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Vision and Victory, collection of Zionist Organization of America
addresses, 1948-1962.

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41 EAST 57TH STREET
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June 20, 1949

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Governor Lehman has not returned from Europe and therefore I am taking the liberty of thanking you on his behalf for your thoughtfulness in sending him a copy of "Vision and Victory". I am sure that upon his return he will be much interested in reading this.

Thanking you again on behalf of Governor Lehman, I am

Sincerely yours,

Carolyn A. Flexner

Carolyn A. Flexner
Assistant

ROBERT A. TAFT
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 20, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your book entitled "Vision and Victory" which I shall read with much interest at my first opportunity.

Please be assured that I appreciate your courtesy in sending this book to me.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Taft

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

June 20, 1949

My dear Abba:-

My heartiest thanks
for the copy of your "Vision and
Victory", and the beautiful inscription.
As I read your addresses, most of
which I had heard you deliver on
the public platform, more and
more I began to realize that
here was a prophet in ^{our} own
days. And the prophets of old -
they too were hated by the
Phygemies who were about them.

And now to a personal
matter. You will recall that at the
J. O. A. convention I spoke to you
about a visit to Israel. I could
not speak freely then because
of Raphael's presence.

My only dream to-day is to
see the Jewish State with my
own eyes. This was the dream of
all of us since our childhood
days. Whether I shall live to see
it, I do not know. Financially
I cannot even dream of it.

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
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unless I go on a N.Y.C. by some organization such as, let us say, the Israel Corporation of America. As an accountant I can be of service. Emanuel Neumann, I am sure, would help, and if you would make the suggestion the decision is a foregone conclusion.

Then, too, you might think of some other N.Y.C. I would of course like to go as a delegate to the Congress in 1950, and if given an assignment as Secretary or Associate Secretary, or in any other official capacity to the F.O.A. Delegation the matter of expense would be taken care of.

We cannot tell yet what will happen in 1950, but as in 1946 you will have to be surrounded with men of implicit faith and unflinching devotion to you.

To-day I am nearing the age of 57. I am getting older, and I only hope and pray that before I die I will see my life's dream realized. I know you will do all you can to help in my dream's realization.

Kindest regards to Virginia and the boys my which Anne joins me.
As ever yours, Sol.

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

June 21, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The following is a statement on account of "Vision
and Victory:"

Total number of copies sent	350		
Author's copies complimentary	50		
	300		
Additional Author's copies	50		
	250 copies @2.50	-	\$625.00
	less 40%	- -	<u>250.00</u>
			\$375.00
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	paid on account -		<u>200.00</u>
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Very sincerely yours,

Henry S. Stern
Henry S. Stern
Comptroller

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THE NATIONAL JEWISH DAILY

183 EAST BROADWAY, NEW YORK 2
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June 21, 1949.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to thank you most cordially for the copy of Vision and Victory, which you were good enough to send me as well as for the inscription, which you were kind enough to put on the flyleaf of the book.

I shall of course write about the book. I find Emanuel's foreword a classic piece of writing, the type of high performance we have almost come to expect from him. I think too that Manson's notes have added appreciably to the value of the book, bringing out, as they do, the full significance of the speeches in their historical setting.

As to the speeches themselves, they will undoubtedly stand as a monument to an era as well as to a man. I believe Neumann characterized them properly when he spoke of them as inaugurating the Great Zionist Revolution. And so they will be known throughout the ages-as the Guide of the Perplexed in what was, perhaps, the most confusing as well as the most crucial period in all of Jewish history.

That I was present at the gatherings at which most of these speeches were delivered, I shall cherish as the greatest zchiysh of my life; I can say I have witnessed Jewish history in the making and watched you making it. It is my prayer that I may be privileged to see you proceed to an ever-widening sphere of influence in the life of the Jewish people.

Cordially yours,

S. Margoshes.

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Enclosure

David W. Weinhouse
United States Court House
New York City
4708 Lummis Ave. N.W.,
Washington 8, D.C.

June 21

My dear Dr. Silas:

It is good of you to send me "Usin' and Winin'" which came to-day. I shall read it with pleasure and with the thought that our hearts these past six years and the years to come have and will beat a similar tempo - the tempo to a common cause with a fervent devotion.

Perhaps when you are in these parts in the near future, you will let me know.

Cordially,
David W. Weinhouse



Mr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

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DIRECTOR



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June 21, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver: (אברהם הילל סילבר)

Our good friend Carl Alpert was kind enough to send me a review copy of your recent collection of addresses, "Vision And Victory".

In the forthcoming issue of our Book Bulletin (Sept.), I shall of course give your book the deserved write-up and listing. Needless to say every effort on our part will be exerted to promote the sale of the book.

The Z.O.A. is to be heartily congratulated for publishing this most valuable collection of historic-prophetic utterances, most of which my wife and I had the thrill and נאסח to hear on many occasions.

These brilliant and thought-provoking addresses not only constitute a valuable contribution towards Zionist and Israeli literature but also reflect your gallant fight in behalf of our people and for the independence of Medinat Yisrael.

In conclusion, may I indulge in a sentimental request. I would consider it a great honor and joy, if you would kindly autograph a few lines on a slip of paper, so that I may insert it in my copy. I will cherish a few lines from you in this book of a *חבר ילדות* whom I admire and love since my boyhood days (remember



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Albert Hall, London 1921?) and in particular as a
Mizrachi Chaver.

With fondest regards and warmest wishes to you and
your dear ones,

Cordially yours,

BLOCH PUBLISHING COMPANY

Solomon Kerstein

Vice-Pres.

SK:fg

June 22, 1949

Mr. Solomon Kerstein
Bloch Publishing Co.
31 West 31st Street
New York 1, New York

My dear Mr. Kerstein:

I am enclosing herewith an autograph for inclusion in the book of my addresses. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me and the sentiments contained in your letter.

I hope that on my next visit to New York I shall be able to drop in to see you. There are also a few books I should like to be able to pick up.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.

DR. MAXWELL SILVER

227 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

June 22, 1949.

Dr. Abba Hellel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Abba:

Jane and I received with great delight last week your autographed copy of Vision and Victory. I expect to take it along with me on my fast-approaching vacation, for part -no doubt, the most enjoyable part- of my vacation reading fare. Some of the titles of the addresses seem familiar, but they will all then get a thorough reading or re-reading.

Your new volume appears as a well-gotten-up book, and well edited by Manson. The "Blurb" is excellent, and Neumann's Introduction, though not too eloquent, is good. The Appendix, "Within the American Community," was indeed a very happy thought, and for the significant reason stressed by the Editor. And the Title leaves nothing to be desired. This volume of re-capitulation, I am sure, will contribute its good share -to the thoughtful and to the unprejudiced- to that "immortality" spoken of in the Introduction. Congratulations are thus in order, old man, and many thanks for sending that volume on to us.

In the early publication of your new volume, you surprisingly beat me to the gun. I'm still -it is now two months- waiting for a definite word from the J.P.S. In view of my approaching vacation, I wrote the other day a very friendly and brief word of inquiry to Dr. Solomon Grayzel (who appears to be quite a strait-laced and quite uncommunicative gent), asking him if he is in a position at this point to kindly favor me, in view of my imminent leaving of New York for my summer vacation, with some idea as to when I may hear of his Committee's decision. His quite laconic reply was as follows: "You will hear from me about your manuscript within a week or so. I, too, am leaving at the end of this month, and will have to dispose of it one way or another before then."

With the apparent fifty-fifty chance here, I am planning (if the final word here is No) to return to the very early offer of the Philosophical Library, and attempt to work out there the least expensive terms possible. Unless you may have, in the meantime, another helpful suggestion.

All of us here send our fond regards to yourself, Virginia and the boys.

As ever

Max.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

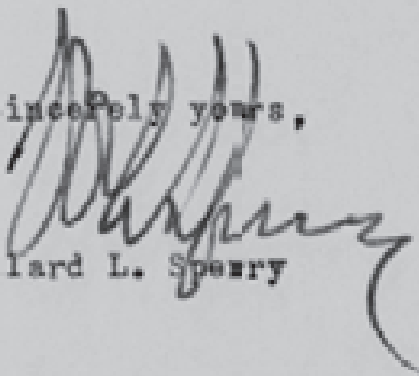
It is very gracious and thoughtful of you to send me the published volume of your addresses.

These will have a personal interest for all your friends and what is more they will have a permanent historic interest. You are to be congratulated on their publication.

It is not given to many men to have as great a part as you have had in the actual making of history.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,


Willard L. Sperry

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June 22, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As I continue to read your book, VISION AND VICTORY, and enjoy it, it comes to my mind that you may have forgotten to send copies of the book to some people who, I believe, deserve this attention from you, or to whom it would be politic to send a book autographed by you. I shall therefore list here those I have in mind and I hope you will not object to my coming forward with suggestions in regard to a book which is strictly your own:

- Father Joseph Awad -- 3 Appleton St., Waterville, Maine
(Father Awad, when he was in our office last, saw your book, and I feel sure that he would greatly appreciate receiving a copy from you)
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I am sure that you have already sent your book to many of those listed above. However, there are some names which you may have forgotten; and I think it is rather important that they get this sign of attention from you.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

E. Ben-Horin

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Cleveland News

Paul Bollary
Cleveland Plain Dealer

25 Tudor City Place
New York, New York
June 23, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was a great pleasure to receive and to read the editorial on "Vision and Victory" which appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. You will be happy to know that this is typical of the comment on the book which has come to my attention thus far.

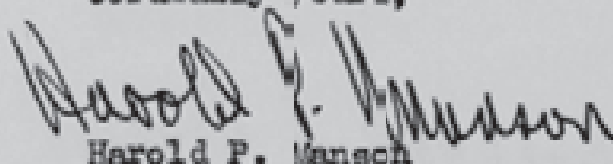
If you have not already done so, may I suggest that you send a copy of the editorial to Carl Alpert, together with the suggestion that it be employed in the promotion of the book. Frankly, I do not have the impression that the ZOA is pushing the volume with the enthusiasm which is called for. I have seen neither advertisements nor reviews despite the fact that I have strongly urged the ZOA office to move energetically, and notwithstanding Carl Alpert's assurances that this is being done.

Marvin Lowenthal tells me that he hopes to have definite word about a review for the N. Y. Herald-Tribune book section within the next few days. I do not know what the ZOA has done with regard to the N. Y. Times and the other important newspapers and publications. You may wish to make inquiries about this before your departure for Europe.

Josie and I hope to have the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Silver and yourself before you leave.

With warmest regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,


Harold P. Mansch

HPM:SR

P.S. I had a long talk with Emanuel Neumann yesterday. Both of us thought it would be a good idea if Dan Frisch were asked to meet with you in Europe so that he might have the benefit of your thinking on ZOA matters before he digs in here.

June 24, 1949

Mr. Carl Alpert
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Alpert:

I thought that you would be interested in the enclosed editorial which appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. I am wondering whether the ZOA plans to put in any advertisements in the New York Times and Tribune. I think that it would result in considerable sale.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILIEL SILVER

AHS:er
Enc.



THE LOS ANGELES
AMBASSADOR
CALIFORNIA

June 24, 1949
Dear Rabbi Silver,

Since Dr. Lyman
and I have moved to Los Angeles
and are making it our home
we do not know how and where
to get a copy of your latest book.
We are eager to get an autographed copy.
I would appreciate it very much
if you would have your secretary
send me a copy autographed to
Harry Zeigler, my brother-in-law,
who is a devoted supporter of



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With every best wish to you and
Mrs. Silver and kindest regards

Sincerely

Mrs. J. Lyman.

P.S.

Please send book C.O.D
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June 24, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On behalf of the Board of Directors
I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of
your gift noted below, a welcome addi-
tion to the collections of the Seminary
Library.

Faithfully yours,

Alexander Mark
Librarian

Copy of your book:

Vision and Victory, New York,
1949.

do

Julius
Haskell H. Schweid, M.D.
7016 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

June 27. 1949

Dear Dr Folkman:

Sorry I will not be able to attend the Autograph
party which will take place at the Higbee Co.

Friday July 1st

If it is not too much trouble I would
kindly ask you to see that I get a book
Autographed by Dr Silver, for which I
am inclosing a check for \$2.50.

The book should be of great interest not only
to every Zionist but to every Jew.

Wishing Rabbi Silver great success in all
of his ~~under~~ efforts.

