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(HEBREW NATIONALITY)

Cameo Corner,

1. New Oxford Street,

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W.C.1.

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1926

Rev. Silver

Dear Sir

I am the treasurer of  
the "Mc / 2" (A Jewish National  
Art Society) & am instructed  
by my committee to  
ask you if you would  
be kind enough to lecture  
for our Society any time  
~~or day~~ & subject you  
would like to choose  
yourself we would take  
a nice Hall & make it.

in a proper scale  
our object - is 1) to have  
more of you 2) to raise  
some money for the  
society which has bought  
lately some valuable  
pictures & has not paid  
up yet.

There would be no  
collection only admission  
by tickets.

Awaiting your kind

reply I am Yours truly  
Edward Good

(Clayshuh Oyvat)  
Out of the enclosed book "Out of  
Chaos" which I left you to read  
& keep it as a remembrance &c.

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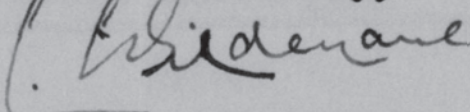
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Park Lane Hotel,  
W.1.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you on behalf of my Executive an invitation to address the Members of the Club on any subject you might choose and whenever convenient to yourself. The Members of the Club would like to have an opportunity of welcoming you and would esteem it a privilege if you would kindly agree to address them.

Looking forward to your kind reply.

Yours sincerely,



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=19810 SHAKER BOULEVARD CLEVE:

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= SIR SIMON MARKS AND ALL MY COLLEAGUES EXTEND CORDIAL  
INVITATION TO YOU TO BE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER OUR NATIONAL  
JPA BANQUET LONDON FEBRUARY TWENTIETH TO INITIATE OUR  
ISRAEL APPEAL 1954 ALSO STAY IN ADDITION ABOUT TWO WEEKS  
TO ADDRESS SIMILAR INITIATING BANQUETS FIVE LEADING CITIES  
STOP YOUR EARLY ACCEPTANCE WOULD ENABLE US MAKE  
COMPREHENSIVE PREPARATIONS BRINGING RESULTS TO JUSTIFY YOUR  
EXPENDITURE OF TIME AND ENERGY STOP KINDEST REGARDS=  
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Edward Sieff, Chairman  
82 Baker Street  
London, England

GREATLY HONORED AT YOUR INVITATION BUT REGRET DEEPLY INABILITY TO  
ACCEPT IT BECAUSE OF PRESSURE OF OTHER WORK. WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS.

Abba Hillel Silver



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THROUGH YOUR INSPIRING MESSAGE STOP SHALL AWAIT YOUR REPLY  
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AS PRESIDENT JOINT PALESTINE APPEAL EXTEND TO YOU OUR  
CORDIAL INVITATION TO OPEN OUR CAMPAIGN 1955 AT NATIONAL  
BANQUET GROSVENOR HOUSE LONDON ON SATURDAY NIGHT FEBRUARY  
19TH AND WOULD ALSO GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR REMAINING THIS  
COUNTRY SUBSEQUENT TEN TO FOURTEEN DAYS AS PRINCIPAL GUEST  
AT SIMILAR BANQUETS IN OUR LEADING CITIES STOP AFTER MANY  
YEARS OF HARD ENDEAVOUR ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL AND OUR COMMUNITY  
REQUIRES THE STIMULATING LEADERSHIP WHICH YOU CAN BESTOW

CABLE

OCTOBER 29, 1954

SIMON MARKS, PRESIDENT  
JOINT PALESTINE APPEAL  
LONDON, ENGLAND

DEEPLY APPRECIATE GRACIOUS INVITATION. UNFORTUNATELY, COMMITTED  
TO NUMEROUS ENGAGEMENTS AND CANNOT LEAVE THE COUNTRY. WISH YOU  
EVERY SUCCESS AND SEND YOU WARMEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILIEL SILVER



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3rd May, 1955

LH/ENP

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
19810 Shaker Boulevard,  
Shaker Heights,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

You will probably be surprised to hear from me after a silence of nearly four years since we last met in Africa.

Since that time I have finished my assignment in Johannesburg and returned to Jerusalem. Eighteen months ago I was invited to come to England to assume the post of Director of the Jewish National Fund for Great Britain and Ireland. My duties here will terminate at the end of the year, and I shall then return to Israel for good.

