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November 17th, 1918

President Harry P. Judson, Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

My dear President Judson:

As an educator, you have read with special interest that the foundation stones of the Hebrew University were laid July 24, 1918, on Mt. Scopus near the Mount of Olives, locking out upon the Hely City and down upon the rift of the Jordan and the Mountains of Moab.

Of the significance of this event, President Wilson, in his Zionist Pronouncement, says:

"I think that all Americans will be deeply moved by the report that even in this time of stress the Weizmann Commission has been able to lay the foundation of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem, with the promise that that bears of spiritual rebirth".

At the ceremony, congratulatory messages from the Allied Governments were read; since then European Universities and recently Harvard University through President Lowell have sent their congratulations.

Will you send on behalf of your self and your institution your greetings to the Zion-ist Commission on the founding of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem? And along with your message, which we shall be glad to transmit to Palestine, will you give a statement of your views on the Zionist movement, as we wish to incorporate them in a collection of similar utterances by distinguished Englishman and Americans?

We enclose an account of the Ceremony and an abstract of a Survey of Christian Opinion on Palestine and the Jews.

In the hope of the New Zion

Yours sincerely,

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES 55 FIFTH AVENUE NEWYORK

January 5, 1920.

Pres. Harry Pratt Judson, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Pres. Judson:

As President and Vice President of the Zionist Organization of America, we have been charged with the task of organizing a representative committee which will lead the campaign we are about to launch, to secure for 1920, a fund of \$10,000,000 to primarily prepare Palestine in every way for a large immigration from pogrom-ridden Eastern Europe. The fund will serve to maintain the work already initiated in Palestine by the Zionist Organization, and also to maintain the Zionist Organization itself, by and through which these undertakings must be carried out. The recent declaration by Lord Curzon, British Foreign Secretary, reaffirming the British Government's Declaration of November2, 1917 in favor of the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish People, gives us every confidence that the time has arrived for beginning the actual work of establishing the Jewish National Homeland.

We have the honor to invite you to act as a member of the ddvisory Committee to the National Committee for the Palestine Restoration Fund. Of the significance of Palestine Restoration, Lord Robert Cecil has recently said: "In all the destruction wrought by this war the Zionist Movement stands out as a great effort in practical idealism. Its success holds a promise not only for the Jewish people, but for civilization itself. May it continue to prosper and increase in favor with God and Men." We trust that your deep interest in the Jewish people and in the Restoration of Palestine will impel you to send us your prompt acceptance of this invitation

Very sicerely yours,

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January 10, 1920

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Your favor of the 5th instant is received. I appreciate the courtesy of the invitation and of course would be inclined always to join in a movement which you suggested. At the same time I am not as yet personally convinced of the advisability of the Zionist movement sufficiently to join in actively West and Vice President of the finist Organization of America, forwarding site and with the task of organizing a representative

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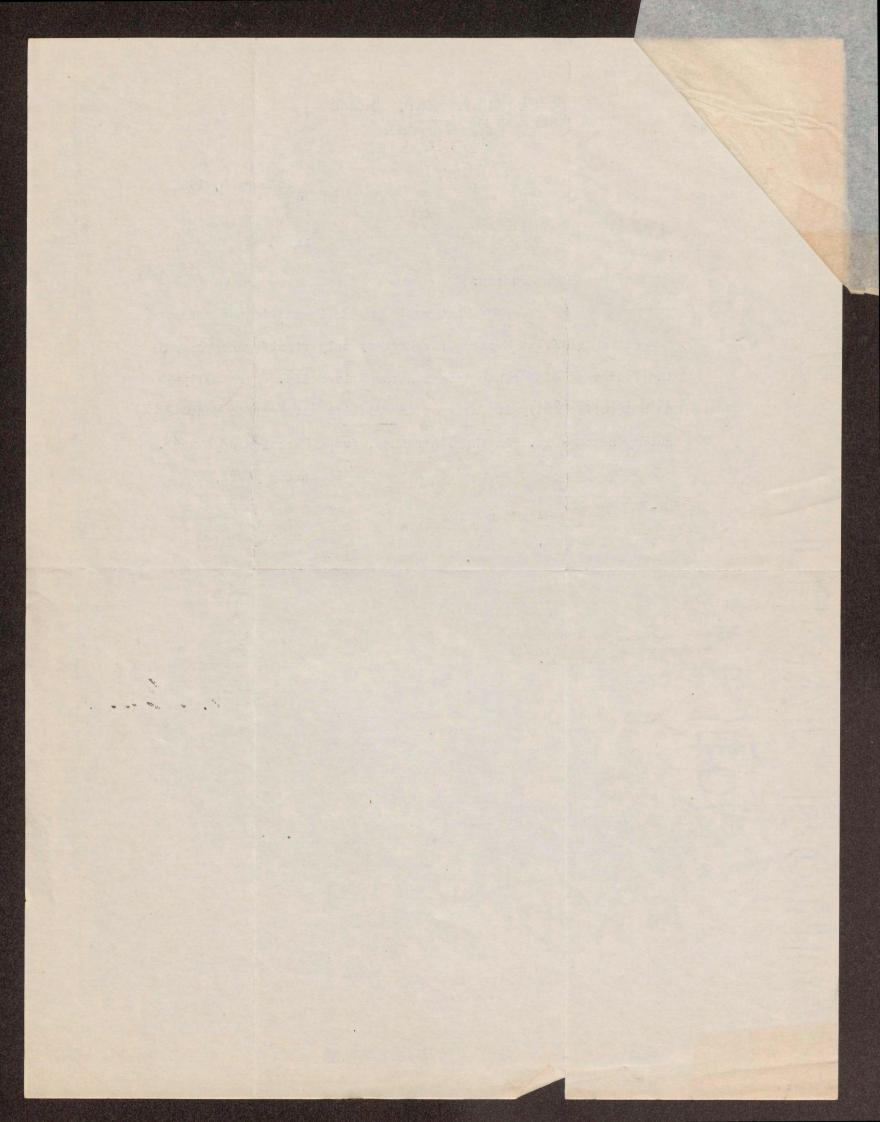
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January 10, 1920 Dear Mr. Mathews: Herewith I am returning the Zionist matter. I have had a similar invitation from the same source and am writing declining it. I am not as yet convinced of the cogency of the zionist movement, and am not willing to allow my friendship with Judge Mack to affect a question of principle. Very truly yours. Dean Shailer Mathews. Faculty Exchange. HPJ:JN. encl.

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