With Zion greetings I am sincerely yours

Julius Schweid
2873 Lullow Rd Cleveland 20

June 27, 1949

Judge Meier Steinbrink
Supreme Court of the State of New York
Brooklyn, New York

My dear Judge Steinbrink:

Thank you so much for your gracious note inviting Mrs. Silver and me to visit you at your country place this summer. We are planning to leave for Europe in July, and will probably be gone through August, but I hope that you will give us a rain check for some other summer.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Steinbrink, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:cr

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42nd STREET
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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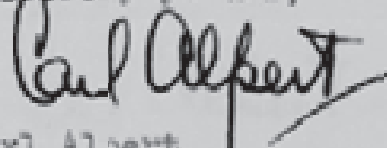
Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for the clipping from the Cleveland Plain Dealer. I hope we may soon be able to add many more fine reviews to our collection.

Though the summer months are not conducive to intensive book promotion, we are pushing ahead on "Vision & Victory". Enclosed are copies of a circular which is being mailed out to many of our special lists, and which I hope will have good results.

I hope your autograph party at Higbee's will be a success.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Alpert
Director Education Dept.

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Mr. Harry Levy

Dear Harry

Thanks for sending me one of
Rabbi Silver's new books that I
talked to you about.

Thanks.

With my kindest regards
as ever

Jim

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June 29, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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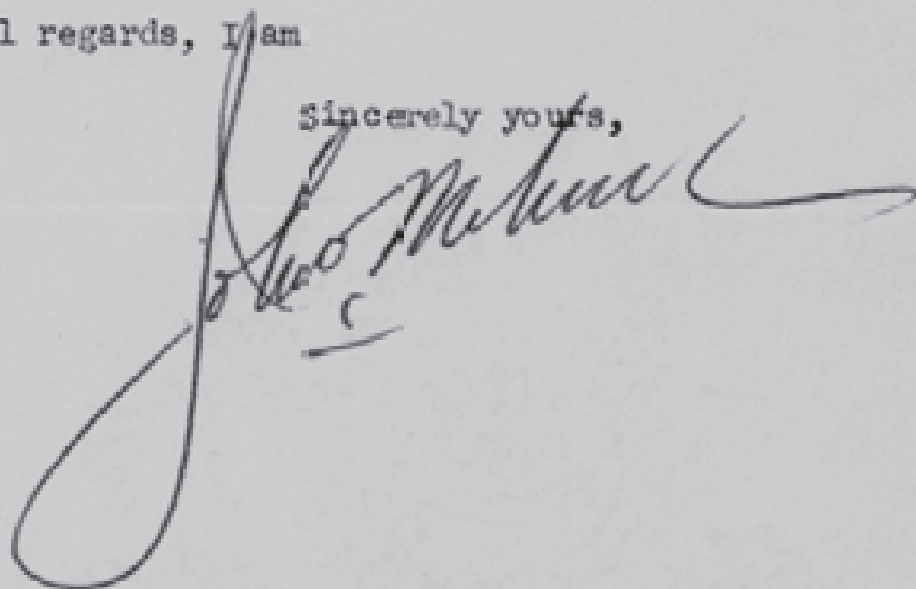
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me
your book which I appreciate very much. You may be sure
I look forward to reading it with great interest.

I hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you
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With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to John W. McCormack, is written over the typed name "John W. McCormack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the bottom left.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Record of a Champion

Dr. Silver's Victorious Role

VISION AND VICTORY (A Collection of Addresses), by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. The Zionist Organization of America, New York. 232 pp. \$2.50.

Reviewed by L. F. LEVENBERG

THE dramatic story of modern Zionism, culminating in the establishment of the state of Israel, is one of the epics of our time. Linked with it as its eloquent spokesman and dynamic leader is the name of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Dr. Silver has been so much a part of Cleveland that he has become an intellectual institution of the community. We have come to take him as a matter of course, without realizing probably what an influence he has had on current history and world affairs. We know him as a scholar, a powerful pulpit orator and an ardent advocate of all that is just and good.

His influence, however, has gone beyond Cleveland. As the spokesman for Jewish Nationalism his words have been heard and heeded in the councils of nations. The illuminating record of the successful fight for the establishment of the Jewish state is contained in the series of addresses Dr. Silver made from 1942 to 1948 and collected in this volume, titled "Vision and Victory."

THIS SIX-YEAR period was the most fateful in the history of Zionism. It was Zionism's fortune that Dr. Silver was the directing head of the movement in America during those years. "Vision and Victory" not only presents the Jewish cause eloquently and scholarly, but logically and philosophically.

As was to be expected, there were controversies within the Zionist organization. Thoroughly informed, strong-willed and determined to carry out without compromise the original Herzl concept of Zionism, Dr. Silver met opposition and he met it courageously. Whether he was right, history will determine, but the fact remains that it was during his service as the chosen leader of American Zionism that the Zionist objective was reached and the Jewish Commonwealth was set up after a 2,000-year struggle.

THE HIGHPOINT of Dr. Silver's service to his people was reached when he appeared before the United Nations Assembly on May 8, 1947, as the Jewish spokesman. The eloquence of his plea was in its simplicity, its logic and beauty of words:

"The Jewish people places great hope upon the outcome of the deliberations of this great body. It has faith in its collective sense of

justice and fairness, and in the high ideals which inspire it. We are an ancient people and though we have often, on the long, hard road which we have traveled, been disillusioned, we have never been disheartened. We have never lost faith in the sovereignty and the ultimate triumph of great moral principles.

"In these last tragic years when the whole household of Israel became one great hostility of pain, we could not have builded what we did build had we not preserved our unshakable trust in the victory of truth.

"The Jewish people were your Allies in the war and joined their sacrifices to yours to achieve a

Story of Fight to Restore The Jewish Homeland

THE RISE OF ISRAEL, by Jeremiah Ben-Jacob. Grosby House \$3.

THIS is primarily a history of the struggle for the restoration of the Jewish homeland in Palestine. More of value than the text itself is the material contained in the addenda. This consists of texts of three declarations of independence, addresses by President Chaim Weizmann and Prime Minister Ben Gurion and the proposed constitution. These deserve reading and re-reading as gems of literature and contributions to political thought.

common victory . . . We hope that the people, now again rebuilding its national life in its ancient homeland, will be welcomed before long by this noble fellowship of the United Nations."

These are historical words uttered by a historical figure in a historical cause.

AS A COMPANION PIECE to Dr. Silver's monumental work, The Zionist Organization of America and the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) have issued the "Palestine Year Book and Israeli Annual," which is a complete record of events during the year 5709 in the Hebrew Calendar. Highlighted, of course, by the establishment of Israel and the defeat of the Arab invaders, the book has a wealth of information, ranging from war to art. It is well edited and attractively presented.

L. F. LEVENBERG is Foreign Affairs editor of The News.

1727 Mass Ave NW
Washington DC
June 30

Dear Dr. Belton,

I appreciate very much
your sending me a copy
of Vision and Victory - a
recollection of your significant
addresses.

Yours sincerely,
Brig. V. Colman

Units in the News



San Francisco girls step high in a Gay Nineties Revue presented jointly with Senior Hadassah. The half-of-a-Flora-dora-Sextet are, left to right, Vivian Dudane Solomon, Edith Shiffman, Zina Outkin.

Summer programs are blossoming everywhere—we hope your unit will join in the fun . . . *Stenbenville* is buying up all the winners in sight in preparation for a series of wiener roasts as a means of socializing . . . *Syracuse* plans for a weekly Oneg Shabbat during July and August as are many other groups. Informal and inspiring . . . Ambitious *St. Louis* is busily following a program of five different interest groups—something for every girl who belongs. There's a dance group, a choral group, Hebrew for the girls who want to brush up or start from scratch, Cultural Fellowship Key preparation, and for those with

nimble fingers, Yemenite embroidery. Sounds like a marvelous system . . . Back East, *Jamaica*'s looking forward to Beach "kumsitz" parties sunny Sundays, Oneg Shabbat, and to build muscles on everyone, a full sports program. Even had a request for a National Sports Manual . . . To look backward a bit on the wind-up activities of the year—*Passaic* presented lots of trees to happy Mothers at its annual Mother-Daughter party . . . And for Meier Shfeyah's Bikkurim fund, *Elizabeth* undertook to clothe one boy and one girl fully. Mighty nice . . . The Record Album, "Israel In Song" served as entertainment for all at *South Shore's* Gefulte Fish party . . . For those who've filled quota's, *Hartford's* planning a slam bang party to celebrate a successful year . . . Masada and Junior Hadassah join hands in *Philadelphia*, together sponsoring a Show and Dance to start the summer off right . . . Hillel and Aviva, who made everyone so happy at Convention with their wonderful music, have been reaching some of the units personally. Count *Pittsfield* among the lucky . . . And so, a happy summer to you all. Hope you're planning lots of hearty fall activities and gathering up your energy to be back for a good strong start . . .



For Your Library

"Vision and Victory" by Abba Hillel Silver, Zionist Organization of America—\$2.50.

"VISION AND VICTORY by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is not a book to be taken lightly and it will not be taken so! This compilation of addresses made over a six year period will not be easy reading but it offers rich rewards for the little extra trouble involved.

Here is the picture of the fight for the Jewish State on the American scene by one of those in the forefront of that fight. Herein you are taken behind the scenes of Zionist conventions; into the halls of Congress; and into the committee rooms of the United Nations at Lake Success.

Here, too, you will find within a few pages—in speeches like *Toward American-Jewish Unity* and *At The Congressional Hearings* an explanation of the "why" and "wherefore" of the Zionist movement and an exposition of the Jew's historical claim to Palestine as a national homeland.

Furthermore, in this book you will find answers to such questions as "Why do we need Zionism now that the Jewish State is established?"; "Does being a Zionist mean I am a disloyal American?"; "What shall be the relationship between American Jewry and Israel?"

For example, in the speech *The Conspiracy Of Silence*, delivered in 1943, Dr. Silver said:

"Our historic charge and mandate are to realize the Jewish national idea, not to compromise it. We must learn to be resolute with ourselves and with our friends and our foes . . . We ask for nothing new or anything more than that which our people has asked for and has prayed for through these long weary centuries — the chance to rebuild its

national life in its historic home, from which a tragic fate has exiled it . . . We have been noble and beaten for so long. We now wish to be noble and free and as a free people in its own land to work together with all other free peoples for a just and peaceful world."

Liberal Judaism and Israel, an address made in 1948, is an analysis of our future relationship to the State of Israel. These words for today and tomorrow are required reading for every American Jew.

Those who have followed or participated in the controversies which have occurred during the past several years between Dr. Silver and other Zionist leaders will want to read VISION AND VICTORY for Dr. Silver's side of the story in his own words. Whatever side the reader is on, he will find much material for thought and discussion.

The addresses are colorful, informative, carefully documented. Dr. Silver understands how to call forth an emotional response or to appeal to reason and logic. Every address, with its wealth of references to both Jewish and world history, betrays scholarship and a wide knowledge of the humanities.

Speeches like *Before World Tribunals* or *Test Of United Nations Authority* wherein Dr. Silver represents the Jewish cause in the United Nations, exemplify the statesmanship and firm determination which made such a profound impression on UN delegates.

Each address is prefaced by historical notes by Mr. Harold P. Manson, giving the background against which the speech was made. It is regrettable that some of these notes give the impression of being an apologia for Dr. Silver. This is unnecessary. As the speeches indicate, Dr. Silver can speak for himself.

Thumbnail Sketch No. 29

Marjorie Slutsker

M is for a marvelous sense of humor
A is for accomplishment we've seen
R is for her roaming o'er the country
G's for geniality supreme,
I is for incessant inspiration
E for energy that knows no bounds
Put them all together, you have Margie
Our Miss Slutsker, who does get around.

From Lorain, Ohio to Israel to U. S., points north, south, east, and west reads our gal-of-the-moth's traveling record—and it all has a Junior Hadassah history.

The story starts with one fateful evening some years ago, when as Marge can now admit, "I went to a Junior Hadassah meeting to heckle. Something they said interested me, and I've been in ever since."

That is how Marge Slutsker a while back came to be devoting extracurricular hours to office-holding in her local unit and leading a Young Judaea group as well. Finding that Zionist activities interfered with her profession—photography—Marge made picture-taking an avocation, and went to work full time for the Central States Youth Commission as Youth Director, remaining there until the spring of 1947. Then, via the Junior-Hadassah Work-Study Course, came the chance she had so badly wanted—the chance to go see for herself in the Jewish state, to spend a year filling in her Zionist background first hand.

Marge jumped at the opportunity, sailed away, had her wonderful year, and came back to a life as a "wandering Jew". Almost every Junior Hadassah nook and cranny has had a visit from Marge this past year. As a National Board member, holder of a Cultural Fellowship Key, field worker par excellence, and deeply-rooted Zionist, she has been well able to help our youth groups build for the future.

