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Cleveland, Ohio Sept. 20, 1934

Rabbi A. H. Silver c/o The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The local Jewish National Fund Council is planning a season of activities for the coming year for the benefit of the Keren-Kayemeth. Every Zionist group in the city is affiliated with the J.N.F. Council, pledging their support in all undertakings.

To carry out our plans successfully, we are desirous of the moral support and counsel of our Zionist leaders. As an outstanding Zionist and Leader in our community interested in the redemption of the soil in the Holy Land, we would highly appreciate receiving a word of encouragement from you. The members and workers of our local J.N.F. Council will gather next Wednesday evening, September 26th, "Chol Ha-Moed Succoth," at the Jewish Center to celebrate the beginning of the year's activities and to receive reports from the various committees.

May we have the privilege and pleasure of hearing from you? With Zion rebuilt

Sincerely yours

JEWISH NAT'L FUND COUNCL

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October 19th, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I should like to have an opportunity of talking with you sometime regarding the Jewish National Fund. Here we have the most important institution in the Zionist movement which has been relegated to a secondary and tertiary position in American Zionism for purely fortuitous reasons, some of which do not reflect well upon the leaders in American Zionism.

It has been my aim to lift the Jewish National Fund in this country to the level where it belongs, and which it occupies in other countries. It is a most difficult task. If I could have the active cooperation of a few of the outstanding Zionist leaders in America it could be accomplished.

It would, therefore, be ever scheartening to me if I could feel that your advice would be available to me in this difficult task.

No doubt you will be getting to New York every now and then as you have in the past. I should appreciate greatly if you would let me know a few days in advance of your coming that you will be here, so that I could arrange a time when we could get together for a chat.

Cordially yours.

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October 25, 1934.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President, Jewish National Fund of America, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

Let me thank you for your letter of October 19th. I shall be very happy to get in touch with you upon my next visit to New York.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

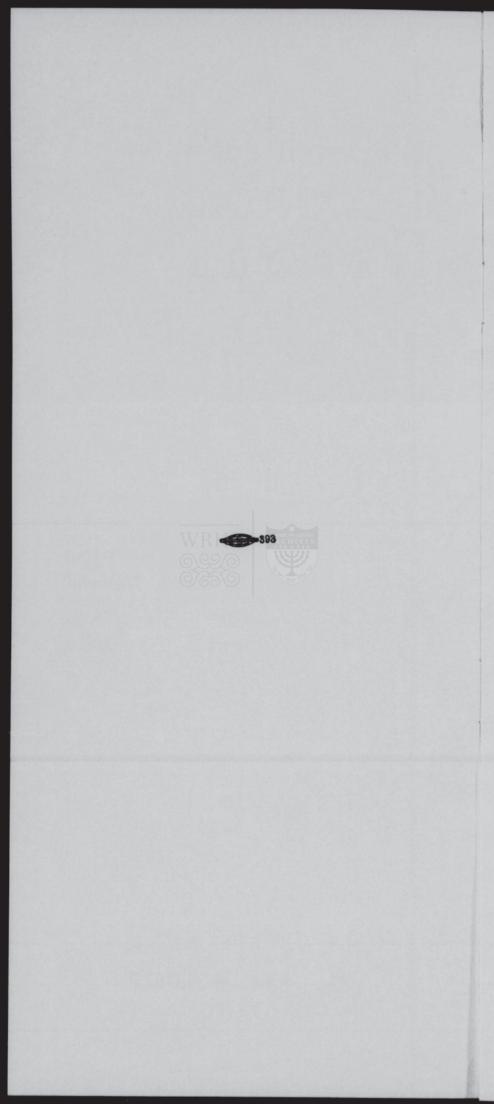
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President's ANNUAL REPORT

Rendered at a meeting of the Jewish National Fund Board of Directors, November 7th, 1934

By

Dr. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN President



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND:

A year ago when you honored me with the Presidency of the Jewish National Fund of America you placed in my hands an instrument which I deem to be as great an instrument of service to the Jewish cause as is to be found anywhere in the field of Jewish public service. For this opportunity I am deeply in your debt.