In these years that have passed, Aviva and I have thought often of you and Mrs. Silver and on many occasions have sat alone and played over to ourselves the records that were made of your speeches when you were with us in Africa during what was for us, and I hope for you too, a very delightful period.

We have always cherished the hope that we might meet again, and I know that from time to time there have been invitations extended to you to come here to England, which you have not felt yourself able to accept. We on our part would long ago have visited Cleveland, had the opportunity presented itself, but family responsibilities and other causes have prevented us from coming to the States. I trust, however, that as a result of this letter which I am writing at the request of Mr. Sigmund Gestetner, our President, we shall yet have an opportunity of meeting in the not too distant future.

Unlike the position in certain other countries, the J.N.F. in Great Britain is probably the largest organisation in this country. It has a strong Executive headed by Mr. Gestetner and a very powerful following in London and the Provinces. We hold annually at the Savoy Hotel in London a Conference which is usually attended by some 7-800 delegates. The Conference is not a fund-raising occasion.

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It is a great national occasion and one of the two principal occasions of its kind in the communal calendar, (the other principal event in the "Zionist" year here is the opening Banquet of the Israel Appeal - the J.P.A. - whose guest of honour this February was Trygve Lie)

By tradition, the Conference opens on a Saturday night in the Autumn with a review of the past year in Israel and an address by a key note speaker. The J.N.F.'s guests of honour during the last three years have been Professor Lowdermilk, Mr. Goitin the former Minister to Washington and Pretoria, and General Yigal Yadin.

Zionist policy and fund raising are put aside for the evening and a vast opportunity remains for inspiring the entire community towards dedicating itself to Israel and to Jewish life in general.

Communal strife is comparatively unknown in this country, and to this opening session come the leaders of the entire community, the Ambassador, the Chief Rabbi, and the Sieffs and Marks have already accepted in their usual custom.

I mentioned earlier in my letter that there are two principal Zionist occasions in the calendar here - the J.N.F. Annual Conference and the J.P.A. Annual Banquet. These two evenings are largely complementary to each other.

Following upon the visit of Trygve Lie who dwelt in his address on events of the United Nations in those critical years when you, on behalf of Israel, were playing the principal part on the political scene there, it is the considered opinion of the leadership in this country, that a visit from you to Great Britain would be both logical and highly appropriate.

The opening date of our Conference is Saturday night, the 29th October, and it has been suggested that if the possibility really does exist of your coming across to England, I should come

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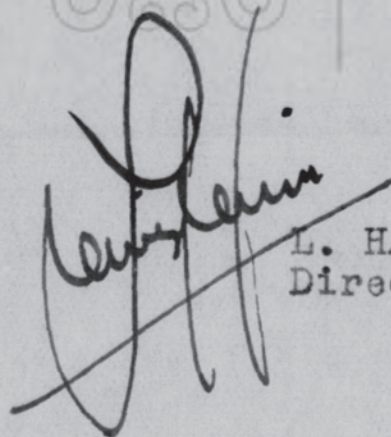
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over to the States first to discuss the matter.

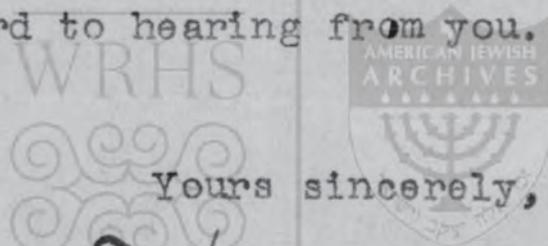
I cannot tell you how much your visit would be appreciated nor how warm a welcome you would find awaiting you here in London. I do hope with all the sincerity at my command, that you will find it possible, together with Mrs. Silver, to accept our invitation.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



L. HARRIS  
Director.



May 20, 1955

Mr. Lewis Harris, Director  
Jewish National Fund  
65 Southampton Row  
London, W.C.1, England

My dear Lewis:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of May 3rd. Some years have passed since Mrs. Silver and I enjoyed your companionship and that of your dear wife in South Africa.

I am happy to learn that you have assumed the direction of the Jewish National Fund for Great Britain and Ireland and that at the close of the year you will return to Israel.

