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June 1949

Dr. Abba Hillsl Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As the staff of the American Zionist Emergency Council, we had the privilege of serving under you in the execution of the grand political strategy of American Zionism from 1943 to 1949. Our word of tribute, devotion and gratitude belongs most properly in this volume, for we — uniquely even among the thousands who have responded to your voice and followed your guidance — have known at first hand the qualities of your mind and spirit and will, have seen with our own eyes the development of your decisive contribution to the birth of the Jewish State.

The years of our work under your leadership have been great years in Jewish history. They have been rich and rewarding years for us personally, for you have enabled each of us to give the best in him to the service of the Jewish people.

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מרינת ישראל קונפוליה כלליה CONSULATE GENERAL OF ISRAEL II EAST ZOTH STREET NEW YORK 21, N.Y. ביו ייורק. TRAFALGER 9-7600 June 14, 1949 Mr. Abe Tuvim American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Ave. New York 17. N.Y. Dear Mr. Tuvim: As one who was privileged for a number of years to work in close association with Dr. Silver, first at the American Zionist Emergency Council and later as Director of the United Metions Office of the Jewish Agency, I am most happy to have the opportunity to pay my tribute to him on the occasion of his retiring from the chairmanship of the Emergency Council. Dr. Silver was called to Zionist leadership in this country at a somber period in our affairs. In Palestine the Mandatory Power, in its resolve to force through the disastrous policy of the 1939 White Paper and to restrict the further development of the Jewish Masional Home, was piling repression on repression. In America public opinion, while concerned with the impending tragedy, was neither sufficiently articulate now well organized to restore the belance. If in the years 1943 to 1948 that situation was transformed and a Jewish State established, the answer is to be found in the spirit which animated, on the one hand, the Jews of Israel and, on the other, the great Jewish community of this country. In that historic struggle the courageous, dynamic leadership of Br. Silver in arousing and organizing a united American Jewry for effective action was of decisive importance. The State of Israel is now firmly founded but it is still confronted with titanic tasks. In the years shead Jews everywhere will contimue to count on the splendid gifts and the dedicated service to

his people of Abia Hillel Silver.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Lourie

Consul General

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June 14, 1949

Dr. Abbs Hillel Silver American Zionis: Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, N.T.

Dear Dr. Silver:

It was with some schooss that I learned of your decision to relinquish your duties as Chairman of the American Zionist Council. This decision marks the end of an inspiring chapter in the annals of American Zionism. It was under your leadership that the ideals of our movement became part of the conviction and feith of American Jewry. It was under your leadership that this great community became a potent and decisive ally in the Yishuv's efforts to break through from repression into the light of national freedom.

Above all I am particularly conscious of the role which you were called upon to play when the presentation of the Jewish case to the United Mations became the responsibility of the American Section of the Jewish Agency. During that period you were required by Jewish history to be the spokesman of our people on unforgettable occasions. The traditions established during that period well deserve to be honoured and emulated in Israel's future performance on the international scepe.

I am confident that your well merited rest will be succeeded by further periods of great service and leadership in the cause of Israel and the Jewish people.

Yours very sincerely,

Aubrey S. Eban

Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations

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

June 10, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I deem it a high privilege for one who has followed your leadership to pay tribute to you and that leadership.

It is an old truism that a people's character finds its reflection in the leaders it summons. In the decade after the first World War, American Israel grew up. It became socially alert, economically established and politically mature. In this atmosphere, out of the very heart of the Jewish masses, you, later to become the leader of our people, grew up. The Brandeis epoch fashioned the Provisional Committee for Zionist Affairs. The Silver era produced the American Zionist Emergency Council, which, outside of the Yishuv itself, was singularly responsible for the favorable decisions both by the United States and the United Nations.

Each time you spoke before the United Nations the world was alert. Two thousand years of martyrdom and exile spoke in your brilliant and fearless championship of a Jewish State. It is fortunate that at this juncture in Jewish life which demands dogged determination, burning deeds, leadership possessed of magnetism, love of, and faith in, the masses, American Jewry and that part of world Jewry destined to remain outside of the physical boundaries of Israel, found the synthesis of all these qualities in Abba Hillon Eliver. It was you who made of the Zionist Organization of America, wast, long ago, it should have become - a movement of the masses and a great political force.

Few leaders in our novement - and I know them each and know them well - are so democratic, liberal and as amenable to waggestion as yourself.
Your record as a friend of labor and as one was relieves in the

June 10, 1949 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver -2-Histadruth as the only trade union federation in Israel is clear. Your writings and public addresses mirror your admiration for labor in general and for laboring Palestine in particular. You were the first to suggest closer relations with the USSR which bore fruit in the deliberations of the United Nations. Yours is an ability to rise from the purity of transcendent ideas to the wise solution of practical problems. I believe that the name of Abba Hillel Silver will lead all the rest in the latest chapter of our people's contemporary history. Manifold will be the problems confronting our people and movement in the immediate future. Leaders of the new state will have more than their hands full attending to the tasks of building the state. I sincerely believe that we must command you and demand of you to continue in leadership for the welfare and security of our people. Sincerely yours. DF:dh



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Mr. Abe Tuvim, Executive Director American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Tuvim:

Bnai Zion is happy to join with all Zionist organizations in recording its full and heartfelt admiration for the efforts which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver pursued in behalf of the establishment of the State of Israel.

History will tell to what a remarkable degree his voice, raised in behalf of the Jewish people, helped to bring about United Nations support for realization of the Zionist ideal.

Throughout his long association with the Zionist movement and by virtue of his magnificent contributions to the development of political Zionism, Dr. Silver has become a symbol of the role which an American Jew can play in the fulfillment of the ancient dream of Zion redeemed.

The first half of the Zionist goal - the establishment of the State of Israel - has been achieved, thanks in large measure to Dr. Silver's historic efforts. The second and final phase the gathering in of the exiles of Israel - remains to be realized. Basi Zion feels certain that in Dr. Silver's continued and untiring leadership, we will all live to see this dream fulfilled. Bnai Zion, as always, will continue to support him in his efforts.

With all best wishes on this occasion, in the name of the entire membership and officers of Bnai Zion,

"Chazak V'enatz!"

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Like the many thousands of your friends and admirers. I have learned with a great deal of regret your decision that you will not continue as Chairman of the Council.

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I want at this time to express to you as a Zionist who has worked for our cause for over a generation, my deep gratitude and appreciation of your leadership. I remember well the dreary vista which confronted one who surveyed the Zionist scene in this country before you transformed our Movement and made it a living force. Zionist Movement in this country had fallen into a groove and had for some time been operating in a routine, uninspiring fashion, entirely unsuited to accomplish the important tasks which lay before it. The Jewish people will be everlastingly indebted to you for the revolutionary change which you brought about at the very moment when such thange was so necessary. Under your leadership Zionism in America took on a new character and entered upon that magnificent effort which contributed greatly to the establishment of the State of Israel. It is no exaggeration to state that without your leadership public opinion in the United States would not Save been aroused to the support of the Jewish people's slaim for recognition and justice. Without your leadership the essential political mictories which were won could not have been attained.

ovive Director ARAH BEHRMAN

Those of us who have had the privilege of working with you and under your direction know that you will continue to give your great talents of leadership to our Movement. Upon Zionism and Zionists there still rests the great responsibility of aiding Israel to overcome serious obstacles, both political and economic, so that it may be strong and enduring. It is a comfort to us that, although

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

June 6, 1949

you relinquish the Chairmanship of the Council, you will, we are certain, remain a tower of strength and inspiration to all of us who are enrolled in the Zionist Organization.

Sincerely yours,

WRHS

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May 24, 1949

At the close of Dr. Silver's term of office as chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organisation of America, records its deep appreciation of the outstanding role he has played in the Zionist movement in the years leading up to the establishment of the State of Israel.

Dr. Silver provided dynamic leadership to the Zionist movement in America during its most critical period. His eloquence and boldness aroused the American Jewish community to vigorous action. He leaves the office he held during the most critical pears of our movement, with the personal joy and satisfaction of knowing that he has made a significant contribution toward the creation of the State of Israel and has witnessed the fulfillment of the dream of courtless generations of Jews. Though he needs no thanks or testimonials beyond this knowledge, we are glad to join his many friends and colleagues in expressing our appreciation for all that he has done, and our earnest hopes that he will continue to dewote his energies and talents to the service of his people.

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May 25, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York, 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver,

The General Executive Committee of the Jewish National Workers' Alliance learned with deep regret of your decision to relinquish your office as Chairman of the American Zionist Council.

On behalf of the officers and members of the General Executive Committee, we wish to express to you our sincere appreciation of the leadership you gave the American Zionist movement during the past few decisive years which lead to the grand victory when the State of Israel was established and finally won the recognition of the international family of nations.

We are confident that you will continue to devote your extraordinary talents to further the aims and ideals we hold in common.

Very sincerely yours,

MEYER L. BROWN

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Aggociate Secretary

JK:PMK

720 West End Avenue New York City, May 20 1949

American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, N. Y.

Cantlemen:

Permit me to express my profound gratitude to Dr. Abba Hillsl Silver for his long and persistent efforts in the interests of Zionism and World Jewry. In a large measure, it was through his tenacious and untiring fight for Jewish Nationalism that a Jewish State was successfully established and that Israel was admitted in the United Nations.

Sincerely yours

Frances Berman Rosenberg (Mrs Isaac H. Rosenberg)

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June 23, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Honorary Chairman American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver.

I have recently returned from Israel. Otherwise I would have written this letter sooner.

Your decision not to continue as Chairman of the American Zionist Council enables one to sum up a period in American Zionism which will forever, in my opinion, remain the Silver Period.

I do not want to use any superlative adjectives to characterize your leadership of American Zionism during the most critical period in the history of Zioniam, although their use would be proper and highly justified. However, I do want to say that throughout the years that I have served with the American Zionist Emergency Council, I slways, whether or not I agreed with you on a given question, admired your great capacity, and above all, your fearlessness in leading American Jewry in the hard fight for the cause of Israel which ended in Victory.

As I write this letter, I want to feel that this is only an occasion when you are taking a short "hafsakah" and that in the very near future, you will again resume an active role in the vanguard of our battle for the security and peace of Israel and the Jewish people throughout the world.

> With best and sincere wishes, Paul L'Holdman

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I have learned with regret of your retirement from the Chairmanship of the American Zionist Emergency Council. May I take this occasion, speaking both on behalf of the B'nai B'rith, and in a personal vein, to express to you a deep appreciation for the contribution you rendered the cause of the Jewish people everywhere during the period of your chairmanship of the Council.

During the dark days which preceded recognition by the nations of the world of the Jewish right to national restoration, it was your heroic leadership which gave American Jewry a sense of confidence and strength to pursue uninterruptedly our common goal. It was this strength and this confidence which contributed so magnificently to ultimate victory. I am sure that history will accord to you the high place which you earned and deserve.

May the coming years be good to you and give you the satisfaction of having been one of the major architects of retorn Israel. May American Jewry and all our people continue to benefit from your untiring and unselfish services in those years to come.

I am

Cordially and affectionately yours,

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

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My dear Dr. Silver:

I am glad to add my poor words to the many tributes you are receiving from Zionists all over the country marking the occasion of your relinquishing your post as the head of the American Zionist Council. I am sure that nothing I can say can even remotely express the high esteem in which I hold you or the gratitude which I, in common with all Zionist workers, feel for the extraordinary services you have rendered our common cause.

No one in the turbulent history which has been written in the last decade has made a greater or more lasting contribution to the achievement of the Jewish State. You not only saw the goal but the road that led to it. Your steadfastness on this road, despite all attempts to cause you to deviate, was the spark which fired the flame of determination in the hearts and minds of all Zionists and brought us to our happy destination.

Long life to you and your family, and long services to our sacred cause.

Sincerely yours,

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I. I. SCHWARZBART MEMBER, EXECUTIVE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS 1834 BROADWAY NEW YORK 23, N.Y. OFFICE TELEPHONE HOME TELEPHONE CABLE ADDRESS: WORLDGRESS NEW YORK RIVERSIDE 9-8485 GINGLE 7-2917 June 6, 1949. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Tample Cleveland. 0 h i o. My dear Dr. Silver: I understand that your decision to leave the chairmanship of the Zionist Emergency Council, now American Zionist Council, remains unshaken. Yet, I am sure that even formally you will stay away only a short while. Repeatedly, at meetings, in the press and in letters to you, I have underlined your historic services in the establishment of the State of Israel. I have now been in the United States for three It was you who afforded me the opportunity of participating in the meetings of the Zionist Emergency Council as a guest member and thus enabled me to gain an insight into Zionist affairs here. This exceptional opportunity given to me - the "stranger" - by you helped me follow the events behind the scenes of our movement here and made me realize your creative, watchful, and inspiring role in it. After a dramatic period on the domestic front, I thought that the last: convention of the ZCA rewarded you for your great deeds when it repeatedly and enthusiastically cheered every mention of your name and your every entrance in the convention hall. This is clear evidence of the esteem in which our people hold you. Accept thee rather restrained words from an old and sincere friend. I join wholeheartedly with all those and they are legion - who believe that you are a great indispensable force in our movement at this historic period of our rebirth. I wish you personally and your family much joy and happiness. In friendship, Very ammerely yours, pr. I. Schwarzbart. IS:nk



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York

My dear Dr. Silver:

No one can detract in any way from the historic contribution that you have made to our movement. You took over the work of the Emergency Council when our political fortunes were at the lowest ebb. You are leaving the Council, if it is your will to relinquish your leadership of the Council, with Zionism vindicated and at a time when our political fortunes are at the highest.

