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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have before me the rewith Goldhamer and you.
letter as coming from you written him as per enclumatter: For me to wire of the Board would be to

August 21, 1930.

I have before me the report of our Mr. Isidor Coons of his conference with Goldhamer and you. Contrary to the suggestion made in Coons' letter as coming from you, I have not wired Mr. Reinthal, but have written him as per enclosed copy. Please follow my reasoning in the matter: For me to wire Mr. Reinthal demanding that he call a meeting of the Board would be tantamount to giving him orders, and thereby earning his complete opposition. After all, Mr. Reinthal, as president of Federation sent us a communication under date of April 11, as per enclosed. In the absence of anything official to the contrary, we cannot, at this time, assume that Mr. Reinthal has any intention of side-stepping or evading the very definite commitment of the Cleveland Federation at their meeting with us on April 10th.

On the other hand, Mr. Reinthal cannot take exception to the very pleasant and polite reminder which I have just written to him. That together with the fact that you have telephoned him as a member of the Board to call a meeting of the executive committee should be sufficient for that gentleman to act without delay. It is a pity that Goldhamer apparently is "blocking the traffic".

However, I believe the only way to handle the situation is from within and not from without. Neither Mr. Reinthal nor Mr. Goldhamer will care very much about what we say here, but I believe that they would care a great deal if a number of the men who attended the Board meeting on April 10th and who have a due regard for the sanctity of the pledge made by Federation at that time got together and made the matter of good faith an issue for the honor of Cleveland Jewry as represented by Federation.

Mr. Edward Baker, with whom Mr. Baerwald and I talked - I believe in your presence - after the meeting was over assured us that we need not worry any longer about Cleveland's participation; and knowing Mr. Baker as I do, I would never believe that he would permit any evasion or side-stepping on the part of a body of which he is a member. I am merely mentioning Mr. Baker because we happened to speak with him at the time, but there must be others, and plenty of others, who are as concerned about the honor of Cleveland Jewry as you and Mr. Baker - and of course Rabbi Brickner is with us heart and soul.

As I told you when you were in New York, I can't conceive, even remotely, of the possibility of that set of men and women who solemnly pledged their approval of and cooperation in the campaign, permitting their pledge to be lightly cast aside, and there isn't one single reason in the world why anyone should be attempting to do so.

Of course times are hard - at least they say so. Frankly, it is not so very apparent to me judging by the way our friends are living. The business depression, etc. etc. doesn't seem to have affected that phase of their lives. But even assuming that it has, why should Cleveland, which certainly is in no different position from the other communities in the United States - many of which have had or will have their campaigns in the very near future - shed itself of all responsibility toward hundreds of thousands of our people on the other side -- men and women who would account themselves fortunate to live on what is daily squandered, if not thrown away, by our brethren on this side.

Please don't think that I am making a speech to you, but I feel this thing so deeply, having seen it all with my own eyes, that for the life of me I cannot fathom the psychology which would turn heart to stone.

I hope you will appreciate the point that I am making: that it must not appear that your demand for an executive committee meeting is anything other than spontaneous, which as a matter of fact it has been, since when you were in New York you advised me that you had called up Goldhamer to ascertain why no meeting had yet been called.

We simply must have a campaign in Cleveland as soon as possible, consistent with proper organization and preparation. If word should go out that Cleveland has deferred its campaign until after, let us say the Community Chest has had its campaign, it would do us incalculable harm and serious damage elsewhere. We had counted so much on being able to publish by September the fact of a Cleveland campaign in September or October, and in answer to inquiries on the part of doubters from other cities we have shown the Cleveland resolutions with good effect.

Of course what I am writing you is in confidence for reasons which to you will be obvious.

I hope you spent a pleasant week-end with the Billikopfs. I should have loved to have joined you with them for the pleasure and profit of your company. Perhaps the privilege will be mine on some other occasion.

With kindest regards to you and trusting that your dear ones are well, I am

Sincerely yours

David M. Bressler

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August 21, 1930. Mr. Sol Reinthal, President The Jewish Welfare Federation 612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg. Cleveland, Ohio Dear Mr. Reinthal: Now that the summer is almost over, we are looking forward with much confidence to the receipt of word from you that Cleveland is preparing to launch its effort for the Allied Jewish Campaign, in accordance with the very gratifying resolutions adopted at the time that Mr. Baerwald and I met with the trustees of Federation, and as communicated by you per your favor of April 11th. I presume that upon his return from a visit to New York, Mr. Goldhamer advised you of the very satisfactory conference I had with him and the satisfaction we all felt in obtaining his assurances of complete cooperation. With kindest regards to you, and trusting you will be good enough to remember me to Mr. Goldhamer, I am Sincerely yours, David M. Bressler DMB: JG

The Strouss-Hirsbberg Co. Youngstown, Obio EXECUTIVE OFFICES August 23rd, 1 9 3 0 . Rabbi Abba H. Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio. Dear Rabbi Silver: The Allied Jewish Campaign is to open in Youngstown October 19th with a quota of \$35,000. Our Campaign will include the National appeal of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Palestine with a quota of \$23,200; this year's allocation for the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Home Building and Maintenance Funds and this year's allotment to the B'nai B'rith Wider Scope. At an organization meeting held yesterday it was the unanimous expression of fifteen men comprising the leadership of all elements of Youngstown Jewry that our Campaign here can succeed if we are privileged to have you as speaker for our opening meeting on Sunday. October 19th. We know how close to your heart are the causes represented in our campaign, and, at the request of the committee, I, as Campaign Chairman, take great pleasure in extending to you our sincere and cordial invitation to be the speaker on this important occasion. We realize your many committments, but feel that the proximity of Youngstown to Cleveland will make it convenient for you to be with us. Will you be good enough to advise me at an early date? With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours, Clarence Strongs C. J. Strouss, A. M. C.

