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AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

WHEREAS The American Zionist Emergency Council established as the political arm of the four major Zionist organizations, has during the past year under the leadership of Drs. Stephen Wise and Abba Hillel Silver effected such significant achievements and advanced our cause so notably toward the attainment of our objective - the establishment of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth and

WHEREAS The political directives of the Emergency Council and the publications, and other vital materials issued by it, have been of constant enlightenment and service to Junior Hadassah.

BE IT RESOLVED That this 21st annual convention go on record as expressing its sincere appreciation to the AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL.



WHEREAS on January 3, 1945, the Executive Committee of the Brooklyn Zionist Region adopted resolutions calling upon the Z.O.A. administration to recall Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to Zionist political leadership, and

WHEREAS, it is a matter of public record that the action taken by the Executive Committee of the B.Z.R. was followed by similar action on the part of Zionist districts and Regions throughout the country, and

WHEREAS, the demands contained in the resolutions which clearly expressed the democratic will of the majority of American Zionists and constituted a clear mandate and directive to the leadership of the Z.O.A., were so far not carried out by the Z.O.A. administration,

NOW, THEREFORE, we the delegates to the 10th annual convention of the B.Z.R., comprising upwards of 15,000 members of the Z.O.A., held at Hotel St. George, on Sunday, June 24, 1945, being fully conscious of our responsibility at this critical juncture in Zionist affairs, and being fully convinced that the wisdom and necessity of the course heretofore taken by us has been fully borne out by the events of the last six months, regretfully declare as follows:

1. That by its many acts of omission and commission; by its disregard of the demands and violation of the mandates of the overwhelming majority of Zionists throughout the country; by its incapacity to act decisively and in a spirit of constructive statesmanship in a moment of grave emergency for the Zionist cause; and by its failure, through delaying tactics and procrastination, to restore Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, whose militant politics were unanimously approved at the last National Zionist Convention, to active Zionist leadership, and thus restore unity and strength to our movement, the leadership of the Z.O.A. has created a gulf between itself and its constituents, has aroused their bitter



resentment, and deprived itself of the confidence to which it is normally entitled.

2. That the present administration of the Z.O.A. has ceased to be truly representative of the Z.O.A. as to its course of action with respect to the American Zionist Emergency Council.

3. That the moment has, therefore, come for those Zionists who are deeply conscious of their historic responsibility to take such steps as are called for by this anomalous and intolerable situation, and we, therefore, voice the following demands:

A. That the Z.O.A. administration forthwith recall Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to active political Zionist leadership and establish such cooperation with and give such support to him, in conformity with the resolution adopted at the last National Zionist Convention, as will make it possible to carry out Zionist political action with maximum effectiveness.

B. That the Z.O.A. administration promptly take steps for a re-organization of the American Zionist Emergency Council so that the Z.O.A. representatives on the Emergency Council shall consist of able and experienced persons pledged to support the policies and leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

C. That the administration of the Z.O.A. exert every possible effort to obtain permission to hold, in time, the next regular convention in order to afford an opportunity to the entire Z.O.A. membership to give expression to their Democratic Will during these critical times.

D. That the incoming administration of the Brooklyn Zionist Region take the initiative in calling and arranging for the holding of the Joint Conference of the Regions of the Metropolitan Area, in furtherance of a program of vigorous action to effectuate the Democratic will of the American Zionists and in order to safeguard the vital interests of the Zionist movement now imperilled.

E. That this resolution shall be forwarded to all national officers of the Z.O.A., all members of the National Emergency Council and American Council and to the Presidents and Secretaries of all Zionist Districts and Regions in the United States.



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LAURELTON ZIONIST DISTRICT  
LAURELTON, L.I.

Office:

Laurelton Jewish Center  
137th Avenue and 228th St.  
Laurelton, N.Y.

