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Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, Ohio, 1955-1956.

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COMMISSION FOR THE STUDY OF  
JEWISH EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES

15 East 84th Street  
New York 28, N Y

October 3, 1955

Mr Sidney Z Vincent, Assistant Director  
The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland  
1001 Huron Road  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Sidney:

You must have been wondering why you have not heard from me. That I have been under pressure of a driving schedule is neither explanation nor justification because that has been a chronic condition. The fact is that I have deliberately refrained from stating my reactions to your draft report, even though you have requested it. The reasons?

A wise surveyor should present the facts and recommendations to the community and then stand aside and permit the community to grapple with the difficult problems of implementation. And implementation in a voluntary community rests not only on reason but also on adjustments, accommodations, and compromises. If the surveyor is authoritarian by inclination and has caught a glimpse of the Truth, with a capital T, he immediately becomes involved in a fight and helps destroy the effectiveness of his Report. Since I have no pretensions to absolute certainty, I don't object to modifications or rephrasing of our recommendations.

✓ There is another reason. Our Report aroused very considerable feelings among certain elements in Cleveland. And, I suspect, that they were especially bitter because they knew that our strictures were justified. Your committees made the effort to soften the blow by dissociating themselves from some of our criticisms, and I note in your Report a tendency to stress the work of your committees and correspondingly to play down the role of the surveyors. This was good tactical procedure.

✓ However, if I were to comment as a surveyor on your Report, I would have to ignore the tactics of implementation and stress the facts, thus reopening old wounds. Moreover, any comments from me at this stage would have underscored the fact that, as you put it, "there is a complete dependence upon your material throughout." And that would not have helped you in your delicate negotiations.

I think that Jewish education in Cleveland has profited from the Study. The challenge presented by us and the work of your committee have produced a ferment in the community which is of real educational value. Furthermore, some of our criticisms have struck home where they are bound to do good. The schools affected hotly challenged our accuracy and your committees naturally could not support us. Yet, the defects we noted were there, and the schools will correct some of them quietly and unobtrusively. Indeed, your report shows that in one school at least this process is at work.

✓ Many of our recommendations cannot be implemented at once. It will take years of unremitting effort to effect the needed improvements in Jewish Education. However, two requirements are central at this stage, namely, adequate teaching personnel and a Bureau or



✓ central community agency which has the confidence of the Rabbis and schools. If the Bureau is regarded by the schools as an external agency, its influence will be peripheral. It must become the agency of the schools, and I am glad to see that you have incorporated our recommendations respecting the "Educational Directors' Council" and the "Coordinating Committee." (p.26)

One word more. I hope that our recommendations respecting needed staff (p. 28), which you have incorporated, will really be carried out. Otherwise, the concomitant decisions will remain in the category of "noble sentiments."

May I add that your own contribution to this effort has been of inestimable value.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Oscar  
Oscar I Janowsky







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Rabbi A H Silver  
The Temple  
E 105th & Ansel Rd  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I know that you will find the enclosed letter which Dr Janowsky expressly asked be sent to you to be of some interest. I should be very much interested in any reactions you may have either to his letter or to the Study as a whole.

Cordially,

Sidney Z Vincent  
Assistant Director

October 5, 1955

October 6, 1955.

Mr. Sidney Z. Vincent, Assistant Director  
The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland  
1001 Huron Road  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Mr. Vincent:

Thank you for your letter of October 5th and for sending me the enclosed letter of Dr. Janowsky dated October 3rd.

You ask for my reactions to his letter or to the Study as a whole. Last February, following a meeting with Mr. Curtis and some other members of the survey committee, I sent the enclosed letter to Mr. Curtis, embodying my reactions to the Study. I have very little to add to what I wrote then. I am sending you a copy of the letter which you will please return to me after you have read it.

The letter is not for publication. I do not wish to enter into any debates or controversies.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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*return of letter  
from Jerome  
Curtis*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th & Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

Thank you for sharing with me the enclosed reactions. I have read it with much interest and I shall, of course, respect the fact that it is privileged material. I hope I can feel free from time to time to consult with you on what I know will be continuing problems in this field.

Cordially,

*Sidney Z Vincent*  
Sidney Z Vincent  
Assistant Director

October 10, 1955



December 5, 1955

BOARD of TRUSTEES, following elections at the 52nd Annual Meeting  
of The Jewish Community Federation - Sunday, December 4, 1955.