JWF ASC August 26th, 1930 Mr. E. M. Baker. Union Trust Bldg. . Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Mr. Baker:-I understand that a meeting has been called of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Welfare Federation for tomorrow, August 27th to discuss the Allied Jewish Campaign. I am leaving this evening for a short vacation and I shall not be able to attend this meeting. I had a conversation last week with Mr. Goldhamer relative to the need of setting a definite day for the campaign. Two weeks ago I was in New York officiating at a wedding at which Mr. David Bressler was present. He was very much perturbed by the fact of the total inactivity of Cleveland relative to the Campaign since last April when the board unanimously decided to hold such a campaign. I hope very much, my dear Mr. Baker, that you will find it possible to attend tomorrow's meeting and to present to the members of the Executive Committee the moral obligation of our community to proceed with preparations for the campaign and to set a definite day for it. Our community is in no different position from that of any other community in the United States. They are all suffering from the general economic depression. But this depression does not warrant us or any Jewish community in discontinuing or in indefinitely postponing its essential Jewish activities. It may well be that as a result of the economic conditions, we may not be able to reach our quota fully. We are not under moral obligation to succeed, but decidedly we are under such an obligation to make the effort. Should Cleveland decide not to proceed with the campaign this year I fear that that fact would prove a deterrent upon other campaigns in other cities.

Continued.....
Mr. E. M. Baker.....
Aug. 26th, 1930

I know of no one who could present this matter with greater force and cogency to the board than yourself and I have therefore taken the liberty of writing to you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR





August 26th, 1930 Mr. Clarence J. Strouss, The Strouss-Hirshberg Co., Youngstown, Ohio. My dear Mr. Strouss:-Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of August 23d. I am very happy to know that the Youngstown community is planning to hold its Allied Jewish Campaign beginning October 19th and I am grateful to you for the invitation to address the opening meeting. I am, however, scheduled to open the Campaign for the Boston Jewish Charities on the evening of Monday, October 20th and I must leave on the 19th in order to keep my engagement. I wish you every success in your noble undertaking. With kindest regards, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours. AHS/IR

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Dear Dr. Silver:

After a great deal of effort the City of Des Moines, Iowa, has agreed to conduct a campaign which is to open with a formal banquet on Tuesday evening, October 21st. We have asked the community to accept a quota of \$25,000.

As in other parts of the country, Des Moines will have no easy task in obtaining its quota, because of the unfavorable economic conditions now prevailing.

We are in receipt of a letter from Des Moines in which we are told that the best minds in the city agree that the greatest likelihood of obtaining the quota would result from your presence at the opening banquet; that your coming there would attract a sufficiently large number of the wealthy people of the city which would make for the success of the campaign.

I am sure that I need not impress upon you the serious problems with which the Allied Jewish Campaign has been confronted owing to existing conditions. The largest number of communities throughout the country have had to postpone their campaigns until the Fall, and our hope of securing the funds which are so urgently required to meet the budgets of both the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee, lies in an intensive effort during the Fall months and in a maximum of cooperation on the part of our outstanding men.

I sincerely trust that you will agree to attend the banquet at Des Moines on October 21st and that you will permit us to write them accordingly.

Messrs. Baerwald and Bressler join me in this request and in sending you kindest regards.

Very cordially yours.

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Morris Rothenberg For The National Chairmen

MR:JG

card Sept. 11th, 1930 Mr. Morris Rothenberg. Allied Jewish Campaign, 415 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. My dear Rothenberg:-Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of Sept. Sth. I note your request that I attend the opening meeting of the Allied Jewish Campaign at Des Moines, Ia. on October 21st. Unfortunately I have a long-standing engagement with the Federation of Jewish Charities of Boston to open their campaign on Monday evening, October 20th and it is therefore out of the question for me to be able to keep an engagement in Des Moines that week. As a general rule, my dear Mr. Rothenberg, it will not be possible for me to accept invitations from towns which are further than a night's ride from Cleveland. I simply can not get away from my own work for longer periods of time. It is not fair to my own congregation. The Youngstown people have been corresponding with me to open their campaign on the 19th of October. told them that I leave that evening for Boston and they are now considering opening their campaign on the 26th of October. If they do, I shall in all probability be with them. With kindest regards and best wishes to Mr. Bressler and Mr. Baerwald, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

The Strouss-Hirshberg Co. Voungstown, Obio EXECUTIVE OFFICES September 11th, 9 3 0. Rabbi Abba H. Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio Dear Doctor Silver:-It was indeed very good of you to set aside Sunday evening, October 26th, for the Youngstown Campaign, and in talking with my associates on the Executive Committee, who are very enthusiastic about your coming, we have decided to postpone the Campaign from the 19th, as originally planned, until the 26th, for the meeting which you are to address. As yet I am unable to advise you of the exact hour of the meeting or where it will take place, however we will let you know in due time. In order to insure your comfort and convenience, I shall be very glad to arrange for you to come here by automobile, if you so prefer. Mrs. Stroyss and I would like to have you stay with us Sunday night after the meeting, and I would be glad also to see that you are driven back to Cleveland early Monday morning. If, however, your plans are such that you would prefer to be driven back Sunday evening after the meeting, I shall be very glad to arrange for this.

The Strouss-Hirshberg Co. Youngstown, Ohio

Looking forward with keen anticipation to your being here on the 26th,

and assuring you of our appreciation of your splendid spirit of helpfulness, I am

#2--Rabbi Abba H. Silver

Cordially yours,

Clarence Strouss

C. J. Strouss R. J. K.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Sept. 18th, 1930 Mr. Clarence J. Strouss. Youngstown, Ohio. My dear Mr. Strouss: Permit me to thank you for your letter of Sept. 11th. I shall be very pleased to be with you on October 26th. I appreciate very much your offer of hospitality and should I remain in Youngstown over Sunday night, I shall be very happy to zvail myself of it. With kindest regard and best wishes for a happy New Year, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

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BERNARD STONE Associate National Secretary Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On receipt of your letter of September 11th, Mr. Rothenberg conveyed the information contained therein to the local committee in Des Moines, telling them of your deep regret at your inability to open their campaign, and explaining that you had a previous important campaign engagement in Boston on the evening of the 20th.