You have the effection of the overwhelming number of Jews both here and abroad. They will never forget your great voice and your masterful presentation before the United Nations. It was your indomitable will, your courageous leadership and your determination that helped in a great measure in achieving our historic and political victory. Those of as who have been in the movement and who are familiar with its development know that none of these things have come about accidentally. It should be encouraging to you too to know that under your inspiring leadership, the entire American Jewish community was mobilized. Despite the divisions that may exist within the movement, it was under your leadership that all the parties and all the groups were brought within the Zicnist orbit. Our major objectives were achieved because of the implicit faith and confidence that was reposed in you. You now have the affection of the overwhelming number of Zionists.

I wish to add my own humble tribute and appreciation as a Zionist to you, as one of the greatest leaders of Zionism, and to you, as friend and great human spirit, when it has been my privilege to know. I am very happy indeed to add my word to the many that I am sure will come to you, in saluting you, Dr. Silver, for the brilliancy of your generalship, in wishing you God speed, confident that you will continue to be our guide, our leader and our counsellor for many, many years to come.

Faithfully/yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York.

Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of the 20,000 members of Junior Hadassah, the Young Women's Zionist Organization of America, I would like to take this opportunity, on the occasion of your retirement as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, to express to you our gratitude, admiration and deepest respect for your outstanding leadership of Zionists in this country.

Py your works and your example you have brought both Jews and non-Jews to a better understanding and appreciation of the Jewish tradition and of the Zionist cause. Through your rare gifts of atyle and expression you have been able to stir thousands to new efforts for the unbuilding of the Jewish homeland.

Through your personal self-dedication and your unwearying service on behalf of the land of Israel, you have set an example of devotion which has had a wide influence on us, the youth of the Zionist movement.

You have represented our cause before the nations of the world with a force and dignity which has brought new international respect for all Jewry as well as for all Israel.

In the pages of history your name will stand at the top with those without whom the Jewish State could never have been achieved.

Because, as eloquent preacher, teacher, and wise counsellor, you have brought to your title of Rabbi all the meaningfulness and great tradition of him whose name you also bear, we, the youth, look to your continued leadership in the future; for we know that the battle is not yet over and as a great general you will continue the fight you have begun.

Bespectfelly yours,

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In the annals of Jewish history certain figures tower above others by virtue of their strength and qualities of leadership. Such a person arose on the American Zionist scene with the emergence of Dr. Silver.

We have been fortunate, indeed, that during some of the darkest days of despair Dr. Silver was at the helm. With the dawn of a new era, the birth of the Jewish State, we must pay tribute to those who helped weather the storm.

Junior Mizrachi Women is proud to have this opportunity to extol Dr. Silver and the militant leadership he signifies.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Having learned of your desision not to continue as chairmen of the American Zionist Council, I take this occasion to express my affectionate regard for one who has been the guiding star of Zionist life in America these many years.

As leader of a vast political movement, you aroused and inspired thousands of American Jews to carry on their historic struggle for a Jewish State in our time. In you the Jewish people found a man of vision, but one who was prepared — indeed, who acted forcefully and dynamically — to translate the vision into action, and erase the disparity between the ideal and the real.

I am sure that your retirement from the Council means only the closing of one door and ultimately the opening of many new doors. For we have need of your vision, your understanding and your leadership. May you be blessed in whatever endeavor you choose to undertake in the years to come.

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EMANUEL NEUMANN 511 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK 17, N. Y. MURRAY HILL 2-0694-5 MESICENT - ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA WENDER OF THE EXECUTIVE . June 10, 1949 THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio Dear Abba: It is with deepest satisfaction that I seize the opportunity of joining with so many of your followers and co-workers in tendering you that tributs which is your meed, on the occasion of your retiring from the chairmanship of the American Zionist Emergency Council. As I look back upon the recent eventful years and the historic role which you have played, I am struck by the noble symmetry and integrity of the pattern which emerges. Rarely indeed has it been given to any leader of a great political movement to begin and to conclude as you have done: to assume leadership in a time of crisis and confusion; to inaugurate a clear and comprehensive policy; to pursue that policy so consistently and relentlessly; to plan both the grand strategy and tactical operations; to lead your followers in a great offensive, wave after wave; to be their voice and inspiration throughout the struggle; to turn temporary defeats into brilliant victories - and bring your work to a triumphant and glorious completion. What you achieved was all that I dreamed of in the early days of the War, but which could not begin to happen before the revolutionary moment found its revolutionary leadership. When I resigned from the Emergency Committee at the end of 1942, I had almost despaired of seeing American Jewry rise to the height of the historic opportunity and the challenge which confronted it. It was not until your advent that American Jewry, and with it, the Zionist Movement, got into its stride. You roused a slumbering giant, infused him with your courage, endowed him with your faith, fired him with your passion, hardened him with your will, taught him to think boldly and act decisively, forged his weapons and led him into battle. Not since the days of Herzl and Merdau has our Movement experienced such leadership.

This I know will be the judgment of history:
Without international sanction, the Jewish State would
not have come into being. Without America, that international sanction would not have been secured. Without
a supreme effort by American Jewry, the weight and power
of America would never have been thrown into the balance.
And without you, American Jewry would not have been equal
to the task. No one person could ever achieve such monumental results by his own unaided efforts, however prodigious.
It was the work of thousands here and abroad. But if the course
of history ever depended upon the will and statesmanship of one
man, it was true in this instance.

After the first Zionist Congress, Herzl wrote in his diary, "In Basle I founded the Jewish State". With equal truth it will be said in the generations to come, "Abba Hillel Silver, Zionist leader and statesman, led the political struggle culminating in the establishment of the Republic of Israel".

As one who was privileged to stand at your side and to serve under your command, I salute you as you retire, crowned with the laurels of victory and laden with the blessings of a grateful people.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,

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Emanuel Neumann

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am delighted to join with the hosts of your friends and admirers in expressing gratitude for the magnificent leadership which you gave our cause, and admiration for the courage, wisdom and political acumen with which you led us to victory. As your close associate in the work, and particularly as your representative in Washington during the early part of the struggle, I am in a position to know perhaps better than others, how hard you worked and what sacrifises you made.

I am completely convinced that the outcome would not have been the same if Zionism had not enjoyed the benefit during those crucial years of your firm, uncompromising and incomparably able guidance.

Simeerely,

Rabbi Leon I. Fener

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June 6, 1949

American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York, New York

Gentlemen:

During these momentous days when we celebrate the birth of the State of Israel it is well to remember those who for many years labored to make the dream a reality. We are happy to pay tribute to Abba Hillel Silver, who led American Jewry and helped marshall their force in the struggle for the establishment of Israel until its recognition by the United Nations. History will record his proud place and share in the uphill climb of the Zionist movement. The name of Abba Hillel Silver will be remembered with honor for generations to come by Jews the world over, and especially by the gallant people of Israel.

May he in the years shead have the opportunity to give no less signal service to the Land, the people, and the God of Israel.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr dear Rabbi Silver:

I am indeed honored to add a few words of my ratifule for the splendid leadership which you have given to American Jewry during the greatest plight of the people of our faith.

Everyone knows and should recomise and be indebted to you for the reat service you have rendered in the cause of Israel. lithout that leadership the State of Israel might still be a dream. I any of us who served in the renks have come to look upon yours our Field Parshal, our greatest strategist, our tireless leader but, above all, as the man with passion for justice and the better things in life.

It was my privilege as Mational Commander of the Jewish War Veterane to be your sentry in the field, and the fact that I was permitted to work with you will always be among my fondest memories. History will select the spot which is justly yours.

The story of Israel can never be written without the story of the great contribution to American Jewry under the stewardship of Rabbi Silver, but those who have e-me to know you personally have given you a spot in their own hearts.

May God bless you coming and going, and keep you for as for mony years to come.

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THE RABBI'S STUDY

Hag 20, 1949

Dear Abba:

I take pleasure in adding my voice to the chorus of appreciation and graise. You have rendered an historic service to Jewry. Your contribution to the establishment of the state of Israel was indispensable. Your appreach to Jewish problems gave all Jews a heightened facility of signify and self respect.

this lendership each from a rathi. You have fortified our raith in the over-

I take for granted that you will continue to serve and lead in the Jewish and general communities. That is my wish and my hope, as it is undoubtedly the prayer of innumerable Jews throughout the world.

With warm expressions of personal regard,

Philip S. Bernstein

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council New York, New York

LOUIS I. NEWMAN NEW YORK

271 Central Park West May 31,1949

Dr.Abba Hillel Silver, American Zionist Emergency Council, 342 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am pleased to aid, to the many I know you must be receiving, my word of appreciation for the historic service you have rendered to Zionism in these critical years. For nearly three decades your eloquence has inspired multitudes to a better understanding of our cause, and a zeal to serve in its behalf. Permit me to say that your addresses have been among the most significant in the annals of Jewish literature.

Those of us who have advocated a maximalist approach to the problems of Zioniam have rejoiced that you were the standard-bearer and representative of American Zioniam within our own household and before the tribunal of the United Nations. This is just as it should have been. The inevitable train of circumstances required a leader and spokesman of your viewpoint and power. Fortunate was American and world Jewry that you presented our case in the days leading up to the decision of Hovember 29,1947 and the formal declaration of the State of Israel on May 14,1948. We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge our gratitude to the champions of Zioniam for decades who prepared the way in the council of the peoples. But it was happily predestined that you should speak to humanity in forceful and comprehensive terms on behalf of the commonwealth that was to be.

bur administration in the Zionist movement will be remembered as one of heroic proportions. It is written large over the pages of Jewish history. I know that I speak for generations jet to come who will look back to the service you, Dr. Emanuel Neumann and others with you have rendered to Israel, and pronounce it blessed. May health and strength continue to attend you in the years yet to come.

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May 20, 1949.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman, American Zionist Council, 342 Madison Avenue. New York City.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I welcome the opportunity to join in acknowledging the profound debt of gratitude all Zionists and friends of Israel owe you for your devoted, energetic and zealous leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

You yourself have truly stated: "There is no reward for leadership. Leadership is not a crown, but a cross." And yet, I am sure that you could have desired no greater reward for your years of self-sacrificing service than the realization of our dream in the reestablishment of the Jewish state during your incumbency as Chairman of the Council.

It is only fair that you should know that all of us who have been privileged to serve as members of the Council, even those who cn occasion failed to agree with you on questions of tactics and procedure, realize that your determination and perseverance, your courage and resolution, your eloquence and persuasiveness, proved of inestimable value at some of the most critical junctures in the history of our movement.

With Zion's greetings, I am

Faithfully yours.

THE BROOKLYN JEWISH CENTER 657-691 EASTERN PARKWAY BROOKLYN 13. NEW YORK ISRAEL H. LEVINTHAL, D. D., D. H. L. May 23, 19h9 DARRIES Dear Dr. Silver: I was extremely sorry to learn that you will not accept re-election as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council this year. I am still hopeful that you will reconsider and that you will be able to serve again in that capacity. I do want to take this opportunity, however, to express my personal gratitude as well as the thanks and approciation of all the Zionists in our Brooklyn Jewish Center, for the splendid accomplishments which you have this ved during your leadership as thairman of the Large cy Council. Your name will be indelibly unpryshed in the pages of Jewish history for the great role that you have played in winning the recognition from the nations of the world for the Jewish claim to the Land of Israel. I know that I am only expressing what Jews throughout the world feel when I say that we Jews have been blessed by God in the devoted, unselfish and brilliant service that you have remdered the cause of Zionism. I hope and pray that you may be blessed with health and strength to continue your great service for Israel, for our Faith and for Israel's ideals, for many many years to cose. With all good wishes, I am Cordially yours, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Chairman American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, N. Y

Rabbi Howard L. Fineberg 143 Hillside Circle East Gadsden, Alabama

May 20, 1949.

n. Abba H. Silver. Car Dr. Silver:

I wish to congratulate you on the unwavering determination and Sound judgment granted you by god in the aistoric task two establishing the State

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Please accept my sincere good wishes for your continued good health.

Hory sincerely yours Thorne

Harry I. Stone, Emergency Chairman

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman, American Zionist Emergency Council, 342 Madison Avenue, New York, 17, New York.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am, indeed, very happy to have the opportunity to join the Zionist leaders from all over the United States in expressing deep appreciation of your magnificent leadership and historic contribution as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council for the past many years.

Your prophetic vision, great ability and militant determination played an important part in the fulfillment of the aims and aspirations of the Jewish people for the establishment of the State of Israel, thus, bringing to an end nineteen centuries of bitter humiliation and degradation, nineteen centuries of bitter homelessness and landlessness.

Your dignified, logical, convincing and brilliant presentation of the Jewish case before the United Nations Committee on Palestine, won universal acclaim and was a determining factor in the adoption by the United Nations of the partition plan on November 29, 1947.

As Chairman of the Los Angeles Zionist Emergency Council, it has been my privilege to work under your guidance and direction from the very day the American Zionist Emergency Council was organised and every member of the Los Angeles Emergency Council, regardless of party affiliations, always considered it a sacred obligation to fulfill every directive that came from you, being convinced that it was inspired by wisdom and courage.

