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1933.

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TELEPHONE ALGONQUIN 4-3600

September 20, 1932

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Palestine Campaign will be held on Tuesday afternoon, September 27th, at 4 o'clock at the offices of the Campaign, 111 - 5th Avenue.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider a number of problems that have arisen in the past few months in regard to fund-raising efforts in the United States and also to formulate plans for the campaign this winter.

Your presence is urgently requested so that we may have a representative view on the problems that are to be taken up.

Sincerely yours,

*Louis Lipsky*

Louis Lipsky  
Chairman, Administrative Committee

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September 22nd, 1932.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I note that you are leaving the country for a Sabbatical year. I am wondering whether it would be possible for you, before your departure, to be the guest of honor when Kansas City, Mo. opens its drive for the American Palestine Campaign. It is scheduled to open during the week of October 3rd. The date would be set in accordance with your convenience.

As you probably have noticed, the Jewish Agency faces an unprecedentedly critical financial situation. We are far behind in our receipts and unless extraordinary efforts are made within the next few months, serious consequences in Palestine are inevitable. I feel that your visit to Kansas City would be productive of the substantial results that are so urgently needed at this time.

If it is at all possible, I would urge you to accept this invitation of the Kansas City community. May I ask that you wire me, whatever your decision, so that the Kansas City committee may proceed with its plans.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

*Louis Lipsky*  
Louis Lipsky  
National Chairman

LL/P

Sept. 23rd, 1932

Mr. Louis Lipsky,  
American Palestine Campaign,  
111 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Lipsky:-

I regret very much that I will not be able to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Palestine Campaign on Tuesday afternoon, September 27th. I am compelled to remain in the city both on account of the proximity of the High Holy Days as well as on account of my approaching departure for Europe on my sabbatical year.

In view of my absence from this country up to September 1933, I should like to ask you to accept my resignation as one of the National Chairmen of the American Palestine Campaign of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:ME

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Sept. 23rd

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To Louis Lipsky

Street and No. 111 Fifth Ave.

Place New York, N.Y.

Impossible for me to accept Kansas City invitation.

Too many things to do prior to my leaving for sabbatical year.

Also on account of holiday season.

A. H. Silver

Sender's address  
for reference

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TELEPHONE ALGONQUIN 4-3600

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May 16, 1933.

Mr. M. A. Zelden,  
American Palestine Campaign,  
111 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Zelden:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of May twelfth and the invitation which you extend to me to address a campaign meeting in New York on June tenth. I am afraid that I must decline your invitation. I have returned after seven months of absence from my post, and as you may well imagine, there is a tremendous amount of work awaiting me. For the next few months I must limit myself as far as possible to my professional duties in Cleveland.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 17, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Welcome home! I have read your splendid statement that appeared in last Sunday's Bulletin. It was an inspiring document. I trust that you had a very pleasant journey to Palestine.

We are just about ready to launch the drive of the American Palestine Campaign. You were good enough to come here a few years ago, and I am sure you will recall the wonderful reception that was accorded you. Because of your presence at the dinner, we raised an unusually fine sum of money, although the conditions at that time were already bad.

I have the honor on behalf of our entire Committee to extend to you a cordial invitation to be the principal speaker at our opening dinner. You may select a date convenient to yourself. Any time prior to June 8th will be satisfactory. We will be in a position to present you with a large check for the American Palestine Campaign.

The Jewish community is vitally interested in getting a first hand report from you of conditions in Germany, and other countries, including Palestine. I want to re-assure you again that every effort will be made to make your visit just as pleasant as possible. We will not arrange a very crowded program. Will you be good enough to let me hear from you by return mail?

My cordial greetings and regards to you and your dear ones.

Very faithfully yours,

Mendel N. Fisher,  
Executive Director.

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111 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONE ALGONQUIN 4-3600

May 19th, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I understand that the American Palestine Campaign committee in St. Louis is extremely anxious to have you as the guest of honor at the launching of the 1933 campaign in that city. May I add my own personal plea to theirs in the hope that you will accept the invitation.

The difficulties that face us in fund-raising this year are indescribable and it is only through the united effort of all of us that any appreciable results can be obtained.

Your cooperation would mean much.

Cordially yours,

*Louis Lipsky*

Louis Lipsky  
Chairman, Board of Directors.

LL/P

May 23, 1933.

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher,  
American Palestine Campaign,  
1311 Chemical Building,  
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of May 17th. I would gladly have accepted your invitation to open your campaign in St. Louis, but you know that I have been away from my post for nearly eight months. I have returned to find a tremendous amount of work and many urgent Congregational problems awaiting me. My presence is absolutely required here.

Furthermore, I have been hammering away at The Welfare Federation here to launch immediately a campaign for the J. D. C. and for Palestine, in Cleveland. I have finally succeeded in getting action. The campaign will be launched within ten days and I must be on hand all the time to see that it is carried through successfully.

