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American Zionist Policy Committee, general, 1945.

October 6, 1944

Dear Friend:

Zionist political action remains the most urgent task confronting American Zionism today. We believe this is axiomatic and requires no proof. We also believe that the forthcoming Convention of the Zionist Organization of America should devote its best thought and effort to deal seriously with our political problems and their solution. Furthermore, we feel that the transcending importance of these matters must be reflected in the program of the Convention; that political reports and a political debate must take precedence over other matters and be the central theme of the Convention.

From the published skeleton program it would appear that the week-end of the Convention will again be crowded with numerous luncheons, dinners and other functions and the political discussion is relegated virtually to the end of the Convention, although the principal business of a convention should be to establish policies.

A group of delegates representing various sections of New York City and Long Island have met and discussed these matters and have come to the unanimous conclusion that a thorough revision of the Convention program is necessary in order that opportunity be provided early in the proceedings for full and comprehensive political reports by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, to be followed by a political debate, possibly in executive session. This must take place at a time when there will be a full attendance of the delegates and before they have begun to disperse.

Accordingly a Committee was appointed to make representations on this subject to the national officers of the ZOA and to confer with delegates in other parts of the country who may share the same opinion regarding the urgency of the political problems at this time. If you are a delegate or alternate to the forthcoming Convention, may we request you to communicate with us at once, expressing your opinion and, if possible, the opinions of other Zionists and delegates in your community. The time is exceedingly short and prompt action is necessary.

With Zionist greetings,

METROPOLITAN ZIONIST COMMITTEE
Room 1030 - Fisk Building
250 West 57 Street
New York, N. Y.

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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION OF INTERNAL CONTROVERSY AT MEETING OF ZIONIST
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1945

The discussion followed the reading of a telegram signed by a number of Zionists, and report of resolutions adopted by a number of districts and regions, requesting the recalling of Silver to the active leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Dr. Goldstein stated that as a democratic organization the ZOA is obliged to give due consideration to requests emanating from members of its constituency even though they comprise a minority.

In the course of the discussion, the chairman and a number of members of the Executive Committee sharply scored the activities of an organization of Dr. Silver's protagonists recently formed under the name of the American Zionist Policy Committee on the ground that it was issuing statements on Zionist political matters outside the framework of the Emergency Council which is the only authorized body to deal with such matters and is so recognized by the World Zionist Executive. It was further charged that the activities of that Committee were harmful to the Zionist cause and tended to arouse confusion among Zionists. It was feared that it might develop into a separatist movement.

The chairman reported on an exchange of letters between Louis Lipsky, Dr. Wise and Dr. Silver. In his reply to Mr. Lipsky's communication Dr. Silver is reported to have stated that he considers the controversy no longer as being focused on the ZOA and that the center of the controversy is the American Zionist Emergency Council. Other members of the Executive construed Silver's answer to Wise, in the light of conversations with Silver which were reported to the Emergency Council as implying that Dr. Wise be given an honorary position and that Dr. Silver be given control of the Council.

Dr. Goldstein revealed that when Mr. Lipsky wrote him proposing the naming of a committee to meet with Dr. Silver for the purpose of bringing about a reconciliation, he Dr. Goldstein accepted the proposal promptly, but that no such acceptance was forthcoming from Dr. Silver.

Mr. Lipsky confirmed this information.

Dr. Goldstein and Dr. Heller as well as other members of the Executive indicated that the ZOA administrative is eager to resolve the controversy in the ranks but that under no circumstances will they agree to others being forced out.

By an overwhelming vote the National Executive approved a motion by Dr. Heller for the appointment of a committee to explore the possibilities of resolving the internal controversy. However, it was the general consensus that the committee in its endeavors to bring about a reconciliation between the Silver and Wise factions, should reject any proposal which may be construed as a lack of confidence in Dr. Wise's leadership or which would imply his ceasing active leadership in the Emergency Council.

Among those who spoke in favor of the motion were Dr. Goldstein, Dr. Heller, Louis Lipsky, Ezra Shapiro, Daniel Frisch, Jacob Fishman, Albert Schenzer, Meyer Weisgal and others.

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Pursuant to the motion adopted by the National Executive Committee Dr. Goldstein has appointed the following as members of that committee: Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Philadelphia, chairman; Daniel Frisch, Indianapolis; Louis Lipsky, New York; Ezra Shapiro, Cleveland and Dewey D. Stone, Brockton, Mass.

Telephone Long Beach 938W

Robert J. Glass
The Fleetwood
39 East Broadway
Long Beach, L. I.

April 4, 1945

Dr. Emanuel Neuman
521 5th Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Neuman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter which
is my answer to the American Zionist Emergency
Council's letter to me, *Mar 26th*.

With Zion greetings, I am,

Cordially yours,

Robert J. Glass

April 4, 1945

American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Attention: Mr. Arthur Lourie

Dear Mr. Lourie:

I herewith acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 26th.

Your letter gives me the opportunity of expressing myself as a Zionist of over 30 years of activity in our cause.

The incident of impeaching Dr. Silver, thereby forcing his resignation, climaxes anything that has ever happened in 30 years of American Zionism.

The Z.O.A. and its affiliates, after all these years, should today be the only spokesman for American Jewry and for Palestine. What is our position? We in the past have never shown any positive strength, giving our opponents "The American Jewish Committee" and "The Council For American Judaism" opportunities to make inroads damaging our cause by pseudo appeals to both the American and British governments as to what Palestine means to the Jews. Both governments are now confused. Who is the spokesman for Jewish Palestine?

When at long last a Dr. Silver was called upon to give us the benefit of his ability, there was a rejoicing throughout Jewry. Zionists felt that if something positive was ever going to be accomplished, this Dr. Silver could do it. Zionists watched and followed his labors and when he reported to the last Zionist Convention of his accomplishments, Zionists knew here was a man who was a match to all our opponents. His work - his personality - his policy - his method of obtaining results thrilled me, and I am sure thrilled many thousands of Zionists. While his glorious report was still ringing in the ears of hopeful Zionists, the ground went out from under our feet - Dr. Silver resigned! Why? What? Zionists were dazed. Anti-Zionists ridiculed us! A Christian world was confused with the people called "Jews!" The Arab world made more and more bold statements! The American and British governments became more indifferent to our demands than before!

The cry came out of the Emergency Council and the Z.O.A. - "a breach of discipline!" An anguished cry rose in American Zion-

ism, "discipline! - unity!" I would like to know what this discipline means. I would like to know what Democracy is, as practiced in our movement. At all the conventions I have attended, all I ever heard in the corridors was, "for the sake of unity, we must show the outside world we are a disciplined group." A slate is presented and resolutions made in advance. All voting is done for the slate as presented, and God help anyone who would dare arise on the convention floor to cause a discussion, or nominate anyone from the floor. THEY COULD NOT GET THE FLOOR! The rank and file have no voice in the selection of the executive of the Z.O.Z., or a voice in the selection of the Emergency Council members. No, the rank and file must follow blindly the democratic discipline of our organization as it is now constituted.

The rank and file has at last arisen, demanding their right to exercise their democratic prerogatives, wanting a voice in forming the policy that should be pursued and demanding to know who should be selected to carry out that policy.

What caused the impeachment of Dr. Silver? I do not know. The hasty trial - the speedy execution of a sentence - does not seem democratic.

All this makes me wonder. Are our leaders the great men we think they are? Are they great enough in stature to bow gracefully to the will of the rank and file Zionist demands?

I will extend all my efforts and induce as many fellow Zionists to help reinstate Dr. Silver into the leadership of our political activities, so that he can complete the work he so gloriously started.

Yours Sincerely,

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April 13, 1945

Mr. Sol Cohen
8807 - 104th St.
Richmond Hill, Long Island

Dear Mr. Cohen,-

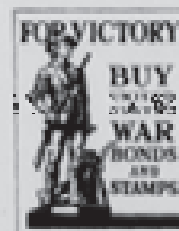
In reply to the telegram of March 11 to which your name was included among the signatories, addressed to the American Zionist Emergency Council and the ZOA, may I refer you to the enclosed summary of the discussions at the last meeting of the national ZOA Executive. May I also refer you to the communication sent you by the Emergency Council inasmuch as it reflects the views of the ZOA Administration as well.

The Committee, which was appointed to explore the possibilities of resolving the international controversy, pursuant to the decision of the national Executive Committee, will use its utmost efforts to narrow the area of conflict and to bring about harmony and understanding.

Sincerely yours,

Israel Goldstein

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SOLOMON COHEN
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WRHS
Mr. Harry E. Shapiro,
c/o American Zionist Policy Committee,
55 West 42nd Street,
New York, N. Y.

Room 704

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April 17, 1945

Mr. Robert J. Glass
39 East Broadway
Long Beach, L. I.

Dear Mr. Glass:

Thank you for your courtesy
in sending me a copy of the excellent letter
which you addressed to Mr. Arthur Lourie of
the American Zionist Emergency Council under
date of April 4th.

We wish there were many more
persons like you.

Sincerely yours,

Emanuel Neumann

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April 19, 1945

Mr. Robert J. Glass
39 East Broadway
Long Beach, L.I., NY

Dear Mr. Glass:

Emanuel Neumann has given me the privilege of seeing a copy of the letter which you sent to the American Zionist Emergency Council.

It is a moving, effective and logical statement. I showed it to the members of our staff and they were most impressed with it. Keep up the good work.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director

HLS:ab

(Handwritten initials)

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

April 18, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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Worcester.

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deeply indebted to you for what you did to mobilize
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With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Henry Montor
Executive Director

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HARRY A. LEVY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

April 19, 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Harry Shapiro
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 18. What you write is very interesting. I should like to know more about the letter of Wise which Frisch showed to Isreeli. What did Frisch mean when he said that Dr. Wise was "amenable to making peace?" What basis did Frisch suggest to Wise to have elicited from Wise a letter that "he is amenable to peace?"

I will be in a better position to advise you as to whether you should see Frisch after I will have received a report of what action was taken by the so called peace committee of the ZOA of which Frisch is a member. I should be getting the information in a day or two.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

AHS:EK

P.S. Are you following through with the work among the Hadassah? I understand that they put through a resolution at the Detroit Regional meeting endorsing the present administration. The Cleveland Hadassah group, however, voted "no." Unless we shake the confidence of the Hadassah representatives on the Emergency Council we will have difficulty in putting through the kind of re-organization which we have in mind. Work among Hadassah is immediately imperative.



WRHS



Mr. Harry Shapiro
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

VIA AIR MAIL

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PAUL A. LEVIEN
6932 - 36TH AVENUE S. W.
SEATTLE 6, WASHINGTON

April 22, 1945.

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
22 West 42nd Street
New York 18, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

I have your letter of April 19th.

Dr. Goldstein indeed discussed the controversy at length during his stay in Seattle and, in fact, brought the issue up himself. I must admit that I cannot blame him too much for it because it is only natural that the districts are interested in an oral interpretation, and it is obvious that the matter cannot be silenced.

I have to tell you that mostly people in the more distant districts are not interested in any details of the personal controversy, but rather and exclusively in the reestablishment of a united leadership.

In fact, Dr. Goldstein has been urged during his stay here by various means to help bring about the collaboration of Dr. Silver. He not only attacked heavily your Committee as an 'obvious danger for a separatistic movement' and particularly your torpedoing the newly elected committee which was only to "explore the possibilities of unity" and could then proceed to form another committee whose aim would be to bring about that unity. But he rejected every request to recall Dr. Silver with the reply that Dr. Silver had been invited to the meetings of the Emergency Council and would never appear.

If you please let me have the names of your affiliates in Portland, Ore. I will be glad to help you, but without them I am unable to obtain the information requested.

Yours sincerely,

Paul A. Levien



Mr. HAYES, Chairman
American Zionist Committee
27 West 57th Street
New York 19, N.Y.

VIA AIR MAIL

APR 26 1945

CONGREGATION AGUDATH ACHIM
BOULELLE STREET

RABBI ISRAEL J. GERBER
THIRTY-THREE CONGRESS STREET
FITCHBURG, MASS.

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April 24, 1945

American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Would you please inform me
as to who the individual was who
called Mr. Silver a "fascist" from a
Zionist platform and when it was said.

I would greatly appreciate your
sending me 50 copies of Marvin Low-
enthal's "Backstairs to Nowhere."

Thanking you, I am

Cordially yours,
Rabbi Israel J. Gerber

Taken and
typed by
Mrs. Gerber



WRHS
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York 18, N.Y.

April 26, 1945

Mr. Paul A. Levien
6932 36th Avenue S.W.
Seattle 6, Washington

Dear Mr. Levien:

Many thanks for your letter of April 22nd in which you inform me of Dr. Goldstein's activities in Seattle re the current controversy. Dr. Goldstein's point that the alleged "peace" committee was only supposed to "explore the possibilities of unity" is a weak defense of his action in appointing a committee which does not want peace. We knew this and that is the reason we attacked the committee. We regarded this appointment as a maneuver in psychological warfare and we countered by repudiating the committee.

Justification of our point of view finds itself in the fact that four weeks have passed now since the Executive of the ZOA took action and as yet, the committee has not contacted any member of the Policy Committee nor Dr. Silver. I hardly see how any "exploratory" committee can make any progress unless it is in touch with those whose opinions it is designated to explore. It is likely that we may appoint our own committee which will make it its business to really explore all of the possibilities for unity. Proof that Dr. Goldstein has not acted in good faith lies in the fact that that even though he has said that he sincerely wants peace, yet he assumed the initiative of discussing the controversy and attacking Dr. Silver and our group after the Executive ^{began} ~~initiated~~ the peace move.

It will not be necessary for you to contact our people in Portland, but for your own information, you should know that Mr. Samuel Weinstein is a member of our group.

Many thanks for your information and I remain, with kindest personal regards

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director

HLS:ab

(AKB)

April 26, 1945

Rabbi Israel J. Gerber
33 Congress Street
Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Dear Rabbi Gerber:

Thank you for your letter of April 24th in which you query me as to who called Dr. Silver a "Fascist". At a meeting of the Detroit Zionist District, where he debated with Rabbi Leon Feuer of Toledo on the current controversy, Judge Louis Levinthal of Philadelphia described Dr. Silver in such a fashion.

He tried to develop this point by alleging that Dr. Silver had advocated a transference of the Palestine Mandate to Mussolini. The audience was shocked by the statement and their reaction and their resentment can be measured by the fact that at a subsequent meeting, the Executive of the District passed a resolution calling for the restoration of Dr. Silver to political leadership within the Emergency Council.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director

HLS:ab

P.S. Under separate cover, we are sending you the fifty copies of Marvin Lowenthal's pamphlet, "Backstairs to Nowhere" that you requested.

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April 27, 1945

Mr. Samuel J. Keiser
200 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
Baltimore 2, Maryland

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Keiser:

Following is a report of the decisions taken at today's meeting of the American Zionist Policy Committee's sub-committee on peace, of which you are a member. Present at the meeting were Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Emanuel Neumann, and the following committee members: Samuel Goldstock of Pittsburgh, Marcus Abramson of the Bronx, Samuel J. Perry of Long Island, Joseph Lerner of Newark, and Jacques Forcgyner of New York City. (Absent were: Judge Emanuel Greenberg of Brooklyn, Rabbi Leon Frank of Detroit, Abraham Goldstein of Hartford, and Samuel J. Keiser of Baltimore.)

It was generally agreed that the misgivings which had been voiced concerning the genuineness of the ZOA Administration's "peace move" have been justified. It was also agreed that the Administration's action in naming a committee to explore the possibilities of bringing about peace was nothing more than a maneuver designed to placate the indignant Zionist masses and to delay the affirmative action for which American Zionists have been clamoring.

After much discussion, it was decided that the above committee as now constituted would speak for the Policy Committee when the proper time comes. It was agreed, however, that no formal announcement of the appointment of this committee shall be made unless and until the ZOA's committee brings forward its proposals. Indications are strong that the ZOA's committee, when at long last it does come forward with concrete suggestions, will convey them to Dr. Silver. When that time arrives, Dr. Silver will inform the ZOA group that he does not speak for himself alone, but represents a movement and that all proposals must be submitted to the American Zionist Policy Committee. It is then that formal announcement of the makeup of our committee of nine will be made, and the ZOA Administration will be notified that it must carry on its negotiations with representatives of the Zionist rank and file. This point was incorporated in a formal resolution which was adopted unanimously, and which stated that Dr. Silver is to refer any proposals made to him by the ZOA committee to our own committee of nine.

The meeting was unanimous in its conviction that for the present the all-important task before us is to "smoke out" the ZOA's committee which has, after almost a month of "exploration", failed to report on its activity. This procrastination should be pointed up immediately in the Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish

April 27, 1945

Press and by Zionist Districts and Regions throughout the country. Zionists should be moved to ask the ZOA Administration, by wire, letter and resolution, why nothing further has been heard concerning the activity of its "peace committee". There is little doubt but that the committee will react to sharp and widespread criticism by coming forward with its proposals. Our group felt that in all likelihood these proposals will prove unacceptable from our point of view, because of the makeup of the ZOA's committee; also it was felt that the proposals would be such as to make rejection by Dr. Silver inevitable. The program of action decided upon today would make it impossible for the ZOA Administration to charge Dr. Silver with prolonging the controversy by rejecting their committee's proposals (and there can be no doubt that this is the strategy behind the ZOA's recent moves); the ZOA's proposals will be considered by a committee of nine prominent Zionists who can speak for thousands of ZOA members throughout the country. That will effectively balk any attempt to use the ZOA "peace committee" to put Dr. Silver "on the spot".

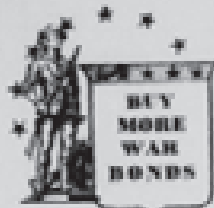
As for a truly sound basis for the restoration of unity in American Zionist ranks, I have no doubt that you are well aware of the conditions under which it would be possible for Dr. Silver to assume leadership. These conditions can be briefly stated as follows: restoration of Dr. Silver to the active political leadership of American Zionism; the establishment of such conditions within the American Zionist Emergency Council as would enable Dr. Silver to carry forward his program without obstruction; the assurance that the administration of the Zionist Organization of America will cooperate with Dr. Silver in Zionist political work.

I will keep you advised of all further developments on this matter and look forward to seeing you when it becomes necessary to convene the committee.

Sincerely yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director

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Jewish Spokesmen at 'Frisco Prepared to Present Claims

Proskauer, Monsky, Other Leaders Are at Scene of Security Conference

By Special Jewish News Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO.—Spokesmen for national Jewish movements arrived here this week to be on call whenever they may be expected to present the Jewish claims before the representatives of the United Nations at the Security Conference which opened on Wednesday.

Judge Joseph Proskauer, head of the delegation selected by the American Jewish Committee, and Henry Monsky, who heads the American Jewish Conference delegation, were among the first to arrive here.

The Jewish delegation was to be augmented this week by representation from the Jewish Labor Committee. An invitation was addressed last week to the Jewish Labor Committee by Assistant Secretary of State Archibald MacLeish who invited its representatives to be present in San Francisco and to be prepared to offer suggestions to the U. S. delegation.

Two prominent Jewish women have been added to the list of consultants. Miss Jane Evans, former director of the Temple Sisterhoods, now director of the National Peace Conference, has been named a consultant to the U. S. delegation at San Francisco by Secretary of State Stettinius.

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Satisfying: Hot lunches are served children in the Alliance Israélite Universelle Schools in North Africa and the Middle East. The schools receive part of their funds from the JDC and as a result have brought health and happiness to the children. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, whose national campaign was recently launched for a goal of \$40,575,000 for the current year, is placing emphasis on the children's aid program, and its committees throughout the world are exploring all available possibilities to provide homes for as many children as possible, in Palestine and wherever homes can be found for them.



Home of the Free: Starving scenes at Penn Station, New York, as 201 refugees arrive from Montreal, where 125 of them are serviced by port and dock workers of the National Council of Jewish Women, of which Mrs. Joseph M. Wolf of Detroit is president. This is the largest group of refugees to arrive for permanent settlement within the past year. They have been in England since the war started in 1939 and many now talk with an Oxford accent. Approximately 50 have left New York for other parts of the country, many joining relatives and friends.



Exclusive: This heretofore unpublished picture shows PRESIDENT TRUMAN, fourth from left, then Senator from Missouri, on the platform of Shalom Temple, St. Louis, at the 1943 Brits Centennial celebration in 1943. Left to right: BERT STAMPER, JUDGE ROBERT ARONSON, MAYOR KAUFMANN, President Truman, and LEWIS R. SUTKIS.



Victim: This is the Jew in Europe today—caught in a Nazi web of imprisonment, torture and fear. Allied armies now are rescuing them, raving first hand about Nazi brutality. Funds to re-establish them are being sought throughout the United States by the Joint Distribution Committee, and campaigns are now in progress in scores of communities.

Purely Commentary

By PHILIP SLOMOVITZ

CIRCULATION OF WEEKLIES

Public hearings conducted in Washington by the House Committee on Post Office and Post Roads, on Murray Bill H.R. 2543, which would require annual sworn circulation statements from weekly newspapers, stressed the need for better circulation practices among weekly papers.

A favorable report on this measure was recommended by courageous weekly newspaper publishers and advertising agencies. Charles Lindsey, speaking for the American Association of Advertising Agencies, stated in his testimony before the House committee that he saw no reason why all newspapers should not be required to make sworn circulation statements on the same basis as the daily newspapers. His view is that lack of circulation data is harmful to these newspapers, and he referred to his association's experiences as indicating that many weeklies exaggerate their circulation claims on rate cards by 50 per cent.

Mr. Lindsey understated the case. We know some weeklies that have exaggerated their circulation figures 15- and 20-fold. They have made a racket of a great profession—and one of the ways to put an end to unethical practices is contained in the Murray Bill H.R. 2543.

We are strongly in favor of compelling newspapers to make annual sworn circulation statements because we are in favor of honest journalism, of honest circulation figures and of honest advertising appeals based on circulation standards.

In our deep concern that the standards of the English-Jewish newspapers should be advanced, we hope that the day will come when circulation will be a genuine basis for the existence of recognized Jewish publications. The pending Federal measure may help establish the standards we aspire to.

EASY TO TAKE

A cab driver in Washington offered to point out some of the important sites we were passing while on the way to our destination. "I was a guide once," he explained.

As we reached the imposing building of the Washington Jewish Community Center, our "guide" said:

"About this building there is an interesting story: the cornerstone for this JEWISH CENTER was laid by Calvin Coolidge who was a SCOTCH EPISCOPALIAN, and the date he selected for the ceremony was ST. PATRICK'S DAY. Interesting, isn't it?"

Is it interesting—and it was a story easy to take in a community where some of the happenings are hard to swallow.

Incidentally, the next cab driver, dropping us off at ZOA headquarters on 16th St. N. W., remarked that he was following up the Jewish situation, was affected by current happenings and enraged by some betrayals. Damn interesting, these D. C. cab drivers!

"WAIL YE CYPRESS TREES . . ."

Dr. Noah E. Aronson's powerful poetic tribute to President Roosevelt, which we featured on the first page of The Jewish News last week, has attracted wide attention. A number of readers have inquired as to the source of the poem—

"Wail ye cypress trees, a mighty cedar has fallen."

It is a passage from the Prophet Zechariah.

This poem has added to the glorious work of Dr. Aronson many of whose poems are based on Biblical passages. Our able contributor is a brilliant student of the Bible, and we admire him all the more because he knows the Bible so well.

"SHE" IS OUR BELOVED

Leonard Lyons, in a recent column, told this story:

Michael Collins, the militant I. R. A. leader, pleased Lloyd George, who sent for him in 1919 to try and solve their differences over Ireland. "Collins came, with gun smoking in pocket," Lloyd George later reported. "Throughout the conference, Collins always said 'SHE' for Ireland, and 'SHE' again! He was referring to Ireland, when he said 'SHE'! That meant that there was something imperishable and a deep-rooted love. And we knew then that he'd never give way."

It is an interesting story easily applicable to Palestine.

Can it be that the politicians in London do not understand that Ereth Israel is our beloved? How can they fail to realize that the love for Zion can and will curbing the hatred for Israel?

It would be so much better for the British if they understood this. It would also be so much the better for the Jews—and for the Arabs—and for the peace of the world.

Quotation of the Week

The infinite half-closed universe of Judaism was shattered in the 19th century by the influx of new ideas, and the outbreak to new activities, which accompanied political emancipation. The Jew was plunged suddenly not only into a strange and brilliant life, but into an intellectual secular atmosphere of which he had hitherto had little conception. It was fortunate, too, that the admission of European Jews to civil and political activity in the modern Nation-State, which took the place of the Church-State, was made conditional by the emancipator, Napoleon Bonaparte, on their renouncing the belief, that they were a separate nation, Israelites by religion, Frenchmen by nationality, was the principle of liberalism. It was put by a Jewish leader of the emancipation: "Jews at home; none outside." At that time the distinction was not grasped between the political nation forming a state and the national ethnic grouping dependent on a common heritage and common ideals, which makes a nationality. A brilliant French student of the Jewish people, Judaism and Christianity, Ernest Renan, was to make clear that distinction later, when he described a nation as "a soul, a spiritual family resulting from memories, sacrifices and glories of the past, and from the desire in the present to continue to live together. That which constitutes a nation is not to speak the same language or to belong to the same group. It is to have done great things together in the past, and wish to do them again in the future." The Jewish people in that sense is the oldest, and in some ways the most marked nationality in the world; hitherto they had been regularly regarded by the Gentiles as a nation, sometimes referred to as the Palestinian, sometimes as the Hebrew nation. Judaism, though universal in its ideals, is part of a national heritage. The Prophets of the Bible, who uttered the universal ideal of righteousness on earth, proclaimed also the belief in the national unity and the restoration of the Jews in Palestine. The denial of Jewish nationality by Jews who aspired to enjoy full opportunity in the civil society led to spiritual servitude.

—DR. NORMAN BENTWICH, Former Attorney General of Palestine, in his latest book, "Juda Lives Again!"

Heard in The Lobbies

By ARNOLD LEVIN

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PALESTINE'S CASE

It is unlikely that the Palestine question will come up in San Francisco in any, except indirect, fashion. If it does, Zionism may expect strong support from members of the Latin American delegations. Many of these are active, and even occupy key posts, in the Pro-Palestine Committees of the South and Central American countries. . . . The rise of pro-Zionist sentiment in Latin America is evident in the recruitment of the Brazilian Chief of Police who presided: the ban against Zionism which had been in effect for a number of years. . . . Give Mrs. Rachel Yarden, director of the Latin American Department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, now on a tour of Latin America in behalf of the Dr. Weizmann Scientific Institute, credit for winning public opinion in these countries and generating among the non-Jews there, a true awareness of Zionism.

Let us hope that Ambassador Steinhardt, presently in Washington between assignments, will transmit to higher-ups his own enthusiasm for Jewish Palestine's rescue work, its war effort and the prospects for its further industrial development.

Some people believe that Moshe Shertok's audience with the Pope is one of the major political occurrences in recent years insofar as the Palestine political scene is concerned.

RYING BURLIN

We rather liked this from The Lyons Den, Leonard Lyons' syndicated column: When Irving Berlin was in the Philippines, he learned the story of his "God Bless America," of the Filipino mayor who had to improvise new lyrics because he had told the skeptical Jap commandant that the song the natives were humming was really an old Filipino hymn. . . . The internos at Santo Tomas used to whisper "God Bless America." They learned it in whispers from one of the men who knew the song. Then, when Santo Tomas was liberated and the internos were released, they left singing "God Bless America" as they had learned it, in whispers.

TRADE UNION NOTE

A great deal of agitation in New York City's labor circles over the ultimatum reportedly issued by an East Side Jewish labor leader, now high-up in Governmental circles, that East Siders must be weeded out from labor's leadership. . . . He himself, naturally, has no intention of resigning.

REYA STARK

Remember Miss Freya Stark, author and arch apologist for British Colonial policy in Palestine, whose propaganda out in this country last year, was excused by "his column's losses"? She stayed at the house of the Wrights (Michael Wright, Counselor of the British Embassy). She has gone, but her spirit lives in the person of Mr. Wright who seems to have taken over her mantle of apologetics for British policy in the Near East, especially Palestine.

EDDIE'S LITTLE DAUGHTER

Eddie Cantor's little daughter, Marilyn, sings at Lison & Eddie's under the name of Marilyn Curtis. . . . She has found that her father's name may work to her dis-

Between You and Me

By BORIS SMOLAR

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SAN FRANCISCO TALKS

Many are asking why Rabbi Stephen S. Wise does not figure among the nine members of the American Jewish Conference designated as consultants to the U. S. delegation at the San Francisco Conference. . . . The answer is: Rabbi Wise may appear at San Francisco as representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. . . . The American Zionist Emergency Council, which opened an office at San Francisco in preparation for the United Nations Conference, decided at the last minute not to send anyone to San Francisco. . . . The office and its staff in San Francisco will be turned over to the delegation of the American Jewish Conference, upon the Conference's representation of the views of the Zionist Emergency Council. . . . The Jewish Agency, which expects to have its representatives obtain a hearing before the commission of the Conference which will deal with the question of mandates, has prepared a memorandum on Palestine for submission to the secretariate of the body. . . . Many reports worked on this document, excerpts of which were cabled to Dr. Weizmann in London. . . . It is possible that certain passages in this memorandum will be modified at Dr. Weizmann's advice. . . . If Dr. Weizmann meets this week with Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

MILITARY NOTES

Although Gen. Maurice Rose has been killed by the Germans, here are still a half dozen or so Jewish generals serving in the U. S. armed forces. . . . They are: Maj. Gen. Sam T. Lawton of Chicago, Ill.; Brig.-Gen. Julius Ochs Adler of New York; Brig.-Gen. Joseph Smith of Scranton, Pa.; Brig.-Gen. Edward Morris; Brig.-Gen. Ephraim F. Jaffe of New York, and Brig.-Gen. Edward Greenbaum of New York. . . . Among the admirals we have Vice-Admiral Ben Morell of St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Joshua Jacobs, son of Mrs. Edward Jacobs, the well-known Jewish leader and the woman member of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, has received the Legion of Merit for bravery as commander of a unit of ships operating under the enemy's fire.

MEN AND NEEDS

Saul Lokier, former secretary of the Bnai Bith Lodge in Mexico City, is being sent by the Lodge to the United States to study for the rabbinate at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. . . . His training is being under-written by the Bnai Bith as a contribution towards Jewish communal life in Mexico. . . . When he is graduated, he will be the first American-trained rabbi in Mexico. . . . The Joint Distribution Committee is preparing a "J.D.C. Primer" under the editorship of Dr. Nathan Rich, head of its research department, who is on a leave of absence from Hunter College where he was acting head of the Department of Economics.

advantage as a performer, because some people may feel that she should be satisfied with being Eddie's daughter and not compete for fame with others. . . . Marilyn feels, however, that the fact that she's Eddie's daughter is no reason why she should not be granted an even break. . . . She'll marry Nat Karson, Broadway and Hollywood producer, soon.

Strictly Confidential

By PHINEAS J. BIRON

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NOW IT CAN BE TOLD

Now that Franklin D. Roosevelt is no more we can tell you that he had definitely assured the Zionist leadership that he would see the Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine through, that Marshall Josef Stalin was in favor of a Jewish state in Palestine and that he was very sadly disappointed in Ben Zaid's anti-Zionist attitude. . . . President Truman is very much interested in the Palestine question and favorably disposed toward a Jewish state.

LISTEN HERE

In Boston a militant group of Protestant ministers is undertaking official steps to force action by the governor of Massachusetts to curb organized anti-Semitism in Waltham. . . . There is reliable evidence that the anti-Semitic handbills recently distributed in Philadelphia were promoted and circulated by two members of the police force of that City of Brotherly Love. . . . The pamphlets featured the Hitler slogan "The Jews are America's Misfortune."

CANADIAN NEWS

Montreal Jewry is perturbed by the attitude of the Westmount Protestant Board of Education concerning Jewish pupils in that district. . . . The Protestant board has publicly announced that after July 1, 1945, it will accept no more Jewish children as pupils in its schools. . . . If the Protestant board persists in this decision 3,000 Jewish youngsters in Westmount will be left without any opportunity for schooling. . . . The Canadian general elections, scheduled for June 11, will see the Jacques Cartier Division in Montreal contested between Jewish candidates for the Federal Parliament—Fred Rose of the Progressive Labor Party, and Sam Schwelnsberg, the Zionist leader, picked by the Liberal Party.

READER'S GUIDE

A book expected to create a stir in scholarly circles is Prof. Harry A. Wolfson's forthcoming volume, "Foundations of Religious Philosophy in Judaism, Christianity and Islam," to be issued by the Harvard University Press. . . . Dr. Joshua Bloch tells us it is an epochal work.

Reuben Fink's book "America and Palestine" is notable not only for its timely political significance but also for Bernard G. Richard's 84-page chapter, a really splendid historical survey of America's attitude towards Zionism.

Jewish Territorialists now have a magazine of their own in this country. It is called "Freeland", and is edited by I. N. Steinberg of Australia.

THIS AND THAT

Jacob Billikopf reminds us that on May 16, 1945, the New School for Social Research will celebrate its 26th birthday. . . . Felix Frankfurter was one of its founders.

Just to keep the record straight: Joe Rosenthal, the photographer who shot that historic two Jews flag-raising picture, was converted to Catholicism a few years ago.

Reichpropagandaminister Goebbels' castle at Marbach-Gladbach, Germany, was the scene of a Seder this year. . . . Participants in the ceremony were GIs.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau will resign immediately after the Seventh War Loan Drive.

Congratulations to Prof. Isador S. Ravidin, 48-year-old member of the University of Pennsylvania faculty, who has just been promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General in the U. S. Army in Bell. . . . Dr. Ravidin is one of America's outstanding surgeons. . . . His father is the most beloved physician of Evansville, Ind.

A good many of these 1,000 refugees in the "free port" at Oswego, N. Y., had funds in Italy, and these funds are now being restored to them by the Allied Control Commission. . . . And almost every one of these temporary visitors to our shores invested the money thus recovered in United States war bonds.

Postmaster Prays

Dear Lord, there are five or six million Praying for mail out there: Their addresses "c/o Postmaster"—Please send down plenty of care!

Save for Them, I could never come through, Lord: It's a wonderful break for me That the millions in c/o Postmaster Are also in c/o Them.

—A.D.

Truman to Carry Out FDR's Policies in Regard to Zion

Assures Delegation Headed by Rabbi Wise That He Is Supporting Late President's Program on Palestine; Proskauer and Minsky Invited to Visit Him

By MURRAY FRANK

(Independent Jewish Press Service Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, (JPS)—President Truman told a delegation, consisting of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, Herman Schulman and Chaim Greenberg, that he would carry out the policies of the late President Roosevelt in relation to Palestine.

The delegation issued a statement following their visit to the President in which they said: "The President authorized us to say that he is carrying out the policies of President Roosevelt, and that he knew what President Roosevelt's policy regarding Palestine has been. The late President's recent statements on Zionism were before him (President Truman), and he indicated to us in clear and unmistakable terms that he is supporting that program."

President Truman had before him copies of Roosevelt's message to the Zionist Convention last Oct. 12, in which he pledged to effectuate the establishment of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth and also the subsequent statement made to Rabbi Wise on March 16 in which President Roosevelt reaffirmed his October pledge.

The delegation recalled that Truman was a member of the platform committee at the Democratic Convention in Chicago last July and that he participated in drafting the Palestine plank after consulting with Zionist leaders at that time. He was also one of the 48 Senators who signed a special statement on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration several years ago. When still a Senator Mr. Truman expressed support of the Palestine resolution which was then up in Congress.

Minsky, Proskauer Get Bid to "Visit Truman

WASHINGTON, (JTA)—President Truman's press secretary announced that Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, representing the American Jewish Committee, and Henry Minsky, representing the American Jewish Conference, had been invited to see the President. Since both Judge Proskauer and Mr. Minsky are in San Francisco, they will call on Mr. Truman in the near future.

800 Jewish Slave Laborers Liberated by U.S. Troops

American Troops Catch Up with Forced Evacuation Process; 315,000 Reported Cremated at Oswiecim Terror Camp

By MEYER LEVIN

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Correspondent)

WITH THE U. S. 4TH ARMORED DIVISION IN GERMANY, (JTA)—Eight hundred Jewish slave laborers from a munitions factory in Altenberg, Saxony, were liberated this week by units of this division after a 40-mile forced evacuation march on foot.

The American troops caught up with the prisoners in a wooded area, where they are now housed in what was formerly a Hitler Jugend headquarters. Six hundred of the slave workers are girls and women from Hungary, while the others are from other all sections of Europe.

A spokesman for the group, Ludwig Neke, a former Berlin economist, said that they had been at the Altenberg factory for many months, working 12 hours daily. Originally, the women had been sent to the Auschwitz death camp, where most of their relatives were gassed and cremated.

The men were sent to Altenberg from the Buchenwald concentration camp. Neke said that he had been sent to Germany in a transport of 74 Jews from Berlin. Of 70 who survived the journey, 54 were gassed at the camp and 16 died in various ways. Neke is the only survivor. At the munitions factory, he said, he had become a supervisor of 70 machines. He added: "I am an old concentration camp fox. Of the 70 machines, only 30 worked daily."

Neke said that at Oswiecim he saw a report concerning 350,000 Hungarian Jews who arrived at camp. Of these, he said, 315,000 were cremated and 35,000 were sent to forced labor.

Believe Anti-Semitism Firmly Implanted in Germany

FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, Germany (JTA)—The physical condition of the less than 100 Jews who remain in this city which had a large pre-war Jewish population, is appalling. However, the new German mayor installed by the Allies has arranged for an additional allowance of food for them to enable them to recover their strength.

One 78-year-old Jew, so popular with the workers that he was permitted to remain as general manager of a factory until 1939, died shortly before Allied soldiers broke into a jail here.

Another aged survivor said that if Hitler had succeeded in anything, it was solely in the extermination of the Jews and in sowing the seeds of permanent hatred of the race. "I feel that the Jews will never be accepted as equals in the German community."

In some degree this was confirmed to be by the new mayor, a non-Jew. While he said that he did not harbor any bias against the Jews, he doubted that it would be wise for the Allies to use German Jewish refugees, now in Britain or the U. S., in the conduct of newspapers in the Reich, after the war, since the direction now of psychological warfare in the country.

Senators Ask Truman Issue Statement on Nazis' Guilt

Resolution Urging President to Issue Statement Impressing Germans of Their Responsibility for Crimes Against Jews Is Introduced in the Senate

WASHINGTON, (JTA)—A statement by President Truman or Secretary of State Stettinius impressing on the German people their responsibility for crimes against Jews of Axis nationality as well as atrocities in slave labor camps is asked for in a resolution introduced in the Senate by Senators Claude Pepper of Florida and Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts.

The resolution, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, asks not only that the German people be informed of their responsibility for such crimes to be classified as war crimes, but that the statement be combined with "an appeal to the Germans expressing the abhorrence of the American people to the mass murder of Jews, and warning the Germans that just punishment will be meted out to every participant in this appalling crime."

The resolution further asks announcement by a "responsible authority" that the asked for declaration by the President or Secretary of State will be official policy to be implemented by the United Nations War Crimes Commission and by the Army of Occupation in Germany.

The late Maj. Gen. Maurice B. Ross of Denver, who was killed by the Germans after having been captured, was honored as a great soldier by Rep. Dean M. Gibson of Denver in the House.

Weekly Review of the News of the World

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AMERICA

Urging liberalization of U. S. immigration laws, Jack Wasserman, member of the Board of Immigration Appeals of the United States Department of Justice, states in "The Challenge of Our Immigration Laws," a pamphlet written by him and issued by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born: "We wish to think of the United States as the traditional land of promise to which the oppressed of other lands may flee. . . . Our restrictive laws, however, keep us at one of the less generous nations in caring for the needs of displaced fellow men seeking homes."

Westworth David Mathews, spiritual leader of the Commandment Keepers, a sect of Negro Jews, revealed that 300 of his Harlem followers will soon launch cooperative farm projects on Long Island "to achieve economic stability as producers."

The Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada called an invitation to Rabbis in the U.S.S.R. to participate in the World Congress of Orthodox Rabbis to be held in New York City, 26th summer.

Dr. Frederick C. Thorne, professor of psychiatry at the University of Vermont Medical College, has stressed in the Journal of Clinical Psychology, a new periodical of which he is editor, the need for "the avoidance of undue representation of any one racial group among those accepted for training" in clinical psychology.

