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Personal correspondence, 1921 September-October.

Post Card



ADDRESS



This is the
type of which
my friend Morris
A. Black disapproves
hoping the one that
is built will meet
the approval of all.
Remain your friend BSH.



Rabbi Silver
Cleveland
Ohio

[September 8, 1921]

לואירק א בלער 1921

אברהם הורצון הנכבד, יקר החן, רחם המזלות.

מהר"ר ז"ל מלא הלא סלח אצט"א נלא אבנן החסד והרחמים אימנא דוראלא.

אבנן ז"ל מאד נאכה!

מתכבד אהודיו לו לנסות את גבול הנכבד אהודיו ז"ל. ויש מלא קובל
ברלון ומועץ רב, התחנך על סדר הלכות ואלה חסד וזאת העצב, אברהם הורצון
על בית מדרשו, והבנא הוטב דאזא. תלמוד הוטב לראה דעלמא זאת המוסד דהוא
דוראלא וזאת את גורא המאמא, רחום אבנן אבנן הקדוש הזה, אברהם וזאת
מזאמ וזאת על גבול, ע"ה הורצון או גבול מזאמ הורצון וזאת 5 מאמאס וקדאא ב"ר
מזאמ או גבול הזה וזאת, הורצון, מאמא אבנן לראה טהורה וקדוש וזאת
דלזא הנכבד הזה, ע"ה נכבד מאד *es ist ein ausgezeichnetes*
junger Mann. ב"ר מאד נכבד! הורצון לסייד אברהם, וזאת את אמאא.
אברהם תלמודא על מוסד הזה, הקדוש לוואל נלא דאבא, אברהם וזאת הורצון אבן
המזאמ וזאת חסד הורצון, אברהם סה אבנן הורצון וזאת וקדאא זאבס הורצון,
סה, אברהם אבס חסד אברהם, אבן אברהם וזאת הורצון דאבס הורצון.
הארה זארה או אברהם הורצון אהודיו וזאת המזאמ, וזאת נחלה או אברהם.
זאת המזאמ אבס זאבס כעס וזאת סה זאבס אהודיו, דהוא רבב אבס אברהם.

בתקלה לתלמוד הורצון חורצ
ב"ר אבס חסד וזאת אבס
זארה וזאת חורצ

נ.ד. זאת הורצון קדוש וזאת.
אבן נכבד אברהם וזאת, וזאת חורצ.

2044 Bergen St Brooklyn N.Y.

11906 Durant Ave
September 13, 1921.

Dear Rabbi,

We wish to inquire how records
were made of the death of our only beloved
daughter Gertrude Ida, who passed
away Sunday July 24, age 7 years 5 months?

Gertrude Ida completed her
second year at The Temple Sunday School.

Very sincerely yours

Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Holliston

Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi - The Temple.

\$ 75.00

No.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept 16, 1921

On or before 6 months after date Sept 16 promise to pay to the order of THE CITIZENS FINANCE CO.,

Seventy-five Dollars, at 412 Park Building.

From any payment made, a monthly charge (including interest) of 3% per month, on the unpaid balance of the amount loaned, shall first be deducted, and the balance of any such payment shall be applied on the unpaid principal of this obligation until paid. Upon failure to pay any installment as they become due, the whole sum then unpaid on this note shall become due and payable, at the option of the legal holder hereof.

And we do hereby authorize ANY Attorney at Law, to appear for ME in any action on the above note, at any time after said note becomes due, in any Court of Record in or of the State of Ohio, to waive the issuing and service of process against ME and confess a judgment in favor of the legal holders of the above against ME for the amount that may be due thereon, with charges at the rate therein mentioned, and costs of suit, and to waive and release all errors in said proceedings, petitions in error and the right of appeal from the judgment rendered.

Along with the foregoing obligation, the undersigned have delivered

One diamond ring, W.G.L. about 3/4

AS COLLATERAL SECURITY for payment of this or any other liability of ours to said The Citizens Finance Company, due or to become due or that may be hereafter contracted, and we hereby authorize and empower said The Citizens Finance Company from time to time to demand such additional collateral security as said Company may deem sufficient, should the market value of any of the collateral security decline; and upon our failure to comply with any such demand, this obligation shall forthwith become due, with full power and authority in said Company or its assigns, in case of such default or the non-payment of this note or any installment thereof, or any of the liabilities above mentioned at maturity, to sell, assign and deliver the whole or part of any such securities, or any substitutes therefor, or additions thereto, at any broker's board or at public or private sale at any time or times thereafter, without advertisement or notice to us, and with the right on the part of said company to become purchasers thereof at such sale or sales free and clear of any equity of redemption. We further authorize said company in the event of any default hereinbefore mentioned, to possess itself of any of the property represented by any collateral deposited herewith as security for the purpose of such sale. After deducting all legal or other costs and expenses for collection, sale and delivery, to apply the residue of the proceeds of such sale or sales so made, to pay either or all of said liabilities as said Company shall deem proper, return the overplus to the undersigned, we to remain liable for any amount unpaid.