I now offer you this account of my year's stewardship with considerable humility, realizing how meager has been the performance in comparison with the greatness of the cause and the greatness of the need.

The year through which we have passed has been a year during which the world has been made less and less safe for the Jew in the diaspora. That was to be expected considering that it was a year during which the world has been made less and less safe for civilization and for human liberty. It is a reliable rule that the treatment accorded to the Jew in the land where he lives is a barometer of the general condition of civilization in that land. Because he is the most conspicuous and most persistent minority he becomes the target of mad chauvinism and violent reactionism. That fact is of the very essence of the Jewish problem. The past year has unfortunately accentuated its authenticity.

Yet it always happens in the dramatic point counterpoint of Jewish existence, that no calamity is without a corresponding consolation. In the present calamity Eretz Israel has offered the consolation.

In this select company of well informed Zionists it is surely not necessary to review the details of consolation which Palestine has offered during the past year, in absorbing 40,000 newcomers, 25% of them refugees from Hitlerland, and in demonstrating a spiritual, cultural and economic vitality beyond that of any other Jewish Yishub in the world.

Let us not fail, however, to be realistic enough to take stock of those items in the account which belong to the debit side of the Palestinian ledger. The past year has witnessed in Palestine and outside of Palestine, dissension, strain and strife within the party structure of the Zionist movement, which cannot be overlooked. Only in the last few days has the cheering news arrived that a pact of peace has at last been signed. May it be a true and lasting peace. The year has witnessed among some of the elements of Palestinian Jewry, a "get-rich-quick" fever which is alien to the spirit of "chalutziuth" and should be exiled from a land which has been built up with steady toil and high idealism. And the year has also witnessed on the part of the mandatory government, a serious intention to disregard the Jewish rights in Palestine as provided for in the mandate and to establish a legislative council, every valid reason to the contrary notwithstanding.

With these qualifications in mind, one can form a sober picture of progress in the Homeland. And even that sober and moderated picture is, on the whole, bright and hopeful. The foundation upon which the Jewish Homeland has been built by the builders of Zion, such as Pinsker, Herzl, Sokolow, Weizmann, Ussishkin and the first "aliyoth"—the physical and spiritual foundations of the New Palestine are so sturdy that even an occasional weakness in the superstructure is not perilous, provided, of course, that it can be corrected in time.

Of all the foundation stones in Palestine, the Keren Kayemeth is the most secure and the most fundamental. In the present stage of Palestine's growth the Keren Kayemeth holds an antidote for every one of the ills which threaten Jewish life there. If Zionist unity is impaired, the Keren Kayemeth is the standing symbol of a united front.

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Indicative of this spirit has been the action of the Board of Directors of the Keren Kayemeth this year in inserting in its leases a clause securing the public observance of the Sabbath. If speculation is rampant the Keren Kayemeth is a standing reminder of how speculation can be counteracted to the extent that the Jewish people implement the Keren Kayemeth with means to pursue its program. If the political horizon seems unpromising, the Keren Kayemeth can, if it is properly supported, anticipate future difficulties and restrictions by providing now a large land reserve commensurate with the future needs of the Jewish people.

Because of the key position which the Keren Kayemeth holds in the upbuilding of our homeland, it is all the more regrettable that its resources have not been as great as its importance. For that the blame attaches to "Klal Yisroel", and particularly to American Israel, for American Jewry has done less in proportion to its numbers and its means, than the Jewry of any other country.

It is true, the income which the head office of the Keren Kayemeth has received during the past year is substantially above that of the previous year. From the available figures, which cover only the first nine months of the past fiscal year, it appears that the world income of the Keren Kayemeth has been £180,410 for the period, as compared with £129,528 for the corresponding period in the previous year.

