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August 8, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Mooselookmeguntic Lodge
Haines Landing, Maine

Dear Silver:

I am writing to you today concerning a matter of great importance and emergency.

During the past few weeks we have been receiving requests for help from a number of prominent Zionist leaders in European countries, who are in danger of being imprisoned either by the Germans or the Russians. They ask us to get them United States visas. Dr. Wise and I were in Washington some ten days ago, and we obtained a promise from the State Department that cables would be sent to the respective consulates recommending the issuance of visitors' visas to the persons on whose behalf we were applying. But the State Department demands a ~~a~~ guarantee that we will undertake the maintenance of such persons during their stay in this country.

The list is mounting, and has already reached the 100 mark. It is obvious that none of the Zionist bodies would be in a position to assume financial responsibility for all of them.

We discussed the matter at a special meeting of the Emergency Committee the other day and decided to approach the United Jewish Appeal suggesting that a special fund of \$150,000 be created to take care of these and other Jewish leaders who are in danger in Europe, and who have to be brought over here. It is believed that a special committee should be set up to take of this fund.

Before approaching anyone else in the United Jewish Appeal, we want, of course, to know your reaction to this idea. I cannot see any other way of dealing with this matter, and you will certainly agree that it is our obligation to save these friends and leaders from ruin and death.

My suggestion is that you take the matter up immediately with your co-chairmen in the United Jewish Appeal and have a special emergency meeting convoked as soon as possible, as every day counts, and it is really a question of saving

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prominent Jews and Zionists.

I shall try to reach you by telephone in the next day or so, in order to learn your opinion.

I am sorry to bother you during your vacation, but I am sure you will understand that the question is a very urgent one.

Cordially yours,



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PALESTINE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

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September 5, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

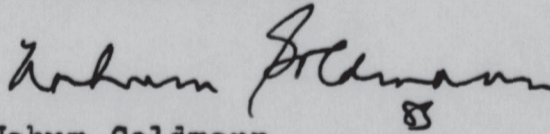
You were good enough, when we discussed the matter some days ago, to promise to raise \$100 for Mr. Nathan Wolffsohn nephew of David Wolffsohn, who is now in Shanghai.

Dr. Wise has agreed to get the other \$100.

I wonder whether you would be good enough to let me have an early word from you with regard to the matter, since we have informed the National Refugee Committee that we will send the \$200 to Mr. Wolffsohn privately.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Nahum Goldmann

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September 9, 1940

Dr. Nahum Goldmann
Palestine Emergency Committee
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldmann:

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$100 for Mr. Nathan Wolffsohn. Now that you have shaken me down for another contribution, I want to ask a "quid pro quod" from you.

I should like you to come to Cleveland to address the opening public meeting of The Cleveland Zionist Society of which, as you probably know, I am president. The public meetings of the Society take on a community character and draw from a thousand to fifteen hundred people. I am particularly anxious that in this critical and confused period for Palestine and for world Jewry that you bring your enlightening message to the Jewry of Cleveland. We will set the date of the meeting at your convenience. Any day during the week of September 22 or perhaps during the week of Succoth - Oct. 20 through Oct. 23. It would give me, personally, great pleasure to have you in the city where we would have a chance to talk at greater leisure than we have in New York.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK