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January 4, 1946

Mr. Harry Shapiro  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Ave.  
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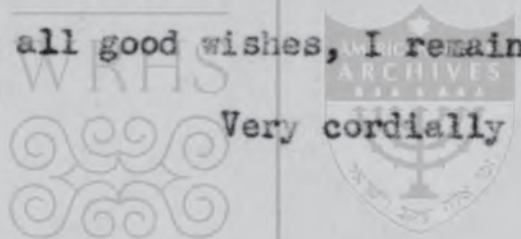
Dear Mr. Shapiro:

It came as a great shock to learn that our good friend, Dr. Alexander S. Wolf, of St. Louis, passed away during my absence in Palestine. Do you know whether Mrs. Wolf survives him, or whether there are any children? I should like to write to the family. Would you also send me his address?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BK





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February 14, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

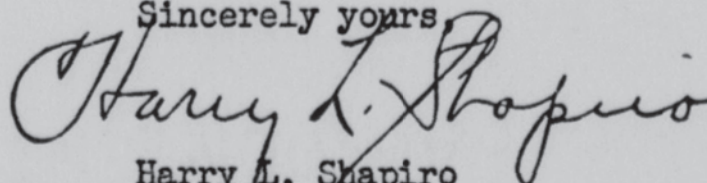
On February 15th, Appleton-Century Co. is publishing "TO WHOM PALESTINE?", by Frank Gervasi. Under separate cover, a copy of the book is being sent to you with the compliments of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Frank Gervasi, as you may know, is the Collier's correspondent in the Near East and a first-rate American newspaperman and foreign affairs analyst. He went to the Near East, a pro-Arab. His conversion to a different point of view was inevitable for he had his eyes open not only for people, but for policies; not only for the present, but for the past and future; not only for the plight of the Jews, but for the plight of peoples throughout the world.

We are desirous at this time to obtain the widest attention for "TO WHOM PALESTINE?" for it supports a policy favorable to the aspirations of our people in Palestine. Gervasi presents a fearless examination of the Palestine question revealed in all its complexities and set in its rightful place in relation to basic world problems.

I know that you will want to put this book in your library and perhaps buy a couple of copies to pass around among your friends. "TO WHOM PALESTINE?" can serve as a good topic for a book review sermon or discussion group. It also makes excellent material for radio audiences. Let me know how you like this book and how you use it in your Synagogue or Temple program.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harry L. Shapiro  
Director

HLS:SJM



February 22, 1946

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Complaint has reached me from a few sources about the broadcasts of Mr. Vandercook which seem to have a persistent anti-Zionist bias. I would suggest that a formal representation be made to the NBC, or to whatever commercial organization he represents, stating that the Jews resent this anti-Zionist propaganda which is being carried on by this man in the name of objective reporting and comment.

I am also enclosing herewith the program of the Institute arranged by the Council on World Affairs here in Cleveland the early part of this month on the subject "Eurasia". You will note that one of the speakers was Miss Nejla Izzedin, who spoke on the "Arab World". One who attended the lecture said that she devoted some time to an attack on Zionism and the Jewish position in Palestine.

I would suggest that a letter be written to the Council on World Affairs, whose address is 922 Society for Savings Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio, asking why the other point of view was not represented at the Institute and requesting that in the forthcoming meeting of the Council on World Affairs an opportunity be given to a spokesman of ours to appear and present our case.

Generally speaking, we should be cultivating commentators more assiduously than we are.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



February 28, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

The President of the Poughkeepsie Zionist District wrote to me, as President of the ZOA, about the request which was made to you on February 21 by Mr. Fanaberia for a subsidy to enable the Palestine Zionist District, in conjunction with their local American Christian Palestine Committee, to hold their public meeting, to which they had invited U. S. Senator Brewster. I understand they are asking us to assume Senator Brewster's fee of \$400.00. If it is at all possible, I would suggest that we grant the request.

My impression is that the Emergency Council made reprints of Chaplain Ronald B. Gittleson's most excellent letter, addressed to Rosenwald, which appeared in the Indianapolis Jewish Post on February 1, 1946. If it has not, I would suggest that it make reprints of it and send it around, or the Committee on Unity of the ZOA may wish to do it using its list of addresses.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



March 1, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

You may recall that I requested you to obtain for me from the American Jewish Conference a dozen or so copies of the address which I delivered before the convention of that body in Cleveland.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



To  
H. A. N. Silver

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March 7, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Rabbi Jacobs which is interesting. I would suggest that you talk over the contents of it with Mr. Manson and Mr. Israeli, and let me have your reactions.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:GR

P.S. Has our article in reply to the Zionist articles of the "Catholic World" been written?



