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Republican party plank on Palestine, 1944.



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At 80 Centre Street
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May 5, 1944

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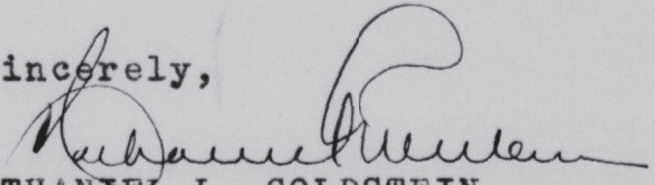
Dear Doctor Silver:

I enjoyed my luncheon with you the other day and our exchange of views.

I know Governor Dewey will enjoy meeting you. The Governor spends the early part of the week in Albany and is usually in New York on Fridays. If you will let me know a week in advance when you are coming in to New York, I should like to arrange an appointment.

My kind personal regards.

Sincerely,


NATHANIEL L. GOLDSTEIN

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

May 5, 1944

Nathaniel L. Goldstein, Attorney General
State of New York
The Capitol
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Goldstein:

It was a great pleasure to have luncheon and the quiet hour with you the other day. We have acted upon your suggestion and are in the process of drafting an attractive booklet on Palestine. We will submit it to you before we send it to the printer.

I shall be very happy to hear from you as to Mr. Dewey's reaction to the proposal of the Palestine plank in the Republican Platform which Senator Taft has undertaken to draft. The Senator would like to feel that Mr. Dewey approves of the idea.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Nathaniel L. Glesner
90 Centre St. W. 7 C

Suggest that you do not circulate
draft plans which I sent you before
we hear from Taft as to final
wording and obtain his advice as to
whether it should be circulated before
meeting in Chicago - Warmup
Peckers -
Abba Hillel Silver



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At 80 Centre Street
New York 13, N Y

June 15, 1944

Dear Dr. Silver:

I should greatly appreciate it if you would send me copy of the proposed plank with reference to Palestine, which we discussed when you were in New York.

I assume that you are giving the original to Senator Taft to present. I should like to give a copy to each of the members of the Platform Committee, who are leaving for Chicago next Tuesday.

May I suggest that you send it to me at my New York office, 80 Centre Street, via air mail.

My kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

June 15, 1944

Mr. Nathaniel L. Goldstein, Attorney General
State of New York
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Goldstein:

Mr. Manson told me that you would like to have a copy of the plank which we sent on as our suggestion to Senator Taft. I am enclosing it herewith. I also indicated to the Senator that he might wish to add an introductory sentence: "The Republican Party has been traditionally in sympathy with the aspirations of the Jewish people to rebuild its National Home in Palestine, and it was Republican leaders who introduced the Congressional resolution favoring the establishment of such a National Home which was unanimously adopted by the Congress of the United States on June 30, 1922."

I understand that the Committee on Resolutions is to meet in Chicago on the 21 and 22. Is that correct? Is there anything else that we should do between now and then to insure the inclusion of this plank?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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CHICAGO, ILL.

AT SUGGESTION OF SENATOR TAFT SHOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR
FOR A FEW MINUTES BEFORE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH A
RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE COPY OF WHICH THE SENATOR HAS. ~~IF THIS IS POSSIBLE~~
SHOULD BE GRATEFUL ~~FOR IT~~ IF ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR MY
APPEARANCE SOMETIME THURSDAY AS I MUST ATTEND A RABBINICAL CONFERENCE IN
CINCINNATI OVER WEEKEND. SHALL BE STAYING AT SHORELAND HOTEL FROM TOMORROW
WEDNESDAY NOON. KINDEST REGARDS.

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

MORRIS MARGULIES
HOTEL GREYSTONE
NEW YORK CTY

July 18, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Due to the fact that for the last month I was constantly traveling, I had no opportunity to write and tell you how deeply I appreciate the historic service you rendered our cause in connection with the adoption of the Palestine plank by the Republican National Convention.

Although I am a great admirer of President Roosevelt and intend to vote for his reelection, as a Zionist, I cannot fail to realize the significance of the adoption by one of the major political parties of a plank in its platform which commits it to the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. I believe it is the first time in the history of our country that this has happened.

Every Zionist should be grateful to you for the work you did in securing the adoption of this plank and should thank God that this crucial and important moment found you in the Zionist leadership.

Sincerely yours,

Morris Margulies
Morris Margulies

July 20, 1944

Mr. Morris Margulies
Hotel Greystone
New York, N. Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me in connection with the inclusion of the Palestine plank in the Republican platform. I was happy to receive so many expressions of satisfaction from so many sections of American Jewry. I am happy that the plank was included and that the Republican party is now officially committed to our cause. I believe also that it will pave the way for a good plank on Palestine in the Democratic platform and for favorable action on the resolutions now pending in Congress.

I hope that you are well, and I look forward to the pleasure of seeing you some day soon in New York. With all good wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DR