



## 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 V: Writings, 1909-1963, undated.

---

Reel  
182

Box  
67

Folder  
724

City Club, 1947.



1) Problem P- occupying the attention of the world bec. of <sup>unrest</sup> disturbances in the Holy Land - is a great human problem, and a major internat. problem which contains grave explosive ~~to~~ dangers for the peace of the world.

(a) The turmoil and disorders <sup>they</sup> which are <sup>clearly</sup> ~~not~~ the work of "terrorists" but of patriots fighting for their national rights and freedom, and which, as you know, are directed not against the Arabs but against the British mandatory regime, which has been faithless to its obligations and ~~which has violated its trust~~ - simply point up the fact that the just solutions to the P. has not yet been applied.

(b) Pal. to-day is virtually a police state. An iron military dictatorship has been clamped down upon that country. Martial law is a ~~not~~ <sup>def</sup> prospect. The country is over-run with troops, tanks and armored cars, and more troops are arriving constantly drawn from neighboring Arab countries where J. H. must evacuate. There is bombing and shooting and mass searches and arrests, and arrests curfews and deportations. There are threats and refusals and tragedy and death.

(c) And why? What has converted a peaceful folk of pioneers and builders who came to P- with a dream and a hope to rebuild waste places and ~~unhappy~~ <sup>unhappy</sup> lives - and to make the desert bloom as the rose



with the - what has welded them into a better and determined 12  
army of resistance. What has made them fighting mad?

(d) Why that which makes any decent folk fighting mad!  
Broken promises. Ruthless tyranny. Brutal acts of injustice.

(e) They came to P. to build the J. Nat. Home. They were  
inspired by that hope and that challenge.

- G. B. had announced way back in ~~1917~~ 1917. - "His Majesty's  
Government views with favor the establishment in P. of a  
national home for the J. people and will use their best  
endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object."

- This declaration had received the sanction, the Allied  
Powers and, the United States before it was issued.

- 3 yrs. later, in 1920, at San <sup>Conference</sup> Remo, the principal Allied  
Powers, agreed that P. be set up as a mandated  
territory, and that the Mandatory would "be responsible  
for putting into effect a Declaration orig. made  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nov. 1917 by the Br. Govt. and adopted  
by other Allied Powers."

- And 2 yrs. later, in 1922, the Council, the League of  
Nations approved the Mandate for P. which was  
entrusted to G. B. (Judea)

- This mandate received the approval of the 52 nations  
comprising the League of Nations, and later on, in 1924,  
the U.S. - through the Amer. British Prot. Mandate  
Convention.



2/ Then after nearly 2000 yrs. of nat. homelessness and the depuration  
of national status and ~~recognition~~ in the world - the J.  
people's right to reconstitute its nat. life in its ancient  
historic ~~land~~ home was recognized and affirmed by the  
nations, the world - and the way was clear for their nat.  
restoration.

The J. world was thrilled at this historic opportunity.  
And from all parts of the diaspora - esp. from lands  
of persecution - they began the people's return! At  
first slowly, and then with increasing momentum.

In the early '30s before restoration measures were imposed  
they were coming at the average rate of 50,000 a yr.

There was no doubt in their mind, and in the mind of the  
world, (the attempts were made here & again to confuse  
and confound what was clear & patently clear) that  
was meant by the "estate", the J. Nat. Home in P."  
was the right of the J. people to achieve a majority  
in P - and the eventual establishment of the J. State.  
This is the conclusion, the Parl. Royal Com. of  
1936. Lloyd George - who was Br. Prime Minister

(Inst 2)

3/ Inspired by the <sup>mag. & challenging</sup> prospect of rebuilding the Land of Israel, and  
of normalizing at long last the position of the J. people in  
the world, by giving it a territorial base and a nat.  
status, the generations of Jews but 2 held their



poured themselves, substance and strength into the land. (4)  
 How they builded - in the face of wheat <sup>fields</sup> - & seemingly insur-  
 mountable difficulties - a barren land, a barren land, a barren soil, few  
 natural resources, material resources, - poverty and  
 desire - how they builded - with their sweat and blood  
 - with what love & devotion - with what courage & hard  
 villain, is an epic of one of the noblest colossal  
 human epics of modern times. Even the enemies  
 of Jewish history paid tribute to this ~~great~~ <sup>extraordinary</sup> human  
 achievement. When there was nothing but waste &  
 desert - dunes - columns sprang up colleges / towns  
 & cities. The land was drained, irrigated, irrigated  
 and was abundantly productive. The most advanced  
 methods of re. farming were introduced. Universities sprang  
 up. Schools, high schools & colleges. Hospitals, churches  
 synagogues. A net-work of mail lines, and  
 a proportionate labor movement, a model in many  
 ways, was established. Many cultural institutions were  
 established - The Hebrew Language was revived. An  
 amazing outpouring of creative energy & ideals /

(a) To the land / men. / had a single Arab was  
 expatriated. The Arab population / P. now doubled.  
 Standard of living highest in entire Arab land /  
 4. And if left alone to build, if immigration had not  
 been officially curbed, freedom, colonization, then



would be a J. majority and a J. State in P. to-day - (5)  
mistake of facts, both and a running sore!