We have since then received a number of pressing letters, telling us again of the difficult situation in Des Moines, making it impossible to look for any measure of success. unless we could assure our friends there that you would be with them. Accordingly, they are ready to make a change in date, so as to meet your convenience, and they are waiting eagerly for word from you, in order that they may proceed with campaign plans.

Realizing as I do your reason for your inability to absent yourself from Cleveland, except for short trips, I am reluctant to write you again in the matter, but the letters which we have received are of such a nature that we feel that the Des Moines campaign should be given every assistance. I therefore hope that it will be possible for you to find a way of accepting the engagement, and setting a date which will be convenient for you.

I sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to help us, particularly in these trying times, when we are making every conceivable effort to get campaigns under way.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours, Associate National Secretary

Sept. 26th, 1930 Mr. Bernard Stone. Allied Jewish Campaign, 415 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. My dear Mr. Stone:-Permit me to thank you for your letter of Sept. 25th. I simply can not accept the Des Moines engagement. I can not absent myself from Cleveland for three consecutive days which would be consumed in making the trip to and from Des Moines. I am not at free lance. I carry the responsibilities of a large congregation and I have duties to perform for my congregation which pays me my salary. With kindest regards and best wishes for a happy New Year, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

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The Temple
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Madam:

Herewith we are inclosing the photograph of Rabbi Silver which you were kind enough to send to us.

We appreciate your courtesy in this

instance.

Cordially yours,

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By Cecil B. Browm

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YOUNGSTOWN'S ALLIED JEWISH CAMPAIGN

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October 15th, 1 9 3 0.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Doctor Silver: -

I have just learned that there will be a meeting of the Board of the Cleveland Orphan Home on Sunday morning, Oct-ober 26th, which I plan to attend.

The thought occurred to that if it would be agreeable to you, I can arrange to call for you early Sunday afternoon and bring you to Youngstown in our machine.

We shall be very glad to have your good wife accompany you and both Mrs. Strouss and I are looking forward to having you as guests in our home Sunday evening.

As mentioned in my previous letter, I will be only too glad to see that you both get back to Cleveland via automobile either late Sunday evening or early Monday morning whichever plan is most convenient for you.

You will be glad to know that our preliminary plans for the campaign are progressing nicely and we are looking forward to a very large attendance at the dinner Sunday evening which is called for 6:15 p. m. at the Anshe Emeth Temple.

The ladies of the Hadassah have kindly consented to take charge of the dinner arrangements.

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With kindest regards and looking forward to seeing you on the 26th, I am

Cordially yours,

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Oct. 16th,1930
Mr. Clarence J. Strouss,

My dear Mr. Strouss:-

Youngstown, Ohio.

Strouss-Hershberg Co ..

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 15th.

I shall be delighted to travel back with you to Youngstown. Please call for me at the Temple, Ansel Rd. and E. 105th St. at 3:00 p. m. Sunday afternoon. I have a wedding scheduled there at 2:30.

I am not sure whether Mrs. Silver will be able to come along with me.

With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours.

AHS/IR

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Have a very crowded schedule but will make every effort to be with Louisville people on 17th Please do not ask me for any campaigns during

next six weeks as I simply can not carry any heavier burden.

A. H. Silver

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SUCCESS OF OUR CAMPAIGN=

me Jary BENJ S WASHER

Oct. 29th, 1930 Mr. Benjamin S. Washer. Louisville, Ky. My dear Mr. Washer:-When I accepted the invitation to come to Louisville for the Allied Jewish Campaign on November 17th, I assume that it was to be the occasion of your banquet and opening your actual campaign and solicitation for funds. Your telegram informs me that the meeting is to be in the nature of a mass meeting. I have not the time to address mass meetings. I have had to cancel two other engagements in order to be with you on the seventeenth. I would very much appreciate if you would let me know what your actual set-up for the campaign is so that I will be in a position to decide whether I can come or not. With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

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Oct. 29th, 1930

Mr. Benjamin S. Washer, Louisville, Ky.

See Rabbi Silver's special delivery letter mailed today to Benjamin Washer, M. E. Taylor Bldg., Louisville.

I.Rothenberg, Secretary

THE TEMPLE CONGREGATION RODEF SHOLEM YOUNGSTOWN, OH!O

I.E.PHILO

November Third, 1930.

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

Dear Silver:

It is a pleasure to inform you that the Allied Jewish Campaign Drive went over with a margin of \$ 4000.00.

Your presence and address helped to assure the splendid success attained.

Please accept my personal thanks and appreciation.

Sincerely,

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November 3rd, 1930.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

There are times when the inadequacy of words to express appreciation becomes an advantage, because the communication is left to the more satisfactory bond of understanding. So I feel now in writing to thank you for your magnificent address which launched the Allied Jewish Campaign of Youngstown and stirred the Jewry there to gloriously triumphant achievement. You feel as deeply as I the heartrending need of our people overseas; you know as well as I the effective stimulation which Youngstown's going over the top will give to many communities throughout the country as well as the encouragement and assistance which maximum funds will mean to the beneficiaries; and you rejoice as heartily as I in this evidence of the noble spirit of American Jewry.

You may be interested in the enclosed copy of the news release which our publicity department has sent out regarding the achievement in Young stown.