Extensive work has been done during the past year in the development of land already in JNF possession, particularly in Emek Zebulun, which is the Haifa Bay region, where a great piece of town and settlement planning has been done. The possession of this land by the Keren Kayemeth secures the Jewish future of Haifa.

Progress has also been made in its afforestation program. During the nine month period referred to, 130,523 trees have been planted over an area of 530 dunams. Of this number, 76,603 trees have been planted on an area of 300 dunams near Kfar HaHoresh, where the George Washington Forest has been located. It should be gratifying to us, who have sponsored the Washington Forest, that our project has contributed substantially to the Keren Kayemeth afforestation program.

Progress is also reported in the Keren Kayemeth program of water supply installation.

Unfortunately, however, not a single agricultural settlement of any important size has been established during the past year. It is cause for dissatisfaction that such should have been the case, in a year when the population of Palestine was increased by 40,000, and is an aspect of the problem entailed in the character of Palestine's present growth and development.

Fortunately there is in prospect, the establishment of Kfar Menahem Ussishkin, as a tribute to our great leader on the occasion of his 70th anniversary. The amount which has thus far been raised throughout the world for this purpose is in excess of $\pm 50,000$ to which the American branch has contributed a substantial amount.

The least satisfactory item in the Keren Kayemeth achievement, during the past year, has been with respect to the acquisition of new holdings. Land purchases are attended by increasing difficulties, due to soaring prices and other unfavorable conditions. Since the 18th Zionist Congress in 1932 and up to July 1934, the Keren Kayemeth has come into possession of 16,122 metric dunams, thus bringing the total of JNF possessions up to 336,037 dunams. Now there is a report of the recent acquisition by the JNF of a large area in the Huleh region, but the head office informs us that this report is premature and inaccurate.

The recent loss suffered by world Jewry in the death of Baron Edmond de Rothschild has removed from the Jewish scene a man who single-handed redeemed for the Jewish people hundreds of thousands of dunams in Eretz Israel. Though he was not officially of the Zionist movement, his unrelenting faith in Palestine and in the Jewish people, a faith translated abundantly into action, entitles him

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to a high rank among the builders of Eretz Israel. There is no one to take his place, no one today who has resources which he possessed and is willing as he was willing to pour those resources into Palestine. In the absence of such individuals, it becomes all the more urgent for the collective arm of Jewish land redemption in Palestine, namely, the Jewish National Fund, to be the more strengthened and the more generously supported, so that Israel's progress in Palestine may not suffer.

Now let us turn to our domestic account. Our income in the period October 1st, 1933—September 30th, 1934, has been \$200,379.46. This amount represents an increase of \$56,102.68, or approximately 40% over the previous year. The separate classified items which comprise this total of income and expenditure, as well as all other details regarding the finances of the organization are in the auditor's report which is open to inspection by any member of the Board of Directors.

The report, in my opinion, is encouraging not intrinsically but only insofar as it indicates a trend. For the first time we have been able to arrest the downward curve of our depression period, and to show an increase of income over the preceding year. At the same time the ratio of expense to income shows a decrease. It is as yet far from satisfactory. The expense ratio must become smaller and the income must become larger. I do not see any cause for self congratulation as yet, but I am encouraged to believe that we may be headed in the right direction.

I am sure it is not necessary to dwell upon the routine matters of administration or to review the whole calendar of activities which have punctuated the year now completed. It may, however, be of interest to dwell upon a few items which indicate a new emphasis or a new direction of enterprise.

Our new activity for the year has been the Kfar Ussishkin project. Launched auspiciously by a well attended and well received conference in Philadelphia on February 18th, and implemented in part by the Ussishkin Tribute Roll which offered a new medium for popular enrollment in the cause of Keren Kayemeth and in tribute to its leader, America's contribution to the worldwide Kfar Ussishkin action has brought in the sum of \$31,512.60 up to October 1st, and will bring in considerably more before our effort is concluded. In connection with the Tribute Roll contest, Rabbi H. B. Walder of New York has been awarded a trip to Palestine, and at least one other trip will be shortly awarded.

