



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
107

Box
37

Folder
383

Middle East publication, 1947.

American Zionist Emergency Council

CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America
Mizrachi Organization of America
Poale Zion-Zeire Zion of America
Zionist Organization of America

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
Murray Hill 2-1160

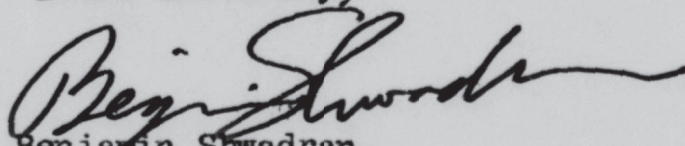
July 18, 1947

Dear Dr. Silver,

For a long time the members of the Research Department have felt the need for an organ on the Middle East which would advance our point of view. Meanwhile, about a year ago, the State Department in conjunction with the oil interests established the Middle East Institute which publishes the Middle East Journal, which by all implications is anti-Zionist. We feel, however, that there is still an opportunity to counteract the effect of this journal, and even surpass it in influence and authority, as indicated in the enclosed memoranda.

I would appreciate it very much if you could arrange to meet me so that I may discuss the plan with you.

Yours sincerely,



Benjamin Shwadran
Director, Research Department

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Dr. Greenberg
R.F.D. 1
Northport, L. I.

bs:mg

December 8, 1947

Mr. Mark Sugarman
South Coatesville,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Sugarman:

James G. McDonald tells me in a letter that when he spent an evening with you recently at the house of Emanuel Neumann, you discussed the publication project which I have suggested. He further says that you expressed the desire to see me. As you will recall, both Dr. Silver and I wrote to you months ago on this subject.

I realize of course that during the last few months all of us have been engrossed in the United Nations developments on Palestine to such an extent as to preclude any thoughts about a long-range Zionist program. However, that is over now, at least the first stage. Furthermore, in my judgment, the U.N. decision on a Jewish State in Palestine makes it even more important than ever to create in the United States a Middle East publication along the lines envisaged by me, which would offer a concentration point for all the progressive forces in the Middle East.

I would very much welcome an opportunity to discuss this project at greater length with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Eliahu Ben-Horin

EBH/lb

American Zionist Emergency Council

CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

Hadassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America
Mizrachi Organization of America
Poale Zion-Zeire Zion of America
Zionist Organization of America

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
M U r r a y H i l l 2 - 1 1 6 0

December 8, 1947

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York.

Dear Dr. Neumann:

James McDonald was kind enough to inform me about the talk which he had with you and Mr. Sugarman about the project of a Middle East publication. Thus far, I haven't met Mr. Sugarman, despite his promise, months ago, to look me up, when he is in town. I wrote to him today, as per enclosed copy.

I do think that a Middle East Weekly along the lines suggested by me is now an urgent necessity. With the revamping and reorientation of Zionist activities in the Diaspora and in the United States, our political efforts in this country will have to be directed towards the development of a bloc of Middle Eastern interests capable of counter-acting the Pan-Islamic Arab League. A weekly publication devoted to the Middle East, properly shaped and managed would be the natural center for such a bloc. I know how busy you are, but if you can find some time for thinking on the long-range program of Zionism in America, I feel sure that you will agree with me on the importance of such a publication.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Eliahu Ben-Horin

EBH/lb

Encl

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

To Abba Hillel Silver

Date December 8, 1947

From Eliahu Ben-Horin

I enclose for your information copies of my letters sent today to Mr. Mark Sugarman and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, which are self-explanatory.

Best regards.

EBH/lb

Encls