March 7, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I received the enclosed telegram from Mrs. Frank Cohen. Please consult Judge Levinthal and if he consents, have the Emergency Council send Mrs. Frank Cohen a signed statement of ownership of the Esco Study.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date March 8, 1946

From Harry L. Shapiro

Attached is a "brief" which was given to me when I attended a meeting of the so-called "Organization Committee for a Jewish State" on Wednesday night of this week. Dr. Zucker has created quite a commotion in New York with this project and when the meeting was announced in the newspaper on Wednesday morning I decided that I wanted to observe for myself the workings of the group and so I went to the meeting.

It was held in the Capitol Hotel and about 75 to 100 people were present and I recognized a number of familiar Zionist faces. During the meeting there was no explanation of the plan but the Chairman, I. Friedland, explained that the meeting was called, not to discuss the proposal, but to make arrangements for a mass meeting to be held at Cooper Union Square this Sunday afternoon. I infer from all that I heard that the purpose of this activity is to bring pressure on Zionist groups to accept the project.

Zucker made a speech in which I was disappointed since I am not impressed by oratory but by ideas. In the oratory department Zucker is not bad. He speaks with loud voice and slams the podium resolutely.

I had hoped that they would discuss the plan so that a number of pertinent questions might be asked but this did not come about. After the meeting I spoke with Zucker and Friedland and the latter gave me a copy of the attached. In all probability they will use it as a basis of their presentation to our Executive. I send it to you for your information.

Regards.

Shapiro

HLS:MH



March 21, 1946

Mr. Harry Shapiro  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

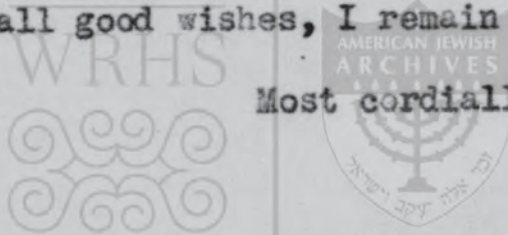
My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I think Gerold Frank's letter should be circulated confidentially to the heads of the community council chairmen as well as to all of the members of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.





March 21, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Thank you very much for the four packages of books which we received. We sold quite a number of them at the last meeting of the Cleveland Zionist Society.

You did not send a bill along with the books. I'd appreciate receiving one from you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



March 26, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Mr. Zarchin of the California Jewish Herald of San Francisco. Is this something in which the American Zionist Emergency Council ought to step in?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR  
Enc.



MORRIS ZUCKER  
31-04 STEINWAY STREET  
ASTORIA, L. I.  
—  
PHONE RAVENSWOOD 8-7185

March 30, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
President, Zionist Organization of America  
Hotel Commodore  
New York City, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am submitting for your consideration, via messenger, the various public appeals we have made in the presentation of our program for the proclamation in the United States of the Jewish Republic of Palestine, and the organization of its Provisional Government.

Each of these statements, while popular in presentation, is built around two or three main propositions which are an integral part of the whole plan.

Mr. Shapiro and I have agreed upon the advisability of a brief setting forth our proposals to be submitted for the consideration of the special committee appointed pursuant to the decision of March 19th. It would be most helpful if this brief argued points of disagreement, or where clarification is desired.

May I ask you to look this material over at your leisure? It will be a privilege to comply with any request you might desire to make.

Yours for the Jewish State,

MZ:lb

Morris Zucker



April 4, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

The enclosed material was sent to me by Mr. Zucker. You may wish to turn it over to the Emergency Council Committee which is studying this matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR  
Enc.



April 7, 1946

Mr. Harry Shapiro  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I believe that Mr. Feinberg, who has brought to the attention of Mr. Richard R. Macy the political situation, should also contact Mr. O'Neill, Hannegan's assistant, and Mr. Gael Sullivan, Assistant Postmaster. Judging from Dr. Akzin's letter, these two are very influential with Mr. Hannegan and in the Councils of the Democratic National Committee.

I think it is important that we prepare background material for the benefit of radio commentators, in anticipation of the report of the Anglo-American Committee. It is important that half a dozen of the key commentators should be seen before the report comes in.

In connection with the meeting of our Legal Committee on Transjordan, I would suggest that Dr. Akzin be invited to attend the meeting, and also that an official transcript be obtained from the office of the Secretariate of UN as to the action taken by the Assembly on Transjordan. Mr. Schulson reports that he had learned from Dr. Lewis L. Lorwin, of the Office of International Trade Operations, Department of Commerce, that the Resolution on Transjordan was drafted by Mr. John Foster Dulles. This, too, should be verified.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



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Harry Shpiro  
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342 Madison Ave.