With complete confidence in your great leadership,

I am

Yours for a 'GREAT ISRAEL",

THEODORE STRIMLING, Chairman

Los Angeles Sionist Emergency Council

May 19, 1949

American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, N.Y.

Attention: Mr. Abe Tuvim

Dear Friends:

I am happy to join the host of American Zionists in paying tribute to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for the brilliant service he rendered to the Zionist cause, and for his historic achievements as leader of American Zionism. His vision, his dynamic leadership, his political and spiritual acumen, all the gifts of hear and mind and eloquence and learning, he gave completely and generously to our great cause. His contribution to the arousing of the American people to the importance of a Jewish Palestine, in the establishment of justice and peace in the world, is cutstanding. Dr. Silver takes his place amongst the great leaders in Jewish history. It is with a sense of privilege of having worked with him, supported him and followed him, that I join other co-workers in this warm tribute to him.

Sincerely,

Dr. Abraham J. Feldman

MERIDEN ZIONIST EMERGENCY OCUNCIL

Meriden, Connecticut

Samuel Umansky, Chairman

May 17, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman Zionist Emergency Council Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Please accept my good wishes upon your retirement as Chairman of the Zionist Emergency Council, of which I have had the great privilege of being the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Meriden Zionist Emergency Council for all six years of its existence.

These six years have been the decisive years of our twenty centuries of praying and yearning for the return of our Home Land, Eretz Israel.

It is due to your wisdom, vision and statesmanship that has led to the historic World Nations' decision to grant Israel Statehood and Nationhood, and membership in the United Nations.

It is my firm belief that you are the Political Architect of this new Jewish State.

I consider you the present generation's Prophet of Esrael who has led its People to Political Victory.

May God of Israel grant you long, long, long years as the Leader of World Jewry, and very soon, the head of World Zionism.

With Godspeed and my warmest greetings,

Samuel amangey Sincerely yours,

Meriden Zionist Emergency Council

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May 4, 1949. Israel Independence Tay.

Dear Dr. Silver:

For generations we waited For Dr. Herzl, For Max Nordau, For the Haganah And for you.

At a moment
of great Evil and much despair
You've appeared - out of the darkness
A beacon of light,
A messenger of God.
To those who languished
In the death samps of Europe
You offered hope.
To those of us over here
Who could not sleep in the nights
You gave reassurance and vision.

And your voice reached out
To the indifferent and estranged of our people
And brought them back to the fold,
To feel the pain and to lift the burden.
To the unorganized and the bewildered
You gave purpose and direction.
You have brought out
The latent forces of a people
Whom you taught
How to put dreams into words
And words inte deeds
And how to forge them all
Into weapons of victory.

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It will assign you a place of honor
As the undaunted warrior
Who led American Jewry
And the Jews of the world
In the battle for life and dignity,
And for a national survival.
The record will rescund with the words you said
As you spoke the hearts of millions;
Of the millions living
Of the millions dying
And of those millions long since dead.

It will follow the arduous struggles
Against outside and inside opposition
At meetings, conferences and interventions
That led you and us by inevitable stages
From National Home
Through Jewish Commonwealth
To the glory that is "Israel".
It will note how
In the process of this struggle
You won for us the attention of the enemy
Who expected a "walkover";
How you unearthed, nurtured and galvanized
The support of many friends.

In this hour of triumph

Most of us

Who have been with you in battle

Are with you in victory.

The young whose imagination you have fired
Adore you.

The old whose hearts you've warmed
Bless you.

All of us are grateful to you,

That you helped us redeem

Our souls and our consciences

And that you made us partners

To the great work of Jewish Redemption.

Yours - at all times,

Noah Golinkin.

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May 23, 1949.

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver, American Zionist Emergency Council, 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Without your dynamic leadership, without your keen analysis and careful vigilance, without your constant keeping alert to emergencies as they arose in the struggle of the last few years, we Zionist of the State of Delaware could not have responded as we did to the call.

As Chairman of the Emergency Council of Delsware I want to express the gratitude of each organization and every individual Zionist of our State for your untiring efforts and to pay tribute to you as one of the great beloved leaders of our people in our time.

Sincerely

Chargemen of Zionist Emergency

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TO DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

July 5, 1949

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Something like six years ago, in the midst of War, our movement stood at the crossroads. At that decisive moment, you were providentially called to the leadership of American Zionism. You immediately forced into it a now spirit and vitality and made it the most powerful force in the Diaspore. When other leaders, in a spirit of defeation, were ready to compromise, your prescience, your courage, your fine combination of realism and idealism lod us unerringly forward to the fulfillment of our objective -- the creation of a Jewish State -- finally realized in The Land of Israel.

It was my Zechus, during those years, to head first, the St. Louis Zionist Emergency Council and then the Greater Miani Zionist Emergency Council, now known as the Zionist Council of South Florida. It was you who imbued the rank and file of our people with the realization of the fact, that America will eventually play the decisive role in the determination of the fate of the people of Israel vis a vis Erots, and the unheralded program which followed, that of setting into motion the processes of educating and correlling the concensus and sentiment of the American public in our behalf, through the activities of the American Zionist Energency Council and its local agencies throughout the country, and the American Christian Pelestine Committee which they sponsored.

We realize that Israel stands yet in need of your guidance and genius so as to solidify and perfect its political, economic, and philanthropic support. We still require the leadership, imagination, and boldness of approach which we feel you alone can bring.

Imbued with these sentiments, we will call upon you, at the proper time, to assume the presidency of the World Jewish Agency and shortly thereafter, the presidency of Israel. May God bless you with strength so that Israel will forever move forward.

> Simoroly yours, I. R. Goodnam, Chairman

Zionist Council of South Florida

DR. JOSEPH FELDMAN PARAMOUNT BUILDING PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

May 18, 1949

Dear good old Friend:

In the name of our local group of the Zionist Emergency Committee and in my own behalf, I am turning to you urging you most sincerely to accept again the Presidency of the American Zionist Emergency Council. As one of your co-workers, supporters and followers since the days when Zioniam was young, I feel it a moral imperative to make this demand upon you.

Thile I do appreciate that the tactics of our friends of the CPZ and those of the Jewish Agency were not at all laudable, and some of them perhaps dishonorable, yet I feel that the cause which you so nobly represent is much greater than the details of argumentation and political falcification.

Dear Dr. Silver, as a great leader and a military man of valor, you stand not alone in the annals of the gionist government. Dr. Herzl, too, has met with same fate, only that you are more fortunate, thank God, that you have lived to see some realization of our dream and all yet enjoy the fruit of your labor.

I do not know how I can impress upon you the urgemey and the necessity to remain steadfast in your great post, to lead us, as you have done heretofore, to further successes and greater achievements. sure we shall all follow! 1 from so melol 25 Prist.

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CARD OF GOVERNORS Dector Abbe Hillel Silver, Chairman American Zionist Emergency Council \$42 Madison Ave. New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Silver:

In these fast moving times we humans are prone to neglect some of the most important things in life. I have in mind how so many of us have failed in paving our respects, and giving recognition to one of the greatest Jewish leaders in the history of our secole, who served pot only Judaism, but humanity at large: I refer to our read the loyal Dector Abba Hillel Silver, who has become a living party which hife the world over, and a part of will him himsette.

Rewards cone in the come and forms, and I am sure our beloved leader seeks no such rewirds, but in this instance civilization for centuries to come will share in the reverds as a result of the accomplishments of our beloved Doctor Silver.

We need your leadership, Doctor. To respectfully urgo that you continue as our leader. You burdens are heavy, because of your wisdom and courage, you carry them well.

I believe that it is Gods will that you lead us, and that his guiding will successfully direct you in the future as he has done in the past. May The Almighty see fit to keep you with us in good health and happines, and with the same idealistic spirit, and as our leader.

Kindest reagrds.

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with gions greatings,

Carl F. Altman. Dist President

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June 1, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street and Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I count it a distinct honor and pleasure to express on behalf of the Chicago Zionist Emergency Council, representing all sections of the Chicago Zionist community, our ineffable appreciation of the service that you rendered as Chairman of the Zionist Emergency Council, and as a leader in our movement in helping to bring about the establishment of the Jewish State.

The clearest proof of our recognition of your forthright and unflinching leadership is to be found in the record of the unwavering acceptance by our Zionist community of that leadership during the period in which you were responsible for the character of the struggle which we waged together. Whatever differences there may have been in the views held by individuals, or by parties, in the Chicago Zionist Emergency Council, there was never any hesitancy in following your directives on major issues. I count this unanimity of support as a tribute to your sound judgment, your boundless devotion your indomitable courage.

History will record your name among those of the immortal leaders of our people whose love for Zion and whose passion for justice to Israel transformed a dream into a reality. I express the earnest hope of Chicago Jewry that you will continue your leadership in our great cause.

May God give you the strength to carry on for His glory and for the glory of Israel.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Morton M. Berman

Chairman

TRI-CITY ZIGHIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL 1430 Harrison Street Davemport, Iowa

June 11, 1949

Mr. Abe Tuvim American -ionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York

Dear Sir:

It would be difficult to express within the limitations of this letter the attitude of the undersigned Zionists to the retirement of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver from his chairmanship of the American Zionist Council.

The undersigned parties, all past presidents of the Tri-City district Z.O.A. have long been active in the Z.O.A. and know from first hand and often bitter experience that the achievements of recent years were not easily secured. We know, too, that it was the advent of Dr. Silver which shock the Z.O.A. from its long lethargy and provided the leadership culminating in the Birth of Israel.

It is our belief that the true role of Dr. Silver will not be adjudged in our time, but will be properly evaluated in history. His departure takes away from our movement the most dynamic American Jew of contemporary times and leaves a vacuum which will not soon be filled.

way his magnificent accomplishments.

Yours very truly,

Sam Rivkin: Chairman= Tyl-City Zignest Emergency Council

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May 23, 1949

Dr. Abba H. Silver Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver.

We have been informed that you intend to retire from the chairmanship of the Zionist Emergency Council at the Conclusion of the present term.

.On behalf of the Sioux City chapter of the Zionist Emergency Council, may I tell you how grateful we are for your brilliant and statesmanlike leadership. We know full well that it was largely through your magnifisant leadership that our dream of Statehood has become a reality.

May God bless you with health and strength so that you will continue to lead and guide us with your great gifts of mind, heart, and tongue.

Sincerely yours,

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ALBERT A. GORDON.

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Chairman - Sioux City Chapter,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman, American Zionist Council, 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

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We, of the Baton Rouge District of the Zionist Organization of America, and part of the Louisiana State Zionist Conference, wish to express our gratitude to your for your accomplishments, in this, our generation.

As a dynamic leader in American Zionism, you've lead the way, giving strength to those of us who are in the ranks.

May the chapter you've written into Jewish history act as a clarion call to all of us who want freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

With the best of goodwishes upon your retirement as chairman of the Council; and with understanding of the almost superhuman efforts that you made on behalf of Israel, I am,

Boris D. Bagalman

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am distressed to hear that you will not continue to serve as Chairman of the American Zionist Council.

I have been Chairman of the Beltimore Emergency Zionist Council for a number of years, and I want you to know that I always regarded it as a great privilege and honor to serve under you. I have always had the highest regard and respect for the job which you did as Chairman of the American Zionist Council. I felt that your point of view was the correct one, which later developments vindicated. I was proud and happy to be associated with you in your historic work, at which you dedicated yourself so passion—ately, wholeheartedly and unselfishly.

Please accept my most genuine essurances for my despest gratitude to you.

Very sincorely years,

Samuel J. Kaise

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ISADOR S.TUROVER 4725 BITHESDA AVENUE BETHESDA 14, MD.

June 29, 1949

American Zionist Emergency Council 842 Medison Avenue New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

I am writing to express my appreciation of Dr. 166a Hillel Silver's dynamic and inspired leadership of the political activities of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

In my capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Seaboard Zionist Region and as a member of the Washington Zionist Emergency Council, it has been my privilege to work under Dr. Silver and I was in a position to admiringly observe Dr. Silver's keen leadership.

Together with the rest of the Librist community realize how vital the work of the Emergency Council has been and how perfect was the timing of its maximum afforts every time we faced a new crisis on the U. N. and American scenes as well as in its delicate negotiations with our covernment and the State Department. Then too, we are fully cognizant that it was Dr. Silver who formulated our aggressive line and that it was he who galwanized the entire increase Jewish community into effective action.

On the eve of Dr. Silver's retirement from active sodership of the American Zionist Emergency Council, I beloome with pleasure the opportunity to express my effection, admiration, and deep appreciation of his noble and self-sacrificing efforts.

With Zion's greetings, I am

Sincerely yourg,

I. S. TUROVER

IST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA Holyoke Zionist District MAIL ADDRESS: 444 HIGH ST. HOLYOKE, MASS. May 17,1949 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Ave,

New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude and that of the Holyoke Zionist District for the splendid work performed by you which has resulted in victory for our movement.

It is my understanding that you do not wish to continue as Chairman of the Council. I hope you will reconsider your decision, and carry on in this great work.