We must do everything in our power to assure the same success in communities where campaigns are still to be held. As you are aware, our Field Representative, Mr. William Blumenthal, who was assigned to the Youngstown campaign headquarters, is about to go to Wheeling, and I am wondering whether you could see your way clear towards lending your influence to spur on the Wheeling community to launch its campaign at the present time.

It is needless for me to tell you that our outstanding leader in Wheeling, Mr. Louis Horkheimer, is and has been ever since the inception of the Allied Jewish Campaign, ready to do his share. As a matter of fact, he has more

November 3rd, 1930. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver -2than once volunteered to send his own contribution direct to national headquarters. But, what we want - and I am sure you will agree with us as to the wisdom - is to have Mr. Horkheimer's contribution given during the local campaign to stir his fellow Jews to emulate his traditionally fine and generous example. With warmest regards and all good wishes, believe me Faithfully yours, David M. Bressler. DMB:JR

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CAMPAIGN.

Nov. 5th, 1930

Mr. Sidney Handmaker, Sec'y. Allied Jewish Campaign, Intersouthern Bldg., Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Handmaker:-

In accordance with your wired request
I am enclosing herewith three photographs of Rabbi Silver
together with a biographical sketch.

As our supply of photographs is very low may I ask that you kindly return these photographs to us just as soon as they have served your purpose.

Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

Nov. 5th, 1930 Mr. David M. Bressler. Allied Jewish Campaign. New York, N. Y. My dear Mr. Bressler:-Thank you very much for your letter of Nov. 3d. I am glad to know that Youngstown went over the top in its campaign. The campaign was very well organized and much credit is due, I am sure, to Mr. William Blumenthal. He has a very pleasing manner and makes friends for his cause. I am writing this day to my father-in-law in Wheeling requesting his active cooperation in organizing the Wheeling campaign. A word about Louisville. I accepted an invitation from that community for Monday, November 17th. Their original invitation called for a mass meeting which I was to address. I wrote to them that I could see no good coming out of a mass meeting as far as the actual raising of funds is concerned. They then wired me that they have arranged a dinner for the evening of the 17th which will precede the actual solicitation for funds on the following morning. I do not understand why they will not raise the money at this meeting The necessity for announcing contributions at the meeting will, of course, compel them to do preliminary solicitation on the campaign, which is of course, highly desirable. I would suggest that your office communicate immediately with Louisville. I would not like to take that long trip and not achieve definite results. I have not been very well. The last few days I have spent in bed and I am afraid that I have been overdoing it. With kindest regards and best wishes, I am Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

Nov. 5th, 1930 Mr. Louis Horkheimer. Wheeling, W. Va. Dear Dad:-This morning I received word from Mr. David Bressler informing me that a representative of the Allied Jewish Campaign will visit your city soon in an effort finally to organize the Wheeling campaign. The New York Committee is very anxious to complete all campaigns before the first of the year. It is clear now that the prospect that economic conditions will improve materially in the near future is not great enough to warrant any community to postpone its campaign any longer. We have got to do the best under undesirable conditions and it is surprising how well some communities are doing. Last Sunday night I opened the campaign in Youngstown, because of the steel industry, is one Youngstown. of the most severely hit by the present depression. In spite of the fact, they went over the top by more than \$4000, their quota being \$35,000. I believe that with your active cooperation a substantial sum can be raised in Wheeling. With love and best wishes to you and Sadie in which Virginia joins me, I am As ever yours, AHS/IR

CLARENCE J. STROUSS YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO November 8th, 1 9 3 0 . Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio. My dear Rabbi Silver:-I need not tell you how genuinely thrilled I was with the magnificent results of our Youngstown Allied Jewish Campaign. Business and other conditions in Youngstown have been consistently as bad as many other communities of the country, but despite this and other confronting obstacles, we were able to finish the camaign with over \$35,000 subscribed. It is likewise unnecessary for me to tell you how keenly I regret that my enforced absence due to the passing of my good wife's mother and my inability to not only call for you in Cleveland as I had expected, but be present at the opening dinner. Upon my return to Youngstown a few days ago, my associates told me in detail of the interesting incidents of your splendid address and the effect of your inspiring words on the audience assembled. In behalf of the Executive Committee, may I extend to you our sincere thanks for your services at this most important meeting and at the same time assure you that we all feel that your presence here was most helpful in making it possible to end the campaign with such a gratifying success. With my very kindest personal regards and my personal appreciation of your coming here, I am Cordially yours, C. J. Strouss. A. M. C.

Borkheimer Brothers

· WOOL

Wheeling, W. Da. Nov. 8,1930

Dear Abba; --

Your letter at hand in reference to the drive for the Allied Jewish Campaign.

I cannot figure what can be done here in Wheeling, unless they can raise some money from out and out Zionists who belong to the Orthodox crowd. I am fearful the Eoff Street Temple crowd will not come across to any extent.

Some timeago I wrote Mr. Bressler if he wanted my check I would send itto him and will make every effort possible to help the situation. If you would come down and talk to them, it would undotbtedly help a lot, but I am fearful that almost everybody in town here are hard up. The Temple itself is having hard sledding.

Have not had a line from Vizginia for so long that I am fearful I would not recognize her handwriting. Hope you are all well.

Have been rather busy but cannot say that I get much accomplished, but at least it keeps me occupied. Not being a Wall Street gambler, I possibly feel much easier than most people do.

Some of the profit that I thought I had earned in the wool business seems to be slipping away as all commidities are being depressed more and more daily.

Lots of love to Virginia, and the children and yourself,
Lovingly yours,

Dad

Louisille ALLIED JEWISH CAMPAIGN National Headquarters 404 Central Terminal Building 415 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK CITY Telephone VANderbilt 5050 November 9, 1930. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver: I have yours of the 5th inst., and you are perfectly right. I hope that you will not feel that I have over-stepped the bounds of propriety in writing Mr. Washer, the chairman of the campaign, as per the enclosed. Please take good care of your precious health. For many reasons, as much personal as otherwise, I want you to do nothing which will impair your fine health and vigor. With my kindest regards, believe me Sincerely yours, David mr David M. Bressler DMB: HLH

November 9th, 1930.