RESOLUTION PASSED AT MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
January 3, 1945

WHEREAS the resignation of RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER from his position as Co-Chairman has been accepted by the Zionist Emergency Council, following objections to his actions with respect to the recent vote of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the PALESTINE Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Board advise the Long Island Zionist Region

- 1) That this Board recalls the several requests made upon this District by the ZIONIST ORGANIZATION of AMERICA and by the ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL to support the pending Palestine Resolution and to implement such support by action;
- 2) That the policy of appeasement has not proven effective and should be discontinued;
- 3) That this Board is of the opinion that the Palestine planks in the recent political platforms and the letter from the President to Senator Wagner read to the Convention should be considered honorable commitments by honorable men as they were undoubtedly intended to be;
- 4) That this Board acclaims the action of the House Committee on Foreign Relations as a proper and consistent corollary to the party planks;
- 5) That this Board regrets and is deeply concerned over the acceptance by the EMERGENCY COUNCIL of Doctor Silver's resignation;
- 6) That this Board urges that the EMERGENCY COUNCIL request Doctor Silver to reconsider his resignation, so that the Emergency Council and all Zionists may continue to avail themselves of the militant spirit, the integrity and the zeal of Rabbi Silver which has so long served Jewry and Zionism and so that American Zionists may continue to march forward together.

Submitted

(Signed) Bernard H. Fuller  
PRESIDENT LAURELTON ZIONIST DISTRICT



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THE CHARLESTON WESTVIR ZIONIST DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING ON JANUARY 8TH PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION QUOTE AFTER READING THE STATEMENTS ISSUED IN RECENT CONTROVERSY THE CHARLESTON WVIR DISTRICT RECORDS WITH DEEP CONCERN THE DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE BESET THE ZIONIST CAUSE IT CONDEMNS THE TACTICS AND POLICIES OF THE ZOA MEMBERS ON THE EMERGENCY COUNCIL THAT HAVE LED TO THE RESIGNATION OF DR SILVER. IT FURTHER EXPRESSES ITS SUPPORT OF DR SILVER AND HIS VIGOROUS ESPOUSAL OF OUR CAUSE AND URGES THAT HE BE RECALLED TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE EMERGENCY COUNCIL THAT HE VITALIZED AND HEADED WITH SUCH DISTINCTION. A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO BE SENT TO DR GOLDSTEIN AND TO DR SILVER=

-SIMON MEYER PRESIDENT CHARLESTON ZIONIST DIST.

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MILWAUKEE ZIONIST EM RGENCY COUNCIL

Rabbi Louis Swickman  
Mrs. Harry Brody  
Sec'y  
715 E. Beaumont Ave

RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE MILWAUKEE ZIONIST EM RGENCY COUNCIL  
on Tuesday, January 9, 1945

"Whereas the magnificent achievements of the American Zionist Emergency Council have been aborted and halted by the unfortunate dissension which has arisen in the leadership of the Council, and since the primary objective of the Council is the welfare of Palestine, the Milwaukee Zionist Emergency Council feels it incumbent upon itself to express its alarm and condemnation of the unfortunate situation which has arisen in the ranks of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

We, of the local Emergency Council, under the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, have been constantly motivated and stimulated in our action to greater and greater effort in fulfilling the mandates of the American Zionist Emergency Council. WE DEPLORE THE MANNER IN WHICH DR. SILVER WAS DEPRIVED OF HIS LEADERSHIP AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND FEEL THAT HIS ABSENCE AS CO-CHAIRMAN HAS SHAKEN OUR CONFIDENCE IN THE PROGRAM AND FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL.

We view with apprehension and disfavor the present structure of the reorganized American Zionist Emergency Council, and we call for a further and far-reaching reorganization, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE DR. SILVER IN A POSITION OF EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP.



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AT A MEETING OF THE OIL CITY RA DISTRICT HELD ON  
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WE DEPLORE THE RESIGNATION OF OUR GREAT AND COURAGEOUS LEADER  
DR SILVER WE WHOLE HEARTEDLY APPROVE AND SUPPORT HIS MILITANT  
POLICY AND FUTURE LEADERSHIP MAY THE LORD STRENGTHEN HIM IN  
HIS RIGHTEOUS FIGHT FOR HIS PEOPLE AND BRING ABOUT THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JEWISH COMMONWEALTH IN PALESTINE=  
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HOLLYWOOD ZIONIST DISTRICT  
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704 S. Spring St.  
Los Angeles 14, Calif.