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Saltman, Chairman

Holyoke Zicnist Council

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BENNETT SILVERBLATT ATTORNEY AT LAW 603 SUN BUILDING LOWELL MASSACHUSETTS May 17, 1949 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver 342 Madison Avenue New York, New York Dear Dr. Silver: I have learned with regret your decision not to continue as Chairman of the American Zionist Council. Without doubt this is an irreparable loss to the people in Israel and Jews everywhere. Your leadership prior to the establishment of the State of Israel was most wise, brilliant and courageous. Your presentation of the Jewish case before the United Nations -- which I read three times -- reads like the words of the prophets of old. The resulting vote of the United Nations for the State of Israel was a glowing tribute to your statesmanship. History will award you a place among the highest in bringing to fruition the two thousand year longing of the Jewish people for a homeland in Palestine. Your attitude with respect to the future rolle of the Jewish Agency in America is correct and judicious. Time will prove this. Your reward is the self satisfaction that you have given your best self to the cause of the Jewish people; that in our own time under your able leadership and guidance, the national hope and aspirations of the Jewish people have been fully realized; and that -- unlike Moses -- you have had the great privilege of actually having been in the Promised Land. Sincerely yours, Bennett Silverblatt, Chairman Lowell Zionist Emergency Council bs/ame

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May 27, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with sincere regret that I have learned of your decision not to continue as Chairman of the American Zionist Council.

Your leadership and steadfastness of purpose during these crucial years contributed in no small measure to the establishment of the State of Israel and its admission as a member of the United Nations.

It was your eloquence, your vision and your profound understanding of men and affairs that kept us persistently following your lead in the stupendous task of molding American public opinion to react favorably to our cause.

Despite violent opposition and unjust criticism from within as well as without our Jewish Community, you held fast to your principles and we were all rewarded with ultimate success.

The Jewish people the world over owe you a profound debt of gratitude for your accomplishments.

May you be blessed with continual good health and happiness to carry on your noble work for many, many years to come.

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David L. Winer

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May 19, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple-Cleveland Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

and the State of Israel has come into being, it is natural that we give expression to one of the great leaders in Jewish life who is responsible to a large degree in making this a reality. I do not say this because I have always been at andert admirer of you, Dr. Silver, but because I have always been at andert admirer of you, Dr. Silver, but because I have deap admiration, respect and high regard for all this you have done for the State of Israel and the Jewish people. It occurs to me that it is no eraggeration when I tell you that you are and will always be considered by Jews and non Jews as the leader of our people. Without you, I have said privately and publicly thousands of times, without your perseverance and determination and unbounded energy and deep devetion, we would not today have had a State of Israel. I shall always cherish and remember that I have had the opportunity in a very small measure to have been able to have been of some service with you in our common cause

With deep esteem and kindest personal regards,

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Joseph Goldberg, Chairman Worcester Zionist Emergency Conneil LEON FRAM



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June 8, 1949

Rebbi Abbe Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council New York, New York

Dear Friend and Colleague:

If we who have worked with you had our choice, we would not now release you from your leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council. If we reconcile ourselves to the fact of your leaving your position, it is only because of our knowledge that your heroic labors have entitled you to a brief rest.

We who have served under your commend in the epic struggle to create a favorable atmosphere and public opinion in America for our espirations for a sovereign State of Israel shall never forget -- neither shall the generations after us ever forget -your decisive contribution to the success of our struggle. Until you assumed leedership, there was nothing but the humiliation of vague promises made to "court favorites", and then conveniently forgotten.

It was you who organized and solidified all the morel strength of American Jewry to secure definite decision and specific action on the part of those responsible for American policy.

Seldom in history has such a diplomatic mission as you undertook been crowned with such complete triumph. We and all Jewry are for ever in your debt. Not alone Jewish history, however, but world history will record you among the immortal fighters for freedom whose wisdom, skill and courage has changed the course of human history in the direction of new ranges of freedom for all men.

Sincerely Jours.

RABBI LEON FRAM

Tionist Council of Detroit

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S SCHOOL SUDMOVITE Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Chairman, American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

Upon your retirement as titular head of the American Zionist Council and its predecessor, the American Zionist Emergency Council, the Zionist Council of Detroit expresses its appreciation for your many years of service and leadership in the Zionist cause.

Many generations have given their heroes and martyrs in the perpetuation of the dream and the hope for Geulath Yisroel. We share with you the great joy and satisfaction that Medinath Israel was attained in our lifetime and that, with our continuing help, it will be the instrument by which the tragedy of Jewish homelessness will come to an end.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney M. Shevitz, President

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Zionist Organization of America 41 East 42nd Street New York 17, W. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just learned that you will not continue as chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council during the forthcoming year. I therefore want to take this apportunity to express
to you, in the name of the Michigan Zionist Region, the profound
gratitude of Jews in Michigan for your inspired and unequalled
leadership during these momentous years when you served as the
leader of the Council.

Members of our Board, the entire membership of our organization, and virtually every single Jewish person in the State of Michigan have been inspired by the tremendous victories which you have been instrumental in gaining for the Jewish people in the creation of the Jewish State and its sustenance during the past year. Therefore, I do not hesitate to speak in their name and to state that the debt owed to you by our people everywhere is one so fraught with significance, as well as obligation, that it would be impossible to repay you for your magnificent efforts in any terms. You, who were one of the chief architects in laying the foundations for the most momentous structure in present day political life -- State of Israel -- deserve more than mere accolades. And in the undying devotion of Zionists and Jews everywhere, who will remember your name and your unperalleled deeds for generations and centuries to come, you will have received only part of your just reward.

Thank you, Dr. Silver, for your courage and your leadership and your generous and understanding heart, which has comforted us in dark times and renewed our strength so that we were able to join with you in the realisation of a dream.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Morris M. Jacobs

President

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MOSES BARRON, M. D. HET MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING MINNEAPOLIS, MINN May 20. 1949 . Abba Hillel Silver erican Zionist Council 2 Medison Avenue w Tork 17, New York er Dr. Silver: should have written to you long ago. I have witnessed with a great el of apprehension certain events in the Zionist organistion during e past year. now find that you have decided not to continue as Chairman of the crican Zionist Council. I consider this a great tragedy for our movent. We have always looked up to you for outstanding leadership and rrying on the battle, first for the recognition of Israel as a separate tete, then for the admission of Israel among the United Nations of the rld, and now we need you to continue the important work of public relaloss to help the development and strengthening of our state of Israel. tes much disturbed by the uncalled for attacks, and finally the attempt techian in the Zionist organization. It was so uncalled for and came bout at a time when unity was so important. I agreed with your stand and that of Emanuel Newman in regard to the ttempted direction of the American branch of the Jewish Agency by the breach. This should not be. I, therefore, could understand ally the reasons why both you and Mr. Newman decided to resign from the Jewish Agency. remember well your outstanding, determined leadership in the first Deting of the American Jewish Conference in 1943 when that great Zionist resolution for the establishment of a democratic Jewish commonwealth in relesting was brought before the conference. You took a militant stand, and I think that that was one of the great factors that made it pass at the conference almost unanimously. We still need your leadership. I am planning on attending the convention in New York the end of this thath. I feel it most urgent that you be drafted for the coming year as Itsident of the Zionist organizat on of America, that you be induced to That is sent in the American branch of the Jewish Agency, a seat that is still vacant, and that you should continue as the Chairman of the American Zionist Council, which has some very important work shead. an writing this to you so that you should know my stand in this matter, hi I shall try to talk to you personally at the convention in New York. ith the highest regard for your great leadership, [am Cordially yours RE:X

LAW OFFICES JESSE B. CALMENSON 1 9 4 senomenowar B. 9th ST. PAUL 1. MINNESOTA Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, Ohio. Dear Dr. Silver: I am very happy to join, -both in my individual capacity, and as Chairman of the St. Paul Emergency Committee for Palestine, with the many other co-sorkers in the program of the American Sionist Emergency Council, at this time when the first important phase of the Council work is ending, in expressing the deep a preciation which we all have for you. . few evenings ago, looking over a clipping book of local activities with the President of our Cignist District, going back over the larger part of our association with the lionist movement, we ran across a clip ing from the at. Toul Dispatch. It took us back to August SE, 1922, when you amaired here on benalf of the Palestine Development League. You then said, as you have continued to say so effectively in similar language ever since: "Palestine must be made ready for the Jews who have no other place to go. I migration has been so restricted that there are hundreds of thousands of homeless Jows. By developing the latent industries of the country, and introducing American initiative and efficiency, it will be possible to make Palestine a self-supporting country." Little did any of us realize how quickly so many hundreds of thousands would have no other place to go. as you then realized the necessity for industrial development as a basis for such mass immigration, you later realised the importance of pressing for political recognition of the Jewish state, to assure and protect such immigration, and you gave your unswerving leader ship to and through the Emergency Council, without whose program, it is most unlikely that Israel would yet be a recognized State or member of the United Matflons. May you be given many more years of life and health, so that you may continue to receive the great joy that has come and will continue to come from Israel's further secomplish ends and development. Very sincerely lagentox

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Dr. Abba Hillel Bilver American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York

Dear Rabbi Bilver:

We in Omeha learn with extreme regret that you are not seeking re-election as President of the American Zionist Joung(120)

When the nictory of those starring times is written, you will be recognized as perhaps the greatest single force in the creation of the State of Israel.

Very truly yours,

raim L. Marko EPIRAIN L. MARKS, President.

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TRIBUTE TO DR. ASBA HILLEL STEVEN

It is with a sense of deep respect and esteem that I salute Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, a true Meccabeen of our generation . a powerful preacher who fought for justice and human rights . a devoted Jew who fought for the survivel and freedom of his people . a courageous Zionist the fought for the rebirth of the land of his forefathers as a Jewish National homeland, and for the end of Jewish homelessness . and a liberty-loving American who fought for democracy and righteousness.

Gloriously and valiently, Rabbi Silver stands in the front lines as a hero in Israel. Just at the gallent people of Palestine defended their rositions and their frontiers, and won a triumphant victory, so distribute great Rabbi. Statesman and Zionistoplend the case of his people and the State of Israel before the greatest imbunel of the world, the United Nations.

In the cruciel, critical years before the State of Israel was proclaimed, the magnificent role which Dr. Silver played in shaping the destiny of the Jewish State will be recorded in Jewish history for time immemorial.

With passion and vigor, with dignity and strength, with dynamic energy and sacrifices for beyond the call of duty, which characterize Dr. Silver's magnificent, invincible spirit, his was a fighting determination to see an ancient dream become a reality.

It has been my great privilege to be associated with Dr. Silver during these history-making years, and to watch him lead the Zionist movement of America as its president and as the Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council. A towering, magnetic personality, he has inspired and encouraged his followers and admirers to carry on our tasks and responsibilities in behalf of the Zionist cause and the State of Israel. His latest contribution to American Zionism was demonstrated by his actions as a true leader at the 52nd Annual Convention of the Z.C.A. which is history today. It is of him that the Talmud says: "The name of Bravest of the Srave, On whom should we bestow? On him who turns into a Criend, His greatest foe." (Aboth of R. Nathan IXIII-I) I shall slways cherish the memories of my association with this Prince in Israel with affection and admiration. Mc. Rubbury

Zionist Organization of Atlantic City

JOSEPH HALBERT, PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT MOS VENTHOR AVE.

May 23, 1949.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman, American Zionist Emergency Council, 342 Medison Avenue, New York, 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver,

Jewry the world over, especially in the State of Israel, will ever be grateful for the service that you rendered - and will remember that your militant and capable leadership was a great factor in the re-establishment of the Jewish State.

I shall always be proud of the fact that I worked with you in these critical years. First as the President of the Atlantic City Zionist District, when you were the President of the Zionist Organization of America, and also as the Thairman of the Atlantic City Zionist Emergency Council, when you were the National Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

I take this occasion - your retirement as National Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, to express to you my profound admiration for the noble work that you have ione; and to wish for you many many more years of good health - that you may have the pleasure of seeing the new State of Israel grow in strength, size and independence - the State which you helped so much to re-establish.

May God bless you for your deeds.

Joseph Halbert,

sincerely, pelbert,

President, Etlantic City Zionist District. Chairman, Atlantic City Zionist Emergency Council.

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June 1, 1949

Mr. Abo Tuvim American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Tuvim :

It is am Honor, & Privilege, and & Pleasure to answer your letter of May 16, 1949

I fail to find words in expressing at this time, our love, devotion and gratitude, to such an out standing personality as Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

I am very grateful that i could have served as a loader in our community under Dr. Silver. May the good God spare his health, and give him wisdom to continue.

With Zien, s greetings

Sincerely

David Gyuld Chairman

Local American Zionist Emergency Council

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CAMDEN, NJ.

May 20, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York, 17, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Silver:

Learning of your decision not to continue as chairman of the American Zionist Council, I am writing this missive with mixed feeling, the loss to the Council of your chairmanship, and the gladness for you in being relieved of a responsibility that you so glariously discharged in the years pasts.

It was my privilege independent to have seen, under your leadership of the state in fruitful work, the establishment of the State in Israel. I have, as chairman of the (local intergency officell and recently overseeing the work of the present chairman of the Council, witnessed the enormity of the work that was required to achieve the goal that you carved out for yourself in the first gathering of the chairmen and local energency committees on a national scale. Because of my participation, I am able to appraise that work in its proper perspective, and can humbly attest to your ingenuity, perseverance and steadfastness of purpose which are the qualities of a great leader.

With a sense of loyalty, I pray that for many years you will be serving our God, your family and our people in ever greater measure.

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Respectfully yours,

ELLIS GOODMAN

S. ARTHUR LEVY
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May 17, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o American Zionist Council,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York 17, New York.

Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of myself and the community of Camden, New Jersey, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the part you played as a leader in our movement to victory as measured by our success in causing the State of Israel

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May the blessings ha life on showered upon you.