Philip Hop

On a \$100⁰⁰ Loan the Interest within 2 Years amounts to \$100⁰⁰

" 4 " " 200⁰⁰

" 6 " " 400⁰⁰

" 8 " " 800⁰⁰

" 10 " " 1600⁰⁰

" 12 " " 3200⁰⁰

" 14 " " 6400⁰⁰

" 16 " " 12800⁰⁰

" 18 " " 25600⁰⁰

" 20 " " 51200⁰⁰

" 22 " " 102400⁰⁰

" 24 " " 204800⁰⁰

WRHS



If you keep on that way
 You can fully appreciate the
 fact that a man's active
 production earnings - during
 his life time is giving up 90%
 to the money producers —

\$100⁰⁰ loan draws \$100⁰⁰ interest within 2 Years

"	"	"	200	"	"	4	"
"	"	"	400	"	"	6	"
"	"	"	800	"	"	8	"
"	"	"	1600	"	"	10	"
"	"	"	3200	"	"	12	"
"	"	"	6400	"	"	14	"
"	"	"	12800	"	"	16	"
"	"	"	25600	"	"	18	"
"	"	"	51200	"	"	20	"

If the Community Chest has an honest motive behind her operations - she would have never allowed to have the Lloyd act to ~~remain~~ because a law —

Loans

on 100 ⁰⁰ -	draws 100 ⁰⁰	Interest for 2 Years
" 200	" 4	4
" 400	" 6	6
" 800	" 8	8
" 1600	" 10	10
" 3200	" 12	12
" 6400	" 14	14
" 12800	" 16	16
" 25600	" 18	18
51200	20	20

When rates of Interest is a legal act under the Lloyd act. None of the members of the Community Chest Board have tried to have it appealed.

0% Loan	draws	\$100 ⁰⁰	Interest within	2 years
"	"	200 ⁰⁰	"	4 "
"	"	400 ⁰⁰	"	6 "
"	"	800 ⁰⁰	"	8 "
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Show this note your Congregation & ask them
whether Chirsh would preach in your
Temple - with Maloch as your supporter

Why do the members of the Community Chest Board
permit such parasites to bleed the poor - if they
are so benevolent? But they are the disciples of Maloch

In Community Chest notes made an attempt to obtain them.

\$1000⁰⁰ Loan to a poor wage earners takes from him \$1000⁰⁰ Interest within 2 years

\$ *75.00*

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Philip Lutz

50 000 families are today in the hands of the money shark

most of the Community Chest Fund goes to the money sharks.

2350 E. 59th St.
Cleveland, Ohio.
Sept. 20, 1921.

Rev. A. H. Silver.

Dear Sir:-

I am twenty years old and have, ever since I was a child had the desire to draw. At the age of fourteen I lost my father and was compelled to work evenings in order to go through high school.

During that time I took a special art course from Mr. A. D. Kennedy, Art Instructor at East Technical high school.

This course was entirely design and on completing high school, I found that it was necessary for me to enter an art school if I intended to amount to anything worth while.

I therefore obtained employment, and at the end of a year and a half I had tuition required for one year to the Cleveland school of Art. Hoping to get part time work to cover my board care etc., I was positive of entering this September, but circumstances required that I spend my savings elsewhere and now I am out of employment and almost out of hope.

The reason I am writing to you is that I have heard you might help me to attend school on condition I repay the money loaned.

If there is any way in which you can help me there will be no

words in which I can voice my appreciation.
Hoping to hear from you I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

Edith La Vinick.



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Raleigh NC Sept 24th 1921

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Sir

Replying to your letter
of Nov. 15th beg to say that at the present-
time we are unable to secure pamphlets
for distribution. We had hoped to do so but
find that we are unable to finance it at
this time.

We will be glad to correspond with you
at a later day.

Yours very truly

Mrs. M. Rosenthal
Corresp. Secy -

P. M. R.

CABLE ADDRESS: AMZIC
CODE: BENTLEY'S

TELEPHONE
STUYVESANT 8140

קהלית ציון

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September 30, 1921

To the Members of the

AMERICAN ZION COMMONWEALTH (Inc.)

Enclosed you will find financial statement of the American

Zion Commonwealth (Inc.) to date, as certified to by the Accountant
specially selected for that purpose by the Board of Directors.

YOURS, FOR THE REBUILDING OF ZION,

ISRAEL S. ADLERBLUM

Secretary

BALANCE SHEET

OF THE

American Zion Commonwealth (Inc.)

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1921

AMOUNT OF LAND CERTIFICATES SOLD SINCE ORGANIZATION UP TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1921..... \$2,884,750.00

ASSETS

CASH:	On Deposit with New York Banks.....	\$4,044.15	
	On Hand.....	377.00	
			\$4,421.15
INVESTMENTS: (Figured at Market Value as of September 30, 1921):			
	United Kingdom Bonds.....	\$24,920.00	
	U. S. Treasury Certificates.....	20,000.00	
	U. S. Treasury Notes.....	26,000.00	
	U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	93,573.94	
	U. S. War Savings Stamps.....	80.00	
		\$164,573.94	
	Other Investments (including N. Y. City Stock, and Shares in J. C. T. and Palestine Plantation Company).....	3,250.60	
		\$167,824.54	
	Palestine (including Cash in Palestine Banks, Buildings, Machinery and Supplies in the Colony of Balfouria).....	147,468.92	
			315,293.46
SUNDRIES:	Notes Receivable.....	\$2,279.29	
	Office Equipment.....	1,502.83	
			3,782.12
	Total Assets.....		\$323,496.73

LIABILITIES

Land Certificate Fund, Net Instalments (after Deducting Refunds on Certificates surrendered and Accounts in Default Written Off).....	\$347,717.06
Less Amount Reserved for Expenses Under Terms of Land Certificate Agreements, Series "F".....	\$24,000.00
Less Amount Appropriated for Expenses from Instalments on Land Certificates Preceding Series "F".....	17,345.33
	*41,345.33
	\$306,371.73
Capital Stock, After Deducting Refunds and Accounts Written Off.....	17,125.00
Total Liabilities.....	\$323,496.73

* Charged against Land Certificates sold, totalling \$2,884,750.00.

October 7, 1921.

After a close scrutiny of the documents and records of the American Zion Commonwealth (Inc.), I can certify unreservedly that every item of income and disbursements—for the entire period of its existence—has been most scrupulously accounted for.

Josephson

Chartered Accountant
132 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

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סעפטעמבער 30, 1921

צו די חברים פון דער ציון קאמאנוועלט.

חברים נכבדים:

מיר שיקען אייך היערמיט א פינאנציעלען סטייטמענט
פון דער אמעריקאנער ציון קאמאנוועלט, וועלכער איז בעשטעטיגט
געווארען פון איין אקאנטאנט, וועלכער איז ספעציעל אויסגעקליבען
געווארען פיר דיזען צוועק פון באַאָרד אוו דירעקטארס.

בתקוה לראות ציון על תלה בנויה

שלכם

י. ס. אדלערפלוס,

סעקרעטער

152 Nassau Street New York City, N.Y.

A MESSAGE

from

Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt



The American Zion Commonwealth (Inc.)

New York

September 30, 1921

It is just seven years and twenty days since the American Zion Commonwealth (Inc.) was organized as a corporation under the Laws of the State of New York, and you will find enclosed a financial statement which better than any words from me will give you a picture of its present status. I feel that the time has come for me to give an account of my stewardship as President of the American Zion Commonwealth (Inc.), since its organization, in view of the fact that the recent Zionist Congress, held at Carlsbad, selected me as a member of the World Zionist Executive, which may require my presence in Palestine for some time to come, and therefore, make it impossible for me to give the same close attention, in the future, to the American Zion Commonwealth in this country, as I have given in the past.

The real growth of the American Zion Commonwealth dates back to only about two and one-half years ago, for before that time, our attention was concentrated on the preliminary stages of developing our plans and purposes. In fact, until January, 1919, the total cash assets of the American Zion Commonwealth were less than \$27,000—today it is more than twelve times that amount, and with outstanding contracts amounting to over two and one-half million dollars. Such a progress, in a period of two and one-half years, can be accounted for only on the theory that we have offered something to the Jewish public, which was immediately recognized as a real contribution towards the upbuilding of Palestine. In August 1919, we organized Balfouria—the first American Jewish settlement in Palestine, and the first new colony since the beginning of the great war. We were the first to introduce in Palestine the best and most improved American agricultural machinery, and because of our plan of co-operation with the workmen in Balfouria, we were able to offer to Palestine something of value from the point of view both of business efficiency and a better standard of living for the individual worker. The reports of every returned visitor from Palestine give glowing accounts of our work at Balfouria, which has become a center in Northern Palestine for those who want to study modern agricultural methods.