Her own future includes more of same. The present official title is Director of Zionist Youth activities for the Central States Youth Commission, and



in July she returns to work for Junior Hadassah exclusively. Which will keep her very happy. That, and a world in which people don't leave questions and sentences suspended in mid-air.

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For further information write to *Tel Noar Lodge*, Sunset Lake, Hampstead, N.H.

Girl Scouts Send Gifts to Shfeyah Children to Palestine Organization Fosters "One World" Project



Sarah Neftuan, J.H. national vice-president, is shown accepting two "Treasure Chests" for Meier Shfeyah from Miss Olivia Terrell, executive director of CHILDREN TO PALESTINE. The "Treasure Chests" are part of a project conducted by CHILDREN TO PALESTINE to acquaint American boys and girls with their counterparts in Israel. These Chests were prepared by the Sharon, Mass. Girl Scouts.

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by DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN

"Israel reborn has vindicated its right to
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sons, by their self-immolation and their
prowess on the field of battle. Without
their triumphs, the political victory would
have been fruitless and evanescent. But
without the political victory and the moral
sanction of the world which is conferred,
Israel's War of Independence would
never have been fought and won.

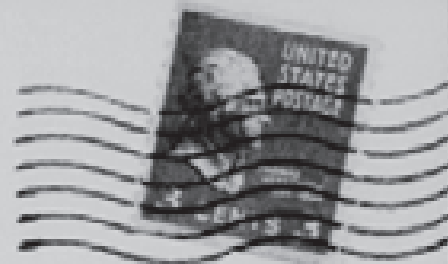
"To gain international sanction for Jewish
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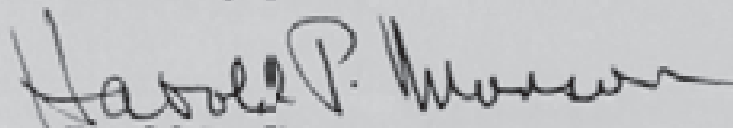
If you have an additional copy of "Vision and Victory" lying around, may I suggest that you autograph it for Fanny Holtzman who has mentioned that she would like to receive a copy of the book.

If you can manage this, please send the copy on to me and I will see that it gets to Miss Holtzman.

I hope that we shall be able to see you before you leave for Europe.

Warmest regards.

Cordially yours,


Harold P. Manson

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Thankfully yours,

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Dear Dr. Alpert,

I find your letter of June 24th on my return from California.

I have read the book of Dr. Silver's speeches with great interest. They are obviously a milestone in recent Zionist history commanding attention not only for their content but for their extraordinary degree of eloquence. I should not hesitate to publish this humble estimate anywhere. On the other hand, I have always felt that the object of a book review should be to embark on a detailed analysis of the ideas and views expressed in the book under review. My position does not allow me to plunge into Zionist controversies of so recent a period, although if I were so to plunge I believe that my estimate of Dr. Silver's book would be still further enhanced.

I hope that you will understand the limitations which I must accept as part of this function and invite a review from someone who is free to range without impediment over all the issues and moments covered by Dr. Silver's remarkable speeches.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Aubrey S. Eban

Dr. Carl Alpert,
Director Education Dept.
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Assails Smugness on 'Denazification' Program

By PHINEAS J. BIRON

WE'RE TOLD THAT the American Jewish Congress is satisfied with the results of its first Washington contacts on the AJC protests on denazification in Germany. Jewish Congress leaders obtained the introduction of a bipartisan resolution calling for denazification, and we're willing to acknowledge that this step represents an important political action. But on the other hand it would be indeed rather naive to place too much hope in a resolution so general in character.



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The renazification and not the denazification policy in Germany has the full support of the administration. It would require nothing short of an earthquake to defeat this policy, which is an integral part of the over-all foreign policy of our State Department. A few mass meetings might be more effective than polite conversation-pieces on Capitol Hill.

Of course our State Department feels very smug about the support its policy in Germany is receiving

from the "important Jewish leaders" in this country. If the American Jewish Congress were serious and determined about its denazification program its first step would be to ask for the recall of Harry Greenstein, advisor on Jewish Affairs to the U. S. Army in Germany, who has been fostering the impression that Jews were satisfied with Gen. Clay's policy and today's renazification program.

DETECTIVE SAM GOLDHUBER did such a swell job protecting Dr. Weizmann on his last visit to New York that the Israeli president offered Sam the post of police commissioner of Israel. But Sam is an inveterate Brooklynite. He enjoys watching the Brooklyn Bums at Ebbets Field, and so Sam declined. Israel is still looking for a good police commissioner.

THE SMOKE OVER THE battlefield of the last Zionist convention is slowly lifting. Petty rancors are evaporating and many of the rank and file are regaining their perspective.

In this repentant mood we read, the other day, "Vision and Victory," a collection of addresses by Dr.

Abba Hillel Silver, published by the Zionist Organization. No one reading this collection of speeches will doubt that the former president of the organization contributed substantially to the political victory which brought the Jewish State into being.

Silver's addresses are not only eloquent; they give proof of sound and prophetic statesmanship. We found them much superior in political wisdom and strategic skill to any of Weizmann's political speeches during that same period.

As a formulator of Zionist policy during challenging years, Abba Hillel Silver deserves the recognition which this book will bring him.

HOLLYWOOD IS PUTTING ON the finishing touches to a super-feature dealing with the resistance movement of the Jews against British imperialism in Palestine. The film was made in California but had the expert advice of one of Israel's top Irgun leaders.

We're told that British film circles are rather unhappy about this film. Universal Pictures, the producers of "Fight In The Desert" may hold back its release in England. In America, however, the picture will become a box office hit.

Reich Editor Tells Why Nazism Grows

By ESTELLE BRAND

WASHINGTON—The failure of the denazification program in Germany has been poignantly brought home to Washington by a prominent German publisher who visited here recently to study American journalism.

America and the western powers have definitely failed to lessen anti-Semitism and the Nazi spirit in the Germans because of the military government's ignorance of German psychology, according to an interview with Franz Joseph Schoningh. He is publisher and editor of the Suddeutschen Zeitung, largest newspaper in southern Germany, with a circulation of 280,000, and Hochland, leading Catholic monthly periodical.

Schoningh complained particularly about the lack of documented material on the history and roots of Nazism and how it led to war and destruction. Textbooks in schools mention nothing at all about recent history and not a word about Nazism, he said.

MUST SELL DEMOCRACY

"IF I ASK A MAN in a German street why World War II started," said Schoningh, "nine out of 10 say it was because the English declared war over the Polish corridor."

"We need a flood of pamphlets, books, articles—all positively, irrefutably documented—and cheap enough for the man on the street, on such topics as: What really happened to the Jews?"

The films should be used to sell democracy on the basis of sound understanding of the German mind today, he said.

For example, he said the Allies after the war showed films depicting atrocities in concentration camps. At first attendance was terrific. But the commentary indicted the entire German people, not just the regime and its leaders.

"The impact was wasted," he is convinced, "because the approach was psychologically unwise."

SCENES OF BRUTALITY

HE SUGGESTED documentary sequences be put together:

Scenes from the "Twenties of July," filmed at Hitler's behest. It shows the trial and hanging of

German military leaders whose plot to kill Hitler was foiled.

One sequence shows a German officer being asked by a hysterical judge why he as an officer turned against his Fuehrer. He replies: "Because I was shocked and horrified by the savage murder of innocent civilians in Poland."

That scene, showing that top German officers themselves were disgusted with Nazism, and a scene showing a conspirator being hanged by thin wire (at the special request of Hitler so the death agony would be protracted) should be augmented by documentary shots of Nazi atrocities, Schoningh advised.

Another idea Schoningh suggested would be to show a frenetic Nazi party Nurnberg rally, followed by the Russian documentary on Stalingrad.

"That would strike home," he said. "They would see the connection, how it began, yes, and where it ended—in destruction."

AMITY IN ACTION

A NOTABLE GESTURE in the direction of interfaith amity has been made by a Jewish summer camp for boys which has invited a Gentile youth to spend the summer free as an experiment in eliminating prejudice on the teen-age level.

The youth, 14-year-old James "Stuffy" Montgomery, of Hot Springs, Ark., received national acclaim recently when he was selected as "Boy of the Year" by the National Association of Police Boys Clubs.

Although most of the boy's bones were broken in a nearly fatal accident several years ago, he recovered to become a fine young athlete through sheer strength of will power.

His story was told on the "We The People" radio program and was heard by Lee Horowitz, a well-known coach of sports at a Baltimore, Md., high school.

Horowitz, who is also director of Camp Skyline, at Naples,

Me., a camp which emphasizes the teaching of Americanism through sports, decided to try an experiment. Horowitz has frequently said that there are no bad boys, only bad parents.

It was his thought that if one Gentile youth could live and play with a camp full of Jewish boys he would prove his ideas on the importance of sports in cutting down anti-Semitism. Horowitz was gratified when he received a warm letter of acceptance from the Arkansas boy who may take back to the south with him next fall the story of a summer at a Jewish camp.

Yanich Leaves for Israel Study

NEW YORK—The departure of 10 ZOA scholarship winners to Israel last week brings to a total of 14 the young men and women now studying in the Jewish State under the auspices of the ZOA.

The 14 are winners of ZOA fellowships for a year's study in the leadership training course of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Among the group is Joseph Yanich of Detroit.

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Dr. Fauman has been with the

Council since June, 1947 as director of community relations. He was awarded his Ph. D. in sociology at the University of Michigan. He has served as a teaching fellow at the University of Michigan sociology department and as a lecturer at the extension division of the university.

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A New Program for Bnai Brith

With the retirement of Isadore Starr, another vigorous and resourceful personality has taken over the presidency of the Greater Detroit Bnai Brith Council.

Dr. Lawrence Yaffa, in his very first statement of policy, has made it unmistakably clear that the Council in the coming season will be more active in all-community undertakings.

"It is my deep rooted conviction," he asserted in his inaugural address, "that we can grow numerically only by providing dynamic leadership and active participation in those communal matters that lie close to the heart and desires of local Jewry and are directly responsive to its immediate hopes and needs.

"We must be conductors and not mere passengers on the train of local moving events if we are to gain and to hold our rightful place of leadership in the life of our community."

This is a forthright view and symbolizes a new policy for Detroit Bnai Brith which recognizes that service to the community as a whole means also service to Bnai Brith and presages a stronger and a more respected Bnai Brith body.

All Bnai Brith should rally to the program outlined by its new president.

More Fragmentation in Zionism?

Rabbi David Aronson, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, has proposed the formation of a new Zionist party which would associate itself with U. S. Zionists and the world organization and represent only American Jews who are members of conservative Synagogues. The following is the answer of Dr. Samuel Margoshes, distinguished journalist and Zionist spokesman, which we strongly endorse:

This plan is anything but constructive. If actually carried out it would tend to produce more anarchy in Zionist circles. What Rabbi Aronson is really saying is that every Jewish group in the United States, big or small, may form a new Zionist party, regardless of the already existing Zionist alignment here and the world over. Because, according to Rabbi Aronson's estimate, there are a half million Jews belonging to over 400 conservative congregations, the Rabbi would have them form a new party. No other reason is offered.

Such a group would have no ideological *raison d'être*. Rabbi Aronson says that the function of the new organization would be "strengthening our religious way of life and expressing our sense of spiritual and historic continuity." But there is already a Zionist party for that very purpose—the Mizrahi, a branch of the World Zionist Organization with a very strong American section.

One is forced to believe that the real reason behind this proposal is the desire to be seen and counted. Here we have yet another example of "the new individualism"—or the old selfishness. We are reluctantly forced to interpret the call for a new group in this light since it in no way advances the common cause of Zionism, in which all existent parties cooperate.

Arab Destiny Lies in Iraq

Jews are not so calloused that the problem of the hundreds of thousands of Arab refugees is not being given some thought. In fact, Jews are studying palliatives while the Arab leaders responsible for the senseless flight from Palestine are playing on the world's sympathies, seeking to scrounge a few millions and then leave the problem in the laps of the UN, the Quakers and the Red Cross.

Realizing that at the most Israel will accept from two to three hundred thousand of the refugees, leaving the Arab world to care for the half million remainder, many tens of thousands of them not even Palestinians, Eliahu Ben Horin, author of "The Middle East: Crossroads of History," suggests in a study made for the ZOA that Iraq "can most easily provide for large-scale resettlement of all of the Arab refugees from Palestine with greatest benefit to the country itself."