Harry F. Affelder	Wolf Envelope Co.- P.O. Box 6296	PR 1-8470	R.T.
Bertram W. Amster	2043 East 55th St. (3)	HE 1-1641	WFC
Max Apple	1310 Williamson Bldg. (14)	CH 1-6900	D.A.
Edward I. Baker	41 East 209th St. (23)	RE 1-6477	C.T.
Edward M. Baker	200 Nat'l City - E. 6th Bldg. (14)	PR 1-4747	H.T.
Alfred A. Benesch	1106 Citizens Bldg. (14)	CH 1-0240	H.T.
Joseph M. Berne	1130 B. F. Keith Bldg. (15)	MA 1-8400	1956
Louis S. Bing	514 Prospect Ave. (15)	TO 1-6300	1958
Mrs. Jack J. Bloch	16600 Parkland Dr. (22)	WY 1-2915	D.A.
Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner	8206 Euclid Ave. (3)	CE 1-0862	H.T.
Rabbi Armond E. Cohen	3325 Euclid Hts. Blvd. (18)	ER 1-2244	C.T.
Jerome N. Curtis	1130 B.F. Keith Bldg. (15)	MA 1-8400	1957
Emil M. Elder	1968 East 66th St. (3)	EX 1-2525	1957
Gabriel Feigenbaum	1030 Euclid Ave. #419 (15)	MA 1-5110	C.T.
Eugene H. Freedheim	800 Nat'l City - E. 6th Bldg. (14)	MA 1-6720	1957
Max Freedman	3615 Chester Ave. (14)	EX 1-4200	1957
I. F. Freiburger	Cleveland Trust Co.	MA 1-1600	H.T.
	916 Euclid Ave. (15)		
Raymond S. Freiler	611 Citizens Bldg. (14)	CH 1-7285	D.A.
Martin Friedman	235 East 131st St. (8)	GL 1-2600	WFC
Sydney S. Friedman	436 Engineers Bldg. (14)	MA 1-8589	D.A.
Alan S. Geismer	800 Nat'l City - E. 6th Bldg. (14)	MA 1-6720	R.T.
Rabbi David L. Genuth	3533 Hildana Rd. (20)	WA 1-8165	C.T.
M. E. Glass	1018 Nat'l City Bank Bldg. (14)	SU 1-7500	1956
Harold J. Glickman	1130 B.F. Keith Bldg. (15)	MA 1-8400	1958
William Goldberg	1248 Walnut Ave. (14)	MA 1-3739	1956
Samuel Goldhamer	1001 Huron Rd. (15)	TO 1-4360	H.T.
Eugene H. Goodman	275 East 131st St. (8)	GL 1-5000	1956
Nathan I. Gordon	510 Leader Bldg. (14)	TO 1-6100	D.A.
Henry S. Gottfried	1110 Hippodrome Bldg. (14)	SU 1-8550	1957
Myron Guren	2945 East 83rd St. (4)	MI 1-0505	1958
Louis G. Herman	18507 Lomond Blvd. (22)	FA 1-2535	WFC
Mrs. Siegmund Herzog	2558 Euclid Hts. Blvd. (6)	FA 1-1342	H.T.
Samuel Horwitz	793 Union Commerce Bldg. (14)	PR 1-1070	WFC
Mrs. Jacob M. Hurwitz	210 Huron - 9th Bldg. (15)	TO 1-3434	R.T.
Frank E. Joseph	1759 Union Commerce Bldg. (14)	MA 1-5800	R.T.
Harold H. Kahn	915 Nat'l City - E. 6th Bldg. (14)	SU 1-6550	WFC
Irving Kane	1991 East 66th St. (3)	EX 1-4703	1958
Harry Karklin	3540 East 72nd St. (5)	MI 1-4058	R.T.
Mrs. Samuel S. Kates	14808 Shaker Blvd. (20)	LO 1-8039	D.A.
Max I. Kohrman	436 Engineers Bldg. (14)	MA 1-8589	R.T.
Jack Lampl, Sr.	Sun Finance Bldg.	CH 1-0660	R.T.
	747 Euclid Ave. (14)		
Joseph G. Lampl	2576 Superior Ave. (14)	CH 1-1864	1956
Morris Lange	5713 Euclid Ave. (3)	UT 1-8400	D.A.
Albert A. Levin	1318 Nat'l City Bank Bldg. (14)	TO 1-1775	WFC
Willard P. Livingston	9305 Woodland Ave. (4)	RA 1-2100	WFC



