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Hanukkah greetings, 1938.

Dear Friends:

I greet you ^{all} on the occasion of the Fourth annual Chanukah Banquet of the Cleveland Zionist Society. It is gratifying to reflect what steady progress our Society has made ever since its inception and what a place of honor and influence it has come to hold in the life of our community.

We are looking forward to even greater activities and usefulness in the future. The need for organization, education and sacrifice for Palestine is even greater today than at any time in our past. Our people finds itself in the midst of unprecedented persecution and tragedy in many parts of the world. Hundreds of thousands of them must find new homes. The Jewish homeland in Palestine is prepared to receive most of them. The fifty years of pioneering and building by Jews in Palestine have made this possible. But due to political conditions, the doors of Palestine are only partly opened. It is therefore of utmost importance that Jews everywhere should unite for effective advocacy of the cause of the Jewish homeland and for rallying public opinion to the justice of its cause. A strong Zionist organization is a reservoir of enthusiasm, inspiration and education in behalf of Eretz Yisroel.

I send you all my warmest greetings on this eve of Chanukah. Though lights are going out in many parts of the world, we shall continue to kindle lights in the future as we have in the past - the lights of the spirit, of truth, of justice, of brotherhood.

And our lights will ultimately banish the darkness of the world.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER