



## Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

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

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Zionist address, 1939.



Geek -

// Round-Table - Wanted it for many years - Interfered - Preferred to rule - "divisa et impera" - Intermediary - Improvising from time to time as pressure was applied by one group or the other.

① Early determined not to carry out Mandate - Rosini - same in 1920 as in 1939. = Imperial interests.

She did not wish to antagonize Arab world.

She issued B. Dec. - under stress of War needs - Lloyd George - good will of Jews - large sections pro-German bec. of Russia -

After War - excuse for claiming mandate over Pal.

Since then f. good will + cooperation are not as import as Arab.

Espee. since new Med Imperialism of Italy - Muss. - <sup>status in Lybia</sup> survival of Islam - "Mare nostrum".

G. B. must woo favor of Arab world to offset M's overtures.

It is to interest of Berlin-Rome Axis - to cause trouble both in Br. and French possession in Med.

Tunisia - Coriza - Italian demands - Embases them.

<sup>Troops in Lybia</sup> Arab terrorists in Pal. + Syria - armed, financed and incited by Rome & Berlin.

It has been the policy for years to reward Arab terror.

Since Munich - "Appeasement" policy - dogma -

Esp. if it can be achieved thru sacrifice of others.

Br. Govt. would like to ease up pressure on her imperial lines by sacrificing the Jew homeland



to Arabs - as Sudanland to Germany.  
Sign date the whole problem by scrapping Mandate and  
refunding Pal. fee.

2/ But this is not quite as easy as it seems.

There are close to 500,000 Jews in Pal. who can in the  
long wrong veto any scheme not acceptable to them.  
They are alert - determined - capable of self-defence -  
They have a just cause! They took Eng. at her word.  
The J. Homeland was approved at San Remo by 52  
nations. They came to Pal. on the assurance of  
G.B. + Mandate. Invested lives and fortunes.  
Built up a waste land. Gave to Pal. every-  
thing that it has to-day. Paid for every  
foot of land they purchased - <sup>unbought</sup> - Hunt no one.  
Dispossessed no one -

They are not likely to submit to betrayal. To  
become a tolerated minority group in an  
Arab State - as is now practically proposed.

Pressure from Diaspora

They will fight - and G.B. does not relish the idea  
of shooting down Jews in Pal. who came there  
at her own invitation and on the basis of her  
own promises and pledged word.



There there is still a world public opinion -  
esp. in U.S. - which has to be reckoned with.  
Nazi Gov. can flaunt it. Fascist Italy too. England,  
counting the good-will, trust and cooperation of U.S.  
can hardly do it.

Also in England - strong public opinion -  
opposed to it.

3/ Hence the Round Table - as a way out.

G.B. would appear again in the role of Peace-maker - and  
<sup>to world</sup> promote her laudable impartiality. Following break-down  
which every one expected - she would announce her own  
solution - which was well-known right along - an Arab  
State with of minority rights - and try to see it thru.

It was no Round Table - Hardly ever met together -

Colonial Ministers met now with side - now with another

Occasionally Halifax - Chamberlain.

It was clear from very beg. that Jews had nothing to  
expect - but a call for sacrifice. - Arabs everything  
to expect except sacrifices.

The real motive to serve Br. Empire & to convert Jews  
into submissions was evidenced by the unwarranted  
invitation extended by G.B. to neighboring Arab  
Countries to send delegates to conference.



They had nothing to do with Pol - the Jews & Pol. as if  
they would not curbed to sit in on conferences  
bet. Eng. and Iraq, or Eng and Saudi Arabia, a Eng.  
and Egypt.

But as a way of consolidating Arab nations  
under G. B's aegis - and as a pressure group  
upon Jews - it was a skillful diplom. move.

4/ You would think that at this time - Jew. Refugees -  
700,000 - 5 million more - G. B. would summon

Conf. to facilitate - as much - as only  
15,000 - and no room in the far-flung empire!

But no! Conf. was convened to restrict J. entry.  
even in Pol - promised - room for 100,000  
a year! - without displacing any one.

Such is the way of politics in the year 1939.

5/ What next? G. B. will announce - policy - Indefinite  
Jews ready to accept - ① National Home ② University  
I. Heart of Zion. Movement - 2000 - Status -

II. Curse of our position in diaspora.

② Do not wish to dominate Arabs - Federation - Centralized

6/ If not - will not cooperate - Will wait! Waited so long  
will not be built in one generation.



7/ Arab land. - 70 -

Jews always in P. - Never a time -

(Mosaic & Syn  
Schools -

In 70 - Jerusalem - Jamnia - 135 - <sup>200,000</sup> Galilee

Sanhedrin - Nasi 5C.

Mishna 200 - Jews. Talmud. 5C.

Center of Diaspora - Authority - Calender - 70/110

Sim to have Pal. - To 7C

7<sup>th</sup> C - Persia - Byzantium - Legions

636 Arab conquest - part of Arab Empire - as it had been  
part of Babyl - Egypt - Persian - Greek - Roman

No Arab nations <sup>in Pal</sup> to this day - Pal. had not history <sup>to</sup> <sup>full</sup> 1917

of a vast empire - capital - Damascus - Bagdad -

Cairo - Constantinople - from 1516 -

There were Arabs there - + Jews - + Christians + many  
other races - <sup>Syrians, Turks - Egypt</sup>

Since 7C. Pal. conquered at one time or another  
by <sup>var. Arab. rulers - Seljuk + Mamelukes</sup> ~~by~~ Crusaders - <sup>Franks and</sup> <sup>900,000</sup>

English  
No <sup>Pal</sup> Arab. history - no art - no liter. - no

8/ Jews always there.

6-7 C = Philon - Philo - Gammarians

8-11 C = Geonim - academies

9 C = Karaites - important center - literature

Crusades - 1100 1200 etc



12c - Benjamin Toder - comments - hundreds of Jews  
13c - 300 Rabbinical scholars from Fr. + England  
Marysham invasion - Run - 1 1/2 hrs -

After 1492 - large numbers - (Poets)

16c - Safed - Don Joseph y Naxos - Tchenas

1610 - " 18 Academies - 21 Synagogues

17c - 123 122 -

1701 - 3 100 23/1 } 1500 souls

7/11 11 11 11

18c =

13 100

19c =

13 100

Zimmerman



columns -

At time of World War - 100,000 - To-day - 500,000

Unbroken - and those (in diaspora) kept

alive - 7 1/2 hrs -  
Sent funds - To die -

9/ The immemorial mess. hope -

10/ Remembrance