Mr. B. S. Washer, Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Washer:

I wish to quote the following from a letter I have just received from Rabbi Silver, who has accepted your invitation for the 17th:

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I am sure you will not feel that either Dr. Silver or I has the slightest desire to indicate to you what your procedure should be. Dr. Silver has been one of the outstanding aces in this campaign. He has, at considerable sacrifice, travelled to various points to address meetings which marked the opening of the campaigns in those cities. He is too valuable a man to be used just for a speech.

It has been our experience that unless a major effort is made and carried through to obtain large subscriptions in advance of the opening function, that the words of

Mr. Washer -2the speaker - no matter how golden and eloquent fail to penetrate very deeply in properly coordinating the action of the hand and the pocket. This is experience, not theory. May I, therefore, beg of you and your associates to consider well the suggestion which Dr. Silver's letter carries and which is made by one who has had vast experience in raising money. In the final analysis, it is aimed entirely to help make your campaign the success that I know you and your associates want it to be. With utmost appreciation and thanks and with all good wishes, believe me Sincerely yours, David M. Bressler. DMB-HLH

BENJAMIN SEELIG WASHER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
INTER SOUTHERN BUILDING
LOUISVILLE, KY.

November 12. 1930.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have to-day acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mr. David M. Bressler, wherein he quoted a portion of a letter which you wrote to him relative to your appearance in Louisville on next Monday evening.

Your suggestions as to procedure are entirely in line with the programme which we have arranged. We now have our solicitors engaged in securing the larger contributions to the campaign and these contributions will be announced (in many instances, by the donors) on the occasion of your appearance here. We plan to have as large an attendance as possible and to engage in the active general solicitation immediately after you have delivered your address. We are confident that the enthusiasm which your message will arouse will carry the meeting to a most successful conclusion.

It is true that we have arranged for committees to follow up your address, beginning Tuesday morning, in the solicitation of those who do not attend the meeting and who up to that time have not contributed, but, in the main, I may say that the major effort of our undertaking will be accomplished next Monday night. I am pleased that all of these preparations apparently meet entirely with your approval.

Needless to say, we are most grateful for your acceptance of our invitation and that we are very much in your debt for your courtesy. I shall be obliged if you will advise me as to the time of your arrival in and your departure from this city.

With assurances of my respect, I am,

Yours truly,

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Borkheimer Brothers

· WOOL

Rabbi A.H. Silver,

Wheeling, W. Da. Nov. 13,1930

Cle weland, O.

Dear Abba; -- I telephoned you this morning as a representative of the Allied Jewish Camapign is here, and Mr. Blumenthal insists that we must go ahead with this campaign here.

Should we attempt, as you suggest, to have a noon day meeting, will possibly get a dozen people, and get no where.

About the only way we can raise anything at all is with your able assistance.

From what I can learn, you expect to be here in Wheeling of Dec.9th. If you can be with us on the evening of the 8th, or the evening of the 10th, I am sure we can raise several times as much at a meeting than we can by personal solicitation. Our people need shaking up. They live entirely too snugly. Run their automobiles. Play their games of Bridge, Their table as lavish as ever, and still they talk hard times.

I do not know of any one who can picture to them as you can, and I am candid in saying to you that unless we can get your help at a regular meeting, the Wheeling campaign will be a flop.

Havegiven this matter all of my time yesterday and today and I really feel personally depressed with all the hard luck stories that one gets, although I do not believe one-tenth of them.

Think it over and let me know.

You know I do not often ask for help, nor is this my sole responsibility, but I do want Wheeling to do its share.

Besides, it gives you and Virginia a little time down here with us, and you do owe us a visit.

Will more than likely go to Baltimore over the week end, and after that, my next escapade will be Cleveland to see the young Silver's.

Lots of love.

Dad



Nov. 14th, 1930

Mr. Benjamin S. Washer. Inter Southern Bldg., Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Washer:-

I hope to arrive in Louisville at 12:40 Monday noon and I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to our meeting.

Please make reservations for me on any train leaving Louisville Monday night for Cincinnati and Cleveland. I must leave the same evening for home.

permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

condo Nov. 17th, 1930 Mr. Louis Horkheimer, Wheeling, W. Va. My dear Dad:-I should very much like to accommodate you and to spend an extra day in Theeling for the Allied Jewish Campaign. Frankly Dad, I haven't the time. As it is I consented to come on December 9th entirely as a tribute to you. I find it very hard to take two days out of a crowded week in the very heart of the season. I am still of the opinion that a luncheon meeting properly arranged for the noon hour of Dec. 9th might prove successful. Noon meetings are not at all unusual and in many cities quite popular. Our Community Chest Meetings in Cleveland are all held at noon. I believe if the women were called in to make the arrangements for such a meeting at some hotel, you could have a very successful gathering. With love in which Virginia and the children join me. I am As ever yours. AHS/IR

Garol

Benjamin S. Washer, Inter Southern Bldg., Louisville, Ky.

Have been suffering from severe cold for two weeks Dr. has prohibited me from traveling. Regret exceedingly can not be with you. Wish you every success.

A. H. Silver





For the information of Dr. Silver

Сору

Benjamin Seelig Washer
Inter Southern Building
Louisville, Kentucky

November 10, 1930.

Mr. David M. Bressler Allied Jewish Campaign 415 Lexington Avenue New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Bressler:

Your letter, quoting a communication from Dr. Silver, thoroughly outlined the program of procedure which we have already adopted.