With our success, we must also regard the difficulties which have beset us throughout, and the obstacles which we must still overcome. It is impossible for an American to grasp the situation in Palestine with regard to land purchase. Indeed, only eleven months ago, it was impossible to purchase any land in Palestine—and we were able to secure Balfouria only because of a contract which was made by the Palestine Land Development Company before the war. Therefore, in spite of the fact that our treasury was growing, and our cash reserve was more than ample, until a relatively short time ago, we were in the position of a rich man who has money to invest, but who cannot take possession of any land (besides Balfouria) because of legal difficulties that have arisen out of the war. But even during the last eleven months, those difficulties have not been entirely cleared. While the Government permits the purchase of land, under certain conditions, the economic situation in the Near East complicates matters to a very large degree. The Arab does not approach a land transaction in the same way as an American who deals in real estate, and who practically buys and sells land and buildings on the same basis as merchandise. On the contrary, the Arabs are willing to sell their land only at exorbitant prices. If our organization were a small Achooza, it might be advisable to purchase the land from Jewish colonists. But since we are a larger organization, representing over five thousand members, it is incumbent upon us to support a much

larger program. It would hardly be of advantage to Palestine if we were to purchase land from Jewish owners—since there is no particular advantage in changing the ownership from Jews who already hold possession to Jews who happen to reside now in America. Our Directors have therefore been steadfast in the purpose that we should “redeem the land”—buy it from non-Jewish hands. At this point we were met with the difficulty that the Arabs ask exorbitant prices for their lands. Again if we were a small Achooza, we might have been willing to pay these exorbitant prices, and notify our members that this is the best we could do—although even this is hardly possible since most of the land is held in large stretches, and requires large sums of money in order to secure any purchase. But we carry a responsibility far beyond the limits even of our membership of over five thousand. Our efforts and our plan of work have been endorsed time and again by the Zionists of America in Convention assembled. Practically every leader of note, both of the past administration of the Zionist Organization of America and of the present World Zionist Organization, have commended our activities. I do not believe it is putting it too strongly to say that if we were to purchase land at the high prices demanded by the Arab land owners, we would not be true to our duties as Directors of the American Zion Commonwealth and as officials of the Zionist Organization. For the effect of paying such high prices would go far beyond any individual purchase. It would immediately have the effect of raising land prices throughout Palestine, and every Jewish settler in Palestine—coming from the war-burdened and poverty-stricken districts of Eastern Europe,—would pay an extra tax to the Arab landlords in the shape of higher rents and higher prices for land because we, in America, were not farsighted.

During the last six months or more, the Directors have felt that it was their duty to hold out against high prices and we believe that that policy will justify itself in the immediate future. Our representative in Palestine at the present time, Mr. Emanuel N. Mohl, is using every effort to secure land at reasonable prices, and probably at the time this letter reaches you, he will have succeeded in securing, together with the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Land Development Company, a large tract of land in Emek Israel. (In this connection it might be interesting to point out that the Jewish National Fund was enabled to secure the land in Emek Israel largely because the Directors of the Jewish National Fund were wise enough to accumulate a large sum of money over a period of years, so that at the proper time they might be able to secure it on a just and fair basis. Had they wasted their money on small efforts in land purchase and colonization, they never would have had the money for a large land purchase.)

Our cash reserve in this country of nearly two hundred thousand dollars is the best guaranty that we shall secure land at the best of terms to our members and for the greatest benefit of the Jews of Palestine. It is also important to point out that under our contract with our members the earliest time at which we are to deliver land is on October 1, 1923—or two years from date; while most of the contracts as a matter of fact require that the land shall be handed over at a much later date. Therefore, as a legal matter, the members really ought to allow the Directors to exercise their discretion as to when to purchase land as long as every contract will be fulfilled to the letter on the due date. For example, it would be a mistake to overpay at the present time when we can secure the same land after a little delay—and particularly so when we will be in a position to deliver the land to our members at the time specified in our contracts.