OVERSEAS

Prof. Aaron Kelen, now considered the outstanding ophthalmologist in the Soviet Union, has frequently been cited for his work. In 1929, he voluntarily moved to Siberia where he fought typhus for twelve years with great success. In the course of the present war he restored eyesight to untold numbers of Red Army men and officers.

A list of Baltic Jewish settlers for leading or collaborating with the Germans, in the occupation of Riga, was published by the People's Court and includes the names of two persons who have already been executed for anti-German guerrilla groups. The two are Alexander Bokst, first district commissioner for Jewish Affairs, killed Sept. 9, and Kiri Dabichowski, his adjutant.

British radio, reportedly within the Nazi underground or "secret" movement, is announced Jewish officials holding administrative posts in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany.

The Board of Directors of Hungarian Jewish Relief, Budapest, has approved the Jewish Relief Association, which has the approximate strength of 2,000,000 Jews living in the Jews

of Budapest, many of whom have returned from deportation, destitute, half-naked and undernourished and have found their homes possessed by strangers and their possessions looted.

The Redolence, Romania's Julius Bruckner, has been apprehended in a small village near here, where he has been hiding since last August. He was handed over, for trial, to the Special Court for War Criminals.

Addressing the Colonial Secretary in Commons, Lady Astor asked if, in view of the utilization of over 40 percent of Palestine's olive crop last year, he would see that it was used this year for civilian consumption in UNRRA programs. Undersecretary Ernys Brans replied that picking had not yet begun, but that measures for utilization of the fruit had been taken. He promised to consider Lady Astor's proposal but did not reply to a question as to what measures had been taken.

PALESTINE

The Conference of South Africa Trades and Labor Council, speaking for the Mediterranean Trade Union, at Johannesburg, adopted a resolution on Jewish rights and supporting Jewish Palestine, which is worded exactly the same as that pronounced by the World Trade Union Conference which met in London last February, except for the deletion of the words "after the war."

A fervent plea to the United Nations, to enable the remnants of European Jewry to leave Europe immediately and migrate to Palestine, was voiced at the opening session of the Sixth National Conference of the Agricultural Workers' Federation of the Moslems, held in Kfar Saba, where 301 delegates, of whom 185 were members of the Moslem, Jewish Palestine's Labor Party, and hundreds of guests witnessed the opening session.

All Hebrew newspapers black-bordered the front pages of their editions carrying the news of President Roosevelt's death, and the Hebrew flag flew at half mast throughout the country, as all Jewish Palestine mourned "the irreparable loss for humanity and Jewry . . . of one of Jewry's greatest and most courageous friends."

A new industry, the manufacture of Nylon, will begin in Jewish Palestine shortly. A Palestine factory has secured permission of an American firm, owning a world patent, to manufacture Nylon goods for the entire Middle East.

Jewish Palestine, representing a third of Palestine's total population, contributes 50 percent of the Palestine Government's revenue, according to a report by the Jewish Agency's Department of Statistics. Jewish organizations have been protesting against Government proposals calling for increased taxation.

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As the Editor Views the News - - - The Educational Survey

A session called for the coming Sunday afternoon, at the Jewish Community Center, to discuss the results of the Detroit Self-Study on our educational needs, as conducted here during the past few months under the direction of the Citizens Committee, is certain to be an historic event for our community.

The entire project was initiated by the Jewish Welfare Federation with the view of clarifying the various conflicting ideologies affecting our educational agencies and the programs conducted by our community agencies in behalf of adult as well as youth educational projects.

Sunday's session will pass judgment on the recommendations to be made to the Citizens Committee by the several sub-committees which functioned during the period of the Self-Study.

It is important that there should be objective thinking and acting; that the final decisions should lead to the sponsorship of educational media which aim to train a well-informed Jewish community.

If the efforts of the Self-Study Committee will lead toward amicable and cooperative efforts in behalf of all factional educational agencies, then the work of the past few months will not have been in vain.

Ernie Pyle

He was a great American and a great newspaperman.

His death, however, is a loss not to America alone but to all humanity.

Ernie Pyle's genius lay in the fact that he wrote for the great mass of the American people about the average GI.

He never played up to any one.

When the hero he selected for mention in his cables was an Italian or a Jew or a Pole, he treated his characters alike—like human beings, like equal cogs in a great machine created for victory for human principles.

Ernie Pyle belonged to that small group of heroes—the war correspondents—many of whom have already lost their lives in this war in an effort to bring the story of human values from the war fronts to the peaceful hearths of the tens of millions at home. He and his comrades who have died or who are carrying on the great work where Ernie has left off will be revered for all time among the real heroes of our generation.

Our Jewish Farmers

In his annual report as managing director of the Jewish Agricultural Society, Gabriel Davidson emphasizes the point that in recent years an effort was made to rehabilitate refugees who sought salvation in farming, many refugee families having been settled on farms in 12 states. The report also states that since the outbreak of the war the society's activities have been mobilized toward the end of helping Jewish farmers achieve maximum food production.

This society has made an important place for itself in American Jewish life, and the settlement of more than 100,000 Jews on farms may be credited in great measure to this society's activities.

Cultural activities among farmers, the sponsoring of special courses, the guidance offered by experts have been among the important planks in the program of the Jewish Agricultural Society, and its over-all activities deserve to be acclaimed by all American Jews.

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The Week's Scriptural Selections

This Sabbath, the fifteenth day of Iyar, 5707, the following Scriptural selections will be read in our synagogues:

Pentateuchal portion—Lev. 21:1-24:23.

Prophetic portion—Isa. 44:1-31.

Through the Golden Gate



The San Francisco Conference

Jewish hopes are not necessarily pinned on the sessions of the United Nations Security Conference which have just commenced in San Francisco. It has been stated clearly that this conference will merely set up the machinery for the peace conference; that the fate of small people will not be discussed but will be deferred for future consideration; that the question of mandates will not be settled at this time.

But it is equally as clear that the preliminary work will be of a nature that is certain to affect the future status of our people. Issues will have to be found for the survivors from Nazism. The question of reparations will be one of the serious issues with which the democratic powers will be confronted. The Palestinian problem will have to be solved if there is to be some semblance of order in the Middle and Near East and if there is to be peace of a lasting nature in the world.

The responsible powers, therefore, will have to consider the Jewish case—even if the consideration that is to be given the problem of millions of stateless Jews is not to be a subject for public discussion or public hearing.

It is natural, therefore, that our people should look with deep anxiety to the San Francisco session. The great statements of the world who have assembled in San Francisco should consider seriously the many tragedies which have affected Jewry and should seek, for all time to come, to put an end to conditions which make it possible for a bigot like Hitler to attempt to exterminate an entire people.

The question of Jewish homelessness is one of the major issues involved in the consideration of the Jewish case. After reparations and repatriations will have been provided for, there will remain the grave problem of providing homes for hundreds of thousands of Jews. Most of them insist upon Palestine as their first choice for a homeland. Few, if any, other territories are extending a welcome to homeless Jews. Unless the pledge for the creation of the Jewish National Home in Eretz Israel is adhered to, it is questionable whether there will be much home to an established peace.

The American delegation at San Francisco includes spokesmen who, like U. S. Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg and Rep. Sol Bloom, have been warm supporters of the Zionist movement. Many others, in the U. S. and other delegations, are concerned that justice should be meted out to our people.

We plead with them to consider the plight of Israel, to be firm in their consideration of an issue which has been the crux of the human problems which the democratic powers are fighting to remedy.

May the hands of the delegations at San Francisco be strengthened! May they be guided to wise consideration of the issues facing mankind and may they be given the vision to see that acquisition of freedom calls for the removal of all fears—including that of homelessness.

President Truman and the Bible

All our Presidents have been lovers of the Bible and President Harry S. Truman is not an exception to this rule.

In his first address to Congress, the President used a biblical quotation in his concluding statement in which he said:

"As I assume my heavy duties, I humbly pray O, Almighty God, in the words of Solomon: 'Give therefore Thy servant an understanding heart to judge Thy people' that I may discern between good and bad; for who is able to judge this, Thy so great people?' I ask only to be a good and faithful servant of my Lord and my people."

This is equally as significant as another statement in his address in which he declared:

"Our forefathers came to our rugged shores in search of religious tolerance, political freedom and economic opportunity. For those fundamental rights they risked their lives. We well know today that such rights can be preserved only by constant vigilance, the eternal price of liberty."

These quotations indicate that President Truman has gotten off to a good start as our Chief Executive. May he be given the strength to carry our nation to victory and to a lasting peace.

Facts You Should Know

Answers to Readers' Questions About Jews

What are the rules governing the sending of packages to relatives in Soviet Russia?
—Mrs. S. Adinoff, Fort Worth

Chaim Finkelstein of the Division for Displaced Persons of the World Jewish Congress, 1834 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y., provides us with the following answer to this question which has come to us, in addition to Mrs. Adinoff, from many other readers:

In reference to your inquiry, we wish to inform you that we accept standard parcels for refugees in the U.S.S.R. There are the following types of parcels:

Parcel B/27—price \$54—1 pair of shoes 1 cap, 1 sweater.

Parcel B/28—price \$46—1 pair of shoes 1 cap, 1 suit.

Parcel B/32—price \$56—1 pair of shoes, 1 lb. powdered soap, 2 1/2 lbs. powdered milk, 1 1/10 lbs. of sugar, 2 lbs. vegetable oil.

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Numerous senders of parcels have already received direct acknowledgments of receipt by the addressees. However, due to the war conditions as well as to the fact that refugees in the U. S. S. R. often change their residence, each sender of a parcel has to take a chance if he is eager to help his beloved ones.

Since the parcels are shipped from Israel, the New York office of the World Jewish Congress does not accept food or clothing for shipment. If you wish to send a parcel, it will be necessary for you to furnish us with the exact last known address of the refugee in the U. S. S. R., informing us which parcels are to be sent. The check or money order should be made payable to the World Jewish Congress.

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By DAVID MORANZ

RABBI AKIBA'S RETURN

To his faithful wife, Rachel, Rabbi Akiba gives credit for whatever fame he ever attained.

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After twelve years of diligent study of his studies under Rabbi Eliezer and Rabbi Yehoshua, he returned to his wife accompanied by 12,000 disciples.

Intending to surprise her he did not notify her of his arrival, hence, she was unaware of his homecoming.

Approaching his home he heard voices in animated conversation and upon listening before opening the door, he heard a neighbor woman unkindly his wife for having permitted him to leave her virtually a widow for twelve years upon the pretense of going to college.

He hesitated before opening the door, because he wished to hear what his wife would say in reply to this. Imagine his pleasure and pride in his self-sacrificing wife, when he heard her say: "If my husband were here and could hear me, I should permit you upon him to stay another twelve years if it would benefit him."

Hearing this, Akiba left Jerusalem, without even greeting her or advising her of his presence and continued his studies for twelve years more. When he returned this time, he brought with him twice 12,000 disciples and all Jerusalem welcomed him back.

The wealthy Kalba Shveta, his wife's father, who had divorced her when she married him because of his lowly station as a shepherd, repented of his hasty temper, and was among the foremost to greet this now celebrated scholar and welcome him and the faithful Rachel back under his roof.

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Children's Corner

Dear Boys and Girls:

One of our minor festivals—Lag b'Omer—occurs this year on May 1.

This semi-festival takes place between Passover and Shavuoth.

Lag b'Omer means the 33rd day during the period of the counting of the Omer. Its significance is both agricultural and historical.

The festival recalls the custom that was associated with the Passover celebration a dozen times when an omer of barley was brought as an offering to the Beth Hamikdash, the Holy Temple. For seven weeks the Omer was counted—until Shavuoth.

Its historical connection is the following: During the Bar Kochba revolt against Rome in the years 132-135, Rabbi Akiba and his disciples were among the participating patriotic heroes. But a terrible plague broke out and many of Rabbi Akiba's and Bar Kochba's followers had died. But on the 33rd day of the Sefirah period of the counting of the Omer, the pestilence ceased and Lag b'Omer became a minor festival.

Lag b'Omer, because of the connection with the students of Rabbi Akiba, is also known as "The Scholars' Festival."

It has been customary for Jewish schools, especially in Palestine, to arrange hikes and miniature battles among Jewish children, and to honor the memory of the Jewish heroes.

Perhaps some of you will remember this day by arranging special hikes, by reading the story of Rabbi Akiba and Bar Kochba and dedicating yourselves to greater devotion to your study of your history and to activities in behalf of your less fortunate brethren.

I wish you all a very pleasant Sabbath and a very happy Lag b'Omer.

UNCLE DANIEL

Polish Home Guard Accused Of Anti-Jewish Terrorism

Polish Embassy in Moscow Charges Government-in-Exile Responsible for Fascist Underground's Slaughter of 150 Jews in Liberated Territory

By RAYMOND A. DAVIES

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency Correspondent)

MOSCOW, (JTA)—The Polish Embassy here has issued a statement charging the Polish Home Guard with conducting terrorist activities against Jews in liberated Poland. The statement estimated that about 150 Jews were killed during the last four weeks by members of the Polish Home Guard which was formed on instructions of the Polish Government-in-Exile in London, and is now waging an underground struggle against the Polish provisional government in Warsaw.

The statement of the Moscow embassy was substantiated in a protest made public by Dr. Emil Sommerstein, chairman of the Central Jewish Committee in Poland, condemning the assassination of Jewish civilians by the anti-government underground groups, and enumerating the cities and towns where the 150 Jews were assassinated.

(In London, Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart, Polish-Jewish leader, addressing the annual conference of the Federation of Polish Jews, warned the Federation not to become involved in political issues. He said that "evidence has now been produced of criminal anti-Jewish acts committed by Polish radicals" and emphasized that "a comparatively large part of the Polish population was helped to the Jews resulting in the rescue of thousands from Nazi hands.")

Dr. Sommerstein Charges Fascist Terrorism

LONDON (JFS)—Polpess, news agency of the Warsaw government, confirmed earlier reports from Palestine and Paris on the assassination of Jews apparently by a fascist underground operating in liberated Poland.

Dr. Emil Sommerstein, chairman of the Jewish Relief Committee of Liberated Poland and a member of the government, laid the assassinations to members of the dissolved Polish Home Army, which is comprised of supporters of the London Polish government.

The first report of conditions in Poland came from Independent Jewish Press Service correspondents in Palestine who quoted the testimony of Palestine Jewish soldiers who traveled through Poland on their way home from Nazi captivity after having been released by the Red Army. These soldiers revealed that anti-Semitism was rampant in Poland.

JDC Steps Up Its Program To Feed Jews in Nazi Camps

Joint Distribution Committee to Participate in Intensified Project with War Refugee Board for Shipment of Food to All Internees in Germany

NEW YORK—In a stepped-up effort to save thousands of Jewish internees in labor and concentration camps in German-occupied countries, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee will participate in an intensified program with the War Refugee Board for shipment of food to all internees in the camps.

Announcement of the program was made by Moses A. Leavitt, JDC secretary, who paid tribute to Brig.-Gen. William O'Dwyer, executive director of the WRB, who arranged the program. Leavitt pointed out that the JDC previously had been sending food into the camps through the International Red Cross, but that the present program would permit greatly increased shipments.

Details of the program reveal that the food will be brought into approximately 15 labor and concentration camps on trucks sent through by Red Cross representatives.

Commenting on the cooperative plan, Rabbi Joseph B. Wise, national chairman of the 1945 JDC national campaign for \$40,000,000, stated, "Everyone recognizes that immediate steps must be taken to save as many as possible from the last convulsive reprisals of the Nazis. This program is but one of many phases of the world-wide JDC rescue and relief activities which strive for the survival of Jewish life in war-torn Europe."

The JDC sends 60 tons of food and clothing weekly to destitute Jews in Poland and maintains monthly shipments of 10,000 parcels to Jewish refugees in Asiatic Russia. Individual shipments of food, clothing, medicines, tools and other essentials are sent regularly to Poland, Rumania, Hungary, France, Bulgaria, Belgium, and other areas.

Urgent Appeals for Help
Rabbi Wise stated that the JDC has appropriated approximately \$10,000,000 for the last six months of last year. He added urgent appeals for help had been received during the last few days from 150,000 Jewish survivors in Budapest and from approximately 8,500 surviving Jews in Greece.

It was emphasized that the JDC would require the "complete support of the American Jewish community in order to make possible the maintenance of the world-wide JDC life-saving activities."

Approximately 4,500 Jewish communities throughout the U.

S. are participating in the national JDC campaign for minimum of \$40,000,000 in 1945, a sum based on the requests of Jewish communities overseas.

During the past week, both the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee had issued statements which indicated that negotiations are still proceeding for the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal.

Landsmanshaften To Discuss Fight On Anti-Semitism

Franck, Gimbel, Dr. Rusklin Will Address Odessa Group Rally, May 1

The United Yiddish Folk Organization, central body of Detroit Landsmanshaften, will sponsor the next symposium in its series of discussions on "Anti-Semitism and How It Is Being Combated," in the social hall of the Bnai Moad, next Tuesday, at 8 p. m. Hosts will be members of Odessa Progressive Aid Society.

Arrangements for the program have been made by the Jewish Community Council. The speakers will include Isaac Franck, executive director of the Council; Michael Gimbel, a member of the community relations committee; and Dr. I. W. Rusklin, member of the discrimination committee. Dr. Rusklin will leave shortly for active duty with the United States Navy with a rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Max Rubenstein, chairman of the executive committee of the United Yiddish Folk Organization, will preside. H. B. Jacobs is president of the Odessa Progressive Aid Society. Other officers of the host organization are Abram Berklin, A. Wiseman, Morris Bopnick, Harry Kaler, R. Ross and Mrs. S. Ross.

Gen. Rose Hospital Planned in Denver

\$750,000 Project to Honor Name of Slain General; Nazis Boast "Murder"

DENVER, (JTA)—A \$750,000 "Gen. Rose Memorial Hospital" will be erected here in honor of Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose who



MAJ. GEN. M. ROSE

was killed by a German tankman after he had been captured while leading his Third Armored Division in Germany. Gen. Rose, 48, was the son of the Rev. Samuel Rose of this city.

GEN. ROSE'S 'FIRSTS'

The Army newspaper, Stars and Stripes, published in Paris in a special pamphlet listed a number of "firsts" accomplished by the Late Maj. Gen. Rose's "Spearhead" division of the First Army.

FIRST division to cross the German border on Sept. 12.

FIRST to take a German town, Roetgen, Sept. 13.

FIRST to breach the Siegfried line, Sept. 14.

FIRST to shoot down an enemy plane from German soil, Sept. 16.

FIRST to fire an artillery shell at German soil, Sept. 16.

FIRST to pierce invasion of Germany in force since Napoleon.

274 Jewish Survivors In Cologne Listed Here

The Jewish Social Service Bureau has received a list of 274 Jewish survivors of Cologne, Germany.

These people have registered with the U. S. authorities after the liberation of the city.

The list, was made available through the World Jewish Congress, contains the names, birthdates and present addresses of the survivors. At this point, however, it is impossible to get in touch with them by mail or otherwise.

The list may be consulted at the office of the Bureau, 3537 Second, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Partitioning of Jerusalem Considered To Settle Row Over Choice of Mayor

JERUSALEM — A plan to divide this Holy City into separate Jewish and Arab areas, each to have their own mayor and council — a suggestion brought forward following High Commissioner Goetz's compromise proposal for Jewish, Moslem and Christian mayors to be elected alternately — is being considered here.

The communal subdivision of Jerusalem — against a general territorial partitioning to which Jews and Arabs have been opposed since the British Royal Commission's recommendations in 1937 — is being discussed at a meeting between Jerusalem's district commissioner, James H. Pollock, acting for the Palestine government administration, and the Arab municipal councilors.

This proposal is not new, since Jewish leaders have made it a

point in past years in regard to who shall be mayor of the city, Jew or Moslem.

Jerusalem now consists of two parts, one inside the walled old city where most of the holy shrines—Christian, Jewish and Moslem—are located, and outside the walls where Moslems and Christians live.

The other section of Jerusalem, west and south of the city, is inhabited mainly by Jews.

Number of Jews in Vilna Now Reported at 8000

MOSCOW, (JTA)—The number of Jews in Vilna has increased to 4,000 compared with the few dozens that were there eight months ago when the city was liberated by the Red Army, it was reported here by Peter Markish, Jewish writer.



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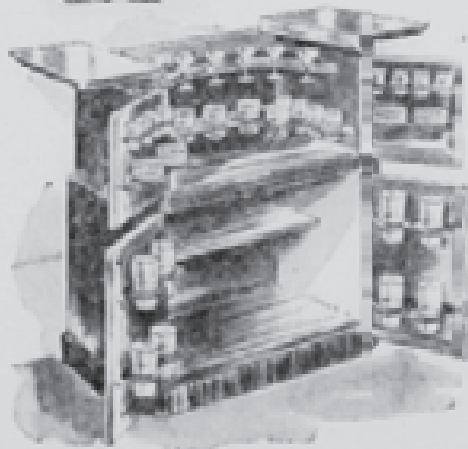
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Citizens' Committee to Discuss Vital Issues Of Self-Study Survey at Center on Sunday

By ISRAEL B. RAPPOPORT

Major issues of community policy and community planning are on the agenda of the plenary meeting of the Citizens' Committee which will wind up the first phase of the Detroit Self-Study. A full attendance of the 75 members of the Citizens' Committee is expected at the meeting on Sunday, April 29, 2 to 4 p. m., at the Jewish Center.

The underlying purpose of the Self-Study is to discover whether Detroit Jewry is ready to direct a great deal more attention and effort than heretofore to the cultural-educational question in the community.

Horrified by the events of the last decade, Jews all over America are turning "to their heritage for an answer to the question of what it is that has preserved Jewish life throughout the ages in spite of the forces that have brought its destruction. Few are fully conscious of what they are groping for, but all are alarmed by the near extinction of European Jewry and the growth of anti-semitism here at home.

Chief Issue of Self-Study

American Jews have been stirred into a closer kinship with Jews the world over, and into a recognition of common ties among the various groups within the Jewish community. These stirrings and groupings for inter-sectarian should be brought to a conscious focus through programs of Jewish education on all age levels. The chief issue of the Self-Study is to determine whether the Jewish community of Detroit is ready for unified action on the Jewish cultural front.

The Citizens' Committee meeting Sunday will pass final judgment on a number of recommendations that have been prepared by various sub-committees and that have been cleared provisionally in sectional meetings. These recommendations deal with several major areas.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND COORDINATION OF FORMAL JEWISH EDUCATION.—The general tenor of the recommendations under

this heading indicate a readiness of the various school systems to cooperate in administrative procedures, in inter-school affairs and events, in the promotion of larger enrollment in Jewish schools in a school service program, and in a teachers training program.

Program for Children

REACHING THOSE AT PRESENT UNTOUCHED BY ANY SCHOOL SYSTEM.—It was stressed at many a meeting that if a coordinating agency for Jewish education is set up in Detroit, a large part of its efforts should go into bringing Jewish education to the large numbers who receive no Jewish schooling at present because the parents are not attracted by the programs of the existing schools.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH.—There are a number of Jewish youth organizations and youth-serving agencies in the city, but they reach only a fraction of the youth population. It is recognized by all who understand the process of growing into maturity that the teen-age is exceedingly important for wholesome personality development for Jewish youth. It is essential that during this period should come a complete acceptance of the fact of being Jewish and a sense of strength from understanding the significance of this fact. The various youth organizations fully appreciate this need and are ready to collaborate in a community program for youth work.

Deals With Needs of Adults

A fourth area where greater and more systematic community effort is to be directed deals with the needs and interests of the adult Jew. From information gathered from a larger number of adult organizations, it is apparent that many feel the need for more satisfying forms and channels of Jewish information and cultural experience.

A School or Institute of Jewish Studies, with collegiate and extension courses, is one of the projects to be discussed by the Citizens' Committee.

Fresh Air Camp Registration Opens at Center Starting May 1

Registration for the Fresh Air Camp opens Tuesday, May 1, under the supervision of Camp Registrar, Mrs. Morris Weiss.

Appointments for interviews may be made by calling TR. 2-1937 or MA. 8460 from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., Monday through Thursday. Evening hours on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p. m. To insure equal opportunity, no registration will be accepted without previous appointments.

There will be three age groups, boys 7 to 13, girls 7 to 13 and senior boys 13 to 16, for each period.

2-Week Fee Is \$24

The fee for a three-week period is \$24, which includes transportation to and from camp and physical examination. A \$10 deposit for each period is required at the time of registration, the balance must be paid the Friday before leaving for camp. Deposits are returned only when

a cancellation is requested in writing at least five days before the camp period begins. Other refunds are made when the child leaves camp at the physician's order.

Physical examinations are conducted by a staff of physicians at the Jewish Center on Friday before each period begins.

First Session June 21

The first period opens June 21, with the physical examination on June 20. The second period starts July 17, examination on July 16, and the last session begins Aug. 7, the examination Aug. 6.

Ration books Nos. 3 and 4 must be brought by every camper at this time.

Children are required to use the buses provided to and from camp. Don't leave the Jewish Center at 8 a. m. the first Monday of each camp period.

Leaders of Jewish Women's Groups to Meet on Monday

Mrs. Douglas Brown, president of the League of Jewish Women's Organizations, has issued a call to all presidents and civil



MRS. DOUGLAS BROWN

defense chairmen of local women's organizations to attend a breakfast meeting at 10 a. m. Monday for the purpose of discussing war efforts activities with the League's war efforts board, of which Mrs. Carl Schiller is chairman.

Activities will be outlined for war efforts to be conducted during the summer, until October.

Members of the Detroit Council of Jewish Women, of which Mrs. H. V. Kruger is president, will be hostesses at this breakfast meeting, reservations for which are being taken by Mrs. Saul Glickman, 1827 Santa Barbara.

The guest speaker will be Miss Florence Gray, executive secretary of the Council of Social Agencies and director of the Central Volunteer Bureau.

Mrs. Harry Singer heads the Women's League's committee for the Seventh War Loan.

Canadian Jewish Congress Keeps Servicemen Informed

Three-Page Letter Being Sent to Every Canadian Jew Overseas Telling Them of Activities at Home; Progress in Fight Against Anti-Semitism Related in Messages

Each Canadian Jewish serviceman overseas will receive in his personal mail a letter of news from home which has been compiled for him by the Canadian Jewish Congress. The letter which is three pages, closely typed, tells of the Jewish war effort in the field and back home, and of the Jewish community's work to help refugees and other victims of the war. A special section

deals with anti-semitism in the dominion. It says:

"You are probably very much interested in the matter of anti-semitism back home. You probably feel—and we here do, too—that with our country at war with the Nazis and their hateful race theories, there should be no room in the heart and mind of any Canadian for anti-Semitism which is one of the marks of Hitlerism.

Attack Is From Rare

"However, we must remember that Hitler had worked assiduously in Canada, as elsewhere, to implant and to foster his ideas and that these are not easily uprooted. Organized anti-Semitism probably no longer exists in this country and attacks upon Jews in the press have become rare.

"The best section of the Canadian press is waging a constant war on anti-Semitism and numerous articles have appeared in Canadian newspapers exposing its vicious lies. Only the other day the CBC carried a very powerful play entitled "Intolerance" very vigorously attacking anti-Semitism and similar prejudices.

Fighting Discrimination

"The Canadian Conference of Christians and Jews as well as the Canadian National Committee on Refugees, the churches, labor unions, the Canadian Legion and other important organizations have strongly condemned prejudice against the Jews which had been so prevalent. We have succeeded in having the government prohibit discrimination against Jews seeking employment and the Province of Ontario has passed a law making it illegal to advertise re-

sorts and similar petty places as for "Christians only."

"But, I would not have you think that anti-Semitism has disappeared during the past few years. We have had unfortunate experiences. Efforts have been made to prevent the Jews from erecting synagogues and in Quebec City criminals even set fire to the building the night before it was to be consecrated. However, it is significant that the synagogue which the Jews there had wanted to build for ten years is now erected and in daily use."

The letter deals with a report on the post-war planning being carried out by the Jewish community back home.

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Descendants of the Inquisition

Ed. Kux Describes Ghetto, Plight of Jews in Mollah

The modus vivendi of our oriental brethren has been a closed book to most occidental Jews, but American servicemen in North Africa have done much to bring the two segments of Jewry closer.

Ed. Richard Kux, stationed in Morocco, in a letter to his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. Joseph Wallach of 2236 Calvert, describes his visit to the Mollah, as the Jewish section of Fez is known. He writes:

"The word 'old' can't properly describe the Mollah, it is ancient. Thousands of Jews have been living here since they were driven out of Spain during the Inquisition. They live in small dirty holes and are packed into this ghetto as that it is dark and humid and smelly.

Poor and Undernourished

"Most of the people are poor, dirty and undernourished. They have beseeched the government to allow them to build a new housing project (with their own money) in another section, but each appeal has been rejected. The powers that be, both Arab and French, don't want the Jews to become too important.

"Our guide, an intelligent and extremely sincere chap, said that a Jew of Fez has to wait until

he is dead before he can be in the sun and in beauty. He is an ardent Zionist as are all the people here. They are working and saving to be able to go to Palestine some day.

Visited Jewish School

"He took us to the main Jewish school for boys. The instructor had one of his boys read for us in Hebrew, translating into French."

Ed. Kux, noticing a poster advertising Eddie Cantor's latest picture, "Thank Your Lucky Stars", pointed out that the stars, producers and song and script writers are Jewish. This evoked from the guide the following comment: "It makes me feel very happy to hear that there are places where our people can rise and prosper."

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Temple Beth El carved another historic mark of importance for its creative achievements last Monday by sponsoring the Third Institute on Judaism attended by approximately 100 of Detroit's outstanding Protestant ministers.

Last Monday's event was one of the most impressive in the congregation's history, and the ministers who attended the three sessions were unanimous in their declarations that Beth El's Institute is one of the great contributions to inter-faith good will.

Two eminent guest speakers—Prof. Israel Berman and Abraham Cronbach of Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati—delivered the key addresses at the Institute. But the day was made significant by the appearance of a number of Protestant ministers.

Dr. Brumbaugh Presides
Dr. Theobald T. Brumbaugh, executive secretary of the Detroit Council of Churches, was chairman at the morning session at which Rabbi Berman spoke. Dr. E. Shurley Johnson, of Central Methodist Church, president of Detroit Pastors' Union, presided at the luncheon session at which the speakers were: Dr. Robert C. Branger of Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church, vice-president of Detroit Council of Churches; Dr. C. A. McPherson of Metropolitan Methodist Church; Rev. William C. Hamon, of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. Dr. Roger Eddy Treat of Bushnell Congregational Church presided at the afternoon session at which Dr. Cronbach was the speaker, and Dr. Marshall Reed gave the concluding prayer.

Dr. Glazer Tells Keynote
Dr. B. Benedict Glazer, Rabbi of Temple Beth El, struck the keynote of the Institute by explaining that its sessions are intended to cultivate a better understanding of Judaism in its relation to Christianity through a study of their common historical roots and religious traditions.

Both guest speakers illustrated their addresses with rabbinic legends and with examples of rabbinic lore.

Dr. Berman's address, on "The Origin of Preaching in the Early Synagogue—The Background of the Sermon as Part of Public Worship," proved illuminating in the light of his comparisons with modern practice.

Illustrating his address with an untold number of legends and tales from the Rabbis, the Midrash and the Talmud, Dr. Cronbach declared that contrary to some views Judaism has sacraments—and the two major ones he listed as Learning and Charity.

Views Dominant Role
Declaring that charity plays a dominant role in rabbinic literature, Dr. Cronbach stated that the Rabbis repudiated utilitarian ethics; that they taught that charity can not be performed out of hope for reward or fear of punishment; that it is the spirit of giving that counts and that the rabbinic rule is that "the gift without the giver is bare."

He emphasized the important note placed in Jewish teachings upon secret charity, that "whoever gives charity in secret is like Moses the Minister."

An interesting note struck in his address was his reference to ancient rules in Jewish communities that wherever Jews and non-Jews reside in communities charity must be extended to both alike, and he declared that modern social service practices were anticipated by the Rabbis 1,900 years ago through teachings of good will without distinction of racial differences.

The Temple Beth El Sisterhood sponsored a luncheon for the guests.

Berdichever Society Holds FDR Memorial

Berdichever Progressive Aid Society will hold a memorial meeting for President Roosevelt Thursday evening at the Beth Tefilo Emanuel Hall on Taylor and Woodward Wilson.

The speakers will be Harry J. Schaeffer, state commander of the Jewish War Veterans; Rabbi Isaac Stollman and spokesmen for the organization. Cantor Schaeffer will be on the program.

National Hebrew Teachers Group To Convene Here

30 Delegates to Be Present on May 11, 12, 13; Detroit Committees Selected

A national conference of the Hebrew Teacher's Federation will be held in Detroit on May 11, 12, 13.

The Detroit Hebrew Teacher's Organization of the United Hebrew Schools is affiliated with this national group.

Thirty delegates representing practically every educational agency in the U. S. will be present, among them nationally known educators.

A special convention arrangements committee was elected by the local teachers to direct the work of the conference. The committee is headed by Joseph Haggai and Michael Morhin as co-chairmen, Morris Kushner, executive secretary, Norman Rottenberg, corresponding secretary.

A program committee headed by Bernard Isaac, chairman, Samson Rubenstein and A. J. Lachover.

The publicity committee consists of Joseph Haggai, A. J. Lachover, A. Twersky and Morris Platten; synagogue committee, A. Panush, A. Ruberg, A. Schachter; recreation committee, S. Kasdan, Max Gordon, J. Cashdan, Edward Rubenstein, Hyman Goldberg, Leah and Rose Pike and Mrs. S. Lehrman.

A detailed outline of the program and problems to be discussed at the conference will be announced next week.

Lindens, Iskowitzes Names Inscribed in JNF Golden Book

At a meeting of Poale Zion Branch No. 4 April 10, the names of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Linden and Mr. and Mrs. Iskowitz were inscribed in the Golden Book of the Jewish Nation Fund, in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Guest speaker at the meeting, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Laskin, was Moshe Starkman, news editor of The Day and of the new Yiddish anthology. His topic was "The Zionist Organization as a Pioneer in the American Yiddish Press."

Halevy Society Lists Committees for Year, Seeks New Members

Detroit Halevy Singing Society announces committee appointments for the year as follows: Special activities and entertainment, Dr. William Klein, chairman; Grace Cutler, Edith Rosenberg and Samuel White; membership, Max Levy, chairman; Jack Rosenberg, co-chairman; hospitality, Edith Rosenberg; publicity, Harry Ben-Nish.

Halevy is starting a drive for members and invites all interested in singing and in Jewish music to come to its rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at Roosevelt School, Linwood at Burlington, Dan Frohman, Halevy musical director, holds auditions for new members beginning at 8:30 p. m.

Inter-Faith Amity Urged at Banquet

600 Hear Stirring Addresses By Spokesmen for Jews, Catholics, Protestants

Citing the men and women in the armed forces as the best example of unity among Americans, speakers at the annual amity dinner arranged by the three major faiths, held Tuesday evening at the Masonic Temple, expressed confidence that the American way of life will triumph in the struggle for freedom.

More than 600 people attended the dinner which was addressed by Rabbi William Rosenblum of Temple Israel, New York; Leo N. Flynn of Chicago, spokesman for the Knights of Columbus, and Andrew Gottschall of Washington, representatives of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Rabbi Rosenblum, describing his recent tour of American army camps, stated that the experience of the present war shows that the men in uniform have learned to live together in the spirit of brotherhood and that they are giving every indication that this type of spiritual unity will be continued when the war is over. He stated that both circles were active in arranging the dinner and outstanding local Jewish leaders were present at this annual event.

Emma Shever Soloist With Circle Chorus in Montreal Saturday

Emma Shever, eminent Detroit soprano, will be soloist with the Circle Chorus of Montreal, Canada, at His Majesty's Theater in Montreal, this Saturday evening. She will sing solo parts in two major choral compositions and an additional group of songs.

Mrs. Shever has just completed a successful concert tour in the U. S. and Canada, having appeared in 15 concerts and traveled 11,000 miles from New York to Vancouver, B. C., and from Los Angeles to Montreal.

Critics in the communities where she made her appearances praised her performances highly and commended her voice and her charming stage appearance.



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Gen. George Barton, at the presentation of these rooms, praised the Bnai Brith for making the veterans at the hospital comfortable.

Funds for this project were

raised through individual pledges in Michigan. The Women's Council was active in selecting and arranging the furniture.

It is the intention of the Michigan Council Lodges and Women's Auxiliaries to send cookies, candy and other goodies at regular intervals. Arrangements also have been made for several well known bands to entertain the patients. The Bnai Brith is grateful to Lou Cohen of the Paradise Theater for arranging the bookings.

JNF Office Taking Inscriptions for Roosevelt Volume

William Horden, president of the Jewish National Fund Council of Detroit, stated this week that a number of organizations and individuals have indicated a desire to honor the memory of

President Roosevelt by inscribing his name in the Special Roosevelt Volume of the Golden Book.

Mr. Horden urges interested organizations to communicate with the JNF office, 11008 Denner, TO 8-8858, and to place their orders for Golden Book inscriptions.

A report on organizational and individual responses to this call will be made shortly, Mr. Horden states.

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Congregational Activities

Dr. Glazer to Talk On 'Frisco Parley At Beth El Friday

At the Sabbath Eve services of Temple Beth El this Friday, at 8:15 p. m., Dr. B. Benedict Glazer will preach on "The San Francisco Conference — What May We Expect of the Statesmen of the World?"

The musical program will be rendered by the Temple quartet with Julius Chajes directing and Jason Tuckman at the organ.

A social hour under the auspices of the Sisterhood will follow the services.

Jewish Groups Join Family Observance

NEW YORK — Jewish groups will join in the all-American observance of National Family Week, May 6-13, according to an announcement by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, president of the Synagogue Council of America.

National Family Week has been sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches in America, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Synagogue Council of America as a means of drawing attention to wartime problems of the family, child welfare, juvenile delinquency and in order to safeguard the spiritual values of family life during the period of the readjustment of the returning servicemen. The National Family Committee, representing the three faiths, includes Rabbi Abraham Osher of the Synagogue Council of America.

One of the last acts of the late President Roosevelt, was his endorsement of the observance of National Family Week.

The Committee of the Synagogue Council, under the chairmanship of Rabbi Sidney E. Goldstein, has published a guide for the observance of National Family Week which has been sent to all Rabbis and communal leaders.

UPA to Give Mizrahi Zion Agencies \$400,000

The Mizrahi Palestine Fund for religious enterprises in Palestine will receive the sum of \$400,000 out of the funds raised by the nationwide campaign of the United Palestine Appeal in 1945, it was announced by Herman L. Weisman, chairman of the campaign office committee. A total of \$25,500,000 will be required in 1945 by the agencies in Palestine which receive their American support through the United Palestine Appeal.

Mr. Weisman pointed out that the Mizrahi Palestine Fund, which received \$250,000 from the United Palestine Appeal in 1944, had been granted the increased sum of \$400,000 for the current year because of its greater needs in the maintenance of synagogues, schools, and other religious and cultural institutions in Palestine.

Rabbi Plant Occupies Duluth, Minn., Pulpit

Rabbi Walter H. Plant of Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, husband of the former Hadassah Yanich whose parents reside at 2119 Leslie, is now acting as replacement Rabbi at Temple Emanuel, Duluth, Minn., in the absence of Chaplain Burton E. Levinson, presently stationed at San Diego, Calif.

Rabbi Plant was recently licensed by the Hebrew Union College to fill the Duluth pulpit. He is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and the recipient of the Bachelor of Hebrew Degree from Hebrew Union College.

Hadassah Plant attended Wayne University and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Prior to her marriage, she taught in the public schools and was active in many Jewish and civic organizations.

'Law of Retaliation' Dr. Hershman's Topic

Dr. A. M. Hershman will preach on "The Law of Retaliation" at the Sabbath services on April 28 in Shalom Zedek Synagogue.

He will discuss the present situation in Germany and the vengeance visited upon the Germans and he will explain the Mosaic Law and the misunderstandings which have arisen in its interpretation. A group of children from a Protestant Sunday School will attend these services.

Cantor P. Pinchik Coming May 11-13

The world famous Cantor Pierre Pinchik will conduct the Sabbath services at Congregation Mishkan Israel, Blaine near Lindenwood, on Friday evening and Saturday morning, May 11 and 12, and will also appear in concert the following Sunday at 3 p. m. Proceeds are to be given to overseas war relief.

Cantor Pinchik, one of the best known liturgical singers, was discovered at an early age by the chief cantor of the St. Petersburg Synagogue. Upon graduation from the Conservatory of Music of St. Petersburg, he became the outstanding young cantor in Russia.