A. M. Luntz	1372 Hanna Bldg. (15)	SU 1-9330	C.T.
Morton L. Mandel	4415 Euclid Ave. (3)	EX 1-8300	R.T.
Maurice Maschke, Jr.	3611 Payne Ave. (14)	HE 1-0035	1956
George B. Mayer	616 The Arcade (14)	TO 1-2323	1958
Mrs. Joseph Merlin	3715 Blanche Ave. (18)	FA 1-9310	D.A.
Howard M. Metzenbaum	700 Union Commerce Bldg. (14)	CH 1-7843	CRC
Alex Miller	6600 Grant Ave. (5)	VU 3-4972	1958
Mrs. Alex Miller	2958 Fontenay Rd. (22)	WY 1-5732	R.T.
Mrs. Gerald J. Miller	2877 Winthrop Rd. (20)	SK 1-6118	WFC
James H. Miller	1600 East 30th St. (14)	PR 1-3960	1956
Herman Moss	900 Union Commerce Bldg. (14)	CH 1-1000	1958
David N. Myers	Byerlite Co. - 2300 W. 3rd St. (13)	PR 1-0345	1957
L. W. Neumark	8701 Kinsman Rd. (4)	SW 1-1900	1956
A. E. Persky	5006 Woodland Ave. (4)	HE 1-7210	R.T.
Leonard Ratner	17903 St. Clair Ave. (10)	KE 1-6600	1957
David F. Reinthal	6118 Kinsman Rd. (4)	EN 1-4800	R.T.
Henry A. Rocker	731 Leader Bldg. (14)	MA 1-0940	H.T.
Herbert A. Rosenthal	1078 Union Commerce Bldg. (14)	MA 1-2400	D.A.
Maurice Saltzman	3830 Kelley Ave. (14)	EN 1-6400	WFC
Lloyd S. Schwenger	978 Union Commerce Bldg. (14)	MA 1-2526	1956
Ezra Z. Shapiro	540 Nat'l City Bank Bldg. (14)	CH 1-3737	1957
Herbert D. Shaw	427 Euclid Ave. (14)	PR 1-1690	WFC
William M. Shipley	1260 East 38th St. (14)	EX 1-1800	WFC
Judge Joseph H. Silbert	Common Pleas Court - Court House	CH 1-2700	R.T.
	1. Lakeside Ave. (13)		
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver	Ansel Rd. at E. 105th St. (6)	SW 1-7755	H.T.
Howard M. Silver	8911 Lorain Ave. (2)	ME 1-4640	1958
Edward Silverberg	3621 Chester Ave. (14)	UT 1-9506	WFC
Max Simon	700 St. Clair Ave. W. (13)	MA 1-0668	1957
Alfred I. Soltz	740 Leader Bldg. (14)	CH 1-1450	C.T.
Irving I. Stone	1328 West 78th St. (2)	OL 1-5000	WFC
Mrs. Abraham Strauss	19015 Van Aken Blvd. (22)	SK 1-8456	D.A.
William C. Treuhart	8701 Kinsman Rd. (4)	SW 1-1900	1957
David R. Wahl	17714 Miles Ave. (28)	MO 2-3758	D.A.
Mrs. Daniel H. Wasserman	3351 Glencairn Rd. (22)	LO 1-2825	R.T.
Loren B. Weber	3955 Euclid Ave. (15)	UT 1-2800	WFC
Dr. Myron A. Weitz	10605 Chester Ave. #405 (6)	CE 1-4447	1958
Lawrence H. Williams	531 Soc. for Savings Bldg. (14)	MA 1-6784	D.A.
Max R. Wohl	8701 Kinsman Rd. (4)	SW 1-1900	D.A.
Judge Albert A. Woldman	2047 Rossmoor Rd. (18)	PR 1-8400	D.A.
James B. Wolf	Nat'l City Bank - 623 Euclid Ave. (14)	PR 1-3140	R.T.