I wish I could come to England for the Jewish National Fund under your auspices sometime next fall. Unfortunately, I am in no position at the moment to indicate whether I would be able to leave the country at that time. As you know, our major congregational activities begin in the fall after the summer vacation, and there are many duties which necessitate my presence in Cleveland. I am sure that you want to make your arrangements early, and I must therefore decline the gracious invitation that you have extended. I trust that I may have the pleasure of seeing you and Aviva in Israel before long.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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December 22, 1961

My dear Rabbi Friedman:

I discussed the matter of a possible visit to London, in connection with the United Jewish Appeal, with Mrs. Silver. I find that it would be possible for us to come to London on February 17th. Upon hearing directly from the committee in London as to the character of the meeting on the 17th, I shall send them a definite reply.

With all good wishes, I remain



Very cordially yours,

APPA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi Herbert Friedman  
United Jewish Appeal  
Rabbinical Advisory Council  
165 West 46th Street  
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KINDEST REGARDS=

EDWARD SIEFF MICHAEL HOUSE BAKER STREET LONDON==

I have had to change my plans. I  
regret deeply unable to be with you  
Feb 17<sup>th</sup> - Wish you every success

Jan 2 - 1962

MRS. ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
19810 SHAKER BOULEVARD  
SHAKER HEIGHTS 22, OHIO

WRHS



From the Minister,  
The Rev. Dr. Harold Reinhart

Telephone:  
KNightsbridge 3953

WESTMINSTER SYNAGOGUE

KENT HOUSE KNIGHTSBRIDGE

RUTLAND GARDENS, LONDON, S.W.7

11 II 1963

Dear Aba,

It is announced that you will be in London next month. I write to invite you to worship with us and preach at morning service on a Sabbath when you are here. We are a very small congregation — a chevrah, you would probably call us — quite different from your great Temple; but I think you would feel at home. I'd like very much to have you as my guest — after all these decades.

With best wishes, sincerely,  
Harold Reinhart

The Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

JSW

February 18, 1963

My dear Harold:

Thank you so much for your letter and for your gracious invitation to preach at a Sabbath morning service in your Synagogue during my visit to London. I should very much like to do so but I am limiting myself to only three addresses in England -- In London, Manchester and Leeds. For reasons of health I must fore-go accepting additional speaking engagements. Some requests have already come to me. I will be in England for about a week and then I go to Israel where I will have other speaking responsibilities.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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The Reverend Dr. Harold Reinhart  
Westminster Synagogue  
Kent House Knightsbridge  
Rutland Gardens, London, S. W. 7  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Since writing my last letter to you, I received the very happy news, in the form of a cable from Mr. Edward Sieff that you had accepted their invitation. I am, of course, delighted to hear this.

There is apparently a problem in scheduling which he has brought to my attention, and, I am sure, to yours. I received the following message from him today:

"HILLEL SILVER PROMISED ADDRESS OUR GROSVENOR HOUSE BANQUET TWELFTH TWO PRINCIPAL TOWNS SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS STOP AS MANCHESTER CANNOT POSSIBLY SECURE SATISFACTORY VENUE OTHER THAN ON SUNDAY TENTH MARCH AND AS BOAC FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK AVAILABLE FOR SATURDAY NIGHT EIGHT THIRTY YOUR TIME ARRIVING MANCHESTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON ONE TEN OUR TIME COULD YOU KINDLY PERSUADE SILVER CHANGE HIS VISIT TO COMMENCE WITH TENTH MARCH MANCHESTER MONDAY LEEDS AND TUESDAY MARCH TWELFTH CLIMAX GROSVENOR HOUSE DINNER KINDLY WIRE ME YOUR EARLIEST"

What this means, apparently, is that they are asking you to take the direct flight from New York to Manchester and begin there on Sunday, March 10, then at Leeds on Monday the 11th, and conclude with the principal dinner in London at the Grosvenor House on Tuesday, March 12th.

I do not know what your schedule is, or whether you can comply with this request. I am leaving tomorrow for Miami to work on our Inaugural meeting. May I suggest therefore that you cable your reply directly. The proper address would be: Edward Sieff, Joint Palestine Appeal, 77 Great Russell Street, London, W. C. 1, England.