With the advent of the Bolshevik regime he was forced to flee Russia and in attempting to escape was shot at by the Red Guard, but managed to cross the border into Latvia. From there he emigrated to America where he has established himself as an outstanding liturgical singer.

Tickets for the services are available from officers of the congregation and from the following: Mr. Goldstein, 2048 Blaine; Cardwell's Book, 2048 Blaine; Twelfth St. Jewish Book Store, 2000 Twelfth St.

'Eternal Light' Program To Dramatize Lives of Great Talmudic Rabbis

NEW YORK — On Sunday, "Eternal Light" will present the first of a series of two radio programs dramatizing the lives of the great Talmudic Rabbis—Rabbi Akiba and his disciple, Rabbi Simon ben Yochai.

Morton Wishengrad will prepare a radio dramatization of "Akiba" by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Rabbi Aronson Cohen of Cleveland will be guest speaker.

The story of Rabbi Simon ben Yochai will be broadcast on May 6, the Sunday following Lag b'Omer, will offer a radio dramatization of Harry Sarkis's "Festival at Meron."

The programs, prepared under the auspices of the Seminary, are presented every Sunday over NBC, at 11 to 11:30 a. m. (EST), and from New York over WJAF at noon.

JDC Grants \$10,000 To Assist 1,100 Jews In Liberated Manila

NEW YORK — An initial grant of \$10,000 to approximately 1,100 Jewish refugees who had been interned in Japanese prison camps at Manila for more than four years, and who were released in the thrilling American liberation raid, was announced by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee and vice-chairman of the JDC campaign.

It was revealed that 800 were destitute, and that the local Jewish community also was dependent on outside help.

JDC officials hailed this first grant as a particularly significant one since it is going to the first Jewish group liberated in the Pacific area, the first such move in that area.

Rabbi From to Give Sermon on Werfel's 'Jacobowsky' Play

Franz Werfel's play, "Jacobowsky and the Colonel," will be the subject of Rabbi Leon From's sermon at the Sabbath Eve Services of Temple Israel Friday, May 4, at 8:30 p. m.

The service will be followed by a Social Hour and a symposium.

This Friday night, April 27, Rabbi From lectures on "San Francisco: Your Stake in the United Nations Conference." At this service diplomas will be given to the graduates of the high school. The Temple Israel Quartet and a choir of high school students will provide the music.

Rabbi From announces that the Confirmation Services will be held on the eve of the Feast of Shavuot, Thursday night, May 17, at 8 o'clock, in the Auditorium of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The Religious School of Temple Israel will close its sessions on the weekend of Sabbath and Sunday, May 26-27.

New Beginners Class at Yeshivah Beth Yehudah

Eighteen boys, 5 to 7, are now attending a new first grade group of the afternoon classes at Yeshivah Beth Yehudah. These students were entered by their parents during the week following Passover.

Lack of physical facilities in the overcrowded main building of the Yeshivah at Dikler and Gorky Streets, previously provided the opening of a new class at that time. In response to spontaneous registration, interested parents were asked to bring their children to the Yeshivah, showing the use of the class which will be used by the first grade (beginners) 4 and 4 P. M. Mondays, Thursdays and 9 to 11 Sunday mornings.

There is room for 12 more admissions in this class. Parents desirous of entering their youngsters now are urged to contact the Yeshivah office Sunday morning.

'Ten Commandments' Cantata Published by Rev. Kantor

"The Ten Commandments," a cantata, characterizing the emotional uplifting of the Jewish people and their willingness to abide by the code of laws as given on Mount Sinai, was composed by Rev. Abraham Kantor, 1972 Lee Avenue, Cleveland, O.

Rev. D. Kantor, born in Lemberg, Russia, is a graduate of Yekaterinodar Imperial Music School and Warsaw Music Conservatory, has a dramatic tenor voice and has appeared in concerts in many cities, including Detroit.

Hebrew Schools Plan Lag b'Omer Programs

Lag b'Omer, the thirty-third day of the Omer, will be celebrated in all branches of the United Hebrew Schools, Tuesday, May 1. The 49 days between the Festival of Pesach and Shavuoth are known as solemn days, during which no festive gatherings are held.

The 33rd day, Lag b'Omer, is a day of public rejoicing and it is being celebrated as such in all Hebrew schools in the Diaspora and in Palestine. In some of the branches of the Hebrew schools teachers have arranged outings with their pupils and conduct their programs outdoors. Others will gather in their rooms.

Only 8,500 Greek Jews Left Out of Prewar Population of 75,000

NEW YORK — Approximately 80 percent of the Jews in Greece have been deported, leaving only 8,500 out of a prewar number of 75,000, it was revealed in a report called from Athens by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, director of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee European Council, to Rabbi Joseph B. Wise, national chairman of the 1945 JDC campaign.

Athens, in which a large number of Jews formerly lived, now has 4,500 left; only 800 remain in Salonika, which had a prewar population of 54,000 Jews.

Rabbi Wise disclosed that the JDC appropriated \$200,000 for aid to Jews in Greece during the first three months of 1945.

Editor to Address Ladies of Yeshivah At Dinner, May 6

Dr. Trade Weiss Rosmarin, editor of the Jewish Spectator, and author of many books on Jewish topics and problems, at the invitation of Mrs. Pearl Rotenberg, president of the Ladies of Yeshivah Beth Yehudah, will address the ladies' dinner on Sunday, May 6, in the social hall of Congregation Bead David, Elmhurst and 14th.

Proceeds of the dinner will be used towards the maintenance of the Beth Yehudah Day School, Kindergarten, and Beth Jacob School for Girls.

Reservations for the Dinner at \$10 per couple can be made by calling Yeshivah Beth Yehudah, HO. 7926, or Mrs. Rotenberg, TO. 5-1171.

14 New Settlements Established in Neguv

That the Neguv, the Southern section of Palestine, will play an increasingly important role in the future of the Homeland, and will provide living space for a substantial Jewish population, is the opinion of Jewish scientific circles in Palestine.

Jewish colonization in the Neguv is of comparatively recent date. During the last five years 14 new cooperative settlements were established there. A call has been issued to Jewish youth in Palestine for intensified colonization in the Neguv, under the slogan "Reborn and Renew the Neguv."



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Refugees From Nazi Concentration Camp Face Transfer to Algiers Immediately if Palestine Certificates Are Not Forthcoming in Few Days, Agency Told

TEL AVIV, (JTA)—The Swiss government officially has informed the Jewish Agency that if Palestine immigration certificates are not provided within a few days for 1,620 Jews from the German concentration camp in Bergen-Belzon who were admitted temporarily to Switzerland, the entire group will be asked to leave Switzerland for a refugee camp in Algiers.

The Swiss ultimatum was revealed at a press conference by Eliahu Dolkun, head of the Agency's immigration department.

In London, the Agudas Israel Organization told the JTA that German authorities have advised former Swiss Consul Jean Mussy, who is attempting to secure the release of imprisoned Jews, that "a large number of Jews" will be released from Theresienstadt and permitted to proceed to Switzerland.

Leaders of the Agudas Israel added that they understood that two trainloads of Jews are in Germany ready to proceed to Switzerland under an arrangement reached between Mussy and the Nazi authorities.

Mr. Dolkun also told the press conference that 1,000 dwelling units are now being completed in Palestine. Plans are being prepared for the building of another thousand units, he said.

Says Jewish Intellect Must Be Rooted in Own Soil

LONDON (JPS-Palmer) — The power and brilliance of Jewish intellect must be rooted in its ancestral soil and might be dangerous when left completely uprooted, novelist J. B. Priestley said at a meeting of the British Association for a Jewish National Home, held under the auspices of the British Friends of the Hebrew University at which an Arts Group was formed to foster cultural relations between the writers and artists in Britain and Palestine.

British Officials Charged With Withholding Help

TEL AVIV (JPS-Palmer) — Destitute Jewish survivors in Europe have been moved to indignation by a statement made by the Duke of Devonshire, Colonial Undersecretary, that many of Europe's Jews "would probably" prefer repatriation to resettlement in Palestine, Eliahu Dolkun, in charge of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department, declared at a press conference here.

Replying to the Colonial Undersecretary's assertion that additional certificates for refugees were not required because the Jewish Agency has failed, to date, to utilize the 10,000 certificates remaining under the White Paper, Mr. Dolkun said that this was due to transportation difficulties and because the Jewish Agency and certificate holders receive no aid from the authorities, which would facilitate immigration.

Recent reports from liberated Hungary, Mr. Dolkun said, definitely confirm this tendency for settlement in Palestine. An urgent plea has been received from Hungary that 10,000 Jewish orphans be immediately transferred from there to Palestine, but the Jewish Agency, unfortunately, has not a single immigration certificate available for them.

Hadassah Plans Expanded Medical Activities

JERUSALEM (JPS-Palmer) — A comprehensive report on the plans of the American Hadassah for extension of its work in Palestine in the near future, which included a description of Hadassah's position in American Jewry, was given by Dr. Haim Yasky, director of Hadassah's Medical Organization, at a press conference held here, April 21, following his return from America.

Dr. Yasky stated that he went to America after consultations with the Health Department of Vaad Leumi, Jewish Palestine's National Council, and the Kupat Cholim, Sick Benefit Fund, of the Hadassah, for discussion

with Hadassah leaders as to the numerous medical problems which face post war Jewish Palestine with the prospect of mass immigration.

Dr. Yasky also announced an agreement between Hadassah and the American Friends of the Hebrew University, for the purpose of opening a faculty of medicine at Mount Scopus. A two-year campaign for \$4,000,000 is planned for the purpose.

HR Palestine Taxation Without Representation

JERUSALEM (JPS-Palmer) — The charge of taxation without representation was once more raised in a discussion of the Palestine government's fiscal policy system and principles of taxation, inflation and other matters affecting the public budget, at a meeting held under the auspices of the Palestine Economic Society and Palestine Rotary Clubs.

Bnei Brith Women To Honor Roosevelt With Hillel Library

NEW YORK—Creation of a Four Freedoms Library, as a memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt was announced at the



annual meeting of the Women's Supreme Council of Bnei Brith, representing 60,000 women throughout the country.

To be established in the new national headquarters building of Bnei Brith Hillel Foundations at the University of Illinois in Champaign, Ill., the library will serve as a permanent repository for originals or copies of all documents and other material relating to the Four Freedoms.

Over the entrance to the Four Freedoms Library will be inscribed Mr. Roosevelt's words: "In essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; in all things charity."

Cohen Named Editor Of Jewish Record

NEW YORK—Elliot E. Cohen has been appointed editor of the Contemporary Jewish Record, leading review of Jewish



ELLIOT E. COHEN

thought and culture, according to an announcement by Joseph M. Frankfurter, president of the American Jewish Committee, which publishes the magazine.

Under Mr. Cohen's editorship, it is planned to issue the magazine as a monthly under a new name, beginning in the fall. Founded in 1938, the periodical heretofore has been published bi-monthly.

Mr. Cohen has been, since 1938, the director of public relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. Prior to that he was the managing editor of the Menorah Journal for eight years.

200 Jewish Youths, 50 Adults Leave France for Zion

NEW YORK (JTA)—A transport of 200 Jewish children and 50 adults will leave France for Palestine shortly, it was announced here by the IJAS on the basis of a cable report from Dr. James Bernstein, the European director.

The transport of children was scheduled to leave last week, but the French Government refused to allow emigration of those originally selected because their parents, who were deported by the Germans, were of French nationality and French law requires parental consent before minors may leave the country. This difficulty has been overcome by substituting children whose parents were of various non-French nationalities.

Interested groups plan to make representations to the government in an attempt to secure permission for the eventual emigration of the children originally slated to be sent to Palestine. HIAS's office in Paris is arranging transportation to Palestine for a group of Jewish refugees now in Switzerland. Dr. Bernstein's report also disclosed.

WRB Sends Food To Jews in Reich

NEW YORK, (JTA)—A program for feeding Jewish internees in labor and concentration camps in Germany has been initiated by the War Refugee Board, through the efforts of its executive director Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, it was revealed here at a press conference of the Joint Distribution Committee addressed by Moses A. Leavitt, secretary of the organization, and presided over by Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman.

The food will be brought into Germany from neutral countries on trucks by representatives of the International Red Cross. The JDC has been sending food to Jewish internees in German camps, Leavitt revealed. He reported that according to the latest information received by the JDC there are about 140,000 Jews, mostly Hungarian, being used by the Germans as slave laborers in the Vienna regime.

There are also about 10,000 Jews in the Bergen-Belzon camp, near Hannover. Many Jews are still interned in Dirschowitz, he said.

The JDC is sending 60 tons of food and clothing a week to Polish Jews in the USSR, and in liberated Poland, in addition to 10,000 parcels a month for individual Jews whose addresses are known, Leavitt reported. Parcels also are being sent by the JDC to reconstituted Jewish communities in the liberated Baltic countries and Poland for distribution among local Jewish families.

It was disclosed that the JDC has spent \$10,000,000 during the first four months of this year for relief for Jews abroad.

Jack Benny will "take his show" into May for another extensive tour to entertain GIs in Africa and in the jungles. He gives a 45-week reprieve from 10:30 PM after May 27 broadcast.

Gen. Clark to Visit Palestine, He Says

WITH THE JEWISH BRIGADE (Palmer)—Moshe Sharvit, Chief of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency, was received by Gen. Mark Clark, Commander-in-Chief of the 15th Army Group, and extended to him an invitation to visit Jewish Palestine "and see the background of the men comprising the Jewish Brigade, operating under your command."

"The General replied: 'I give myself a promise to go there someday.' Major Yadin Friedman was detailed in Allied Forces Headquarters to conduct the guests in a special car leaving the Jewish Brigade camp."

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To qualify for camp positions women must be 14 years of age or over, men, 17 years or over.

Information on and applications for camp positions are being handled by the Michigan Camping Association with the assistance of the Group Work and Recreation Division of the Detroit Council of Social Agencies. For further information and application blanks, contact Miss Hollis York, 31 W. Warren Ave., Columbia 1900.

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ACTIVITIES IN SOCIETY

Sgt. Earl Hodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hodes of Calvert Ave., returned home this week after two years overseas. After a brief visit he will leave for Florida to visit with his wife before reporting for reassignment. S/Sgt. Hodes participated in the Anzio Beach invasion and spent most of his overseas stay in Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving T. Oberfelder of Canterbury Rd., have returned from a fortnight in Montgomery, Ala., where they visited their son, A/C William Oberfelder. Cade Oberfelder has been transferred to Amarillo, Tex., where he is receiving training to become a flight engineer on a B-29.

Mrs. Howard Sherman has returned to Beltsville, Md., where her husband Lt. (jg) Sherman is stationed following a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hartman of Chicago Blvd.

Capt. and Mrs. Edward Rosenthal Jr., of Parkside Ave., have returned from a short visit in Washington. Capt. Rosenthal who recently has returned from overseas service is spending his leave with his family before re-assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosman of 2234 Boston Blvd., will have open house, Sunday, May 6 from 7 to 10 p. m. complementing their daughter, Gloria Rose, and her father, Meyer, Ill.

Lt. Commander I. W. Raskin, (USNR), of Burlingame Ave., will report for duty at San Francisco, on May 7.

Ernest Marion Katonstein, Wayne, who is stationed in Detroit, spent a few days leave in Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

Julian Caplan of New York City spent a few days with his sisters, the Misses Jeanette and Ruth. Captain of Whitmore Rd., en route to San Francisco, where he plans to make his home. Mrs. Caplan, who accompanied her husband from New York, will spend a few weeks with her parents in Monroe, Mich., before going to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Moss of Pennington Dr., are spending some time in Las Vegas, Nev., where they want to visit their son, Lt. Melvin Moss.

Major and Mrs. Harold Felstein and their son Jerrold of Stout Ave., have returned from a visit in New York City. The major's mother, Mrs. H. M. Felstein whose home is in New York, returned with them.

Pvt. Adrian Rosen left Tuesday for Keams, Utah, following a 10 day furlough with his family in their home in South Ross Dr. C/M S/C Franklin T. Link is spending a 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Link of Byron Ave. His brother, SM 1st Edward E. Jr., who recently returned from 17 months overseas duty, is home on a 20-day leave.

Ernest and Mrs. Harvey Wilens are spending 10 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilens of LaSalle Blvd. Ernest Wilens who has been stationed at Norfolk, Va., is en route to a new post.

Mrs. Elia Koplov of Dorton Blvd., is spending a week in Atlanta, Ga., where she went to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Eugene and Mrs. Louise Koplov. Eugene Koplov is stationed with the Naval Air Base in Atlanta.

Pte. Bernard G. Krutz and his brother, Pte. Lawrence Krutz are in the ASTP at the University of Michigan, are spending a week on a visiting trip in Northern Michigan. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Krutz of Cambridge Rd., accompanied them.

Sgt. Joseph Lattin who recently has returned from overseas is spending a 21-day leave with Mrs. Lattin and their son, Robert, in their home in Elmhurst Ave. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lattin of Cortland Ave.

When Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Moss of Pennington Drive are visiting with their son, Lt. Melvin Moss in Las Vegas, Nevada, their daughter, Ethel Janet, will be residing at the home of Miss Phyllis Rubin of 1814 Fairfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Sachse of 1828 Virginia Park will be at home to relatives and friends from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p. m. on Sunday at home of their golden wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rosencorn of 1822 Fairfield will be at home from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday in honor of the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Ray Rosencorn, to Miss Natalie Libenthal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Libenthal of Chicago.

In honor of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Delia Fink, to Henry Friedenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Friedenberg of Congresswood Ave., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fink of 4079 Pauline will hold open house Sunday, April 28, 2 to 5 p. m. No cash.

Lt. Samuel Hack, who is stationed at Tampa, Fla., is spending a 10-day leave with his wife, Mrs. Samuel Hack of Indiana Ave.

British Congregations Favor Restrictions On Mixed Marriages

LONDON, (JTA)—Jewish congregations throughout England have indicated approval of measures proclaimed by Chief Rabbi Hertz, jointly with the Beth Din of London, aimed at preventing Jews married to non-Jewish women from exercising direct influence of Jewish communal affairs. The measures provide:

1. Jews married to non-Jewish

women who are not converted to Judaism heretofore will not be eligible for membership in Jewish congregations.

2. Membership already acquired will remain valid, but the member involved will not be given any office.

3. Children of mixed marriage, born of non-Jewish mothers who are not converted to Judaism, will not be regarded as Jews, even if their Jewish fathers have them circumcised in accordance with Jewish ritual.

Betrothed to Marry Tulsa Serviceman



MISS GOLDIE GROSS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gross of Cortland Ave. announce the engagement of their daughter, Goldie to Cpl. Alvin Daniel Topper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moss Topper of Tulsa, Okla.

Cpl. Topper is a graduate of the University of Tulsa and is stationed in Detroit.

The wedding date has been set for June 2.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Abraham Ainsbinder wish to thank their friends and relatives for the many kindnesses shown them in their recent bereavement.

Interest Mounts in Premiere Showing of 'Rusalka,' May 27

Detroit Friends of Opera, Inc., which will give the first English rendition in the U. S. of Anton Dvorak's fairy tale opera, "Rusalka," reports an ever-mounting interest in the event to take place Sunday, May 27, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral of Masonic Temple. Tickets are available at Grindell's.

Taking roles in the opera are 11 of Detroit's outstanding singers, together with 45 members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The complete cast, headed by Marguerite Krasna in the title role, will be announced later.

Fred M. Batzel, president of Detroit Friends of Opera, announces that Dr. Jan Papenek of New York, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Czechoslovakian Republic, will be a co-sponsor of the production and expects to come here for the premiere.

For the last three years Dr. Papenek has been directing the Czechoslovak Information Service in New York. Born in Brno, Moravia, in 1890, he served in the first World War. At its close he returned to his study of political science and wrote in French a history of Czechoslovakia. At the University of Prague he received a degree in Doctor of Law. He has been associated for the last eight years with Dr. Edward Benes, president of Czechoslovakia, in the liberation movement of that country.

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\$400,000 Stamps in Palestine's Exhibit

TEL AVIV (JPS-Palest)—Stamps valued at \$400,000 are on exhibition in the first Philatelic show in Palestine which opened here April 8. Some 15,000 specially-printed postcards with a postal franking stamp, "Philatelic Exhibition, Tel Aviv, 1945," have been sold. A contest has been announced for new stamp designs for the period of the exhibition.

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Local Brevities

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION presented a costume Spring festival of songs, dances and drama last Friday at Cass High School. The cast included 400 girls ranging in age from 5 to 17. A chorus of 400 voices sang the melodies. Participants in the production entitled "Dorothy's Adventures" included Renee Adler, 1601 Blaine; Sally Nussbaum, 1634 Gladstone; Clara Kash, 8423 Twelfth; Millie Friedman, 1492 Lee Place; Deen Cohen, 8823 Woodrow Wilson; Renee Dullberg, 1626 Gladstone; Mary Gertrude Conder, 1508 Hazelwood; Beverly Kerenwasser, 1426 Gladstone and Renee Dater, 1410 Hazelwood.

CLOVER HILL PARK CEMETERY has sent a notice to relatives of those interred in the cemetery notifying them that if they wish to have flowers planted on graves before Decoration Day they should remit their checks at once to the cemetery office, 1218 Detroit Bank Bldg.

GERTRUDE LAWRENCE, brilliant star of "Lady in the Dark", "Susan and God", and other Broadway hits will open the 17th consecutive season of Detroit Town Hall in the Fisher Theater, Oct. 19. The list of 20 guests will include Maria Ojuna, H. R. Knickerbocker, Waldemar Kaempfert, Vincent Sheean, Basil O'Connor, Madam Lakshmi Pandit, Robert Boothby, M. P.

BNAI DAVID MEN'S CLUB members again donated blood to the Red Cross on April 19. The following were among the blood donors: Joseph Baker, Edward Kreike, David Leibow, Irwin Ratner, Samuel Ravitz, Barney A. Ross, Morris Sheppard, John Schneider, Myron Solomon, Albert Seigel, Samuel Trause, Sam White, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greenberg and Joseph Tenenberg.

A branch of the **WORLD AGUDAH ISRAEL YOUTH COUNCIL** was organized in Detroit to advance the organization's religious principles. Rabbi Levison will address a public meeting at Lachar's on 12th Saturday evening. The Rev. Joseph Hornstein of Windsor, temporary chairman of the group, will also speak. Rev. Hornstein was previously the leader of the Agudah Youth Council in Natchez, Poland.

POLOSKNER WOLNER AID ASSOCIATION will hold its annual dinner and installation of officers at 7 p. m. Sunday in Assembly Hall, 9125 Twelfth. New officers are: Hyman Barak, president; Charles Solter, vice president; Rena Fishman, secretary; Max Schreiber, treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fishman, the founders, are honorary chairman.

Honors Are Awarded To Mosaic Chapter

During the district convocation held in the Ionic Temple on April 20, 21, and 22, B. J. Meirson, Deputy representative of the Grand Lodge of the Order of DeMolay for Michigan, assisted by his District Deputy, Al Harrison, presented Mosaic Chapter Order of DeMolay with a plaque for being the outstanding chapter in the district for 1944-45, because of the excellent work done by the chapter during the last year. Mosaic Chapter was also awarded first prize for its outstanding initiatory degree team.

On Saturday evening, in the Oratorical contest, Mosaic Chapter's representative, Sol Silver, was runner-up, and received an award for his good performance on the subject "Filial Love".

On May 5, in the Masonic Temple, the new officers of Mosaic Chapter will be installed, under the leadership of Leon Elkind, master councillor. Other officers to be installed are Austin Kander, senior councillor, and Marvin Fuller, junior councillor.

Mosaic Chapter meets every Monday evening in the Masonic Temple.

Fashion Show Feature Of Little Women of Hadassah Affair May 6

Mrs. Morris Adler, wife of Chaplain Morris Adler, will be the speaker at the annual Mothers and Daughters tea of Little Women of Hadassah at 1:30 p. m. on May 6 at the Wardell Sheraton Hotel.

A fashion show, with members serving as models, will be a feature of the program which will mark the year's closing event. New officers will be installed.

Miriam Cogan is chairman of the event, Pearl Gottlieb is chairman of the fashion show. Miss Cogan is accepting reservations at UN 3-7331.

Young Israel Women Hear Mrs. Mossman At Dinner Monday

Members and friends of the Women's League of Young Israel will hear Mrs. Esther Mossman, of the Detroit Zionist Youth Commission, at the mother-daughter dinner Monday at the Moss Catering Hall, Joy road at Grand River.

The program will include selections by Drora Selinsky; dramatic monologues by Reva Reichman; and an address by Esther Bodzin, of the Kefimah Girls, on "Mother and Daughter in the Jewish Home".

The league's projects of sponsoring the youth group program, packages to servicemen, Yiddish Hatnash Box Project, and other undertakings, will be reviewed.

Plans for the participation of the league in the erection of Young Israel's Orthodox Center will be announced.

SISTERS OF ZION MIZRACHI will meet Tuesday, May 1, at 1 p. m. at the Shalom Zede. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Max J. Wohlgeboim. The annual mother and daughter program will be held on Monday, May 28, at 6:30 p. m., at the Moss Catering Co., Joy Rd. near Grand River.

Mrs. Welt to Speak At Women's Council Luncheon on May 1

The Detroit Section, National Council of Jewish Women, will entertain paid up members at its



MRS. JOSEPH M. WELT

annual luncheon next Tuesday, at 12:30, at Hotel Statler.

Mrs. Joseph Welt, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, will speak on "Council Meets the Challenge".

Besides her Council activities, Mrs. Welt has been prominent in civic affairs in the Jewish Welfare Federation and Community Fund drives, is on the board of the Jewish Community Center, Visiting Nurse Association, and the tribute committee of the War Chest. She is a vice president of the local branch of the United Clothing Drive as well as a member of the national board headed by Henry J. Kaiser.

Mrs. Hershel V. Kruger, president of the Detroit Section, will preside, and will read her annual report.

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Miss Lois Leiser Appears in Two Detroit Concerts

Miss Lois Leiser, 18-year-old soprano, student of Max Levy, has made several appearances during the past week. On April 22, she was soloist at the banquet of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order branch 203. The affair took place at the Jericho Temple.

Miss Leiser also sang at the dinner luncheon of the Reading Circle which took place on April 25. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leiser, 1907 W. Euclid Ave.

Betrothed



MISS EVE GROSS

The engagement of Miss Eve Gross to Harvey Rosenberger is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Gross of Fairview Ave. Mr. Rosenberger is the son of Mrs. Clara Rosenberger of Dexter Blvd.

Congress Women Elect Officers Wednesday At Luncheon-Meeting

Election of officers of Detroit Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress will take place at a luncheon meeting at Hotel Statler next Wednesday, at 12:30 p. m. For reservations call Mrs. Samuel Blomdy, UN 2-8221.

Mrs. Emanuel Baker, chairman of the clothing relief committee, urges that clothing be turned in for the United Nations Clothing Relief Drive at various stations. She may be called at UN 3-3226 for the location of the nearest station.

Mrs. Albert Boesky, HO 4734, is taking orders for War Bonds. Contributions to the Omega Fund are being taken by Mrs. Joseph Newman, HO 4868.

Dr. Gumburg's Annual Concert Monday Evening

Dr. Mark Gumburg, noted Detroit pianist, will give his annual recital at 8:30 p. m. Monday at the Women's City Club, Park and Elizabeth. His program will include selections from Beethoven, Liszt and Saint-Saens.

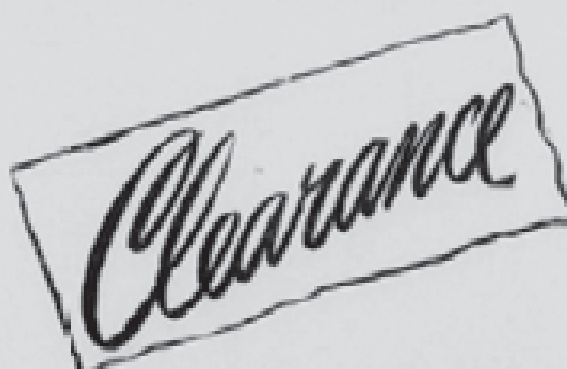
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Women's Clubs

LADIES OF MOSAIC will hold a games party Tuesday evening, May 22, at the Book-Cadillac Hotel. Proceeds will be used for the rehabilitation program for returning veterans. For tickets or information call Mrs. Al Perlmuter, TO, 8-9262, or Mrs. Charles E. Eichenborn, NO, 3422.

"DETROIT LADIES' LECHEM ANIVIM will have a Red Cross dinner May 22, at the Beth Tefilo Emanuel Hall, Taylor and Wilson. A wide variety of food will be available. Proceeds will go to the Red Cross. All are welcome.

HENKOW LADIES' SOCIETY will sponsor its annual Red Cross party at the Moshe Moshe social hall, Dexter and Lawrence, on May 2, Mrs. Helen Auslander is general chairman. Mrs. Esther Engel and members of the board are serving as co-chairmen. The post-up luncheon will be held in June.

BETH AARON SISTERHOOD will hold a card party May 22, at 8 p. m., at the Beal Moshe. For tickets call Mrs. M. Rubin, UN, 1-4000, or Mrs. M. Strasser, UN, 1-2642.

NEUGARTEN MEDICAL AID comprised members and prospective members at a luncheon at the Jewish Center. Mrs. Charles Rothstein, membership chairman, was in charge. Mrs. Morris Adler reviewed Sholem Asch's short stories.

BNAI MOSHE SISTERHOOD will have its annual Mother-Daughter dinner May 2 at the synagogue banquet hall. Mrs. Emil Phillips and Mrs. Julius Herich are in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Bernard Klein is in charge of tickets. Mrs. H. Greenbaum and Mrs. Regina Hirsch are supervising table arrangements. Mrs. L. B. Goodson, president, urges that reservations be made at once by calling the office, NO, 0962.

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD will conclude the year's activities with a luncheon May 14 at Hotel Statler. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. David Ruby, chairman, UN, 2-9974. Annual reports will be submitted and officers will be elected. Cantor Robert Tulman will be the vocalist. Mrs. Samuel H. Davis, president, invites members and friends to attend.

YOUTH EDUCATION LEAGUE entertained veterans at the Detroit Veterans Hospital by presenting the group's play "Americans on Broadway" and donated \$40 for the purchase of magazines for the servicemen. The League gave \$100 to Russian War Relief. Mrs. H. Millman was named chairman of the nominating committee. Mrs. Eli Gross is chairman of the Seventh War Loan, and will be assisted in the drive by Mrs. P. Kollin and Mrs. A. Chasman. The election meeting will be held May 7 at the home of Mrs. Harry Millman.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BUREAU CHOLEM will hold a special meeting for the nominating of officers, on Monday, April 29, at the home of Mrs. Harry Knapper, 17322 Santa Rosa Dr. The committee in charge of nominations is composed of Meulamen L. Millman, A. Marder, S. Munster. At a previous meeting it was announced that \$1,000 has been donated to the Jewish Hospital Fund. May 14 has been set aside as USO day with Mrs. Ben Leaman as chairman.

EVA PRENZLAUER MATERNITY AID will elect officers on Tuesday, May 1, at the home of Mrs. J. C. Rose, 412 Chalmers Ave., at 12:30 p. m. The annual bridge luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, at 12:30 p. m. in the Kern Auditorium. Mrs. J. C. Rose is chairman, with Mrs. Joseph York as co-chairman. Tickets are obtainable at the door and from members of the organization.

Palestine Women's Council Secretary To Aid Drive Here

Bela Idelson, secretary of the Working Women's Council of Palestine and envoy to the Pioneer Women's Organization,



BELA IDELSON

will arrive in Detroit Friday, May 4, and will remain several days to assist in formulating plans for the \$250,000 Building Fund Program for the expansion of its children's institutions and the \$250,000 Child Rescue Fund quota.

Mrs. Idelson is an outstanding leader of the women's labor movement in Palestine where she has lived for 18 years and where for the past 14 years she has served as secretary of the Working Women's Council of the Histadrut, whose membership totals 82,000. She is a member of the Zionist Action Committee.

For further information as to the time and place of these meetings, please communicate with the Council, TY, 7-2644.

Bridal Calendar

May 2—Elsie Ruth Tullin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Tullin of Parkside Ave., will be married to Yehon, Maurice E. Bauer, USMC, at the Book-Cadillac. A reception for Ditch will follow from 5-11 p. m. which has just returned from a year and half in the Pacific.

Marriages

JAFFE-WINER: Louis Winer of Duane St., announces the marriage of his daughter, Lillian, to Max Jaffe, son of Robert Jaffe of Linwood Ave. The ceremony took place on April 12.

WERBE-GROSSMAN: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grossman announce the marriage of their daughter, Sally, to Lt. Bernard A. Werbe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Werbe, on Sunday, April 22, at the home of Mrs. Werbe, 1011 S. Lake City, Utah, where Lt. Werbe is stationed.

Our Ban on Travel News

If you have read us non-commercial travel announcements, please understand that the reason they were not published is due to our adherence to official ODT requests that such travel be discouraged.

In agreement with the leading English-Jewish newspapers throughout the land, The Jewish News is therefore banning such announcements from its columns.

We do, however, continue to publish vital statistics—engagements, marriages, births; and announcements of trips made by servicemen, members of servicemen's families traveling to visit their sons or daughters at military camps; and news about students.

Hadassah Compiling Film Record of Life Of Heneretta Szold

Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of America, has asked The Jewish News to issue a call to its readers for moving pictures of the late Heneretta Szold.

A documentary film recounting Miss Szold's life and describing her work is being assembled by Hadassah who informs us that they are eager to borrow any movies taken in the United States, Palestine or Europe (especially during Zionist Congresses) showing Miss Szold in action. They state that these films should be sent with the complete roll of film on which they appear and should not be shipped "out of context."

All film should be sent, with an explanation of the time and place when it was taken, to Mrs. Arthur Greenwald, exhibitor and special events chairman, Hadassah, 1418 Broadway, New York 23. They will be returned.

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MISS ELAINE BERNSTEIN

Mr. and Mrs. Victor N. Bernstein of Glendale Ave., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine, to Bernard Glazer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Glazer of Wildmore Ave. A late summer wedding is being planned.

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Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Michael of Boston Blvd. announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to Pvt. Harold Bucher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bucher of Oakman Blvd. Pvt. Bucher is stationed at Boca-Raton, Fla.

LADIES AUXILIARY of the JEWISH NATIONAL FUND announces a Golden Book inscription in honor of Schlomo and Chai Zlate Wainger. This inscription inadvertently was omitted from the donor event booklet.

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Bar Mitzvahs

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bitker of 2641 Lawrence announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joseph Dale, to be observed at the Bnai Moshe, Lawrence and Dexter, on Saturday morning, April 28. Reception at home Saturday evening, 7 to 11 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pottery of 2388 Tuxedo announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Harold David, on Saturday, April 28, at the Congregation Mogen Abraham, Dexter at Cortland. Reception at home on Sunday, April 29, 2 to 5 and 7 to 11 p. m. No cards.

The Bar Mitzvah of Bernard Tarnow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Tarnow of Webb Ave., was observed last Saturday at the Bnai Moshe.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Abrams of 2294 Clements announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Gerald, on Saturday, April 28, at the Rose Sitting Cohen Hebrew School. At home on Sunday afternoon, April 29, 2 to 6 p. m. No cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pollock of 16397 Parkside announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Dwight Leo, on Saturday morning, May 5, at Shomrey Shomayim Synagogue, 15700 Marlboro. A reception will be held in the Pollock residence Saturday evening beginning at 7 o'clock. No cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Trager of 18074 Oak Dr. announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Lawrence Richard, on Saturday morning, May 12, at the Shomrey Zedek. Open house Sunday night from 7 p. m. No cards.

Births

March 25—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Solowich (Frances F. Segel) of 17314 Santa Rosa, a son, David Miles.

March 26—To Mr. and Mrs. Saul E. Silver (Sarah Hamburger), a daughter, Linda Marilyn.

April 2—To Sgt. and Mrs. Lee J. Goodman (Eleanor White of Los Angeles, Calif.), a daughter, Evelyn Rebecca.

April 4—To Pvt. and Mrs. Albert Kaplan (Ruth Niss) a daughter, Marilyn. Mrs. Kaplan is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Niss of Chelmsford Ave., while Pvt. Kaplan is stationed at Camp Maxie, Tex.

April 7—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Oberfield (Rose Lakin) of 2318 Tuxedo Ave., a son, Michael Irvin.

April 11—To Mr. and Mrs. Philip Deytsh (Phyllis Rotenberg) of 2125 Boston, a daughter, Faye Kileen.

April 11—To Mr. and Mrs. Max Shalim (Rose Chapman) of 1425 W. Euclid, a son, Harley Selwyn.

European Welfare Group Hears Report on Work At Installation Meeting

Harry Belsky, financial secretary of the Jewish Women's European Welfare Organization, presented a detailed report at the special installation meeting, at the Bnai Moshe, April 18.

A resume of the past year's activities was given by Mrs. R. Katin, who was re-elected president. Mrs. Ida Leland gave the blessing.

Besides Mrs. Katin as president, the following other officers were installed: Mesdames Sam Oron, I. Israel, Golden, Fleckel, Leland and Dorfman, vice-presidents; Mrs. Ida Goldsmith, treasurer; Mrs. I. German, board secretary; Mesdames Lewis and Leventhal, trustees.

A special board meeting will be held next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Fleckel, 2209 Grand, at 12:30 p. m.

'Fashion Show' Ends UHS Women's Series Of Cultural Programs

The final program of the series of cultural programs sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the United Hebrew Schools was a



MRS. BERT SMOKLER

success last Wednesday at the Jewish Center. The program featured costumes worn by Jewish women throughout the ages.

The following members participated in the display of costumes: Mesdames Morris Jacobs, Albert Carmick, Herbert Moss, Richard Cohn, Louis Tobin, Burton M. Seiden, Florence Rosman, Moe Dorn, Theodore Isaac, William Mondel, Julius Herman, M. Seldman and Sol Yellin.

Mrs. Walter Farber, director of the "Fashion Show", was the narrator and gave a brief outline of the background of each historic character.

Mrs. Bert Smokler was chairman of the entire series of cultural programs. Mrs. Jack Tobin is president.

Hanita Club Sponsors Buffet Supper, Games

Mrs. M. Salinger, social activities chairman of Hanita Club of Pioneer Women's Organization, assisted by Mrs. J. Radin, announces a buffet supper party and an evening of games, this Saturday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Brune, 18598 Cherrylawn. Admission for ladies supper. All are welcome. Proceeds will go to the Mounts Hazonoth, Working Women's Council in Palestine.

At the last Oneg Shabbat at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lieberman, Abraham Cohen spoke on the life of Ben Zion Katzenbach.

Mizrachi Women to Have Child Rescue Drive Rally

Mrs. Morris Posner, president, and Mrs. Ephraim Ralph, secretary, of the Child Rescue Fund of Hapoel Hamizrachi of Detroit, have issued a call to a meeting to be held at 12:30 p. m. Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Arthur Gellman, 2806 Clements.

The rally will be addressed by Mrs. Morris Adler. Refreshments will be served.

NHJC League Here Plans Card Parties

Mrs. Leon M. Zechman, president of the Detroit League of the National Home for Jewish Children at Denver, announces that preparations are being made for the annual simultaneous card parties at homes of members, on May 23. Proceeds will be used to support the activities of the Denver Home.

Mrs. Raymond Smith of Santa Barbara Drive is general chairman and is assisted by Mesdames Samuel Schwartz, Arthur Gilbert, Frank Handler, Moe Leiser, Edward Krause, Samuel Gordon, David Kiner, Walter Aronoff and Philip Greenwald.

In a statement issued this week, Mrs. Zechman describes the activities of the Denver Home and points out that children from practically all states in the Union have been treated there and have been cured of tuberculosis. Since 1940, she pointed out, cure of tubercular children has been instituted as a new service.

Mrs. Morris Schiff is the Denver League's chairman of the Seventh War Loan activities.

Our Deadline

The deadline for all copy to be submitted for publication in The Jewish News is at 2 p. m. on Tuesdays, except during holiday weeks.

Photographs must be in the hands of the editor before 2 p. m. on Mondays.

Engaged



ROSLYN BENDER

Mrs. Bertha Edelman of 16151 Bess announces the engagement of her daughter, Roslyn Bender, of Pvt. Ben Garfinkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Garfinkel of Brooklyn, N. Y.