Jan. 16, 1945

RESOLUTION

The present rift in American Zionist leadership is an unfortunate occurrence to be deplored by every conscientious Jew, Zionist or non-Zionist.

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2. That the emergency council be reorganized by including representatives from the various communities throughout the land, and not leave the shaping of policy to so few, as has been done in the past.

ATTEST:

Bernice Huss  
Corresponding Secretary



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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

## WESTCHESTER ZIONIST REGION

January 22, 1945

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Silver:

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Westchester Zionist Region, a full and rather spirited discussion of the events leading up to the reorganization of the American Zionist Emergency Council was had, following which, the following resolution was duly passed:

"The Executive Committee of the Westchester Region after discussion of the Emergency Council controversy regrets that a difference of opinion between leaders whom it respects, has been permitted to cause public dispute and dissension in Zionist ranks and calls upon our leaders to eliminate such dissension and achieve genuine harmony."

It was the sense of the meeting in passing this resolution that our allegiance to the administration of the Zionist Organization of America was not shaken, nor was there intended any criticism of the fine work undertaken by the Council. There was, however, a deep sense of regret and hurt at the acrimonious nature of the dispute, and particularly the fact that it was deemed necessary to make the dispute an issue for the public press.

By direction of the Executive Committee, a copy of this resolution is also being forwarded to Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Israel Goldstein.

Very truly yours

*Eliezer Glassberg*  
Secretary, Westchester Zionist Region.



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RICHMOND HILL ZIONIST DISTRICT

January 26, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

The following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Richmond Hill Zionist District on January 24, 1945 at a district meeting called for the purpose of considering your resignation from the American Zionist Emergency Council. Copies of this resolution were sent to the Z.O.A. office, the Long Island Zionist Region and New Palestine. I earnestly hope that the action taken by my District will help to right a wrong and heal an injury.

"We view with deep regret and concern the retirement of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver from the position he has occupied in the American Zionist Emergency Council and the breach in the leadership of American Zionism. At this critical time the Zionist movement can neither dispense with the services of a man of his abilities nor permit the dangerous breach to widen.

We convey to Dr. Silver our sincere affection and admiration for his work in the Zionist cause and affirm our confidence in the policy he has advocated.

With the best interests of the Zionist movement in mind, we call upon the national administration of the Zionist Organization of America to take immediate steps for the prompt recall of Dr. Silver to active political leadership and the early restoration of unity in the Zionist movement."

Sincerely yours for Zion,

(Signed) Jacob H. Day  
President



## RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Zionist Emergency Council of St. Louis on Thursday evening, February 8, 1945, at a special meeting held at the Y. M. H. A. - Y. W. H. A. in St. Louis.

RESOLVED THAT: The St. Louis Zionist Emergency Council views with deep concern the retirement of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver from the position of Co-Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and Chairman of its Executive Committee.

World Jewry in general and the Zionist movement in particular can ill afford at this critical time to suffer a breach between two such eminent leaders as Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and obviously all efforts must be made to effectuate unity between these two great leaders without undue delay.

FURTHER, the St. Louis Zionist Emergency Council, without any attempt to pass upon the merits of the pending controversy, respectfully insists that the National Administration of the American Zionist Emergency Council forthwith invite Dr. Silver to resume his positions in the leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council jointly with Dr. Wise to the end that harmony be restored in the ranks of American Political Zionism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the National Administration of the American Zionist Emergency Council, to Dr. Stephen S. Wise, to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, to all Chairmen of the local Zionist Emergency Councils throughout the country and also to the national heads of the four groups affiliated with the American Zionist Emergency Council.



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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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At the meeting of the Executive Board of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region, held at Columbus, Ohio, March 18th, the following resolution was adopted:

We view with deep regret the breach in leadership in American Zionism that has led to the resignation of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver from the position he has occupied in the American-Zionist Emergency Council with such marked success.