Ben Horin points out that Iraqi statesmen have themselves raised the question from time to time and that Herbert Hoover suggested in 1945, long before the Palestine war, that the entire Mideast could be served well by a transfer of Palestinian Arabs to Iraq. They could recreate the "Garden of Eden," the ex-president said, with new blood and a revival of ancient irrigation schemes.

Moreover, Ben Horin remarks, Iraq's population is so depleted that the country is "particularly vulnerable to attempts from whatever quarter to foment trouble and threaten the political stability of the area." This may explain, in part, why Iraq is seeking a closer alignment with neighboring Iran and Turkey and deserting the wobbling Arab League.

All of this should tend to convince the Anglo-American entente and the UN that the destiny of the Arab refugee, lies in a rehabilitated Iraq. Israel and the entire Middle East would find it advantageous to foster that proposition.



A Picture of Israel by Objective Guest

By WILLIAM ZUKERMAN
(Jewish World News Service)

NEW YORK—A significant report on the situation in Israel was given by the president of the Manhattan region of the ZOA, Jacques Torczyner, upon his return from Israel.

Torczyner was primarily impressed by the spirit of the country and people who, despite the enormous difficulties, were not in a defeatist mood. He had heard many complaints by new immigrants and old settlers, but none would change their present position, or go back to their old places.

The upsurge of enthusiasm released by the establishment of the Jewish State is still felt in the air. He had no doubt that with this spirit abroad, all hardships will be overcome and Israel will emerge a nation as well as a State.

LIKE MELTING POT

AMONG THE CHIEF difficulties of Israel, Torczyner stressed not the economic—the lack of housing, the high prices, austerity—but rather the social and psychological problems.

Israel, according to him, presented a picture of a miniature American Melting Pot, condensed into a diminutive frame which revealed the confusion more sharply than in the United States. There is a tremendous diversity of people, languages, cultures, civilizations and ways of life which is not yet consolidated, as in the United States, into a single people. German Jews, Bulgarian Jews, Balkan Jews, Jews from Arab countries live separately and lead their own lives isolated from the rest.

About 60 per cent of the people in Israel do not speak Hebrew, use their native languages and lead a transplanted life. The problem how to blend all these different nationalities into one homogeneous group is probably the toughest facing the government.

The educational system is chaotic. There is no one school system for the entire country, but each party and each ideology has its own schools which bring up the children on party propaganda more than real education.

New Social Group Forming for Young Adults, 21 to 35

A new group, to provide social and recreational activities for young Jewish adults between 21-35, is being formed under the auspices of the Detroit department of recreation.

First meeting of the club will be held at 7:30 p. m., Saturday, July 23.

Facilities have been provided at the Rouge recreation house, Rouge park, where the group will meet twice a month. Tina Dubrovic and Nate Spinner, initiators of the program, announced.

Plans are being made to provide for all forms of recreational activities, ranging from movies and dancing to outdoor events for summer and winter.

Mrs. Mack, director of the Rouge building, has given her full support to the new group and will lend assistance whenever needed, Spinner said.

For reservations to the first affair, call Miss Dubrovic, TO. 8-1529, or Spinner, TY. 7-4079.

Israeli Army Terms Come From Bible

By RABBI C. L. HEILPERN

LONDON—One of the many thrills one experiences on a visit to Israel is in seeing the way in which classical Hebrew has been adapted to modern usage.

It is a fallacy to think that modern Hebrew is something distinctive from classical Hebrew. In fact, the best writers of modern Hebrew are those who have a thorough knowledge of the classical tongue.

The ordinary military terms will be known to those who read the Bible in Hebrew, but I want to deal with some of those which are lesser known, as, for instance, the names of the different ranks in the army.

PRIVATE TO GENERAL

A PRIVATE is "Tural," which word is derived from the word "Tur," "row" (cf. "the ranks"). A corporal is a "Ray Tural."

A sergeant is "Samal," from "Saimel," meaning a figure, and in modern Hebrew, "a symbol." A sergeant, therefore, is one who carries the flag. A staff-sergeant is "Samal Rishon," and the ever-popular sergeant-major is "Rav Samal."

An officer is a "Katsin." The word in the Bible means "ruler," "judge," and "officer." It is found, in the third sense, in Joshua.

A liaison officer is called "Ketsin Kasher." A lieutenant is a "Segen." In the Bible the word is found in the plural only, usually meaning "rulers." (We use the Aramaic form "Segan" for one who stands at the reading of the Torah.)

A captain is "Seren." In the Bible the plural of this word is found in a few places, but the most common form is the construct, thus, "Sarni Pelishtim," "lords of the Philistines."

A major is "Rav Seren"; a lieutenant-colonel "Segan Aluf"; a colonel "Aluf," and a brigadier "Rav Aluf." The word "Aluf" is found, of course, in abundance in Genesis, meaning "chief."

BORROWED TERM

CHIEF OF STAFF is "Rosh Hamateh," which is a literal translation from other languages.

A guard is, of course, "Mishmar." A searchlight is "Zarkor," which is derived from the word "Zarok," "to throw."

A sniper is a "Tsafaf," which is derived from the word used in the connection with the sprinkling of blood on the altar. The well-known word "Kavana" has been adapted to mean "aiming."

Some modern Hebrew words (following a custom in all tongues) have been partly made up from other languages. One of the most noted is "Maglid," which is made up of the initials of "machine-gun" and the number 34. Here we have a successful example of a Hebrew-sounding word coined partly from an English word.

NOT SAME MEANING

THE WORD "patrol" is just transliterated into Hebrew letters in Israel.

A popular word among servicemen is "Tramp," which is also written in Hebrew characters but which has no the unsavory connotation it has in Great Britain and in America. It merely refers to one of the thousands of servicemen who try to thumb a lift on the road. They have even formed a Hebrew plural of the word "Trampstia."

At Haifa airport a cartoon shows a soldier telling of his exploits to his "Bachurs," girlfriend, and underneath was the exhortation: Al Tithalel—"Don't boast, pour out your heart to the C. O."

Straight away the well-known verse in Jeremiah comes to the mind: Al Yithalel Chacham B'Chochmato—"Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom."

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Angel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just returned to my desk following a three months' absence, - on my first visit to Israel, - to find your most welcome and deeply appreciated autographed gift book, "Vision and Victory". I have already glanced through some of its pages, containing your prophetic words, - and bearing in mind the hostile propaganda with which we are faced on all sides, I feel that in many ways we are back again to where we were several years ago, with the same enemies, who are now out in great force to de Israel in.

Even while in Israel I saw evidences of this planned onslaught. With the American Christian Palestine Committee Study Tour I visited the Jerusalem YMCA. For two grim hours I sat and listened to the director of the YMCA, mouth-ing all the mendacities and anti-Semitic charges which we read and hear repeated in this country. I found it equally disturbing to find our people in Israel drunk with victory and freedom, while I felt that their safety might be badly imperilled by political warfare. There's still much to be done.

Our Study Tour of the ACPG went rather well, I think, and I believe that we shall find its members useful and helpful in the future. Cleveland contributed a fine personality in Spencer Irwin. I do hope that it will be possible for you to hear his personal reactions to the tour.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Silver and your sons, and hoping that this finds you all well, I am

Cordially yours,

Blanche J. Shepard
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July 8, 1949

Miss Elizabeth Rice
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Rice:

We are supplying a number of Dr. Silver's book to the American Christian Palestine Committee for its important leaders. It may be possible that some of those suggested already received copies. Will you be good enough to check the list below and let me know as soon as possible whether there is any duplication:

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Thank you for your cooperation. Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Beatrice Cohen
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

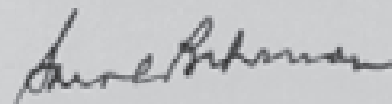
Perhaps this will not seem like quite so much "chutzpah" when I explain to you my action in sending you a copy of your book "Vision and Victory" for your inscription.

You may remember that at the Zionist Convention I wanted you to put a note into my copy of your book, but the moment was not right for it and I volunteered to let the moment pass for a more opportune moment. May I hope that the season is not too difficult, the temperature not too high and the imposition not too great.

I am enclosing a return wrapper so as to avoid whatever problem there may be (I hope) in returning the book to me.

With many thanks and with kindest regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself, I am

Cordially yours,



Sarah Behrman
Executive Director

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July 11, 1949

Miss Beatrice Cohen
American Zionist Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Cohen:

In reply to your letter of July 8th, we have not sent
books to any of those listed.

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Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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July 11, 1949

Mr. Lawrence F. Levenberg
Cleveland News
1801 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

I read your lovely review of my book, VISION AND VICTORY, in the Cleveland News, and I wish to thank you for it.

I hope that I may have the pleasure before long of sitting down and getting some of your reactions to what you saw in Israel. I shall be leaving in a few days for a short vacation in France, and I shall return by the end of August.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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July 11, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Angel Road & East 105th Street
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your autographed book, "Vision and Victory" was delivered to me while in the hospital.

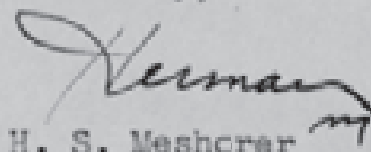
I can honestly say there is no book in our library that Mrs. Meshorer and myself will treasure so much as this one. It is most significant to us, as we watched from the beginning your prophetic vision grow into realities.

I also want to thank you and Mrs. Silver for your solicitousness about my health and for your visit last Saturday which was a great comfort to me.

Birdie and myself sincerely hope that your vacation in Europe will give you that much needed rest which we all know is much deserved. We both wish you "Bon Voyage" and are eagerly looking for your return to hear all about it.

With fondest personal regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself, I remain

Sincerely,



H. S. Meshorer

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July 13, 1949.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I had a long talk with Mr. Morris Weinberg of The Day and we both evolved a rather ambitious plan for the sale of Vision and Victory through the Jewish Day. While I do not know exactly the number of copies that may be sold that way, I am sure it will be substantial, running into hundreds.

In this connection The Day will carry a number of reviews of the book, including my own (and an excellent one) by Eleazer Lipsky, plus advertising.

I think it would be a good idea for you to write a Yedidi Ahuvi letter to Mr. Weinberg and also to send him an inscribed copy of Vision and Victory.

With cordial greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,

S. Margoshes

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July 14, 1949

Dr. S. Margoshes
The Day
183 East Broadway
New York 2, New York

Dear Dr. Margoshes:

Dr. and Mrs. Silver have already left on vacation, and plan to spend a few weeks in France. Your letter of July 13th arrived after Dr. Silver's departure and it is, therefore, impossible to send an inscribed copy of "Vision and Victory" to Mr. Morris Weinberg, as you suggest. Dr. Silver will return about the first of September and if you wish, I know that he will be very happy to comply with your request at that time.

I know, too, that he will be pleased to learn of your plan to promote the sale of "Vision and Victory" and very grateful for your interest. Will you please explain to Mr. Weinberg that Dr. Silver has left the country but upon his return, I am sure that he will get in touch with both you and Mr. Weinberg.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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July 15, 1949

Miss Sarah Behrman
Palestine Foundation Fund
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Behrman:

Your letter of July 11th and a copy of "Vision and Victory" arrived this morning. Dr. and Mrs. Silver left last night for a few weeks' rest in France and will not return until after Labor Day, when I shall bring your letter to his attention. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall hold the book until that time.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

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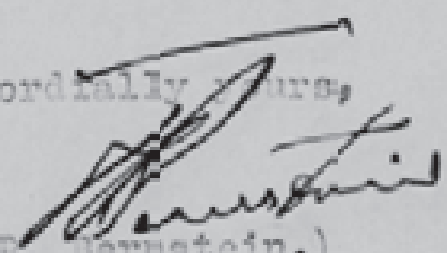
Dear Dr. Silver,

You were kind enough to let me have your book "Vision and Victory" containing a number of your most memorable addresses.

Though delivered on specific occasions which belong to the past, I am sure that your words will remain a source of much needed Zionist inspiration in times to come.

With sincere thanks for having remembered me.

Cordially yours,


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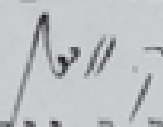
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My dear Dr. Silver:

I was very pleased upon my return to find your book, which you were so kind as to send me. I much appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the collection of your addresses during the crucial years of Israel's fight for independence and statehood. It was my great privilege to be associated with you during this historic period, which I shall always remember with esteem and gratification.

My visit to Israel was most interesting and useful. I was impressed considerably with the spirit of the people and with their determination to make of our new state a flourishing country.

With kindest personal regards.