ORT to Raise \$1,550,000 In the U. S. During 1945

NEW YORK, (JTA)—The sum of \$1,550,000 is to be raised by the ORT in the United States during 1945 as part of the \$2,450,000 which the organization intends to raise throughout the world, it was announced here at the annual meeting of the ORT Council of Organizations held at the Pennsylvania Hotel.

AZA Spring Dance On Sunday, May 20

The sixth annual AZA Spring dance of the Detroit-Windsor Council will take place at Bathwood Gardens, Sunday evening, May 20, according to an announcement issued by Donald Flekowsky, publicity chairman.

The committee, headed by Harry Murvin, president of the Detroit-Windsor Council, announces that Bobby Baker and his band will furnish the music. Dancing will commence at 1:30 p. m. because of the curfew.

N'West Congregation Sisterhood Arranges Program for Dinner

The Sisterhood of Northwest Hebrew Congregation and Center will hold its Mother-Daughter dinner Wednesday evening, May 3, at the Wilshire.

Mrs. Morris Adler will be guest speaker and Rosina Betman LaKritz will be guest vocalist. The children of the Sunday School will present a talent play, "We Love You, Mother." Mrs. Ira G. Kaufman is the director.

Reservations are being taken by Mrs. J. Gordon, UN. 1-2979; Mrs. A. Sachs, UN. 1-1236; Mrs. Herman Allen, UN. 3-1856.

The Sisterhood will meet at the home of Mrs. C. Cherlip, 17513 Cherrylawn, next Wednesday evening. Mrs. Florence Rosman will give a Lag b'Omer reading.



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Head Delegations Selected by American Jewish Committee and Conference; Two Prominent Women Added to List of Consultants at Frisco

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The appointment of Mrs. Arthur Brin of Minneapolis, former national president of the Council of Jewish Women, as alternate consultant to the American delegation at the United Nations Security Conference was announced by Mrs. Norman deR Whitehouse, chairman of the Women's Action Committee for Victory and Lasting Peace.

Syrian Resentment

The tension aroused by the conference has permeated into Jewish ranks, particularly in view of some of the occurrences which preceded the opening of the conference.

For instance, Faris Al-Khoury, Prime Minister of Syria, head of the Syrian delegation to the conference, declared at a meeting with newsmen in New York that the Arab countries feel that the British White Paper has solved the Palestinian problem. No changes in those provisions will be tolerated by the Arabs, according to this spokesman—thus indicating that the Arab-Jewish battle continues. The newly-created Arab League, according to this spokesman for the Arabs, has not discussed the question of Jewish immigration to Palestine.

Major Issue at Stake

Since the White Paper is the major issue at stake, Jews being united against its provisions, this statement does not hold out too much hope for an early peace.

Another saddening note in the statement made a few days ago by Edgar Ansel Mower, eminent journalist, in his column in the New York Post, that the San Francisco Conference will be full of "influences united by their determination that little Palestine shall never become a Jewish Commonwealth," for "virtually all representatives of Arab despots 'who will claim sympathy for the plight of the Jews but will threaten violence in Palestine if unrestricted Jewish immigration is permitted there.'"

Mr. Mower writes that other "unidentified influences" will argue that "the Arabs have oil. We want oil. The Arabs do not want Jews in Palestine. If we offend the Arabs we lose the oil."

Problem of Trusteeship

Prior to the conference Secretary of State Stettinius indicated that the postwar problem of trusteeship for mandated territories is still under discussion, and some have interpreted it to mean that no definite agreements have been reached on territories like Palestine.

Daily News Would Refuse U. S. Sanctuary To Jews

NEW YORK (JTA)—In an editorial calling on the San Francisco Conference for a "full and frank" discussion of the Jewish problem, the New York Daily News, Patterson-McCormick publication, declares that "it is hard to see . . . how the U. S. could offer sanctuary to any considerable percentage of the 5,000,000 or so Jews outside this country, as long as other places of refuge were available."

Of the "estimated 5,000,000 persons of all or part Jewish blood in the United States . . . some are families which have been here since before the revolution, but others are more recent arrivals, many of them coming here not registered as Jews, but as Romanians, Poles, Germans, Hungarians, etc., in the regular immigration quotas from the countries of their origin," the Daily News says.

Leaders in London Meet With Members of Delegation

LONDON (JTA)—Leaders of the Board of Deputies of British Jews have met with leading members of the British delegation to the San Francisco Conference. It was revealed here by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the board.

The meeting was held to estab-

lish contact between the members of the British delegation and the two representatives of the Board of Deputies who proceeded to San Francisco as observers. They are A. G. Brotman, secretary of the board, and Councilor Moss of Manchester.

The foreign committee of the board was criticized at a plenary session of the organization for cooperating only with the American Jewish Conference and with the World Jewish Congress.

Prof. Brodetsky, replying, emphasized that Councilor Moss was appointed by the foreign committee as one of the board's two representatives at San Francisco "because he is not connected with any caucus."

It was announced here that Sir Robert Waley Cohen is leaving for New York shortly, as a representative of the Anglo-Jewish Association, to confer with American Jewish leaders on issues affecting Jews which may come up at San Francisco.

Moss Gershtalk, special European representative of the American Jewish Committee, is also leaving for New York after spending several months visiting Britain, Belgium and Holland.

Trusteeship for Palestine Urged by Sumner Welles

NEW YORK (JTA)—An international bill of rights, to be adopted at San Francisco, measures to guarantee that refugees and displaced war victims live in the countries from which they fled or were driven and an international trusteeship for Palestine which would allow free immigration of Jews, were urged by former Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, addressing the 24th anniversary of the New York chapter of B'nai B'rith at the Waldorf Astor Hotel attended by 1,500 persons.

Mr. Welles also supported the formation of a Pan-Arab League under the supreme authority of an international organization, provided such a league would concern itself with furthering the legitimate political, cultural and economic interests of the people of the Arab states.

"If, however," he continued, "the international organization exercises a trusteeship over Palestine during a transitional period, until all outstanding international problems in the Near East can be suitably solved, and the Commonwealth of Palestine can be prepared to enjoy its independence, I would regard the entrance of Palestine during that transitional period into some form of economic federation with her neighbors, such as Syria, the Lebanon and Transjordan, as a

development which would be wholly wise and wholly desirable."

The former Undersecretary of State declared that if an international trusteeship for Palestine is created, "the number of Jewish immigrants permitted entry into Palestine should be limited solely by the capacity of the land profitably to take care of them."

Mr. Welles paid tribute to Judge Joseph Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, for the initiative undertaken in urging that the San Francisco Conference designate three international commissions to frame an International Bill of Rights.

Palestine Question Not Up For San Francisco Talks

BY BORIS SMOLAR

Special Wire to Jewish News SAN FRANCISCO (JTA)—Clement Attlee at a press conference in behalf of British delegation said he does not believe Palestine will come up at the United Nations Conference, even in connection with the question of international trusteeship.

Asked by JTA how the international trusteeship idea for mandate would affect Palestine, Attlee said that it would have to be worked out at a conference which will establish the machinery to deal with the problem.

The British delegation, he said, did not come to San Francisco with any recommendations concerning international trusteeship for Palestine. The question whether Palestine should place trusteeship should be "put up to Palestinians," Attlee declared.

He pointed out that depression that followed the last war was responsible for promoting Nazis' increasing anti-Semitism, and stated that the idea of trusteeship is intended to raise the standards of the peoples in mandate territories.

Attlee said he wished the San Francisco conference had only to

NW Cong. to Select Synagogue Plans, Choose Lot Monday

Northwest Hebrew Congregation and Center will hold a special meeting at 8 p. m. Monday at the Bagley School, Curtis and Greenlawn, to discuss plans for the acceptance of the architect's drawings for the proposed new synagogue building. It is announced by Alexander Moss, president.

Members are urged to attend and to participate in planning for the establishment of the ground floor of the new building to be available for High Holiday services.

The meeting also will set on the proposal to purchase the lot adjoining the present property located on the south side of Curtis, two blocks west of Livermore.

Philip Helfman is chairman of the fund-raising committee. Mrs. Moss heads the fund-raising committee for the Sisterhood.

150,000 Jews Survive In Budapest, JDC Told

NEW YORK—Approximately 150,000 Jews now reside in Budapest and thousands more are still returning from labor and concentration camps, according to latest information received by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, major American agency for the relief of distressed Jewish overseas. The estimate exceeds earlier reports to the JDC, which placed the number of survivors at 114,000.

establish security organization to prevent war but also to set prosperity plans through an economic-social council in order to make such phenomena manageable.

Jews Fight With Reds for Berlin

Special Wire to Jewish News MOSCOW (JTA)—Thousands of Jewish soldiers are among Red Army men fighting in Berlin. Also participating in the battle for German capital is first Polish army whose ranks include many Jews whose families were killed by Germans.

Several high Jewish officers are mentioned in the Stalin Order of the Day. They include Maj. Gen. Bakshynovich, Weinrub, Volkovskiy; also Lt. Gen. Karavkin, Col. Glesner.

Mizrachi to Launch Campaign at Dinner Marking Lag b'Omer

Irving Schimmel, president of the Mizrachi Organization of Detroit, announces that the organization will celebrate Lag b'Omer with a catered dinner at Lachar's Monday evening.

The evening will mark the inauguration of the Mizrachi Chasidic campaign in Detroit. Meyer Beckman, chairman of the Chasidic campaign, will report on the initial efforts of his committee.

Max Kaminisky, chairman of the membership drive, will report on the progress of his committee.

Daniel Temchin, president of the Mid-West Mizrachi Region, will give a resume of the work of Mizrachi in the diplomatic field.

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tribute much toward building a better and stronger American people. But these alone are not enough.

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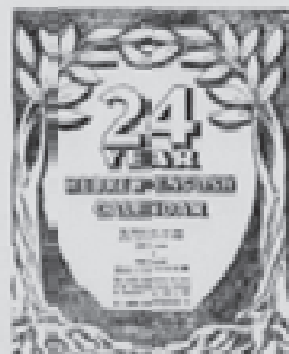
The way must be kept clear for independence in business . . . and for young men to start new businesses. Vigorous competition and initiative have carried our country safely and far.

American business is not performing its complete function unless it makes available to every family traditional American standards of living. American business also must serve social order and social advance. There is little room for racial or religious prejudice or class distinction when a country is alive with energy and is working.

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NEW YORK—Joseph C. Hyman, executive vice-chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters, at the Spring Convocation of Hebrew

Union College, next Sunday, at 4 p.m., at Central Synagogue here.

Mr. Hyman will receive the award in recognition of his "long, varied and rich service to the Jewish people in many lands and to the general cause

of Judaism." Others to be honored with honorary degrees at the Convocation and Isaac Mayer Wise Founder's Day Service include Mrs. Felix M. Warrburg, Justice Meier Steinbein and Frank L. Weil.

Jewish Brigade In Hand-to-Hand Fight With Nazis

Participate in Eighth Army's Advance Across Senio River in Italy

WITH THE JEWISH BRIGADE IN ITALY, (JTA)—The war's most vicious small-scale actions are now taking place on the front with units of the Jewish Brigade tackling elements of the Nazis' fanatical Fourth pan-division.

In one of these fights the Brigade's patrols infiltrated deep into enemy positions during the night and fought hand-to-hand battles along the flood banks, forcing the Germans from their positions. The Nazis rained mortar fire upon the Jewish troops, but their counter-attacks were repulsed.

The Brigade participated in the British 8th Army's general advance across the Senio river. They crossed this formidable barrier despite heavy minefields.

As of several days ago, the Jewish Brigade had lost only one prisoner since they have been in action. He was a first-aid man who accompanied a patrol into the German lines, and remained when the patrol withdrew to care for a wounded comrade. When the Brigade advanced the next day, they found that the wounded man had died and the first-aid man had disappeared, and, presumably, been captured.

U. S. Establishes War Crimes Office

WASHINGTON (JPS)—The U. S. Government recently has set up its own War Crimes Office in Washington to assemble reports and pertinent information on atrocities committed by the Germans.

It is a joint undertaking in which the Army, the Navy and the State Department participate. The staff consists of selected legal experts, who work under Maj. Gen. Myron C. Cramer, Judge Advocate General of the War Department, and who have contact with the United Nations War Crimes Commission in London.

Lt. Col. Joseph V. Hodgson, who was the American deputy representative to Herbert C. Pell before the latter resigned several months ago, is its representative in London.

Prof. Einstein Retires From Princeton Staff

PRINCETON, N. J. (JPS)—Dr. Albert Einstein, physicist and author of the Relativity Theory, has retired from the Faculty of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, with the title of Professor Emeritus. It was revealed in the Institute's bulletin, Prof. Einstein, 68, came from Germany in 1933 and has been on the staff of the Institute since.

Stephen Sarason Given Scholarship In Law at Columbia

Stephen R. Sarason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua S. Sarason of Atkinson Ave. and grandson of the late Dr. Joseph Belman, has been appointed to a graduate residence scholarship in the Department of Public Law and Government of Columbia University.



Graduating from Wayne University this fall, he will begin his studies at Columbia in September.

At Wayne Sarason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua S. Sarason, an assistant in the Department of Government and is active in school affairs, serving as chairman of the Student Assembly Committee and a member of the Student Activities Committee. Last fall he acted as chairman of Wayne's mock Presidential election.

Well known in local political circles, Sarason is a member of the Wayne County Democratic Committee and the executive boards of American United for the World Organization and the Michigan Citizens Committee.

As a student at Central High where he graduated in June, 1942, Sarason was editor in chief of the Central Student and a member of Quill and Scroll, national journalism society. He is now a member of Psi Sigma Alpha, national honorary fraternity in government and political science.

Last week Sarason was among 15 members of Wayne's 1945 graduating class inducted into the Scholarship Honor Society. Similar to Phi Beta Kappa, the society requires that its members have an A-minus average and be in the upper 5 percent of their class. Also among the inductees were:

Jack Pearlman and Ewing Young, of the College of Medicine; Betty Stenberg Heller and Esther Ruth Serrano, of the Sociology Department; Celia Katz of the Medical Technology Department; and Arlene Lail Levine, of the Spanish Department.

Mlawer Yereia Ladies Planning 10th Annual Mother-Daughter Fete

Ladies' Auxiliary of Mlawer Unggrund Verrin will have its tenth annual Mother and Daughter event, originally instituted by Mrs. Israel Burnstein, at Riviera Hall, Tuesday evening, May 15, starting with a dinner at 6:30 p. m.

A program of entertainment will include distribution of prizes to the most generations and the youngest mother present as well as the mother attending with the most daughters.

Mrs. Burnstein, TR. 2453, and Mrs. Joe Kasser, TO. 8-0534, are accepting reservations.

Award Winner



SAMUEL ROTSTEIN, 1046 Ave. of the Forest, New York, N. Y., has won the 1945 National Citizenship Award, presented annually by Alpha Epsilon Psi Club, Inc., National College Citizenship of 25 chapters. He is the youngest boy ever to win this Citizenship Award.

An Important Notice

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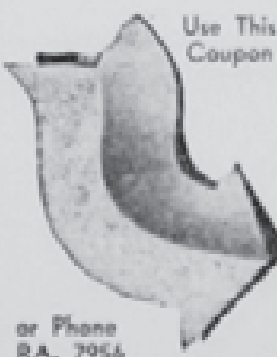
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UFA Photo

Approximately 35,000 Palestinian men and women are fighting with the British armed forces on every front. Recreating activities of the Jewish Agency for Palestine are supported by United Palestine Appeal funds, which also provide assistance for servicemen's families and

aid in the speedy reintegration of demobilized soldiers through expansion of agricultural and industrial development. UPA agencies require \$35,500,000 in 1945 to carry out their program of mass settlement of the surviving Jews of Europe and the reconstruction of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

Our Letter Box

Defines Religious Education

Editor, The Jewish News:

Is democracy possible in religious and educational activities?

After analyzing what religion, education and democracy stand for, my answer is that democracy in religious and educational activities is not only possible, but impossible without it.

Democracy, religion and education are one, you can not separate them.

What are the elementary teachings of true religion? I shall quote a few religious principles: "Love thy neighbor as thyself," "Do not do unto others, that you do not want others to do unto you," "Love the stranger," take care of the widows and orphans, and above all do not make any distinction between race or creed, as we all have one FATHER.

The purpose of education is to teach us how to live a moral and upright life.

Now what is democracy? Democracy does not mean just to have a representative government by the people, it means also that the people that are in the head of the government MUST make laws with justice, they MUST practice political and social democratic principles based on true religious principles, otherwise it is democracy in name only, in other words it can not be a true democracy without religious principles, true democracy and religion are one.

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War a Vital Experience in Democratic Practice

Editor, The Jewish News:

For millions of Americans in and out of the armed forces the war has been a vital experience in democratic practice, in sacrifice for the common good, in learning to understand our fellow Americans, in putting the spirit of brotherhood into daily practice.

Out of this war, for example, has come the soul-stirring story of four chaplains of the three major faiths who together went to their death on a torpedoed troop transport after having given up their life preservers to four other men.

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As the editor of "The Veteran," official publication of the JFW, I have been impressed with the

magnificent demonstrations of good will that have emerged from the fox-holes of this war. Thus, in collaboration with Louis A. Falk, with whom I wrote "Jews in American Wars," I am completing a collection of such true life episodes which is shortly to appear in book form. Among your readers are two GIs, Herman Chagman, long resident who may know of some historical facts, would most willingly contribute volume. Perhaps you have published some such stories in your own pages. We will welcome all such contributions, giving proper credit in our book to the source.

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Combining the celebration of Lug b'Omer and May Day, Migdal Chapter of League for Labor Pioneers will hold an outing at Ridge Park this Sunday. The other League chapter has been invited to join them.

The feature of the day's program will be a round table review of the achievements of the Histadruth, Palestine Labor Federation. Sports, games, songs and Palestinian dancing are planned.

Those wishing to attend are asked to meet near the pavilion at the intersection of Outer Drive and West Parkway at 12:30 p.m. and to bring their lunches. Drinks will be provided.

Rated Loan from Temple Israel addressed Migdal chapter on Thursday, on the significance of the Yalta Conference for the Jewish people.

A Tribute to FDR

By MARIE HANSON

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Mr. Katz's unusual art work is now available to the country at large in a magnificent book—"Preface to a New Art for An Old Religion."

It is a fascinating book, containing a drawing for each letter in our alphabet, with explanatory notes by the author, and an introduction by C. J. Balliet of Chicago as well as an interesting essay on "The Romance of the Alphabet" by Shlomo Margalit of the College of Jewish Studies of Chicago as well as the author's foreword.

The volume was published by

Belgian Press Pleads
For Return of Jews

BRUSSELS (JPS)—The diamond business, a major industry in pre-war Belgium, is doomed unless the Jewish merchants who fled before the Nazis are induced to return, the newspaper Nation Belge states. Many of them have since established themselves in the United States and some have started a diamond industry in Palestine.

The newspaper proposes that the Government induce their return by providing tax exemption for a period of five years.

L. M. Stein, 913 W. Van Buren St., Chicago 7, Ill. Mr. Stein adds glory to his previous efforts as publisher of art works by producing this splendid volume. Mr. Katz uses various symbols for his work: The idea of the ox for the Aleph, a house for



KATZ'S IDEA OF "RESH"

Beh, the first letter for the angel Gabriel for Gmet, door (from Deleth) for Daled, etc.

Not only the essays and the explanatory titles, but every detail in each picture provides interesting material for study by the lover of art as well as the layman.

Besides, the essay by Mr. Margalit on the alphabet is a gem, and the author's preface is an interesting autobiographical article.

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JUDGE WILLIAM FRIEDMAN

Re-election of Judge William Friedman as president of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit, at a recent meeting of the Federation's board of governors, provided a long-awaited desire on the part of Detroit's Jewish leaders to honor the former Judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court for his many important contributions to the life and aspirations of our Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

Judge Friedman, whose 65th birthday occurred on April 1, received the highest honor that can be accorded a Jewish leader by his community when he was selected for the presidency of the Federation; and he had the distinction of winning the esteem of the non-Jews when he received Governor Harry F. Kelly's appointment as Circuit Court Judge.

Esteemed by Associates

During his 15 months of service on the bench he won the admiration of all for his fairness and judicial temperament. He was highly esteemed by his associates on the Bench and in the Bar. Primary he received nearly seven times as many votes cast by the lawyers as were given to his nearest opponent and three times as many votes as were given to all four candidates combined.

His parents were married in Detroit. A native Detroiters, Judge Friedman has participated in and contributed greatly toward the development of the Jewish community which has grown from a small group a generation ago to its present population of 90,000.

His Busy Office

A practicing attorney since 1903, Mr. Friedman taught for several years in the night schools of Detroit and at one time served as principal of the Norvell Night School. He also taught for several years at the University of Detroit Law School. He began his teaching career in the Sunday School of Shaarey Zedek and continued his interests in the synagogue, having served on the board for many years.

A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Mr. Friedman has practiced law uninterruptedly since 1903. He and his partners—Henry Meyers and Myron A. Keys—have become so involved in community affairs that their law office is frequently referred to as "the downtown office of the Federation."

His Civic Functions

Judge Friedman has maintained a continued interest in civic functions, his major position having been that of Commissioner for the Detroit House of Correction. For nearly 18 years he was retained as Commissioner by Mayors John W. Smith, Frank Murphy, Frank Cozzens, John C. Lodge and Edward J. Jeffries. He served five terms as president of the House of Correction Commission and resigned his post as Commissioner when he was appointed to the Bench.

He was chairman of the

Wayne County Deaf Appeal Board No. 2 which passes on appeals from many local deaf boards, the only appeals from its decisions being to the President.

Was UJC President

On the Jewish front, his longest association with any agency is the United Jewish Charities with whose board he has been affiliated since 1907. He was president of the United Jewish Charities when this agency was the central philanthropic organization prior to the formation of the Jewish Welfare Federation. He served as president of the UJC from 1921 to 1934 and again from 1937 to 1944 until his election to the presidency of the Federation.

His presidency of the UJC was very fruitful — witnessing the erection of the Aaron Deller Memorial Building (Jewish Community Center), the Home for Aged, the center of the Jewish Social Service Bureau on Second Blvd., the Rose Sittig Cohen Bldg., and additions to the North End Clinic and the Fruit Air Camp.

His Many Affiliations

He served on the boards of the United Hebrew Schools, Jewish Community Council Hebrew Free Loan Association, Jewish Social Service Bureau, Clover Hill Park Cemetery, Good Will Industries and Boy Scouts of America, was recently elected an honorary member of the Jewish Community Center and a affiliate with the Bnai Brith. He has been a member of Pisgah Lodge of Bnai Brith since 1922 and is a representative of the Anti-Defamation League. He is a member of Knights of Pythias, Lawyers Club of Ann Arbor, Standard Club, Franklin Hills Country Club, Zionist Organization (being a member of the ZOJA President's Club), the Masonic Order and the Elks.

He serves on the executive committee of Detroit Round Table of Catholics, Jews and Protestants; for six years was a member of the Detroit Community Union, and has been active in the Community Fund and War Chest drives and Allied Jewish Campaigns.

Listed in Who's Who

He has been listed in Who's Who in America since 1930 and in Who's Who in American Jewry.

After the last war, he went to Europe on a special mission with Morris Waldman, of the American Jewish Committee, and had an opportunity to visit Sowulka, his mother's birthplace.

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May Birthdays

Milton M. Alexander, one-time prominent Detroit Jewish leader, will celebrate his 55th birthday on May 28.

Henry Mazer will be 75 on May 5.

Others whose birthday occur in May are:

Dr. Emil Amberg, May 1; David Wilbur, May 4; A. C. Lappin, May 8; Miles A. Finsterwald, May 9; Samuel Brenner, May 9; Dr. Charles D. Aaron, May 9; Aaron Kurland, May 10; Louis Rosenberg, May 16; Irving Blumberg and Louis Blumberg, May 17; Herman Finsterwald, May 21; Judge Charles C. Simons, May 21; Justice Henry M. Butzel, May 24; Jack Borin, May 25; Morris W. Zack, May 25; Mrs. Henry Meyers, May 25; Harvey H. Goldman, May 31.

Warns Lebanese-Syrians Of 'Nazi Type' Propaganda

NEW YORK (JPS) — The champions of pan-Arab unity are "spreading the poison of racial and religious bias against the Jews, in the best style of Nazi propaganda, which may some day turn out to be as dangerous for the same Syrian and Lebanese Christians, who have been, and are still most prominent in organizing the Arabs against the Jews," Prof. A. S. Yahuda, of the New School for Social Research, warns in a letter to the New York Herald Tribune.

The opinion of impartial observers and correspondents at the Pan-Arab Conference in Cairo recently, generally agree that "the only ground on which the representatives of the Arab States were absolutely united in the opposition to the Jewish national home in Palestine," Dr. Yahuda writes.

He brought his mother's sister to the U. S.

He has one daughter—Mrs. Max Kutter.

Judge Friedman's services to Jewish and non-Jewish causes and movements in Detroit have earned for him the admiration of friends and neighbors and the tribute awarded him is well-merited.

Other Officers Chosen By Detroit Federation

Besides Judge Friedman as president, the Jewish Welfare Federation's new officers are:

Fred M. Butzel, chairman of the executive committee.

Abraham Seave, chairman of the board of governors.

Isidore Sobeloff, secretary.

Harry Frank, treasurer.

Mrs. Joseph H. Ehrlich and Julian H. Kretlik, vice-presidents.

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Pisgah Lodge 'Millionaires' Night Proves Success at Romulus Field



Left to right: MILTON M. WEINSTEIN, president of Pisgah Lodge; WAC BETTIE DUNN, SGT. F. WEINBLATT, the "millionaire" winner; consolation prize winner, T/SGT. LOUIS GAVIANO and JACK LAWSON, chairman of Pisgah Lodge war service fund.

A "Millionaire's Night," a mock in-camp games party, sponsored by the war service fund committee of Pisgah Lodge 34 of Bnai Brith at Romulus Air Field, on April 17, created a sensation, 250 servicemen and WACs having participated in the event.

Gift certificates were awarded to "biggest winners." Sgt. F. Weinblatt acquiring the greatest "fortune" by winning, "the sum of \$10,000.00." T/SGT. Louis Gaviano, WAC Bettie Dunn and an anonymous "consolation prize" winner were among the lucky ones.

Refreshments Served

After the events, refreshments were served, the wives of Bnai Brith members serving as hostesses.

Those who directed the games

Young Men Organize New Bnai Brith Unit

A new Bnai Brith Young Men's Organization, known as Pioneers, has been formed here, the membership age limit being 12 to 25.

The group has formulated a program of aims for the advancement of the members' physical, cultural and spiritual attainments and for participation in community philanthropic affairs.

Meetings are held on Sundays at the Jewish Center. Officers are: Emanuel Etkin, president; Edward Mann, vice-president; Sidney Stark, secretary; Verne Holmstrom, treasurer. Leonard Brown, installed the officers at a recent meeting and leaders Stark was guest speaker.

included Morris Shatzen, Meyer Minkin, Irving Dworkin, Isidore Gussin, Irving Weinstein, Sidney Sider, Lou Cheloff, Milton Weinstein, Julius Corman, Maurice Kaplan, Aaron Lipin, Al Finkell, Morris Sher, Meyer Leib, Archie Katcher, Sam Seltikowitz, Meyer Lebowitz, Irv Reiter, Arthur Silberblatt, Barney Covert and Leonard Peritz.

Maurice Beyer, one of the servicemen, informed Sylvia Shatzen that he always wanted to join Bnai Brith, and immediately was enrolled as a member. Others, showing their enthusiasm, asked the sponsors of the party, "when are you coming back?"

Pisgah Lodge received letters from Capt. Daniel C. Park, Chief of Personnel Services Unit, and Cpl. Clarence V. Sakel of this unit thanking the organization for arranging the event.

Aids in Arrangements

The ladies who aided in the arrangements included the Messdames Milton Weinstein, Jack E. Lawson, Meyer Lebowitz, Irving Weinstein, Morris Kaplan, Leonard Peritz, Isidore Gussin, Archie Katcher, Sam Seltikowitz, Aaron Lipin, Meyer Leib, Albert Finkell, Arthur Silberblatt, Morris Sher, Irving Reiter, Barney Covert, Sidney Sider, Lou Cheloff, Meyer Minkin, Jean Schindler and Miss Sylvia Shatzen.

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Arlazaroff Sets \$500,000 Bond Goal to Honor Heroes

JNWA Branch, Which Raised \$45,000 for Gewerkschaften, Doubles Original Quota in 7th War Loan; Lindsens Inscribe 2 Groups in Golden Book

Arlazaroff branch of Jewish National Workers' Alliance, at a rally of members and friends at the Rose Sittig Cohen Bldg. on April 18, recorded another triumph for its members' activities in behalf of local causes by reporting that this branch alone had raised \$45,000 towards the total of nearly \$100,000 in the 1945 Hindustan - Gewerkschaften campaign.

Harry Schuman, chairman of the Seventh War Loan drive for the City Committee of the Farband, announced that it was decided to double the original goal for the coming bond drive and to aim to raise a total of \$500,000 in tribute to the memory of Lt. Daniel Ginsburg and Pfc. Robert F. Weisman, sons of Farband members.

The Arlazaroff meeting was

utilized to honor Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lindsen on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. A number of members spoke in their honor. Morris L. Schaver, who presided, announced that the branch had inscribed the Lindsens' names in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

Mr. Lindsen, responding to the hosts, after a brief address by Mrs. Lindsen, announced that they were in turn inscribing Arlazaroff branch as well as Poale Zion Branch 2 in the Golden Book of the JNF.

Arlazaroff branch's next meeting, on Wednesday, will be addressed by Arnold A. Weisman, prominent local engineer who has made a study of important issues affecting Palestine and Jewish life generally.

Mortgage Wiped Out By the Warsaw Club

On April 15, the Warsaw Club of Detroit celebrated its 10th anniversary and the mortgage on the club building was wiped out. The toastmaster of the evening was Samuel Green.

The president, Ben Silber, opened the celebration with a summary of the activities of the club since it was organized 10 years ago.

Samuel Dronick and A. Biegelman, pioneers of the club, the vice-president, H. Goss; Louis Steinberg, financial secretary; and Albert Kurrmann, recording secretary, were among the speakers.

'Partisans' Play At Art Institute Sunday Evening

A dramatic one-act presentation of the successful activities of the Soviet Partisans will feature the performance of the Detroit Dramatische Gesellschaft at the Art Institute this Sunday evening.

Other presentations will include one-act plays by Sholem Aleichem and J. L. Peretz and other features. Meyer Eisenberg is the director.

Tickets will be available at the box office.

Wayne U to Present 'Hay Fever,' May 4-5

Wayne University Theater production of Noel Coward's comedy, "Hay Fever," will be presented at the Macabees Auditorium, May 4 and 5.

Among the veteran members of the Wayne University Theater is the cast and Rosemary Emerson, 2615 Oakman, and Evelyn Rapoport, 3418 Chicago, who have also appeared in productions of Everyman's Theater.

Also in the cast are: Harold Miner, 2020 Elmhurst, and Jack Moskowitz, 4047 Elmhurst, who have had broadcasting experience.

Tickets may be purchased at Wayne University, TE. 1-1438, Ext. 265.

Panama Merchants Ass'n. Attacks Jewish Traders

NEW YORK (JTA)—An attack upon Jewish businessmen in Panama is contained in an advertisement published by the Association of Panama Merchants and Industrialists in Panamanian newspapers received here.

The advertisement says, in part: "Gradually Chinese, Japanese, Hindus and Polakos (this term is used for Jews) have come, taking hold first of all of our commerce."

Jewish Center Activities

Samuel Sage to Address B. & P. Group on Thursday

Samuel Sage, secretary of the Wayne County CIO Council, will be guest speaker at the Business & Professional Discussion Group next Thursday evening, on the subject "Labor and the Peace," in the Ginsburg Lounge of the Jewish Center. All are invited.

Two Films on Center Program Next Wednesday

"The City," a 30 minute film, one of the best films on the subject of city-planning and decentralization of housing facilities, will be shown at the Jewish Community Center at 8:45 p. m. next Wednesday evening, in the Adult Lounge. Also on this program will be "A Place to Live," a human story on the need for slum clearance and the housing problem. All are invited.

Tennis Instruction Course To Begin at Center

The Jewish Community Center is offering an elementary eight-week course in tennis instruction, beginning May 1, to full Center members, both men and women.

Instruction will be given by Helen Gross, director of health education for women, every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 to 9:30 p. m. Those interested are asked to bring their own tennis racket and balls.

Lag Y'Omer Holiday Bap At the Center This Sunday

Paul Leach and his Sappho-Cala, with the well known vocalists Tally, will furnish the music for a Lag Y'Omer dance this Sunday evening, in the main auditorium. This dance will mark the 23rd Holiday Bap.

The auditorium will be decorated in keeping with the spirit of Lag Y'Omer. The decorations are designed by Shirley Hirsch and directed by the committee of which Estelle Blay is chairman, assisted by: Beatrice Horstman, Celia Brown, Morris Harknizer, Eve Camer, Bernice Friedland, Charlotte Greenberg, Morris Kamin, Alan Muttman, Danny Raskin, Frances Rotman, Ruth Sobel and Dr. Milton White.

Miss Morgan to Speak At the Center on May 6

Miss Mary Morgan of Radio Station CKLW will be the speaker at the record of a series of "Ten Talks on Sunday, May 6, at 3:30 p. m. in the main auditorium. Her subject will be "Personality in Fashions."

A musical program will introduce the afternoon. Refreshments will follow. All women

Ludwig Lewisohn Is Guest Speaker At JNF Drive Rally at Center May 13

Ludwig Lewisohn, eminent Marxist novelist and lecturer, will be the guest speaker at the public rally to be held at the



LUDWIG LEWISOHN

Jewish Center on Sunday evening, May 13, to inaugurate the opening of the Jewish National

Fund drive sponsored by the labor department of the JNF.

Harry Schuman, chairman of the local JNF labor department, has announced that all local labor Zionist groups — including the Poale Zion, all branches of the Jewish National Workers Alliance, the Pioneer Women, Hahonim, League for Labor Palestine and Hahomer Hatzair—will participate in this drive.

Mr. Schuman has expressed confidence that the 1945 drive of the labor groups will net the JNF a sum of approximately \$20,000.

The 1945 labor JNF drive is directed at building in Palestine the Barf Katsman Colony in tribute to the memory of the late labor Zionist leader who died less than a year ago.

Other speakers will appear. Full details will be announced next week.

British Jews Allowed To Join Brigade Unit

LONDON (JPS-Palmer)—British or those Jews who voluntarily enlist in the armed forces or are called to duty under the United Kingdom national service act, may, in the future, elect to serve with the Jewish Brigade, now part of Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army Group in Italy, the Jewish Agency for Palestine has been informed here.

are invited. There is no admission charge.

Cub Park Stages "Minutest Politics" at Center Sunday

Cub Park 140, a group of youngsters aged 9 to 11, will present their "Third Annual Minutest Politics" on Sunday, at 2:30 p. m. in the main auditorium of the Jewish Center. All are invited.

Mothers' Clubs Set Dates For Mothers-Daughters Events

The following are the dates for the Mothers' and Daughters' banquets of Mothers' Clubs:

Monday, May 14, 8:30 p. m. at the Jewish Center, the Davison, Penfold, Center Mothers' Club.

Tuesday, May 15, 8:30 p. m. at the Jewish Center, Dexter Mothers' Club.

Tuesday, May 16, at 8:30 p. m. at the Jewish Center, Twelfth Street Mothers' Club.

Probe Demanded On Anti-Semitism Charges at NYCC

NEW YORK (JPS)—A "first hand investigation" of charges of anti-Semitism in the hiring and promotion of instructors in the Romance Languages Department of City College here, contained in a letter from four of the department's professors to the Board of Higher Education, was demanded jointly by the American Jewish Congress, the Teachers Union, CIO, and the Catholic Committee for Human Rights.

Rabbi J. N. Cohen, chairman of the American Jewish Congress' Commission on Economic Discrimination, said that his committee first investigated "discriminatory practices" in the department in the fall of 1943.

At that time Dr. Harry G. Wright, President of City College, following his own investigation of the matter, said there was no basis for charges of discrimination.

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Tuesday Musicals Composers Group Sponsors Impressive Event at Art Institute in Honor of Music Director of Jewish Center and Temple Beth El

A distinct honor was accorded to Julius Chajes, musical director of the Jewish Community Center and Temple Beth El, on



JULIUS CHAJES

Thursday evening, when a concert of his compositions was sponsored at the Art Institute by the Tuesday Musicals Composers Group.

It was an eminently impressive event, and in addition to the guest of honor the participating artists included Mrs. Abraham Cooper, popular Detroit soprano; Henry Segal, brilliant Detroit Symphony Orchestra violinist; Georges Miquelle, also of the Detroit Symphony, one of the outstanding cellists, and the Central Woodward Christian Church Choir under the direction of Marian Van Liew.

The eminence of the event was found in the program, because of the unique chronological arrangement of the numbers.

The opening selection was a Chajes composition of 1926. The second jumped to 1944—a composition Mr. Chajes wrote at Lake Placid. Then came his "By the River of Babylon" (1926 Psalm) which he wrote in Detroit in 1942 and dedicated to Mrs. Cooper.

Popular Selection

This selection, which has had country-wide acclamation, was followed by two selections—"Palestinian Nights" and "Walls of Zion"—which Mr. Chajes composed in Jerusalem in 1932 and which have since been heard in concerts throughout the world.

"Prayer" and "Palestinian Dance," 1934 compositions in New York, and "The 16th Psalm," a Vienna composition in 1932, concluded the program.

This chronological listing is given here at length for just one reason: Mr. Chajes is not merely an outstanding pianist and composer; he is in addition a Jewishly-conscious musician who has devoted himself to filling a void in Jewish musical circles by creating a new type of Jewish music which has

Dr. Katzin Re-Elected
President of Hebrew
Hospital Association

Dr. Leon A. Katzin was re-elected president of the Detroit Hebrew Hospital Association, at a meeting held at the home of the secretary, William Buchhalter, 3253 Rochester, on Monday evening.

Mr. Buchhalter was re-elected secretary. H. T. Glickman and Marcus Katen were re-elected vice-president and treasurer respectively.

Other members of the board are: Michael R. Rogade, Joseph Caselner, Maurice Florin, Isaac Rosenthal, Saul Katz and Philip Shermovitz.

The Detroit Hebrew Hospital Association was the first group to be formed here to propagate the need of a Jewish hospital

taught the imagination of artists everywhere.

Best proof of his gift to his people is his arrangement of "Ten Palestinian Songs" for piano, voice and community singing. Mr. Chajes dedicated this work to Miss Henrietta Rosh before her death.

Hadassah touted the publication of the 16 songs as valuable in its educational efforts that the women's Zionist organization sponsored it nationally and many other organizations commended to support the project by assuring a wide circulation for this useful work.

Mr. Chajes recently was made a very happy man; he was awarded American citizenship by Judge Frank A. Picard.

But his happiness really began in 1934 when he left for Palestine. A native of Lwow, Poland, the 34-year-old son of a surgeon father and a concert pianist mother showed his musical genius early, and he gave his first concert at 9.

Made Debut in N. Y.

He made his debut in New York in 1932, taught at New York College of Music before coming to Detroit, and in this city showed his ability by bringing 26 eminent artists for concerts.

He is the organizer of the Detroit Friends of Opera, Inc., which already has produced two successful operas and whose next production, "Hugobert," will be presented at the Riverside-Ritz Cathedral on May 27.

Mr. Chajes' cousin, the late Prof. Zvi Chajes, longtime choir tutor of Vienna, was one of the world's leading Rabbis. He is related also to Solomon Chai Justice, Felix Winkler and Prof. Martin Buber of Palestine.

His father died in Palestine two months ago. A physician, he is Dr. Avie. Mr. Chajes was married to Marguerite Korman, soprano, star of "Sholem" in Tientsin, four years ago. They had met in Jerusalem in 1934.

Pick Candidates
To Attend Camp
Of Zionist Youth

Leaders, 18-25, to Be Given Trip to Brandeis Camp in Pennsylvania

Walter Field, chairman of the Detroit Zionist Youth Commission, announces that candidates now are being selected to attend the Brandeis Camp Institute, located in Westeydale, Pa., and functioning as a joint enterprise of the Zionist Organization of America and Hadassah for the training of Zionist youth leaders.

All attending this camp are sent on a scholarship basis and are selected by their leadership qualifications by the Zionist Youth Commission.