I am sorry to have to refuse you at this time but I hope that I may be of service to you at some future time.

With all good wishes, I beg to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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111 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONE ALGONQUIN 4-3600

June 5th, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your note of June 1st  
with regard to the Cleveland campaign.

I trust you will see to it that the  
name of the Jewish Agency is not used merely to aid the  
local fund-raising effort, a procedure that occurred in  
the last campaign. It is both unfair to the Jewish Agency  
and to the contributors.

Sincerely yours,

*Louis Lipsky*

Louis Lipsky  
Chairman, Board of Directors.

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DAY LETTER

FOR FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS THERE WILL BE JOINT CAMPAIGN  
IN BOSTON UNITING JEWISH AGENCY AND JOIN DISTRIBUTION  
COMMITTEE DRIVE OPENS SUNDAY EVENING JUNE ELEVENTH WITH  
BANQUET KIRSTEIN PRESIDING BOSTON COMMITTEE EXTREMELY  
ANXIOUS HAVE YOU ON THAT OCCASION TO DELIVER ADDRESS STOP  
ADD MY PERSONAL PLEA TO THEIRS KNOWING THAT YOUR INFLUENCE  
CAN GALVANIZE BOSTON JEWISH INTO ACTION HAVING HITHERTO  
BEEN INDIFFERENT TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES STOP IN VIEW  
BREVITY OF TIME WOULD APPRECIATE WIRE REPLYING TODAY=

LOUIS LIPSKY..

collect

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To Louis Lipsky

Street and No. 111 5th Ave. - New York City

Place

WRHS.



REGRET CANNOT ACCEPT BOSTON INVITATION JUNE ~~ELTHX~~ ELEVENTH

ALREADY SCHEDULED OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

A.H. SILVER

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111 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONE ALGONQUIN 4-3600

June 12th, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is rather belated, but I want to  
send you my appreciation for the address which you  
delivered at the opening of the Philadelphia campaign.

From reports that I have received from  
various sources, it was one of the most stirring addresses  
on Palestine that has ever been heard by Philadelphians. It  
was not only effective from the point of view of fund-raising,  
but did a great deal for building up morale in behalf of Pal-  
estine.

Sincerely yours,

*Louis Lipsky*

Louis Lipsky  
Chairman, Board of Directors.

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TELEPHONE ALGONQUIN 4-3600

June 13th, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A banquet will be held in honor of Dr. Weizmann on Sunday evening, July 2nd at Chicago in connection with Dr. Weizmann's presence at Jewish Day at the Century of Progress Exposition on July 3rd. The banquet will be utilized to arouse national attention in the Palestine fund-raising effort, and it is expected that checks on account of Palestine campaigns will be presented to Dr. Weizmann on that occasion. Efforts are being made to have approximately 2,000 people at the banquet. Most of these will be from Chicago, of course. The dinner to Dr. Weizmann will, therefore, constitute a one day campaign for Palestine in Chicago.

We believe that the effectiveness of the occasion would be enhanced if you would consent to be the speaker on that occasion who would deliver the address of appeal.

In order that proper arrangements may be made in adequate time, I would like to know at the earliest opportunity whether you accept this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

*Louis Lipsky*

Louis Lipsky  
Chairman, Board of Directors.

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## MINUTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER
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HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS WIRES FROM KANSASCITY ZIONISTS AND  
NON ZIONISTS STATING JEWISH WELFARE FUND WHICH WAS JUST  
ORGANIZED FOR FIRST TIME IN CITY'S HISTORY WILL FAIL UNLESS  
YOU ARE PRESENT AT OPENING DRIVE ON TWENTY SECOND STOP  
PALESTINE INCLUDED FOR VERY SUBSTANTIAL SHARE IN FUND IT IS  
OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR JEWISH AGENCIES SAKE THAT EFFORT BE  
SUCCESSFUL STOP EARNESTLY APPEAL TO YOU TO CONSIDER  
INVITATION FROM KANSASCITY FAVORABLY NOT ONLY FOR FUNDS  
INVOLVED BUT FOR GREAT VALUE MORALE OF JEWISH COMMUNITY=  
LOUIS LIPSKY.

June 15, 1933.

Mr. Louis Lipsky,  
American Palestine Campaign,  
111 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lipsky:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letters of June 12th and 13th. I regret very much that I cannot accept your invitation to address the Chicago meeting on July 2nd. It will not be possible for me to be in Chicago over that week end.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

August 25, 1933.