Very cordially yours,

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My dear Dr. Silber,

A few days ago I had the pleasant surprise to receive your book "Vision and Victory" with your personal dedication.

I have followed closely your work of creation of the Jewish State. I have many times been thrilled by your belief, confidence, courage and enthusiasm.

In the ups and downs of our momentous history in the last ten years you have been for many of us here in Eretz Israel the worthy leader.

So accept my heartfelt thanks for your friendly intention in sending me this book of yours.

I shall read it with affection and gratitude.

Yours very truly

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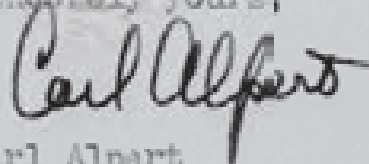
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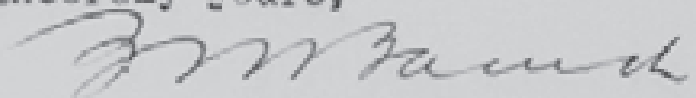
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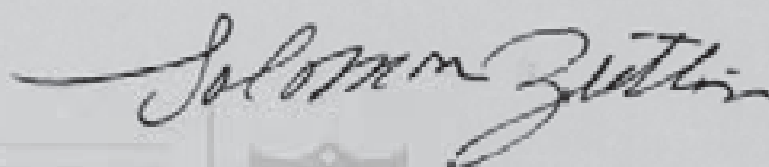
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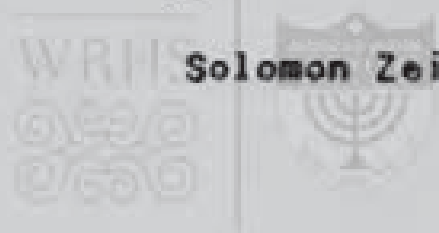
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Zukerman Sees Silver As Leader Of Foes Of Nationalist Zionism

NEW YORK—The stand of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, in his answer in the current Reader's Digest to a new American Council for Judaism attack on the loyalty of U. S. Jewish Zionists to the United States, was hailed this week by William Zukerman as a historic triumph for the concept of American "philanthropic Zionism."

Zukerman, editor of Jewish World News Service, a small, independent Anglo-Jewish mail press service, also argued that the statement by Dr. Silver should be contrasted with that of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel, who told a U.S. Histadrut delegation recently that the next task of Israel was to bring all Jews to it.

Listing these two concepts of Zionism as antithetical, Zukerman said that Rabbi Silver's conception was "based on the American humanitarian principle of helping Jews in other countries who have no home of their own and need help in establishing one."

"He is quite right in saying that such a philanthropic aim and task can in no way interfere with one's loyalty to America," Zukerman added, in arguing that no charge of dual loyalty could be laid against a U.S. Jewish Zionist who accepted that concept.

Getting It Straight

"Ben-Gurion's Zionism is a European nationalistic ideology which claims that Jews are one and indivisible people no matter where they live and that Israel is their home," Zukerman said, to clarify the antithesis. "All other homes are just temporary inns where they remain as guests and aliens until they are 'redeemed' from the Exile."

Zukerman concluded that "the two distinct types of Zionism have never been more clearly stated."

"The significance of Dr. Silver's article," Zukerman said, "consists in the fact that he, the outstanding leader of American Zionism, came out definitely, clearly and unequivocally for American philanthropic Zionism and has by implication repudiated the European concept of nationalism, at least as far as American Zionism is concerned."

Zukerman argued that what Dr. Silver said in the article was that the U.S. Jewish Zionist is a friend of Israel who wants to help the new State to become "a happy home for other Jews who have no home of their own. Such a Zionist certainly can be a most loyal American."

Dr. Silver's answer was in reply to an attack by Alfred Lilienthal of Washington.

The JWNS editor even saw Lilienthal "himself and the American Council for Judaism" as subscribing to the theory.

"Their quarrel has always been with the nationalistic Zionist, not with the humanitarian philanthropist. Dr. Silver has made an important move in the non-nationalistic direction, apart from making a considerable contribution to the clarification of the generation-old question of double loyalty."

The JWNS editor saw another

"still greater significance" in Dr. Silver's statement, asserting that the two concepts exist in Zionist movements all over the world, including the United States.

He said U.S. Zionism started as a humanitarian relief movement 50 years ago, and then gradually became "under the stress of Polish anti-Semitism, of German Nazism and of the rise of general nationalism all over Europe heavily mixed with the nationalistic brew."

He said that in the U.S. the two trends have been fighting for dominance and that until recently the nationalist Zionists were dominant.

"Even now nationalism is still strongly entrenched in official and unofficial quarters of the Zionist movement and nationalistic fanaticism runs high," he said.

One of the main causes of the change, Zukerman said, was in rebirth of Israel and the political, organization and ideological changes in Zionism it had brought.

"Zionism is dead," he said. "It died a natural death by accomplishing its purpose and realizing its aim. But it has left two heirs to take its place. One the State of Israel . . . and the second is a bumptious Jewish nationalism which, like all young and successful nationalisms, is aggressive, expansionist and seeks to extend its sphere of influence outside its own frontiers."

He said it was "this new nationalism, invigorated by a first-class victory, not the State of Israel, that represents a danger to American and other Jews."

If it succeeded, Zukerman said, it "can demoralize American Jewry within one generation and undermine its political position even more than was the case with British Jewry."

"Fortunately, events of the past 12 months have supplied enough proof that American Jews, even Zionists, are too independent to be satellites. Dr. Silver's and Neumann's stand last summer when they resigned from the Jewish Agency rather than take orders from Tel Aviv, was one such proof. The second is the article in Reader's Digest," he said.

Congress Research Unit Gets Psychology Award

DENVER—The staff of the commission on community interrelations of the American Jewish Congress this week was given the second annual Edward L. Bernays award for the best research on the problem of improving relations between racial and religious groups.

The award was presented at the 57th annual conference of the American Psychological Association here.

40 Jewish Families Build Selves Temple

HERKIMER, N. Y.—The first Jewish synagogue in the Mohawk Valley of Upper New York will be dedicated Sept. 18. All funds were raised by Herkimer's Jewish community of 40 families.

Rabbi Maurice Aronov is spiritual leader and Hebrew instructor.

Goldstein Says Israel Has Religious Freedom

NEW YORK—Preaching at a "welcome home" service, Dr. Israel Goldstein told his congregation at B'nai Jesurun last week that in Israel "every individual in his personal life is free to follow his own point of view on religious observance or belief."

Dr. Goldstein, who returned after a year's leave of absence during which he served as treasurer of the Jewish Agency, said that national institutions and the "public aspects" of community life "show the same deference toward Jewish religious traditions as is shown in the United States."

He said Saturday is the public day of rest and important Jewish festivals are observed as legal holidays, just as Christmas is a legal holiday in the United States.

He said religious education was optional, not compulsory and that synagogue attendance was up to the individual.

New Trial For Koch Slated On Oct. 1

AUGSBURG, Germany—The second trial of Ilse Koch, the Beast of Buchenwald, will take place in a German civil court here on Oct. 1.

The widow of the former Buchenwald camp commander will be released from the U.S. Military prison at Landsburg Oct. 1.

Dr. Paul Farr, chief of the German courts branch of the military government of Bavaria said "sensational" new evidence will be brought forward in the second trial.

The depraved woman will be tried on charges of cruelty to Germans and Austrians who were prisoners at Buchenwald.

The new Bavarian civil law outlaws the death penalty so Frau Koch is certain to escape a death penalty.

I Think As I Please

WAGES AND PRICES MEAN MORE TO AVERAGE ISRAELI THAN POLITICS

By CARL ALPERT

AT the intersection of Rothschild Boulevard and Allenby Road, just behind the soda kiosk and newspaper stand, is a small clearing in the park where, at almost any hour of the day or night one can find small clusters of conversing men. Seen from a short distance, the little groups of men look like the park bench debaters who can be found in Union Square or Columbus Circle, New York, in Boston Common, and no doubt elsewhere in America.

That is exactly what they are! All the major issues confronting Israel are discussed and settled here. Around these benches the strategy of the war was planned, and in this same spot the future of the country is being determined. They take themselves very seriously, the members of this unofficial little parliament, but much can be learned about the mood of the country from their heated controversies.

One observation might be made about the language in which they speak. Talking about the Americans at Kfar Blum, and their desire to learn Hebrew, a friend said to me:

"They talk Hebrew in the fields, and in the dining hall, but the real test comes in the shower. There they let all restraint go, act natural—and talk English to each other."

Somewhat similarly, the park bench debates get started in Hebrew, but when logic begins to falter, or an excited point must be made without the delay of a single moment, many of the participants launch into Yiddish—and the prose flows like a torrent.

IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT almost all these amateur legislators deal with economic matters. Not the peace discussions at Lausanne, not the problem of Sabbath observance, not the sessions of the United Nations—but jobs, wages, prices form the subject of conversation, and in this respect the sidewalk statesmen accurately reflect the interests of the great majority of the people.

Whereas the American Jew follows the news from Israel largely in terms of military, political, industrial or commercial activity, in their broadest aspects, the Israeli citizen is interested most of all in the cost of living, in the price of meat, in take-home wages, in unemployment.

Of course everybody is worried about the possible re-admission of Arab refugees, but price control is of more immediate concern. The fate of Jerusalem disturbs every Israeli, but the lowering of wages, even slightly, affects more people eventually.

The greatest interest, then, is in the elementary economics of what we would call making a living, and on this score there are common concerns which cut across all party lines. Thus the government's fixing of food prices receives the same reaction from every stratum of the farm population. Kibbutz members of the left and of the far left used almost the same language in criticizing the government's food controls as did the private little farmer and the plantation owner on the political right. As farmers they found themselves on common ground with common interests.

IT WOULD BE EXTREME TO EXPECT a complete realignment of parties as a result, but changes will certainly take place. The interests of the salaried city worker, members of a labor party, are not the same—indeed, are often in conflict with the interests of the kibbutz farmer who is a member of the same party. The one wants food prices low and salaries high. The other insists on high prices for food, and low prices on manufactured goods (which means low city salaries).

This may sound like elementary economics, but the party system of the country hinges on such things, and it would not surprise me in the least to see a farm party emerge to represent the interests of all Israeli agriculture, both socialist and private. After all, the present political parties were formed when Zionism was still in its theoretical stage.

Closely allied to this economic problem is the question of private capital and its role in the country. We made particularly diligent inquiry into this matter, which will be discussed in the next column.

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I send you, Hortense, and Leon Jr. all my good wishes for the New Year in which Virginia joins me most warmly.

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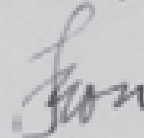
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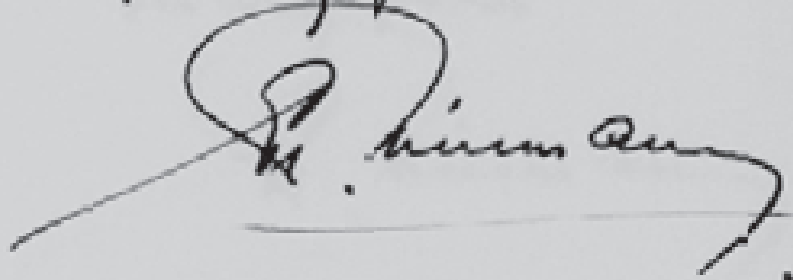
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MIDDLE EAST

ARABS, OIL, AND HISTORY. By Kermit Roosevelt. New York, Harpers, 1949. 271 pages. \$3.50.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST. By G. E. Kirk. Washington, D. C., Public Affairs Press, 1949. 301 pages. \$3.75.

STATE AND ECONOMICS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. By Alfred Bonn . London, Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1948. 427 pages. 30s.

THESE three books on practically the same subject have only one thing in common: all were written by men trained in the objective, scientific approach of modern historiography. But their differences forcibly illustrate how little historical science determines historical reporting, when some more powerful impulse is at play.

Kermit Roosevelt's book, to put it bluntly, is a pamphlet written by a historian trying to give the effect of a newspaper columnist. It is full of what can only be described as Cairene bazaar gossip, and it plays up rather than suppresses the sympathies and antipathies of the author. All the Arab personalities whose champion Mr. Roosevelt has made himself appear in the darkest and most cynical light—with the emphatic exception of Ibn Saud—and the author does not refrain from repeating malicious hearsay evidence against them. Since it is the undisguised purpose of the book to gain sympathy for these very Arabs, led as they are now being led, and to turn American policy against Zionism, for whose achievement the author does not hide his appreciative esteem, the book makes a peculiar impression. The reasoning which it implies is that a true hard-boiled American foreign policy will positively enjoy trampling on healthy, progressive elements which have its instinctive sympathy, and pampering sick, reactionary forces which it instinctively despises, so long as the latter sit on the oil and strategic positions America thinks it needs. In any case, whoever is looking for a contemporary report on the Middle East, written with the professional historian's objectivity and eye for facts of lasting importance, will not find it.

A somewhat similar comment must be made on Kirk's book, even though, structurally, it is written not as a personal account, but as a formal history. It is a historical study of a peculiarly distorted variety. The book is the result of a series of lectures delivered by the author before fledgling British diplomats and colonial administrators in the Middle East institutes conducted



ABBA HILLEL SILVER

during the war in Egypt. The sections on the nineteenth century and after—which are the major part of the book—consist of quotations from authorities and official documents, strung together by carefully chosen epithets and tinted expressions composed by the author, all of which uphold a particular British view of Middle Eastern history: not even the British view, but the view of Arab-oriented, rather than, let us say, Indian-oriented Britishers of World War I days. Thus, the book is a handy compendium of arguments and citations which a British official can turn to at need in order to answer a criticism or silence a heckler.

As against these sad performances, Bonn 's book is a solid, serious description of the Middle East and its modern political and economic history. It systematically centers its attention not on anecdotal trivialities, like Roosevelt, nor on propaganda, like Kirk, but on basic problems and objectively presented fundamental developments in the area. It is not conceived as a chronological record of events, but as a sociological-historical investigation of basic factors in the legal and political, social and economic transition of the Middle East from its Oriental quasi-feudalism to a still indeterminate future.

No one seriously interested in understanding the contemporary problems of the area can afford to be without Bonn . As for the other books, they are mainly of psychological interest to those concerned with the opinions of their authors and of the official circles they influence or reflect. BEN HALPERN

ZIONIST IDEAS

THE ZIONIST IDEA. By Joseph Heller. New York, Schocken Books, 1949. 246 pages. \$3.00.

THE RISE OF ISRAEL. By Jeremiah Ben-Jacob. New York, Grosby House, 1949. 217 pages. \$3.00.

VISION AND VICTORY. By Abba Hillel Silver. New York, Zionist Organization of America, 1949. 232 pages. \$2.50.

THERE is an organic connection between these three books. They give what may well be regarded as a complete picture of what led to the miracle that is Israel. *The Zionist Idea* is an interesting encyclopedia, without the bulkiness, heaviness and dryness of encyclopedias. For any one who wishes to be truly informed of the ideas, struggles and philosophy which brought about the ultimate result, the establishment of Israel as a Jewish republic, this book is a "must."

While the book was first published in London about two years ago, the American edition under consideration, has been brought up to date by the author with the assistance of Carl Alpert, director of education of the Zionist Organization of America.

The unusually arranged bibliography should prove helpful to the student who wishes to pursue some of the subjects more thoroughly than could be done in a modest volume.

The Rise of Israel is written by a Sabra—a native of the Land of Israel. Articulate Sabras are still rare. Here we have a writer who has seen Palestine in all its struggles during his life time. He has seen hope rise high and deep despair. He has witnessed the land transformed from a parched desert, in some sections, to flourishing colonies. He was educated in Jerusalem and in British universities. His experiences and his education have fitted him for the task he undertakes in this book. He gives his readers an insight into Israel and its problems. He is certain that in time the Arabs and the Israelis will reach an understanding which will result in amicably working together for their mutual interests and those of the Middle East.

Among the valuable documents included in the book, such as the Declaration of Israel's Independence, is the draft of the Constitution for the State of Israel. It is too bad that an index was omitted, since such an index would make it more serviceable for reference purposes.

If ever a title truly fitted a book Dr. (Please turn to page 5)

ISRAELI MUSIC

THE MUSIC OF ISRAEL. By Peter Gradenwitz. New York. W. W. Norton & Co., 1949. 334 pages. \$5.00.

THE present volume "is a survey of the music of Israel from the times of the ancient Hebrews to the new music of modern Palestine; it attempts to show the function of music in the ancient Temple and in Jewish life in the various centers of the Diaspora as well as the influence the ancient Hebrew culture and later Jewish achievements exerted on general music history, and to fix the historical position of the Jewish composers whose works have become part of the treasury of world music."

Dr. Gradenwitz brings solid schooling, careful research, intelligence and imagination to his task. His performance throughout avoids aggressive or dry erudition. Yet it cannot be said that the total result is altogether convincing. In balance, proportion and selectivity the book is disconcerting. One

dividual achievements of great Jewish composers can . . . never intend to claim their works for Jewish musical history, though the Jewishness of these masters does offer an explanation for some characteristics of their life, their artistic growth, and their aesthetics."

The author's probings for "Jewish traits" in these composers provide provocative and sometimes revealing reading, but this whole topic with its many diverse and contradictory elements requires more extended and profound analysis to avoid forced, facile or superficial generalizations. Dr. Gradenwitz's zest as he discusses the heterogeneous idioms and aesthetics peculiar to Israel today is balanced with objectivity. The detailed, comprehensive account of composers living in Israel is valuable and here the author is on sure and beloved ground. It also serves to emphasize, however, the indifferent treatment accorded Jewish composers living in the United States. Careless organization and selectivity mark such inclusion as does exist.

HILDA PINSON

THE HOLY LAND

A HISTORY OF PALESTINE. By James Parkes. New York. Oxford University Press, 1949. 391 pages. \$5.00.

A PILGRIMAGE TO PALESTINE. By Harry Emerson Fosdick. New York. The Macmillan Company, 1949. 332 pages. \$2.50.

IF there has been any alarm in Christendom lest the conflict between Jews and Arabs obscure the fact that Christians also have an interest in and an historic attachment to Palestine, these two books should serve to allay those fears.

The Rev. Dr. Fosdick's pleasant volume is the tale of his religious pilgrimage to the Holy Land almost 25 years ago, and is a re-issue of the book published in 1927. Not a word appears to have been altered, and hence there is a peculiar lack of relevancy to the mighty changes which have occurred in recent years. It is the never-changing Palestine which Dr. Fosdick sees.

It is the sort of book a Christian minister might have been expected to write, better in literary style than most. Dr. Fosdick castigates the rivalry of Christian sects, the falsification of "holy places," the Christian commercialization of faith, the "mummery" of Christian pagantry. Jesus made it a Holy Land, but Christians have since defiled it.

Dr. Parkes, also a minister, presents a detailed, fact-laden history of the country. He reserves for the British administration of the last thirty years, though himself an Englishman, some of his most biting criticism. Though the book closes at the moment when the infant state of Israel was placed under cruel attack, and the outcome at press time was uncertain, the author leaves no doubt of his own warm endorsement of the Zionist enterprise.

Here, too, Christian relationship with the country since the days of Christ comes under fire. The century of Christian rule during the Crusades he chalks up as a period of which Christianity can only be ashamed.

Arab claim to Palestine comes under close scrutiny, and Dr. Parkes points out that the only justification for making Palestine a "holy" land of the Arabs is the legend that on a single night Mohammed flew in from Arabia on his winged horse having the face of a woman and the tail of a peacock, in order that he might then mount to heaven and interview Allah. Jewish association with the country, on the other hand, is an historical fact of centuries' duration.

CARL ALPERT



Toscanini and Hubermann after the general rehearsal for the opening concert of the Palestine Orchestra, December 26, 1936. (R. Weissenstein)

stumbles over too many historical shortcuts, and peripheral matters take up a disproportionate amount of space while others that are germane receive but oblique reference.

Most satisfying are the early chapters dealing with ancient Palestine which the author reconstructs skilfully. The chapter-heading "New Trends in Liturgical Music" rather curiously offers only a cursory sketch of 19th century *hazzanuth* and a brief survey of the Reform movement. The strivings of modern scholars and composers to solve the dilemma inherent in the creation of a synagogue service which satisfies both contemporary musical expression and liturgic needs must await a future historian. Assaying spiritually emancipated composers, Dr. Gradenwitz rightfully observes that "an analysis of the in-

ZIONIST IDEAS

(Continued from page 4)

Silver's *Vision and Victory* has that title. For a long time the realization of the Zionist idea and ideal appeared as mere vision. In Dr. Silver's addresses one always catches both vision and hope and more than that, one is gripped by a sense of certainty and inevitability. There was never any doubt in Dr. Silver's mind that Palestine would be the Jewish homeland. In that conviction he led his people. His oratorical gifts helped persuade hard-headed statesmen.

In reading Dr. Silver's addresses one is impressed with the fact that while few great speakers can survive in print, his addresses are fully as interesting in the reading as they were when spoken.

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VISION AND VICTORY. By Abba Hillel Silver. 232 pp. New York: Zionist Organization of America. \$2.50.

By ABRAM LEON SACHAR

THE oratorical genius of Abba Hillel Silver has long been one of the assets of the American Jewish community. Dr. Silver matches erudition and profundity with a vivid and strikingly original style. His speeches in this volume, dealing mainly with the need for an independent Israel, belong in the highest tradition of polemics.

For decades, Zionism generally relied upon the benevolent interest of the United States. Successive Presidents since Wilson had given assurances of their support, and successive Republican and Democratic conventions had written endorsements into their party platforms. But deep into the devastating years of the locust there had been only minor results. The White Paper, by which Britain had throttled the development of a Jewish Palestine, remained basic British policy. Refugees fleeing the hell holes of Europe were turned back, ostensibly to placate the Arabs. The State Department rarely went beyond mild reproof, on the grounds that world conditions were so tense that more effective help must wait for the end of the war crisis.

Dr. Silver rebelled so violently that he often did not trouble to cloak his contemptuous assaults in diplomatic amenities. His faith in Britain had long before turned sour. His disillusionment with the State Department could no longer be restrained, and his angry impatience finally reached to President Roosevelt himself.

The majority of the addresses here represent Dr. Silver's defiance of Zionist moderates, his ap-

peals for organized pressure to embarrass American leaders who offered mere lip-service to Zionist aspirations, and his warnings to the United Nations to end the heartbreaking round of "we know and understand" but "be patient in a world of many similar tragedies." Dr. Silver could not wait. Faith alone was no longer enough in the presence of 6,000,000 dead. For these were the years when Hitler's cannibalism took its most awful toll and when Britain's closed-door policy in Palestine punished allies and rewarded enemies.

In May, 1943, Dr. Silver scarcely veiled his challenge to President Roosevelt's sincerity: "Expressions of sympathy have turned stale and tasteless. The tragic problems of the Jewish people * * * cannot be solved by chiefs of governments or prominent officials sending us Rosh Hashonah greetings."

In 1945, when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, at the request of the White House, postponed the resolution calling for a Jewish Commonwealth, Dr. Silver lashed out more savagely still. "Surely these repeated instances of performance lagging behind profession should caution us against exclusive reliance upon the good intentions of one or two great men, however unquestionably sincere their intentions are."

THE bursting of the seams in the DP camps, the bitterness against Bevin's callousness, the revolt in Israel—in a word, the triumph of necessity over patience and discipline, turned Dr. Silver from a maverick to a spokesman. He overthrew the more conservative Zionist leadership in this country and brought about the temporary repudiation of the revered world Zionist leader himself, Dr. Chaim Weizmann. The final addresses in this volume include Dr. Silver's masterly presentation, before the United Nations, of the case for the



Rabbi Silver.

creation of an independent Israel.

How much real influence his type of statesmanship had in changing American policy and in swinging over the U. N. to an affirmative Partition vote will have to be decided by the historians of tomorrow.

It is much too early to judge. Dr. Silver will remain a highly controversial figure. Indeed, almost immediately after the U. N. victory, he was repudiated both in Israel and in the United States, when he sought to exercise too great an influence upon the policies of the newly established Israeli state. But admirers and opponents alike will be in complete agreement that few men have ever surpassed him in power of phrase or in the relentless logic of oratorical offensive.

Abram Leon Sachar is president of Brandeis University.

In Praise of Minnesota

WITH VARIOUS VOICES. Edited by Theodore C. Blegen and Philip D. Jordan. 380 pp. St. Paul, Minn.: Webb Publishing Company. \$5.

By VICTOR P. HASS

FROM the writings of the people who lived it, Dr. Blegen and Professor Jordan have knitted together a fascinating history of the discovery and growth of the state of Minnesota. Here are the explorers, hunters, trappers, fur traders, soldiers, pioneers, teachers, editors, missionaries, lumbermen, millers, farmers, lawyers, railwaymen and others who found a paradise in the wilderness and turned it into a rich, peaceful and powerful commonwealth. The device is not new, but familiarity has not dimmed its charm.