Camp periods are arranged to allow ample opportunities for study, work and recreation. Candidates must be between 18 and 25 and the National Zionist Youth Commission allocates a certain number of candidates from each district to make up the total of 244 campers that can be accommodated.

Jewish Life, Problems

Courses are given on Jewish life and problems on the American scene, problems facing world Jewry, history, theory and practice of Zionism, achievements and problems of Jewish Palestine, and principles of group work related to the four general Zionist youth organizations. Two hours daily are devoted to group singing and Palestine dancing.

Evenings devoted to a social program, including singing, dancing, dramatics, and temp-tations, are planned by campers with the assistance of the staff.

Plan Young Judas Club

This Sunday, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, will be held at the home of Mrs. Louis Glaser, 3720 Woodington, the girls, 12 and 18, interested in forming a Young Judas club.

Letter Judas are planning to send the Jewish Agency Institute at Cleveland, May 4, 6, 8.

New clubs are being registered. For information call Mrs. Esther Rosenberg, director of the Youth Commission, TY 4-2622.

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Schwartz Brings 'Three Generations'
For One Performance Here May 6

SCENE FROM "THREE GENERATIONS"

"Three Generations," Benjamin Reiser's new comedy-drama which has been drawing capacity audiences, will be brought to Detroit on Sunday evening, May 6, for a single performance at the Wilson Theater, by Maurice Schwartz.

Mr. Schwartz, founder and director of the Yiddish Art Theater, returned to the Jewish stage this season with this new play. It marked his first appearance in New York since his presentation of "The Family Carnovsky."

The noted actor-director had just returned from a successful

tour of the U. S. and Canada, with extended engagements in Chicago and Los Angeles where he presented repertoires of his famous plays.

In "Three Generations," Schwartz portrays the role of a Galician rabbi who is fortunate enough to escape from Nazi persecution to America, where his reputation as a great teacher had preceded him. His supporting cast, which includes most of the original members of his Yiddish Art Theater group, is headed by Rebecca Weintraub, Anatole Winkograd and Charlotte Goldstein.

Tickets for "Three Generations," the presentation of which is managed here by Abraham Littman, 874 available at Metro Music House, 19228 Dexter, TO 8-4114; Alaina Confectionery, 3440 12th, TR 2-3839 or TR 2-8881; Abraham Littman, 1922 Pingree, TY 8-9186; and at the box office of the Wilson Theater on the day of the performance.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

By HARRY KOVNER

Our beloved President stepped away while looking and dreaming for a better day.

Also, stepped away while building the For world democracy and unity between nations.

Eldest ever made a better plan To love the world, open all of mind And to remove for ever more the stain of hate and fear of another war.

Good to the Great Beyond One man was truly bold To take nations and all mankind under his hand in the great hand of the people's defender. And our Chief Commander, Good to eternal rest.

A master who did his best To lead the liberation of the masses from the chains of prejudice and hate.

Like Moses and Lincoln his vision was truly a vision and dream. A vision of heart and soul who set himself the goal To attain the universal peace for all people at joy and truth, blessed in the golden voice of our spirit was the people's chance for freedom from fear.

To guide them in peace at all war, achieving and sustained by human brotherhood.

Tearing and weeping days and nights the life suddenly is deleted. For what? For what is not completed? For what? For what is not done, the war was begun.

But the light for freedom was just begun.

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which was observed on Saturday, April 21, at the East Siding Union Synagogue.

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Fields Visits Here After 8 Battles on Carrier in Pacific

Cited for Courage in Tending Wounded; Was in on the Big Raid on Tokyo

Many and varied are the experiences of Arthur Fields, 23, a musician 1/c in the Navy, who recently was home on a 30-day leave with his mother, Solly Fields of 18112 Twelfth.

Fields has participated in eight major battles of the Pacific as is signified by the eight battle stars on his Asiatic-Pacific Area Service Ribbon. Assigned to a carrier, he has seen action in Fields on Tarawa Island, Wake Island, Gilbert and Marshall Island operations, Palau, Yap, Ulithi, M 1/c Fields, Walnut, the New Guinea operation, the Marianas and China Sea operations and the raids on Tokyo. He also possesses the American Area Service Ribbon.

In Service 26 Months

In service for two and one half years and at sea for 26 months, his last trip lasted 12 months.

Among the honors accorded Fields is a citation by the commander of his ship which reads: "For distinguishing himself in action while serving as musician on board a carrier in the vicinity of Luzon. After the ship had been hit by a bomb and enemy plane, he proceeded to the damaged area and assisted in the removal of the wounded. He displayed outstanding courage and coolness and his actions were in keeping with highest traditions of the U.S. naval service."

Clear Sweep of Tokyo

Music 1/c Fields tells how they blew a brown on the moon on their way back from Tokyo to signify a clean sweep of the city.

There were 25 Jewish boys aboard his ship and services for them were conducted by Chaplain Robinson, a Protestant minister.

Music 1/c Fields, had been a music major at Wayne University and prior to entering service played first trumpet with George Olsen's band. Just before his departure Fields made an arrangement of "Rocky Flats", which is used now by Olsen as his signature song. The band has recently made a recording of his song.

Plans Own Orchestra

Fields' postwar plans include the formation of an orchestra of his own. At one time he conducted a band which was well known here.

He relates that while at sea there was little opportunity for the band to play and even practicing was prohibited for there were always men asleep. Fields prevailed upon his friends, a cook, to permit him the use of the icebox as a practice room.

Fields reported for reassignment to shore duty.

UPA-JDC Parity Urged By Cleveland Council

CLEVELAND—The Cleveland Jewish Community Council has gone on record that parity is "a fair basis in the distribution of funds between the Joint Distribution Committee and United Palestine Appeal" and has characterized the action of the board of directors of the Cleveland Jewish Federation in voting another ratio as "inequitable and contrary to the thinking and wishes of the majority of the Jewish community."

The Council, prior to the meeting of the Federation Board, had urged that a decision on allocations should be withheld until the community had an opportunity to express itself. At a meeting on April 8, the Council took exception to the action of the Federation and by a vote of 82 to 28 adopted the resolution calling for parity for JDC and UPA.

USO Committee Appointments

A report made public a few days ago by R. Lee Johnson, field executive of Metropolitan Detroit USO, of which Henry Meyers is chairman, reveals that committee assignments include the following:

Entertainment: Seymour Simon, chairman, Milton Wood, Julian Zeman; camp movies, Carl Shalit, Harold M. Smiley; food supply, Miss Grace Kellman, Mrs. Joseph Falk, Miss Hunter Kramling; parties, Mrs. Samuel Rubiner, Miss Connie Stein; public relations, Samuel Rubiner, Philip Blomberg; volunteer services, Mrs. Julian Krotik, Mrs. Maurice Landau, Mrs. Henry Weinman.

Samuel Rubiner, Henry Meyer and Fred M. Butzel represent the Jewish Welfare Board on the USO board of directors. Mr. Butzel and Mrs. Weinman are vice-presidents.

Lt. Edward Norman Appointed to PEC

NEW YORK (JPS)—Lt. Edward A. Norman, USNR, of New York City, who has just returned to the United States after



LT. EDWARD A. NORMAN

three years in the Navy, has been appointed chairman of the committee on capital expansion of the Palestine Economic Corporation, it was announced here by Robert Seid, chairman of the Corporation's Board of Directors. Others on the committee are Israel B. Brudie, Nathan Strauss, Alan M. Stroock and Mr. Seid.

While on leave from the Navy to General George S. Patton's Third U. S. Army, Lt. Norman served at its headquarters in connection with the movements of displaced persons. It is his personal opinion, Lt. Norman said, that the Jews in Europe have little to look forward to there, and many will feel the need to emigrate.

Lipkin With Heifetz On Overseas Tour

Seymour Lipkin, 17-year-old Detroit pianist, who recently appeared as soloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, is now touring Europe with the world renowned violinist, Jascha Heifetz, under the auspices of the U.S.O.

During the next three months, they will entertain the men and women in service at all major camps and hospitals on the continent.

Sak Boys View Passover Sedorim

Cpl. William Observed Holiday in Germany; Both Had Met in France

Our armed forces in cooperation with the Jewish Welfare Board are doing all in their power to make it possible for



Cpl. Sak Pfc. Sak

servicemen of the Jewish faith to observe their holidays in the traditional manner. Among the letters received by Detroit families telling of the Sedorim held on the various fighting fronts is one from Cpl. William Sak, stationed in Germany.

"We had a Seder, Matzos and wine and bitters, with the Haggadah and the Four Questions, right down to the opening of the door to let in any good who might be passing. Most significant, of course, was the speech of our commanding general, who said: 'And this is the land in which Adolf Hitler said there would be no Seder held for a thousand years.'"

Cpl. Sak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sak of 2286 Gladstone, is a graduate of Northern high and attended Wayne University. He received his Jewish education at the Wilkins Branch of the United Hebrew Schools.

A brother, Pfc. Maxwell, also overseas, is a graduate of Northern High and the State Agricultural College at Lansing.

The brothers met in France in February arrangements for the wedding having been made by the Red Cross.

Their father, too, is doing his share for the war effort, having donated his last pair of shoes on March 12.

'Jack Davis, Marine'

Out of the silent, dark of night,
Glimpsed the faintest light of dawn.
The Marines have won another fight,
Against the fanatic Japs.
The victory was a costly one,
T'was a bloody battle won.
And in death, fighting with grenade and gun,
Was our own JACK DAVIS, Marine.

Jack Davis was this island's name,
Right across miles of fire.
T'was here that three divisions came
And here, Jack Davis fell.
Against terrific odds, he led his men,
The bravest ever seen.
The thought would be met his end,
The Corps are proud of JACK DAVIS, Marine.

On Guadalcanal, he earned the Purple Heart.
For shrapnel wounds in his back,
In every battle, he gave his part.
To avenge the Pearl Harbor attack,
He had the courage, and was loved by his men.

His knowledge of weapons was keen,
The Japs were sorry, afraid and keen.
That they ever met JACK DAVIS, Marine.

Two Japs are severed, Old Glory is waving,
Over the island that took many a man.
But these Japs were lost, for a country worth saving.
Was a country where men are dead,
When the sound of war has faded away.
And the world is quiet and green,
Remember a lad who died for that day.
God bless JACK DAVIS, Marine.
We'll ARNOLD WEINER,
First Marine Force,
Somewhere in the Pacific.

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Comm. Goldberg Says Jewish GIs Build Good Will

Naval Chaplain in Address Hears Urges Freedom for Returning Veterans

Lt. Comm. Joshua L. Goldberg, Navy Chaplain and assistant rabbi, in a stirring address delivered at the Jewish Center on Monday evening, under the direction of the Center adult education committee, urged that the people of America be prepared to welcome back the veterans by giving them the freedom to readjust themselves.

Describing his experiences during a worldwide tour of army camps, Chaplain Goldberg said that the GIs are learning about the great cultures of Europe, that the Jewish servicemen are becoming acquainted with the cultures of European Jews and that they are coming back with an enlarged horizon.

"They are finding beauty and hope everywhere," he stated in describing the experiences of the GI in England.

Furthermore, he stated, the Jewish GIs through new experiences, are becoming acquainted with the ways of their non-Jewish comrades and are creating a spirit of comradeship.

Rosenbergs Honor Son With JNF Inscription At Radomer Memorial

The memory of MM 1/c Joseph Rosenberg was honored this week with two inscriptions in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

One inscription was purchased by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rosenberg, 1975 Pingree, and the other by the Radomer Friendly Society with which the Rosenbergs are affiliated. The Radomer held a memorial meeting for MM 1/c Rosenberg last Sunday and the insertion of Golden Book inscriptions in his memory was declared to be the most ideal way of paying tribute to the deceased serviceman. A Meyerowitz spoke and Rosenberg's uncle, Joshua Jeylin, was chairman of the program.

Rosenberg was reported killed in action on May 2, 1944. He was a leader in Detroit Hahabaim, the labor Zionist youth movement. Hahabaim has bought one dunam of land in his memory.

"This," he stated, "is not an artificial good will motion. When there is real understanding then it is possible to establish genuine good will."

Samuel Rubiner, chairman of the Detroit Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board, presided at the meeting.

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Pfc. Lawrence Gorosh, Missing Since December, Is Prisoner in Germany

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gorosh of 3442 Ottawa, are rejoicing over the news that their son, Pfc. Lawrence Gorosh is a prisoner of war in Germany. He had been reported missing since last December.



Pfc. Lawrence Sgt. Bernard



Pfc. Sidney

There are two other sons in the armed forces, Sgt. Bernard, who has been overseas with the Finance Division for 20 months and now is in France, and Pfc. Sidney, in the Signal Corps.

2 Detroiters Win Citations for Heroism in Action

Lt. Schwartz Directed Fire Under Danger; Capt. Gaba Decorated

Lt. Leonard Schwartz, who is fighting with the 104th Infantry Regiment of Gen. Patton's 3rd Army, has received the following citation:

"For heroic achievement in military operations against an armed enemy near Baderscheid, Luxembourg, on Dec. 28, 1944. The second battalion was advancing to seize and hold the high ground north of Baderscheid when it was temporarily halted by heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. At this point, Lt. Schwartz, a Company B mortar platoon leader, discovered that Co. E and Co. F were halted by enemy fire.



Lt. Schwartz Capt. Gaba

"Realizing the need for immediate action, he disregarded his personal safety and set up the observation post. He observed a large concentration of enemy infantry forming in counter-attack. He then directed the accurate mortar fire which was so effective that it broke up the counter-attack which threatened the battalion.

He is the husband of the former Patricia Kroll and the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Kroll of the Windsor Hotel.

Award for Capt. Gaba

In the Luxembourg invasion, Capt. Howard Gaba, with the 3rd Infantry, lay in the open field dodging fierce enemy fire to aid the wounded, for which he was awarded the Bronze Medal for meritorious duty under fire. Through all this, he remained unscathed but was later evacuated because of a back injury received while diving into foxholes.

Capt. Gaba, a Detroit doctor, was promoted on the field to his present rank in New Guinea. He is a graduate of Western High, Wayne University and Wayne Medical School. In service two and a half years, he is 34 years old and has been overseas a year and a half.

Thanks Red Cross

Writing to his wife, the former Tillie Nordman of 17386 Woodingham Drive, Capt. Gaba tells her, everytime he used blood plasma, he thanked God for the Red Cross. He writes that so many times he has seen an "other-worldly" boy returned to life because of it. "The fellows and myself will always be indebted to the people back home and the American Red Cross."

Other than meeting many Detroiters, Capt. Gaba tells about treating a private from Hannibal, Mo., who turned out to be a distant relative. He has been treating Filipino civilians who suffered heavily at the hands of the barbaric Jap forces.

Lt. Nathan Greenberg Views Nazis' Sadism

Those who have seen the results of the cruelty and sadism of the Nazis have come to despise them for the suffering which they have visited upon humanity. In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Greenberg, of 18208 Twelfth St., Lt. Nathan Greenberg, now stationed in Germany, expressed this sentiment:

"I've got so much hatred built up in my heart for the Germans that I can hardly look at them without being overcome with the urge to kill. It really does your heart good to see the cruelty which they have practiced on others being brought home to them. All that is left of the once great cities I have seen is a pile of rubble."

A graduate of Tufts University Law School, his wife, Mildred, resides in Toledo.

Jewish Mother Has 9 in Service

NEW YORK (WNYC) — Jewish nature are coming to Mr. Nathan Stolsky, of the Jewish section of Brownsville, in Brooklyn. Mrs. Stolsky, 62, is the mother of nine sons who are in the service of the country.

One of her sons has won the Silver Star and the British Flying Cross and was personally decorated by Gen. Eisenhower.

Gen. Adler, Retired, Given Bronze Star

NEW YORK (AP) — Brig. Gen. Julius Otto Adler, was presented with the Bronze Star Medal for Service in the defense of Hainan, by Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Terry, chief of the Second Service Command, at Governors Island here. Gen. Adler was second in command of the Sixth Infantry Division in the Southwest Pacific for almost three years. He was placed on inactive status last November because of ill health.

Sgt. Silberstein Celebrates Passover In Von Runstedt's Headquarters

"Passover: I have had much added enjoyment in celebrating the traditional holiday of Freedom on soil that was conquered until such a short time ago, and then to hold the Seder in Von Runstedt's headquarters here at Cologne where there are 251 Jews still living. After the services I went up to the front to have a look around," continues Sgt. Silberstein in his letter. Sgt. Silberstein is a graduate of Detroit College of Law, class of 1942, and was admitted to the Bar of the State of Michigan in that year. He received his Jewish education in the United Hebrew Schools.

In service for three years, he has been overseas since January of 1944.



Golden Brothers Meet in Calcutta

On March 25, Calcutta, India, was the scene of a thrilling meeting between two brothers, Pfc. Harold Golden and Pfc. Sanford Golden, who had not



Harold and Sanford Golden

seen each other in two years. It was through the efforts of the Red Cross that this meeting was rendered possible.

The servicemen, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Golden of 1737 Taylor Ave., are Northern High graduates.

Harold, 23, worked for the Cunningham Drug Stores before entering service on Feb. 16, 1942. With the signal corps, he was stationed at Sumner, S. C., for two years prior to being shipped to India on Dec. 15. He is in the Bengal Province.

Sanford, 22, a Packard Motor employee, has been in service since March 16, 1942. He is a radio operator with the air force and is based in the Assam Valley. He has been in India since August.

A cousin, Col. Alvin Seltzer, is now at an advance in Singapore.

The older brother was taken when the Japanese were together in Calcutta.

How to Pack Parcels For Mailing Overseas

Despite repeated instructions for special handling, it still is a puzzle for the armed forces overseas how to pack parcels of personal property in a damaged condition. A large force of employees must be maintained to repack the damaged parcels so they will reach their destination.

Boxes for overseas transmission should be stronger than containers used for parcels which do not leave our shores. It is necessary that all articles be packed in boxes of metal, wood, solid fiberboard, or strong double-layer corrugated fiberboard, testing at least 200 pounds.

Each box should be tied with strong cord, preferably by four separate pieces, two lengthwise and two crosswise, knotted at crossings. Sealing the flaps with gummed tape where they meet strengthens the box but the use of such tape alone is not satisfactory since the tape loosens if the boxes become wet.

Boxes should contain sufficient cushioning material so that the contents will be tightly packed to prevent rattling or loosening of articles within the parcels.

France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

"Yesterday I went up to the services officiated at by Chaplain Marcus. There were men drafted just a couple of miles from the front. He held services at Cologne where there are 251 Jews still living. After the services I went up to the front to have a look around," continues Sgt. Silberstein in his letter.

Sgt. Silberstein is a graduate of Detroit College of Law, class of 1942, and was admitted to the Bar of the State of Michigan in that year. He received his Jewish education in the United Hebrew Schools.

In service for three years, he has been overseas since January of 1944.

Distinguished Service

Rosenberg Escapes Prison; Schlossberg Gets Citation

Harry Rosenbergs' Son, Reported Missing, Gets Away From Germans; Jacob Schlossbergs' Son, a German Prisoner, Cited for Meritorious Achievements

A letter from their son, Cpl. Lee Rosenberg, occasioned great rejoicing in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosenberg of 2752 Boston Blvd., this being the first communication they had received concerning him since he was reported missing in France on Jan. 17.

The letter informs his family that he has escaped from a German prison camp and now is in a hospital somewhere in France. Cpl. Rosenberg was unable to give the details of his escape or his exact present location.

A graduate of Northern High, he was associated with his father in the Rosenberg Department Store on Michigan Ave. prior to entering service more than two and a half years ago. He was shipped overseas five months after his induction and had served in England and France.

Lt. Schlossberg Cited

Lt. Marvin Schlossberg, originally reported missing in action and later found to be a prisoner of war in Germany, has been

awarded the Air Medal. The presentation was made to his mother in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schlossberg of 32-2 Calvert Ave.



Cpl. Rosenberg Lt. Schlossberg

The award was for five bombs or mines over Nazi-held areas. Lt. Schlossberg, a Central High graduate, attended Wayne University and Detroit Institute of Technology as an aviation student. He enlisted the day after Pearl Harbor, was commissioned Feb. 18, 1943, flew overseas in November, 1943, and has been a prisoner of war since last April.

Describes Seder In Former Gestapo Hall

Among the many letters received by families of Detroit's Jewish servicemen describing Seders on the far-flung



Cpl. Stachelsky S2/C Stachelsky

battlefronts of the world is one sent to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Stachelsky, 2026 Highton, by their son Cpl. Jerome, stationed in Germany, who writes:

"The Seder was held in a place 'where once the Gestapo held daily meetings. We have made history."

In discussing the border of refugees from the various countries of Europe who are now wandering in the streets of liberated towns in Germany, he says:

"No extermination, this is the order of Eisenhower and it is certainly kept. There are spies everywhere, but most of them are foreigners brought in as slave laborers. It is hard for me to refrain from acknowledging their greetings. Who knows, perhaps some members of our family are among them."

Cpl. Stachelsky, a violinist, was the concertmaster of Central High and Jewish Center orchestras. Upon his graduation from Central he was employed as the manager of an office in a defense plant. With the signal corps, attached to headquarters, he served at Ft. Jackson, S. C., after entering service on March 15, 1940. In January, 1944, he was sent to England and participated in the invasion of Normandy. With Patton's Third Army he is in Germany. He wears three battle stars.

A brother, S 2/C Irving, 18, is temporarily stationed at the DeArth's Radar and Radio School. Upon graduation from Central High with highest honors, prior to his induction, he was awarded a scholarship to the Michigan College of Technology. He had been in service since Dec. 12.

Both servicemen attended the United Hebrew Schools. Irving was an active leader in Hashomer Hatzair.

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Sgt. Solter Meets Schneider, Sable At French Seder

"The one thing I was most worried about was whether or not I would be allowed to go to a Seder for Passover," writes S/Sgt. Abba Solter who is recovering in a hospital in France from a wound in the left elbow which he sustained in Belgium on Feb. 2. Despite the fact that he had just recovered from pneumonia and from a slight case of beriberi, his captain permitted him to accompany the other Jewish servicemen to the synagogue in the nearby town.

Meets Algerian Soldiers

"It was exciting going to a French synagogue and seeing and talking to French Jews who, incidentally, speak a pretty clear Yiddish. I met some French Algerian soldiers, also Jews," he writes.

The highlight of the Seder or S/Sgt. Solter was his meeting with two Detroiters whom he had known since boyhood—Yehon Schneider with whom he had gone to Hebrew school at the Delmar Branch and Norman Sable whose family lives at 2290 Gladstone.

At Several Camps

S/Sgt. Solter, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solter, 3220 Grand, a Cam graduate in architecture, had been employed by the Northern Engineering Co. He entered service Oct. 3, 1942, was stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., Camp North Hood, Tex., Camp Maxey, Tex., Brooklyn College as an ABTP student, Camp Breckenridge, Ky., and from there was shipped overseas in November. He served in England, France and Belgium.

S/Sgt. Solter and his brother, Pfc. Yehonah, who is with the air force and is at present taking special training in Los Angeles, were active members of Hashomer Hatzair.

Lt. Moyer, Former MSC Editor, Given Silver Star in Reich

First Lt. Sheldon Moyer, son of Mrs. Gertrude Moyer of 6218 Dornbush Rd., has been awarded the Silver Star for "bravery, ship and gallantry under fire," in Germany.

Lt. Moyer, who recently was wounded in action in Germany, is a former campus editor of the college paper at Michigan State College at Lansing where he was a student prior to his entering service. He recently sent 12 German literature books from overseas to the Michigan State College Library.

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How Vocational Service Combats Discrimination

JVS Here Helps to Expand Job Opportunities for Jews Providing Expert Guidance and Placement Services

By M. WILLIAM WEINBERG
Executive Director, Jewish Vocational Service

It is oftentimes a difficult job to define the functions of the social service agency in such a way as to satisfy everyone. This is also true in the case of the Jewish Vocational Service. Many people would probably agree that one of JVS's basic aims is to assist Jews in obtaining better economic adjustment by overcoming the barriers they may face because of their Jewishness. There would also be agreement that the major obstacles to complete economic adjustment are discrimination in employment, on the one hand, and the traditional "narrow occupational choice" of Jews, on the other hand. But when we attempt to examine these barriers separately, we realize that we are confronted with the usual dilemma of assigning priority to the chicken or the egg.

Let us consider a fairly common case. A young high school graduate registered with the JVS for assistance in choosing a career. He explained that he had originally planned to enroll in an engineering school but had been rejected, although he had a high scholastic standing, and an excellent recommendation from his high school principal. The school denied that it was prejudiced in refusing admission to the boy, and stated that it considered that it had an obligation to place its graduates upon completion of their course. Since it was extremely difficult to find openings for Jewish engineers, the school did not feel that it was "fair" to permit the young man to spend four years in what might well be fruitless study.

Which Comes First?

But this is only one side of the picture. If various engineering firms are asked, "Why do few Jewish engineers?" it is almost certain that one of the replies would be, "We hardly ever receive applications from Jews."

Variations on this "closed-circle" theme can be found over and over again. The Jewish job-seeker hears the tale repeated, "Banks for utilities or insurance companies, or . . . do not hire Jews," and so he decides that he will not try to break his head against the inevitable. At the same time, the few banks or utilities or insurance companies which might not discriminate find that there are few trained Jewish applicants, and come to feel that Jews as a whole are either uninterested, or unemployable, for the type of employment they have to offer.

What can the Jewish Vocational Service do to solve this dilemma?

Breaking the Wall

One of the first JVS actions is to "break down the occupational horizon" of its clients. The client may explore openings in occupations and industries which he had previously dismissed as being "beyond closed doors." Thus he may discover an unexpected channel for the development of his interests and abilities. At the same time, the JVS is able to expand the areas of economic freedom for Jews by establishing close working relationships with employers in industries previously considered "not wanted" for Jewish workers.

Obviously, the JVS can do little to counteract the virus of blind prejudice, nor can it meet the varying objections of confirmed anti-Semitic employers.

But frequently, Jews, like all other minority groups, find themselves surrounded by a haze of stereotyped misconceptions. Jews have been labeled as "poor mechanics—they can not work with their hands." In some cases, this kind of stereotype may serve as a pretext for discrimination; but in many instances, such stereotypes represent honest, even if mistaken, opinions. The JVS holds a strategic position in correcting these misconceptions, both in the minds of its clients, and in the attitudes of employers.

Capitalizing on Gains

During the present manpower shortage, many employers have found it necessary to employ workers they may have rejected in the pre-war days of "fussy" personnel standards. Naturally, the performance of recently hired Jewish workers may tend either to strengthen or refute the old stereotypes, and the company's first experiences with Jewish workers may thus be of vital importance in determining their whole future policy toward hiring Jews. The agency can capitalize on the gains being made in these days of wider employment by careful referrals and placements, and may do much to dispel erroneous ideas of "racial characteristics"—thus, for example, the subject of refugee placements has cut down the strength of anti-Jewish attitudes.

Significant Factors

Placement of the Jewish worker may be only the first step. The Jew's fellow employees also hold the common stereotypes and generalized misconceptions, and here, too, the agency has a significant function. Jewish workers are going into certain occupations for the first time; they may be unfamiliar with established practices and everyday routines; they may be subjected to "hazing" by their fellow workers. The JVS provides the on-the-job guidance which helps the individual in adjusting to his job, and in fitting in with the work patterns of other employees.

The JVS cannot eliminate discrimination, nor prescribe a single, simple solution for this complex set of problems. Nevertheless, a professional counseling and placement service can make a distinct contribution to the goal of "equality of opportunity." The core of the agency program can be stated as "The right man for the right job." The agency does not ask employers to hire Jewish men; nor does it ask that a "proportionate quota" of jobs be given to Jews. It does seek, however, to place qualified applicants in accordance with their best abilities.

Similarly, the essence of a democratic attitude toward employment can be described as "Opportunity in accordance with individual merit." Therefore, as the JVS carries forward its own program, it also extends the basic principles of fair employment practices.

The Outlook for Postwar Immigration

Executive Director
Of National Refugee
Service Views Plans

By JOSEPH E. BECK

Executive Director
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The right of asylum, by which a nation offers its hospitality and protection to the political and religious refugees of another nation, remains one of the finest of American traditions. Again and again, our statesmen have acclaimed it. For example, the words of Thomas Jefferson's inaugural address, in 1801:

"... And shall we refuse the unhappy fugitives from distress that hospitality which the savages of the wilderness extended to our fathers arriving in this land? Shall oppressed humanity find no asylum on this globe?"

Wilson's Veto Message

The veto message of President Wilson, when he returned an immigration bill to Congress in 1915, contained these words:

"This bill embodies a radical departure from the traditional and long-established policy of this country, a policy in which our people have conceived the very character of their government to be expressed . . . It seeks to all but close the gates of asylum which have always been open."

The late President Roosevelt reaffirmed this American tradition repeatedly and wholeheartedly, and there appears to be good reason for belief that President Truman will continue his policies. In a letter to the president of the NRS in 1941, Mr. Roosevelt wrote:

"Every American must be proud that throughout these troubled years our country has held fast to its tradition of providing a haven of refuge for those who had to flee from other lands. It is necessary today, more than ever before, that this tradition of asylum be maintained."

300,000 Absorbed in U. S.

The striking fact that almost 300,000 refugees from European persecution have successfully absorbed into our economic and social life during the past decade is substantial evidence that this tradition is very much alive. Most recent expression of this faith is the American tradition of asylum was Attorney General Biddle's statement (March 5, 1944):

"In the years to come, particularly in those immediate years after the enemy is beaten and the sad countries of Europe lift their eyes to the West, I suggest that we must not shut our doors to the needs of our fellow men . . . I do not believe it would be wise, let alone generous, to cut off all immigration as soon as the war is over."

Policy Changes After War I

The immigration policy of our country has, however, greatly changed in character from the years before the first World War. Between 1850 and 1930, more than 15 million men, women and children poured into the U. S. The immigrants sought opportunities here denied them at home. In turn, they contributed their energy, skill and en-

Editor's Note—Mr. Beck traces the development of our national immigration policy, views the possibilities for postwar immigration, and underlines the role of the National Refugee Service in aiding the newcomers. The NRS derives its Detroit support from the Allied Jewish Community through the War Chest.



JOSEPH E. BECK

terprise to the development of their adopted country.

The Immigration Act of February 5, 1917, together with the Immigration Act of 1924, constitute the keystone of present American policy. Under the Immigration Act of 1924, a total of 153,774 quota immigrants may be admitted to the U. S. in any one year. The 1924 legislation based quotas for each nationality group on the census of 1890, thereby, in effect, discriminating against immigration from Eastern and Southern Europe. Immigrants from North and Western Europe enjoyed more generous quotas.

Flexible Policy Suggested

The present quota system of regulating migration has come in for criticism on account of its relative inflexibility. The capacity of our labor market to absorb new workers, it has been pointed out, is quite variable and fluctuates between the extremes of labor surplus and labor shortage. A more flexible type of quota regulations, as suggested by some students, would enable us to meet changing situations. Thus, an immigration deficit incurred in the quota of any one year might be compensated by the temporary enlargement of quotas for later years.

An immigration policy with quotas could be based not only on countries of origin, but also on the occupation and skills of the immigrant. A non-quota status, or preferential status, could be accorded to certain professions and extended to other groups as the need arose.

Postwar Immigration

In considering the possibilities of postwar immigration, one must bear in mind that even within the limits fixed by present quota provisions, the U. S. is potentially one of the largest refuge havens in the world. The figures of the Immigration and Naturalization Service indicate that for the whole period of the last 15 years, immigrants from all countries charged to the quota have numbered 210,496, a figure which would just about fill the quota allowance for two years only (the annual quota for all countries, as indicated above, being 153,774).

If the full quotas had been

Program to Facilitate
Economic Adjustment
Of Newcomers Told

ailed the number of immigrants entitled to enter would have amounted to 1,843,288. The large group of postwar immigrants is anticipated, probably will be close relatives of earlier arrivals during the past decade, and will come here hoping to be reunited with members of their families.

NRS Aids the Newcomer

We no longer pursue a policy of laissez-faire with regard to the welfare and adjustment of newcomers as in the days when immigrants streamed in by the million. The NRS which conducts its work in strict compliance with existing immigration laws and regulations, has worked out a complete program of refugee immigrant aid and adjustment, resulting in the orderly and progressive absorption of the newcomers.

To facilitate the refugees' economic adjustment in terms of his particular skills and post-training, and without discharging American workers, the agency engages in a well-knit and broadly planned program of services, including employment, vocational retraining, and business loans or non-competitive self-support enterprises.

Through its resettlement program the agency aims to transfer refugees from the post-war Europe to more suitable areas. This is based on two principal considerations: to prevent "refugee camps," and, secondly, to effect the distribution of the newcomers in accordance with their skills and capacities, and the local possibilities of economic absorption.

Special NRS Groups

Coupled with this effort, particular attention is devoted to the problems of specialized groups. Special NRS committees made up of people of experience in their own fields coordinate their efforts to deal with the problems of the various groups of scholars, scientists, artists, writers, teachers, whose professional skills can be utilized in America. Outstanding American medical men lend their willing efforts to aid in establishing practices for refugee physicians in towns and rural areas where doctors are urgently needed.

Retraining serves as yet another example of the planned program carried out by the NRS to help the newcomer take care of himself. Many refugees who cannot hope to earn their livelihoods in former occupations have been retrained for other fields.

The structure of refugee aid services, with the National Refugee Service as a hub, radiates into all parts of the country, constituting what is undoubtedly the greatest organized American effort dealing with immigrant newcomers. With 800 co-operating committees and professional organizations, the National Refugee Service represents an accumulated body of experience and technique not easily replaced or improvised, for coping with the problems of refugee immigration.

Chaplain Gordon Describes Unique Sedorim in Liberated Philippines

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Gordon of Webb Ave. have received a touching letter from their son, Chaplain Albert A. Gordon, who is stationed in Manila.

"I want to tell you about the wonderful Seder we had here and about the most unique Seder which was conducted in the front lines of the second night. The first Seder was attended by 1,000 men. What a moving spectacle to see such a huge throng assembled to observe the Passover. It was the most thrilling service I have ever conducted," he writes.

"In addition to the servicemen, we had several hundred

volunteers whose presence lent added significance and meaning, for them it was really a festival of liberation.

"Preparations and provisions had already been sent up for the Seder, but this time there were only 150 men present. This, too, was a Seder I shall never forget. These men had just come in from the firing line and you can well imagine that the service and the meal meant to them. It is needless to say there were no dry eyes around that Seder table."

See Pages 2, 11 and 12 for
Additional Servicemen's News

Sgt. S. Katser Gets 2nd Bronze Cluster

15TH AAF IN ITALY — Sgt. Sol Katser, son of Mrs. B. Katser, 10200 Dexter, Detroit, radio mechanic with a B-24 Liberator squadron, is authorized to wear a second bronze cluster with his Distinguished Unit Badge as a ground member of the veteran 451st Bombardment Group (CG).

Katser arrived in the Mediterranean Theater in December, 1943, with his present Liberator group.

Sgt. Katser, a graduate of Detroit Junior College, entered the army on Oct. 21, 1942. He received technical training at Tuscon Field, Wisc.

ADDITIONAL JEWISH NEWS
COMMITTEE
17 E. 44th St.
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May 1, 1945

Ramon Becali
c/o El Pais
Av. de Bolivar 158
Havana, Cuba

Dear Ramon:

I am writing to you on a matter in which I have a great deal of interest and I wonder if you are in a position to help me.

It occurs to me that you may know one or more of the Cuban delegates who attended the Chapultepec Conference early this year, and that perhaps you can get the story I am looking for from this person.

One of the resolutions which was introduced by the Cuban Delegation called for the approval by the Conference for the establishing of a Jewish State in Palestine. Senator Rubio was very much in the forefront of this activity. The resolution was taken up by a Committee which consisted of the heads of the delegations from the various Nations, where it was adopted with only two dissenting votes, namely Peru and Honduras. It was pointed out then that these dissenting votes were not on principle, but were based on timeliness.

The resolution never came up before the Conference. To my knowledge, the Cuban Delegation pressed for it but nothing was heard of it after it passed the first Committee. I understand that it was supposed to be placed before a second Committee, but some political strings were manipulated which prevented ultimate consideration of this vital subject.

It is a matter of great interest to me and to many people with whom I am associated, and I would be very grateful to you if you make inquiries through your newspaper circles, or from one of the delegates to the Conference, and let me know at your earliest convenience.

On the personal side, I am getting along very nicely and feel in excellent health. I hope that this finds you and Nini the same, and that you will give her my warmest personal greetings. It is a long time since I have seen you and I am looking forward to your next visit to the States.

Sincerely yours,

AT:RB

Abe Tuvim

(Arb)

May 2, 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Harry L. Shapiro

Manson, Tuvim and myself met with Isreeli yesterday and he has given us the following information, which I am transmitting to you. This information deals with a number of subjects.

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Isreeli claimed that General Smuts had changed his viewpoint on Palestine and that he now stood for the maintenance of the status quo. This information was transmitted to Dr. Weizmann and he tried to see Mr. Churchill, but without success. He finally did speak to Martin, who is Churchill's secretary, and Martin gave him the assurance that the Prime Minister had not changed his viewpoint and still was a Zionist.

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Isreeli gave a report of a telegram which Ben-Gurion had sent from London to Palestine. It was brought to New York by Gershon Agonsky while enroute to San Francisco. The telegram is as follows:

"MARX, FRANKEL AND SPENCER HAVE DISCUSSED
OUR PROPOSITION AND HAVE AGREED TO MY 1942
PLAN. AS YET WE DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH SPENCER
IS WILLING TO INVEST."

It is easy to interpret the above telegram and I do not see how it ever got by the Censor, particularly when it had Ben-Gurion's name attached to it. Marx, Frankel and Spencer are obviously the leaders of the three powers and the 1942 plan is the Biltmore Platform.

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Stephen Wise had prepared an attack on the State Department for his address last Sunday at the Lewisohn Stadium. He had prepared it because Stettinius had not answered his letter asking for representation at San Francisco. That came a day or two before the meeting, as you know. I gave you the copy of this letter last Sunday and I also sent a copy of a supplementary letter to you yesterday. When he did get the letter on Friday, he changed his speech to the eulogy for F.D.R., plus. Why he did this is not explained. Isreeli insists that this is

true because they had already mimeographed an advance on Wise's speech. He promised to bring me a copy of the mimeographed advance. Personally, I can see no significance in this point, but nevertheless I send it on.

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This story has to do with the Chapultepec Conference held in Mexico. The rules at Chapultepec called for resolutions submitted to the Conference, be first approved by what was known as the First Committee (Committee consisting of leading delegate of each participating country.). Following the First Committee's approval, the resolution could then be submitted to the plenary session.

Senor Rubio of Cuba introduced a maximal Palestine Resolution in the First Committee and strong supporting speeches for it were made by many of the delegates, including Mr. Stettinius. While not opposing the Resolution, the Peruvian and Honduran delegates questioned it's timeliness. At their request, the resolution was not acted on by the First Committee, but referred to the Committee on War Organization, the chairman of which was Mr. Stettinius.

Four days passed without any action taken by Stettinius' committee. Then the Cuban delegation made a strong protest, asking why the resolution had not been presented. There was a stormy session at this meeting, but still no action. Following the meeting, Mr. Stettinius came to visit Senor Rubio. He asked Rubio to have the Cuban delegation withdraw the resolution because the American nations could not afford to do anything which would cast aspersions on our ally, England. Rubio replied that he did not have the authority to withdraw the resolution because it had been approved unanimously by his own delegation and by a number of other Latin-American delegations.

No results came out of this visit, but there followed another meeting where Rubio and his associates, who were opposed to some provisions of the Dumbarton Oaks Plan, agreed that they would support the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, provided that Stettinius would bring the Palestine Resolution before his committee and vote for it. To this Mr. Stettinius agreed. The Latin-American delegates, who were a party to this deal, fulfilled their obligation by voting in support of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals. Stettinius failed to carry out his part of the bargain because the Palestine Resolution never emerged from his committee nor was it ever discussed.

We questioned Isreeli as to the authenticity of this story and he said that everything was documented, and that he had seen it at the Jewish Agency office. Because of his knowledge of Spanish, he does a part-time job for the Latin-American Department of the Jewish Agency. Thus he has access to such information. Tuvim who is a friend of the Cuban Consul in New York, phoned him and inquired re the above. The Consul did not know anything about it but said that he would write a letter to a friend of his in the Cuban government who could give him the inside story. This will probably take two or three weeks, but when we have it, it shall be forwarded to you.

