

CONTACTS WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS  
AND ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF  
THE STATE OF ISRAEL

On 3-28-49, [redacted]

[redacted] advised Feinberg contacted Colonel Ben-Arzi and indicated he had arrived at the airport and was going over to the Mayflower Hotel. Ben-Arzi asked where they could meet and at what time. Feinberg replied that they could meet in Dewey Stone's suite in a half hour. Ben-Arzi said he would be there with Teddy. Feinberg is possibly identical with Abraham Feinberg. Colonel Ben-Arzi is the former Israeli Military Attache to the U. S. and a known representative of the Israeli Intelligence Service. Dewey Stone is a prominent Zionist who has been active in Israeli fund raising activities. Teddy is probably identical with Theodor Kollek, formerly in charge of the American Section of the Israeli Foreign Ministry and a known representative of the Israeli Intelligence Service.

(97-2171-205 p. 7)

(C) The "New York Times" dated 4-24-49 reported a dinner held at Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York on 4-23-49 for Dr. Chaim Weizman, first President of Israel.

Among speakers was listed Abraham Feinberg, Chairman of the New York Committee of the Weizman Institute of Science.

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In the Summer of 1949 in connection with determining the activities of Reuben Shiloah, Personal Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel but who was believed to be the head of Israeli Intelligence, it was ascertained from the records of the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C. that on June 2, 1949, while Shiloah was rooming at the Shoreham he telephoned a Mr. Feinberg at Mt. Vernon, New York, telephone Mt. Vernon 80840. This telephone number is listed to the residence of Abraham Feinberg.

(65-58621-24)

On 8-3-49, [redacted]

[redacted] advised Abe Feinberg at the Washington airport contacted Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Elath. Feinberg had just arrived and Elath told him to come over to the Embassy right away.  
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On 8-22-49, [redacted] (Tech on Israeli Embassy,

[redacted] reported information indicating Efraim Ben-Arzi and Aryeah Manor of the Israeli Supply Mission, New York City, were to discuss some unidentified matter with one Abe, possibly Abraham Feinberg.

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On 8-24-49, [redacted] technical surveillance on Eliahu Elath, formerly Epstein, revealed that on 8-24-49, an unidentified man at the Washington airport advised Elath's secretary that Abe Feinberg had arrived at the airport for his appointment and would be right over.  
(97-2171-255 p. 2) ✓

On 9-2-49, [redacted]

[redacted] advised Manor contacted Elath and said he is in New York and everything is O.K. During the conversation Elath said he has started on an unidentified matter for Abe Feinberg.

(97-2171-207 p. 1)

An anonymous source advised that on 9-7-49, a meeting of the Press Relations Board (composed of officials of the Israeli Consulate General in New York City and the Israeli Embassy in Washington) was held at the Israeli Consulate in New York City and was attended by the following:

Eliahu Elath (Ambassador).  
Ruth Goldschmidt (Director of the Research and Reference Division of the Israeli Office of Information, New York City).  
Moshe Keren (Not identified).  
Harry Zinder (Director, Israeli Office of Information, Washington, D. C.)

The source advised Elath informed those present that the plan to publish an American edition of the "Palestine Post" had been scrapped due to lack of funds and that "Israel Speaks" would be continued; that Abe Feinberg and David Wahl had approached Elath with a view to securing government assistance and of improving the paper; that no funds were being solicited. Elath welcomed their proposal on condition that the paper follow the government line and not become involved in internal Zionist friction. The board agreed that close liaison be maintained with "Israel Speaks" and that in the day-to-day relation, the New York Office should deal in technical liaison providing material to the paper and the Washington Office should deal with the question of editorial policies within the framework of the Public Relations Board.

The source stated that following the meeting, a short conference was held with Feinberg and Wahl on "Israel Speaks"; that Elath reported to them the Board's agreement to provide additional material and assistance to the paper. Elath pointed out that the paper would be given confidential briefing but in turn the government would expect the loyal cooperation of the paper. Feinberg assured the Board on this matter, but said that the editors would feel free to conduct the paper as an independent publication and to criticize the Government (of Israel) when it felt necessary. Elath stated the Board would fully reflect the right of the paper to do so; that the only concern was that "Israel Speaks" might become a factional again; that the board would cooperate with "Israel Speaks" as long as it was advantageous to the Government.

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The "New York Times" of 12-25-49 reported that the post of National Chairman for Trades and Industries in behalf of the 1950 United Jewish Appeal campaign has been accepted by Abraham Feinberg of

New York, it was announced yesterday by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the nation-wide drive. The campaign on behalf of reconstruction and resettlement needs in Israel and elsewhere has a goal of \$272,455,800 for the coming year.

Mr. Feinberg, who is president of Jac Feinberg and Son, will have the responsibility of stimulating intensive fund-raising activities among business men in all spheres of economic life throughout the country. Under his guidance, Mr. Morgenthau added, chairmen will be appointed for individual trades and industries, and industry committees "are to cooperate in mobilizing campaign volunteers and contributors."

[redacted] advised that on January 15, 1950, and on March 14, 1950, Aryeah Manor, Director of the Israeli Supply Mission in New York City, contacted telephone number Mt. Vernon 8-0840 (NY) which is the number assigned to Abraham Feinberg.

(65-59195-6 p. 14) ✓

In the Spring of 1950 New York City 75 (Edward F. Snyderstrup, Legal Department New York Telephone Co.) advised a contact was made from the home of Aryeah Manor, Technical advisor of the Israeli Supply Mission, 305 Riverside Drive, to the residence of Abraham Feinberg at Mt. Vernon, New York.

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On June 28, 1950, [redacted] advised David and Edith Wahl and one Aryeah, possibly identical with Aryeah Manor, technical advisor to the Israeli Supply Mission in New York, planned to visit the residence of Abe Feinberg that evening. Abe Feinberg is probably identical with Abraham Feinberg.

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New York Informant [redacted] advised that on 8-9-50, David Wahl was in contact with Abe Feinberg and advised the latter he had received a letter from someone in Israel advising that Teddy (possibly Theodor Kollek) was losing his job and would be

taking some new post. They discussed this matter at some length.

On 8-11-50, [ ] stated Lou Weintraub, a member of the Executive Committee of "Israel Speaks," was in touch with David Wahl at which time Wahl mentioned he had seen Abe Feinberg on the previous day and that he and Feinberg were going to Israel around 9-1-50. Wahl added that he and Feinberg would travel to Israel with the United Jewish Appeal group, and would attempt to straighten out the business interests of Weintraub, Wahl and Feinberg while in Israel.

(101-2261-101)

In the course of a physical surveillance of Theodor Kollek, Israeli official in charge of the American Section of the Israeli Foreign Ministry; Aryeah Manor, technical advisor of the Israeli Supply Mission, New York City was believed to be in contact with Kollek. In the course of a physical surveillance on August 26, 1950, Kollek was observed leaving the Sulgrave Hotel in New York City in a car registered to Aryeah Manor. Manor's car was accompanied by another car registered to one Abraham Hockman, 919 East 9th Street, Brooklyn, New York. These automobiles were observed to proceed to the home of Abraham Feinberg, Mt. Vernon, New York.

(65-59195-9 p. 11)  
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On 8-31-50 at 7:05 P.M. agents of the New York Office observed David Wahl, Abe Feinberg, together with 32 other Jewish leaders in the United States depart for Israel from Idlewild Airport, New York aboard a chartered Air France plane. It was ascertained the plane was en route to Lydda, Israel, and would stop over in Paris for one day.

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Reuben Shiloah, the Chief of the Israeli Intelligence Service, visited the U. S. in the Fall of 1950 as a representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Israeli Government. On September 22, 1950, he registered at the Hotel Mayflower, New York City. Mr. A. Burton Wright, Manager, Hotel Mayflower advised that

Shiloah called many telephone numbers while in New York. One of these numbers was Judson 6-2773 which Shiloah called on 11-9-50. [redacted]

[redacted] advised this number is listed to Abraham Feinberg, 350-5th Avenue, New York. (65-58621-76 p. 16)

[redacted] advised on 10-11-50 that Theodor Kollek had an appointment at the Mayflower Hotel on that morning with Abe Feinberg. [redacted] also stated that the possibility existed that Ambassador Eban would join Kollek and Abe Feinberg later at the Mayflower Hotel. Eban was Israeli Ambassador to U.S. (105-10332-73 p. 5)

[redacted] advised that on October 1, 1950, David Wahl was in contact with Lou Weintraub and they discussed the formation of the new corporation which was to include Bartley Crum, Lou Weintraub, Abe Feinberg and David Wahl.

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On October 15, 1950, this informant advised that David Wahl was in contact with Abe Feinberg and on that occasion, they discussed a dinner party that had been held at Feinberg's home on the evening of October 14, 1950. It was indicated that Reuben Shiloah and Ted Kollek, Israeli officials in the United States, were present at this dinner party, along with David Wahl.

On October 29, 1950, Wahl in talking to Walter Plaut, who operates a travel agency in New York City, and who has on several occasions been in contact with David Wahl, told him that he had recently returned by plane from Washington with Abe Feinberg and that Feinberg has secured space for them through the Democratic Committee.

On October 16, 1950, [redacted] advised that David Wahl had reservations on American Airlines to go to Washington on October 27, 1950, to attend the United Jewish Appeal National Planning Conference. This informant advised that he contemplated attending this conference in the company of Abe Feinberg.

On October 16, 1950, [ ] advised that Abe Feinberg contacted David Wahl and advised that he had spoken to Reuben Shiloah the evening before, and that they had discussed a recent crisis in the Israeli government. Shiloah told Feinberg that there was no danger and that Ben-Gurion acted in time. On this occasion, Feinberg told Wahl that he wanted 1,500 copies of "Israel Speaks" put on the plane to go to the conference in Washington, so they could be distributed at the conference.

On October 31, 1950, David Wahl called Abe Feinberg and was advised at the time that Feinberg was out. Wahl then told Feinberg's secretary that the man from Mt. Vernon who wished to go to Israel had contacted Wahl. This man, according to Wahl, was in Washington, and he felt it was possible that the passport authorities would want to clear with the Israeli Embassy as to whether the man would be persona grata. Wahl said he wanted to know if Feinberg wanted to inform the Israeli people to look with favor upon the application. It appears that this man from Mt. Vernon is identical with Lee Pressman, a lawyer who previously had contacted David Wahl. It further appears that Pressman was contemplating a trip to Israel in connection with some business enterprise that had a relation to Wahl and Feinberg in their work. It is noted that Leon Pressman, also known as Lee Pressman, was alleged by Whittaker Chambers and Nathan Weyl to have been a member of the Harold Ware Communist underground group in Washington, D. C. in the 1930's. It is not known whether Lee Pressman who is believed to be the individual referred to by Wahl is identical with Leon Pressman.

(101-2261-109)

An anonymous source of known reliability advised that on November 10, 1950, Teddy Kollek, Israeli Minister to the United States, had in his possession a document captioned "Americans Deserving Special Mention." In this list of approximately 21 names was included the name "Abe Feinberg" with a notation "Aid and support of our interests." Abe Feinberg is believed identical with Abraham Feinberg.

(65-58700-418)  
(105-10332-100 p. 13)

The "California Jewish Voice," a newspaper published in California, in an article datelined New York (J.T.A.) January 12, 1951, stated that the Government of Israel would seek to raise \$500,000,000 in the next three years through the sale of bonds in the U. S. through an organization known as the American Finance and Development Corporation for Israel. Henry Morgenthau was named Chairman of the Board of Governors of the bond organizations, the article continued, and stated further that the board consisted of 100 outstanding American business and community leaders. Among the members listed was Abraham Fineberg.

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Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City, reflect that on February 14, 1951, Harry Beilin, Israeli Consul at Los Angeles entered the port of New York, aboard the S. S. LaGuardia, accompanied by his wife, Judith, and his daughter, [redacted].

Deputy Collector of Customs, Arthur D. Webb, N. Y. C. advised that Harry Beilin would be staying at the residence of L. Feinberg, 35 Elsmere Road, Mount Vernon, New York. L. Feinberg is Lillian Feinberg, wife of Abraham Feinberg, 35 Elsmere Road, Mount Vernon, New York.

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[redacted] advised that on February 26, 1951, David Wahl contacted Philip Dunaway, who is associated with David Wahl in the publication of "Israel Speaks." On that occasion Wahl informed Dunaway that Abe Feinberg had spoken to Henry Montor in Washington, D. C. Montor was in charge of the Israeli Bond Drive campaign in New York City.

[redacted] advised that on March 14, 1951 David Wahl was in contact with Abe Feinberg.

It was indicated Feinberg had recently contacted Henry Montor and Ted Kollek.



There was no doubt, according to the informant, that Wahl and Feinberg were discussing the suspension of the publication "Israel Speaks" unless a new financial arrangement that was then in the offing could be worked out.

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Information received from [redacted]

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that on March 21, 1951, Theodor Kollek, Israeli Minister, advised David Wahl of a conversation he (Kollek) had with Henry Montor concerning saving the publication "Israel Speaks." After Kollek informed Montor of the personal interest which Ben-Gurion, Israeli Prime Minister, had in the publication, Montor gave assurances that he would attempt to find a solution. The informant further reported that on the same date, Kollek contacted Abe Feinberg, President of "Israel Speaks," and informed him of the aforementioned discussion with Montor, as well as the discussion with Wahl. Feinberg informed Kollek that "they" had been frustrated for 3½ months waiting for Montor to make a decision and that the time had come for the decision to be made.

Feinberg recontacted Kollek on the same day and indicated that he had seen Montor, who was most cooperative, but that they need \$50,000, which neither of them have. At Feinberg's suggestion, Kollek stated he would see Joseph Cherner in Washington, D. C. who might lend them the money. Kollek indicated that he may be able to get only half the amount. Joseph Cherner is a well known Washington, D. C. business man.