Our Special Gifts Committees are at work this week in order to have pledged the larger gifts which will be announced at the dinner next Monday night. It is our definite purpose to raise all that we can prior to and at the dinner. Subsequent to this dinner, however, our solicitors will proceed to a general campaign of solicitation. The dinner, therefore, is purposed not only to raise as much as possible there and then, but also to inspire the workers to a diligent campaign in succeeding days.

We are doing everything possible to secure satisfactory attendance at the Silver dinner, and I wish to assure you that we are diligently endeavoring, in so far as circumstances will permit, to put over this campaign.

Thanking you for your letter and the very valuable suggestions therein contained, I am

Yours truly,

(signed) Benjamin S. Washer

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Miss Irene Rothenberg, c/o The Temple, East 105th Street at Ansel Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Rothenberg:

The photographs which you so kindly Rabbi Albert N. Mandlebaum sent to me on November fifth are enclosed herewith, and with them I want to send you my sincere appreciation of the prompt attention which you gave to the sending of them.

> We regret indeed that Rabbi Silver was unable to be with us and anticipate the pleasure at some early date.

> > Very truly/yours,

ALLIED JEWISH CAMPAIGN

SDH: EF Enc.

Congregation B'rith Sholom 753 South Second Street Louisbille, Ky. SOLOMON N. BAZELL, RABBI November 20th, 1930. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, East 105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Dear Dr. Silver: I am writing you to express our deep disappointment at your inability to be with us Monday evening especially since the cancellation was caused by your illness. I hope that you are suffering no serious ailment and that very soon you will be restored to your good health. (0/60 Sincerely yours Solowor J. Bazell SNB: IR

Nov. 24th, 1930 Rabbi Solomon N. Bazell. Congregation B'rith Sholom, 753 South Second St. . Louisville, Ky. My dear Rabbi Bazell:-Thank you very much for your letter of November 20th. I am sorry that I could not keep my engagement with the Louisville people. I hope that your campaign has been progressing nicely. I am feeling much better though I must conserve my strength a bit as I have been over-doing it. With kindest regards and best wishes, I am As ever yours, AHS/IR

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Wheeling, W. Va.

November 25, 1930

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland. Ohio

My dear Abba:

The Allied Jewish Campaign, Wheeling Jewish Federation and B'Nai B'rith Orphanage have started a joint drive here, Dec 8th--13th. It is useless for me to say anything further about the worthiness of the causes. I know you are in concord with them.

You are scheduled in Wheeling on Dec. 9th for the Oglebay Institute as a member of the Oglebay Institute and Chairman of the Wheeling Public Recreation Commission, I was elated to hear you were to be the speaker.

Then William Blumenthal appeared upon the scene, with a recital of the destitution and almost unbelievable conditions of our Jews overseas.

He sold Uncle Lou the Chairmanship of the drive and enlisted my support as Vice Chairman-knowing you were to be here for Oglebay, what was more logical than to select you to also be our speaker, and then try to make you arrange your dates as to comply?

I know how busy you are-I know how much of your time has been given to delivering addresses for these self same causes-but here is the low down on the whole situation-If Silver speaks for us, it means the difference between success and failure. We can get other speakers-but-they are not Silvers--in Wheeling yours is a name to conjure with. The many many friends you have here will turn out for you as for no one else.

With Uncle Lou as Chairman we can't afford to let his drive flop-as it will surely do unless you can arrange to come. It is going to be hard to get the money even with all propitious circumstances pulling our way-without them-we are doomed to dismal failure and adverse criticism.

Isn't there some way old man that things can be arranged so as to have you with us?

If our past friendship has left me any credit balance with you, let me draw upon it now. We want you-we need you-we must have you. Please do not turn a deaf ear to our entreaties.

If I had a few gangsters, I would send them to kidnap you. Uncle Lou will send his car for you, bring Virginia along and the babies too-

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take a two day vacation, give Oglebay one night and give us the night following--if you will do this everything will be Jake and we will feel like putting our fullest energies into the drive, otherwise our interest must ebb as we are espousing a listless, lifeless drive with nothing to give it an impetus.

Noonday luncheons and meetings are out-we cannot get the attendance. It must be a night meeting with Silver as the Speaker. Wire us yes, and let us cut loose with our publicity.

Cordially yours.

Mail all correspondence regarding this letter to Wheeling, W. Va. office.

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26 November 1930

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Do forgive the presumption on my part and permit me to say that if you possibly can be with us for a Dinner Meeting that you please, please Leon B. Stein, do so. Make it just another sacrifice for the There is a unanimous opinion here that the difference between a luncheon and a dinner meeting on the 8th or 9th of December is the difference between failure and success. Mr. Eugene Baer is taking the matter much to heart, he is determined to succeed, but the lack of enthusiasm .- enthusiasm that can be generated for and at a dinner meeting, appears to him to be the greatest stumbling block. And, of course, you know Mr. Horkheimer's views.

We have not definitely fixed the allocation of the funds but it will be approximately 80% for the Allied Campaign, 172% for the Erie Orphanage, and 22% for the Wheeling Federation. There are but two Jewish cases here in Wheeling and the weekly charity budget is \$30. The 25% will about meet the present Federation deficit. Compare that with your Cleveland situation!

I am leaving this evening for Thanksgiving with my family in Chicago, for a rush visit to the National Home for Jewish Children in Denver, and return here next week for the Duration of the Cam-In spite of untoward circumstances, things look very encouraging here. With the splendid local leadership and your presence here we ought to make another Detroit and another Youngstown in Wheel-Which will bring your batting average up to at least 1000 per cent!