Sincerely yours,

S. ARTHUR LEVY

Chairman,

American Zienist Council

Camden, New Jersey

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Your tireless struggle against seemingly insurmountable odds for the establishment of
a Jewish State has earned for you the gratitude and
appreciation of the Jews throughout the world. You
have succeeded in creating a public policy on the
part of the United States favorable to the Jewish
cause.

In the days to come, may you find compensation for all of your efforts in the successful growth of the State of Israel.

Sincerely,

HARRY WEZOCHEK, Chairman Elizabeth Emergency

Committee.

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Bergen County Zionist Emergency Council 211 ESSEX STREET HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY Functioning Organizations Benjamin E. Gordon en County Junior Hadassah May 19, 1949. Tior Chairman wood Hadassah Dr. S. S. Leflowitz ensack Hadassah Mrs. Sylvia Kristal nder Purk Hadassah Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Bergen Hadassah Chairman- American Zionist Council, eck Hadassah Clyde Lindenbaum on County Women's Mizrachi 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N.Y. Jacob Mizrachi Miss Pearl Laifsky wood Zionist District ensack Zionist District Public Relations Officer Dear Dr. Silver: Mervin D. Hyman sek Ziemist District The eleven Zionist groups

The eleven Zionist groups which constitute the Bergen County, New Jersey Zionist Emergency Council, have directed me to send you this letter.

We hail with great enthusiasm and gratitude the outstanding results which you have attained on behalf of the Jewish people of the world and of the Yishuv in particular.

Your return, several years ago, to the Chairmanship of the American Zionist Emergency Council was indeed fortunate. Under your resolute guidance and direction the political work entailed in the fight for the establishment of the State of Israel was performed with rare skill and brought perfect results.

We are proud of the role played by you at the Twenty-second World Zionist Congress held in Basle in December 1946, at which the writer was privileged to be a member of your ZOA delegation and witnessed first-hand your inspiring, sound and resourceful leadership.

We thrill st, and exalt in, the dignified manner in which you, as Chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency Executive, presented the case of the Jewish people before the General Assembly of the United Nations.

We are positive that your name will be indelibly written in many a chapter of Jewish history when recorded by historians.

May God grant you continued good health and strength to carry on for the Jewish people, and may you have further opportunity for even greater achievements.

We salute you as the Great Emancipator of the Jewish people.

Very sincerely,

Benjamin E. Gorcon

99 Cherry Lane, Teaneck, N.J.

MEYER PESIN COUNSELLOR AT LAW 26 JOURNAL SQUARE JERSEY CITY 6, N. J. JOURNAL SQUARE **28-67 IS PERIN 3-3020 May 17th, 1949 m. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York

It was with regret that I received the announcement that you are to resign as Chairman of the Former American Zionist Inergency Council. This will be a distinct loss to the work of this Council yet in a sansa lyder secure times will have been written into the glorious erconflishing of Israel within the past tragic years.

As Chairman of the Jersey City Zioniit Inermency Louncil, I was rivileged to serve during your term of office. My service as well as those others in the hectic and emergent days was carried through unflinchingly under your inspired leadership. I doubt that the fine accomplishments of the National Organization as well as of every community could ever have been performed without your genius and inspired leadership. We have had the rare privilege of having you address the Zionist dinner in June of 1947 and your appearance in our City will ever be a memorable occasion from which We can continue to aspire even though your nominal leadership has been removed from the Council.

May God grant you many years of continued health in the service d' your people and of humanity at large.

Sincerely yours,

Dear Dr. Silver:

May 25, 1949

Dr. Sidney Marks. Dear Dr. Marks:

Today all Jewry rejoices. We are all clairvoyant, and after the event, we all knew it would happen.

workers in the Zionist vineyard were relatively a hand-full. It took hard work, sacrifice, and heartaches to establish a real functioning organization. It requires artifly, experience, leadership, inspiration and a fighting heart to combine American Jewry into a winning team. The central figure of the management of that team was Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. Without his fearlesness, courage, indefatigability, eloquence and genius in.leadership, Zion might not today be a Nation.

As one who was fortunate enough
to be a soldier in the ranks during this historic
period, I stand in respectful salute to the
supreme accomplishment of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.
To be permitted to inscribe my name as one of the
sincere admirers of Dr. Silver is a deep tribute.

l Exchange Place Jersey City, N.J. Kouis a. Falk

IRA J. KATCHEN COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW ISA BROADWAY LONG BRANCH, N. J. TELEPHONE 6-0089 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council New York 17, New York Dear Dr. Silver: As President of the Monmouth County Council for Isrsel (formerly Monmouth County Zionist Emergency Council), may I extend to you the appreciation of all our Zionist groups who have acknowledged your leadership, inspiration, and advice in the accomplishment of the objectives of our Zionist endeavors. you for having made estler or wark arranged gratitude to your keen analysis you clim direction and helped guide our thinking during times they but hydrogen insurmountable. your continued brillian (ichversants for Lingue and Israel. With effectionate greetings, I am, IJK:JF

SAMUEL GANSBERG 307 NORTH FULLERTON AVENUE MONTICLAIR, N. J.

May 31,1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver 342 Madison Ave. New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

It has been brought to my attention that you will not continue as Chairman of the American Zionist Council. May I take this opportunity to tell you in my humble way how much your leadership meant to me personally and what it meant to the World Zionist Movement.

To me it has been a privilege to sere the Zionist cause under your very capable and distinguished leadership. To World Zionism and Israel, it was your dynamic personality and your aggressive and untiring pursuit of the solution of the Palistine problem, based on a policy of justice, which lead us to complete victory.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for all you have done for Israel. It is my hope that our people and the peoples of the world will continue to benefit by your prophetic vision and your guiding spirit.

May God give you the strength to serve

Sincerely yours

SAMULL GANSBERG

Chairman of Montclair Committee

REV. MARTIN ADDLE
399 EAST 34"- STREET
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May 25, 1949

American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York, New York

Gentlemen:

I exceedingly regret the decision taken by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver not to head the American Zionist Council any longer. I am fully convinced that political expediency would still demand the personality, ability and prophetic vision of a man like Dr. Silver, yet we all realize the gross injustice to request further sacrifices from one who has already given so much of himself during his entire lifetime.

As past President of my home district in Paterson and an head of the local Zionist Emergency Council for many years and as President of the New Jersey Zionist Region I can evaluate the contribution Dr. Dilver made to the establishment of the Jewish State. Whenever contemporary Jewish history will be written Dr. Silver's made undoubtedly will bally glariously. His place in history is assured. He has made himself one of the importals with the greatest living monument erected further his limitime.

However, as one who visited Flushing Meadows and Lake Success for months covering the proceedings on Palestine as a newspaper columnist I was in a unique position to be acquainted with the contribution of Dr. Silver. It will never be erased from my memory the date on which Dr. Silver was asked to sit at the Conference Table as a special representative of the Jewish Asency. The respect, the solemnity, the dignity and even the reverence prevalent during that crucial hour shall forever be one of my cherished memories. At that time I was more proud than ever to have been a Jew. I was proud to count myself a Zionist and I was thoroughly convinced of the Rabbinic saying, "There is one who can acquire his world in one hour" - to my mind, Dr. Silver is one of those.

I cannot conceive the Lionist movement to continue without his continued contribution to this cause and I am confident that his wisdom and guidance shall forever be ours.

Yours very sincerely,

Martin Adolf

PLAINFIELD, N. J.

May 25, 1949

American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In behalf of the Local Zionist Emergency Committee, I desire to pay tribute to our great leader, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

His dynamic leadership and his eloquent voice have been in a large measure responsible for an aroused public opinion and the Final Victory of the establishment of the State of Israel.

Henry Rosenbaum, Sec.

Plainfield, N. J.

SACHAR SACHAR & BERNSTEIN COUNSELLORS AT LAW HO-121 WATCHUNG AVENUE PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY ARCHARDAN DAY TELEPHONE PLAINTIELD 8-8900 STE-BERNSTEIN May 17, 1949 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver President, American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Ave. New York 17, N. Y. Dear Dr. Silver: I regret to note that you will not continue as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council. It was a pleasure for me to have worked under your able lesdership. As one looks back at the record of your achievement in the work of helping to re-establish the State of Israel and its admission among the family of nations, it is a record of unselfish devotion and labor, and I am remtain its accomplishment must be a part reward for the heartache and headaches that go into a leadership that made it possible. May I, individually and as Chairman of the Zionist Emergency Council of the Plainfields, express to you my profound admiration and appreciation of your noble task. May God spare you for many, many more years to come. Sincerely yours, Edward Sachar Edward Sachar, Chairman American Zionist Emergency Council of the Plainfields ES:EBK

LAW OFFICES DANIEL L. GOLDEN 70 MAIN STREET BOUTH RIVER, N.J. SOUTH RIVER 6-0817 June 7, 1949 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Chairman, American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York Dear Dr. Silver: I am writing to you not only in my capacity as Chairman of the South River, N.J. Emergency Committee, but also as an individual who holds the highest degree of respect and admiration for both the quality and quantity of your leadership in American Zionism. It has come to my attention that you have been thinking of discontinuing in your capacity as Chairman of the Council. I know that I am expressing the opinions of our entire Chapter in asking you to reconsider your intentions. Having exerted a most effective and intelligent leadership during a most critical period, your guidance at this time is more important than ever. My expressions of confidence are not only those of the members of our local organization, but also of the local Jewish War Veterans post, who recall with pride having marched before you last year in New York City. Our need for your leadership at this time is greater than ever. We are most grateful for what you have already done in behalf of our people. Respectfully yours. Daniel L. Golden DLG:pj

DR. J. M. SCHILDKRAUT 17D WEST STATE STREET TRENTON S. N. J.

May 22, 1949

htti Abba Hillel Silver,

Perican Zionist Emergency Council,

1 Radison Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

Dar Rabbi Silver.

I wish to offer my sincerest congratulations and express my

spect gratitude for your splendid accomplishment as the cutstanding Jewish

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untiring efforts and devotion to the property to the transfer in the

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all of Jewry the world over 1600 300 cm. Notes that will live

from in the hearts of all menomic believe in distorty, "peace and justice.

May you continue to lead a life of great usefulness to humanity and enjoy welth and happiness in all of your pursuits.

Very sincerely yours

J. H. Schildkraut, H. D., Chr.

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May 17, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with deep regret that we note that you will not continue as chairman of the Council. However, we are sure that you will continue your unusual, unselfish and continued devotion to this great cause.

Your efforts as a Jewish leader and in the cause of zionizm has in a great measure been instrumental in winning for us the State of Israel; your untiring energy and work in the various movements from time to time in the American Zionist cause as well as the American Jewish Conference and work incidental thereto, will never be forgotten by jewery of the world - it is indelibly written permanently in Jewish history and we as leaders, will be happy to perpetuate such noble record. Your aggressive, militant and logical efforts in behalf of our faith have received the plaudits and compliments of all peoples of all denominations.

May the Lord continue to bless your health and to encourage you to continue your work which is now just as important and necessary to stabilize and build the great country of Israel.

May I personally extend my thanks to you and may we always respect and revere your good work.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL HARBER

LAW OFFICES EDMUND A. KOBLENZ 93 STATE STREET ALBANY 7. NEW YORK TELEPHONE 3-666P June 9, 1949 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman American Zienist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York My dear Doctor Silver: May I add my small voice to the voices of all American Jewey which wants to express to you its tremenders sense of obligation and apprecia-tion for the successful leadership which you gave to our movement while head of the American Zionist Council. All the Jews of the world, as indeed all the peoples of the world, are indental to you for the extreme and capable manner in which you guided the ship carrying the hopes of our people through the political seas to a victory that means the end of homelessness, and the furtherance of democracy. May God bless you and permit you to continue for many years to come your labors for your people. Yours sincerely Edmund A. Kostenz EAK: EK

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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As workers on the Binghemton Zionist Emergency Council, we have been in position to be cognizent of the countless activities that were steps in consumsting Jewish statehood in our day, and for your part in the accomplishment.

The Binghamton Zionist Emergency Council has instructed me to convey its expressions of gratitude to you. For your tireless devotion, for your genius in statesmanship, for the miracles you have called forth, your name will be revered by all Jewry.

The Binghamton council hopes that all Jews may continue to profit from your inspiration, and that you may enjoy for many, many years the gratification and pride which will come from the growth and development of Israel to a place of respect among the nations of the world.

BINGHAMTON ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL

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Jacob Kokis

When the Jewish history of our time will be written, the name of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will stand out in shining letters. It was he who rallied the Jewish masses to the banner of Zion in the crucial years of 1945 to 1949, who aroused the American people in support of our claims, and who fought the battle before the council of the nations of the world with wisdom and youthful clan to a successful end.

For this we thank Abba Hillel Silver!

William a. Buckhein

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May 26, 1949

Dr. Abbe Hillel Silver American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Although our Jewish community is a small one, the impact of your sterling lesdership has nade an inpression upon our people which will linger with us for many many years to dome.

We wish to convey to you our deep gratitude for the herculean tasks that you have performed in behalf of the Jewish people, that has given us a pride we could not have possessed prior to the establishment of the Jewish State.

