would meet at regular stated intervals and regularly report to the Executive Committee at its bi-weekly meetings. Each committee would be encouraged to exercise initiative and authority consistent with the over-all authority and direction of the Executive Committee.

The members, particularly the chairman, of each committee shall be required to devote themselves, as far as possible, exclusively to the work of that committee, exploring all its possibilities, evolving new projects and enlisting new people and new sources of support. They should not involve themselves in the work of the other committees except as they are members of the Executive Committee and can express judgment as to the work of all committees at the meetings.

To ensure active functioning, it is intended that each committee shall have adequate professional assistance. Some committees will require full-time executives, others part-time; still others, none at all.

For the time being, it is suggested that the following committees be constituted:

- (1) Press and Radio Committee
- PR (2) Community Relations Committee
- PR (3) <sup>Amer. Pal. Com.</sup> Christian Friends of Palestine Committee (a tentative revision for the name of the American Palestine Committee). ~~There will have to be a differentiation between the work of the general committee and,~~ *Washington*
- PR (4) The Christian Council on Palestine, which deals exclusively with the clergy.
- PR (5) <sup>Intellectual Mobilization</sup> Committee for Academic and Literary Contacts
- (6) Research and Library Committee, to include Arab-Jewish ~~status~~ research
- PR (7) Special Functions and Events Committee - *(Mass Action)*



PK (8) Publications Committee

(9) Finance Committee

~~(10) Emergency Committee~~

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⑩ Post War Planning Com.  
*(Pol.) (Em)*

A number of details that relate to the workings of these committees I leave for discussion at a forthcoming meeting. Among them is the question of the Washington Office and the relationship between the Political Bureau which the Agency has already established in Washington and the Emergency Committee

Your chairman asks for the authority to appoint the chairmen of the above-named committees and, in consultation with the appointed chairmen, to appoint the members of these committees. A report of these committee appointments will be made at the next meeting of the Executive.

*We hope to*  
To ~~coordinate~~ the work of all these committees in an administrative sense and to supervise their efficient functioning as well as to administer the program laid out by the Emergency Committee, it is important to have a competent and experienced executive director who not only has technical ability, but who is thoroughly acquainted with our movement, its problems and its needs. I recommend that the Emergency Committee elect Mr. Henry Montor to this post. *his salary to be determined by Finance Com.* We would ask the United Palestine Appeal, of which he is Executive Director, to give him a leave of absence for this purpose.

There are on the present staff of the Emergency Committee men who merit our appreciation and it is intended that they shall continue to serve in their posts. I should like especially to mention Mr. Arthur Lourie who has given faithful service as Secretary of the Emergency Committee and of the Executive Committee. I am sure that Mr. Montor will count heavily on Mr. Lourie's services in the fields in which he has been accustomed to function and in other duties which he may be called upon to perform. We also count on Mr. I. Kenen as Director of Information. There are others whom I do not now have the opportunity to mention.

It is intended that these and other men to be engaged shall serve the various committees in such a way as to ensure their maximum usefulness.



I should like to make a few general observations. We are an Emergency Committee. In our work time is of the essence. It will, therefore, not be possible frequently to postpone vital decisions from one meeting to another, or to await the decisions of the boards of the respective parties and groups whose representatives make up the Emergency Committee and its Executive. It is suggested that these representatives be allowed to assume responsibility and exercise the authority normally vested in representatives of a democratically elected legislative body to the best of their judgment. In such legislative bodies, representatives act for their constituency. They do not refer every decision to their constituency before they vote. Conceivably certain very important issues will arise which involve the political ideologies of the respective parties. In that case, of course, the representatives on the Emergency Committee will wish to receive direction from their organizations.

But certainly matters of a purely administrative character and programs of activities whose purpose is to carry out the political program on which the parties have already expressed themselves should not be hampered by the unwillingness of members of this committee to act. I shall have to be very insistent on this. I shall regard this as a democratically constituted body in which a majority vote will be adequate sanction for action.

. . . . .

I am not yet ready to present a total budget for our work. I feel that the various committees should share in formulating a program and that the budget for each should be considered on its merits. In the interim, I understand that we have up to \$250,000 with which to operate for the next twelve months. Whether this amount is adequate or not it is impossible to say at this moment. For the time being we shall plan on that ~~minimum~~ basis. A situation may arise and arise quickly involving the need for much larger sums of money. In that case I hope that they will be forthcoming from the funds of the UPA. I am confident that the responsible leaders of the Keren Kayemeth and Keren Hayesod will see to it that such funds are made available.