At a time when unity of purpose and unity of action are essential when the services of all men dedicated to our great cause are urgently needed; when Palestine and the entire Jewish people face unprecedented ordeals and obstacles, we can ill afford to dispense with the leadership of Dr. Silver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Executive Board of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region respectfully calls upon the National Administration of the Zionist Organization of America to take immediate steps toward recalling Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to active leadership in the Zionist Emergency Council, thereby effectuating unity in our Zionist ranks,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the Zionist Organization of America, and to the Executive of The American Zionist Emergency Council.



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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

PARKCHESTER DISTRICT  
BRONX, NEW YORK CITY

March 27, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In view of the urgent necessity of presenting a solid Jewish front before the San Francisco Conference, it is of the utmost importance that the leaders within the Zionist movement lay aside all differences that weaken us at this time. Our voice must be united to demand a hearing before the coming Conference of Nations.

Therefore, we of the Parkchester District of the Bronx Region of the Zionist Organization of America do hereby resolve:

That Dr. Israel Goldstein, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver be urged to heal the present deplorable breach within the American Zionist ranks.

We further resolve that Dr. Silver be invited to resume his former position within the Zionist Emergency Council.

These resolutions were passed unanimously at our meeting on March 26, 1945.

Yours, for a united Israel,

(Signed) Louis W. Gutman  
President



Detroit

The Board of the Zionist Organization of Detroit views with dismay and deep concern the existing rift in the leadership of the Zionist movement in America. The recent upset in the American Zionist Emergency Council and the emergence of the American Zionist Policy Committee have created chaos in Zionist circles to the detriment of the present moves to place the Jewish case upon the agenda of the San Francisco Conference. At a time when Zionist unity is imperative and when disunity is tragic, we believe the rank and file of the movement demands, above all else, that personal feelings and personal considerations shall be subordinate to the great Cause which binds us together.

Therefore, we, the Board of the Zionist District of Detroit, appeal to the American Zionist Emergency Council to explore every possible means of effecting a reassociation of the Council so as to reestablish an integrated leadership which shall include the best minds and the leading personalities of the Zionist movement. Without attempting to pass upon the merits of the recent controversy, we earnestly urge cooperation in the present and future struggles which lie ahead. We recall the effective and colorful leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and we note with regret his absence in the councils of the movement. During his tenure of office there was a great acceleration of Zionist effort. At the same time we are not unmindful that the Zionist situation needs the combined thought and the best judgment of all our leaders if we are to gain our ends.

We therefore earnestly urge this plea for renewed harmony and cooperation. We commend the efforts of those who are trying to bring this about and pledge our aid to this end. We also recommend that Dr. Silver be urged to resume a position of leadership on the American Zionist Emergency Council in cooperation with the other executives and members of that body.

COMPLETE TEXT OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING CRISIS IN AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

PASSED BY BOARD OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF DETROIT APRIL 5, 1945



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April 17, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At a meeting held by the Connecticut Zionist Region at Hartford on April 15, 1945, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

In this most crucial hour of decision in the history of our people and when the fate of ages of our striving to reconstitute Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth is at stake, we solemnly urge all our leaders in all groups of the Zionist movement to unite and to reestablish complete and harmonious cooperation.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that immediate steps be taken to reconstitute the American Zionist Emergency Council under the co-chairmanship of Dr. Wise and Dr. Silver to the end that the ultimate aim of Zionism shall be accomplished.

Very sincerely yours,

JACOB SCHWOLSKY  
President



April 19, 1945

Judge Jacob Schwolsky, President  
Connecticut Zionist Region  
983 Main Street  
Hartford 3, Conn.

My dear Judge Schwolsky:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of April 17 and for conveying to me the resolutions which were adopted by the Connecticut Zionist Region on April 15. I deeply appreciate the spirit of the resolutions which are in consonance with so many similar resolutions passed throughout the country. I share with you the earnest hope that the Zionist Emergency Council may be speedily re-organized so as to achieve harmony in our ranks.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



AGUDATH B'NAI ISRAEL CONGREGATION

Ninth Street and Reid Avenue

Lorain, Ohio

April 26, 1945.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
55 West 42nd St.,  
New York (18), N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

At the last meeting of the Lorain-Elyria Zionist District I was instructed to convey to you the following sentiments:

The Lorain-Elyria Zionist District views with deep concern the continued rift in the Zionist Organization of America.

Differences of opinion and disagreements concerning procedure are natural and are to be expected, but we can ill afford breaches in our organization, resulting from personal conflicts.

We recognize Dr. Stephen S. Wise's long and faithful service to Zionism and appreciate his readiness to continue in the service of our common cause; we are anxious to avail ourselves of his experience and wisdom. But we also recognize Dr. Silver's dynamic qualities and value the services he has rendered the cause of Zion in general, and the Emergency Committee particularly. We can not afford to dispense with his leadership. The present crisis in Zionism calls for the combined efforts of both men. This is no time to indulge in another division in Israel.

Therefore, Dr. Wise and Dr. Silver, we, Zionists of the Lorain-Elyria Zionist District, urge you to compose your differences without the aid of any peace committee. Your loyalty to our people will show you the way towards that settlement. Resume your places of combined leadership. Lead and we shall follow!

With Zion's blessing,

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Julius Kerman

P. S. A copy of this letter is being sent to Dr. Israel Goldstein and to Dr. Wise.

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE LONG ISLAND ZIONIST REGION

AT CONVENTION HELD

June 24th, 1945

WHEREAS, our movement is today in grave danger at a time when our enemies are mobilizing their resources in a campaign to put an end to Zionist aspirations for all time; and

WHEREAS, American Zionist leadership is disunited at the very moment when they should unite behind a program of militant political action; and

WHEREAS, disunity in our ranks has been fostered by the forced resignation of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver from the co-chairmanship of the American Zionist Emergency Council and the chairmanship of its Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, the American Zionist masses have ceaselessly demanded that the present National Administration of the Zionist Organization of America recall Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to the active political leadership of our movement, and

WHEREAS, the failure of the National Administration to respond to the expressed wishes of the membership has served only to widen the gulf between the Zionist membership and the National officers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Long Island Zionist Region, consisting of 6700 members of the Zionist Organization of America, in Convention assembled on this 24th day of June, 1945, expresses its deep dissatisfaction with the dilatory actions pursued by the National Administration on this all-important question and calls upon the President, the National Executive and the National Administrative Council of the ZOA and demands that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver be recalled forthwith to the political leadership of American Zionism, so that our movement may have the benefit of his effective and dynamic direction in this crucial hour of decision, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the National Administration of the ZOA to designate such representatives to the American Zionist Emergency Council and take such other steps as will enable Dr. Silver to carry on Zionist political work with the greatest effectiveness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we authorize and direct the Executive of our Region to take whatever steps the situation demands, in cooperation with other Regions, to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the President and members of the Executive and Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, to the members of the American Zionist Emergency Council, to the Presidents of all Zionist Districts and Regions in the United States, and to the New Palestine for publication.



WHEREAS, decisions affecting the future of Palestine and of the Zionist movement are being taken by leaders of the United Nations in their various conferences, and

WHEREAS, the concerted efforts and careful deliberation of our entire organization are immediately imperative, and

WHEREAS, the highest deliberative body of our organization is the Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Long Island Zionist Region calls upon the President of the Zionist Organization of America and the Zionist Executive to make every effort towards the securing of permission from the Office of Defense Transportation to hold a National Convention as speedily as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the President of the Zionist Organization of America to call such a Convention at the earliest moment, consistent with government regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in view of the need for clarifying current issues, we instruct our representatives on the Metropolitan Inter-Regional Council to call and organize forthwith a Conference of all Regions in the Metropolitan Area to consider the all-important questions now confronting our movement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the members of the Executive and Administrative Committees of the Zionist Organization of America and to the Presidents of all Zionist Districts and Regions in the United States and to the New Palestine for publication.

WHEREAS, the fostering of an informed Zionist public opinion is a prerequisite for the health and growth of our movement, and

WHEREAS, in this crucial period the ZOA has a positive responsibility to make available to the American people and to Zionists all significant news, material and comment on Zionist activity, especially information on the all-important questions of Zionist program and policy, and

WHEREAS, we are deeply perturbed by the attitude demonstrated by the official publications of the ZOA in presenting only such comment as reflects the views of the present Administration of the Zionist Organization of America, and

WHEREAS, the opinions shared by tens of thousands of American Zionists merit the consideration of the entire members of the ZOA,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon the National Administration of the Zionist Organization of America and the Editorial Board of the New Palestine and all other official Zionist publications to alter forthwith the policy which is being pursued by the New Palestine and to permit the inclusion in our official organ of comment on Zionist affairs which does not necessarily coincide with the view of the Administration.



WHEREAS, the Long Island Zionist Region, comprising over 6700 members of the Zionist Organization of America, is desirous of seeing fulfilled the ancient prophecy of return to Zion; and

WHEREAS, we, as citizens of the United States of America, are cognizant of the promises of the major political parties of the United States, in their conventions assembled, to expedite the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, we are also cognizant of the fact that Great Britain is bound, by a treaty with the United States, not to change the rights of the Jewish people under the Mandate for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth, or to interfere with the free and unrestricted immigration of Jews to Palestine, without the permission of the Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the League of Nations and other investigating bodies have found that Great Britain has failed to abide by the terms of the Mandate of the League of Nations, and, therefore, has violated said treaty with the United States; among other things by issuing the infamous White Paper of 1939, which, without any permission from or even consultation with the United States, has caused cessation of unrestricted immigration of Jews to Palestine; and

WHEREAS, the inability on the part of the membership of the Zionist Organization of America to meet in national convention has resulted in the inability of the membership effectively to control the executive policies of the Zionist Organization of America, which has resulted in a semblance of disunity; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Zionist Organization of America is in fact united in policy and program and would so affirm if given the opportunity to express their desires, and

WHEREAS, under conditions of crisis existing today, it is necessary that the executives of the Zionist Organization of America must record such desires of the membership and proceed accordingly,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Long Island Zionist Region in Convention assembled on the 24th day of June, 1945, expresses its disfavor of any policy of procrastination, of inaction and of delay in regard to the matters hereafter enumerated - and positive, continuous and militant conduct on the part of the Officers and the Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America toward the same, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we demand that the officers and Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America immediately take action upon the following:

1. Petitioning the Congress of the United States on our behalf as citizens of the United States, immediately and without further delay, to require Great Britain to desist from the further breach of her treaty with the United States and to require Great Britain, immediately and without further delay, to abide by and perform her treaty obligations to the United States and to nullify and declare void immediately the White Paper of 1939;



2. Petitioning the Congress of the United States on our behalf as citizens of the United States, immediately and without further delay, to carry out the promises of the conventions of the major political parties of the United States, and embodied in their respective platforms to implement and make a fact the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth;

3. Declaring the policy of the Zionist Organization of America to be to the same effect and at once impress upon the President and the Congress of the United States and upon the leaders of the major political parties that we demand immediate and positive fulfillment by both major parties of the promises those political parties made in convention assembled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the executive officers and the Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America and demand that they immediately initiate a referendum to determine the desires of the members of the Zionist Organization of America, and if possible, of all Jews in the United States, on the specific matters of demand heretofore enumerated, providing, however, that said referendum shall in no way delay the earliest possible assembling of the ZOA Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each and every of the Regions and Districts throughout the United States be requested immediately to take like action on the foregoing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Executive Committee and the Administrative Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, to the members of the American Zionist Emergency Council, to the Presidents of all Zionist Districts and Regions throughout the United States, and to the Jewish press of the United States, and that it be published forthwith in all publications of the Zionist Organization of America.



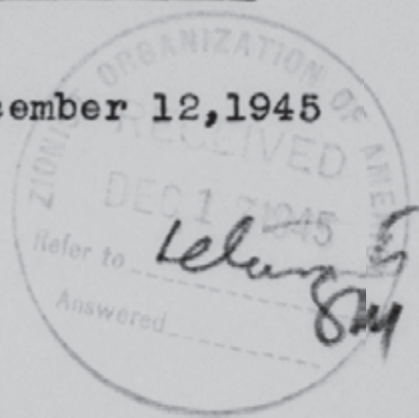
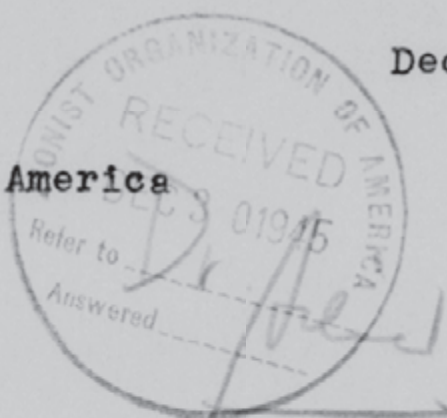
MID-WEST REGION of HADASSAH  
THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION



THE HEALING OF THE DAUGHTER OF MY PEOPLE

December 12, 1945

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Pres. Zionist Organization of America  
1720 Sixteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, 9, D.C.



Dear Rabbi Silver;

As Regional President of the Mid-West Region of Hadassah may I offer you my sincere congratulations and best wishes upon your election to the Presidency of the National Zionist Organization of America. I know that under your leadership your organization will grow in strength and many important accomplishments will be realized.

At the recent Conference of our Region, comprising of five States--Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Indiana--, action was taken regarding the Youth Work in our area. A Resolution was passed which I am enclosing for your attention. The men in this area have not been of any assistance and we feel the load cannot be carried alone. Knowing that you realize the vast importance of this phase of our work and knowing that it must be done co-operatively, I feel certain that immediate action upon the part of the Z.O.A. will be fulfilled. We have repeatedly brought this to the attention of the past Z.O.A. President and also to the National Youth Commission personnel but to no avail. We are looking to you for assistance and we know that we will not be disappointed.

With Zion greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Hilda Ettinger*

Mrs. Shoolen Ettinger  
Chairman, Mid-West Region of Hadassah



# MID-WEST REGION of HADASSAH

THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION



THE HEALING OF THE DAUGHTER OF MY PEOPLE

## YOUTH COMMISSION

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE 21st MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE  
MIDWEST REGION OF HADASSAH., PEORIA, ILLINOIS 1945.

Whereas: It is an established policy of the National bodies of Hadassah and the Zionist Organization of America that equal representatives of both bodies compose the Youth Commissions in the various areas through the country.

Whereas: The Midwest Region of Hadassah believes the Chicago area and the Chicago Youth Commission, must be included in the Midwest Region of Youth Commission in order to lend its numerical and financial support to a strong and healthy Mid-West Regional Youth Commission

And Whereas: It is of extreme importance that due to the vital part of the work of the Youth Commission, a capable Z.O.A. chairman and a willing worker be appointed from the city of Chicago in the capacity of Youth Commission Chairman for the Mid-West Region.

Whereas: The body of the Mid-West Region of ~~Hadassah~~ Hadassah has carried this task in the past years and,

Whereas: This body feels its work inadequate due to the lack of cooperation of the Zionist Organization of America in this area and,

Whereas: The future of Zionism lies in the training and guiding of our youth,

Be it resolved that ACTION from the National Zionist Organization of America be taken IMMEDIATELY to make the necessary appointment.



EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
SOUTHEASTERN ZIONIST REGION  
HOTEL SEMINOLE  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA  
JANUARY 26-27-28, 1946

WHEREAS Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has assumed the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America at a most crucial period in Jewish history and is fighting valiantly for the realization of Zionist aims and the opening of Palestine to free and unrestricted Jewish immigration, and the establishment of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth,

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the delegates to the Southeastern Regional Zionist Conference, assembled in Jacksonville, Florida, on January 27, 1946, that he be given the united and unanimous support of every district in this region in the pursuit of the policies and directives promulgated by him.