In several parts of the country new friends and supporters have been won for the Keren Kayemeth from elements heretofore untapped by our cause. It was particularly noticeable at the Kfar Ussishkin dinner in our city, which was, by common consent, an outstanding event in every respect. The Kfar Ussishkin campaign in Philadelphia was likewise noteworthy for the new elements who participated in the effort. Other communities have had similar experiences in a smaller degree.

The administration during the past year has made a beginning in a policy of expansion, which, it is hoped, may justify itself within a reasonable period. The approach has been, to strengthen the important regions throughout the country by the appointment of regional directors for the purpose of visiting and stimulating the work in their territory. Beginning with the new fiscal year, such personnel has been appointed for a six months trial period in the southwest region, centering in Dallas, Texas, the midwest region centering in Chicago, and the New England region centering in Boston. The financial commitments are not large and the experiment will cease after six months if the results do not warrant its continuance.

The same experiment in expansion is being carried out in New York, where the opportunities are greatest because one half of the Jewish population of the United States resides here within a radius of 50 miles. Mr. Morris A. Zeldin has been placed in charge of this important area, including New York, Westchester, northern New Jersey and Connecticut, and four men have been appointed under

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his direction, to intensively cultivate this fertile field. Here too the experiment must justify itself within six months.

Another effort in the direction of expansion has been the establishment of a committee on the cooperation of women's organizations, headed by Mrs. Goldstein, whose aim is to develop a greater interest in JNF among existing women's organizations.

I do not regard it as an unhealthy sign that the Keren Kayemeth in this country is being criticised for not measuring up to its opportunities. It is a criticism which should be taken seriously and should serve as a rod of correction and a prod to improvement.

The charge that American Jews are not supporting the Jewish National Fund as vigorously as other Jewries becomes accentuated this year in the light of the comparative table of figures. English Jewry with a population one tenth of ours has, during the past year, produced a greater amount than we have produced for the Keren Kayemeth; South African Jewry, with one twentieth of our population has yielded almost as much as we; Polish Jewry, economically crushed, has given an amount almost as large as ours. The devaluation of the dollar accounts only partly for the comparison in favor of these other countries. Actually and intrinsically they are doing more, the Keren Kayemeth commands them more effectively than it commands us.

I have tried to diagnose the situation. The following is my diagnosis. Perhaps the diagnosis may suggest the cure. I offer it in due humility for what it may be worth. If someone has another diagnosis and a different cure I should like to know about it.

In the first place we are suffering because so large a part of our collections consist of small coins. The administrative expense entailed in small coin collections is bound to be abnormally large. I am convinced that for the same administrative expense and with the same staff we could raise substantially larger sums if we would change the connotation of JNF giving from dimes to dollars and from dollars to dunams. It can be done.

In the second place we have failed to impress ourselves upon many of the Zionist leaders in this country in such a way as to make them identify themselves with the Keren Kavemeth as wholeheartedly and as energetically as they identify themselves, for example, with the Keren Hayesod, or the Hadassah Medical budget, or the Gewerkshaften campaign, or the Mizrachi Fund. It may be the fault of the JNF administration, or it may be the fault of the very structure of our organization along party lines in the main, both in our national directorate and in our local councils, as a result of which the Keren Kavemeth does not have a constituency which will be devoted first and foremost to the Keren Kayemeth. It is doubtful if any enterprise can go very far unless it has some constituency of people who are devoted to it primarily and not secondarily.

In the third place we as yet have failed to integrate into our cause the large numbers of Jewry who may not have any Zionist affiliations, but who in the light of present day events, recognize the merits of Palestine in relation to the solution of the Jewish problem and can be made to recognize the merits of the Jewish National Fund in a sound physical and spiritual upbuilding of Palestine. That category of Jews presents, in my opinion, a tremendous opportunity which must not be neglected.

If the above diagnosis is approximately correct then I believe that our administration program, while not abandoning its traditional lines, ought also to stress the following few additional lines.

1—To raise the standard of contributions to the Keren Kayemeth, seeking every opportunity to encourage dunam land donations and giving a great deal of attention to the matter of bequests and insurance.

2—To try to effectuate among Zionist leaders, as well as among Zionist rank and file, a feeling that their obligation to the Keren Kayemeth, which is the oldest Zionist fund, is as great as their obligation to any other Zionist fund.

3—To cultivate new sources of support for the JNF among Jews who are Zionists in sentiment though not by affiliation, and among the great number of Jews who are non-Zionist, but pro-Palestine.

It is along these lines that some of the effort during the past year has been directed, a meager effort indeed, and only a mere fraction of what could and should be done on a large scale and with aggressive purpose.

One of our number, alas, is beyond the reach of mortal gratitude. Death has unfortunately taken from our midst one of our most devoted co-workers, Harry Karp, whose zeal for the Keren Kayemeth was boundless and whose presence in our midst was by word and action a source of strength. May his memory be for a blessing.

A soldier falls, the ranks are closed and the army must march on. The rabbis say of those who carried Israel's ancient ark, that as much as they carried the sacred ark, the ark carried them, sustained them and gave them strength to go on it is a psychological truth which holds true of every sacred cause.

May it be our reward, in the service of the Keren Kayemeth that it shall give us the strength to carry it forward with vigor and to success.

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New York City.

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DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

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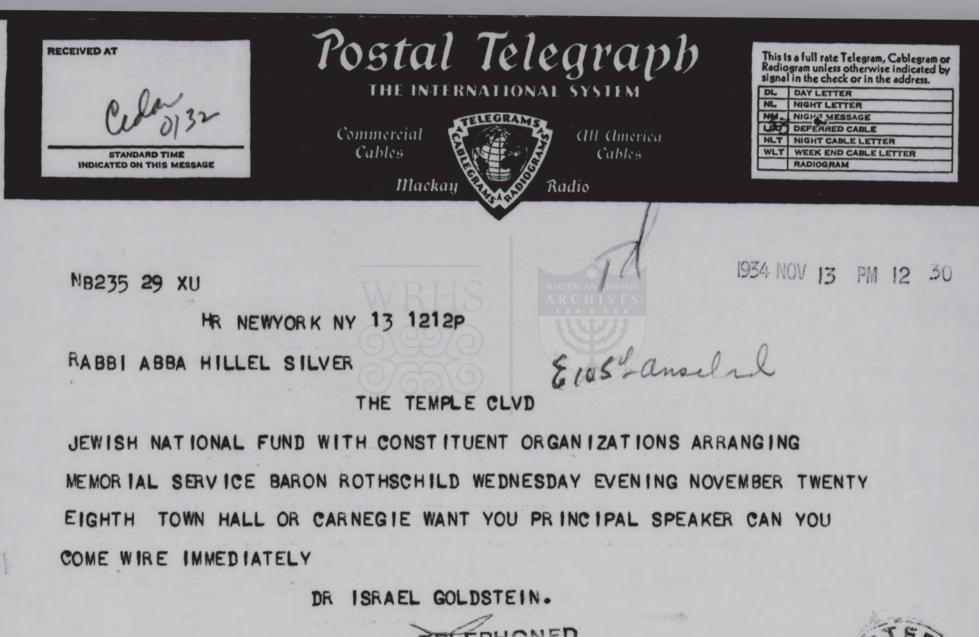
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November 14, 1934.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, Jewish National Fund, 111 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I appreciate very much your urgent invitation to address the Baron Rothschild Memorial Service. I am writing you this letter rather than send you another telegram in order to explain why it is impossible for me to come. The Thanksgiving week is a very crowded one for me. I have three lecture engagements scheduled for that week -- one out of town. I am also scheduled to be out of town on December 2nd at which time I will address the Chanukah rally of the Zionists in Chicago. I cannot, therefore, undertake any additional out of town lecture engagements in the next few weeks. As you know, I have not been well, and have been compelled to reduce my lecture engagements and my traveling to a minimum.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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November 16th, 1934.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry to learn that you have not been feeling well. I did not know it.