With God speed in all of your future undertakings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Herry Shilkstein,

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Dr. Abbs Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Medison Awenue New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Silver:

The Zionist Organization of New Rochelle joins me in expressing my deep regret at your retirement from leadership of the American Zioniat Council, but at the same time, exteros to you our sinceman donorstulations and thanks for the sterling were common was have rendered.

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Pincerely yours, 16

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May 27, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your retirement from the chairmanship of the American Zicnist Emergency Council must cause everyone who has known the power and effectiveness of your leadership to reflect with gratitude on the accomplishments for which your self-denying and exhausting labors were so largely responsible. The fact that the American Jewish community was welded into a united striking force to win the support of our United States for the establishment and international recognition of the State of Israel can be credited in the greatest measure to your elequence, your organizing genius and your political wisdom.

I am proud and happy to have been privileged to serve as one of the army of workers you led so dynamically. May the coming years bring to American Jewry your continued leadership both in the cause of supporting the new State of Israel and in the equally necessary effort to build a creative American Israel. And may they bring to you the satisfactions which should be yours in a measure equal to the sacrificing labors of the years that have passed.

Most cordially,

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June 15,1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
o/o Zionist Organization Of America
41 East 42nd Street WRIIS
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are still too close to the miraculous events which have transpired in the past year to properly evaluate them. Almost superhuman efforts were required to kindle the flame sufficiently within the hearts of American Jews so that they would dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to the sacred task of redemption. In this evolving drama, amidst both enthusiasm and apathy, and at times even hostility, your voice was heard pleading for the righting of age old wrongs. Like the prophets of Israel your voice thundered "justice, justice, shall ye pursue". If ever a man gave of himself to an ideal, your devotion to the ease of the establishment of the State of Israel and of ending the millenial homelessness of the Jewish people, exemplified that unswerving loyalty to an idea. History and history only can properly afford a seat of honor to you. We who have been privileged to follow your leadership can only express our gratitude that through your brilliant mobilization of the forces of Jewry, your electrifying personality, and your stubborn determination, the dream has become a reality. Those of us who had contact with you have been enriched and blessed through it.

Singerely yours

Jacob Polish

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RABBI MILTON STEINBERG PARC AVENUE SYNAGOGUE 50 EAST STYN STREET NEW YORK 20. N. Y. June 14, 1949 Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York City Gentlemen: Scripture, in the Book of Proverbs, forbids the withhelding of anything good from him to whom it is due. To Dr. Abge Hillel Silver is due a wast debt of gratitude from all works dewry, the Israeli and American in particular. It makes me mary happy to know that this debt, too great ever to be disharged, is to be publicly and formally acknowledged. It was Dr. Silver, more than any other single individual in the Western hemisphere, who helped to convert Zionism's darkest hour into its finest. At a time when all seemed lost, he threw into the contest his immeasurable talents and energy, his learning, insight and advoitness and, beyond all else, his intrepid courage and his unwavering steadfastness in his Jewish and Zionist idealism. So, he gave a rebirth of bourage and invited to new efforts tens of thousands of his faltering fellows, myself, I will be frank to admit it, among them. That Israel reborn constitutes a miracle which calls for the utterance of benedictions is by now a commonplace. What is less often recognized is another circumstance without which the first would have been impossible. I have in mind the good fortune of Zionism that, in its direct need, the largest Jewry in the world should have had leadership equal to the crisis. Over this too let blessings be pronounced. Sincerely yours, Milton Steinberg 140 MS:mfs

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

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Executive Board of Bronx Zionist Region. May 23, 1949

WHEREAS, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has indicated his intention to retire as Chairman of the American Zionist Council and

WHEREAS, Dr. Silver has long been identified as one of the leaders of American Zicnism and particularly as the active head of the United Palestine Appeal for many years and

WHEREAS, Dr. Silver as head of the American Zionist Council during the most crucial years of the Zionist movement and during one of the most significant periods in Jewish history, brought into the movement a new orientation and a new militancy founded upon the conviction that (1) the Jewish people could no longer rely on Great Britain in seeking to achieve national rebirth, and that (2) the center of the political struggle for the Jewish State would be the United States and that therefore large scale organization of American public opinion would be imperative to influence the American Government and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this program under Dr. Silver's dynamic and brilliant leadership was highlighted by the adoption of the Palestine Resolution in Congress in 1945, by the rejection by the 22nd World Zionist Congress of the invitation to participate in the London Conference, and by the marshalling of American public opinion on behalf of the Jewish case when the Palestine problem was referred to the United Nations and

WHEREAS, Dr. Silver as head of the American Section of the Jewish Agency was the spokesman of the Jewish people before the United Nations and

whereas, the name of Abba Hillel Silver will forever be associated with the actions of the United Nations which led to the adoption of the partition resolution in November, 1947, the establishment of the Jewish State in May, 1948, and the recognition thereof by our Government and the ultimate admission of Israel into the family of nations

Bronx Region of the Zichist Organization of America, in special meeting assembled on May 23, 1949, that on this occasion of Dr. Silver's temporary retirement from active leadership in the Zionist movement we salute him and thank him for his effective and brilliant leadership during the past six years of the American Zionist Council; we honor him for the great contributions he has made to the cause of Jewish national for the great contributions he has made to the cause of Jewish national restoration and survival and we extend to him our most heartfelt good wishes for the future.

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June 7, 1949

Dr. Abba Killel Silver, Chairman

American Zionist Council

342 Madison Avenue New York, New York

My dear Dr. Silver:

We have been advised that you are about to retire as head of SAMUEL GATTEGNO the American Zionist Council.

454 Permit me, as Chairman of the Bronx Zionist Emergency Council, ABBI AKIBA PREDMESKY and in my cam behalf, to express to you our deepest admiration and gratitude for the contribution that you have made to the cause of Jewish national restoration and survival.

> I am deeply gratified and proud to have been privileged to be among those that were instrumental in enlisting you into the leadership of the Zionist movement in this country six years ago. What has happened is history. The adoption of the Palestine Resolution by the United States Congress in 1945, the rejection by the 22nd World Zionist Congress of the invitation to participate in the London conference, and the effective marshalling of American public opinion on behalf of the Jewish cause when the Palestine problem was before the United Nations were the high water marks of your brilliant leadership. As the spokesman of the Jewish people before the United Nations, your name will forever be associated with the events which led to the adoption of the Partition Resolution in November, 1947, the proclamation of the State of Israel in May, 1948, the recognition thereof by our own Government and finally the admission of Israel into the United Nations.

We hope and trust that your present retirement is but a temporary one. There is much work for Israel that must yet be done, and your leadership is essential if it is to be well done.

With warm greetings and heartfelt good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your retirement from setting leadership of what was known as the American Zionist Emergency Council brings to an end one of the greatest evodap in Jewish history. We in America who were close to you certainly know how strong was the challenge and how magnificently you led us to victory.

It was only a few short years ago when you stood before us with tears streaming from your eyes and gave vent to your despair because of our people's misfortunes. England was opposed to us, the State Department of our own Government likewise, and the rest of the world indifferent. Our own Zionists felt weak and discouraged and some were prepared to make any deal with Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Then you took over the leadership. It was as if God Himself had sent you to save His people from oblivion. With courage and determination you fought for your principles here in America, at the 22nd World Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland, and before the United Nations at Lake Success. Then the miracle of our age happened. Our enemies from within and from without were confounded. The State of Israel became and is a reslity!

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Contemporary individuals may be grudge you this great triumph which is yours. Jewish history however will write your name in its pages in letters of gold!

As long as God sends us men of your calibre, the Jewish people shall trod the earth with dignity, honor and - glory!

God bless you!

Most devotedly yours,

David Moskowitz

President Bronz Zionist Region

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l: Ziri, Chairman Zou, Co-Chairman Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council 3h2 Madison Avenue New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

At a meeting of the Flatbush Zionist Organization, the largest Zionist district in the Borough of Brooklyn, composed of four thousand members, a unanimous and enthusiastic request that a lotter of deep appreciation for your magnificent leadership of the Emergency Council during the years of your chairmanship be sent to you in the terms and phrases quoted here.

We, of the district, who have followed every directive to the fullest extent as you issued them during the very trying period preceding the vote on the partition plan in the U. N. through and to Israel's final admission into the U. N., look back and realize more than ever your foresightedness and your great leadership. We agree with you that we do not seek great credit for what American Zionists accomplished in the eventual creation of the State of Israel, but we do want it resorded indellibly that whatever little success may have been accomplished through the efforts of American Zionists has been due in the main because of your direction.

We know that history will record, as it does, the names of but a few who were most outstanding in the making of a nation and we know that the name of Abba Hillel Silver will be outstanding.

May we wish you long life, good health and happiness from all the thousands who have followed you these many years of your leadership of the Jewish people here in the United States.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Silver:

It has come to my attention that in the near future the American Zionist Council will elect new Officers and that it will no longer be headed by you.

It is indeed difficult to imagine the Council under a different Chairman. | However, it is even more difficult to conceive of the American Zionist Emer-gency Council without your brilliant leadership during the historic years when the spic of Israel reborn was written, an epic to which the Council, under your militant lesdership, has so mightily contributed.

The Long Island Zionist Region is proud of the role it has played in an effort to bring you to the helm of Zionist affairs, and on this occasion of your retirement from active leadership, I wish to express the gratitude we all feel for the great service you have rendered.

May the Lord bless you out of Zion and may you see the good of Jerusalem when at long last it shall become the capital of Medinat Israel.

Cordially yours,

May 24, 1949

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver -8-With earnest wishes for your continued good health and continued power of thought, expression and leadership, I remain DO:HG ENGS. WRHS

TRIBUTE TO DR.ABBA HILLEL SILVER

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, former President of the Zionist Organization of America and, for the past number of years, Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, this Convention expresses its gratitude for his dynamic leadership. His great contribution to Zionism is of historic importance.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been advised, that you do not intend to continue as Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council. This will prove a great disappointment to Zionisto all over America, who recognized in you the kind of leadership the Zionist movement has be a lacking for more than a quarter of a century.

It was under your leadership that Israel was born. It was during your office as Chairman of the Council that it was admitted into the United Nations. When the real records of present day Jewish history are written, your name will adorn the pages of that history. Your dynamic leadership, zeal, and devotion to the cause of Israel will forever remain a landmark in the annals of our people.

May the Almighty bless you with many more years of health and vigor for the future well-being of our people everywhere.

incerely yours,

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Esy 20, 1949

Dr. Abbs Hillel Silver, Chairman American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with regret that we learned of your decreton not to continue as Chairman of the American Electat Laurgency Council.

Under your inspired Readership, the Council performed unheard of tasks and schieved dutatending accomplishments. We are indeed grateful for the leadership that you provided and it will be most difficult to find someone to take your place.

With every good wish for the future for both yourself and our common cause, I remain,

With kindest regards,

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J. STERM, Chairman also 73-20 67th Drive Lo Bry Ribs Hillel Silwro 700 1 the mericanczi orist Energency Council 3L2 Stadison Evenue New York 17, M. Y. andyldear Dr. Silver: and twis puite difficult to express words all eratiteds and appreciation and can only say me all the colored to be been at the belo of baye been otherwise. and And I can not imagine it to have been otherwise. th Over four years ago, at the lewisson stadium you asked: "The flage of Cuall the and ted distings ere around us, but where is the flag with the eraturogfoBavid?" Land and people o the years roll by History will Tilt must have been with tears of joy that you saw in recent days the Manager to that question. Blessed are you by the Allmighty of Israel, The let you see the crowning success of your work, and happy are we who have such a leader. I am, with my best wishes and kindest regards, g. Siery JStha

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June 10, 1949.

Dr. abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Abba:

On your relinquishing the post of Chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, I wish to join your host of friends and followers in expressing deep-felt gratitude to you for a vital mission in the service of our people which was superbly carried to fruition.

The Jewish people will ever cherish with affection and love your masterful leadership of our cause through days of storm and stress. Your resolution and will-power to fight against all obstacles has been a moving force for the realization of Israel's dream of twenty centuries. When the great fight for the liberation of our people came it found in you an inspired leader who measured up to the greatness of the hour.

We who have been privileged to be participants in this struggle are too near events to appreciate fully the decisive part you have played in the liberation of the Land and people of Israel. But as the years roll by History will assign you your rightful place as chief architect of the old-new Nation.

Those of us who had the good fortune to be your boyhood friends in the days of the Dr. Herzl Zion Club in 1904 - 1905, long ago expressed the thought. When amongst ourselves, that "ligdolot notzar" when amongst ourselves, that "ligdolot notzar" you were born for great things. You have fulfilled you were born for great things. You have fulfilled our predictions even more than we ever anticipated.

as ever yours,

Sol. Johen

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May 17, 1949

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman American Zionist Council

Dear Dr. Silver:

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The Zionist district of Staten Island, New York, send BEGIND W. COHEN YOU this message of love and affection for the unpar-alleled services and devotion which you contributed towards the establishment of the State of Israel.

DAVID STRIER

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Advised that you will not continue as chairman of the Council after the present term, we wish to offer our profoundest gratitude to you for the many years of distinguished services contributed to the Zionist cause.

stiry Committee EXECUT ADAMS OUL ALPERT BOX FLESHMER

It was in the greatest measure your personal, courageous and persistent attack on so many anti-Jewish MORE COOPERMAN State fronts that brought about the great success attained DUED EDELMAN on November 29, 1947.