With kindest regards to yourself and to Mrs. Silver,

Very sincerely,

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"THE CALL THAT MUST BE ANSWERED"

Dec. 2d, 1930 Mr. Eugene M. Baer. Union Warehouse & Storage Co., Wheeling, W. Va. My dear Eugene:-I delayed answering your kind letter knowing that I would have an opportunity to speak with Dad Horkheimer and to explain to him why I find it impossible to accept your kind invitation to be with you on December 10th. Nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to meet with the Wheeling folks, especially when the meeting is devoted to such a fine cause. But here is the situation: I must be in New York on Monday for a meeting at the Mecca Temple. I shall leave New York at midnight Monday to arrive in Wheeling in time for the Oglebay Institute meeting. which invitation, by the way, I accepted as a compliment to Dad Horkheimer. This means that I will be away from Cleveland for two days. I can not stay over another day. I regard it as unfair to my own congregation to absent myself for three consecutive days. There are so many things going on and my absence is noticed and commented on. As you undoubtedly know I am away from Cleveland a good deal of the time but I try not to absent myself for more than a day or at the most two days in succession. I trust that you will understand. I wish you every success in your fine enterprise. Should you be able to use me on Tuesday afternoon for any purpose in connection with the Campaign, please do not hesitate to call on me. With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Ansel Road at 105th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

The laborious process of organization is completed. Committees and teams are functioning with pep and vim. This is most heartening and augurs well for success.

Wait -- we have more good news! Have just been informed that all the expenses of the campaign will be underwritten, so that every dollar collected can speed on its errand of mercy and succor.

Read on -- still more good news. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, whom you know and love, with his characteristic kindness and fervor for the cause, has consented to be our speaker at a dinner to be held at the Temple Vestry Wednesday December 10th.

Listen to this -- the banquet will be catered by the Junior Sisterhood and the cost has already been taken care of. No cost to you. Nor will the cost have to be deducted from the total campaign receipts.

Still more -- everybody is pulling and working for the success of this humanitarian effort. There is work for each one to do -- You want to do your part! Call up your friends and see if you can not do something to make the wheels of the campaign run a little easier. Start to think over how much you can possibly subscribe for the relief.

Finally, we are now making reservations for the Silver Banquet Wednesday the 10th, 6:30 P.M. How many places will you require? Please advise on enclosed reservation slip and mail immediately to Mr. Herbert Sonneborn. Space is limited, no reservations after Monday!

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Consially yours, Baer Assoc. Chairman.

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Dec. 30th, 1930 Mr. Robert Szold. Zionist Organization, 111 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. My dear Mr. Szold:-Permit me to thank you for your kind telegrams. In as much as there will be no joint meetings between the Agency Group and the Administration on January 8th, I shall not come to New York on that day. As it is I shall be out of the city on the two preceeding days. It will be quite impossible for me too to attend the National Conference on the 25th as it falls on a Sunday. I will therefore be unable to come to Boston on the 26th or 27th. I have a terrifically heavy schedule for the next two months and my duties to my congregation simply must be fulfilled. With best wishes, I am Sincerely yours, AHS/IR

52 WILLIAM STREET NEW YORK

January 12th, 1931.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Although with your help and generosity we have during the past sixteen years accomplished much for our suffering people in Eastern Europe, their plight today is so deplorable that the Joint Distribution Committee must ask American Jewry again to give funds for the continuation of its program - a program of minimum relief and reconstruction work which will at least help sustain the lives and hope of eight million Jewish men, women and children.

It is, therefore, with heartfelt appreciation that I inform you that to lead the 1931 fund-raising effort, I have been able to persuade Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, a distinguished rabbi, the son of a distinguished father, upholder of the noblest traditions of one of the greatest names in American Israel, to become our Chairman.

Rabbi Wise is fully cognizant of the work which has been done and of the work which we must continue to do. He knows the conditions overseas. He knows the conditions here in America. The 1931 budget has been cut to the very minimum and I am sure that no Jewish community will want to withhold its fair share. As Rabbi Wise himself has said, "The morale of our brethren in Central and Eastern Europe has been so shaken that collapse seems almost inevitable, and if America withdraws its support, no one knows what terrible disasters will befall them."

I know that you will join with me in thanking Rabbi Wise for accepting this heavy responsibility and also in promising him, as I have promised, that you will gladly do everything in your power to help.

With the assurance of my esteem and friendship, I remain

Faithfully yours,

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WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR WIRE ACCEPTING OUR INVITATION TO OPEN CANADIAN UNITED PALESTINE CAMPAIGN IN MONTREAL APRIL TWENTIETH OR TWENTY FIRST TRUST YOU WILL MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO ASSIST US IN THESE DIFFICULT DAYS

A J FREIMAN CANADIAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

384 SHERBROOKE ST WEST

Regret very much Impossible for me to leave Cleveland to open your Campaigh.

A.H. Silver

HENRY WINEMAN DETROIT

150 Michigan Ave

April 7, 1931

Dr Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr Silver:

There is a definite feeling here in Detroit that in order for our Spring Campaign this year to be a success, as it was last year, your presence here as principal speaker at the Opening Dinner of the Campaign, which will take place on Sunday, May 10th, again becomes a necessity.

You doubtless know what tremendous difficulties confront us this year. We do want to succeed because we need the funds very badly for our local, Palestinian, and foreign relief causes. And I think we could again serve as an encouraging example to other communities as we did last year. There have been so many failures in Jewish campaigns during the past year that I think it would do the Jewish communities of America good to have one success at least. But Detroit is probably worse hit financially than any other community in the United States and without the powerful stimulus that you are capable of giving a campaign I believe that success is almost impossible.

Ordinarily it would be a presumption on our part to ask you to come here again when you were so kind as to be with us last year and deliver that memorable address. We are only making this additional request because of this emergency. The community is again most eager to hear your message and it would make us happy and encourage us in our arduous task to receive your acceptance.

May I hear from you soon as we need you very much.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Henry Wineman

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April 7, 1931.