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NEUMANN SCHEDULED TO LEAVE PALESTINE PAIRL 16 ARRIVING LONDON  
APRIL 17. HE WISHES US TO HELP HIM ARRANGE AIR PASSAGE FROM  
LONDON TO STATES SO AS NOT TO BE DELAYED. PLEASE CONTACT TOCKER AND OTHERS  
KINDEST REGARDS

SILVER



April 12, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am enclosing herewith the letter which I received from Mr. Eliahu Epstein. The reply is not very clear. He will keep Mr. Ben-Horin informed about the activities of Mr. Awad, and will also make available to him all the data suitable for public information.

Please have Mr. Ben-Horin contact Mr. Epstein, inform him about Mr. Awad's contemplated visit to the President, and tell him that it is our thought we assist Mr. Awad in the preparation of his press releases after he sees the President. Let him also inform Mr. Epstein that we do not accept his position in the matter "that he cannot divide the responsibilities of his policies as far as Mr. Awad's activities are concerned". We have also responsibilities in this matter.

Please bring paragraphs 1 and 2 to the attention of Mr. Ben-Horin. He may wish to get in touch with Mr. Julius Fohs in connection with the matter contained in paragraph 2.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



April 15, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Selig. You will recall that he raised the issue of mass action at the last convention of the ZOA at Atlantic City. You may wish to bring up the matter at the meeting of our Executive Committee on Thursday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



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April 1946

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I wish to extend to you, and through you, to all the members of the staff of the American Zionist Emergency Council my Pesach greetings and all good wishes for a most enjoyable holiday. I share with all of them the profound hope that our beautiful festival of Passover this year will usher in a new era of glorious freedom for all of our people, and the triumph of our majestic ideal for national restoration in Eretz Yisrael.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:GR



May 2, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

I believe that the enclosed matter referring to the difficulties which we encountered in obtaining Egyptian transit visas ought to be taken up by the Emergency Council today (Friday) before the matter becomes cold. This is a very serious matter and precedents established now will be very important for the future. It seems to me that Mr. Wingate of the Associated Press referred to in Mr. Meuerlicht's letter should be called in and given the entire story and that official representation should be made by us to the State Department.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



May 3, 1946

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Rabbi Silver will be in New York next Thursday but must be in Washington on Friday morning. Will you kindly reserve a seat for him on an early plane out of New York for Washington on Friday morning, May 10?

Thanks kindly, and

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver





May 5, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I received from Dr. D. de Sola Pool. We may wish to bring it to the attention of the Emergency Council at the next meeting.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR  
Enc.



June 6, 1946

Mr. Harry L. Shapiro  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

1) All those who signed the Ad should be sent special cards inviting them to the Madison Square Meeting, and asking them to sit on the platform.

2) What progress has been made with Magill or Mrs. Ogden Mills Reed with reference to the second Ad which we should now be preparing?

3) I assume that Mr. Monsky has already been invited to the meeting. I suggest that he act as chairman.

4) Dr. Akzin wrote to me a week or so ago saying that an effort is being made to get a few of the important columnists to write on the military angle with reference to Palestine. What has been done in that regard?

5) The Hannegan angle that I talked to you about this morning should be followed through without delay. The appointment of the U. S. representative to go to London to discuss implementation may be made in the next few days.

6) Mr. Arazi spoke to me when I was in New York last about some money which they need to press home through letters the Mufti Ad which the anti-Nazi League published, and also another Ad which they are preparing. I told him to get in touch with you and to get your approval both on the letter and on the Ad. The matter of the Ad may perhaps wait a while, but the \$600 which they require to send out the letters should be advanced to them if you approve of the idea. I know that money is scarce - but we should help out in this instance.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



June 14, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

I understand that the Report of the Anglo-American  
Committee of Inquiry was published as an official  
document by the U. S. Government. Would you procure  
a few copies for me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR



June 17, 1946

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

My dear Mr. Shapiro:

You will recall that at one of our early meetings the question of making proper contacts with the UN delegates, when they meet in September, was taken up. As I recall it, the Emergency Council was to take the matter up with the Jewish Agency. I wish you would find out what has been done so far--what is the plan and who are the people who have assumed responsibility for it.

I wish you would also find out what has been done by Mr. Elishu Epstein with reference to the Awad matter, in which Ben-Horin has been interested. Weeks have gone by and nothing so far has been done to utilize the very valuable information which Mr. Awad seems to have.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:GR