# United Temple

Terre Haute, Ind.

J. Marshall Taxay, Rabbi  
(Litt. D.)

October 19, 1943

Dr. A. H. Silver  
c/o Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

Undoubtedly the finest form of congratulating you is to pledge unequivocally that we are at your command. Many of us have spent so much time and energy on diverse causes that ~~we note~~ it is high time to give oneself unstintedly to the noblest cause and promise in world Jewish life. You certainly could not have done better than taking Henry Montor and Leon Feuer with you. They are splendid men and will do a magnificent job.

If there is anything we can do at any time, we await your orders. Incidentally, is there any chance of your being in the neighborhood within the next few months? Maybe you could speak here when you are near by.

Every kind and good wish to you, your delightful wife and children. Rest certain all of us know the sacrifice you are making in assuming the leadership in these days of testing.

Earnestly,

(Dr. J. Marshall Taxay)

JMT:af



A Consolidation of Temple Israel and B'nai Abraham



RABBI SAMUEL WOHL  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

October 20, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

First, let me place myself at your service. If there is anything that you feel that I can do I shall do my utmost to stand by you and to serve during the emergency.

I have written to Henry Montor and I told him that you have made an excellent selection, and I hope that he will do a great job.

I have made a few suggestions which I believe can be handled now. I understand that the first work to be undertaken by the Emergency Council will be to mobilize all efforts for the abrogation of the White Paper. Since the American Jewish Conference has been held its delegates in the various communities have not been assigned any task to perform. This should be the first and most important one and they ought to be used in their respective communities.

I would, therefore, suggest that it would be well if the interim committee of the Conference would associate itself with the Emergency Council and instruct its communal delegates to proceed with the work.

It may be well to interest various political leaders, not necessarily Congressmen and Senators, but local and state leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties, to call for action by addressing themselves to the various Representatives and Senators who hold office and who need the help of their local and state organizations. Such an approach, coming with the persuasiveness of political organizations, would certainly stir up tremendous interest, and would be more valuable than any approach which our public relations efforts or leaders could do.

We might also ask the American Federation of Labor and the C. I. O. to communicate with their State Federations, who in turn might present the A. F. of L. resolution to the state Governors and to the authorities in Washington.

It may be well to send out to influential and key people through-



RABBI SAMUEL WOHL  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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out the country, such as Bishops, University Presidents and labor leaders, copies of the "White Paper" issue of the Jewish Frontier, but they should not be sent out from a national office. It would be better if someone designated their own particular territories and sent it out with a personal letter, asking for a statement of comment and urging that immediate action be taken by our Government on this matter. I have had experience in doing things in this way and have always received favorable reactions from newspaper editors, Bishops, city and state officials.

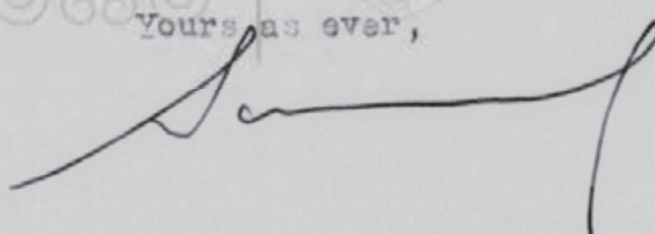
It would be well, if it is possible, for the Emergency Council to designate in every community, particularly in the larger ones, someone to act as their particular representative, appointed by the Emergency Council, for such purposes and for all other work which the Emergency Council would wish him to do.

There are other matters which I should like to deal with but I shall defer this for another time.

I should be glad to have your answer to this letter.

With all good wishes from house to house,

Yours as ever,



SW:AS



October 22, 1943

Mr. Matthew Woll, Vice-President  
American Federation of Labor  
507 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Woll:

May I, as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, express to you the profound appreciation of all the Zionist bodies represented on our Council for the truly noble resolution which the American Federation of Labor adopted at its recent convention in Boston protesting against the persecution of the Jewish people in Nazi Europe and calling for measures of immediate rescue and for the reconstruction of the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. Not only Zionists, but all the Jews of America who recently expressed themselves on these vital subjects at the great conclave of its democratically elected representatives in New York share with me, I am sure, these sentiments of gratitude and appreciation for the great heartening and helpfulness which you have given to us in this critical hour. All lovers of justice and freedom have come to look to your great organization for the kind of defense and championing which you are now giving us, and they have never been disappointed.