With many thanks, and again with the deepest gratitude from them, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert A. Friedman*

Herbert A. Friedman  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HAF:gb

# General Zionist Organisation of Great Britain

(Affiliated to the World Confederation of General Zionists)

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*Please reply to me  
at 73 Staverton Rd  
N.W.2*

11th February, 1963.

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland,  
Ohio, U.S.A.

My dear Rabbi Silver,

My friends and I were most agreeably surprised to hear of the official invitation from the British Zionist leaders to you to head this year's J.P.A. campaign in this country. Our great pleasure at this news needs no explanation.

We true General Zionists of Great Britain have never ceased to regard you as the true leader of our people in the Diaspora. We have never doubted that yours was the only sound policy and that but for your powerful intervention there would have been no State of Israel today. The destructive policy of Chaim Weizmann to which he continued obdurately to adhere in total disregard of all the bitter lessons of reality (for reasons of which the less said the better for his memory) would have undoubtedly have led to total failure to achieve our national objective. Israel today would 'chalila' have been an Arab State and the Yishuv would have suffered the fate of ~~German~~ *Algerian* Jewry.

For years we have urged the local Zionist leaders to invite you to address an Annual Conference. Our demands were refused with monotonous regularity because you were officially considered taboo for British Zionists. Even to mention your name in official Zionist publications was strictly prohibited. Nothing was allowed to appear about your many activities or your publications. It would not be an exaggeration to say that in official Zionist circles in this country you were regarded as "enemy No. 1".

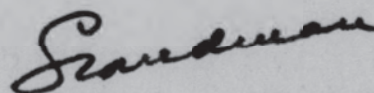
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As you may know, we true General Zionists urgently requested the General Zionist party in Israel some years ago (long before the Liberal fusion) to arrange for you to address an inaugural meeting of true General Zionists in this country under our auspices, the date of such meeting to coincide with the annual conference of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain. We are convinced that your appearance would have heralded a revolution in British Zionism and resulted in the complete defeat of the Weizmannites.

We now desire to utilise the opportunity of your stay in London during March to address a public meeting organised by us, as well as to give us privately the benefit of your knowledge and experience.

Mr. Sharett who is now here for the J.P.A. has not hesitated to address Poale Zion meetings. In fact I believe his first public appearance in this country was at a Poale Zion Rally. Mizrachi and Mapam leaders who are invited to Britain to help the J.P.A. act similarly. Why should our leaders not do likewise? As we need sufficient time for proper organisation I would be most grateful for your speedy and favourable consent to our request.

Yours very sincerely,



Samuel Landman,  
Chairman.

P.S. I enclose cutting from the Jewish Observer of 8th instant, the official organ of the Zionist Federation.

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February 18, 1963

My dear Mr. Landman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 11th which I read with a great deal of interest. I should very much like to comply with your request to address a public meeting under the auspices of the General Zionist Organization. I shall, however, limit my speaking engagements while in England to three -- London, Manchester and Leeds -- in connection with the Joint Palestine Appeal. I do so for reasons of health. I shall be in England a little over a week and from there I go on to Israel where I have other lecture commitments. I do not wish to tax myself too much. I trust that you will understand.

I shall look forward to seeing you in London. With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Samuel Landman, Chairman  
General Zionist Organization of  
Great Britain  
43 Russell Gardens  
London, N. W. 11  
England

~~England~~

April 17, 1963

My dear Rabbi Friedman:

I have just returned from my visit to Israel and prior to that my visit to England. I suppose that by now you have received reports of the Campaign in Great Britain. I enjoyed my experiences there very much indeed.

I do not recall that I have been reimbursed for the airplane trip to England. They covered all my expenses in England but, to my best knowledge, not my fare from Cleveland to London and back again. Would you please look into this matter?

With warmest regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

AEBA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman  
Executive Vice-Chairman  
United Jewish Appeal  
165 West 46th Street  
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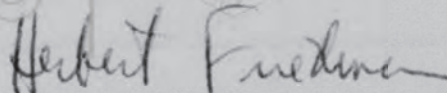
My dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of 17 April regarding the expenses for your trip to England, and have sent forward an inquiry to the proper authorities in London.

I am sure you will hear, either directly from them, or from me just as soon as I have a reply.

With warmest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



Herbert A. Friedman

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