This brings up a matter that I would like to put before all our members, since it is only an example of the difficulties which sometimes bring us undeserved criticism. Two members of the American Zion Commonwealth (Inc.) left for Palestine several months ago from Connecticut. Each one of them had paid in for one Land Certificate, or a total value for both of \$500.00. They came to Palestine, and demanded "land" from our representative, when if they had examined their own contracts, they would have seen that our obligation to deliver land has more than two years to run. They then made demands on our representative to give them "jobs" at Balfouria. If we were to undertake to give jobs to every one who gave us \$250.00, we might be able, in the present unemployment situation in the United States, to export a population equivalent to the whole State of Connecticut to Palestine. But the only result would be that we would lose the money which our members have entrusted to us, and then the same people would have to come back to America. We must achieve our results in Palestine on a business basis. Our first obligation is to our members, and we intend to perform that, no matter what criticism may be leveled against us by people who do not take the trouble to understand and study the situation.

The American Zion Commonwealth was not organized to give people jobs nor to buy land at speculative prices merely in order to satisfy the natural desire for land purchase in Palestine. We are virtually the Trustees of the money of our members and it is our business to safeguard their funds in the same way—although for a different purpose—as the funds of a life insurance company. Of one thing you may be sure. *We shall secure for every member at the maturity of his contract land in Palestine of far greater value than he could have secured unaided and by haphazard land purchases in Palestine.*

I have devoted a great deal of time during the last seven years to the American Zion Commonwealth. I have never directly or indirectly received one dollar of compensation. Besides the actual and necessary office expenses, the money as collected will go to Palestine for land purchase and development. Recently, the Board of Directors have decided to reduce the actual cost of development to a minimum, so that every member shall receive a larger share of the land. Under such a program, we shall be in the position to purchase much larger tracts of land and become what we have set out to be—one of the largest agencies for the redemption of the soil of Palestine.

In accordance with the advice that we have received from many of those who have returned from Palestine, and who see the necessity for a Land and Mortgage Bank, the Directors have recently resolved that the American Zion Commonwealth (Inc.) act as agency for the sale of stock of the First Palestine Mortgage Bank, soon to be organized in Palestine. (Further announcement in regard to this matter will be made in the public press.) Such a bank will be of tremendous value in the plans of the American Zion Commonwealth itself, and will enable us to do a work far greater than that which we have accomplished to date. I expect to go to Palestine in the near future, largely for the purpose of launching this Mortgage Bank. I feel certain that our participation in its upbuilding will be not only of indirect value for our work in Palestine, but will also have a direct bearing in our larger work after the Palestine Mortgage Bank is established.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

IN THE HOPE OF THE REBUILDING OF ZION,

BERNARD A. ROSENBLATT,
President.

October 21st, 1921.

Board of Elections,
404 City Hall,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

I encountered some difficulty last year in voting, due to the absence of the proper record in your office. Would you kindly see that it is straightened out before the next election.

Very sincerely yours,

AMERICAN ZION COMMONWEALTH, (INC.)
55 FIFTH AVENUE,
NEW YORK.

Date.....

I return herewith for cancellation Land Certificate Agreement No.....dated.....

and authorize you to mail me in exchange therefor new Land Certificate Agreement, Series "F" in

full satisfaction of any and all contracts heretofore existing between American Zion Commonwealth,

(Inc.) and myself, on all the terms and conditions of the Company's notice to me dated July 1, 1921.

Witness.....

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30TH, 1921.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS ACQUIRED DURING YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1921.....	2,246
AMOUNT OF LAND CERTIFICATES SOLD DURING YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1921.....	<u>\$1,098,000.00</u>

CASH RECEIPTS ON LAND CERTIFICATE INSTALMENTS.....	\$162,687.63
CASH RECEIPTS ON CAPITAL STOCK & INITIATION FEES.....	22,771.00
CASH RECEIPTS FROM INTEREST EARNINGS.....	<u>5,482.85</u>
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS FOR YEAR.....	<u>\$190,941.48</u>

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS JUNE 30, 1921.....	5,248
TOTAL LAND CERTIFICATES SOLD SINCE ORGANIZATION (1914) TO JUNE 1921.....	<u>\$2,875,750.00</u>

AMERICAN ZION COMMONWEALTH, (INC.)

per

I. S. Adlerblum

Secretary.



American Zion Commonwealth (Inc.)

Affiliated with the

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

55 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

Date

6-24-21

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Temple

Cleveland Ohio

Holder of four Land Certificates, Series

No.