SOUTH GELLMAN REBEN GROSS

Secondary only to the brilliant military achieve-THIAM GINSBURG ment by the men and women of the Yishuv, your remarkable THIAM CONSSURE MENT by the men and and modificant approach and the GREENSPAN leadership, understanding and militant approach and the GREENSPAN assault upon the attempted betrayers of the Jewish MAM COTTLIES National Home made it possible to achieve the Jewish State.

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We pray that you will continue your services to our cause and to any cause looking to the strengthening of our people, and wishing for you many years of happiness ROUTE MANTEL and good health we salute you upon the accomplishment of the greatest work in the annals of Jewish history during the past 1900 years.

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RABBI MAX KLEIMAN 216 UNION AVENUE PEEKSKILL, V. V. TEL. PEEKSKILL 1414 May 23, 1949

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

With humility and with much gratitude we offer our thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the magnificent and outstanding leadership that we have been privileged to have in American Jewish life through your beneficent contribution in behalf of the Zionist ideal.

You have been a source of inspiration and infinite courage in time of crisis and need.

Without your mantle of guidance we could not have reached the gloricus station in Jewish history which we now behold.

With God's blessing upon you for many many years of fruitful living, I am.

Very sincerely yours,

Max Kleiman

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Port Chrester, New York

May 19, 1949.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Amongst the most cherished days of my life are the few short years I was granted the privelege to work with you for the cause of Israel.

I, too, am enger to think that in a minute way I contributed to our ultimate victory. The luxury of that thought was made possible by the fact that it was you, Dr. Aboa Hillel Silver, who was at the helm of the American Zionist Emergency Council in the most crucial years of Jewish life. Your vision, courage and militancy first the imagination and made the seemingly impossible quite simple and attainable.

It is my sincere belief that without your lead-rehip on the American scene, where the political battles were won, Jerael would have still been in the blu-print stage. The self-sacrifies that earned for you the 'persons-non-grate' title is a great monument to you. History will, undoubtedly, resord the fact that you were the number one 'persons grate' with the Jewish people and with all freedom loving men.

It is my hope and wish that you will lead our meople to greater glory for many more years.

Last sincerely yours,

SOL COLLINS

President Port Chester Zionist District Chairman P.C. Zionist Emergency Council.

BUNIS AND BUNIS ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW 812 WILDER BUILDING 8 EXCHANGE STREET ROCHESTER 4, N. Y. BEATH DOCK OF LEBUNDS Dr. Abbs Hillel Silver 343 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York Dear Dr. Silver: it has come to my attention that you have indicated that you will not continue as chairman of the American Wionick Council, and that you will not be another the is- are at the forthcoming election at Las Damital Inis news is disappoint W RIHS - North - is opentually you will be missed as 0 0000 and as only more that capacity, so that we min are necessarily as that we min are necessarily as a conservation of the capacity o to say to you, what #114 can continue to benefit that the surely and and and counsel. Our movement has of course made tremendous strides during the period of your leadership, and we can count accomplishments of inestimable value, all resulting during and in great measure as a regult of your leadership. In the event that you persist in your expressed intention to retire from the onsirmanship. I feel that we should out to your Wishes in deference to the great service which you have rendered in the past, and wish for you a continued career of service to the American community and to the Jewish community, which is an integral part thereof. In addition, of course, we wish you health and strength to continue your endeavors. merly Chairman Roomester Signist Emergency Council LIB: ML

The Rochester Zionist Council composed of representatives of all Zionist groups in the community hails the role of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver as leader of American Zionism who led our movement to victory. During the most crucial period in the history of our movement, the mantle of leadership fell providentially upon this divinely inspired champion of our people. Like Moses he rose before the mighty to plead our cause and demand justice for the remnents of Israel.

He never wavered nor cringed. Forthrightly and prophetically he raised his voice before the world's tribunal until the foundations of the earth were anaken and the four corners of the globe reverberated with the echo of his synemic challenge.

We hail Rabbi Silver as a modern prophet in Israel. His accomplishments will be written into the Geulah chapter of Israel. We pray that he may continue to serve for many years to come in the vineyard of the Lord.

> Rabbi Leon Stitskin President Rochester Zionist Council

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Mr Abe Tuvin American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Av New York City, NY

Dear Mr Tuvim:

The Schemectady Zionist Emergency Council
conveys its congratulations to Dr Abbs Elliel Silver, Chairman
of the American Zionist Emergency Council upon the completion
of his term of office. Dr Silver has been in the forefront of
the political actical program which united all library groups in
this country is common value and foreign goal, namely, the
establishment of silverial State in integral.

member of the femily of mations. To Dr Ellver we owe a debt of gratitude, a tribute to his maring, dynamic leadership through adversity to victory.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Scheinzeit, Chairman Schoy Zionist Emergency Committee

BERNARD G. RUDOLPH 436 BOUTH BALINA 61 SYRADUSE 2, N.Y. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Theirman American Zionist Emergency Council Dear Dr. Silver: Having been actively interested in the Zionist cause for these many years, I have seen national leaders in the Z.O.A. come and so but only under your leadership as President of the Z.O.A. and Chairman of the Emergency Later II also cause make the greatest promone and account in achieving our aims to the Turkella and the fact that it was W.RIII. The following and your genius following the cause which led us to the pinnoppe Court and the court many long and hard Tears.

While you are now relinquishing the him post of chairman of the Zionist Emergency Council, I am sure that you will continue to contribute to the cause of Zionism and Israel redeemed.

Very truly yours

B. G. Rudolph

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GUSTAVE RUBNER 35 ROQUOIS ROAD TECKANOE N.Y.

May 26, 1949

Dr. Abbs Hillel Silver American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Silver:

As a lay member of the Zionist Organization of America and now as President of the Genesis Zionist District of Tuckahoe, New York, you have always served as a source of inspiration to me in Zionist work in my community.

Although you are leaving the helm of the American Zionist Council at this (197) I or one feel confident that you will be with the constantly as a guide and a leader for, after all, what is the Zionist movement without Dr. Abbs Hillel Silver.

Sincemely yours,

Oustave Rubner



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June 7, 1949

Dr. Abbs Hillel Silver American Zionist Council 342 Madison Awenue New York 17, b. I.

Dear Dr. Silver:

It has been approximately four years since the "Silver Revolution" in Zionism made its impress upon the history of our movement. It has been one of the glorious epochs in the history of the Jewish people. Messianic hopes and prayers became a reality - Israel became a state.

These great events were a product of your thinking and the dynamics you gave to our efforts. Your leadership was and is a symbol for all to follow.

The Westchester Zionist Region has always responded to your call in the past and will continue to do so is the future.

We wish to express our heartfult thanks for the selfless efforts you have given to make these accomplianments owne true. When history is written of this decade, it will be written in terms of Abba Hillel Silver and his work. The thousands of Zionists in the Westchester Zionist Region are grateful to you.

May you have many more years of fruitful service and labors for your people.

With warm regards, I am

G/MM

Joseph W. Greenleaf

President, Westchester Zionist Region

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May 17, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York

My dear Doctor Silver:

It is with great regret that I have learned that you have determined that it will not be pcs-sible for you to continue as chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

In my capacity as chairman of the Westchester Region Emergency Committee and as a past President of the Yonkers Zionist District, it has been my privilege and great pleasure to take a small part in the work which you performed with such great skill and devotion.

To replace your leadership will be most difficult because of the sincerity of purpose and complete devotion which you brought to the problems which confronted you throughout the years.

Please accept my personal wish and for many years to come you will be happy in all your undertakings and that you will continue in the great work which you have so ablely performed.

Respectfully yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

We here in Yonkers have looked to you for many years for inspiration and leadership in all matters of Zionist endeavor, and will feel very keenly the void which will come about when you retire from your Post as head of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

We know that your reprieve is a well-deserved one, and trust that you will be with us in the very near future.

May any other tasks which you undertake be crowned with success.

Very sincere y yours,

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Dr. Abbe Hillel Silver American Zionist Council

342 Madison Awenue New York, N. I.

Dear Dr. Silver

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American Zionist Council 342 Madison Ave. New York City 17, N. Y.

Attention: Mr. Abe Tuvin, Director

Dear Mr. Tuvin:

As a member of the Zionist Emergency Council since its inception and after the years of hard work I have put in along with other members of the Local Emergency Council, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep feeling and appreciation for the fine work the Emergency Council has done in the past years. The work that we have done never would have gained the momentum or obtained the results it did without the great leadership of our mutual friend, Dr. Silver.

It has been beyond any doubt the greatest political and public relations job accomplished in the history of our movement. Working with your organization has given me great pleasure and gratification. Please do not hesitate to call upon me at any time in the future if I can be of any aid.

With personal greetings to Dr. Silver,

I am

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Toledo Zionist Emergency Council Toledo, Ohio.

May 25, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman, American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Toledo Zionist Emergency Council joins the great chorus of voices everywhere in expressing their gratitude for your historic leadership of the Zionist cause. The future of Israel and the freedom of her people will be the testament and the glory crowning your unselfish, courageous and inspired direction of the constructive forces that have made stolze junge juden out of arms judenjungen. May your voice and your heart continue to labor for Israel tomorrow voice and your heart continue to labor for Israel tomorrow as they have for so many tragic years. God bless you and continue to keep you the great right arm of Israel.

Devotedly,

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Toledo Zionist Emergency Council Ruth Epstein, Chairman.



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July 19, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Ave. New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Silver:

The pages of history abound with lithographs depicting that splendidly dramatic moment when the victorious general bids a fond and final farewell to his victorious troops. Only the military lends itself easily to the enactment of such a poignant scene, for only uniformed soldiers can stand in their even ranks to receive the blessings and the gratitude of their commander, and in silence return to him their awed love.

The armies of American Zionism that you have led on from hopelessness through desperation to glorious victory cannot be gathered into one square. We are too many, too far flung and as Jews, have too little talent to form ourselves into rigid unvarying columns.

But on this occasion of your retirement from public office, we would like you to think of us, your loyal troop, even as such, as truly united behind the spiritual ideal of Zicnism which we serve together and united are we also in our love and gratitude to you Dr. Silver, for your brilliant, selfless and historic leadership.

May you live to see the seed which you have planted with such loving care, and that has been nourished with the blood of today and all the yester-days, bloom in strength and ascend to the skies, and may we and our progeny sit under its protecting shade in peace and happiness.

MARGEL DREYFUS, Fres. Pres.

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May 24, 1949

To: Dr. Abbs Hillel Silver

Repose in you, who lad our first,
And after evil wars depart,
All Zion's dream will still be bright.

Because these you, wind through the years
Unflinehing in the Add of for,
With deed and word, and without fears,
Cried bravely, "Let my people to!"

And if today we walk so proud
With heads erect and unafraic,
It was your zeal that chased the cloud,
And built on that foundation laid
A brave new land, as Israel known,
To have, to hold, to love, to own.

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Chester in Chester My Dear Dr. Silver:

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It is with profound sedness that I learned of your desire to relin wish the chairmenship of the American Zionist Council in the rear future.

As chairman of our local Emergency Committee since the day you became its leader, I have come to consider you, without question, our Moishe Rabenu of the Todern era. For wasn't it your wise guidance and laster-ship that saw us through those last few years of uprertainty and at times almost complete Japaness. And wasn't it because of your untiring strength and Manatic determination to attain ultimate justice that we beginned to be attain ultimate justice that we beginned to be it all, with our twopper aport and general sea high.

As I look back () the present the detailer or effectiveness of all those telegram backers in a letter writing esmocious together with all other reams of protestations that we were asked to perform, when it seemed like mitting up against a stone wall as those sinister forces that operate against us continued their sinful ways, totaly deaf to all our ories of despair.

Yet, through all of those trying days, we felt that if it was it was you that outlined the campaign and that if it was your judgement that determined the directives, who were we to doubt. Ours was but to follow through. If you thought it wise to follow a given course, that was enough for us to take each other by the hand and so forth with complete reliance and greater courage. It is that leadership that makes men and nations rise to their greatest heights. It is that leadership that made us, the men in the field, is that leadership that made us, the men in the field, more determined than ever to see our job through no matter what the cost or secrifice.

AARDN WEISS 46 EAST DORRANDE STREET KINDSTON, PA.

May 18, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Zionist Emergency Council New York, New York

Dear Doctor Silver:

I have learned with deep regret that you decided to withdraw from your official position as Chairman of the American Zionist Council. I hope that you will be persuaded to reconsider this decision.

American Zionism has contributed more, furing the past few years, to the successful felfillment of our Zionist objective. I have always hat a great statistics for your determination not to compromise on resident principles when others were ready to make all state of concessions.

I shall never forget your brilliant leadership at the American Jewish Conference which had evoked the admiration and respect of everyone present. American Jewry and the State of Israel, in particular, owes you a great deal for your great service in the establishment of the Jewish National Homeland.

Sincerely,

Aaron Weiss

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PHILADELPHIA ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, there is an abounding record of a lifetime of service by Dr. Abba Fillel Silver, and
- WHEREAS, his timely and inspired leadership of, and selfless devoted services to, the American Zionist Movement, particularly during the critical period when the establishment of the Jewish State hung in the balance, contributed in great measure to the proclamation of Israeli Independence on the fifth day of lyar 5708 (May 14th, 1548)
- NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESCLVED that the Executive Boars of
 the Philadelphia Zichist Grannization at its regular
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May 17, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, c/o American Zionist Emergency Council, 342 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

American Zionist Emergency Council, the Pittgburgh Zionist Emergency Council hereby expresses its heartfelt thanks to you for your untiring and devoted services which placed such an important part in the creation of the State of Israel. History will record the brilliant service rendered by American Zionists under your chairmanship and will likewise acknowledge the indebtedness of the Jewish people to you personally.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

ALEX LOWENTHAL, CHAIRMAN

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OF THE PRESIDENT

June 7, 1949.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I regret exceedingly that you have publicly stated your firm resolution that you will not accept re-election as Chairman of the reorganized American Jewish Council.