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I questioned Isreeli as to why so many people are going to San Francisco and he replied that the chief reason was to visit with Spats and Molotov.

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May 2, 1945

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Harry L. Shapiro

Attached herewith is copy of telegram which Dr. Wise sent to Mr. Stettinius. From the stenographer's initials, I gather that Shulman framed it.

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May 3, 1945

Senator Robert A. Taft
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Taft:

Action on the American Zionist Policy Committee's application for income tax exemption was gratifyingly swift following your telephone call of yesterday. The necessary forms are being returned to Mr. Conn today and we feel confident that the matter will be settled quickly.

I have conveyed to Dr. Silver your observations on the advisability of Congressional action on Palestine. You will no doubt hear from him within the next few days.

Please accept the sincere thanks of all of us for your efforts in our behalf.

Sincerely yours,

Harold P. Manson

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HARRY A. LEVY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

May 4, 1945

MAY 7 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York 13, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

For your information I am sending you copies
of the letters which Mr. Goodman of Indianapolis
sent to me and my reply.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

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NATIONAL HOSIERY MILLS, INC.

INDIANAPOLIS 7, INDIANA
February 13, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I presume you were at the Executive Committee Meeting of the United Palestine Appeal yesterday when they turned down the Cincinnati compromise proposal with the JDC.

I learned much to my distress today that the two teletype messages which I addressed to Rabbi Heller, which gave instructions to my New York Office to deliver to Henry Montor, telling him that those messages should be read at your meeting, were not read.

Inasmuch as I was instrumental in bringing about the final meeting where the situation was to be arbitrated, I think that at least you, personally, would be interested in reading my teletype messages, particularly message No. 1, which eventually will become public information in the event any controversy develops over this split and how it occurred.

With kindest personal regards, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Lazure Goodman

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MAY 7 1945

February 23, 1945

Mr. Lazure Goodman
National Hosiery Mills, Inc.
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

My dear Mr. Goodman:

I have just returned from Miami where I opened the UJA campaign, and I hasten to acknowledge your kind letter of February 13 and the enclosures. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending them to me. I am not at all surprised at the action of Rabbi Heller. His conduct is quite in keeping with his character.

With all good wishes, and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you before long, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver

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COPY OF TELETYPE MESSAGE

MAY 7 1945

February 12, 1945

Rabbi James Heller
United Palestine Appeal
New York

(1)

I am sending you this teletype message because of my interest in UPA and ask that you read this to your Executive Committee, which I understand is meeting today for the purpose of either accepting or rejecting compromise proposal recommended by the Council Committee after two days of negotiation in Cincinnati, and which proposal has already been accepted by JDC so that now the decision of the United Jewish Appeal rests with you.

Inasmuch as the mediation meeting in Cincinnati was brought about through my efforts and since you gave me to understand over the telephone yesterday that you had grave doubts about the acceptance of the Council Committee proposal, I feel it incumbent upon me to acquaint your entire committee with the facts in this situation as I have experienced them.

On last Wednesday after seeing a telegram to my brother stating you were going ahead on a separate drive, because you could not get together with JDC, I phoned you to inquire the reason and was advised it was over difference of how the money would be divided, and after my brother and I both told you what a terrible thing we thought it would be to disrupt every Jewish Community in the country through having a split at this time over financial differences, I asked you -- why didn't you arbitrate the matter.

Your answer was you were willing to arbitrate but that the JDC would not. I asked you -- Would it be satisfactory to have the Council of Jewish Welfare Funds who were to meet in Cincinnati that coming week end to arbitrate the matter, and you said definitely -- Yes, but that the JDC would not agree to such a thing. I, therefore, asked your permission to contact the JDC to see if this arbitration can be brought about and before doing so, learned from you the area of disagreement which would be subject arbitration.

I phoned Joseph Hyman in New York who asked me if I was authorized to make this proposal for you, and I told him I was, and also the area to be arbitrated and that it was to be done by the Council of Welfare Funds Committee.

Even though it was after working hours Wednesday, Mr. Hyman called his negotiation committee together and one hour later phoned me that I should advise you that their negotiation committee made up of Paul Baerwald, Isaac Levy and Mr. Hyman, would be in Cincinnati Saturday, February 10, to meet for the purposes discussed and again I repeated to Mr. Hyman the area of disagreement.

I told him that in order to be sure I had checked back with you a secondtime just prior to my receiving the call from Mr. Hyman and thereupon I phoned you Wednesday evening telling you specifically that Mr. Baerwald and Mr. Levy and Mr. Hyman had agreed to meet with you and that on Thursday morning he would notify Mr. Lurie to save a place on their program Saturday to meet with you for the purposes discussed. Your answer was that you would be there.

I again repeated to you the area of differences and received assurance from you that there was nothing else involved. This I reported back to Mr. Hyman. Thursday morning

he informed me he had confirmed the fact that he had gotten in touch with Lurie to arrange the meeting and again I phoned you Thursday morning to keep you fully informed.

Then much to my amazement, Sunday afternoon I learned these facts from Joseph Hyman and from you, that you took the position in the conference that you had no authority to settle or arbitrate this matter, in spite of the fact that you had from Wednesday night until Saturday to receive such authority. Secondly, you took the position that you were not willing to have the Council Committee arbitrate this matter, which was directly in contradiction with the statement you made to me on Wednesday, and which was the promise upon which the entire meeting was based.

Then, too, in your meeting you frankly stated that the financial division was not the only thing involved, but that there were ideological considerations which again violated the principle of area of differences which included no such considerations.

In my phone conversation with you yesterday you stated that you had never told me on the previous Wednesday that you were willing to have the Council Committee arbitrate this matter and I violently disagreed with your faulty memory, because I was the one who first suggested the name of the council and its committee on Wednesday in the conversation. Since I was talking to you yesterday from my home I did not have my notes of our Wednesday conversation available but advised you that I had made written notes of all you had agreed to, and a reference to such notes in my office today, confirms each statement that I am making herewith.

I feel that you are honor bound to accept the compromise proposal of the Council Committee and should there be any split between the UPA and the JDC at this time, which results in public controversy, I will feel honor bound to publish this message for those who may be interested in reading it.

I am a Zionist of over 20 years standing but first of all, I am a Jew who believes our chief obligation is to work together with reasonable harmony in fighting the enemies of Jews from without -- and not splitting our people from within.

In view of all the circumstances which have transpired to date on this year's negotiations, I urgently recommend in the interest of the United Palestine Appeal that it accept the Cincinnati proposal. Otherwise, only the UPA will suffer and it will prove to be a tragic mistake.

Sincerely yours,

Lazure L. Goodman

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COPY OF SECOND TELETYPE MESSAGE

MAY 7 1945

February 12, 1945

Rabbi James E. Heller
United Palestine Appeal
New York

(2)

Dear Rabbi:

Aside from my other teletype message, I wish to express my personal opinion on other grounds as to the advisability of the UPA continuing in the UJA this year.

If you have ideological grounds for the UPA to have a separate campaign in the future then no one can argue with you, if you do that starting next year, providing you serve notice on the UJA to that effect a reasonable period in advance of next year's campaign and then the public will know that you are not splitting over differences of money matters, where there can be a lot of recriminations.

However, if you split this year after all your financial negotiations, you will be severely criticized for what you have split over.

While I personally feel your greatest advantages in selling Palestine to more people is continuing indefinitely as part of the UJA, at least I feel that if you are going to split at some future time do it in a manner which will not cause you to lose the respect for the Palestine movement which you have gained.

You admitted over the phone yesterday that while in the UJA campaigns you do not always get friendly treatment from JDC representatives, that it was a fact that the amount of cooperation you were getting from JDC today was many times greater than existed five or ten years ago and that the relationship is substantially improved. I pointed out to you that the very linking of the JDC campaign with UPA was an endorsement of UPA which you could not afford to ignore if you are interested in converting more people to be interested in Palestine. You cannot convert people if you do not get them into an audience where they may become informed.

A speaker on Palestine or UPA will only get an audience of those already interested. A speaker on UJA gets a mixed audience where you have a chance to convert some of them.

It just so happens that I conducted the opening of the first Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign of the year in Des Moines last month, so from personal experience I know that in selling UJA I was able to talk to a group and sell them on UPA and its great work, at the same time talking about JDC, and many of those men would never have been in my audience if I had come to talk only on UPA.

Incidentally, that community who gave \$52,000 to the UJA last year pledged \$85,000 for this year for that cause alone or an increase of 65% which if duplicated on a national basis, would enable UJA this year to raise \$50,000,000.

There may be many reasons why at some future time the UPA should go it alone but I feel you are not ready for that, and if you do it now you will not only lose the opportunity to reach the right audience from whom we can strengthen our ranks, but you will set in motion a very definite antagonism towards the UPA and Palestine.

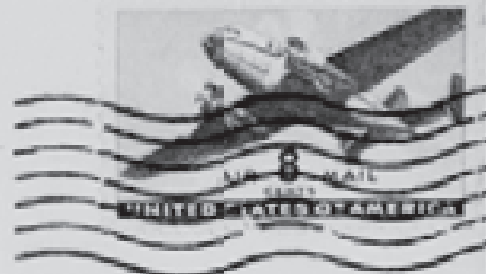
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Lazare L. Goodman

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

May 9, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

The bulletin which you read me over the phone is first rate. I would suggest that you get it out in an attractive format. In sending it out to the members of the Policy Committee, you might include a note asking them to suggest one or two names of leading Zionists in their community or region who they believe are sympathetic to our cause and should be invited to join our Committee. This will give you additional people to draw from.

I am writing today to Mr. Berger of Minneapolis, offering him Wednesday, June 13th for their meeting. I do so with the clear understanding that you have made definite arrangements with him to present me with a check for our work on my arrival.

I continue to get invitations from the New York regions. As you know, I have already accepted one from the Westchester region for Wednesday, May 23rd, and one from the Brooklyn region for Wednesday, June 6th. It should be clear to our friends that my appearing in New York too frequently, far from strengthening my position, weakens it and it makes my appearance commonplace. They should not press me. I wish that you would get in touch with Max Levy, Jacque Torczyner from whom I heard again this week, and Mr. Sam J. Perry of the Long Island Zionist region and explain the situation to them. It is not that I don't want to come to them, but that they should not ask me to...I have just addressed the New York Zionists at the Lewisohn Stadium. With the two meetings already scheduled, this should be really all that I should be asked to do in New York. I will withhold writing to Torczyner, Levy, and Perry until I hear from you.

I am concerned about the money situation. If we are to go to the ZOA convention for a decision, it will require considerable money. Now is the time to get it, and New York City, where our best propaganda and our strongest support is found, is the proper place where most of the money should be raised. It cannot be raised through luncheons! It can be raised through personal solicitation. Four or five of our devoted friends should take five or ten prospects each and in the course of the next two weeks interview them. The chairmen of our regions in New York, the members of the Finance Committee, who were appointed, should each take some cards and call upon those who were in attendance at the meeting March 21st or at the Stadium.

Mr. Harry Shapiro

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May 9, 1945

I cannot stress this method of procedure too much.

What further progress has been made in getting pressure from Hadassah friends of ours in various parts of the country and national headquarters of Hadassah? Have you telephoned to some of the folks? If we could get a telegram signed by a hundred or more Hadassah women from all parts of the country, similar to the one signed by the Zionists, it would be a very effective instrument.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

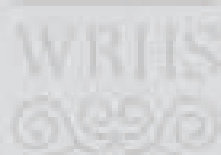
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AIR MAIL



Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St
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May 11, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

1 Here are some of my activities during this week:

1) I revised and amplified the draft of a confidential bulletin prepared by Manson which has gone out to members of our National Council. I am glad you liked it.

2) I had further talks with Mrs. Frank Cohen about fund raising, etc. I am sure I can count on payment from them soon, certainly as soon as we get the deductibility established. In this connection I am planning to go to Washington next Tuesday with Harry Shapiro to try and settle that matter.

3) On Wednesday night I addressed a good-sized group of Hadesseh leaders of the Metropolitan area. There were between 150 and 200. I discussed the political situation with some reference to the controversy, especially in the question period. From all reports, I have made a substantial inroad which is going to be followed up.

4) There was a preliminary meeting on Tuesday of representatives of the 4 regions of the Metropolitan area to plan the establishment of a central Zionist body. With one or two possible exceptions, representatives from all 4 regions were ~~SSR~~ people. A sub-committee was appointed with Jacques Torczyner as Chairman to draft a plan of organization and activities. I consider this exceedingly important, for such a Council, representing more than 25,000 ~~organised~~ Zionists, will furnish us a powerful base of operations.

5) This morning I spent two hours at the Mizrahi office conferring with Rabbi Gold, Mr. Gellman and Kirschbloom. Gold reported on the situation in San Francisco, which he described as catastrophic. He blamed the Zionist leadership especially for their failure to be on hand on the eve of the conference when Smuts and many other important people were there and had more leisure for meeting with people. Gellman is in favor of Mizrahi's withdrawing from the Emergency Council and of your undertaking independent political action at once. Rabbi Gold proposed that you fly to London and Palestine for personal investigation of political conditions and for contact with the Zionists and begin independent political action upon your return. I pointed out that if you took such a step it may entail a loss of much of the support you now have within the ZOA. Secondly, that since Ben Gurion and Rabbi Fishman are expected here from London very shortly, you ought to hear what they have to tell us about the political situation there. I promised to report the discussion to you. Meantime I suggested

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

May 11, 1945

that Rabbi Gold tell his story to a small group of active Zionists in camera and that Jacob Fishman, Dublick, and others be stimulated to write about San Francisco and prepare the ground for whatever action we may decide to take. I also pointed out that it was possible for Mizrahi to announce publicly that they can no longer share responsibility for the policies of the Emergency Council and will not participate in its work unless and until there is a reorganization. They seemed to favor this idea but will probably wait until Rabbi Fishman arrives.

I understand that Rabbi Berlin, who is seriously ill, sent a letter to the Governing Council of the World Mizrahi, proposed that they demand the resignation of Dr. Weizmann and your election as his successor. The suggestion was not adopted, the feeling being both there and here that any drastic step to be taken must be properly timed on the emergence of an issue which would be clear to the public. I will be keeping in touch with them.

The idea of a flying trip to London and perhaps also to Palestine, has much to commend it, of course.

6) I lunched today with Dr. Mitchell Salem Fischer, who is, I understand a very good speaker and who will probably be a valuable recruit for our work. We shall probably use him on the platform in Philadelphia and other cities. He has a good grasp of the political situation, is eloquent, heard you at the Stadium and is all in favor of a militant policy and leadership.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,

Emanuel Neumann

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May 11, 1945

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Harry Shapiro
From: Emanuel Neumann

1) Dr. Mitchell Salem Fischer, who visited your office today, lunched with me. I suggested that he address meetings in various cities to bring home to the Zionists the gravity of the political situation and the need for a militant policy and aggressive leadership. He is prepared to do this. I think that if he works out we might be able to invade new territory. I would begin with Philadelphia. If one of our men went down and conferred with Richman, Hoffman, etc., arrangements could probably be made for a joint meeting of several districts or a joint meeting of the Executive boards of several districts. Fischer's address would have to be well advertised and the meeting properly promoted. If a good beginning is made it could be followed up with other meetings to be addressed by Feuer and others. We could also use him upstate New York, etc. He prefers not to deal with the details of the controversy nor do I think that would be necessary at this stage. I hope you can take hold of this idea and work it out effectively.

2) I had a session this morning with the Mizrach leaders and am enclosing copy of the letter I am sending to Mr. Silver which will cover that conference. I think that we ought to arrange within the next few days a small, informal meeting of a number of active, influential Zionists at which Rabbi Gold might report informally. I suggest that a list be drawn up in consultation with the Mizrachi people and a meeting arranged.

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Mr. Harry Shapiro
55 West 42 Street (Room 704)
New York, N. Y.

May 11, 1945

Mr. S. P. Benamy
334 W Peachtree Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sol:

I am replying to your letter of April 27th to Mr. Charles Rosenbloom, at the request of Mr. Rosenbloom's secretary. He is at present away from Pittsburgh and in no position to write to you in detail.

Your most recent letter contains at least one surprising statement. You say that instead of receiving a reply to your letter of March 21st, you were sent a proposal to join up with our Policy Committee. There is no record in our office of such a second proposal. The original invitation was sent to you on February 5th, and if you did get a second proposal from Mr. Rosenbloom, I would be very much interested in receiving a copy of it.

Mr. Rosenbloom did not respond to your letter of March 12th for a number of reasons. He regarded your letter as a statement in reply to his telegram and he respected your opinion, despite the fact that you expressed yourself so vehemently against the Policy Committee. He also knew that you had sent a copy, or copies, of the letter to others, who had given it wide circulation. Obviously, the letter was not intended for Mr. Rosenbloom or the Policy Committee alone. Under such circumstances, you must agree, in all fairness, that there was really no point in writing to you. It has not been the policy of our Committee to bring pressure to bear on anyone in the Zionist ranks to accept our viewpoint nor to join our Committee. It would have been quite pointless to do so in your case, since you seem to have swallowed the "line" of the ZOA Administrative machine, without taking the trouble to inquire whether the statements made by these men had any basis in fact.

However, since you insist upon having your letter of March 12th answered, I shall take up points you make:

1) Reorganization of the American Zionist Emergency Council. You say that the Council has just been organized and "it was done in a democratic fashion by a majority vote". I merely ask, is it "democratic" to flaunt the expressed will of the organized Zionists of America as expressed at the last Convention by acclamation and resolution, in unanimous support of Dr. Silver and his policies, to force his ouster at the first possible moment following the Convention? You will agree with me that the Convention is the highest democratic form which we employ in our movement. I ask also if it is "democratic" to achieve these things by purging supporters of Dr. Silver on the ZOA representation in the Emergency Council and replacing them by rubber stamps in the hands of the ZOA machine? It is indeed a strange brand of democracy that I find you supporting so avidly.

I give you a specific illustration of what is a genuine violation of democratic procedure, I must refer to the resolution passed at the Zionist Convention which called for the passage of the Palestine Resolution in Congress. This Resolution was adopted unanimously by the Convention on October 16th. Two weeks later, on October 30th, at a meeting of the Emergency Council, the ZOA representatives on the Council questioned the advisability of going ahead with the Congressional Resolution. Is this carrying out the will of the Zionists as expressed at the Convention? Incidentally, the Policy Committee is only exercising its democratic prerogative as a "loyal-opposition" group within the ZOA. It is loyal to the ZOA and to the Jewish Agency. It is opposed to the present administration because of its incapacity for constructive leadership.

2) Militant Political Action. The very phraseology in your letter on this point indicates all too clearly that your inspiration was largely dictated by your acceptance of rumors which have absolutely no relation to the truth. Neither Dr. Silver nor any of his supporters ever advocated "slamming the door on the President and threatening Mr. Churchill". Nor have they advocated "inciting the Yishuv to revolt". How you could possibly accept such drivel as part of our program, and, in the same letter, write that you have "the highest respect and admiration for Silver and realize his tremendous power and influence for good in the American Jewish Community and on the Zionist political scene", is something beyond my understanding.

Militancy is not something to be mouthed at public meetings and fed to a hope-hungry Zionist constituency, only to be cast aside in the actual political program of organized Zionism. The program we advocate calls first for a courageous and open-eyed acceptance of our actual political status, which is now at its lowest ebb, and for which our leadership is largely responsible and, too, for the creation of a dynamic program to meet the needs of the day.

Dr. Silver was not fighting President Roosevelt. There is no record of any open or closed meeting where Dr. Silver attacked President Roosevelt. He was fighting Dr. Wise's policy of placing all our political eggs in the Roosevelt basket, and entrusting our whole political future in the keeping of one man. How wrong this policy turned out to be, how utterly unfortunate, is now unhappily only too evident.

We have been too ready to accept crumbs of consolation which a misguided leadership has offered us. If we are to be denied the hopes and aspirations for which our people have toiled and bled for all these years, let us at least have the dignity of standing up like men and fighting for it, instead of being turned away like beggars with hats in hand.

3) Recall of Dr. Silver to Leadership. You ask how can Dr. Silver be recalled to leadership when his resignation as chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council is "irrevocable".

Dr. Silver's resignation was termed irrevocable to differentiate it from the cleverly planned "resignation" of Dr. Wise, through which the machine brought the controversy to a head. You say it should not be difficult for Dr. Silver to initiate militant action in the Council even though he is no longer its titular head. You really know better than this. You know that the Council was packed with Anti-Silver delegates from the ZOA and any attempt by Dr. Silver to bring about constructive political action in the Council as it is at present constituted would be fruitless. Dr. Silver's "Remaining a member of the Council" does not in any way voice his approval of the actions of that body.

May 11, 1945

In your letter of April 27th you bring up the question of the UFA and the Cleveland situation. Again you are accepting what has been deliberately planned as a slander of Dr. Silver and a reflection on his devotion to the cause of Zionism. You do not ask whether the statement about Cleveland is true. You just accept it, and I take extreme pleasure in placing the truth before you. I enclose a copy of a letter which Dr. Silver wrote to Dr. Emanuel Neumann, dealing with the Cleveland situation. I also enclose a copy of a letter which Dr. Silver received from Mr. Henry Montor, Executive head of the UFA. I know that when you have read these you won't feel very happy about your readiness to impugn Dr. Silver's devotion to the UFA.

You, Sol, are one of the good Zionists in our movement. You have worked hard in order to do your share to help bring the movement to whatever success it has achieved. Within the ranks of the Policy Committee are scores of men who are also good Zionists. Among them: Regional Presidents, District Presidents, members of the National Administrative Council, members of the National Executive, etc. They too are doing a good job for the movement, despite the fact that they do not agree with the leadership. They do not give the fetish of unity precedence over principle. As a good Zionist, you too should examine carefully the statements of the leadership, particularly when it concerns indicting an enemy of the Administration. The record proves that they do not have too high a regard for honesty in the bill of particulars which they present.

I know there may be some matters which trouble you, on which you might wish to have our point of view. Please do not hesitate to call on us for any information which we can give you. Kindest personal regards to yourself and to Mrs. Benamy.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director

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May 14, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed is the Financial Statement of the Policy Committee as of May 1, 1945. The picture is not a very good one, but we hope to better it if we are able to induce the United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue to render a favorable decision on our application for the privilege of income tax deduction to our contributors. Emanuel Neumann and myself are going to Washington tonight in order to follow this through.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Enc.

Harry L. Shapiro

May 17, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing the text of a statement which, I am told, Dr. Wise will issue to the press today. In the opinion of all of us here, this move is one of the most stupid in Wise's long series of boners. Certainly there are other ways of influencing Congressmen McCormack and Martin to withhold support from legislation sponsored by the Bergson group than by attacking the resolution in the public press. Particularly bad is the last paragraph, which implies that any Congressional action on Palestine is undesirable. Wise's coupling of the Bergson resolution with the deferment of action on our own Palestine Resolution is either unforgivable stupidity or a deliberate attempt to discourage all Congressional action.

Of course, these developments bear out the predictions you made some months ago when you warned our "diplomats" that they are not in a position to control the situation in Washington, that Congressmen and Senators are anxious to discharge their obligations to their Jewish constituencies by pressing for Congressional action on Palestine, and that other groups, such as the Bergson crowd, will make every effort to introduce resolutions and secure their passage.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Harold P. Manson

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DR. GOLDSTEIN, RETURNING FROM SAN FRANCISCO, DEFENDS OUSTING OF SILVER IN TALK TO ZIONISTS HERE

In a two-hour talk to members of the administrative committee of the St. Louis Zionist district, at a breakfast meeting last Thursday morning at the Coronado Hotel, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, presented a first-hand report on the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, which he attended as a consultant of the American Jewish Conference, and offered his explanation of the Wise-Silver controversy in the Zionist Emergency Council.

In the part of his talk devoted to the controversy between Dr. Abba Silver and Dr. Stephen S.

Wise, Dr. Goldstein reviewed the issues that had led to the resignation of Silver and Wise from the co-chairmanship of the Zionist Emergency Council, repeating charges that Dr. Silver had contravened the expressed will of the Emergency Council in pressing for a resolution on Palestine by Congress.

Indicating that he did not believe Dr. Silver could be recalled to leadership of the Emergency Council, even as co-chairman with Dr. Wise, Dr. Goldstein declared that he would favor the naming of Dr. Silver as vice-chairman of the Council, "with an important portfolio, such as director of public relations, for which his great talents are best suited."

In his report on the San Francisco Conference, from which he was returning to New York, Dr. Goldstein declared that Zionists will not countenance any change in the present status of the League of Nations Palestine Mandate, except a change which would fulfill the intent of the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate.

Evaluating the results of the Conference in the first two weeks in relation to the Jewish problem, Dr. Goldstein declared that "while the role of consultant to the U. S. delegation at the beginning was purely a nominal one, their position grew more significant as the Conference progressed. It was a gratifying demonstration of the effectiveness of the democratic process when, due to the insistence of the consultants, the U.S. delegation took the lead in proposing an amplified statement on human rights, coupled with a recommendation for the establishment of a commission to implement the declaration."

Scoring the failure of according equal representation to Jewish Palestine, Dr. Goldstein revealed that the most painful moment to me was the moment when a spokesman for one of the Latin-American Republics pleading for Argentina's admission said with fervor

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ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

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unbecoming the subject: 'among the array of flags one flag is missing: the blue and white of the Argentine.' There is indeed missing—of thought—the blue and white not of Fascist Argentina but of democratic Jewish Palestine, the banner under which the Jewish Brigade has fought the Nazis while Argentina made a paper declaration of war when the enemy was already beaten."

Dr. Goldstein indicated that two items on the agenda of the conference touched upon Jewish problems and representation and "gave us an opportunity to bring forward our program. One was the discussion of that part of the Dumbarton Oaks proposals which dealt with human rights.

"The other was the discussion of international trusteeships. This vitally concerns the future of Palestine and the Jewish people. It did not take long to discover that here was the crux of our job at San Francisco, to vigilantly safeguard our interests at every step. We recognized the danger that even our own U. S. Delegation, friendly as it was, might inadvertently, because of its primary concern with

American interests in the Pacific, permit a plan or formula of trusteeships to be adopted which would impair or even cancel Jewish rights and British obligations under the present Palestine Mandate and foreclose the possibility not only of free Jewish immigration and colonization in Palestine, but also its establishment as a Jewish Commonwealth as envisaged by the Balfour Declaration. We have requested that when the matter of trusteeship is discussed in the Conference Commission, the Jewish Agency for Palestine be heard."

Dr. Goldstein expressed the view that "in general accomplishments the United Nations Conference, for reasons which are perhaps inevitable, will fall short of the high hopes placed upon it before it started, and that the Jewish people too will feel a sense of disappointment."

May 28, 1945

Mr. Samuel J. Keiser
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Dear Mr. Keiser:

It is of the utmost importance that all those who are affiliated with the American Zionist Policy Committee as well as the Zionist public generally should have a clear conception of our aims and purposes. Unless these are sharply defined and clearly stated, misconceptions may arise detrimental to our work and to the cause. We therefore offer the following statement and a guide for our friends and supporters in Baltimore.

1) The history of Zionism and of the Jewish National Home during the inter-war period has been one of continuous recession on the part of the mandatory from the letter and spirit of the Balfour Declaration and of the mandate. This recession began almost immediately after the conclusion of World War I. Already in 1921 Palestine was partitioned by the decision to set up a separate regime for Transjordan. The year 1922 witnessed the publication of a White Paper reinterpreting the Balfour Declaration - the first of a series of such documents, culminating in the disastrous White Paper of 1939 which is still in force. During that period the Zionist movement and its leaders struggled, though for the most part unsuccessfully, to maintain the legal position and the rights which had been conferred upon the Jewish people. Frequently the leadership was severely blamed for what was described as its weakness in dealing with the mandatory power. In our opinion, the defeats we suffered were due largely to the fact that neither the Zionist leaders nor the pro-Zionist statesmen in England and America were sustained by a sufficiently large, sufficiently informed and sufficiently articulate body of public opinion. In the final analysis, the fate of the Jewish National Home was determined by the acts of Colonial administrators and Cabinet Officers without regard to the views and wishes of a broad public that was largely disinterested and inarticulate.

2) The habit of looking to a few powerful individuals has become ingrained in the Zionist movement to a dangerous degree. There was an occasion not so long ago when the most important "political action" indicated seemed to be the offering of prayers for the recovery from illness of a friendly

British statesman upon whom all Zionist hopes centered. There was a similar tendency in this country to build our hopes for the just solution of the Palestine problem on the sympathy and goodwill of one man, the late President Roosevelt, who so tragically passed away in the midst of his labors for world reconstruction. No one knows what will happen on the other side of the Atlantic if Mr. Churchill is replaced as Prime Minister by one less friendly disposed to the Zionist cause.

3) To pursue this course is to risk not only further defeats but ultimate catastrophe. The future of the Jewish National Home will not be secure unless it is built upon a broad and sure foundation of public opinion and popular support throughout the democratic world, and particularly in the United States and the British Commonwealth of Nations. In view of Arab intransigence and Arab pressure, it is not to be expected that responsible statesmen will press for a Zionist solution of the Palestine question unless they are sustained in their purposes and carried along by a powerful current of popular will. They will not move forward unless they have a clear mandate to do so and that mandate is expressed in unequivocal terms.

4) We do not decry or disparage diplomacy and diplomatic effort but we believe that at this critical time the movement must devote its major attention and major effort chiefly to securing an adequate expression of the popular will and to channelize it effectively so that it will exercise a strong influence upon the plans and policies of democratic statesmen. This was the meaning and purpose of the Palestine resolutions adopted by many State Legislatures and of the resolutions which were introduced more than a year ago in both houses of Congress and endorsed by the representatives of both major parties. The doubts which were entertained by some Zionists regarding the value of these resolutions, even if adopted by Congress, and the readiness on the part of some leaders to abandon them when opposition developed show how seriously the whole situation was misjudged and how easily the movement tended to fall back upon "personal diplomacy" despite the tragic experience of a quarter of a century.

5) Such questions which go to the very root of things are not sufficiently understood by the rank and file of Zionists throughout the country. This is especially true since the membership has so greatly expanded and now consists for the most part on new converts whose heart is in the right place but who lack Zionist background and education and are largely ignorant of Zionist history and the lessons which it teaches. There is therefore no more immediate and urgent task than that of conducting a proper campaign of education among our fellow Zionists, of stimulating serious discussion of the problems which confront the movement, of a clarification of Zionist thought.

This is the first and most important task of the American Zionist Policy Committee and its adherents. It is to this end that our activities must be directed by means of lectures and discussions, the dissemination of appropriate leaflets and pamphlets, the preparation and use of informative and cogent memoranda. Ours must be a "grass roots" effort - the reeducation and consequent reorientation of the Zionist movement from

the bottom up. The American Zionist Policy Committee will gladly assist your District in securing competent speakers on political subjects.

6) It is hardly necessary to add that as loyal and disciplined Zionists we must not and will not undertake any political action on our own. That remains the prerogative of the duly constituted organs of the Zionist movement which are authorized to carry on political effort: the Jewish Agency for Palestine on the one hand, and the American Zionist Emergency Council, representing all American Zionist Organizations, on the other. Individually and as a group we must not and will not interfere with those efforts. As individual Zionists, as members of our respective Zionist District organizations, we will continue to cooperate loyally and carry out any assignment to the best of our ability. But as a special group, as the Policy Committee, it will be our function to study Zionist problems, to examine critically Zionist policies, to educate our fellow Zionists to an appreciation of our point of view, which we believe to be the correct one.

The Policy Committee is not a membership organization but includes on its roster key Zionists whose function it is to extend the influence of the Committee into Zionist Districts throughout the land. We hope that you, in concert with your fellow-members of the Policy Committee, will see to it that the Policy Committee's influence will be extended into every District in the Seaboard Region.

7) There is a further task which should not be neglected. It is not enough to win over our fellow Zionists through our educational efforts. We must also see to it that the views and wishes of the rank and file are adequately reflected in the central direction of the Zionist Organization of America. The truly democratic character of our movement is its source of greatest strength and must be zealously guarded. We must see to it that the composition of the National Administration of the ZOA and its policies shall conform to the sentiments of its constituents. The present deplorable situation where a small clique controls the organization without regard for the wishes of the rank and file has weakened the moral fibre of our movement and has led to a serious breach.

8) In addition to the extension of the membership of the National Council of the American Zionist Policy Committee, it should be the function of those who support the Policy Committee to see that adequate Resolutions are passed by the Districts in your Region and by the Region itself. (You may feel that you do not have adequate strength to accomplish this task, but you will be interested in knowing that yesterday the Westchester Zionist Region, which has long been regarded as an Administration stronghold, passed a strong pro-Silver resolution. Of further interest to you will be the fact that Mr. Robert Szold led the Administration forces in an attempt to defeat the resolution. The matter was debated for approximately five hours and at the conclusion of the argument, the rank and file attained a victory by the vote of 41-18.)

9) Through our work we shall be generating currents of thought which will strengthen and revitalize the movement. We shall foster an informed and intelligent public opinion among the Zionist membership. We will thereby preserve it from becoming a large and inert mass, but build it up into an effective instrument in the service of our cause. One Zionist who is intelligent, informed and alert - one Zionist who thinks, is worth a score who don't. We may well take that as our motto.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
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FORM LETTER ACKNOWLEDGING MEMBERSHIP IN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

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Dear Mr.....

On behalf of the American Zionist Policy Committee, I heartily welcome you to membership in our National Council.

The strength and influence of any national body lies in the strength of its membership. However, the Policy Committee is not interested in mass-membership. We do not have the means or the personnel to contact the thousands upon thousands of enrolled Zionists in America, most of whom are not informed on Zionist matters. We are interested in enrolling the active, informed, key Zionists in all communities. Our strength will lie in the influence that these key people will wield by the furtherance of our program and policies in enlightening their local Zionist membership as to current Zionist developments.

In associating yourself with our Committee, you have not joined "just another organization". You have assumed the responsibility of assisting in reforming the ZOA and of bringing into being a positive, statesmanlike, militant Zionist policy. Specific assignments and directives will be sent to you from time to time. In the meantime, present our point of view to the leading Zionists in your area. If there are any, in your opinion, who should be invited to membership in our Committee, forward that information to us. Also indicate the names of those in your community who should be placed on our mailing list to receive our releases, pamphlets, etc.

We shall be pleased to hear from you in re the above. Please keep us informed of all Zionist developments in your community.

Sincerely,

Harry L. Shapiro
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We regret profoundly that, as a result of bottle-necks in the paper, printing, binding and trucking industries, THE JEWISH SPECTATOR reached you late in the past two months. We shall try our best to keep the printer to his schedule. In the meantime, please don't worry if THE JEWISH SPECTATOR is not out on the first of the month as it used to be in the good old peace days. THE JEWISH SPECTATOR may be late—but it will be delivered. Please do not deluge us with mail and phone complaints. Be patient and remember that THE JEWISH SPECTATOR, although essential to you, does not rate war priority—which tells you in a nutshell what we are up against.

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TOPICS ON THE AGENDA

The Message Of Passover

THE MESSAGE OF PASSOVER is universal. It is the solemn declaration of the inalienable freedom of man and the unequivocal condemnation of slavery of any kind. More than thirty-five centuries have elapsed since the ancient Hebrews shook off the Egyptian bondage and proclaimed liberty as the God-given privilege of man—yet the ancient Hebrew ideal of freedom is still far from being realized in the affairs of men and nations.

It is significant—and it bespeaks the universal appeal of the Hebrew Bible—that throughout the ages groups and individuals fighting for justice and freedom identified themselves and their causes with the Hebrew slaves in Egypt and their just demands for freedom. Thus in our own America, the Pilgrim Fathers, fleeing British religious intolerance, allegorically described their crossing of the Atlantic Ocean as the crossing of the Red Sea... When the Thirteen Colonies battled for their independence and when the slaves in the South fought for the recognition of their human rights—again they saw themselves in the role of the unjustly oppressed Israelites and their oppressors in the role of the cruel Pharaoh.

Passover, however, is not only the symbol of freedom from oppression. It stands not merely for freedom "from" fear and tyranny but equally proclaims the positive freedom, given to every human being, "for" happiness and the good life. Passover stands for "Freedom of Religion" and "Freedom of Speech" even as it proclaims the logical and ethical necessity of "Freedom from Fear" and "Freedom from Want."

Passover is jubilantly acclaimed as "the season of our freedom," and its ritual is centered in observances emphasizing the value of this precious possession. But also the year-round Jewish ritual and observances are correlated with the idea of freedom exemplified by the Passover holiday.

In a certain sense all the festivals of the Jewish year, as well as the Sabbath, are celebrations commemorating the exodus. Thus, the Sages of the Talmud pointed out, while Passover marks the winning of *physical* freedom, Shabuoth, the festival of the Torah, commemorates the attainment of *spiritual* liberty through the Law. Rosh ha-Shonoh and Yom Kippur, the momentous days of "Repentance and Judgment" emphasize the individual freedom of the will of everyone created in the image of God. We repent and are judged *because* we are free to choose our way. Sukkoth, again, is commanded as a memorial of the exodus from Egypt and, moreover, the dwelling in booths emancipates us and impresses upon us the independence from accepted forms and standards of

living. Finally, Hanukkah and Purim are clearly festivals extolling the ideal of freedom won by strenuous effort and religious devotion.

In this connection it should be recalled that the sanctification of the Sabbath is not only commanded because "in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day," but also to keep fresh the memory of the exodus and the events that led up to it: "And thou shalt remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and the Lord thy God brought thee out from thence by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath day." The Sabbath, the weekly recurring "holiday of freedom" from everyday toil and worry is thus inextricably linked with the great national holiday of independence, for individual freedom and collective freedom are mutually interdependent; one cannot exist without the other.

"Biblical democracy," which is at the root of all modern systems of democracy, the Jewish legislation of social justice, and the Jewish prophetic ideal of universal and eternal peace stem from the Jewish interpretation of freedom as extending to all spheres and relationships of human life.

For us, the descendants of those who went out from Egypt, Passover is a reaffirmation of our belief in Jewish eternity. The story of Passover—the story of Pharaoh who wanted to destroy Israel and thus brought on his own ruin while Israel went forth triumphantly—soothes our heartache as we remember the millions who have fallen victims to the bestiality of the modern Pharaoh. Passover reminds us that Pharaohs, Hamans and Hitlers have their hours—but Eternity belongs to Israel.

The Spurned Ally

AT THE RISK of being platitudinous, be it emphatically stated again that the Jews were the first against whom Hitler unleashed the fury of his bestiality inflicting upon them losses incomparably larger and more tragic than those suffered by any other member of the United Nations. But the Jewish people has not only been a passive sufferer in this war. On all the far flung battle fronts, on the seas and under the sea—and in the air—Jews have fought and died—and are fighting and dying—for the triumph of freedom and the victory of human decency.

Especially valiant and gallant has been the contribution of Jewish Palestine to the war effort. In point of fact, highly placed British military officials have readily

admitted that if not for the Jewish battalions and the supplies furnished to the British fighting men by the Yishuv of the Jewish Homeland, Rommel and his army could never have been stopped at the gates of Egypt.

In view of the Jewish contribution in blood and sweat to the war effort, it is galling and painful beyond words that at the forthcoming conference of the United Nations in San Francisco, the voice of the Jewish people will not be heard.

Pitting hope against hope, the American Zionist Emergency Council has issued an eleventh hour appeal to the leaders of the United Nations to give the Jewish people an opportunity to present their case. Although this appeal is foredoomed, it is well that it has been sounded for it is a dignified and powerful statement of the Jewish case—not against Hitler—but against those committed to fight Hitlerism to the bitter end.

It is not merely the American Zionist Emergency Council but the entire Jewish people which addresses itself to the leaders of the United Nations as follows:

"We call upon the nations of the world now—when decisions of overwhelming importance are being made—to give the Jewish people the opportunity to present their case before them, a case whose urgency has been written in the blood and agony of 5,000,000 men, women and children attacked as Jews and slaughtered as Jews. We hold that the very issues for which the war is being fought lie at stake here.

Four great powers have now invited 39 nations to attend the San Francisco Conference. Ways were found to invite countries which had not been members of the United Nations on the ground that they had shown their good faith and thus their eligibility to attend by declaring war, however, late, upon the Axis. Among these are nations which have not lifted a finger to help the cause of the United Nations; who, quite the contrary, actually had to be coerced not to betray the democracies. If it were not so tragic, it would be a matter for cynical comment to observe with what belated haste certain nations moved to declare war upon the Axis in the hope of obtaining seats at the Conference.