1917

Agudah

IV

Please note that payment of the following items is due on

July 1, 1921

	CHARGES	CREDITS
1. One Share of Capital Stock and Initial Expenses	\$	\$
2. Instalments (Nos. <u>5-10</u>) a/c Land Certificate Agreement	240 ⁰⁰	
3. Interest Fees on Overdue Instalments (Nos. <u>5-9</u>)	54 ⁰⁰	
4. As per notice of January 1, 1921, interest fees on overdue instalments are charged in full in accordance with the terms and conditions of your contract.		
5.		
6. To secure cancellation of these charges sign attached slip and mail same together with your old land certificate agreement in enclosed self-addressed envelope (see enclosed notice to members).		
7.		
8. Discount allowance for advance payment of Instalments (Nos.)		
Statement No. <u>17803</u>	Sub Totals	
	Net Amount Due	\$ 294.00

Make checks payable to American Zion Commonwealth (Inc.)

Be SURE to return this statement with your remittance to insure prompt and proper credit. An official receipt will be sent you by return mail.

IMPORTANT. In accordance with the provisions of the Land Certificate Agreement, a collection fee is charged against accounts remaining unpaid for thirty days. Please remit on or before due date.

Please indicate your correct address:

נאולה תתנו לארץ

"Redemption give ye to the Land."

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AM - ZI - CO NEWS

Extract from "The NEW PALESTINE"

"At an exhibition and contest of tractors and tractor plows held in Balfouria, the American Zion Commonwealth colony, two of that colony's tractors and two of its plows got all the first and second prizes. The test was to plow a few acres of Balfouria's land.

"The Governor of Nazareth, the head of the Palestine Agricultural Department and other officers, many Arab Sheiks, and other local representatives were present at the contest."

WRHS



Excerpts from letter received by one of our members from his nephew who is a worker in Balfouria.

"Work on the farm (Balfouria) is going on as usual. We are now sowing our Summer seed. You should see the field, all green with wheat, barley, and all that we have sown. The weather is glorious. At present, we do not know what snow is in these parts, although we can see in the distance Har Hermon, snow-peaked and glistening in the sun".

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"Two days after Purim was the opening of the Girls' Palestine Conference held at Balfouria. There were at least one hundred delegates, besides the friends who came. Balfouria was packed with visitors causing some excitement. This conference lasted from Saturday evening until Tuesday morning at 4:30 A. M."

AMERICAN ZION COMMONWEALTH, (INC.)

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO
MEMBERS



NEW YORK

JULY 1, 1921.

AMERICAN ZION COMMONWEALTH, (INC.)

NEW YORK. July 1, 1921.

Dear Member:

Reference is herewith made to the agreement or agreements specified in attached statement between AMERICAN ZION COMMONWEALTH, Inc., (Zion Commonwealth, Inc.), a New York corporation, party of the first part, and yourself as member, party of the second part. Under the terms of the aforesaid contract, it is provided that if the member shall fail to perform any of the terms or conditions of the said contract, or the fines against his account shall be equal to (or be in excess of) the instalments actually paid in by him, the shares of the corporation held by the member and deposited with the corporation as collateral security, shall be declared forfeited to the Company, and the agreement shall become null and void.

You are hereby notified that as of July 1, 1921, the fines against your account for non-payment of the quarterly instalments due, are equal to the instalments actually paid by you, and your agreement with the Corporation is hereby declared null and void, and your shares in the Corporation are declared forfeited to the Corporation.

This action has been taken in justice to the shareholders and members of the Corporation who have scrupulously adhered to the terms of their contracts and who are entitled to the benefits thereunder without the burden of in any manner sharing such benefits with members and shareholders who have permitted their contracts to lapse and become null and void, and for the further reason that the Corporation cannot continue to properly function and protect the interests of its members and shareholders in good standing in the face of the failure by other members and shareholders to comply with the terms of their contracts.

The foregoing action has been taken by the Board of Directors of the Corporation with sincere regret and not without serious consideration as to what steps could possibly be taken to permit delinquent members and shareholders in some manner to reinstate themselves, and yet do justice to the members in good standing.

In order that the sums which you originally paid on your shares and instalments may not be entirely lost to you, the Corporation is prepared on the receipt from you of contract or contracts now in your possession which are now null and void and under which you have no further rights, to issue to you the contract currently issued, known as Series "F", in the principal amount as your old contract, on the payment by you of all quarterly instalments on which you are in arrears. In the event that you determine to avail yourself of this privilege, the fines against your account will be cancelled and written off with the exception of six per cent (6%) simple interest on the unpaid instalments from the respective due dates, plus a small sum to cover cost of reinstatement.