Secretary, Jewish Agency for Palestine,  
111 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Did you submit a financial statement at the last Zionist Convention of the income and disbursements of the funds raised in 1932 for the Jewish Agency? If so, may I have a copy of it as I should like to use it in connection with the allocation of funds from our local campaign. Would you please indicate also the amounts contributed to the fund last year by six or eight of the larger cities.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I  
remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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TELEPHONE ALGONQUIN 4-3600

Aug. 28th, 1933

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

There is being prepared today, in response to your inquiry of August 26th, a digest of the financial statement showing the income of the American Palestine Campaign during 1932 and a similar statement for the period from January 17th, 1933, to the present date.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry Montor*  
Henry Montor

HM/P

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TELEPHONE ALGONQUIN 4-3600

August 30, 1933.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed herewith is the information that you requested in your letter of August 25th. It includes the income for the period from January 17, 1932 to January 16, 1933, and the income from January 17, 1933 to August 28, 1933.

Also included is the total of expenditures of the American Palestine Campaign for similar periods. The expenses are divided between National Administration and Greater New York and the expenses for the Regional Units. You will note that the ratio of expenses has been cut very drastically.

Sincerely yours,

*Henry Montor*

Henry Montor  
Assistant to Chairman

HM/RW

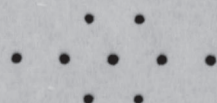
# AMERICAN PALESTINE CAMPAIGN

Jan.17,'32- Jan.17,'33-  
Jan.16,'33 Aug.28,'33

<u>INCOME:</u> . . . . .	\$352,537.38	\$249,282.76
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Contributions from some of the  
larger cities are listed below

Baltimore, Md. . . . .	\$ 6,106.00	\$ 7,756.12
Boston, Mass. . . . .	14,749.67	5,000.00
Chicago, Ill. . . . .	13,997.93	28,119.00
Cincinnati, O. . . . .	15,886.58	9,405.08
Cleveland, O. . . . .	8,124.00	850.00
Detroit, Mich. . . . .	12,685.00	750.00
Los Angeles, Cal. . . . .		3,150.00
Milwaukee, Wisc. . . . .	3,500.00	
Newark, N.J. . . . .	5,794.47	20.00
Philadelphia, Pa. . . . .	14,500.00	28,000.00
Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . .	6,919.68	1,188.67
San Francisco, Cal. . . . .	22,885.00	10,375.00
St. Louis, Mo. . . . .	5,000.00	5,010.00
Washington, D.C. . . . .	5,036.25	4,231.00
New York, N.Y. . . . .	156,579.95	96,446.08



AMERICAN PALESTINE CAMPAIGN

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Zionism*

Jan.17,'32- Jan.17,'33-  
Jan.16,'33 Aug.28,'33

Administrative Expenses . . . . \$ 67,391.95 \$ 26,938.08

Greater New York Expenses . . . . 49,072.45 20,447.31

Unit Expenses . . . . . 1,763.74 4,549.62

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN PALESTINE  
CAMPAIGN HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 4 P.M. AT 111 FIFTH AVE.

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PRESENT: Louis Lipsky (in the chair), Harry L. Glucksman, Joseph C. Hyman,  
Abram Liebovitz (by proxy), Isidore D. Morrison, Morris Rothenberg.

(Excuses for absence were received from Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Cyrus  
Adler, Judge Julian W. Mack, Solomon Lowenstein, James Marshall, Louis P.  
Rocker and Sol Cohen)

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CAMPAIGN

The Chairman presented to the Board a financial statement of the  
income and disbursements of the American Palestine Campaign for the period  
from January 18th to September 25th, 1932, together with comparative statistics  
for the campaign of 1931. A copy of the financial statement is attached  
herewith.

It was the general sentiment of the members of the Board that the  
receipts of the campaign are fairly satisfactory, considering the economic  
situation that obtains in this country.

Mr. Glucksman pointed out that the results obtained by the American  
Palestine Campaign compare favorably with the experience of other institutions,  
nationally and locally, in their fund-raising activities. Other members of  
the Board echoed Mr. Glucksman's view and expressed appreciation for the  
effort put into the campaign by its leaders.

RABBI SILVER'S RESIGNATION

The Chairman read a letter from Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland  
who submitted his resignation as one of the National Chairmen of the American  
Palestine Campaign, in view of the fact that he is about to leave for a  
Sabbatical year and will not return to the United States until September, 1933.

It was the decision of the Board that Rabbi Silver's resignation should  
not be accepted in view of the brief time that remains until the national  
conference of the campaign is held in January. At that time, the national  
conference will have an opportunity to act upon Rabbi Silver's resignation.

The Board went on record as expressing its appreciation of the services  
rendered to the campaign by Rabbi Silver and wishing him a fruitful Sabbatical  
year.

CAMPAIGN PROSPECTS:

The Chairman reported as follows in regard to the campaigns that are  
now in progress or that are about to be launched:

Pacific Coast: George Greenspun, field director, has gone to Los  
Angeles to organize and conduct campaign there. He will stay on Pacific Coast  
several months and will visit all larger communities in California and  
Washington. On his way back he will conduct the campaign in Denver.