The book opens with Pierre Radisson, the intrepid adventurer, writing glowingly of the "incomparable" Lake Superior country in 1654 and closes with Gov. Lind's magnificent "inventory" of the state's progress in his message to the Legislature in 1899.

Between those extremes the University of Minnesota editors have caught the pulse of a state a-borning with Father Louis Hennepin's report on the discovery of St. Anthony Falls in 1683, Jonathan Carver's account of the discovery of the great caves below the falls, Henry Schoolcraft's essay on his successful search for the source of the Mississippi, Editor James Goodhue's account of the signing of the treaty with the Sioux in 1851, Harrier Bishop's report of the hanging of thirty-eight Indians after the uprising in 1862, Henry Sibley's battle for territorial status, J. M. Tuttle's article on his expedition into the timbering country in 1867 and William Waits Folwell's inaugural address to the University of Minnesota in 1870—to skim only the cream of the collection.

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Sabbath Services

at 8 p. m.

Sermon Topic:

"VISION AND VICTORY"

A sermonic review of the book by
 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

at 10 a. m.

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DR. FELDMAN'S SERMONS

This Friday evening, the Rabbi will conclude his series of talks on books of Jewish significance which he has been giving in observance of Jewish Book Month. He will discuss Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's "Vision and Victory."

CHILDREN NAMED—On December 16th, the Rabbi named and blessed John William Rafal, the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Rafal, grandson of Mrs. William Lechner; Gail Elizabeth Greenberg, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Greenberg; Louis Samuels Libby, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Libby, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Samuels.

GIFTS TO THE TEMPLE—Three Prayer Books in memory of the Yahrzeit of Joseph Feinberg by Mrs. Joseph Feinberg and daughter Ruth; three Prayer Books in memory of the Yahrzeit of Joseph Feinberg by Dr. and Mrs. Louis Antupit; two Prayer Books in memory of the Yahrzeit of Jacob Gillman by Mr. Samuel M. Gillman.

NEW MEETING HOUSE MEMORIAL FUND—Contributions to this Fund have been made by Mrs. Joseph Feinberg in memory of Albert Rome.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL—There will be no sessions in the Religious School on the two Sundays December 25th and January 1st. The next session of the school will be on Sunday morning, January 8th.

TARBUTH DANCE—The mid-year dance of the Temple Tarbuth League will be held at the Tumble Brook Country Club on Sunday evening, December 25th.

COMMENTS ON "Israel's Flag is Not Mine"—From all parts of the country, the Rabbi is receiving favorable and enthusiastic statements on his analysis of the Reader's Digest article bearing the above title. From time to time (as space permits), he will publish some of these comments.

Rev. Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, President, Union of American Hebrew Congregations:—"I have read with the greatest interest and deepest appreciation your sermon on 'Israel's Flag is Not Mine.' I was tremendously stirred by this forthright and challenging utterance. It is an excellent piece of work, and I hope myself to make frequent reference to it. I like everything about it—its content, its style, its punch and its courage, I hope that you will likewise speak elsewhere on this same theme, as it is about time that this word was thus vigorously spoken."

Rev. Dr. Nelson Glueck, President, Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion:—"I have just glanced at your sermon on 'Israel's Flag is Not Mine.' Congratulations—it is a splendid talk."

SISTERHOOD NOTES

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND—Contributions to this Fund have been made by Mrs. Sidney Rafal in memory of her father Dr. William Lechner. Contributions in memory of Minna Hellmann have been made by Mrs. May B. Segalla, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Isenberg, Mr. and Mrs. David F. Salad, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Elsner. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Herrup made a contribution in memory of Mrs. Herrup's brother-in-law, George Weledniger (N. Y.).

FLOWER FUND—Contributions to this Fund have been made by Mrs. Lena Tobias in memory of the Yahrzeit of her husband, December 20th.

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Minna Hellmann—Died, December 12, 1949

From Review
to Silver with first papers.

Rabbi Wise and Rabbi Silver

Challenging Years.

An Autobiography of Stephen Wise.
Putnam. 352 pp. \$4.00.

Vision and Victory.

A Collection of Addresses by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, 1942-1948.
Zionist Organization of America. 232 pp. \$2.50.

J.S.
BOTH Stephen Wise and Abba Silver came to this country as children, but became more American than Jewish in their temperaments. Both were reform rabbis, shining orators in the best nineteenth century tradition. But while one could hardly tell where Wise's oratory ceased to be a vehicle and became an end in itself, the younger leader is more hard-headed, more erudite, and much tougher.

Stephen Wise was a great Jew, a great American, a great man. But he was certainly not a great thinker, much less a great writer. Any middling journalist could have written a more interesting book about his fascinating life and colorful personality than he did himself. The attractive features of Wise's character do come out in the book, his almost unlimited capacity for friendship and his lack of bitterness and vindictiveness toward his opponents (as contrasted with Weizmann's autobiography or with Silver's addresses). Although he showed extreme naivete in everything that concerned politics and sociology, his instincts were often as noble as his gestures and at times he displayed an uncanny intuition.

The most disappointing part of the book is its discussion of Zionism. Stephen Wise was a familiar figure at every Zionist Congress and a household name in every Jewish hamlet in Palestine and in every Zionist youth group in Europe. Yet his autobiography gives no clue to the propelling force of his Zionism. Was it, as with Theodor Herzl, the realization that a homeland was the only solution to anti-Semitism? Or was it, as with Weizmann, the urge to perpetuate Jewish civilization? All

Reviewed by M. Z. Frank

Well-known writer on Jewish subjects

that the book gives us is the sentimental attachment to the grandmother's grave, Herzl's unusually magnetic personality, Brandeis's greatness as an American, and a rather superficial enthusiasm for the pioneers in Palestine.

Abba Silver successfully conducted the political struggle on the American scene—including Lake Success and Flushing Meadows—for the establishment of the Jewish State. Into that struggle he introduced and skillfully employed every known device of American political propaganda and pressure, over the opposition of older and more squeamish leaders. But as soon as he tried to inject himself into the complexities of the essentially European social and political fabric in Israel, he became as confused as other Americans. This confusion seems to be one of the major reasons for Silver's eclipse as a Zionist leader once his political task was accomplished.

More than oratory accounted for

Silver's success. He is an extremely skillful strategist and an able, energetic administrator. His strong personality has made many enemies in the hierarchy of the Zionist movement and in the State Department, but has won him thousands of admirers in the ranks of American Jewry. He had the knack of inspiring his immediate subordinates with fanatical devotion.

All these qualities do not clearly appear in Silver's addresses. But there is enough to show his ability to formulate an idea with telling effect, his power to make people see things as he sees them. Some of Silver's addresses are not only effective, but often beautiful and even grand. The most impressive passages are those which deal with the drama and tragedy of Jewish history and with Israel's age-old yearning for a homeland. He rises to real heights in the addresses in which he presented the Jewish case before the forum of the United Nations. It is after each of these presentations that John Hohenberg of the *New York Post* would invariably add that there spoke 6,000 years of history.

A Baedeker by Budenz

Men Without Faces.

By Louis Budenz.

Harpers. 296 pp. \$3.50.

THE "men without faces" of Mr. Budenz' title are the men of the American Communist party, of which this book is a brief sketch. Mr. Budenz, the former managing editor of the *Daily Worker* and star U.S. witness, has told most of his own experiences in *This Is My Story*. He has not attempted an exhaustive study of the American CP, even for

the years he was a Communist. He has aimed instead at the uninitiated but well-meaning layman, and given him an interesting and well-collated looseleaf of official quotations, high-spots of party history, sidelights on little-known aspects of CP behavior—all held together by the thread of Professor Budenz' own experiences. No great news for the specialist, *Men Without Faces* may nevertheless be an ideal layman's introduction to the American CP. —A.S.

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Random jottings

by HAMAZKIR

"JIGGERY-POKERY"

• In these days, when we are suffering from a war of ideologies and a welter of political slogans, we come across some strange conceptions of freedom. The latest oracular utterance on the subject has come from Professor Hyman Levy, who, when not lecturing on mathematics and aerodynamics, seems to spend most of his time in singing the praises of the Communist way of life. In an address that he delivered the other week in the East End, he is reported to have said that "Talk of lack of freedom in the Eastern democracies is so much jiggy-pokery." It is quite evident that his conception of freedom, and of the lack of it, does not agree in the least with the view held by most rational people in the Western world. If there is no lack of freedom in the Soviet Union, the most important of the Eastern democracies, how comes it that the Jewish anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow was dissolved by the authorities last summer without any explanation? How comes it that Itzik Feffer, David Bergelson, and other eminent Yiddish writers in Russia, were arrested and exiled several months ago, without any explanation being vouchsafed as to the reason, and without any news of their present fate?

Freedom seems to have assumed a peculiar guise in all the other so-called "people's democracies." In all of them (except apparently Yugoslavia) the fiat has gone forth that offices or branches of international Jewish organisations must be closed and relations with Jews and Jewish bodies on this side of the "Iron Curtain" must cease. Freedom of movement finds paradoxical expression in bans being imposed or threatened against emigration to Israel. Cultural freedom in Hungary has been manifested by the Government closing down the only Hebrew school. Personal freedom in Rumania is apparently accountable for the arrest of hundreds of members of Zionist Youth organisations and their deportation to forced

labour camps in the Carpathian Mountains. And national freedom is responsible for the suppression of all Zionist activities in all the satellite States. Professor Levy will have to think very hard if he wants to prove that all these acts of interference with the lives of the Jews in Eastern Europe show that there is no lack of freedom in that region.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

• I have known Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver long enough to recall the time when, after he had delivered an eloquent speech at the close of a week's meetings of the old Zionist "Actions Committee" in London, the late Shmarya Levin expressed his appreciation by clapping him on the back and calling him "a good boy." Dr. Silver, who has probably forgotten the incident, which occurred over twenty-five years ago, blushed embarrassingly under this compliment from the Yiddish orator. Since then he must have given hundreds of eloquent speeches and addresses, for the delivery of which he is favoured by a commanding presence, a powerful resonant voice, and a dexterous use of gesture. Of all those addresses the most important are unquestionably those that he delivered in the eventful years from 1942 to 1948, and the Zionist Organisation of America was therefore well advised in publishing them as a book under the title *Vision and Victory*. These speeches include those that were made by Dr. Silver to the Security Council and other organs of the United Nations before the proclamation of the State of Israel, and serve to remind us of the very energetic and leading part he played in expounding to that august assembly the nationalist aspirations of the Jewish people and contributing to the victory achieved. They are fighting speeches, thoughtful, carefully constructed, and will be well worth reading even in future years. The collec-

tion also includes three addresses given within the American Jewish community, from a non-Zionist platform, in which Dr. Silver discusses religious themes and the relations between Israel and the Diaspora.

CHAMBERS'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA

• It is gratifying to note that over a dozen Jewish writers, scholars, and scientists have contributed to the new *Chambers's Encyclopaedia*, which is shortly to appear and will undoubtedly take its place as a work of world authority. Among the Advisory Editors is Rabbi Isidore Epstein, Principal of Jews' College, who has written articles on the Sabbath, the Midrash, and other Jewish subjects. Professor Leon Roth has written on Jewish philosophy, his brother, Cecil Roth, on Jewish history, and Israel Cohen on Zionism and Herzl. Professor Morris Ginsberg has contributed the article on Sociology, Max Beloff on Constitution, and Isaiah Berlin on Socialism and Socialist Theories. The article on the History of Medicine is by Professor Charles Singer, that on Vitamins by Dr. Leslie J. Harris, and that on "Fertilisation of Egg" by Lord Rothschild. Professor Isaac L. Kandel has written on Secondary Education, Q. J. Zangwill (son of Israel Zangwill) on Psychology, Arthur D. Noyes on Chinese Philosophy, and Harold M. Abrahamson on Athletic Sport.

KOESTLER AND MYSELF

• After I had read the first few reviews of Arthur Koestler's *Promise and Fulfilment*, I decided to read the book but not to buy it, as in my overcrowded study I can find room for only books of relatively permanent value. So I asked the librarian at my local library to reserve it for me after all previous reservations had been worked off. At last I received a card informing me that the book was at my disposal, but when I took the card I couldn't get the book because I didn't have my library ticket or bring back another book. A few days later I went again with another book, but still couldn't get Koestler, because, for some particular reason, I had also to produce my library ticket in addition. At last, on my third visit, I got the Koestler and travelled home by bus. But I left the book on the bus. All attempts to recover the missing volume have been in vain: so now I must buy a copy after all to make good the loss.

