



## Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

Featuring collections from the Western Reserve Historical Society and  
The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives

### **MS-4787: Abba Hillel Silver Papers, 1902-1989.**

Series II: Harold P. Manson File (Zionism Files), 1940-1949, undated.

Sub-series A: Main Manson File, 1940-1949.

---

Reel  
106

Box  
37

Folder  
313

General Zionist policies (Dr. F. Bernstein), 1946.



C  
O  
P  
Y

GBW2373 TVXA916H TEL AVIV 375/371 5, 46 SEP 7 AM 1:22

NLT SILVER, NEUMANN, FRISCH, GOLDSTEIN, ZIONISTS NEW YORK

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND HAOVED HAZIONI WE APPLY TO YOU FOR A GRANT OF HALF A MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL FOR COLONIZATION AND OTHER CONSTRUCTIVE PURPOSES OF GENERAL ZIONISTS AND ALL ITS AFFILIATIONS IN PALESTINE ~~AND~~ THIS FUND WILL BE INVESTED IN CONSTRUCTIVE ENTERPRISES ONLY AND WILL BE OF UTILITY FOR THE YISHUV AS A WHOLE. 50% OF THE TOTAL SUM WILL GO TO INSTITUTIONS CARING FOR WELFARE OF MIDDLECLASS AND REMAINDER FOR COLONIZATION ACTIVITIES OF HAOVED HAZIONI. SUM ALLOTTED FOR MIDDLECLASS WILL BE INVESTED IN HIMIFDEH HAEZRACHI RECOGNIZED AND AFFIRMED BY NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. HAMIFDEH ESTABLISHED AND MANAGED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF GENERAL ZIONISTS IN PALESTINE AND ABROAD AMONG THEM NEUMANN, JUDGE ROSENBLAT, ETC. DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY 30% FOR MIDDLECLASS PRIVATE MESHEKS COLONIZATION PURPOSES AND TRANSFER OF NEW IMMIGRANTS FROM TOWN TO VILLAGE 25% FOR BUILDING HOMES FOR IMMIGRANTS EXSOLDIERS AND VETERAN ZIONISTS 25% FOR CONSTRUCTIVE LOANS FOR MIDDLECLASS FROM TOWN AND VILLAGE AND GMILUTH HASSADIM FUNDS 15% FOR TRADE SCHOOLS AND PRODUCTIVIZATION OF IMMIGRANTS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL BRANCHES 5% FOR GENERAL EDUCATION. THE INVESTMENT INSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL ZIONIST WORKERS IS MIFALEY HAOVED HAZIONI COMPANY LIMITED. PLANS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOLLOW 30% STRENGTHENING EXISTING SETTLEMENTS OF HAOVED HAZIONI BY EXTENDING AGRICULTURAL BRANCHES AND ESTABLISHING INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES 25% FOR ASSISTANCE IN FORMATION NEW SETTLEMENTS OF HROAR HAZIONI YOUTH GROUPS NOW ARRIVING FROM REFUGEE CAMPS IN EUROPE 10% FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN KIBBUTZIM AND ABSORPTION OF YOUTH ALIYA INCLUDING ORPHANAGES FOUNDED BY GENERAL ZIONISTS IN POLAND GERMAN HUNGARY



5% FOR BUILDING HOUSES IN TOWN AND COUNTRY FOR GENERAL ZIONISTS CHALUTZIM WORKERS IMMIGRANTS EX SOLDIERS. AS TRUSTEES FOR THESE FUNDS WE PROPOSE ETINGEN BERENSTEIN GOLDSTEIN HERMAN HARTMAN SERLIN KOLODNY MIRENBURG. GENERAL ZIONIST MOVEMENT AWAITS IMPATIENTLY DECISION OF UPA AUTHORITIES. WE SHALL NOTIFY YOU WAYS OF TRANSFERRING MONIES TO US. YOUR POSITIVE DECISION WILL AMEND ANCIENT WRONGS AND GRIEVANCES AND WILL EXTEND GENERAL ZIONIST INFLUENCE AND PRESTIGE ON ALL SECTIONS OF YISHUV. IT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO UPBUILDING OF PALESTINE AND REALIZATION OF OUR ZIONIST IDEALS.

BERENSTEIN KOLODNY HARTMAN





31  
F. BERNSTEIN.

Tel Aviv, 3.11.46.

Dear Neuman,

It is quite true: I consider adequate political conditions of paramount importance for the realisation of Zionism; therefore the conduct of Zionist policy was always my chief concern and my negative attitude to the existing regime and its internal politics was determined by the in my opinion fatal influence of internal politics on Zionist policy. In this respect my views remained entirely unchanged. Also I continue to believe that adequate political conditions are of very problematic value if not applying to an adequate territory. Even the whole of Western Palestine may <sup>be</sup> insufficient; part of Western Palestine certainly is. So I am as opposed to partition as I have ever been.

The points in question however are, as far as the forthcoming Congress is concerned of a somewhat peculiar nature.

1. If Britain decide on partition more or less according to Paris proposals as announced to the American Government by dr. Nachum Goldman, the struggle against partition is a lost case. I even doubt, if the Jishuv would have boycotted the federalisation scheme if imposed by the British Government. A partition scheme on the lines mentioned above will meet with sufficient cooperation to carry it out. Opponents of partition may regret this fact and may personally decide to retire from active participation in Zionist work but such a decision would not alter the main facts.

2. As long as Britain refuse to grant even such a partition, the discussion for and against the general principle is senseless and harmful.

3. I understand quite well that Congress, though not really deciding any issue of the so called external Zionist policy could give expression to certain trends by electing persons of certain tendencies with regard to Zionist policy as members of the Executive. But you should bear in mind that even the so-called



activists of the Mapai-ministeriabili are fervently pro-partition, that neither Mapai nor Misrachi are prepared to drop the "moderate" candidates and that in last resort the members of the Executive ~~will~~ will be elected by party-combinations, and not according to convictions, certainly not convictions about Zionist policy.

4. I maintain that external Zionist policy will remain a matter of second importance as long as it is subordinated to the determination of Mapai to preserve workers (Mapai) rule at all costs.

So it seems to me that General Zionists, if they wish to be a decisive factor in Zionism --and according to their numbers they could be that--should concentrate on issues of internal policy and try to create a less one-sided regime. But I am confessedly a poor tactician and may be mistaken.

As regards Alyah Hadasha I do not deny that part of them hold views similar to ours on internal policy, but if questions of Zionist policy will dominate Congress as you believe they will, Alyah Hadasha is no possible partner, this party representing extreme defeatism and unconditional submission to British policy.

I had hoped I would be able to visit America <sup>before</sup> before Congress, but this is now impossible. I think there will be an opportunity to talk things over at Basle before Congress opens.

With kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

