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September 3, 1926.

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

On the approach of the high holidays I feel within me a special sense of gratitude for the blessed privilege of having been associated with you and thousands of other fine men and women throughout the land, in one of the greatest humanitarian enterprises in the history of Jewish life.

To thank God for his goodness to us is usual at this time of the year. But a special prayer of thankfulness can be added because God in his wisdom has seen to it that during a time of great trial for our people in other parts of the world there was in America a Jewry so circumstanced that they were able to avert the greatest catastrophe that ever confronted our people.

In wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, for you and your loved ones, I do so not only in my individual capacity but in the names of those countless thousands with whom I am in constant touch and whose blessings, I know, are being poured out to the Jews of America for having stood by during their days of trial.

Cordially

Rabbi G. N. Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.David A. Brown

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OCTOBER NINTH AND TENTH, 1926.**

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September 12, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

No doubt through the Jewish and non-Jewish press, you have read of the contemplated conference called under the auspices of the United Jewish Campaign and the Joint Distribution Committee to be held in the city of Chicago the evening of October 9th and the whole of October 10th.

The purpose of this joint conference is to present, first, a complete report of the United Jewish Campaign by David A. Brown, National Chairman, which will deal with the results in all of those sections of the United States and Canada, in which more than fifteen hundred individual campaigns have been conducted.

Second, to receive a report from Felix M. Warburg, Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, on its work in Europe. This report will review particularly the work of the Joint Distribution Committee during the past eighteen months.

Third, Louis Marshall will present to the conference the reasons which made necessary the raising of the quota from \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

Fourth, to receive the reports from a number of outstanding men and women who volunteered their services to visit Poland, Roumania, Bessarabia, Latvia, Lithuania and Russia, and who have had the privilege of meeting in all those countries the representative Jews who carry on in a voluntary capacity the work of the Joint Distribution Committee, and who have seen with their own eyes the conditions of our people, the type and kind of work that we are doing, and the results of this work.

Among those who will present reports will be James N. Rosenberg, Vice-Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, who only recently returned from Europe and who spent considerable time in Russia; Herbert H. Lehman, Vice-Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee and Chairman of its Reconstruction Committee, who has been in conference with the European leaders associated with us in this great relief enterprise; Dr. Cyrus Adler, Chairman of the Cultural Committee of the Joint Distribution Committee, who has just returned from Europe; Dr. Maurice B. Hexter of Boston who has just returned from a trip covering practically every country including Russia, in which the Joint Distribution Committee is functioning; Jacob Billikopf of New York and Philadelphia, who returns from a similar trip about the middle of September; Dr. Henry Moskowitz, Chairman of the Ort Reconstruction Fund, who has just returned from Europe; Mrs. Rebecca Kohut of New York; Dr. Ludwig B. Bernstein of Pittsburgh; Irma May;

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Hortense Breckler; Stanley Folz of Philadelphia; Dr. J. W. Newman of New Orleans; Captain Frank Connes of New York -- all of whom have just returned or are returning from those countries in which the Joint Distribution Committee is at present working.

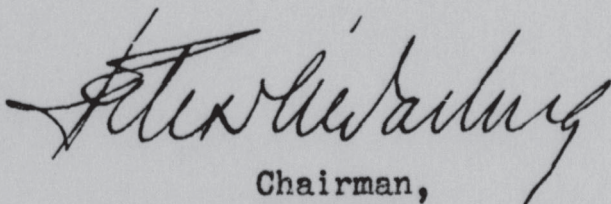
In addition to the above, there will be in attendance at the conference, Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, who has given of himself with a perfect abandon during the past five years as Director of the Russian activities of the Joint Distribution Committee; and Dr. Bernhard Kahn of Berlin, who for the past eleven years has been associated with the Joint Distribution Committee in all of its work and for the past four years has acted as its European Director.

It is contemplated that reports will be received from state chairmen and from state treasurers in those states where campaigns have been conducted. While fifteen hundred campaigns have already been conducted, there are still approximately five hundred campaigns yet to be completed in those communities where for local reasons, the campaigns have been postponed until this fall. A discussion of the coming campaigns and a general discussion will take place from the floor, in which it is expected that many of those present will participate.

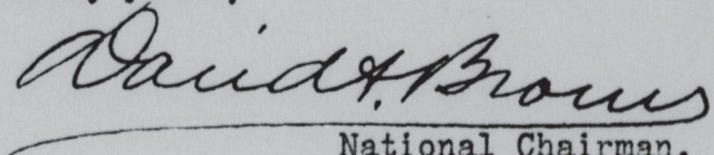
The above program indicates that this is to be without question one of the most important gatherings of its kind in the history of America, and you, as one of those who have for so many years played an important role in this great piece of human engineering will want, we are sure, to be in attendance at this conference.

We believe, because of the importance of this conference that it is your duty as well as the duty of Jews throughout the country, to give the 9th and 10th of October to this cause, in which all of us are so deeply interested.

We are enclosing an acceptance card and a return envelope, and would appreciate your mailing them immediately upon receipt of this letter.


Chairman,
Joint Distribution Committee

Sincerely yours,


National Chairman,
United Jewish Campaign

P. S. When this conference was in contemplation and before the city in which it was to be held had been selected, we received a very cordial invitation from Julius Rosenwald and others to hold the conference in Chicago, which invitation we very gladly accepted. Judging from the manner in which the Chicago group has cared for similar meetings we can feel sure that those who accept this invitation will be accorded a delightful reception.

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September 27, 1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have been looking forward to receiving your acceptance of the invitation extended some time ago to attend the National Conference of the United Jewish Campaign and the Joint Distribution Committee, at Chicago, on October 9th and 10th.

I realize that you may have made a mental resolution to send your acceptance in, but we are anxious to have a record of it so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

In the light of the acceptances already received it is possible for me to say that this great gathering is to be historic, for it is already evident that the leading Jews of America -- those who have given of themselves unselfishly during these many years for every human cause -- will be with us.

The Conference will be of a highly inspirational nature, an outpouring of love to those Jews who by the force of circumstances find themselves dependent absolutely upon the help of American Jewry.

No doubt you have heard from Mr. Rosenwald, the Chairman of the Chicago Reception Committee. They are bending every effort to make the stay of those who come to the Conference a most pleasant one.

May I hear from you upon receipt of this letter, that I am to have the personal privilege of greeting you at the Chicago Conference?

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

David J. Brown

National Chairman.

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2011 PARK AVENUE
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Feb. 5th. 1927.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
C/O Banquet Committee,
329 Majestic Building,
Detroit, Mich.

My Dear Friend:-

I regret exceedingly that I am compelled to leave for Boston this afternoon to take part in the opening of our United Jewish Campaign in that city. Otherwise, I should be very happy indeed to participate in the dinner on Monday the 7th..

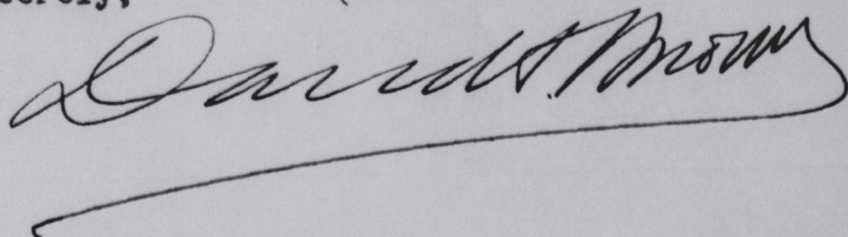
You may be surprised to know that I have never heard you address a gathering in connection with your Palestinian activities, and certainly look forward to some day sitting in the audience and listening to you.

I sincerely hope that Detroit will measure up to the full in the coming campaign.

You will be interested in knowing that I was successful in my efforts to have the J.D.C. take on a relief program as presented to me through cable by Dr. Magnes. It was no easy task because of their having great difficulty finding sufficient funds to meet the demands being made upon them, and they hesitated taking on a new responsibility.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David A. Brown", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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B. Brown

February 10th, 1927.

Mr. David A. Brown,
2011 Park Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Brown,

I was very happy to receive your note upon my arrival in Detroit. It was like a hearty welcome from an old friend. The meeting in Detroit proved very pleasant. There was a very lovely group present and I enjoyed speaking to the men and women. I share the hope with you that Detroit will measure up to the full in this campaign.

I was delighted with the bit of news which you enclosed in your letter touching the promised relief of the J.D.C. for Palestine. The situation there as you well know, is quite serious and any relief at this time will undoubtedly prove a boon to the people there.

With kindest regards and best wishes in which Mrs. Silver joins me, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

U. P. A - Minneapolis

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April 4th
1927

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
105th & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Bernard Stone, National Executive Secretary of the United Palestine Appeal, has advised me of an invitation having been extended to you to be the principal speaker at the opening meeting of the joint campaign for the United Jewish Campaign and the United Palestine Appeal in Minneapolis on May 2nd.

I know that Mr. Schanfeld and his associate officers are extremely desirous of having you with them on this occasion. Miss Irma May will speak on conditions in Eastern Europe.

I trust that you will find it possible to accept the invitation of the community and of both National organizations represented in the campaign.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

David A. Brown
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

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Minneapolis

April 6, 1927.

Mr. David A. Brown,
United Jewish Campaign,
512 Pershing Sq. Bldg.
100 E. 42nd St.
New York City.

My dear Mr. Brown:

I regret to say that
it will not be possible for me to go
to Minneapolis on May 2nd. I have
another important engagement scheduled
for that evening and the following day.

With kindest regards
and trusting that you are well, permit
me to remain

Very sincerely,

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