Henry L. Zucker, Secretary and Executive Director

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December 28, 1955

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Ansel Road & East 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The critical situation facing Jews in North Africa and in Israel requires that the National United Jewish Appeal raise a Special Fund, over and above the regular UJA campaign. On January 3, the Board of Trustees of the Federation will commit Cleveland to its fair share of this Special Fund.

In order to move forward with this life-saving project, David N. Myers, the 1956 Jewish Welfare Fund Special Gifts Chairman, is convening a meeting of a few community leaders at his home, 16900 South Park Boulevard. This meeting will be held on January 5, at 8:15 P. M.

We urge upon you the crucial nature of this meeting and ask that you make every effort to attend. Please indicate on the enclosed card that you plan to be with us.

Cordially,

*Maurice Saltzman*  
Maurice Saltzman  
General Chairman, 1956 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

*William M. Shipley*  
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General Chairman, 1956 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

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January 6, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road at E. 105th St.  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I wish to express the congratulations and good wishes of all of us at the Federation on your appointment as national chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Campaign.

Your acceptance of this key post in the further strengthening of Israel's economic defense is greatly encouraging news to the people of Israel and to Jews everywhere. There is no need here to restate your outstanding historic contributions to the re-establishment of the Jewish State and to its growth and development since.

Your acceptance of the chairmanship, in addition to your many other duties, will be an incentive to further efforts on the part of all people in behalf of Israel.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Max Simon  
President

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January 12, 1956

Mr. Max Simon  
The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland  
1001 Huron Road  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Max:

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the note of congratulations on behalf of the Jewish Community Federation on the occasion of my assumption of the Chairmanship of the Board of Governors of Israel Bonds.

I don't know why I did it. I suppose I could not say no to anything that has to do with helping along with the strengthening of Israel. I have just returned from presiding at my first meeting in New York. It was a very enthusiastic and successful meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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# **ZIONIST EMERGENCY RALLY**

## **for the U. J. A. Special Fund for Israel**

ROOM 200 • 1001 HURON RD. • CLEVELAND 15, OHIO • TO 1-4360

Dear Fellow Zionist:

In 1948, Israel turned to us in America for help -- and our whole-hearted response was a vital factor in the narrow margin between survival and annihilation at that time. Now once again Israel is in a perilous situation. And once again we Zionists have the historic privilege of helping Israel in its time of crisis.

The United Jewish Appeal has launched an Emergency National Campaign for a minimum of \$25,000,000 (in addition to normal Welfare Fund gifts) to help Israel and the Jews of North Africa to withstand the grave threat to their continued survival. All national Zionist organizations have properly called on their membership to take leadership in this decisive campaign in cooperation with local Welfare Funds.

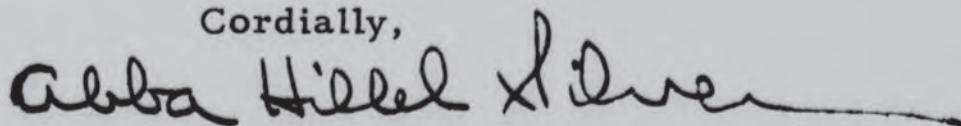
This is the time for us in Cleveland to respond to this appeal from Israel and our own leaders. The leadership of all of Cleveland's Zionist organizations therefore cordially and urgently invite you to a Zionist Emergency Rally for the Special Fund for Israel, to be held at Mahler Hall of The Temple, Monday night, February 20, at 8:30 promptly. This invitation includes husbands and wives.

Despite the heavy demands on my time, I gladly accepted the chairmanship of the city-wide Rally because I know how critical are Israel's needs now. Despite your busy schedule, I know you too will for the same reason put everything aside in order to participate in the Rally.

We shall have only one guest speaker--Lt. Colonel Ruth Berman of Israel's Defense Forces, who arrived in the United States yesterday. A colorful personality and dynamic speaker, Col. Berman is making her first visit to this country since 1948 and Cleveland is one of the few cities that will have the opportunity to hear her authoritative account of the current critical situation in Israel. We shall then take concrete action toward meeting our share of Cleveland's special quota of a minimum of \$500,000. Mr. Ezra Z. Shapiro will be in charge of this portion of the program.

Please mail back the enclosed self-addressed card immediately so that we can reserve a place for you at what I know will be a historic meeting, for the first time in many years of all Zionist organizations in Cleveland.

Cordially,



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

February 8, 1956

### **ORGANIZATIONS COOPERATING WITH THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND IN THE RALLY:**

Cleveland Zionist District  
Cleveland Zionist Society  
Hadassah  
Heights Temple Zionist District

Mizrachi -- Hapoel Hamizrachi  
Mizrachi Women  
Pioneer Women  
Poale Zion-Farband





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## R E L E A S E - - The Temple

TO: CONGREGATIONAL BULLETINS

February 8, 1956

FOR: IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FROM: Jim Jaffe / jkm

Heads of all nine Greater Cleveland Zionist organizations joined this week in a call to their memberships issued by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, to participate in an Emergency Rally on Monday evening, February 20, at 8:30 in Mahler Hall of The Temple for immediate aid to Israel.

Termed the first such meeting of all Cleveland Zionist organizations in many years, the Rally stresses the critical situation confronting Israel and the Jewish men, women and children in North Africa seeking to emigrate to Israel. The Rally will seek to mobilize Zionist support throughout the community in cooperation with the Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal toward the nationwide Special Fund by the United Jewish Appeal, which seeks a minimum of \$25,000,000 to finance the emigration of at least 45,000 Jews from North Africa to Israel. This extra effort is in addition to the regular Welfare Fund Campaign now in progress.

Presiding at the Rally will be Rabbi Silver. Guest speaker will be Lt. Colonel Ruth Berman of Israel's Defense Forces, who arrived in New York this week. One of the first Jewish women to enlist in the British Army in 1942, she took part in numerous battles in World War II, reaching the rank of Captain. Cleveland is one of the few cities she will visit during her current stay in this country, which she last visited in 1948.

Following Col. Berman's analysis of the present situation in Israel and its relation to the emigration from North Africa, Ezra Z. Shapiro will call upon the audience for



RELEASE -- Zionist Rally

specific steps to help meet Cleveland's minimum quota of \$500,000 toward the UJA Special Fund. Participating in the program will be Max Simon, President of The Jewish Community Federation, under whose auspices the annual Welfare Fund Campaign is conducted.

Appealing to the Zionist membership "to take leadership in this decisive campaign in cooperation with the local Welfare Fund", Rabbi Silver urged Zionists to "put everything aside in order to participate in the Rally." Joining in the call to all local Zionists and cooperating in the Rally are: Cleveland Zionist District, Cleveland Zionist Society, Hadassah, Heights Temple Zionist District, Mizrachi--Hapoel Hamizrachi, Mizrachi Women, Pioneer Women and Poale Zion-Farband.







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March 9, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road at East 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

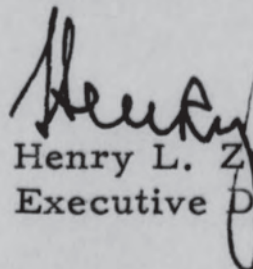
Dear Rabbi Silver:

A recent JTA dispatch mentioned the dedication, later this month, of the Israel Agricultural Training Institute to bear your name. The news item also mentioned your making the dedicatory address.

May I send you my best wishes on this important occasion. The Institute will serve as another living reminder of your historic contribution to and key role in the establishment of the State of Israel, and its maintenance and growth since. The Institute will thus serve to link recent history with Israel's current and future development, as it prepares young men and women with scientific training for the further mastery of the soil and the advancement of the country's economy.

May I also add my sincere wishes for your safe journey to and from Israel.

Cordially,

  
Henry L. Zucker  
Executive Director

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# 1956 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

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NEWTON D. BECKER

March 12, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and E. 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We want you to know how pleased we are that you have agreed to address the Young Matrons' Division of the Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal at our Fifth Anniversary Luncheon on Friday, April 13 at the Oakwood Club. This is the annual culminating event of our fund-raising for the Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal. We know that your presence will make this year's event the success that we all want it to be.

The Young Matrons' Division has been in existence for five years and this year's event is going to take the form of a fifth anniversary celebration. Our program will consist of a luncheon and your address following which we will ask those present to make their pledges to both the regular Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal and to the United Jewish Appeal Special Fund. As part of the anniversary celebration we hope that each woman will make her pledge and will give an increase for the United Jewish Appeal Special Fund.

We will expect you as our guest for luncheon which will start at 1:00 p.m. The meeting can begin at 1:45 p.m. We expect to call upon you at 2:00 p.m., and have estimated that you will want to spend about twenty five to thirty minutes talking to the group. As you realize, this is a tentative time schedule. If you have any suggestions for changing it, please feel free to make them.