Milwaukee

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLVED THAT: The Executive Board of the Milwaukee District of the Zionist Organization of America views with deep concern the unfortunate dissension which resulted in the retirement of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver from the position of Co-Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council and Chairman of its Executive Committee.

We feel that his absence in the leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council has deterred the execution of Zionist policies laid down by the Biltmore Platform. We share the conviction that world Jewry in general, and the Zionist movement in particular, can ill afford at this critical time to suffer a breach within Zionist ranks and are convinced that all efforts must be made to affectuate unity in Zionist ranks without undue delay.

FURTHER, the Executive Board of the Milwaukee District of the ZOA, representing an aggregate membership of over 2100, without any attempt to pass upon the merits of the controversy which resulted in Dr. Silver's resignation, respectfully insist that the National Administration of the American Zionist Emergency Council forthwith invite Dr. Silver to resume his positions in the leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council to the end that harmony be restored in the arena of American political Zionism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the American Zionist Emergency Council, to Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the Zionist Organization of America, to Dr. Stephen S. Wise, and to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.



ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

## WESTCHESTER COUNTY ZIONIST REGION

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RABBI MAX MACCOBY  
*Rep. to National Adm. Council*

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Westchester Zionist Region, comprising over 2,000 members of the Zionist Organization of America, deeply conscious of the tragic plight of our people and of the historic responsibilities now confronting American Jewry, is resolved to bend every effort towards the achievement of Zionist aims in this final hour of decision, and

WHEREAS, the critical position of Zionism following the Conferences at Yalta, Egypt and San Francisco, makes it imperative that American Zionists unite immediately behind a program of vigorous political action which will utilize the best talents and most effective spokesmen in our movement, and

WHEREAS, in the face of our overwhelming responsibilities and our people's tragedy, the effectiveness of American Zionism today is impaired by disunity and the expulsion from supreme command of some of our most capable leaders, and

WHEREAS, we are greatly concerned by the failure of the present administration of the Zionist Organization of America to give heed to the demands of individuals, Districts and Regions throughout the United States to restore unity to our movement through the recall of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to active political leadership,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Westchester Zionist Region, in convention assembled on this 27th day of May 1945, calls upon the President, National Officers, Executive Committee and the Chairman of the National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America to restore unity to our ranks immediately through the recall of Dr. Silver to the active leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council and to establish that cooperation with Dr. Silver which will make possible the carrying on of Zionist political work with the greatest effectiveness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the members of the Executive and Administrative Committees of the Zionist Organization of America, to the members of the American Zionist Emergency Council, and to the Presidents of all Zionist Districts and Regions in the United States.



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MILWAUKEE ZIONIST EM RGENCY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE MILWAUKEE ZIONIST EM RGENCY COUNCIL  
on Tuesday, January 9, 1945

"Whereas the magnificent achievements of the American Zionist Emergency Council have been aborted and halted by the unfortunate dissension which has arisen in the leadership of the Council, and since the primary objective of the Council is the welfare of Palestine, the Milwaukee Zionist Emergency Council feels it incumbent upon itself to express its alarm and condemnation of the unfortunate situation which has arisen in the ranks of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

We, of the local Emergency Council, under the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, have been constantly motivated and stimulated in our action to greater and greater effort in fulfilling the mandates of the American Zionist Emergency Council. WE DEPLORE THE MANNER IN WHICH DR. SILVER WAS DEPRIVED OF HIS LEADERSHIP AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND FEEL THAT HIS ABSENCE AS CO-CHAIRMAN HAS SHAKEN OUR CONFIDENCE IN THE PROGRAM AND FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL.

We view with apprehension and disfavor the present structure of the reorganized American Zionist Emergency Council, and we call for a further and far-reaching reorganization, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE DR. SILVER IN A POSITION OF EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP.