

English Translation of Letter from Sochnut Chairman, Mr. Sallai Meridor to the Hillel Kook Memorial Lecture

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To Mr. Larry Pfeffer

Dear Mr. Pfeffer,

Hillel Kook's great contribution in the struggle to save Jews deserves recognition and I welcome all initiatives to memorialize his activities.

Hillel Kook's activism had a significant and wide impact, was the main factor leading to making American public opinion aware of the genocide against Jews by the Nazis, and made the public aware of the true dimensions of the Shoah against European Jews.

He succeeded to attract to his struggle politicians of all parties, and many artists and intellectuals who pressured President Roosevelt to save Jews. To our regret, the USA did almost nothing in this regard.

Hillel Kook's activism during World War II must serve for generations as a sign of warning against apathy and he is a role model for what a few dedicated individuals can achieve for Justice.

I hope that his works will be recognized and memorialized.

With regards,,

Sallai Meridor