Our people, as you know, has been terribly ravaged by this war. Millions of them have been foully done to death. We are trying to rescue as many of the survivors of Nazi terrorism as possible. We are also trying to establish at long last the National Home for our people in Palestine which statesmen visioned so hopefully after the last war, which has witnessed a gratifying development since that time, but which unfortunately is now being threatened by the White Paper which in March of next year would put an end to all Jewish immigration into that country. Your assistance in helping us fight the White Paper and keeping the doors of Palestine open for our hounded and persecuted brethren will mean much to us.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 28, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Goldstein:

I am not well up on this White Paper but I know that immigration to all lands must be restricted by how many people the land can support and that will have to be the determining factor in Palestine.

The Jewish people can live in other lands and the future will be open to them as to all others, I am sure.

Very sincerely yours,

(sgd) ELEANORE ROOSEVELT



# American Zionist Emergency Council

## CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America  
Mizrachi Organization of America  
Poale Zion-Zeire Zion of America  
Zionist Organization of America

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.  
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October 30, 1943

Miss Bessie Kline  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Dr. Silver actually did get transportation back from Washington for Cleveland after a great deal of effort and telephoning, even though the transportation was not the happiest.

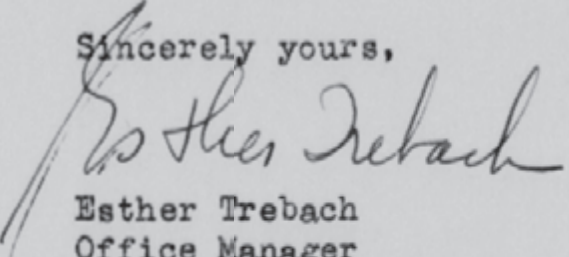
In talking about the situation which prevails in transportation today, Dr. Silver said that you were in the habit of obtaining all of his transportation out of Cleveland, except in those cases where extraordinary circumstances demand his purchase of fare in New York.

It occurred to me that if we could devise a system whereby there could be a double check on long-term engagements, we might prevent last minute changes in appointment schedules for Dr. Silver. For example, if I were to have a list of the appointments which he has in the regular course of his work for the coming month, I might be able to arrange for reservations from this end if you were unable to do so. It might involve a constant telephone double check, but I think in order to get for Dr. Silver the best possible transportation this might be worthwhile.

At the same time would you be good enough to send me some of Dr. Silver's clergy certificates in order that we might obtain the reduction which he receives.

I will be very glad to receive your comments on an arrangement of this type.

Sincerely yours,

  
Esther Trebach  
Office Manager

ET/SP



franz j. katz ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

61 East 95th St.  
New York, 28, N.Y.  
October 31, 1943.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

(A.Z.E.C.  
general)

Dear Dr. Silver:

Last week, during a conference with Mr. Masaryk, shortly upon his arrival in this country, I took the opportunity to make some inquiries on the state of Zionist affairs in London. Please find below the information thus elicited. It may be of some interest to you.

My question: Opinion prevailing here is divided on Churchill's ultimate reliability in matters of Palestine. Some incline toward the view that he, too, will sell the Zionists down the river. What do you think?

Masaryk: Well, if Churchill hasn't sold the Zionists down the river, he may be engaged in lending them out or leasing them out!

My question: There are rumors current to the effect that the Soviets have developed a sudden interest in Jewish Palestine. Some ascribe this turn to their desire to support what they regard the only substantial spearhead against the Colonial Office in the Near East. Is that so?

Masaryk: Well, you know that Maisky spent five days in Palestine, touring the Jewish settlements. This is a noteworthy fact. I know very definitely that he reported favorably on what he saw. I also know that Stalin is sympathetically interested. I have no further knowledge which would enable me to draw any other conclusions.

I may add that I saw Smuts after his arrival in London. Zionism is on his schedule. Smuts promised to arrange a meeting between Churchill, Weizmann and himself. Weizmann makes the impression of a very sad and disappointed man, poor Weizmann. As to Churchill, he is the same as he was throughout the entire war, pre-occupied with the Germans and letting everything and everybody go to hell meanwhile, you and us alike.

The above was also communicated to Mr. Emanuel Neumann, whom I saw yesterday and who expects to be in Cleveland early this week.

Very truly yours

*franz josef katz*  
FRANZ JOSEF KATZ

CC: Mr. Emanuel Neumann  
fjk:sw



November 1, 1943

Rabbi Samuel Wohl  
Isaac M. Wise Center  
Reading Rd. and Crescent Ave.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Wohl:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of October 20. I have passed on your suggestions to Mr. Montor. Most of them are being worked on already. As you undoubtedly know, Rabbi Leon Feuer has taken a leave of absence from his congregation to head off the Department on Community Contacts under the Zionist Emergency Council. His task will be to establish contact groups in every important center in the country, and he has been busily at work already.

I am sorry that I did not get to see you in Cincinnati last Tuesday, but I was only there a few hours attending the Executive Board meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Please write to me often with any suggestions which you may have for our work. You have been tremendously helpful in the past and your counsel and advice are deeply appreciated.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANS:BK



November 1, 1943

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President  
Jewish National Fund  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

I should like to convey to you the results of a meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council, held on Monday morning, November 1st. Those present, in addition to myself, were Abraham Goodman, Archibald Silverman, Abraham L. Liebovitz, Samuel Berson, Mark Sugarman, I. M. Kowalsky, Jacob Sineoff and Henry Mentor.

In compliance with the directive of the Executive Committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council at its meeting on October 18th, our Committee revised its original budget of \$604,000 to \$509,382, this budget to finance the operations of the American Zionist Emergency Council for the period from October 15, 1943 to October 15, 1944. After a thorough analysis of the items which had been submitted in detail, the Finance and Personnel Committee voted to send a communication through me to the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth to make the following recommendations:

(1) that the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth agree to finance the budget to the amount of \$509,382, and that each provide \$254,691 for the period from October 15, 1943 to October 15, 1944;

(2) that at least half the sum, or more if possible, be paid out immediately to the American Zionist Emergency Council by each of the two organizations, and that the balance be made available in 1944 up to October 15 as sums are requisitioned by the American Zionist Emergency Council. It is considered advisable to pay out as substantial an amount as possible before the end of 1943 inasmuch as the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for 1943 has already completed its findings with respect to the amount to be allotted to the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal for 1943;

(3) It should be called to the attention of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth that certain items, which were included in the original budget of \$604,000, have been eliminated in the revised budget not because it is felt that these activities are unessential, but because the budget had to be drawn up in accordance with the amount which it was stated would become available. We are calling this to the attention of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth and of the American Zionist Emergency Council in view of the possibility that subsequently the situation may compel us to submit requests for additional sums.



Dr. Israel Goldstein

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November 1, 1943

The members of the Finance and Personnel Committee would appreciate the earliest possible assurance of final action taken with regard to the above matters so that they may direct the financial activities of the Emergency Council accordingly.

May I add that I or other members of the Finance and Personnel Committee would be available for any session of your body which wishes to inquire into the nature and details of the budget of \$509,382 which was adopted at our meeting at the Sherry Netherland Hotel on Monday morning, November 1st.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Charles J. Rosenbloom  
Chairman of Finance and Personnel Committee

CJR:MFR





November 2, 1943

Mr. Franz J. Katz  
61 East 95th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Katz:

Permit me to thank you very much  
for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and  
in conveying the conversation which you had  
with Masaryk. The information is indeed  
very helpful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Thanks again for your proffer of help. If I have difficulty getting reservations at this end, I'll feel perfectly free to call on you for help, and if you find you need cooperation from our end, please don't hesitate to call on me.

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November 5, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My Dear Dr. Silver:

I was dreadfully sorry to hear of your illness. I hope and pray that by now you are fully recovered, and will soon return to your great work for our land and people.

I wish to bring to your attention a letter, a copy of which I am enclosing, that the Ladies Mizrachi received from Mrs. Roosevelt in reply to an invitation extended to her by them, to send a message to their convention. As you will no doubt agree with me, her reply is most distressing and perhaps reflects an opinion of the White House.

I brought it to the attention of Dr. Goldman and Mr. Lourie and I suggested to both of them that in addition to a proper reply by the Ladies Mizrachi, which should be carefully prepared by the secretary of the Emergency Committee, another letter ought to be sent to the first lady of the land, by the Emergency Committee saying that her letter was brought to the Committee and to ask for an interview with her.

It is the opinion of Dr. Goldman that some one of influence ought to see her in a friendly capacity. I talked it over with Rabbi Berlin and other members of the Mizrachi and all are of the opinion that the Emergency Committee ought to approach Mrs. Roosevelt directly and officially. I am very eager to get your opinion on the matter.

I also wish to call to your attention that I had a conference with Mr. Montor in reference to my work as Chairman of the Special Committee.



I also had a first meeting of the committee which proposed an outline of national activities. I am now waiting impatiently for the facilities which

Mr. Montor promised me: a room and secretary to be able to start my work without further delay.

I am looking forward to the opportunity of seeing you and discussing with you the different important matters.

May I ask of you to be kind enough to let me know when and where I may see you.

Wishing you good health and courage. With Sabbath blessings and Torah and Zion's greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Wolf Gold*

Rabbi Wolf Gold

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My dear Rabbi Silver

I have sent a copy of  
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for the purpose of sending it to  
you. It is my opinion that  
steps should be taken on the part  
of the Emergency Council to see  
Mrs. Roosevelt and explain to  
her what the White Paper really  
is. It seems that her wrong attitude  
is the one that prevails in Washin-  
gton in official circles. We did  
so little to put them right about the  
whole situation. Sincerely yours Gedalia Bublick



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NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE.

# Many Barriers Stand in Path Of Arab Union

## Hill Sees Conflict With Rulers' Vested Interests and Plans of Zionists

By Russell Hill

By Wireless to the Herald Tribune  
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CAIRO, Oct. 18 (Delayed).—In a previous article I discussed the chances for realization of complete independence on the part of the Arab states of Syria and Lebanon. Many Arab leaders do not regard this independence as the final goal, but are looking beyond that to the possibilities of some kind of union or confederation of several Arab countries.

The whole question of Arab unity must be considered against the background of Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's promise that Great Britain will not stand in the way of Arab aspirations toward unity, but that the Arabs themselves must work out their own plan.

The chief British interest in the Middle East after the war will probably be to insure the tranquillity and security of the region, which lies athwart what traditionally is regarded as the lifeline of the empire. The British do not want a repetition of such threats as were inherent in the Vichy betrayal and the Rachid Ali coup in Irak. They also want access to the raw material markets of the Middle East. They might find it easier to co-operate with representatives of an Arab confederation which enjoyed their support than to deal with a multitude of small states which felt they were being prevented from uniting.

### Several Obstacles to Union

There are several obstacles in the way of any kind of Arab union, even a loose one, which have nothing to do with British policy. These include vested political interests of rulers and officials in small Arab states, difficulties of communication in the sprawling Arab world, different economic and cultural levels, striving of Zionists to found a Jewish state and foster a Jewish immigration, and fears of Christian groups, particularly in Lebanon, that in any large Moslem state they would become an insignificant minority.

Ibn Saud, in Saudi-Arabia; Emir Abdullah, in Transjordan; Farouk, in Egypt, and the boy King as a pure Arab race, yet many

Feisal, in Irak, all have an interest in maintaining independent status in their kingdoms, though the last named, because of his extreme youth, can hardly be regarded as an important political factor. At any rate, none of the first three would be likely to agree to let his country become part of a larger political unit ruled by any one but himself. In every country, moreover, all those who are a part of a governing and administrative apparatus have a stake in the status quo.

The Arab world extends from Casablanca to Bagdad, down to Aden and over to the Indian Ocean. There are few roads and fewer railways. As a political entity it would be an unwieldy empire, or rather it would never become an empire, except in name.

### Language Is Only Link

The peoples who live in this vast area are united by little except language—a language spoken in so many ways that the Arabic of Algeria is practically incomprehensible to the Egyptians, still more so to the Iraklis, or the tribesmen of Arabia. There exists universal classical Arabic. In Egypt 90 per cent of the people can neither read it nor write it, and they have difficulty even understanding it.

Again, there are great cultural differences. The Westernized Christian Arabs of modern Beirut have more in common with other people of the Mediterranean than with the wandering tribesmen of the central Arabian desert. Facially, also, there are great differences. There is no such thing as a pure Arab race, yet many

Syrians whose skin is practically white do not regard as true Arabs the much darker inhabitants of the Nile Valley, who have a large admixture of Nubian and Sudanese blood and claim descent from the Egyptians of the Pharaohs' time.

For all these reasons there are few if any Arab leaders who visualize even a loose confederation which would embrace all those who call themselves Arabs. More popular is the notion that the region which used to be known as Greater Syria—Syria proper, Lebanon, Palestine and Transjordan—might become a single political unit, probably with its capital at Damascus.

This scheme is favored not only by Syrian and Palestinian Arabs but also by Irak Premier Nuri Es-Said. Nuri regards unification of Greater Syria as a necessary preliminary to a larger union which might include Irak.

### Zionist Opposition Seen

The chief political opponent of this union among Moslems might be Transjordan's aging ruler, Emir Abdullah, unless he himself were chosen to head it. But two other important obstacles in its path are the attitude of Zionists in Palestine and the Christian Arabs in Lebanon.

Extreme Zionists hope to increase by 2,000,000 the Jewish population of Palestine, which now stands at approximately half a million, largely as a result of immigration in the inter-war period.

The Arab population of Palestine, which is about 1,000,000, fears that further immigration would result in transforming the Jewish minority into a majority. Arabs in other parts of the Near East also fear Zionist expansion because they reason that Palestine itself could not hold an added population of 2,000,000. The Greater Syria scheme might then become a boomerang, since it could provide opportunity for Jewish immigrants to settle in other parts of the Near East.

On the other hand, some Zionists favor the Greater Syria idea on the ground that whereas another million Jews in Palestine would give them a majority in that country they would still be a minority in a larger political entity and this, they argue, should quiet Arab fears.

I have talked with American observers who have passed years in the Near East studying the problem of Arab-Jewish relations and they hold out hope that a satisfactory solution is possible.

Here is their argument: After the last war the British, fulfilling a promise made to Zionists during that war, permitted Jewish immigration into Palestine on a

considerable scale. They thereby embittered the Arabs, already disappointed that they had not been given independence. A huge new minority problem was thus artificially created and it developed into a crisis with the riots and civil war of 1938.

The British changed their immigration policy and the Jewish immigration came to a virtual standstill, unfortunately just at the time when refugees from Europe were desperately looking for asylum.

Now, however, there is every prospect that when Nazi tyranny has been liquidated in Europe this need for a Jewish refuge may cease to exist. It also appears likely that the Arabs can be brought to live peacefully side by side with the Jewish population already in Palestine, provided they receive guaranties against further Zionist expansion. On the other hand, the Jews might continue to live in peace even in the framework of a Greater Syria, if they, in turn, were given a guaranty by the United Nations that their minority status would be respected and they would not have to fear persecution.

### Some Anti-American Feeling

There has been a considerable amount of anti-American feeling among the Arabs lately because they mistakenly believe that Zionist groups in America are representative of all Jews there and that the sympathy expressed for these groups by some politicians represents American opinion and policy.

Opposition to the Greater Syria idea in Lebanon comes largely from Christian Arabs who form a slight majority of that country's population of one million, but would be a small minority if Lebanon were absorbed into a larger political unit.

The leading Christian Arab in Syria, Faris Bey el Khoury, who has been elected president of the Chamber of Deputies in Damascus, believes obstacles to the union of all Syrians are surmountable and favors less emphasis on religious differences.

No observer in the Near East can help being struck by the tremendous vitality and force of Arab aspirations toward independence and some kind of closer ties among themselves, whether these ties go no farther than economic and cultural co-operation or whether they take the form of a political confederation or union. He is also likely to conclude that if the United Nations react sympathetically to these aspirations there is every chance for a more stable political situation in this area after the war than has ever existed.



Monson File

November 8, 1943.

The Editor  
New York Herald Tribune  
230 West 41st Street  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your Cairo correspondent in his dispatch to the Herald Tribune of November 7th discusses the possibilities of a union of the Arab countries. He rightly points out that in view not only of vested interests, but also of the great diversities of culture and race and language which distinguish these countries from one another, the possibility of even a tenuous union which would comprise them all is extremely remote. It is suggested, however, that a single political unit might be created of the four countries, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Transjordan. That two of these countries, Lebanon and Palestine, are by no means purely Arab, and that in the case of Palestine, Great Britain, with the support of the fifty-two nations of the League as well as of the Congress of the United States, has solemnly covenanted to re-establish there the Jewish National Home, is apparently not regarded as an insuperable objection.

It is true that shortly before the outbreak of the war, the Chamberlain Government resolved to abandon its obligations to the Jewish people under the Mandate. In terms of the Palestine White Paper Jewish immigration is to cease entirely as of next April and eventually the Jewish National Home is to be subjected to Arab domination. This decision, however, was part and parcel of the policy of expediency which governed the Munich settlement. It reflected the same crisis in world statesmanship and international morality which gave Nazism its opportunity to prepare its assault on civilization. Unprincipled in its origins, like Munich it failed in its purposes. Appeasement succeeded no better in the Arab world than elsewhere. In Iraq, in 1941, there was a pro-Axis revolt. Egypt moved no finger to aid the Allies in the defense of Egyptian soil; and as long as the German war machine was in the ascendant the Arabs of Palestine and Syria seethed with pro-Axis sentiment - fomented amongst others by the Mufti of Jerusalem, at present in Berlin. The one completely dependable and loyal element of all the populations of the Near East were the Jews of Palestine, of whom some 30,000 (equivalent to a voluntary enlistment of 8,000,000 in this country) joined the forces of the United Nations. That the promises to the Jewish people to facilitate Jewish immigration into Palestine and to re-establish the Jewish National Home there should now be forgotten and the Jews of Palestine subjected ultimately to Arab domination seems a strange recompense.



Mr. Hill suggests that guarantees might be given to the Jews by the United Nations that their minority status would be respected and they would not have to fear persecution. It is perhaps worth recalling that a major Arab country, Iraq, was accorded its independence in 1932 after solemn assurances had been given to the League of Nations in regard to the protection of its minorities. Within a year was written the disgraceful chapter of the slaughter, with the active support of the Iraqi government and army, of 70,000 law-abiding Assyrians living in that country; while in 1941 the Jews of Baghdad were the victims of a Nazi inspired outbreak of murder and rape. One may be forgiven for viewing with some skepticism proposals for a sovereign Arab State which would leave the Jews a helpless minority.

The promise of the Jewish National Home was not born of Hitlerism. It pre-dated Hitler and its justification will survive him. Indeed the orgy of hatred, of destruction and massacre indulged in by the Nazis will leave behind a grimly aggravated situation. The problem of what is to be done with the hundreds of thousands of the uprooted, homeless and destitute Jews of Europe is one which will face the statesmen of the world at the end of the war in all its stark misery. It will be primarily a problem of emigration, despite the hope expressed by your correspondent that the destruction of Nazism will mean an end to the Jewish problem in Europe. Neither the United States nor the South American countries, nor indeed any other country of significance from this point of view is ready and willing to receive a great influx of refugees. As the late Lord Tweedsmuir once put it, "if the Jewish National Home had not existed, it would have had to be invented".

Your correspondent talks of the disappointment of the Arabs at not having been granted their independence. It is perhaps not generally realized here to what extent the Arabs, as a result primarily of the sacrifices and losses of the Allies in the last war, rather than of their own exertions, have in fact achieved or are about to achieve the full measure of their aims in this respect. Leaving aside Egypt, the Arab countries of the Middle East - Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Transjordan and Syria - cover an area of approximately a million square miles. Every one of these either has or is about to acquire complete independence. Palestine, which is not and never has been a purely Arab country, covers an area of only 10,000 square miles, one per cent of the whole. There are not many countries, or many Empires, which can boast of having achieved fulfillment of 99 per cent of their territorial demands!

No, the solution does not lie in conceding to Arab desires this little notch of land and in perpetuating also in Palestine the position of the Jews as a minority group. Emir Feisal, the first King of Iraq, and one of the few statesmen produced by the Arab world since the last war, had the vision to see that in the return of the Jews to Palestine and their cooperation with the Arabs lay a great challenge and a great opportunity. Writing in Versailles in 1919 shortly after his famous but abortive agreement with Dr. Weizmann, he said:

"We are working together for a reformed and revived Near East, and our two movements complete one another. The Jewish movement is national and not imperialist. Our movement is national and not imperialist, and there is room in Syria for us both. Indeed



I think that neither can be a real success without the other."

We believe that the prospect which fired the imagination of these two leaders was not an idle dream. The Jews are coming to Palestine and will continue to come there because for them there is no other way. Palestine alone is the answer to their age-old problem; but in coming they bring gifts of organization, technical skill and scientific knowledge whose effects are already being felt far beyond the borders of Palestine and which, whether today the Arabs admit it or not, are and will be a source of hope for the future of the whole of that part of the world. Once the Arabs will understand and accept the call that is made upon them to help in the solution of a problem which humanity is deeply interested to solve, a basis will be laid for close Arab-Jewish cooperation not only in Palestine but throughout the Near East, with results which may yet be of no small significance for the future of civilization.