Great decisions will be taken at San Francisco. They will affect the future of the world and of all its peoples. Yet the only people who have been at war with Hitler since 1933, the first victims and adversaries of the nazis, the people who remained the sole bulwark of democracy in the whole Middle East, whose casualty lists of 5,000,000 exceed that of any other people—this suffering people has not been invited.

Among the subjects to be discussed at the Conference is that of mandates. How in the name of common decency and justice can the Jews, whose very existence as a people is bound up with mandated Palestine, not be represented? The Arabs will be present as such; they are sending delegates; why should not the Jewish people have the right to protect their position in Palestine?

The national status of the Jews in Palestine has been recognized by 52 nations of the world and today more

than 30,000 Jews of tiny Palestine—proportionately equivalent to 8,000,000 volunteers in the United States—are fighting under their own flag and in Jewish units of the British Army. The Jews as a people are entitled to be heard in San Francisco.

The recent statement of Prime Minister Churchill following the Middle East meetings that any decision on Palestine must await the war's end—which we fervently hope does not represent the final judgment of the United Nations on this subject—makes it even more imperative that authorized spokesmen for the Jewish National Home be accorded the same right and opportunity to be heard as accorded all other peoples.

But the Jews—and they alone—are told to wait; to stand outside; to watch the remnants of their people ground to death in Europe; to watch those liberated in the Balkans die of slow starvation while the gates of Palestine, *where they would be welcome as nowhere else in the world*, are forcibly shut upon them.

Liberation has not meant liberation for the Jews of Europe. It has not restored them to their position. Their plight is appalling. Proposals to remove them to camps in North Africa, or to establish settlements in Cyrenaica, merely prolong their agony. That is only to substitute homelessness for homelessness, to remove them from nowhere to nowhere else. These Jews can rebuild their lives only in Palestine. Palestine alone is prepared for them, Palestine alone is ready to welcome them, and welcome them not as refugees, not as transients, not as strangers, but as incoming citizens who come there as of right.

Yet the Jews—and they alone—are told to wait. How long must they wait? When the Jewish people consider how many hundreds of thousands of their brethren have died since the plea to open the gates of Palestine was first sounded, and the answer "wait" was first given, they must ask again and again, *when will promises finally be turned into deeds?* When shall these persecuted, tortured, helpless Jews of Europe know justice? If it be when the war is over, few among them may be alive to know it. The ghosts of 5,000,000 dead already haunt the forthcoming Conference in San Francisco. We ask the world how great must this ghastly company grow before the voice of those still living will be heard?

In the name of justice to all peoples, in the name of millions of men, women and children whose annihilation will stand to the everlasting shame of the human race, we ask for a seat in the councils of the nations at San Francisco in regard to all matters affecting Palestine and the future there of the Jewish people.

We ask the simple right of presenting our case."

Needed: A New Zionist Policy

THE DISASTROUS FAILURE of the policies of the present administration of the Zionist Organization of America and its adjunct, the American Zionist Emergency

Council, cannot but throw a pall of gloom over all to whom the future of the Jewish Homeland is dear. Relying upon private or at best semi-official and non-committal declarations of sympathy with the Zionist cause by the President of the United States, the present Zionist administration and its followers in the Emergency Council chose to squander the all-important weeks before the Yalta and Cairo Conferences on the ignominious "purge" of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and his followers from the ranks of those shaping American Zionist policies.

Accusing Dr. Silver of having jeopardized the Zionist cause by proceeding with measures aiming at getting the so-called "Palestine Resolution" approved by the Congress and Senate of the United States at a time when the Resolution should have been dropped for the time being, in deference to the express wishes of Mr. Roosevelt, Dr. Silver was eliminated from active Zionist leadership by means of methods which have been aptly likened to those in vogue in Tammany Hall at the time of its worst corruption.

We are firmly convinced that had the "Palestine Resolution" been passed by the House before Mr. Roosevelt met the "Three Kings from the East," the Cairo Conference and the subsequent reports of Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill on their talks with the Arab chieftains would have proceeded along altogether different lines. To be sure, Mr. Roosevelt is not the kind of man to be guided or intimidated by the House—at the same time, however, a President of the United States will not act against the decisions and wishes of Congress representing, as it were, the voice of the American People.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise's preference, a preference shared by Dr. Israel Goldstein, for *shtadlanish* efforts in the White House rather than for an open, aggressive, democratic advocacy of the Zionist demands before the open forum of the House has failed calamitously. Despite the fact that Dr. Wise, in his private conference with the President, should have had a chance to inform him on the Jewish aims in Palestine, the President confessed that he had "learned more about the Jewish question in five minutes' talk with Ibn Saud than he could have learned otherwise." No more powerful indictment of Dr. Silver's opponents is imaginable.

It is fortuitous that the Yiddish press and large sections of the Anglo-Jewish press have not been deceived by the sanctimonious releases emanating from Dr. Goldstein's offices and glorifying the democratic set-up of the Z. O. A., with which autocratic Dr. Silver did not wish to comply... In unison they condemn the present "leadership of obstructionism, of petty personal jealousies, of exceptional ability in forcing out the only persons who can work and who wish to work and have shown how to work."

From the tremendous acclaim which was paid to Dr. Silver by the rank and file of Greater New York Zionists at a recent Testimonial Dinner, it is evident that not the entire membership of the Z. O. A. endorses the Goldstein-Wise purge of Dr. Silver. In point of fact, it is more

than obvious that the vast majority of the well-informed, intelligent members of the Z. O. A., who are Zionists by conviction and not merely by virtue of a receipt for five dollars membership dues, are in favor of Dr. Silver's inspired, courageous and farsighted leadership. Already a large number of prominent Zionist leaders have urged the President of the Zionist Organization of America to effect "the reorganization of the Zionist Emergency Council, the adoption of a firm line of militant political action and the prompt recall of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to leadership."

In the present crisis Zionism needs above all militant political action and farsighted planning ahead. These can best be supplied, as experience has proved by Dr. Silver. It is to be hoped that the rank and file of organized Zionists will make their voices heard so as to prevent irreparable damage not only to the cause of Zionism but to the best interests of the Jewish people.

The Ascending Star of David

IN THE PAST several weeks persistent reports have reached the outside world that the articles most in demand in Germany these days are passports of dead Jews and armbands displaying the Yellow Badge of the Star of David. Any doubts in the authenticity of these fantastic but true reports are dispelled by a recent editorial in "Der Voelkischer Beobachter," official paper of the Nazi party, demanding that all Germans who acquire faked passports of dead Jews or who wear the Star of David in order to escape the fate in store for them should be publicly hanged. Despite these threats, however, Germans of all classes and ages, not excepting highly placed personages in the Nazi party, are preparing for the Day of Reckoning by trying to camouflage as Jews...

When the German Jews were first forced to wear the Yellow Badge, their leaders called on them to wear that badge proudly—and proudly they did wear it to the bitter end. It is a detraction from the dignity of the Yellow Badge, the only badge of honor in the Nazi realm, that it will now be degraded by the fiendish Nazi cowards who are so yellow as to seek safety under the banner of the Yellow Badge—the mark of "the despised Jew."

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We Need the Jewish State NOW

By ABBA HILLEL SILVER

WHAT our people have sought to establish through the long and weary years of our dispersion is a Jewish State. It is a Jewish State that Zionism was created to achieve. It is that which Herzl and Nordau and Pinsker and Hess and the myriads of Jews of our generation and of the unnumbered generations before them worked and prayed for. This is the realistic solution of the diaspora problem. Comfortable Jews in comfortable lands may prefer the other solutions and the soothing refrains of pleasant lullabies. Sooner or later they are awakened, like the Jews of Germany in our day and like so many Jewish communities before them, to the shock and horror of an unanticipated and unprepared for reality. All Jews share a common destiny. How brief the intervals of our tranquility, how frequent and prolonged the years of our disquietude! There is a definite pattern to our experience in every land. There is no solution to the Jewish problem custom-tailored to each individual country, each community or each class of Jews. More than sixty years ago, Leo Pinsker, shaken out of his assimilationist dream by the Russian pogroms of his day declared: "Our future will remain insecure and precarious so long as a radical change in our position is not made. This change cannot be brought about by the civil emancipation of the Jews in this or that state, but only by the auto-emancipation of the Jewish people as a nation, the foundation of a colonial community belonging to the Jews, which is some day to become our inalienable home, our fatherland." All that has happened to the Jewish people in the last 60 years, and more, especially all that has happened in the last 10 years, only serve to underscore the inevitability of Pinsker's conclusions.

It is not helpful at this moment to dilate on how long it will take to set up such a Jewish State in actual running order. We need the political decision *now*! It is quite self-evident and elementary that a traditional period will be required and a Jewish majority before the full apparatus of a free and democratic Jewish State can be brought into operation. But all such reasonable exposition of self-evident truths at this time only serves the purpose of our adversaries who seize upon it as proof that Zionist leaders themselves favor delay and do not really expect a Jewish Commonwealth and may be satisfied with much less. These leaders are roundly praised for their statesmanlike forbearance, patience and tact, and from underneath this elegant cloak of praise often dart the deadly rapier thrusts at the heart of our movement. That is how we have been imposed upon time and again.

If we succeed in obtaining a declaration now from the proper authorities that it is proposed to set up Palestine as a Jewish State, then, whether it takes three or five years to complete its implementation is of secondary importance. If we do not obtain such a positive declara-

tion *now*, then the time element is altogether irrelevant, and whatever concessions in terms of immigration schedules are made, are politically speaking, of little moment. They may be only indices of defeat, for such schedules will most probably be fixed to insure a permanent minority status for us in Palestine.

It is not for us *at this time* to stress Palestine as a place of refuge for homeless Jews and concentrate in this brief, tense hour of fugitive political opportunities, when the great bell of history is tolling for us the final summons, on immigration certificates for refugees—if what we have in mind is national restoration and a Jewish state. The Arabs are not deceived by such a maneuver. The world is not moved to greater exertions on our behalf when we speak of saving refugees instead of building a Jewish State. The world was not greatly moved by our desperate pleas in behalf of our millions of doomed fellow-Jews now lying dead in their nameless graves, many of whom might have been saved. The great democracies heard the tortured cry of a dying people. They wagged their heads in sympathy and then proceeded to speak in the barren legalism of constricted hearts of their inability to intervene in the domestic affairs of other nations and of their own inviolate immigration laws.

Those who tell us to forget or forego our national claims at this time so as to reinforce our refugee claims are talking sheer nonsense. Thus far the refusals have stood as adamant against their humanitarian pleas as against our national demands. Let it be remembered, too, that it was the *national* rather than the philanthropic appeal—the political necessity for normalizing the status of world Jewry once and for all by the establishment of a national home—which captured the imagination of the great statesmen of the first World War who were responsible for the Balfour Declaration and Mandate. Let it also be remembered that the classic text of Zionism is a book called "The Jewish State." In 1917, Dr. Chaim Weizmann declared: "We have never built our Zionist Movement on the sufferings of our people in Russia or elsewhere. These sufferings were never the cause of Zionism. The fundamental cause of Zionism was, and is, the ineradicable national striving of Jewry to have a home of its own—a national center, a national home with a national life. And this remains now stronger than ever."

Refugeeism may yet defeat Zionism. Our undying sin will be, if we fail to understand the potentials of this great hour and if we sink our clear, resplendent political vision of national rebirth in the surging and engulfing waters of philanthropy.

It is not for us to talk of partition or bi-nationalism if we really mean a Jewish State. No one spoke of partition or bi-nationalism when there were only fifty-five thousand Jews in Palestine in 1917. Why should one

speak of it today when there are over six hundred thousand Jews and the ratio of Jew to Arab is far greater than it was then? Neither the Declaration nor the Mandate contemplated the creation of an Arab State in Palestine or of an Arab National Home. Such Arab states were contemplated and have in fact been established by the Allied Nations elsewhere in the Near East. It was the clear intention, and the Royal Commission Report of 1937 confirms it, to convert the Jewish National Home into a Jewish State as soon as the conditions for a Jewish State actually existed. Such conditions would undoubtedly be in existence today if it were not for the legally and morally unjustifiable policy of the MacDonald White Paper which arbitrarily restricted Jewish immigration during recent years when hundreds of thousands of our people were clamoring for admission into Palestine, and when many of them were forced to the indignity of smuggling themselves into their own national homeland as thieves in the night, and boatloads of them perished miserably within sight of the land of Israel, having been denied the right to land on its shores.

We would be a majority in Palestine today were it not for the interference of the Mandatory power. The creation of a Jewish State would by now be a matter of course. Therefore we must now ask that the primary and original purpose of the Mandate be reaffirmed forthwith, that it be implemented, and that its implementation be assured by giving the Jewish people control over immigration. Moreover, the country should at once be placed under a special administration, on which the Jewish people shall have preponderant representation corresponding to its overwhelming stake in the country, to insure its economic development and the rapid absorption of new settlers, and the establishment of the Jewish State. This is the only kind of "transitional period" which can lead to a Jewish State. The Jewish Agency must be vested forthwith with governmental powers to plan and to set up the appropriate apparatus for mass immigration which must follow immediately after the war. Appropriate policies, economic, fiscal, industrial, agrarian, must be studied and devised. The postponement of a decision as to the status of Palestine until after the end of hostilities is thus a severe blow to all this essential preliminary planning and organization and it may seriously affect the flow of immigration after the war, and the country's ability, through unpreparedness, to absorb it.

The call for "a decision now" which we made last year and which now seems to be muted, was thus dictated by sound judgment and practical intelligence. It was not due to the impatience of impractical political extremists. To postpone the decision is to prolong the crisis, to permit the Arab opposition, now rapidly organizing, to consolidate itself still further, and to defeat all efforts at intelligent planning for a difficult post-war reconstruction.

We may not succeed in our objectives. "I am not bound to succeed," declared Abraham Lincoln, "but I am bound to live up to what light I have. I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be free." Ours is the duty to live up to what light we have, to the guidance of our

history and the great lessons of our experience and to give to the statesmen of the world our best judgment as to how our problem, which is also a world problem, can best be solved, to the hurt of none and the blessing of all.

It is not our duty to propose partial solutions. The statesmen of the world may prefer partial solutions in the hope of insuring peace. This, you will recall, was the Munich complex. Lack of vision and courage may again postpone the just and definitive decision. This will undoubtedly exacerbate the political conditions in Palestine and in the Near East. But this is beyond our control. What is within our control is the resolve to make known our cause to the world, and to demand justice at the bar of history. We must ask nothing that is unjust and unreasonable. We must accept nothing that is unjust and unreasonable. We have no right to renounce our historic and religious hope which has fed and sustained the spirit of our people through all these long and weary centuries. No Jewish leader has been given or will be given the mandate to make such a renunciation. The messianic hope of Israel cannot be bartered away for an immigration quota, desperately as refugee Jews need the haven of Palestine and desperately as we want them to go there.

It has been rumored that the Arabs are about to make a generous gesture and consent to additional Jewish immigrants on condition that they, Moslem and Christian Arabs, shall remain in the majority. I am not inclined to credit this rumor, for such generosity is in violent contrast to their customary intransigence. But whether the rumor has substance or not, from the point of view of our national rebirth what matters is not whether we have 600,000 Jews or a million Jews in Palestine, but whether we have a majority. If with a million Jews we still remain a minority, our primary objective is not obtained. There is no national Jewish state. There is no internationally recognized Jewish nation. We remain as we have through all these two thousand years, minority everywhere, and our universal minority status has been at the root of our universal insecurity. Minority rights, even under international guarantees, are of little value, as the experience of our people in Eastern Europe, between the two world wars, amply demonstrated. We are different from all other minorities in the world. Each of the other minority groups has a fatherland somewhere where the main body of its people lives in its own home. The Jewish minorities have no homeland anywhere. Thus when minorities are hard-pressed, arrangements can be made for their transfer back to their original homes. Transference of a Jewish minority can only mean consignment to exile, or to extermination camps. The founders of our movement, time and again warned, as did Nordau, that "we must at any price become a majority in Palestine." Their kingly dream was at all times that of a Jewish state made possible in a democratic world by the achievement of a Jewish majority. British and American statesmen, too, thought in terms of a Jewish National Home and a Jewish State. Lloyd George, who was Prime Minister of Great Britain at the time of the

Declaration, testified that "the idea was and this was the interpretation put on it (the Declaration) that a Jewish State would be established as soon as the Jews had responded to the opportunity afforded them by the idea of a national home and had become a definite majority of the inhabitants." Mr. Winston Churchill, who was Secretary of State in 1920 exultingly visioned "on the banks of the Jordan a Jewish State which might comprise three to four million Jews."

The very essence of the millennial hope of our people would be denied and rejected by any formula which would make unattainable a Jewish State in Palestine. It would also be a disastrous retreat. The peace conference at the conclusion of this war, far from consummating, would actually be nullifying the political gains which the Jewish people achieved at the close of the last war. What may be contemplated, if these or similar rumors have any substance, is, I am afraid, another White Paper—a final payoff, and liquidation of the Zionist Movement.

Are Jewish rights to be made dependent on Arab consent? The Mandate recognized the historic connection of the Jewish people with Palestine—a fact strangely enough already recognized in Biblical times—but it remained for the Allied leaders to recognize the historic connection of Ibn Saud with Palestine. It was MacDonald, you will recall, when he planned repudiation, in 1939, who hit upon the idea of bringing in the leaders of the neighboring Arab countries to weight the scale against the Jewish National Home. He convoked the ill-fated Round Table Conference between Jews and Arabs in 1939.

This Conference eventuated in the notorious White Paper of May, 1939 which was a complete surrender to Arab demands and a burnt-offering of all the national aspirations of the Jewish people. This occurred on the eve of the war, under pressure presumably of the approaching world crisis when British imperial interests needed the good will and cooperation of the Arab world—a cooperation, by the way, which was never forthcoming. But this is 1945! We are on the eve of an Allied victory. The need for appeasement no longer exists. Nevertheless the Arab states are again brought into the picture, and one is forced to ask with real apprehension whether another White Paper is not in the making. It would seem that Ibn Saud is now the chief figure consulted by Great Britain and the United States about the future of the Jewish National Home. It is the same Ibn Saud, who, two years ago declared "I know of nothing that justifies the Jewish claim in Palestine . . . I am not afraid of the Jews or of the possibility of their ever having a state or power either in the land of the Arabs or elsewhere. This is in accordance with what God has revealed unto us through the mouth of His Prophet in His Holy Book. Thus I told the demands of the Jews upon this land in error . . . If the Jews are impelled to seek a place to live, Europe and America are larger and more fertile than Palestine."

OUR strength today, as of old, lies in our dream, in the urgency of our national need, in knowing our own

minds and in unremitting effort directed towards an un-deflected purpose. We may not succeed even then, but our faith and courage will then inspire generations yet unborn to complete the task which we were prevented from completing. Ours is the responsibility of presenting our case fully, clearly, forcibly, to the world. Once we know our own minds and have the courage to pursue our objectives to the end, we shall have no difficulty in finding the proper methods for presenting our case. It is the vague objective which leads to the uncertain course. The difficulty arises when there are basic and frequently unconscious differences as to objectives which, to the outsider, appear as a conflict only of strategy or of personalities. But, if you penetrate all the circles of realization, you come at last upon the timid soul, and the heart that lacks faith. Not all who talk about a Jewish Commonwealth really have faith in it. Time and again, in negotiations with opposing groups, or facing official opposition in government circles, they buckle under. The Jewish Commonwealth suddenly becomes nebulous, a far-off "End-ziel" to which one pays ritual lip-service, but which for all practical purposes is brushed aside. Only zealots and extremists keep pressing for it, even when important people are annoyed by it . . .

It is of course clear that two men will have much to do with the final settlement of the Palestine issue—Churchill and Roosevelt.* They are great and good men and they are well intentioned towards us. In the present political conjuncture of the world, they possess enormous power. Their sympathy and cooperation are most vital to the success of our movement. It would be a mistake, however, to leave the entire fate of our movement in the hands of these two statesmen. Both of these statesmen are working under terrific pressure. From all sides powerful pressure groups converge on them, and some of these powerful groups are working against our movement. Political leaders, engrossed in many tasks, sometimes accept for the solution of what they regard as minor issues, formulas which appear expedient, and compromises which only aggravate the situation.

Take the case of Mr. Churchill. He has always been a friend of Zionism. He is today. Only recently he spoke of himself as "the architect of the Jewish future." In 1921, on the occasion of his planting a tree in the garden of the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus, he declared: "Personally my heart is full of sympathy with Zionism. This sympathy has existed in me for a long time . . . I believe that the building of a Jewish National Home in Palestine will be a blessing to the whole world, a blessing to the Jewish race scattered all over the world, a blessing to Great Britain. I firmly believe that it will be a blessing also to all the inhabitants of the country without distinction of race and religion."

Nevertheless this same Mr. Churchill, only a year later,

* These lines were written before President Roosevelt's tragic death. His untimely removal from our midst bears out Dr. Silver's view that "it would be a mistake to leave the entire fate of our movement in the hands of these two statesmen."—Ed.

was responsible for the White Paper of 1922, the first of a series of reinterpretations, which among other things declared that the terms of the Balfour Declaration did not contemplate that Palestine as a whole should be converted into a Jewish National Home, but that such a home should be founded in Palestine. . . .

Prime Minister Churchill vigorously denounced the MacDonald White Paper of May 1939. He called it "a breach, a violation of the pledge, the abandonment of the Balfour Declaration, the end of the vision, of the hope, of the dream." And yet, a year later, when he became Prime Minister, in 1940, he permitted that policy to stand, and it stands to this day, a policy which has resulted in incalculable tragedies to myriads of our people in Europe who might have found a haven of refuge in Palestine during these years of slaughter and annihilation.

We do not judge. We do not point to any moral contradictions. But surely these repeated instances of profession lagging behind performance, should caution us against exclusive reliance upon the good intentions of one or two great men, however unquestionably sincere their intentions are.

Mr. Roosevelt has frequently evidenced his interest in the Jewish National Home, and more than once during the past year, has expressed himself in clear and forthright endorsement of Zionism. And yet, though frequently solicited, the government of the United States did nothing to undo the mischief of the White Paper which was in clear violation of agreements between our Government and the Mandatory power. Mr. Roosevelt has declared himself publicly in favor of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth, but twice during 1944, the executive branch of our government was responsible for the shelving of the Jewish Commonwealth Resolution in the Congress of the United States, where both the House and the Senate were prepared and eager to vote for it overwhelmingly. Since then, months have elapsed, the Valta Conference has been held, but nothing has been forthcoming from this Administration to compensate for this deferred action, or even to explain it.

We were asked to wait a little longer. Congress was energetically pressed not to pass the Palestine Resolution. Zionist leaders rushed pell mell to Washington to collaborate with the State Department in its effort to keep the Congress of the U. S. from expressing itself in favor of the Jewish Commonwealth. We waited. The result—Ibn Saud said "No". The entire Palestine subject has been postponed to the end of the war and there is no Palestine Resolution.

When we mention these facts, it is not that we are hostile to Mr. Churchill or to President Roosevelt. These men are too big and politically too experienced to interpret honest differences of opinion and the cry of a sorely pressed people for action, as personal hostility. Only little souls stoop to such conclusions . . .

Political exigencies frequently deflect the clear purposes even of our best friends and we must do our utmost to reinforce their good will and intent so that they will not feel to pressure at our expense. Their political strategy pressed in our behalf may also be mistaken, as the case

of Ibn Saud, upon whom both Roosevelt and Churchill placed such high hopes, amply demonstrates.

IT IS important to continue to make the most friendly and effective representation to the great leaders of the democracies, but the most effective representation in a democracy is through organized public opinion. In political life today great political issues which affect the destinies of nations are not decided by the charm, winsomeness or eloquence exercised by an individual, or on the basis of a quid pro quo for political support given by an individual during a political campaign. Personal intercession of this sort is an anachronism in the world today. It is too late for Court Jews. If our cause is just, let the American people speak up—its ministers and educators, its writers and journalists, its leaders of capital and labor, its state legislators, its congressmen and senators, of both political parties, Republicans and Democrats alike. Our movement is not wedded to any one political party. We have strong and warm friends in both. Let them make known their will to our government and to our Chief Executive. Let the people of England of all political parties make their will known to their Colonial Office and to their Cabinet. Let us rally all men of good will everywhere in the world who would like to see justice done, an ancient wrong righted and a present day world need met. Let a mighty chorus of voices rise to the ears of the men whom destiny has chosen for great decisions. Let these men become aware and be guided and sustained in their own purpose by this awareness that our cause is overwhelmingly approved by the people of America and of Great Britain, and that it is one of the great and urgent causes of our day in which mankind as a whole is deeply concerned. Zionist leaders who cannot wholeheartedly join in such an effort, or who are too entangled in party politics to appraise situations objectively and to follow an independent Zionist line should step aside. We have nothing to lose now but our illusions. We have a new life to build for our people!

We believe that the solution of the problem of Jewish national homelessness is imperative for the sake of the peace of the world. Any historic people which will be denied a minimum of national security and independence after the war will endanger the success of the international order which will be set up. In the delicately-poised international order of tomorrow, the Jewish people must not remain a people without status and without a national home. Against its own will and without any deliberate action on its part, it will become a focus of political tension, conflict and distress which may endanger the peace of the whole Middle East.

We, too, possess inalienable rights as a people, the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We have not yielded on these rights for two thousand years, although the world chose to ignore and to deny them. The Jewish people, for its own salvation and for the peace of the world, now asks that no obstacle be put in its way to repossess itself of these rights, to reconstruct its national life in its historic home and to quicken to new life an ancient and honorable people.

June 1, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of the statement prepared by Mr. Neumann for Mizrahi. Mr. Neumann has told me of his conversation with you. I spoke with the Mizrahi leaders here and tried to arrange for a get-together with Neumann but due to their crowded schedule, nothing can be done today. Mr. Gellman assures Neumann, however, that no action on our matter will be taken at the sessions of this Mizrahi conference, and that the matter will probably not come up until Monday or Tuesday.

My own feeling is that if Mizrahi does issue a statement, paragraph 6 of Neumann's statement will be watered down considerably. On the basis of my conversation with Kirshbloom, he evidently feels Mizrahi is not ready for the break at this moment.

Isreeli called on me today and urged that you meet with Frisch when you come here as Frisch is most anxious to see you, possibly Wednesday. Will you confirm the appointment on Monday.

Neumann lunched with Weinberg today and tried to impress upon him that now is the time for another campaign in the Yiddish Press. Weinberg seemed amenable to the suggestion and within several days, is arranging to lay down a program for Meckler, Fishman, Dingol, and possibly one or two others.

I shall be away from the city this weekend. In the event that you want to contact Mr. Neumann, his phone number at the Commission is Murray Hill 3-0694 and the number at his home is ACademy 2-2561.

Cordially,

Harry Steinberg

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June 6, 1945

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Chairman
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York City

Dear Dr. Wise:

A deep sense of responsibility towards the Jewish people at this crucial moment prompts us to make a frank statement of our views regarding the political situation and of the conclusions we have reached.

The widespread interest which has been aroused among the Jewish public by the San Francisco Conference should not obscure the fact that these actions are of relatively minor importance so far as the future of Palestine is concerned. Such minor successes as we may achieve there should not blind us to the grave realities of the general political situation.

In view of the imminent danger, we feel that adequate measures were not adopted by our political leadership as represented in the American Zionist Emergency Council. No attempt has been made to reintroduce the Palestine resolution in Congress. There has been no forthright denunciation of the anti-Zionist trends prevailing in the State Department. There has been no adequate attempt to force a showdown on our government's policy through the concentrated pressure of public opinion. There has been excessive reliance upon the private and public assurances of individual statesmen and the continuing failure to pursue more vigorous and militant policies.

With all due respect to the present leadership of the Zionist Emergency Council, we feel most strongly that conditions demand a reorganization of the Council to include all active forces in a spirit of complete unity and harmony. Six crucial months have passed since the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and his policies were challenged. We have urged that steps be taken to re-establish Zionist unity and recall Dr. Silver to active leadership and our proposals were rejected. We have now reached the point where we must declare that we can no longer bear responsibility for the work and policies of the Zionist Emergency Council as presently constituted.

It is our profound conviction that unless Zionist policies and Zionist effort take a new turn, we face a most serious defeat. This is perhaps the most critical period in Zionist history. It calls for renewal of faith, for dynamic and courageous leadership, and for a great political offensive.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at our National Administrative Council held at the Hotel New Yorker on May 31 - June 3, we categorically demand the reorganization of the Zionist Emergency Council.

We request that this be accomplished within the next two weeks.

Sincerely yours,

LEON GELMAN
President

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June 8th, 1945.

DR. ALEX S. WOLF
5813 ENRIGHT AVENUE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

JUN 11 1945

Dear friend, Henry Shapiro:

I was waiting with my reply to your letter of inquiry concerning the attitude of the local Hadassah leaders in the matters of the American Zionist Emergency Council. The reason was that I addressed a "Letter to the Editor" of the local "Jewish Record" which was to appear in the issue of May 25th, but was received too late and had to be postponed to June 1st issue. I have mailed you a marked copy of the "Record" which you must have received ere this. You realize that I was itching for a chance to land into Israel Goldstein and it was a very fortunate "slip" on the part of the editor in wording the caption that was the most welcome opening for me to show how little I thought of the man who once upon a time told me that it was enough for him to see my face in the front rows to judge what impression his talk made upon the audience because I never learned the art of hiding my emotions, in political matters. If the editor of the "Record" were not my disciple and a member of my study Club "Herzliah" he would not have printed the letter because it revealed a weak point of his editing. "You pulled me by my ears, Doctor Wolf, but I yielded to you as ever."

I am enclosing the report of Goldstein's breakfast-meeting arranged at his request with the understanding his talk would not last longer than 30 minutes. It lasted two whole ~~hours~~ ^{hours}, practically until the luncheon hour.

I. R. Goodman told me that G. wrote to him rebuking him for inadequate release of the contents of his address. I. R. G. answered him that there was no need of the office release as the editor of the "Jewish Record" was a guest of the breakfast and even one who did not attend the breakfast ^{could} gain a very good idea of Goldstein's talk. I think there is plenty of sarcasm in my letter; not once I mention the name Goldstein or rabbi: he is merely the president of the Z.O.A. He will get a copy from me and enjoy my plea for generosity for having been made to use the term "ousting". By the way in his letter to G. he deprecated the word "ousting" which he did not

use. You remember the story with the man assuring the peddler that the dog in the front was not biting. "You know it and I know it, but does the dog know it?" I know it and Goldstein knows it that the word "ousted" was not used, but the people who read the caption do not know it and I had to utilize the occasion to assure Goldstein that I do not believe that he used it, but at the same time give my friend Abba Hillel the build up. This is the place of the press in the world of politics.

And now to the local Hadassah chapter. Mrs. Wolf is its intellectual leader and power; she has been three term president of the local chapter and three term president of the Southwest region and as such member of the National Board for three years. She enjoys personal esteem of every outstanding Hadassah woman in the country. But she believes in the strict organization discipline and would not come out with any positive statement in contradiction to the National Board. My sister, Mrs. Jack A. Goodman, of Indianapolis, is a national vice-president of the Hadassah Board. Neither she, nor my wife, both of whom are deeply convinced in the superior leadership of Abba Hillel Silver for not only national, but also international leadership, would oppose the work of Hadassah in Eretz Israel by creating a dissension in the U.S.A. This is my private opinion, off the record and of use only in our inner circle. We all know that the balance within the Board is very unsteady, but in the end the harmony is being preserved. I would not even try to prevail upon Mrs. Wolf as to the assuming a more active attitude in the present crisis as freedom of conscience in the marital life should be just as intangible as in the political life. But there are here two Hadassah women who have no such compunctions as Mrs. Wolf. In fact one of them, Mrs. Sam S. Wolff, 6322 South Rosebury, St. Louis-5, Mo., was present at the breakfast and harassed Goldstein with questions. Mrs. Wolff once-upon-a-time, was president of the Elizabeth, N.J. chapter Hadassah. The other Hadassah is Mrs. Miriam Schwartz, 750 Herman str. ~~Unxxxxxxx~~ St. Louis-5, Mo. two term president of St. Louis chapter, a very intelligent and ardent Zionist who in reply to my inquiry stated that she was for Rabbi Silver out and out.

I am writing this letter at 3:00 A.M. and must retire or I shall be exhausted to morrow.

Cordially yours Isaac Wolf

Dr. Alex S. Woolf
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF ST. LOUIS
PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
5613 ENRIGHT AVENUE
ST. LOUIS, MO.



Mr. Henry WELLS
Secretary, American Jewish Committee



55 West 42nd str.

New York, 18, N.Y.

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June 11, 1945

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.


Dear Mr. Shapiro:

The report of operations to May 31, 1945 indicates that you have available cash of \$2090.63 to meet obligations of \$6577.66, an actual deficit of \$4487.03.

Please note that withholding taxes due amount to \$739.80. Withholdings in excess of \$100 per month should be deposited in the bank by the 10th of the month following. A receipt by the bank will be furnished. Consequently, accumulations for April (\$296.40) is long overdue and that for May (\$442.40) is currently due. Since the financial position of the Committee is not strong, please schedule the payment of these taxes in your planning.

To meet all needs by July 1, 1945, the Committee must raise a minimum of \$10,000.00 during the month of June.

Respectfully submitted,


SIMON ITKIN

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American Zionist Policy Committee
Report of Operations
Five Months ending May 31, 1945

RECEIPTS

Income from Contributions	\$21,921.00	
Income from A.H.S. Dinner	<u>32.78</u>	
Total Receipts		\$21,963.78

OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries paid	6452.52	
Salaries accrued	<u>4405.36</u>	
Total salaries		10,857.88
Publicity		315.00
Multigraphing, Mailing, Postage		4,778.64
Printing		2,071.59
Office expenses and supplies		540.49
Travelling & conference expenses		2,106.93
Telephone & Telegraph		1,649.46
Rent		1,800.00
Miscellaneous		<u>520.32</u>
Total Operating Expenses		<u>24,640.31</u>
DEFICIT		\$ 2,676.53

NON RECURRING EXPENDITURES

Security & Deposits	540.00	
Furniture & Fixtures	<u>1,270.50</u>	
Total non recurring expenditures		<u>1,810.50</u>
TOTAL DEFICIT		\$ <u>4,487.03</u>

American Zionist Policy Committee
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
June 1, 1945

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 2083.68	
Petty Cash	6.95	
Security & Deposits	540.00	
Furniture & Fixtures	<u>1270.50</u>	
Total Assets		\$3901.13

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	1432.50	
Salaries accrued	4405.36	
Withholding Taxes Payable	<u>739.80</u>	
Total Liabilities		<u>6577.66</u>
DEFICIT		<u>\$2676.53</u>

Schedules
American Zionist Policy Committee
June 1945

A. Schedule of Unpaid Salaries (To May 25, 1945)

Harold P. Manson	\$625.00	
Abe Tuvim	538.00	
Harry Steinberg	300.00	
Harry L. Shapiro	<u>2942.36</u>	
Total Salaries Accrued		<u>\$4405.36</u>

B. Schedule of Accounts Payable

Bryant	18.45	
Action Messenger	5.95	
Perfect Letter	77.36	
Galvanized Printing Plate	11.35	
Lernen Bros.	42.87	
Mailers' Service	26.51	
Rent (pending approval of new lease)	1000.00	
New York Telephone Co. (estimated)	<u>250.02</u>	
Total Accounts Payable		<u>\$1432.50</u>

June 14, 1945

Dr. Alex E. Wolf
5813 Enright Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Dr. Wolf:

Thank you for your letter of June 8th. It arrived when I was out of the city and I have just returned and hasten to answer. The clipping which you enclosed is very interesting and your letter to the editor is a very good one. Headlines are often written without much regard to fact but are designed primarily to fill in the space allotted to the headline and for favorable typographical presentation. Incidentally, the word "ousted" fairly accurately describes Dr. Silver's forced resignation.

Most Hadassah leaders outside of New York City are not aware that some Hadassah representatives on the Emergency Council have, on a number of occasions, tried to block efforts at peace. As you know, they have sent out two memoranda on the Policy Committee which, as you know, have no basis in fact and are a complete distortion of our aims and purposes and the activity which we are carrying on. Among other things they accuse us of "independent political action" and if what we do is regarded by them as "political action" then their concept of the job in the Emergency Council should not entitle them to participate in the political work. It was my observation during the time which I directed the work of the Emergency Council that most of the Hadassah representatives had no real political awareness. But as you say, they are a strongly disciplined organization and the women blindly follow their leaders whether they are right or wrong. In New York there is a group of women who wish to assume their democratic prerogative in forming an opposition group within the organization, but as yet, they have not completely formulated their plans.

It will interest you to know that we have been carrying on preliminary conversation with the members of the ZOA Peace Committee and the present Administration was ready to surrender to our terms. The only obstacle remaining was the consent of Dr. Wise. While he agreed that the present political situation called for the dynamic leadership of Dr. Silver (it took six months and a number of tragic setbacks to our movement in order for him to come to this realization) yet he said that he wished to discuss the matter with Dr. Nahum Goldmann. Last Monday, through the delicate Italian hand of Michiavelli Goldmann, the situation was completely upset, and now he has given them a face-saving device. They have decided to await the arrival of Mr. Ben Gurion, who should be here this next weekend, and then they hope that the Jewish Agency will take over the work in America, and so away with

The Emergency Council

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June 14, 1945

You will remember it was this same group in the ZOA that fought the Agency two years ago when the Agency wanted to take over the political work here. At that time, the present administration was ~~accepted~~. The only way that we can conduct political work in America is through the Legislative branch of our government, that is through the Congressmen and Senators. The people who have effect on these officials are their constituents — not foreigners. I do not wish to put myself in the position of being an isolationist when I make this statement, but it is a practical political fact. If the proposal of having the Agency take over the political work is accepted, it will mean that the American Zionist community, the largest Zionist group in the World, will become a membership colony of Jerusalem. *correct*

The Peace Committee, at a meeting of the Executive of the ZOA on Monday night, promised to bring back a report to that Executive within two weeks, so we are keeping on our toes in order to do everything to prevent the situation from going against us.

Some of the members of the Peace Committee and others on the ZOA Executive now are able to see the trend of Zionist thinking and are trying to get on the bandwagon; and because of this fact, some are making strong and sincere efforts in order to heal the breach within our movement. We have made it clear that the Policy Committee will not go out of business but will carry on within the framework of the ZOA until the next Convention, when we hope to get at the real source of our trouble, and replace the "machine" which now controls the present administration.

If there are further developments, you will be advised, as will all of the members of our group. Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director

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The Temple

EAST 105TH STREET AT ANSEL ROAD

TELEPHONES GARFIELD 0150-0151

Cleveland

JUN 18 1945

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WILLIAM M. KRAMER
ASSISTANT RABBI

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D. D.
RABBI

HARRY A. LEVY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

June 15, 1945

Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I had a very pleasant meeting ⁱⁿ Minneapolis both at the dinner attended by the Zionist Boards of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the mass meeting in the evening held in Rabbi Minda's Temple. Mr. Berger was very helpful and himself contributed a thousand dollars. Mr. Tuvim is confident that he will collect the quota. I am glad that he is making the tour of a number of cities.

In Detroit I met in the afternoon with Rabbi Fran, Slomovitz and one other gentleman whose name escapes me at the moment, who came up to my hotel where we outlined a course of action.

It is important at this juncture to have Wertheim and his friends in New York hear from their leaders in the Poale Zion in some of the principal cities. The Poale Zion should back the stand which ^{Myself} took. If the Poale Zion was prepared to stand with me up to December 20, there is no reason why it should not re-assert its position at this time. Siegel ought to get Poale Zion key men in half dozen or more of the big cities to wire to Wertheim and Greenberg demanding the full cooperation of the Poale Zion in bringing about the immediate re-organization of the Council. This is important! The ZOA group should not be the only one pressured by its constituency in forcing the necessary re-organization. I wish that something could be done with Hadassah, but I am afraid that we lost too much time there.

I should like to have you send the clippings and the releases on the action of the New York Zionist regions and the recent editorials in the newspapers by airmail to Dr. Weizmann in London and to Shertok in Jerusalem.

Have you been in touch with Senator Taft about the income tax deductibility?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Abba Hillel Silver



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Mr. Harry Shapiro
American Zionist Policy Committee
55 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

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

JUNE 25, 1945

THE FOLLOWING DAY LETTER TO BE SENT TO THOSE ON ATTACHED LIST:

FOR VICTORY
BUY
WAR BONDS
TODAY

LAST NIGHT ZOA EXECUTIVE APPROVED PROPOSAL FOR RETURN OF DR. SILVER TO EMERGENCY COUNCIL. IMPORTANT THAT OUR PEACE COMMITTEE MEETS AT LUNCHEON THIS THURSDAY AT 12:30 PM MURRAY HILL HOTEL NEW YORK IN ORDER TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL AND ARRIVE AT DECISION. REGARDS.

HARRY L. SHAPIRO

HLS:LF

List Attached

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American Zionist Policy Committee

55 West 42 Street

New York, N. Y.

THE ATTACHED DAY LETTER TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING:

Mr. Samuel Goldstock
615 Berger Building
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Mr. Abraham Goldstein
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Mr. Samuel J. Perry
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Mr. Jacques Torczyner
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4/28/45

I. LAST MEETING APRIL 27, 1945

1. Three points for acceptable peace

II. RESOLUTIONS

Regions: Connecticut, Tri-States, Ohio Valley, Brooklyn, Long Island, Westchester, Manhattan, Bronx

Districts: Detroit, North Philadelphia, Columbus, St. Louis E. C., State of Maine, Dallas E. C., Milwaukee E. C., Cleveland Zionist Society

III. WITHDRAWAL OF MIZRACHI FROM EMERGENCY COUNCIL

IV. CONVERSATIONS

Frisch - Shapiro
Stone - Goodman - Shapiro
Levinthal - Neumann
Lipsky - Silver
Shapiro -

V. Z.O.A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Report of Peace Committee made by Levinthal -

1. Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise - joint chairmen of Council.
2. Dr. Silver chairman of Executive Committee
3. Greenberg and Shulman vice-chairmen; other officers elected in conformity with other parties included in Council
4. Consultative or Steering Committee
5. Enlargement of Council
6. Sidights on the meeting
 - (a) Szold, Boukstein, Lipkowitz, Greenfield
 - (b) Shulman
 - (c) Mrs. Epstein
 - (d) Goldstein - Frisch
 - (e) Levinthal
7. Executive Committee approved report. Recommended appointment of committee of 3 to carry on negotiations with other parties in Emergency Council and to settle details. (Levinthal, Lipsky, Rothenberg)

VI. MEETING OF EXECUTIVE OF GREATER NEW YORK SECTION

1. Decisions
 - (a) Policy Committee
 - (b) Accepted report of Goodman and Neumann with satisfaction
 - (c) Recommended that Neumann serve on the Council Executive

VII. NEGOTIATIONS SINCE MEETING OF NEW YORK GROUP

1. Dr. Silver meets with Poale Zion
2. Scheduled meeting of Dr. Silver with Mizrahi
 - (a) Fishman policy
 - (b) Mizrahi officer
3. Silver - Levinthal - Neumann meeting



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June 1945?

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DAY LETTER July 3rd, 1945

HONORABLE JAMES F. BYRNES, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Printer July 5.
IN VIEW OF THE PERILOUS STATUS OF EUROPEAN JEWRY, WE THE UNDERSIGNED, MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE, MEETING IN A NATIONAL SEMINAR, REQUEST THAT YOU PLACE UPON THE AGENDA OF THE FORTHCOMING BERLIN CONFERENCE A DEMAND FOR: FIRST, THE FREE IMMIGRATION OF JEWS INTO PALESTINE UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE. SECOND, THE UNHAMPERED RIGHT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO PURCHASE AND COLONIZE LAND THROUGHOUT PALESTINE. THIRD, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINE AS A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC JEWISH COMMONWEALTH.

IT IS OUR CONSIDERED OPINION THAT THESE THREE NECESSITIES CONSTITUTE A PRIMARY AND FUNDAMENTAL APPLICATION OF THE STATUTE AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

WE BELIEVE THAT YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS SITUATION IS SUFFICIENTLY COMPREHENSIVE TO EQUIP YOU TO TAKE LEADERSHIP IN THIS EXPRESSION OF JUSTICE AND HUMAN DECENTY.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GRANTING A BRIEF INTERVIEW TO A COMMITTEE OF THREE, PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE FOR BERLIN.

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July 5, 1945

Mr. Abraham Goldstein
Amston Lake, Conn.

Dear Abe:

On Tuesday, July 3, the Z.O.A. Peace Committee called a meeting of the representatives of the parties within the Emergency Council in order to present a peace formulation to them. Although the representatives of the Mizrahi and the Poale Zion requested that the Silver group be represented, the Z.O.A. Peace Committee would not accede. They stated at the meeting that they had consulted with Dr. Silver and the major demands of Dr. Silver had been included in the proposals. As you can see by the attached copy of their proposals, this is far from being the case. The parties were asked to take the proposals back to their organizations and have them ratified.

Dr. Silver hearing of the proposals, sent a letter to Judge Levinthal, a copy of which is enclosed, which states his reaction to the Z.O.A. proposals. Copies of this letter have gone forward to the representatives of the Poale Zion and the Mizrahi and to the members of the Z.O.A. Peace Committee.

Dr. Silver will be in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. During these two days we hope that a satisfactory proposal can be developed. The Z.O.A. Peace Committee is planning for a meeting of the Emergency Council next Wednesday, July 11, at which a formal reorganization of the Council will take place and Dr. Silver restored to his positions as indicated in the formula. Dr. Silver has requested that I ask the members of our Peace Committee who live outside of the metropolitan area to be in New York on Tuesday, July 10, and be prepared to stay in New York for two days, during which time it may be necessary to have two or more meetings. It would be well if Dr. Silver could confer with our Committee on short notice.

Please advise me whether you will be available for consultation during these two days.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HLS:LF
Encs.

Harry L. Shapiro
Executive Director

JUDGES' CHAMBERS
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July 8, 1945

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have sent copies of your letter to Mr. Lipsky and to Judge Rothenberg. As I told Mr. Shapiro over the telephone, our Committee planned to meet with you on your arrival in New York. You also are no doubt aware that Emanuel Neumann discussed the various questions at issue with both Judge Rothenberg and Mr. Lipsky before our Committee met with the representatives of the other three constituent organizations. We also had before us Neumann's letter of the 2nd.

Please communicate with Mr. Lipsky when you come to New York. I am sure he will clarify many of the questions you raise in your letter. I shall be able to come to New York on Wednesday and shall await word from Mr. Lipsky.

Sincerely yours,

Louis E. Levinthal

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July 8, 1945

Dear Friend,

I regret that I

am unable to be in New York this week. I concur fully with the criticism of the ZOA Peace Plan contained in Rabbi Milner's letter.

Last week Mr. Slomovitz told me he had a message from you to the effect that the peace plans were being blocked. I immediately telegraphed Goldstein expressing my indignation. I am awaiting his reply. Please return his letter to me.

Hoping to hear the good news of a final settlement soon,
Sincerely, Rabbi Leon Fram

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To: Mr. Harry Shapiro
From: Jennie Michaels

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I am enclosing additional copies of this memorandum which you may send to Mr. Silver, Judge Levinthal and Mr. Lipsky if you think it advisable, and to the members of your committee if you deem it necessary.

July 9, 1945

MEMORANDUM

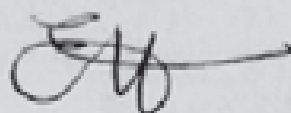
To: Mr. Harry Shapiro
From: Emanuel Neumann

Thanks for reading to me over the phone Judge Levinthal's reply to Dr. Silver's letter of July 5th. In answer, apparently, to Dr. Silver's criticism of the fact that the text of the new formulation was withheld from us and that we were not invited to participate in the meeting of July 3rd, Judge Levinthal refers to conversations and discussions that I had with Judge Rothenberg and Mr. Lipsky.

I would therefore like to have the facts stated accurately as a matter of record. I did meet with Judge Rothenberg on Sunday morning, July 1st, on my initiative. Our conversation was of rather limited duration. We did not have any formulation of peace proposals before us and therefore talked in general terms rather than about specific details. I do recall, however, that we spoke about the proposed Steering Committee and the objection that we had to its being conceived of as a continuation of the Administrative Committee under a new name. Judge Rothenberg heartily agreed that it was undesirable to have another committee more or less autonomous or partly independent of the Executive Committee. He said that at the time of the reorganization last winter, he was the only member who voted against the creation of an Administrative Committee on the ground that it would tend to supplant the Executive Committee, or at least reduce its importance.

However worthwhile the discussion which I had with Judge Rothenberg, I do not see how it could possibly be regarded as making it unnecessary to have a representative of our group present at the meeting representing all four organizations on Tuesday afternoon, July 3rd. The same holds true with regard to my conversation with Mr. Lipsky, which was no more than a brief telephone conversation on Tuesday morning. Mr. Lipsky did have before him my letter to Judge Levinthal objecting to having Mr. Schulman named as sole vice-chairman of the Executive Committee. We also discussed briefly the matter of the Steering Committee. Personally I did not regard that conversation as very satisfactory and wanted to meet Mr. Lipsky at lunch the same day but he couldn't make it because he was due to meet at noon with the other members of the Peace Committee; so I reluctantly had to leave it at that. So far as I can recall, neither Judge Rothenberg on Sunday morning nor Judge Levinthal when he called me late Sunday afternoon nor Mr. Lipsky on Tuesday morning ever referred to the question of relationship with the Jewish Agency representatives which, as I see, occupies a full page in the peace proposals submitted on Tuesday afternoon.

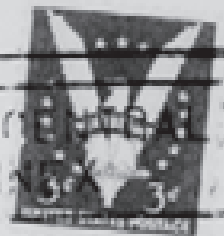
It is still not clear to me why (a) we were not shown the draft proposals of July 3rd; (b) why we were excluded from participation in that meeting.



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July 13, 1945

Rabbi Leon Fram
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My dear Rabbi Fram:

Many thanks for your letter of July 8th. Unfortunately the last few days have been very hectic and I could not reply sooner. I am returning herewith your letter from Rabbi Goldstein.

As you probably know by this time, there was a formal reorganization of the Emergency Council last night. Our Peace Committee met with Dr. Silver yesterday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and while giving him specific instructions on a number of points, gave him freedom of action on the major considerations. He attended a meeting of representatives of the Council and fought his way through to victory. He is to be a Joint-Chairman, on the same level, with Dr. Stephen Wise, and is to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

I have returned as the Executive Director of the Emergency Council and find myself very occupied at the moment trying to effect the internal reorganization of the Council. Therefore, I must forego the details with reference to the reorganization of the Council at this time, but you will get this within a day or two. I know that you as well as all of our friends are gratified at this initial victory.

With many thanks for everything you did to help, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Marry L. Shapiro
Executive Director

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(Dictated but not read)

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AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE

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July 17, 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
FROM: ABRAHAM GOODMAN, SECRETARY

We have achieved one of our major objectives. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has been recalled to leadership and the American Zionist Emergency Council has been reorganized in a manner that will insure the carrying forward of a militant Zionist program without obstruction.

The terms of reorganization, which were approved at a meeting of the American Zionist Emergency Council held on Thursday evening, July 12, 1945, are as follows:

- 1) The Emergency Council shall be headed by Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as joint chairmen. They shall preside at alternate meetings of the Council.
- 2) Judge Levinthal, as acting President of the Zionist Organization of America, with the approval and support of Judge Morris Rothenberg and Mr. Louis Lipsky, members of the Z.O.A. Peace Committee, agrees to recommend to the Executive Committee of the Z.O.A. that the Z.O.A. shall designate its representatives on the Council with the understanding that two of its designees, and their special alternates, shall be persons recommended by Dr. Silver; and that these two designees and their special alternates shall have freedom of action.
- 3) All executive and administrative responsibility shall be vested in the Executive Committee of the Council. Dr. Silver shall be its Chairman, and Hayim Greenberg, Leon Gellman and Herman Shulman (or their party substitutes) shall be its Vice-Chairmen. Mrs. Rose Halprin shall continue as Treasurer of the Council. (It was decided that Hadassah shall have the option of choosing a vice-chairmanship or retaining the treasurership).
- 4) The Executive Committee shall be enlarged by the addition of Mr. Louis Lipsky and Mr. Emanuel Neumann as members at large.
- 5) A Board of Officers shall be created in which are to be included the six officers of the Council and of the Executive Committee. The Board shall meet between meetings of the Executive Committee to consider steps to be taken in line with policies already agreed upon with regard to such matters as may require prompt action, and it shall have such other functions as the Executive Committee may from time to time decide. (If Hadassah chooses a vice-chairmanship, this paragraph shall read: "A Board of Officers shall be created in which are to be included the two co-chairmen of the Council and the four vice-chairmen of the Executive Committee, etc.")

The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be the Chairman of the Board of Officers and shall preside at its meetings. In his absence Dr. Wise shall be the presiding officer.

Meetings of the Board shall be called by the Chairman whenever required and shall also be called when requested by any three members of the Board. Each of the Joint Chairmen of the Council shall have the right to name a proxy to attend meetings of the Board in his absence and to vote in his stead.

6) The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall have the right to name, with the approval of the Executive Committee, an Executive Director and other key members of the staff.

7) The members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in the United States shall be invited to participate without vote in the meetings of the Council, of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Officers. It is understood that a similar invitation will be extended to the Joint Chairmen of the Council to participate in meetings of the members of the Jewish Agency Executive in the United States.

Immediately following the meeting of the Council, Dr. Silver called a meeting of the Executive Committee at which the reappointment of an Executive Director and key members of the executive staff was approved. The reappointed executives, who had resigned with Dr. Silver in December 1944, and who have been conducting the activities of the American Zionist Policy Committee, are: Harry L. Shapiro, Executive Director of the Council; Harold P. Manson, Director of Information; Abe Tuvin, Director of Activities with Cooperating Organizations; and Harry A. Steinkerg, Assistant in Charge of Special Events.

And so one of our goals has been attained. It is your victory. This happy event was brought about only as a result of the insistent demands voiced time and again by you and the Zionist masses throughout the country. The return of Dr. Silver to leadership through your efforts is heartening evidence of the moral strength and democratic spirit which are inherent in our movement. It is also a tribute to the healthy instincts of the American Zionist rank and file who, in this instance, have shown the way ahead; they have brought about a turning point in the history of American Zionism.

Those of us who have been in daily contact with the work of the American Zionist Policy Committee since its inception cannot allow this occasion to pass without an expression of deep gratitude and sincere admiration for Mr. Emanuel Neumann, brilliant exponent of a maximalist Zionist program, who has inspired and guided us during the past trying months. His contributions and sacrifices will remain a shining and unforgettable example of devotion to principle in the face of bitter, often acrimonious, opposition.

With his return to active leadership, Dr. Silver has taken on an enormous burden. There is little need to dwell on the grave responsibilities facing each and every Zionist during the coming crucial months. It is our duty to make the unity which has just been established count for something in the international arena. We must now pool all our energies and resources to meet the challenge of the hour. We must also remain on the alert to guard this precious unity which we have at long last attained.

The Executive Committee of the Greater New York division of the American Zionist Policy Committee and our Subcommittee on Peace, at successive meetings held in New York, voted unanimously to keep our Committee intact until all its objectives have been realized. It was emphasized at these meetings that our Committee can render a great service to the cause by watching closely the developments on the American Zionist scene and making such comment as it deems necessary. We have already accomplished much in educating the Zionist rank and file on vital questions of policy. That task is not over. All Zionists will agree that the maintenance of an alert, informed Zionist public opinion is vital to the success of the Zionist program.

Let us, then, mobilize all our resources for the great effort which lies ahead and work unrelentingly for the achievement of our Zionist aspirations - for a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth!

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July 25, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On the eve of my departure for London as a delegate to the forthcoming International Zionist Conference, I feel impelled to send you a word of greeting and sincere appreciation of your consistent and effective cooperation during the past months. It was your efforts and those of other friends similarly minded throughout the country that was largely responsible for the reestablishment of a united Zionist front and the recall of Dr. Silver to political leadership.

It is indeed an extraordinary achievement of Zionist democracy. In my long association with the movement over a period of nearly four decades, I recall nothing which quite parallels it.

Apart from the main and primary result we have attained, there is a secondary and derivative result scarcely less important: the awakening of the Zionist masses to a full sense of their duty and responsibility. We have demonstrated the decisive importance of an informed and articulate public opinion and we have aroused an interest in the national and international affairs of our movement, which if sustained and developed will contribute powerfully to its revitalization.

Our movement undoubtedly still faces critical and stormy days ahead when crucial and fateful decisions will have to be taken. I pray that you and all our friends will continue to exercise individual responsibility and leadership in the future as you have during the past six months.

Whatever the decisions of the London Conference, I know that we can continue to count upon the devotion and the intelligent appraisal of Zionist affairs which you have displayed so strikingly heretofore.

With warmest personal greetings and thanks for your cooperation, I am, as ever

Faithfully yours,

Emanuel Neumann

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

September 14, 1945

The Executive Committee of the ZOA has decided to hold the Annual Convention in November. The city is still to be fixed. The basis of representation, as we understand, will be one delegate for every 200 members, or major fraction thereof, with a minimum of at least one delegate for every district, irrespective of its size.

This convention will be of extraordinary interest and importance in view of the events of the past year as well as the political situation and the whole international outlook. There is strong ground for believing that historic decisions with regard to Palestine will be taken by the Powers during the next twelve months. The convention will be called upon to determine the policies of the ZOA in this crucial period and to elect a new Administration which will carry a very grave responsibility.

We have been urged by many of our friends who have collaborated during the past months as members of the American Zionist Policy Committee to convene a meeting without delay in order to review the situation and take common counsel with regard to the coming convention and the problems which we face.

It is also hardly necessary to say that there is a widespread persistent demand that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver be drafted as the next President of the ZOA. (It is interesting to note that several months ago, the Atlantic City District, numbering 1200 members, passed a resolution, resolving that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver stand for election to the presidency of the ZOA.)

We have therefore decided to convene a meeting of our friends from all parts of the country to be held in New York at the Biltmore Hotel on Tuesday, September 25th. There will be at least two sessions, one beginning at 4:00 p.m. and another at 8:00 p.m.

The proceedings will be strictly private for the time being, and we would request you to treat the whole matter as such, including this

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invitation. We would appreciate your immediate reply, indicating whether we may look forward to seeing you at this meeting, which promises to be of very high interest.

Pending this forthcoming conference and such plans for concerted action as may emerge, we call your earnest attention to the following:

(1) It is of vital importance that every district elect as delegates well informed and independent-minded Zionists who are in sympathy with the principles and policies exemplified by the leadership of Dr. Silver and advocated and supported by the American Zionist Policy Committee and its adherents during the past year.

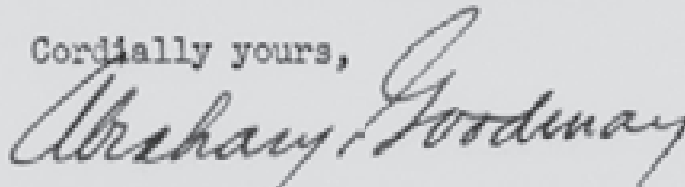
(2) If any district is unable to send from among its own membership the number of delegates to which it is entitled, it should not hastily accept names from other parts of the country, however they may be recommended - unless there is moral assurance that the particular individuals will represent the views and policies favored by the district.

It is highly desirable that you keep in contact with us on these matters and all other questions connected with the forthcoming convention. We are in a position to submit good and reliable Zionists, friends and supporters of our common viewpoint, who would be ready to serve as delegates or alternates.

We take this occasion to advise you that our office is now at 225 Fourth Avenue, New York City. It will be under the capable management of Mr. Joseph Greenleaf - President of the Mt. Vernon Zionist District - who will be assisted by a group of devoted and experienced Zionists.

Time is pressing. We hope to hear from you without delay.

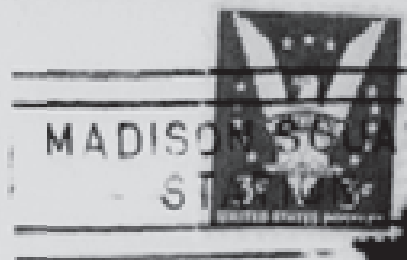
Cordially yours,



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IMPORTANT

1945 Z.O.A. Convention to be held at Atlantic City, at the Breakers and St. Charles Hotels, on November 16th through the 20th.

This makes it more urgent than ever that you do everything possible to attend our meetings on Tuesday afternoon and evening, September 25th, at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City.

Abraham Goodman
Secretary, American
Zionist Policy Committee



Mr. Joseph W. Greenleaf
American Zionist Policy Committee
225 Fourth Avenue
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Greenleaf:

I (intend to)(cannot) be present at
the meeting of the American Zionist Policy
Committee on Tuesday evening, September 25th
at the Biltmore Hotel.

Signed _____

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October 9, 1945

Dear Friend:

We have delayed reporting to you on the Conference held at the Biltmore, September 25th, because of the critical political situation, but we feel that we should not put off our accounting to you any longer.

You will be glad to know that the meetings were exceptionally well attended and produced much lively discussion on a high plane, touching various aspects of the Zionist situation. Mr. Emanuel Neumann gave a political report dealing with the London Zionist Conference and subsequent developments to date. It was followed by a stimulating debate on the political crisis, questions of policy, and the need for the full mobilization of the movement and the gearing of the Z.O.A. more fully to Zionist political effort.

This led to a discussion of the question of Zionist leadership and the elections to take place at the forthcoming national Convention. All speakers, without exception, favored the drafting of Dr. Silver for the presidency of the Z.O.A. as an urgent necessity at this moment. It was the unanimous consensus of the meeting that a Draft Silver Committee be formed and that all necessary steps be taken to bringing about the election, not only of Dr. Silver as President, but also of a strong Administration which will cooperate with him fully and loyally in carrying out a dynamic program for the coming year.

Because of the seriousness of the political situation which has absorbed the energies of all of us, we have delayed the launching of the Draft Silver Movement. Nevertheless, numerous Districts and Regions have already passed resolutions calling for the election of Dr. Silver as President. It will be desirable to have such a resolution adopted by your District but we would urge you to bring this matter up only if you feel that it will in no way divert energy from emergency political action locally or produce any serious dis-harmony at this critical moment.

October 9, 1945

In order to conduct a nation-wide activity to insure the desired result at the forthcoming Convention, our Committee will require funds, and many of those present at the Conference made personal contributions or pledged sizable amounts in their Districts. It is urgent that you please let us know what you can do in your community in this regard.

There is so little time before the Convention that it is important you inform us by wire if you are not sending your full quota of delegates to Atlantic City so that we may send you a list of available men who are prepared to go to the Convention and support our program. On the other hand, if there are men in your community who would attend the Convention, but have not been elected as delegates, would you please give us their names and addresses by wire. We shall endeavor to have them elected by other Districts which are not sending delegates.

We would like to add your name to the Sponsor's List of the Draft Silver Committee, and knowing your views, we shall do so unless we hear from you to the contrary.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Goodman

Abraham Goodman
Secretary

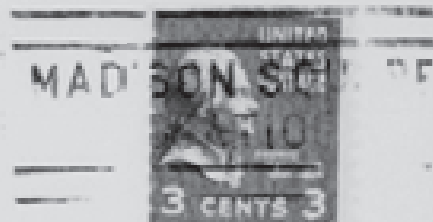
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P.S. Would you please send us the list of delegates and alternates that may have already been elected from your District and Region, and neighboring communities.

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October 17, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr Silver:

We have purposely not called or written you during the past few weeks because we have realized how busily engaged you have been with emergency work. We also realized that Mr. Neumann and other friends of yours throughout the country have been keeping you posted and sending you copies of resolutions that have been passed in several sections of the country.

It is the general feeling that our circulating the idea of the Draft Silver Committee at such an early date forestalled the emergency of any other candidate in the field. For this we are all very thankful and it certainly lays your original fears in regard to the possibility of a heated campaign during this most critical period.

In spite of the fact that the picture appears very orsy, we adopted a policy of vigilance and we shall be alert from here on in to any changes in the picture.

We have received complete cooperation from all of your many friends in the Metropolitan area, not to mention the assistance that many men throughout the country have offered us whenever they have been contacted by this office, or in many instances, where they have voluntarily gotten in touch with us.

The Draft Silver Committee and the American Zionist Policy Committee would like to take this opportunity of congratulating you and your staff at the Emergency Council on the remarkable achievements of the last few weeks. The Madison Square Garden Mass Meeting was a remarkably stimulating event and as a result, many Zionist Districts that heretofore played little or not part in Zionist affairs have since exhibited a great interest in participating in Emergency work. We have received wonderful reports about the meeting in Washington and almost everyone who was

Dr. Silver,

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there, including the writer, expressed the thought that the meeting was most successful and the organization work pertaining thereto was handled most efficiently. All of us gathered in Washington felt that they were important members of the Council and this in itself speaks for the democratic spirit that has prevailed in Zionist circles ever since your return to the chairmanship of the Emergency Council.

We all pray for the successful outcome of the present emergency.

Best wishes and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Joseph W. Greenleaf

P.S. The Committee will welcome any suggestions that you may be in a position to offer us at this time.

ZIONISM AND AMERICAN POLITICS
BY M. REICHESTEIN
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Controversies rarely settle anything at the moment. Weeks and months pass and the issue is almost forgotten. Then something happens quite unexpectedly which sheds a new light upon the earlier discussion and in a sense renders a verdict.

Something of that kind happened within the American Zionist Movement during the past year. It had to do with the policy of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in the conduct of Zionist political work and the strong opposition to his policy which resulted in his temporary retirement from the leadership. The chief accusation leveled against him was not merely that he was too aggressive and too militant, but also that he was attempting to swing Jews over to the Republican Party.

In retrospect it is amazing that some of Dr. Silver's political moves which were clearly intended to serve the Zionist Cause, to ensure the support of both major parties and were designed to employ the Republican Party as a means of goading the Democratic Administration into action, should have been so completely misunderstood by some people and willfully misrepresented by others. Dr. Silver, himself, had made his own position crystal clear on various occasions. In his political report to the National Convention of the Z. O. A. in Atlantic City on October 16, 1944, he asserted that the Zionist movement, as such was completely neutral in American politics and must stay neutral. It was our purpose, as Zionists, to express appreciation or support of the Zionist Cause from whatever source help came, and to denounce opposition from whatever quarter such opposition arose. It was a colossal blunder, he felt, to attempt to tie the fortunes of the Zionist Movement to any political party, either here or in England. For that reason it was necessary to cultivate leading Republicans as well as leading Democrats.

Moreover he was keenly aware of the traditional role of an opposition party in any Democracy and the legitimate use which might be made of such an opposition party in placing pressure upon the party in power. Everyone realized that it was much easier for a parliamentary opposition to criticize than it was for the party in power which carried the responsibility of Government to perform. Nevertheless it has always been customary here and in England, which is the origin and cradle of parliamentary institutions, to employ the parliamentary opposition as a means for urging an Administration into action. Dr. Silver never doubted that it was entirely proper for Zionists to do so in Washington.

As it happened, the Republican National Convention of 1944 took place some weeks in advance of the Democratic National Convention. The Republicans had the earlier opportunity to adopt a Pro-Zionist plank in their platform. The Democrats, who met later, followed suit. For a while it seemed very doubtful whether the Democrats at their convention, would adopt such a plank. Not because they were less sympathetic or more opposed to Zionism than the Republicans, but precisely because the Democratic Party was the Party in power, and the platform they adopted implied immediate and direct mandate with the Democratic Administration. The Resolutions Committee; at the Democratic Convention, did not feel free to adopt a Palestine plank involving a question of foreign policy with-

out first clearing it either with the State Department or with the President. Hence the difficulty which Zionist leaders experienced at the Democratic Convention.

However, the Republicans at their Convention were less inhibited in that regard. They had to consult, at most, their experts on foreign relations but not the State Department. It took plenty of effort and hard work to get a Palestine Resolution through the Republican Convention too, but once it was accomplished there was almost a foregone conclusion that the Democratic Convention would have to follow suit. The Democrats were faced with the alternative of adopting a similar resolution, even more strongly worded or having to face the Jewish electorate as the party which refused such a plank though the Republicans had accepted it. The latter was an impossible alternative and the Administration advisors really had no choice but to assent.

This technique of employing one party as pressure upon another is well known, perfectly legitimate, and time-honored. Dr. Silver and his associates were simply utilizing the opportunity presented by the national contest between the two major parties, to get them both committed to a Pro-Zionist policy.

Actually, of course, the tension and excitement that was generated over the question of our contacts with Republican leaders, was in itself "political", in the internal sense. Some of our Zionist leaders were deeply committed to the Democratic Party, or at least to the Democratic Administration, in a personal way. They had, or fancied they had, influence with the Administration, and were most anxious to preserve that relationship. They were also somewhat jealous of having a newcomer acquire a position of standing as a representative of the Jewish Community and of the American Zionist Movement vis-a-vis the White House. These personal and private considerations undoubtedly played their part and helped to muddy the waters.

Things went so far that Zionists were seriously debating the question whether a Zionist could hold a position of leadership in the political sphere unless he was persona grata with the party in power. Folks went so far as to suggest that during a Democratic Administration the top Zionist leadership should consist of Democrats and during a Republican Administration, it should consist of Republicans. And this kind of nonsense seemed to go down with some of our befuddled Zionists. They did not stop to consider that Dr. Weizmann, for instance, held the position of Zionist leadership in London under various regimes, Conservative, Liberal, Labor and Coalition governments. To cite another example: Ben Gurion, who is chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and a Socialist to boot, has been holding his high office during the incumbency of a Tory government without feeling embarrassed in the slightest. Nay, further, prior to the recent British elections, Ben Gurion, the Socialist, expressed the opinion that from the Zionist point of view, it was preferable that Winston Churchill should be returned to office with a slight parliamentary majority behind him and with the Labor Party in the opposition, rather than have a Labor Government called to office.

But according to the theory advanced by Dr. Silver's opponents, the National Administration in Washington could determine the complexion and composition of the political leadership of the Zionist Movement in this country. All that would be necessary would be for the President of the U. S. or one of his numerous assistants to indicate or to print that a particular Zionist leader was persona non-grata and he would be promptly dumped on to the ash-heap. In all the public and private discussions which took place, no one produced a letter or any other concrete piece of evidence that he was persona non-grata or that the Administration declined to deal with him. It was only a rumor, but a rumor which was assiduously spread by means of the whispering campaign, with at least some subversive effect.

Nor did these people take into account sufficiently, the enormous power wielded in our government by even a minority group of Senators. Because of the nature of the American Constitution it lay in the power of such a minority in opposition to the Administration to block effectively important measures advocated by the Administration, especially in the field of Foreign Relations. So great and so vital is this power now wielded by the Republican Senators that the Democratic Administration, both under Roosevelt and under Truman, have gone out of their way to woo Republican support in a rather spectacular fashion. Roosevelt remembered the disastrous experience of Woodrow Wilson, whose plan for the League of Nations were balked and frustrated by the action of a Republican minority in the Senate, led by Henry Cabot Lodge, and he was careful to avoid that mistake. Thus we find him appointing, as American representatives to the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations, two such Republicans as Senator Vandenberg and Stassen, and in addition, appointed as political advisor to the American Delegation, Mr. John Foster Dulles, who had been slated to become Secretary of State in the event of a Republican victory in the last presidential election. And it is these three Republicans who seemed to play the most prominent roles at the San Francisco Conference. To cite a more recent instance: when Secretary Byrnes went to London for the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Big Five, he took along with him Mr. Dulles as his advisor, or as he has just described him, as his "partner."

Recently, Mr. Sulzberger, correspondent of the New York Times, cabled from London that Mr. Truman and Mr. Byrnes were inclined to have America take a larger measure of responsibilities in the solution of the Palestine question, but that they wished the Republican leaders to indicate their support of such a course before they would move. Thus the Administration has repeatedly shown its realistic appreciation of the internal political situation, and of their dependence upon Republican support, while Zionists were timidly worrying lest the Zionist Movement be contaminated or discredited by accepting Republican support. It has been a tragicomic farce.

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November 1, 1945

We are still under the impression of current political events. The whole Jewish and Zionist world has been shocked by the recent revelation of the secret correspondence between Ibn Saud and the late President Roosevelt. Prominent Senators and Representatives have expressed amazement, and the whole Jewish Press has registered bitter disappointment over the actions of some of our so-called friends in high places. In many articles the view has been expressed that Roosevelt's letter in reply to Ibn Saud, has largely dissipated the myth of his devotion to the Zionist cause.

One thing is now clear. The policies represented by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Emanuel Neumann and their supporters have been overwhelmingly vindicated. The policies of their opponents have proved to be futile, if not disastrous. Now more than ever, we must congratulate ourselves on our success in recalling Dr. Silver to the political leadership, even though much of the damage done to the movement by the opposition to him and his policies may be irreparable.

We all recall that the policy advocated by Dr. Silver and Mr. Neumann was one of unrelenting pressure upon the Administration in Washington, particularly at a time when we were in the best position to exert our political influence, in the year 1944. This policy was opposed by those who insisted that we place our trust in Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill; that we moderate our tone and weaken our pressure. They went further and accused Dr. Silver of personal animosity towards President Roosevelt; spread the report that he was persona-non-grata at the White House, and must be eliminated to save the cause from calamity. President Roosevelt, in conjunction with his friend Mr. Churchill, were about to grant us a Jewish Commonwealth; Dr. Silver and his friends must not be permitted to destroy that happy result.

Now, every child can see how baseless and harmful was that organized opposition, which was constantly stimulated by a whispering campaign and fed by rumors. The opposition did not hesitate to eliminate Mr. Neumann and other friends, and then to eliminate Dr. Silver himself. Yet within a few months, President Roosevelt, upon whom some of our leaders had pinned all hope, passed away. Three months later, Churchill - "architect of the Jewish future" - was swept out of office. Both disappeared without having lifted a finger in our behalf. And now comes this shocking exchange of correspondence confirming the claims of the Arabs, that Roosevelt had given them definite pledges not to support the Zionist cause against their wishes and interest.

There are important lessons we must draw from these events. In the first place, they confirm the wisdom and political judgment of Dr. Silver and his adherents. At the height of Roosevelt's popularity, when he sent us his famous message on the Jewish Commonwealth, they had the courage to warn us not to "put our trust in princes". They were one-hundred percent right in their effort to use Republican support as leverage and pressure upon the Democratic Administration. They knew there was still a long and bitter struggle ahead of us, and told us so. Despite the fierce opposition and the unmerciful attacks to which they were exposed, they stuck to their guns, convinced of the soundness of their position.

Secondly, it has been demonstrated that the sound and healthy instinct of the Zionist rank and file, was better than the judgment of a small group of leaders who were in control; and it was also demonstrated that the rank and file have it in their power to make their will prevail.

Thirdly, we now see the urgent necessity of placing the leadership of the ZOA in the hands of Dr. Silver and Mr. Neumann, and those who share their views and support them loyally. At this stage no one knows what will be the outcome of our political struggle. Certainly the Zionist Emergency Council is carrying on a magnificent fight under brilliant generalship. We all hope and fight for victory; but whatever may be in store for our people, the least that we can do, is to make sure that our movement is headed by the strongest, the wisest and the most courageous leaders that we can find. Dr. Silver must be elected President of the ZOA, by acclamation.

I would urge you to use the time remaining between now and our annual Convention to bring home to our fellow Zionists the full significance of what has been happening, to make them understand how vital to our cause is the choice of policies and the choice of men. Let the coming Convention demonstrate the political maturity of our Zionists and their single-minded devotion to our cause.

I feel proud to have stood by the Silver-Neumann group through the storm and stress of the past year, and I, for one, will do all in my power to insure that their line of action shall prevail in the future.

Cordially,

Abraham Goodman
Honorary Secretary

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[enclosed items follow]

AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE

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Telephone LACKawanna 4-7319

November 14, 1945

Dear Friend:

We are herewith enclosing copies of an exchange of letters between Dr. Neumann and Dr. Silver which we know will be of great interest and satisfaction to you.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

Abraham Goodman
Abraham Goodman

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C O P Y

November 6, 1945

Dear Dr. Silver:

With the annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America almost at hand, our friends throughout the country are deeply concerned with the problem of constituting a new administration pursuant to our constitutional provisions.

It is no secret that it is the wish of the overwhelming majority of the membership that you should accept the presidency for the coming year. This is attested by statements, resolutions and messages which have been pouring in from all parts of the country. Expressions of this character received to date, represent district and regional organizations with an aggregate membership of approximately 85,000, and they continue to come by every post.

There is little doubt that you are the virtually unanimous choice of the Zionists of America for that high office. This, my dear Dr. Silver is more than a vindication of your policies and your brilliant leadership. It is the expression of a profound conviction of the supreme interest of the Zionist movement at this critical juncture, requires that you assume this added responsibility.

This has long been the conviction of your friends and supporters who urged you to assume the active direction of the American Zionist Emergency Council and whose confidence in your policies and administration of your leadership have been growing steadily. Those of us who have been privileged to be intimately associated with you in these troublous times, who have stood at your side through internal and external crises, and who realize what staggering burdens you have been carrying, at an enormous sacrifice, have long hesitated to suggest a step which will add to those burdens, but it is our considered opinion that the sacred cause to which you have dedicated your life, calls for this further sacrifice on your part. The Jewish people is engaged in a desperate struggle which involves its future and its very survival. The Zionist Organization of America must stand at the forefront of that struggle. It can measure up to its historic responsibility in this hour of decision, only if it is led by one of heroic stature, who will mobilize its manpower and resources and galvanize it into effective action to meet the supreme challenge which confronts us. At such a time we cannot be content with mediocrity. The best that we have, is the least with which we can be content.

Personally, I deem it an historic privilege that through me, the Zionists of America now address themselves to you, their chosen leader, with the earnest request that you accept the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America, which will be tendered to you at the forthcoming Convention. I know you will not fail them.

This view is now shared by many who have not always seen eye to eye with you, but recent events have borne out the wisdom of your policy and the soundness of your political judgment. Your leadership has been fully vindicated, painfully, but also clearly and irrefutably.

Faithfully yours,

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/signed/ Emanuel Neumann

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November 8, 1945

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
Commission on Palestine Surveys
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Neumann:

I have been deeply moved by your letter of November 6th. For a long time I have been made aware of the desire of so many of our friends, that I should make myself available for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America, but did not see my way to doing so, despite the high honor implied in the suggestion.

However, I have come to the conclusion that I should not disregard the demand of my fellow Zionists, so earnestly and repeatedly expressed. At a time like this, fraught with such fateful consequences to our people, none of us has a right to withhold aught that he possesses. If the representatives of the movement in Convention assembled, call upon me to serve, I have no choice but to assent.

I also feel that I owe it to you and your associates and all who have stood so loyally at my side during difficult and critical days to abide by your collective judgment.

I have every faith in the boundless devotion of our fellow Zionists throughout the country and their unshakable determination to carry on the great and decisive struggle for the realization of our ideal.

Very sincerely yours,

/signed/ Abba Hillel Silver

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AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE

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Some weeks ago Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh issued a call to establish a committee which would function within the framework of the ZOA in order to "press for a militant and dynamic Zionist policy such as has been exemplified by the successful leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver." He pointed out that the present leaders of the ZOA Administration who precipitated the breach in the ranks of American Zionism by forcing Dr. Silver's resignation from the political leadership of our Movement, have revealed an appalling ineptitude and an incapacity to deal in a statesmanlike manner with crises which are bound to arise.

The response to Mr. Rosenbloom's call was immediate and enthusiastic. The American Zionist Policy Committee was launched. From all sections of the country leading American Zionists indicated their adherence to its views and their willingness to serve on the Committee's National Council. The Policy Committee has instructed me to invite you to membership in the National Council of the Committee.

The Committee's purposes, as stated in Mr. Rosenbloom's letter, are:

- 1) To deepen Zionist thought and the understanding of Zionist problems on the part of our lay leaders and the rank and file.
- 2) To advocate and press for a militant and dynamic Zionist policy such as has been exemplified by the successful leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.
- 3) To strengthen the Zionist Organization of America from within by developing a vigorous and informed public opinion among its membership and an intelligent interest in national affairs.
- 4) To revitalize the democratic principle basic to our movement, so that the composition and policies of the national administration shall reflect the will and temper of the great body of American Zionists.

Our activity in no wise interferes with the political work of the Zionist Emergency Council. As Dr. Silver has repeatedly urged, all constructive Zionist efforts must be carried on with undiminished vigor. Our Committee carries on a campaign of education on questions of Zionist policy and also works for the achievement of necessary reforms in the ZOA. If you agree with our objectives, please sign the enclosed card and return it at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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