A statement of your account giving the amount payable by you to the Corporation prior to the issuance of the new contract is enclosed herewith. If you desire to avail yourself of the privilege of reinstatement hereby given, fill out the enclosed notice and mail same together with your Land Certificate Agreement to the Corporation, using self-addressed envelope enclosed.

THE FOREGOING PRIVILEGE MUST BE EXERCISED BY YOU WITHIN THIRTY DAYS by forwarding your old Contract to the Corporation within that period of time, together with the enclosed slip properly signed by you.

In the event of your failure to forward to the Corporation, within such period of time, the enclosed slip, together with your old contract, your name will be stricken from the books of the Corporation both as a shareholder and member, without further notice, and your contract declared null and void, and all rights thereunder will cease and determine.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

I. S. ADLERBLUM,

Secretary.

זיינען בעקאנט אלס סעריעס "F", פאר דער זעלבע סומע פון אייער אלטען
קאנטראקט, אויב איחר וועט בעצאחלען אלע פיערמעליעחריגע איינצאהלונגען
וואס איחר זייט הינטערשטעליג. אין פאל איחר ווילט זיך בענוצען מיט
דיעזע פריוויילעגע, וועט די שטראף געלד אויף אייער חשבון אויסגעשטריכען
און אויסגעמעקט ווערען מיט דער אויסנאמע פון דער זעקס פער סענט.
איינפאכע אינטערעס אויף די ניט-בעצאחלמע ראמעס פון די פרייגע
דאטומס מיט א צוגאב פון א קליינע סומע אויף צו דעקען די חוצאות פון
די צוריקקעהרונג פון אייערע רעכטע אלס מעמבער.

היערמיט שליסען מיר איין דעם חשבון פון דער סומע וואס איחר האט
איינגעצאחלט דער קארפאראיישאן, איידער עס זיינען ארויסגעגעבען געווארען
די נייע קאנטראקטען. אויב איחר האט בדעה זיך צו בענוצען דער
פריוויילעגע פון צוריקקריגען אייערע רעכטע, זייט אזוי גוט און פילט
אויס דעם היערמיט איינגעשלאסענעם גאמיץ און שיקט עס אפ צוזאמען מיט
אייער לאנד סערטיפיקייט אגרימענט צו דער קארפאראיישאן. פליז בענוצט
זיך פאר דעם צוועק, מיט דעם אדרעסירטען קאנווערט.

איחר קענט זיך בענוצען מיט דער אויבענדערמאנטען פריוויילעגע אין
פערלויף פון דרייסיג טעג, אין פערלויף פון וועלכע איחר זאלט צושטעלען
דער קארפאראיישאן אייער אלטען קאנטראקט, צוזאמען מיט דער איינגעשלאסענעם
גאמיץ.

אין פאל איחר וועט אין פערלויף פון דער צייט ניט צושטעלען דער
קארפאראיישאן דעם איינגעשלאסענעם גאמיץ, צוזאמען מיט אייער אלטען
קאנטראקט, וועט אייער גאמען אויסגעשטריכען ווערען פון די
קארפאראיישאן'ס ביכער, אי אלס שעהרהאולדער און אי אלס מעמבער, אהן
קיין שום ווייטער גאמיץ, און אייער קאנטראקט וועט ערקלעחרט ווערען אלס
בטל ומבוטל, און אלע רעכטע אייערע אויף איהם וועט זיך ענדיגען און
אויפחערען.

אויף דעם בעפעהל פון דעם באָרד און דירעקטארען

י. ס. אדלערבלום

סעקרעטער

דזשוליי 1, 1921

ווערטהער חבר:

מיר מאכען אייך אויפמערקזאם אויף דעם אנרימענט אדער אנרימענטען וואס ווערען בעצייכענט אין דעם היערמיט איינגעשלאסענעם סטיימענט צווישען די אמעריקאנער ציון קאמאנוועלט, אינק. א. ניו יארקער קארפאריישאן וואס איז דער צד פון ערשטען טייל, און אייך אלס חבר, וואס איז דער צד פון צווייטען טייל. אונטער די בעדינגונגען פון דעם אויבענדערמאנטען קאנטראקט, איז פעסטגעשטעלט דאס אויב א מעמבער וועט נישט דורכפיהרען וועלכעס עס איז בעדינגונגען אדער קאנדיציאנען פון דיעזען פעשטימטען קאנטראקט, אדער, אין זאל אז די געלד שטראף אויף זיין חשבון וועט דערגרייכען (אדער איבערשטיינען) די איינצאהלונגען וואס ער האט שוין איינגעצאהלט, זאל דאן די שעהרס פון דער קארפאריישאן וואס דער מעמבער האט, און איז דעפאזיטעד ביי דער קארפאריישאן אלס קאלאטעראל סעקורטיטי, זאל ער דאן פערליערען זיינע רעכטע אויף זיי, און זיי זאלען איבערגעבן צו דער קאמפאני, און דער אנרימענט זאל ווערען פטל ומבוטל.