Sincerely yours,



Abba Hillel Silver  
Chairman, Executive Committee



November 9, 1943

Rabbi Wolf Gold  
Mizrachi Organization of America  
1133 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Gold:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of November 5. I shall be in New York next Monday and Tuesday, and if you will telephone me at the Commodore Hotel, we will arrange for a time when we can meet.

I was of course disturbed about the letter of Mrs. Roosevelt. It is a symptom of the thinking in the higher circles in Washington and indicative also of how remiss we have been in educating these people about the true situation. We shall take the matter up at the meeting of the Emergency next Monday.

Mr. Gedalia Bublick has also written to me about this letter. Please tell him that the letter will receive attention at the Emergency Meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,



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NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE

45 East 17 Street, New York 3, N.Y.

November 9, 1943

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Chairman of Executive Committee  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I have your communication of November 1st. I agree with you that the matter of the White Paper in its fullest cruelty, must be presented to the American people in order to mobilize public opinion for its withdrawal. The coming convention of the National Labor Committee for Palestine will deal with this situation. An appropriate resolution will be adopted, and the affiliated bodies will be asked to cooperate.

In connection with this, I am herewith extending to you, Dr. Silver, our most cordial invitation to address the opening session of the convention on Saturday evening, November 27th, at Manhattan Center, 34th Street at 8th Avenue. You will have a very appreciative audience. This convention will mark twenty years of National Labor Committee activities.

If, however, you are for some reason unable to attend, may we ask you to send us your written message. We do hope you will be with us.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) JOSEPH SCHLOSSBERG  
National Chairman

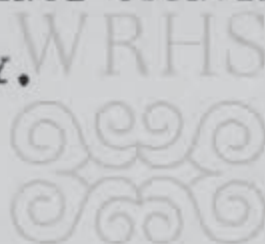
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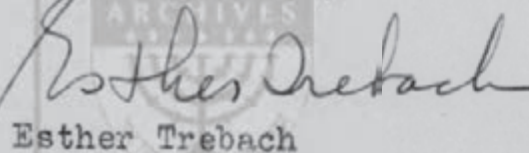
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Dear Miss Kline:

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Sincerely yours,

  
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December 24, 1943

Please reply to:  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Wertheim:

I am wondering whether you have proceeded with the organization of the Labor Committee of the Emergency Council. I should very much like to have Mr. Zaritsky attend the next meeting of the Emergency Council which will be on January 3rd, and present the names of the Committee. Mr. Millman said that he would help in getting up the membership of the Committee although he himself, for reasons which I have explained to you, would prefer not to be officially connected with the Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Mr. David Wertheim  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman Exec. Comm.  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Several days ago I, as well as many other members of our administration, have received an excerpt from an address delivered by Mr. Emanuel Neuman before the National Convention of Junior Hadassah at Cleveland, according to which he stated:--

"The state or nation which is thus to arise in Palestine need not necessarily be known officially as the Jewish Commonwealth, and it is possible or probable that it won't. It may be known as the Republic of Judaea or Jordania, or what name you please. A name is important, but not decisive. It will be a free and democratic and preponderantly Jewish state composed of Jews, Moslems, Christians and, if there are any, Budhists as well - compatriots all! All shall be eligible to public office, even to the highest. Personally, I would look forward to a time - some time in the future - when the Jewish Commonwealth, or the Republic of Judaea, may on occasion have a Jewish president and an Arab prime minister, or even an Arab president and Jewish prime minister serving the State with equal loyalty and devotion."

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mizrachi Organization of America, at which the above was discussed, great resentment was registered against the expression of such sentiments, which in the opinion of Mizrachi stand in complete contrast to the historical and basic principles of Zionism, as they are in utter violation and disregard of the fundamental principles of historic and Torah-true Judaism. Coming from a very responsible and loyal Zionist like Mr. Neuman, such a statement is most shocking, to say the least.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

December 24, 1943

In view of the above, it is the desire of the Mizrahi Executive Board to impress the Zionist Emergency Council with the need of imposing a certain discipline, at least upon those who are officially connected with its activities, and forbid all such articulations which represent political views that have not been previously discussed by the Emergency Council.

At a time when we are attempting to place the matter of a Jewish Commonwealth on the agenda of the United Nations, we surely must be careful about discussing such issues as may frustrate the very fundamentals that a majority of Jews, as we are convinced is the fact, wish to see realized and implemented in the Jewish Commonwealth that is to be.

Sincerely yours,

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