(a) Acts to restrict - curb - whistle dogs began  
early. In 1922 - Transjordan <sup>2/3</sup> an integral part  
of P. - was set up as an indep. area under the P. mandate,  
and Emir Abdullah was recog. as native sovereign -  
and J. settlements in Tr. were prohibited by British  
Since. Thus 5 Arab states carved out - Turkish  
Empire - 1,200,000 sq. miles - But the promise to J.  
people - 10,000 sq. miles - not yet fulfilled - in gratitude it.

(b) All sorts of excuses - to justify the unbreaching  
- It no longer served the <sup>imperial</sup> interests of P. B.

- Her Empire Statesmen had concluded that they must  
- cater to the Arab <sup>aspirations + react only against Hitler</sup> and yield to Arab pressure,  
however unjust and unreasonable.

Emir Faisal  
The Arabs acted accordingly. Every Jewish rights,  
internat. guaranteed, were steadily resented and  
atrophyed - to appease the Arabs + to protect  
so they imagined, Br. imperial interests in  
the Middle East.

(c) "So they imagined" - For when the test came - <sup>2nd</sup> 40,000 volunteers  
would be - Arabs, ~~not~~ unlike the J. Poles did  
not fight on the side of J. B. As the  
caravan - Arab countries center of Iraq



and Forest cuttings. a Nazi-inspired rebellion had to  
be put down by force, and in Iraq - 1st & 2nd  
Arab State declared war on the Axis - until the war was  
over. The Mofte

① Aggression <sup>more</sup> was as bankrupt in the Middle East  
as it was in Morocco.

(d) The climax of undermining of Nat. Home  
came in 1939 on Dec 1, 2nd world war. Father, Parkins

Arab. Jew. Conf - White Paper - Death - blow  
War - Even their friends advised  
g. Could do very little! War - Even their friends advised

(a) Came at worst possible time. Hitler proclaimed  
his war of extermination - for churches - Refuge

6 M. - 10 times the total military ravages committed

(b) Indignation, Resentment, Fear of Arabs began to mount  
among Jews, Pol. - 'foes of the state' - 'Schuma' 'Patria'

→ (c) End of War - Hope - new labor front

(d) But it soon became clear -

(e) Treuman - Aug. 21 - 1945 - 100,000 -

→ Anglo-Amer. Com. of Inquiry - 12 - 500,000 emigrants -

Apr. 1946 - Article rejected

→ Nothing done for months - Tech. experts -

- Cabinet Comm. - defunct - Grady - Morrison - new plan

provincial autonomy in P. - 1400 sq. mi. - 100,000 Jews - G. B. Seligman  
1940-1941 - 100,000 Jews - 100,000 Jews



- Another London Conf

6/ Do you wonder that the Jews of P. are better & richer -  
Tear. gas - Fire bombs - ~~Parad Br. Army~~ Army  
It is a pity that the friendly & sympath. people of S. B. -  
involved by their blindening Govt. in such practices.

7/ Undoubtedly fear of Russia - Oil -  
But the Esfenders, feudal lords, fear Russian men & G.B.  
No danger of driving them into laps of Russia.  
And shall oil be permitted to rob an ancient  
and honorable people of its right to live.

8/ Brandeis -





RABBI A.H.SILVER,  
THE TEMPLE,  
E.105TH & ANSEL RD.,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO 6

47-1

# THE CITY

Volume XXXII

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1947

Number 20

**HEAR YE!**

**HEAR YE!**

## **Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver**

**President of Zionist Organization of America**

who has

Just Returned From Zionist Conference in Switzerland

**City Club Dining Room      Saturday Noon      January 18**

**LUNCH RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY**

**We can serve only those who reserve.**

## **Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver To Bring Latest Reports From Europe's "Hot Spot"**

Back from the World Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, is Cleveland's Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, who will be the speaker on the Forum Saturday.

By his vigorous stand on the Palestinian embroilment, Rabbi Silver drew world wide attention at the Congress and evolved one of the top men in the world-wide Zionist movement.

Only in mid-December did he blast President Truman for "failure of American foreign policy in Palestine."

It is to be expected his talk at Saturday's forum will be focussed on Palestine where world politics is being played by the big powers.

Many may remember the recent appearance of British Laborite Rhys J. Davies who told the forum that the back drop of the Palestine muddle "was oil".

Threats and counter threats of bitter revolution in Palestine acted as catalytic agents in the Zionist elections during the congress. Rabbi Silver can be expected to delineate the fine threads of world politics, and interpret them in terms of the peace the world is seeking.

This will be his first appearance before the forum since 1940. As always, his talk will reflect his zeal—"to fight for everything that will enhance the dignity of the individual."

So, as the world seeks to define the terms of peace, Rabbi Silver will offer us a chance to learn some of the latest facts and reports from one of the international "hot spots."

Come prepared to find out for yourself by being armed with some pointed questions.