היערמיט לאזען מיר אייך צו הייסען דאס אזוי ווי פון ערשטען דזשוליי 1921 וועט די געלד שטראף אויף אייער חשבון פאר נישט באצאהלען די פיערטהאנדליכע איינצאהלונגען זיך אויסגלייכען מיט די איינצאהלונגען וואס איינער האט שוין היירקליך געמאכט, וועט אייער אנרימענט מיט דער קארפאריישאן ערקלעהרען ווערען אלס פטל ומבוטל, און אייערע שעהרס אין קארפאריישאן וועלען אריבערגעבן צו דער קארפאריישאן.

דיעזע שריט איז געמאכט געווארען צו מהלן גערעכטיגקייט צו די שעהרהאלדערס און מעמבערס פון דער קארפאריישאן, וועלכע האבען פינקטליך און דייטליך דורכגעפיהרט די בעדינגונגען פון זייערע קאנטראקטען און וואס זיינען דעראיבער גערעכטיגט צו די בענעפיטען וואס ווערען אונטערגעצייכענט, אום זיי זאלען נישט דארפען טראגען אויף זיך בשום אופן די לאסט פון יעניגע מעמבערס און שעהרהאלדערס וואס האבען זיך ערלויבט צו ברעכען זייערע קאנטראקטען און זיי לאזען ווערען פטל ומבוטל, און אויך פאר דער אורזאכע וואס דער קארפאריישאן קען נישט פארטועצען די ריכטיגע ארבייט און באשיצען די אינטערעסען פון איינער מעמבערס און שעהרהאלדערס וואס זיינען גוטשטענדיג, ווייל אנדערע מעמבערס און שעהרהאלדערס האבען נישט געפונען פאר נויטיג נאכצוקומען די בעדינגונגען פון זייערע קאנטראקטען.

דער אויבענדערמאנטער שריט איז גענומען געווארען ביי די דירעקטארען פון דער קארפאריישאן מיט אויפריכטיגער בערויערען, וועלכע האבען אויך גענומען אין אכט וועגען די מעגליכע שריטע וואס זאלען גענומען ווערען פונגע צו די הינטערשטעליגע מעמבערס און שעהרהאלדערס זיי צו ערלויבען, אויף האסער סייד אופן, צוריקקריגען זייער מעמבערשיפ רעכטע, און צו דער זעלבע צייט, נישט בעגעבן קיין עולה געגען די גוטשטענדיגע מעמבערס.

אום אז די געלד וואס איינער האט שוין איינגעצאהלט אויף אייערע שעהרס און אלע אנדערע איינצאהלונגען אייערע, זאלען נישט געבן לאפוד, איז אונזער קארפאריישאן גרייט, ווען זי וועט ערהאלטען פון אייך דעם קאנטראקט אדער קאנטראקטען וואס איינער באזיצט איצט, און וואס זיינען פטל ומבוטל, און אויף וועלכע איינער האט קיין שום הייטערע רעכטע נישט, ארויסצוגעבען אייך דעם קאנטראקט, וואס איז נור וואס ארויסגעגעבען געווארען און וואס

Barton

Hebrew Sheltering &
Immigrant Aid Soc

1891 1898 records October 6th, 1921.

To Whom it may concern,

This will introduce to you Mr. Barnett Barton, a credited representative of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America. This organization, as you well know, has rendered highly important service to thousands of incoming immigrants and their families.

Mr. Barton is at present engaged in a special task to which I particularly want to call your attention. Any courtesy which you may show him, will be greatly appreciated by me.

Sincerely,

Oct. 25 - 1921

My Dear Mr. Silver:

I had given up all hopes and thought by you were sick of me, but you always told me that you were different than the rest. And so will not say so. I started to write



Dr. A. H. Silver,
Cleveland
Ohio.

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the book because you
sent it. When I get it
read will tell you how
I enjoyed it. This is on
my noon hour so will
close the same.

Yours,
Linnell.

many times, but thought
it not wise if my letters
were not wanted. Howd
but different?

I have another job in
Woolworths. I have the
candy counter. It is
not so hard and I have
no car far so makes it
better for Mam And L.
I know I will like