Your contribution to the establishment of Israel is second to none. Your keen mind, your great capacity for extraordinary labor, your iron determination, and your ability to carry American Jewry with you -- all your great gifts -- you have used to the full, to secure the decisive influence of the Government of the United States of America in support of the establishment of a free and independent Jewish State in Palestine.

Called by divine providence to leadership on the American scene at a critical time, you turned the crisis into opportunity, and the opportunity into buffilment. In American Jewish public life, Arba Hilled Silver has no peer.

Dr. Silver, your labors are not yet over. Your leadership is still needed. Whether in or out of office you must remain among us to lead in the great struggles still to come.

May a gracious providence grant you long life and good health.

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May 20, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zicnist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17. New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the conclusion of the activities year of our District, I want to extend to you on behalf of our District and its great membership of over four thousand our greetings and our gratitude. This has been a fruitful year in American Zionism as it has been a historic year in Israel. It is a year whose results would have been impossible without the dynamic and courageous leadership which you have supplied.

I have the honor to convey to you on behalf of our District the hope and prayer that you will continue to lead our movement as you have done in the past with dignity and courage. May I add my personal greetings as well.

Sincerely yours,

Abe R. Cohen, President Pittsburgh Zionist District

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May 25, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

In behalf of Pottsville, Pennsylvania's Jewry, speaking through its Zioniet Organization, members of which are also enrolled in the Synagogue and B'nai B'rith, and the women in Hadassah, totaling in excess of 500, we wish to express to you our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your riorious contribution to the cause of Zionism, World Jewry and humanity, all of which are inextricably bound together.

Your selfless and inspiring leadership has led our noble movement to the successful and unprecedented heights it has now attained. History will enshrine your name indelibly as one of the greatest architects of achievement of our People's aspirations in Zion.

It is altogether fitting and proper to send these felicitations to you now that Israel has become a full fledged member of The United Nations, especially since we recognize, that side by side with you to lead us, we contributed mightily to effect this great event.

May God grant you many long years to continue your labors in the vineyards of our people, for which tasks we unreservedly promise our whole hearted and unstinting support.

Respectfully,

Meyer J. Woodnick

President, Pottsville Zionist District

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

of your desire to retire to Chairman if the American Zionist Council.

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We shall always remember what you have done. We wish you everything good you wish for yourself. We expect and hope that in a very short while you will find it possible to return to lead us onward to even greater things. We salute you Dr. Silver.

Gratefully yours, SCRANTON DISTRICT AMERICAN ZICKIST COUNCIL

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DR. HARRY A. GOLDEN

439 SPRUCE STREET SCRANTON 3, PA.

June. 2, 1949.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Zionist Energency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Serving as President of the Scranton Zionist District for the years 1946-1948, it has been my good fortune to come close to the great gifts of your superb personality.

leadership and untiring efforts not only were responsible for bringing our cause before the bar of world justice but also gave birth to a re-awakening of our people to the tremendous historical moment before us which could, if seized upon, herald in the messianic age our people were awaiting for two thousand years.

upon your prophetic visions to lead your people onto the road they dreamed about but could not see.

Through your inspiration thousands, like myself, began to see the light and worked in the direction you gave to the successful end of the creation of a sewish State.

step, the unity of our people, was set forth and obtained by your efforts. With this unity of purpose, public opinion in America and throughout the world was crystallized in favor of our just cause, and as a result, finally the United Nations accepted Israel as a reality and received her in it's Councils.

out to you for inspiring this generation to do the miraculous. You have helped effectively in removing the chains of bondage from our people's bodies and minds. God Bless You.

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Dear Dr. Silver,

Your many friends and admirers in Rhode
Island were very sorry to learn that you have decided to retire as chairman of the Emergency Council, for we, like your friends throughout the
country, and the world, have instinctively looked
to you for leadership in carrying out the Zionist
program. It should be a source of great personal
pride and satisfaction to you to have led American
Zionism to the realization of its fundamental aim the establishment of Israel - and we want you to
know that we are as profoundly grateful for your
leadership as we are for the Victory to which you
have brought us.

May those who follow in your footsteps in directing the efforts of American Zienism to-wards the problems which still lie ahead find strength, courage, and vision sufficient for the tasks in the noble example which you have set for them, and may they remain ever true to the highest ideals of Judaism from which you have never wavered.

With sincere appreciation of your years of leadership, both from me personally and from all the Zionists of Rhode Island, and with warmest personal regards, I am

Respectfully yours,

PITHUR I. DAMMAN Honorary President,

Rhode Island Zionist Region

Dr. Abba Hillel Stlver, American Zionist Energency Council, New York.

May 24, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with deep gratitude that I express the appreciation of Zionists in the Charleston District for your efforts in behalf of Jewry everywhere. The accomplishments of the American Emergency Council under your leadership are well known to everyone and need not be enumerated here. Suffice it to say, these accomplishments would not have been possible without your extremely able and inspired leadership.

May your life continue to be in the future as fruitful as in the past and may you enjoy more than your share of happiness and good health.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard J. Olasov, Chairman Charleston Zionist Council

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Chairman, American Zionist Council New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Rarely can it be said that the accomplishments of one man are responsible for the turning of the tide and the rebuilding of a people. This is true so far as you are concerned.

As a leader of American Zionism, you are on the top rung of the ladder alone. Were it not for your personality, your unswerving loyalty to a cause and your persuasive enthusiasm, Israel may not today be a free State.

You have earned the plaudits and commendations, not only of your fellow Jews, but of all Americans. May you live long and prosper!

Kindest personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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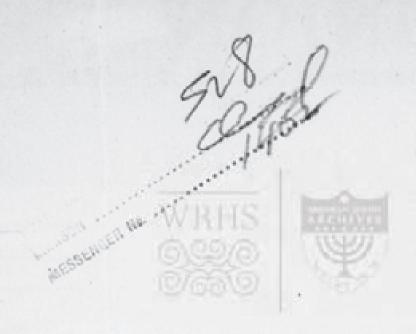
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May 20, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver c/o American Zionist Emergency Council 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

On behalf of our local Emergency Council and voicing my own sentiments as well, we are tager to make known to you or retirement from the Chairmanship of the Energency Council, were gratitude and our feeling of deep indebtedpose to you for the work that you did during these long and difficult and event. The work that you did the Chairmanship of the Council at one of the feet critical periods in our Zionist history, white your leadership, we witnessed a remarkable change in the morals of the novement. Your elequence stirred a people to action; your prescience oriented them aright. You restored the thinking of the movement to first principles; our aim was the creation of the Jewish State; that this goal could only be realized by reliance upon ourselves; that people and nations would help us only as we exerted and helped ourselves. We went from strength to strength until finally the events of the last year or two realized the aged old dream of our people in the creation of the New State of Israel.

History will, without doubt, place your name among the top few who were the architects of the New State. That we locally played some role in this, albeit modest, is a pleasant and unforgettable memory and perhaps the most agreeable part of it all is the feeling that it was your inspiration and your brilliant leadership that brought us to this victory. We are proud to hail you as you retire from leadership in the Emergency Council.

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman American Zionist Emergency Council, New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Silver:

I find it difficult to express in words the affectionate loyalty that we of the Southwest feel toward you: an abiding love growing out of the gratitude we know due you, not only by every Zionist, but by every lover of human liberty regardless of race or religion.

The miraculous establishment of the State of Israel within our lifetime, the message of enlightened freedom which it holds out to all peoples, the realization of the Jewish dream of twenty centuries, the fulfillment of a glorious hope - all are due in such large part to your wise statesmanship and courage that it is impossible to separate from the accomplishment of Zion the accomplishments of the heart and soul and mind of Abba Hillel Silver.

Your name will always stand out in history along with the great and wise who have been the benefactors of mankind.

Sincerely,

Sidney L. Herold
President
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ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית ZIONIST ORGANIA 10h of America SALT LAKE DISTRICT 139 So. 2nd East St. SALT LAKE CITY 2, UTAH SIMON SHAPIRO, HONDRARY PRESIDENT DR. LOUIS C. ZUCKER. PRESIDENT HIS SECOND AVE. 150 SQ. MAIN ST. TELEPHONE 3-1205 SUPPROME BUILDING BEN M. ROE. VICE-PRESIDENT OLDO, MAIN BY. TLEPHONE B-1891 ABE CLINE, TREASURER 200 SO. WEST TEMPLE ST. TELEPHONE 5-3814 May 22, 1949. DAVID ALDER, ASCRETARY ISS NO. 2ND EAST ST. TELEPHONE 3-4491 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Care of the American Zionist Emergency Council, New York. Dear Rabbi Silver: we Zionists of Wish wish to join with our brother Districts in grateful tribute to you for your services, through the Zionist Organization of America, the Jewish Agency and the American Zionizt Lacrgency Council, to the Zionist cause, even to the sitablishment of the State of Israel. We have followed with admiration and confidence your valiant, far-sighted and able efforts during these post-war years. We remember that in 1946 and 1947 the enemies of our cause so vital to the Shearith Hapleita were in the ascendant and repeatedly exulted over our seeming defeat. But, thanks to your bold, resourceful statesmanship, we attained May 15, 1948. More than that, -- our movement has been so successful that other elements have come forward who would like to take us over. The Jewish people was indeed blessed, in this time of mortal meed, to have in the leadership men of your intellectual and moral stature. May you enjoy length of days in health and happiness, so that you may have nechas from the fruits of your labors and continue to ensure progress towards our two-fold goal: a thoroughly healthy and creative state of Israel, and a splendidly vital Judaism in the United States! Shalom v'Hatslachah! Simon Shapiro (Honorary President) (President)

Congregation B'nai Jacob CORNER LEE AND COURT STREETS Charleston 1, Mest Birginia

May 26th, 1949

Dr. Sidney Marks Zionist Organisation of America 11 East 12nd St., New York, M.Y.

Deer Dr. Marks:

We, of the Charleston, E. Va. Ziomist District will ever be mindful of the matchless, courageous leadership Or. Abba Millel Silver brought to our movement during the fateful, tur ulent years he headed the lionist Organiz tion of America and the American Miordat Emergency Council.

shile of era were growing I the dark, Or. Silver lit the torch to light our way. he areve before him the mood of despair and helplesamess that had taken bold of many. He emboldened our hearts and raised high our spirits. Lot for him the fear and the timility, the wavering and vacillation when there was battle to be done. Ind battle he did, giving no quarter and brooking no compromise with a harassed people's millenial goal of a Zion redeemed.

His sure, firm, resolute foot best out our path and we followed behind him. He and we have been blessed to behold the fulfillment of the dream of the Statehood of Israel that Dr. Silver would not let us forget or forsake.

Dr. Silver has earned our people's prefound gratitude and thanksgiving.

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Zionist Organization of America

CLARKSBURG, W. VA.

May 27, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Chairman, American Zionist Council New York City, N. Y.

My Dear Dr. Silver:

I consider it a special privilege and an honor, in behalf of our local Zionist District, to express to you our sincere gratitude for the all important role played by you as the leader of American Zionism. Your accomplishments have truly been written into Jewish history.

Without your wisdom and supreme guidance, our recent hard won victory could easily have been one of the distant future instead of an accomplishment in our time. With you at the helm, our's was a feeling of security, a factor which gave us the will and courage to continue to ultimate victory.

While it is my understanding that you do not intend to continue as chairman of the American Zionist Council, I am certain that you will be ever present with your wise counsel and sound judgment.

We congratulate you on your accomplishments, and again offer our thanks for the services which you have rendered to the Zionist cause, to World Jewry and to the cause of all Humanity in general.

Sincerely,

Fred H. Caplan

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Milwaukee Zionist Emergency Council

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A TRIBUTE TO DR. ARRA HILLET SILVER

With the admission of the Republic of Israel in the United Nationsthe culmination of 1,379 years of Jewish dispersion and exile- it is, indeed, appropriate that proper recognition be given to the dynamic leader of American and World Zionism who did more than any other man during the past decade to make the dream of Jewish statehood a reality. That outstanding and courageous personality is Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

From the hour he accepted the heavy responsibility as co-chairman, and subsequently as chairmen, of the American Zionist Emergency Council, Rabbi Silver stood at the belm of the Jewish Ship of State, constantly on the watch, with relentless determination and entherizatio vigour, meeting the precarious stooms which reged during Israel's derivest hours, with fearless endeavours, escrificing despites, and supreme inith.

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Nor shall we forget the incomparable Silver who constituted the propelling force when the Palestine Resolution was depated by the Congress of the United States - at a time when delaying tactics were the tools of expediency by our enemies.

It is said that every crisis in history produces great leaders, gigantic figures, men of the hour. Winston Churchill was one of them. Franklin D. Roosevelt was another. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver belongs in the came category as far as the Jewish people and the State of Israel are concerned. His formula has been positive action, and through it Israel was reborn. His name and his creative deeds will long be remembered in the annals of the Jewish people.

Rebbi Louis J. Swicklow Chairman, Milwaukee Zionist Energency Council