We look forward to spending the afternoon with you on April 13.

Cordially,

*Willem Strauss*

Mrs. Robert Strauss

*Elaine Rocker*

Mrs. Daniel Rocker

Co-Chairmen-Young Matrons' Division  
1956 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

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*Young Matrons Lunch  
at the Oakwood Club  
Luncheon Fri - Apr 13, 1956 - Jew. Welfare Fund.*

Their declared aim is that of the wicked enemy quoted by the Psalmist:

"Come and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance" (Psalms 83:5).

The present dictator of Egypt calls Israel "an artificial State which must disappear". Quite recently he declared that he was looking forward to the Egyptian Army meeting the Syrian Army on Israel's ruins. King Saud of Arabia stated that "the only way which the Arab States must go is to pull up Israel by her roots", and asked "why should we not sacrifice ten million out of fifty million Arabs so that we may live in greatness and honour?" One Arab leader after another has voiced similar threats "to raze the State of Israel from the map". "Now that we have got rid of the British", said King Hussein of Jordan after the dismissal of General Glubb, "our next step will be to conquer the rest of Palestine".

These words are not empty threats. Hardly a day passes without some act of aggression by Egyptian forces across the Israel frontier. The villagers in the border land have to stand night after night on guard over their homes and dear ones against treacherous attacks from across the border. Moreover, of late, the Egyptian Government has overtly started large-scale preparations for war against Israel. The bulk of their military forces has been stationed along its southern frontier, equipped with large quantities of the offensive weapons recently received from Eastern Europe. As against this threat Israel finds itself grievously handicapped by its lack of essential arms. The weakening of its defensive position, which is becoming every day more evident to its enemies, has become a most powerful incentive to their aggressive policies.



March 14, 1956

Mr. Henry L. Zucker, Executive Director  
The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland  
1001 Huron Road  
Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Henry:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 9th and for your good wishes.

I am looking forward with keen interest to my visit to Israel. I have not been there since 1951 and I will have an opportunity to see the progress of the country since then.

The special occasion which calls me at this time -- the dedication of Kfar Silver -- is of course a very happy one for me.

With all good wishes and thanking you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me, I remain

Cordially,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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# 1956 JEWISH WELFARE FUND APPEAL - - MAY 1-10

1001 Huron Road - Cleveland 15, Ohio

TOwer 1-4360

**Regular Campaign \$4,255,205**  
**UJA Emergency Fund 566,355**

**GOAL 4,821,560**

April 20, 1956

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and E. 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We want to take this opportunity to express our grateful appreciation to you for your talk at the Young Matrons' Division luncheon. We truly felt that you would, and did, bring better understanding to the women present of the situation facing us and our fellow Jews in Israel. We feel that it is important that all of us have this understanding and feel that the problem is ours as well as theirs.

Thank you again for your wonderful talk and for the warmth and friendliness that we felt you brought to our meeting.

Sincerely yours,

*Irwin E. Yoelson* *Sidney Zelman*  
Mrs. Irwin E. Yoelson Mrs. Sidney Zelman  
Co-Chairmen-Women's Division

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**UJA Emergency Fund 566,355**

April 25, 1956.

**GOAL 4,821,560**

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road at East 105th St  
Cleveland 6 Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We are very pleased to know that you and Mrs Silver will join us for dinner at the campaign opening, next Tuesday night, May 1st, at the Hotel Carter. I hope that both you and Mrs Silver will sit at the Speakers' Table.

The Speakers' Table group will meet in the Embassy Room at the Carter between 6:00 and 6:15 P M.

I know that Solicitor General Sobeloff will be very happy to learn that you will introduce him to the audience. There is enclosed a brief biographical statement which may be useful to you.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

*Henry L. Zucker*  
Henry L Zucker  
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SIMON E. SOBELOFF

✓ Simon E. Sobeloff, Solicitor General of the United States since February 25, 1954 and a most active participant in Jewish affairs, both in his home state of Maryland and on the national scene, will speak at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

Judge Sobeloff has spent years in public service, but always as a lawyer and jurist. Before becoming U. S. Solicitor General, he was Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland. In earlier years he served as City Solicitor of Baltimore and as United States Attorney for Maryland.

During a very busy professional career, Judge Sobeloff has functioned as the Impartial Arbitrator of the Men's Clothing Industry in Baltimore; by appointment of the Circuit Court of Baltimore he conducted an investigation of the Baltimore Trust Co. the largest bank south of Philadelphia; he was counsel to the Housing Authority of Baltimore; he headed Maryland's Commission on the Administrative Organization of the State, which improved the budget system, parole procedure and effected other reforms; he served several terms as Vice-President of the Prisoners' Aid Association and is at present a member of its Board of Directors; and he is a member of the Executive Board of the Baltimore Urban League.

He has been a prominent leader in Jewish affairs as former President of Board of Jewish Education of Baltimore and director of National Association of Jewish Education; former President of Menorah Lodge, B'nai B'rith; one of the founders and first President of the Baltimore Branch of the American Jewish Congress, and former national vice-president; former President of Baltimore Jewish Council, and now a member of its Board; board member of Zionist Organization of America; and board member of Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore.

A dynamic interpreter of the current world political picture, Mr. Sobeloff is eminently qualified to speak about the great life-saving, life-sustaining programs of the United Jewish Appeal.

*Ch. R. [unclear]  
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May 2, 1956.

**GOAL 4,821,560**

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road at East 105th St  
Cleveland 6 Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

Many, many thanks for coming to our meeting last night, and particularly for your wonderful introduction of our guest speaker. Judge Sobeloff told me on the way back to the airport that he was very pleased to have had the opportunity to visit with you at dinner. He said that a lot more can be accomplished face to face than over the telephone, and he was very glad for this opportunity to be with you.

I do not have the heart to ask you to another meeting. On the other hand, if you and Mrs Silver would care to come to our closing dinner meeting on Thursday night, May 10th, at the Hollenden, we would be delighted. You have become so much a part of this year's campaign that I would feel guilty not to ask you to be present at the closing dinner. On that occasion, I hope that we may be able to announce the full realization of our goal, which would mean that this year's campaign will have been the largest in the history of the Welfare Fund.

If you are with us, I promise that it will not be necessary for you to say one word.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

*Henry L. Zucker*  
Henry L. Zucker  
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*Room 1048*  
*@ 6:15 PM*  
*perong*  
*6:30 PM*  
*Informal*



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May 8, 1956

Miss Sophia Levine,  
Secretary to Dr. A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Miss Levine:

Please be advised that we are in receipt of two checks as contributions to the Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal for 1956. One check is in the amount of \$5.00 and is signed by a Gail J. Hamlin and the other, which we have acknowledged is in the amount of \$5.94 from Mr. Alfred G. Albright.

Many thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

*Gerald S. Sproker*  
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Campaign Director

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The Temple	1,200	\$ 1750	\$ 1.46
Euclid Avenue Temple	1,148	1500	1.21
Workmen's Circle	58	50	.86
Cleveland Hebrew Schools	536	350	.65
Temple Emanu El	688	350	.58
Suburban Temple	395	200	.56
U.J.R.S.	1,029	500	.48
Taylor Road Synagogue	250	100	.40
Community Temple	412	150	.36
Park Synagogue	1,753	550	.31
Heights Jewish Center	279	75	.26
Yeshivath Adath Bnai Israel	371	105	.26
Temple on the Heights	1,759	400	.23
Hebrew Academy	312	60	.19
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HENRY L. ZUCKER  
201 Community Service Building  
1001 Huron Road  
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My dear Rabbi:

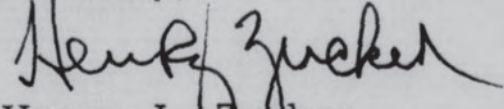
Everyone here feels we have had the most spirited and most successful campaign in recent Welfare Fund history. One of the most important factors this year has been your own personal leadership and inspiration.

I want you to know that we greatly appreciate your performance "beyond the call of duty" for the Cleveland campaign. I know that the national office of the UJA feels that our campaign will act as a pacemaker for the other local campaigns so that your leadership here has influenced more than merely our own results.

Please accept my expression of personal appreciation for your help to the organization and to me.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially,

  
Henry L. Zucker

:rs.

May 15, 1956

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*Dear Rabbi,*

**You can count on me to be present at the City-Wide Zionist Emergency Rally for the U. J. A. Special Fund for Israel on Monday evening, February 20, at 8:30.**



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