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Twentieth anniversary of Keren Hayesod, 1940.



**KEREN**

**HAYESOD**

**TWENTIETH**

**ANNIVERSARY**

**CELEBRATION**

*Dr. Abba Hillel*

An outstanding member of the American Rabbinate, Dr. Silver has been in the forefront of American Jewish leadership for two decades . . . As National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, he has led American Jewish effort for the rebuilding of Palestine . . . An eloquent and forceful orator, Dr. Silver will deliver a message of vital significance to every Jew in this hour of crisis.

**You and Your Friends are  
Cordially Invited to Hear  
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver**

# SILVER

will be the  
Guest of Honor and Principal Speaker  
at the  
**Annual Meeting  
and 20th Anniversary Celebration**

of the  
**KEREN HAYESOD**  
(Palestine Foundation Fund)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th**  
at 8:30 P. M.

**ROOSEVELT HOTEL**  
(Grand Ball Room)  
45th St. and Madison Ave., New York



# KEREN HAYESOD MARKS ITS *Twentieth Anniversary* IN 1940

WHEREVER JEWS are free, they are now celebrating the completion of twenty years since the founding of the Keren Hayesod, which the English-speaking world knows as the Palestine Foundation Fund, fiscal instrument of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. In the United States, the Keren Hayesod is a partner, with the Keren Kayemeth, in the United Palestine Appeal.

Treasury of the Jewish people for the reestablishment of the Jewish National Home, the Keren Hayesod, since its inauguration in September, 1920, has made its influence felt in every sphere of Palestine's development. It has been the pioneering instrument which did most for the growth of Palestine's Jewish population from 65,000 to over 500,000. In colonization and culture, in education and economics, in security and health, in immigration and agriculture, in every development tending to increase the absorptive capacity of Palestine for Jewish immigration, the Keren Hayesod has played a paramount role.

The year 1908 marked the beginning of practical activities by the Zionist Organization in agricultural settlement in Palestine, although in 1870 the Jewish Agricultural School was founded at Mikveh Israel, and in 1882 the first Jewish agricultural settlements were begun. In 1908 there were 30 Jewish villages in Palestine, with 7,000 inhabitants. Jewish land possessions totaled 320,000 dunams.

In 1940, as the Jewish world pauses to pay its respects to the vision, industry and statesmanship of the Keren Hayesod, there are 272 Jewish villages and towns in Palestine. The Jewish National Fund alone owns over 516,000 dunams of land, and there are 137,000 Jews directly dependent on farming. The Vaad Leumi school system, launched by the Keren Hayesod, provides for more than 56,000 children.

A WAR whose flames edge closer to Palestine finds the Keren Hayesod facing far greater and graver responsibilities as it begins the third decade of its existence. As the treasury for the Jewish Agency, it must

enable that representative of the Jewish people to cope not only with problems of immigration and colonization, but also of relief and public works. Today the Jewish Agency program extends to the stimulation of aviation development, the promotion of marine industry, the discovery of agricultural by-products, the recruitment of volunteers to aid the British Empire in its titanic struggle to liberate the world from the gruesome shadow of Hitlerism.

EXPENDITURES of the Keren Hayesod have taken a sharp upward rise, as the Yishuv has found outside assistance essential to ameliorate the conditions brought on by war. With some 100,000 people in need of relief assistance, with the citrus industry suffering sharply from transportation and market difficulties, with emergency requirements for refugees, transportation, and war preparations demanding far larger financial resources, the Keren Hayesod has turned to the Jewish community of America to assume also that share of the responsibility which had previously been borne by great Jewish communities in Europe.

Charles Bess, Chairman of K. H. Board of Directors in U. S.:



"The Keren Hayesod, in marking the close of twenty years of heroic achievement in Palestine, serves to remind world Jewry of opportunities neglected as well as miracles wrought. In 1920, a group of visionary but practical Zionist leaders held forth to post-war Jewry the promise of a rebuilding program that would swiftly make room for the masses of Jews whom the war and its aftermath had ruined. The firmness, the extent and the awe-inspiring quality of its achievement on these resources should serve to galvanize American Jewry to its opportunities and responsibilities today."

## KEREN HAYESOD EXPENDITURES. 1920-1940

Colonization .....	£2,924,000*
Education—culture.....	1,699,000
Immigration .....	1,099,000
Public works .....	1,025,000
National organiza- tion and security.....	859,000
Urban settlement .....	736,000
Health .....	375,000
Administration, Jew- ish Agency .....	360,000
	£9,077,000

\* The pound is used instead of the equivalent in dollars because of rate fluctuations. During most of these twenty years the English pound approximated \$5.

Louis Lipsky, National Chairman of Keren Hayesod in U. S.:

"Today the continuance of the entire program of the Keren Hayesod depends as never before upon the United States. As fiscal instrument of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Keren Hayesod has served throughout twenty years as the public treasury, meeting the budget of the Yishuv, drawing its support from many lands, and expending its funds for the development of the Jewish National Home. In the light of the alarming turn in world events, the responsibility facing American Jewry has become greatly magnified."





# PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND

(Keren Hayesod—קרן היתוד)

41 East 42nd Street

New York City

## *Notice of Annual Meeting*

November 1, 1940

The annual meeting of the members of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc., will be held on Wednesday evening, November 13, 1940, at 8:30 P. M., at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York City.

The agenda of the meeting includes the following items:

1. Financial report.
2. Report on plans for the 1941 campaign.
3. Election of the Board of Directors.
4. Address by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

CHARLES RESS

Chairman

ROBERT SILVERMAN

Secretary

(No Solicitation of Funds)



Singled out - Why?

Magic - Moses

6/. Our Civilization - per lot - על כל הדבר  
לכל דבר - לכל דבר  
לכל דבר -

7/. It is an our Civilization - Bible - Christianity  
England - America -

8/. Do with utmost (1) Care for our casualties  
(2) Join forces (3) Fight!





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150 " 14-17 ) 2032

150 girls up to 22

60 young men up to 28

50 student p. 117

75 - Jewish Student

100 - Rabbs - Yuth

100 - Procr. Zervant - writer -  
+ several others

80 - old people - relatives

150 - others



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