Former foreign-editor of the New York P.M., RICHARD YAFFE, just returned from an eight month's tour of Eastern Europe, writes the first of a series of exclusive articles for the ZIONIST REVIEW on —

Jews Behind the Iron Curtain

It would be too glib to write of the countries within the Soviet sphere—the so-called “Iron Curtain”—as one, although it is only a matter of time before they will be alike as daisies in a field. But right now, each differs somewhat from the other in its stage of development towards socialism, just as each differs from the other in its attitude towards Jewish emigration.

There are certain common denominators: First and foremost, each of these countries is tethered to the Soviet Union directly and through the Cominform. Second, they are ruled by one party—the Communist Party. Third, all Communist parties in the Peoples’ Democracies are either undergoing purges or have undergone them, and all countries within the Soviet sphere are coming out of the cleansings more strongly pro-Soviet and more violently anti-American than ever.

Where the countries differ is in their development towards their socialist goal; but here, too, the differences will disappear within a short time—no longer than six years hence, when the various national economic plans will come to a climax simultaneously. By that time, it is safe to predict, provided there is no war in the meantime, the countries will be as one, their boundaries only nominal to indicate separate national characteristics in language, literature and the arts.

Racism is a Crime

The attitudes of these countries towards the Jewish question also have one characteristic in common—the governments are not anti-Semitic. Or the contrary, racism has been made a serious crime and is met with the strongest punishments—long prison sentences and the death penalty.

It is true that discrimination exists but it is not anti-Jewish discrimination. It is, rather, anti-class. Because these are now workers’ governments the class aspects of the Eastern governments have been turned upside down. The former ruling class has been—or is in the process of being—dispossessed. Because, for historical reasons, the Jew in these countries has been the

merchant of the small manufacturer, he has been among the hardest hit by the revolutionary change in the socio-political-economic system. He is therefore a victim of class rather than religious or national discrimination.

There is one big difference, however: the Jews in all the Eastern countries save Rumania and Hungary are being allowed to depart—without their fortunes of course—to seek a new existence elsewhere. The dispossessed non-Jews must either stay and integrate themselves into Socialist life, or starve, or flee illegally to green-backed pastures.

Varied Conditions

In the countries where there are restrictions against Jewish emigration—and these vary in degree also—there are even tighter restrictions against non-Jewish departures. Where, for example, Hungary is allowing 3,000 Jews to depart it is allowing no non-Jews to leave; and where Czechoslovakia placed emigration bars only against Jewish scientists and technicians, it does not permit any non-Jew at all to leave.

Other variations between the nations are also worthy of note: Rumania has ousted the American Joint Distribution Committee but has allowed the Jewish Agency to remain; whereas Hungary has sent the Jewish Agency packing, but allows the Joint to continue operations; both remain in Czechoslovakia, but in Poland, the Joint was ordered to end its activities on the last day of last year.

Anti-Zionist manifestations vary from country to country and are in direct ratio to the importance of anti-Zionist Jews within the governments. Rumania and Hungary are perfect examples of this. In Poland, the anti-Zionist Jews were in the ascendancy for a time, but I have every reason to believe that they were over-ruled recently in the United Workers (Communist) Party when it was decided to open the doors wide for all Jews who wanted to depart.

On the other hand, several of the countries I visited—notably Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia—seemed more

sympathetic to the plight of Jews than to that of other victims of Fascism. In Prague I learnt that the best facilities had been commandeered for the aged and ill Jews on the ground that they had suffered most at the hands of the Germans.

In all the Eastern countries,— again with the exception of Hungary and Rumania—I saw that there is no real Jewish problem, mainly because there are not enough Jews to constitute a problem. Poland will have about thirty-five or forty thousand left when the emigration is complete at the end of 1950, Czechoslovakia under ten thousand, Yugoslavia three or four thousand, Bulgaria practically none. How long Hungary and Rumania will be able to hold out against emigration is problematic, but it is entirely probable that they too—as Poland did—will decide that their efforts to hold all their Jews and integrate them into their societies has failed, and they will re-open their borders to emigration.

I wrote that anti-Semitism has been made illegal. I certainly do not want to give the impression that it has disappeared. In Poland, for instance, it is safe to say that the average Pole is an anti-Semite. He was one long before Hitler came, and he will remain that way for some time to come, despite the efforts of his government to re-educate him. This is true in the Slovakian but not the Bohemian and Moravian provinces of Czechoslovakia; in the more backward sections of Yugoslavia, but not in Serbia; in Rumania and the rural areas of Hungary.

Projection Against a Class

But it is also safe to say that, barring a war or a change in regimes, the Jew in these countries is safe from violent attack or open discrimination. It is not true, as some reports have it, that the Jew in Poland lives in constant fear for his life or is “sitting on his baggage” ready to flee from a pogrom in his village or town.

Anti-Semitism has been historically a policy from the top, playing on religious, economic and political prejudices; a drug given by an administration to make the people project their poverty and backwardness against an innocent whipping boy. The church is no longer in a position to add mysticisms to a political policy, as it has done in the past. Today the projection is against a class—the remnants of the bourgeoisie, the kulaks—rather than against a religious grouping.

Units in the News



San Francisco girls step high in a Gay Nineties Revue presented jointly with Senior Hadassah. The hal-of-a-Flora-dora-Sextet are, left to right, Vivian Dudane Solomon, Edith Shiffman, Zana Outkin.

Summer programs are blossoming everywhere—we hope your unit will join in the fun . . . Steubenville is buying up all the wieners in sight in preparation for a series of wiener roasts as a means of socializing . . . Syracuse plans for a weekly Oneg Shabbat during July and August as are many other groups. Informal and inspiring . . . Ambitious St. Louis is busily following a program of five different interest groups—something for every girl who belongs. There's a dance group, a choral group, Hebrew for the girls who want to brush up or start from scratch, Cultural Fellowship Key preparation, and for those with

nimble fingers, Yemenite embroidery. Sounds like a marvelous system . . . Back East, Jamaica's looking forward to Beach "kumsitz" parties sunny Sundays, Onegai Shabbat, and to build muscles on everyone, a full sports program. Even had a request for a National Sports Manual . . . To look backward a bit on the wind-up activities of the year—Passaic presented lots of trees to happy Mothers at its annual Mother-Daughter party . . . And for Meier Shfeyah's Bikkurim fund, Elizabeth undertook to clothe one boy and one girl fully. Mighty nice . . . The Record Album, "Israel In Song" served as entertainment for all at South Shore's Gefulte Fish party . . . For those who've filled quota's, Hartford's planning a slam bam party to celebrate a successful year . . . Masada and Junior Hadassah join hands in Philadelphia, together sponsoring a Show and Dance to start the summer off right . . . Hillel and Aviva, who made everyone so happy at Convention with their wonderful music, have been reaching some of the units personally. Count Pittsfield among the lucky . . . And so, a happy summer to you all. Hope you're planning lots of hearty fall activities and gathering up your energy to be back for a good strong start . . .



For Your Library

"Vision and Victory" by Abba Hillel Silver, Zionist Organization of America—\$2.50.

"VISION AND VICTORY by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is not a book to be taken lightly and it will not be taken so! This compilation of addresses made over a six year period will not be easy reading but it offers rich rewards for the little extra trouble involved.

Here is the picture of the fight for the Jewish State on the American scene by one of those in the forefront of that fight. Herein you are taken behind the scenes of Zionist conventions; into the halls of Congress; and into the committee rooms of the United Nations at Lake Success.

Here, too, you will find within a few pages—in speeches like *Toward American-Jewish Unity* and *At The Congressional Hearings* an explanation of the "why" and "wherefore" of the Zionist movement and an exposition of the Jew's historical claim to Palestine as a national homeland.

Furthermore, in this book you will find answers to such questions as "Why do we need Zionism now that the Jewish State is established?"; "Does being a Zionist mean I am a disloyal American?"; "What shall be the relationship between American Jewry and Israel?"

For example, in the speech *The Conspiracy Of Silence*, delivered in 1943, Dr. Silver said:

"Our historic charge and mandate are to realize the Jewish national idea, not to compromise it. We must learn to be resolute with ourselves and with our friends and our foes . . . We ask for nothing new or anything more than that which our people has asked for and has prayed for through these long weary centuries — the chance to rebuild its

national life in its historic home, from which a tragic fate has exiled it . . . We have been noble and beaten for so long. We now wish to be noble and free and as a free people in its own land to work together with all other free peoples for a just and peaceful world."

Liberal Judaism and Israel, an address made in 1948, is an analysis of our future relationship to the State of Israel. These words for today and tomorrow are required reading for every American Jew.

Those who have followed or participated in the controversies which have occurred during the past several years between Dr. Silver and other Zionist leaders will want to read *VISION AND VICTORY* for Dr. Silver's side of the story in his own words. Whatever side the reader is on, he will find much material for thought and discussion.

The addresses are colorful, informative, carefully documented. Dr. Silver understands how to call forth an emotional response or to appeal to reason and logic. Every address, with its wealth of references to both Jewish and world history, betrays scholarship and a wide knowledge of the humanities.

Speeches like *Before World Tribunals* or *Test Of United Nations Authority* wherein Dr. Silver represents the Jewish cause in the United Nations, exemplify the statesmanship and firm determination which made such a profound impression on UN delegates.

Each address is prefaced by historical notes by Mr. Harold P. Manson, giving the background against which the speech was made. It is regrettable that some of these notes give the impression of being an apologia for Dr. Silver. This is unnecessary. As the speeches indicate, Dr. Silver can speak for himself.

Thumbail Sketch No. 29

Marjorie Slutsker

M is for a marvelous sense of humor
A is for accomplishment we've seen
R is for her roaming o'er the country
G's for geniality supreme,
I is for incessant inspiration
E for energy that knows no bounds
Put them all together, you have Margie
Our Miss Slutsker, who does get around.

From Lorain, Ohio to Israel to U. S., points north, south, east, and west reads our gal-of-the-moth's traveling record—and it all has a Junior Hadassah history.

The story starts with one fateful evening some years ago, when as Marge can now admit, "I went to a Junior Hadassah meeting to heckle. Something they said interested me, and I've been in ever since."

That is how Marge Slutsker a while back came to be devoting extracurricular hours to office-holding in her local unit and leading a Young Judaea group as well. Finding that Zionist activities interfered with her profession—photography—Marge made picture-taking an avocation, and went to work full time for the Central States Youth Commission as Youth Director, remaining there until the spring of 1947. Then, via the Junior-Hadassah Work-Study Course, came the chance she had so badly wanted—the chance to go see for herself in the Jewish state, to spend a year filling in her Zionist background first hand.

Marge jumped at the opportunity, sailed away, had her wonderful year, and came back to a life as a "wandering Jew". Almost every Junior Hadassah took and cranny has had a visit from Marge this past year. As a National Board member, holder of a Cultural Fellowship Key, field worker par excellence, and deeply-rooted Zionist, she has been well able to help our youth groups build for the future.

Her own future includes more of same. The present official title is Director of Zionist Youth activities for the Central States Youth Commission, and



in July she returns to work for Junior Hadassah exclusively. Which will keep her very happy. That, and a world in which people don't leave questions and sentences suspended in mid-air.

TEL NOAR CAMP

Tel Noar Lodge, on beautiful Sunset Lake in Hampstead, N.H., offers the opportunity to enjoy an unusual and memorable vacation. A Zionist-sponsored camp for young men and women in 18-30 age group, it combines cultural activities in a Zionist atmosphere with all the other sports and social activities.

Every sport is offered as well as the opportunity for individual expression through participation in song, dance, musical, dramatic groups and arts and crafts. Sabbath services are held amid beautiful natural surroundings. Dietary laws are observed.

The cost is \$60.00 for each of the two-week periods into which the season is divided. These are as follows: July 17-31; July 31 to August 14; August 14-28; and a nine-day period from August 28 to September 5, including the Labor Day weekend, for which the cost is \$33.00. Campers will also be accepted for one-week periods.

For further information write to Tel Noar Lodge, Sunset Lake, Hampstead, N.H.

Girl Scouts Send Gifts to Shfeyah Children to Palestine Organization Fosters "One World" Project



Sarah Neuman, J.H. national vice-president, is shown accepting two "Treasure Chests" for Meier Shfeyah from Miss Olivia Terrell, executive director of CHILDREN TO PALESTINE. The "Treasure Chests" are part of a project conducted by CHILDREN TO PALESTINE to acquaint American boys and girls with their counterparts in Israel. These Chests were prepared by the Saron, Mass. Girl Scouts.

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