Dear Abe,

The Detroit community, through Dr. John Slawson, has asked that you speak on Sunday night, May 10th at the opening of their campaign. You were there last year, which is evidence that they know what they are talking about when they say that you can help them exceedingly.

I am under the impression that you can leave Cleveland in the afternoon and arrive in Detroit by eight o'clock in the evening.

It is a joint campaign and your participation will, I am sure, be most helpful.

The campaign for the J.D.C. is going fairly well, but it is a strenuous upstream fight.

With best regards from house to house.

Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

JBW: JG

April 9th, 1931 Mr. Henry Winsman, 150 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Mich. My dear Mr. Wineman:-Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of April 7th and for the invitation which you extend to me again to address the opening meeting of your Campaign. Nothing would have given me greater pleasure because I recall with real satisfaction my appearance before your group last year. Unfortunately I have two weddings scheduled for that evening, made a long time ago and which simply can not be shifted. I am constrained to remain in Cleveland that evening. I wish you every success and I know that under your splendid leadership and with the fine group that you have working with you success is assured. With kindest regards, I am Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

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Apr 1113th, 1931 Dr. John Slawson, Allied Jewish Campaign. 1442 Griswold St .. Detroit, Mich. My dear Dr. Slawson:-I received your telegram and I wish that I could accommodate you and come to Detroit for your Campaign but I am sure that if you knew how crowded my program is for the next two weeks you would not insist. During the next few weeks I am scheduled to be in St. Louis, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Fort Wayne and Buffalo in connection either with the Jewish Agency Campaign, the Joint Distribution Campaign or general community funds. On top of it all this is the pre-Confirmation season and I must devote a great deal of time to my Confirmation class. I simply can not in justice to myself accept any more engagements. You will undoubtedly have campaigns in the future and I shall only be too happy to help you out when it is at all possible. With kindest regards and best wishes, permit me to remain Very sincerely yours, AHS/IR

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October 7, 1931.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have made numerous efforts to launch a campaign in Columbus, Ohio, but have met with much resistance owing to unfavorable conditions prevailing there. Nevertheless, it should be possible to have a campaign there as other cities which are similarly situated have had and are to have campaigns.

I understand that Mr. Simon Lazarus of Columbus, Ohio, can do much towards bringing a campaign about. Our field representative, Mr. Shulman, writes on the subject as follows:

"Rabbi Silver has undue influence over Simon Lazarus of Columbus. If Rabbi Silver were to communicate with him and ask that he invite the leaders at his home some evening when he can conveniently come to Columbus, then I am confident that something could be accomplished."

While I am sure that your influence over Mr. Lazarus is not undue, yet I am sure that if it were possible to do what our field representative asks, progress would be made towards an early campaign in columbus.

I wonder if you will see your way clear to do what Mr. Shulman suggests.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

MR/P P.S. I have not had a reply to my letter to you in regard to a remittance from Cleveland. Have you received it?

October 20th, 1931 Mr. Simon Lazarus, Columbus, Ohio. My dear Si:-I have been asked by the officers of the American Palestine Campaign to approach you about Columbus' campaign for the Jewish Agency for Palestine. I know the situation in your community and that it is difficult at this time to raise funds. And yet other Jewish communities have been able to do something this year for the American Palestine Campaign. In as much as I am one of the chairmen of the Campaign and so near to your city I feel that I ought to proffer my services to you in any way you think they might be helpful in persuading your community to put on a campaign for work in Palestine which can not be stopped because of depression. I shall be very happy to come down to Columbus and consult with you about it if you want me to. With best wishes to you and yours in which Virginia joins me, I am As ever yours, AHS/IR

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Opening of Youngstown's \$35,000 Allied Jewish Campaign Becomes Victory Dinner with Start of \$26,800.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's Plea Given Extraordinary Response

With \$26,800 raised at the opening of the Allied Jewish Campaign in Youngstown, Ohio, on Sunday evening, October 26th, the launching rally was virtually transformed into a victory-dinner when at the close of an impassioned plea for the Jews of Eastern Europe and the pioneers in Palestine, the contributions came within \$8200. of its \$35,000 goal.

Nineteen teams of from ten to twelve workers, including the leading men and women of the Jewish community, organized to canvass the city for additional contributions will, in the opinion of Clarence J. Strouss, campaign chairman, have no difficulty in topping the original quota by a wide margin.

"Your response to this appeal at this time when Jewish hearts the world over have been so deeply hurt by the action of the British Colonial Office, will demonstrate to the world the solidarity of the Jewish people," Rabbi Silver who was the principal speaker at the dinner, declared. "It will spell new hope to the Jews of Eastern Europe, and give new courage to our brave men and women in Palestine to carry on. It will be proof to all suffering Israel that their brethren in this country are eager to help them, and to make sacrifices for their sake." Rabbi Philo who also spoke at the dinner made another stirring appeal. Harry Levinson presided. Julius Kahn gave \$4000 and Clarence J. Strouss \$4000.

At National Headquarters of the Allied Jewish Campaign it was pointed out that the splendid response by the Jews of Youngstown represented real sacrifice.

"No community has been harder hit by the economic situation than Youngstown," Mr. Bressler, one of the chairmen of the Allied Jewish

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Campaign said. "Youngstown is an industrial centre of the first magnitude, and as such is particularly sensitive to the rise and fall of demand, especially in the demand of steel. Yet, in spite of serious local conditions, affecting them even more seriously perhaps than the rest of the population, the Jews of Youngstown, realizing that conditions overseas are infinitely worse than they can possibly be in this country, have put in this campaign for what, considering their financial resources, is a very large quota.

"The success that has marked their efforts is an indication of the courage of their leaders and of their true, Jewish generosity.

Youngstown is a shining example for other communities to follow quickly.

It is a challenge to the courage and Jewish loyalty of other communities, demonstrating what can be done where there is real determination to serve the Jewish cause."

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