On March 28, 1951, Morton Rosenbleuth, representative of the Israeli Minister of the Israeli Ministry of Finance for the Western Hemisphere, advised Kollek that he had informed David Wahl that he was prepared to finance \$25,000 if he would obtain a document from Montor "setting forth the whole idea." On March 28, 1951, Kollek was again in touch with Feinberg relative to financing "Israel Speaks."

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An anonymous source advised that Abe Feinberg returned from a trip to Israel about the first week of May, 1951, and mentioned in this connection that during his stay in Israel, Feinberg had made a side trip to Iran "to pick up 100 refugees."

(105-14292-23, p. 4)

On May 26, 1951, [redacted]

[redacted] revealed that appreciation was expressed to Abraham Feinberg, 350 Fifth Avenue for some unindicated service he had rendered the office of the Israeli Economic Advisor, NYC.

(65-58700-640, p. '8)

During June, 1951, [redacted]

[redacted] advised Abraham Feinberg was in contact with the following individuals relative to the Israeli Bond Drive and the financing of "Israel Speaks":

- David Ben-Gurion, Israeli Prime Minister
  - Eliezer Kaplan, Israeli Minister of Finance
  - David R. Wahl,
  - Teddy Kollek, Minister Plenipotentiary from Israel to the U. S.
  - Abe Harmon, Counselor, Israeli Embassy and Director of Israeli Office of Information in U.S.
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On June 4, 1951, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that Abe Feinberg, New York City, and Harry Beilin, Consul of Israel at Los Angeles, California, had discussed a financial matter concerning Beilin's brother-in-law abroad. The informant stated there was a possibility Feinberg was coming to Los Angeles to visit the Beilins.

(65-58700-622 p. 12) ✓

[redacted] reported that on June 5, 1951, Wahl was in contact with one Ted Lourie, at which time they discussed

the bond drive material and Wahl indicated that he had a talk about the situation of "Israel Speaks" with Ben-Gurion prior to his departure and that Ben-Gurion had met with Abe Harmon, Ted Kolley, Harry Zinder, Abe Feinberg and himself concerning the situation. (97-2866-127)

According to [redacted] [redacted] Kolley was scheduled to go to NYC on June 13, 1951, for a meeting in company with Abe Feinberg on June 14, 1951, and Eliezer Kaplan at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel. Kaplan is possibly identical with Israeli Minister of Finance. (105-10332-122)

On July 18, 1951, [redacted] [redacted] advised Abraham Feinberg contacted Harry Beilin and requested Beilin to make a reservation at the Beverly Hills Hotel for his mother, Eva Feinberg, for August 2, 1951. (65-58700-622, p. 12)

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During the Summer of 1951, [redacted] [redacted] advised Abe Feinberg was meeting Theodor H. Kolley on frequent occasions. These meetings, according to [redacted], were apparently for the purpose of arranging for the raising of funds for the Israeli Government. The informant said Kolley had recently met with Feinberg and David K. Niles, former Presidential Advisor, on more than one occasion, and Feinberg requested Kolley to have Ben-Gurion, Israeli Prime Minister, cable Niles an invitation to visit Israel as a guest of the Government. The informant was not acquainted with the specific purpose of the meetings of Kolley with Niles and Feinberg. (105-10332-141)

During the latter part of September, 1951, [redacted] [redacted], advised Theodor Kolley, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of Israel, was in contact with Abe Feinberg relative to matters related to the Israel Bond Drive. (101-2261-156)

[redacted] [redacted] advised on September 27, 1951, Teddy Kolley indicated he and Reuben Shiloah would visit Abe Feinberg at the latter's home on September 29, 1951, and expected to remain for dinner. (65-58621-164)

[redacted] advised that on November 19, 1951, David Wahl was in contact with Abe Feinberg. On that occasion Feinberg indicated to Wahl that he had \$3,000 more for him, and a discussion ensued concerning the obtaining of some cash by Wahl to be turned over to Feinberg. It was indicated, according to this informant, that the \$3,000 mentioned was money that was involved in the financing of the publication, "Israel Speaks."

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[redacted] advised that on January 10, 1952, Ruhama Saphir, Kollek's secretary, advised Dr. Ernst Levin, Israeli Vice Consul, NY, that Kollek would be at Feinberg's room shortly. Feinberg is probably identical with Abraham Feinberg.

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[redacted] reported that on January 21, 1952, Beilin and his wife had planned to visit Abe Feinberg in Palm Beach, Florida, but had to postpone the trip. Feinberg was staying at the Palm Beach Royal Apartments, 2800 South Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, Florida. Beilin is identical with Harry Beilin, Israeli Consul in Los Angeles, California.

(105-14292-39, p. 2)