If the condition of your health at this time permits of your making a trip to New York, we are still hopeful that you may be able to do so. We have now fixed the date as of Wednesday, December 12th at the Astor Hotel, and we hope that this will be a more convenient time for you.

It seems to us that you can render a great service to the Jewish National Fund by lending your name and presence to the occasion. My chief problem in connection with the JNF is to lift it to the level which it deserves to hold and to bring to it new elements who have heretofore not been attracted to itswork. It is because of that that we are especially eager that you should be the speaker on this occasion.

I trust that you may find it possible to do so.

Sincerely yours Israel/Go Istein President

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P. S. If convenient, please wire your reply, so as to give us additional time for our preparations.

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November 28, 1934

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver c/o The Temple East 105th Street Cleveland, Ohio

לכבוד ידידי הנכבד והנעלה ד"ר אבא הילל סילבר.

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Rabbi A.H.Silver, "The Temple", Cleveland, Ohio.



Dear Rabbi Silver,

We were naturally very disappointed that you could not see your way to accept the invitation to visit South Africa on behalf of the Keren Kayemeth. Knowing your deep appreciation of the significance of the Jewish National Fund, your visit to South Africa would have marked the inauguration of a new epoch in the history there of the Fund.

May we, however, ask you to assist us in another, less onerous manner? Our friends in South Africa are desirous of receiving from you an expression of opinion on the urgency, particularly at the present time, of strengthening the Keren Kayemeth, to the end that not only more land might be brought into Jewish possession, but land that is guaranteed for ever to be Jewish in the life and labour arising thereon. Your powerful pen, wielded in this cause, will be of very considerable help to us indeed, and we hope that you will agree to South Africa's request, which is also ours.

Please accept our thanks in advance.

With Zion's Greetings,

Yours sincerely, Moteri Show is

General Secretary

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, c/o The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

No doubt you have already received the request of our Keren Kayemeth headquarters in Jerusalem to write a special message to the Jews in South Africa, for publication in the South African press, in connection with the forthcoming campaign there for the Keren Kayemeth.

We have been asked by our Jerusalem office to bring this matter to your attention. The South African campaign is to start the early part of March; and I would, therefore, appreciate greatly your cooperation in letting us have the material (it need not be long, 1,500 or 2,000 words will serve the purpose) at your earliest convenience. Needless to say that your contribution, which will help in advancing the cause of the Keren Kayemeth, will be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

I am

WILLIAM Z. SPIEGELMAN Public Relations Director

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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

1092 EAST 105TH STREET

CLEVELAND, O.

Feb. 5, 1935

Rabbi A.H. Silver c/o The Temple City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It has been the custom of the Jewish National Fund in the past to tag those attending Zionist gatherings and mass meetings.

The mass meeting planned to our Temple next Tuesday evening, February 13th, will undoubtedly, attract a large audience. Do you think it would be advisable to have several committees of young ladies present to tag at the entrance, offering in return the small Jewish National Fund Button?

Hoping to hear from you, I am

Sincerely yours

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

Chairman

304 Prospect-4th Bldg.

JA: RO

February 6, 19351

Mr. Jos. Altshuler, 304 Prospect-Fourth Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Altshuler:

We shall be very happy to have a committee of young ladies at the meeting on Tuesday evening to collect for the Jewish National Fund. Flease suggest to the ladies, however, not to be too insistent or too aggressive as we want to avoid the impression of "holding people up" at this initial meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was happy to learn that we will have the great pleasure of having you as a guest in our city on March 5th. Many of our people are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to hear you again on the occasion of your lecture at the Y.M.& W.H.A. on the above date.

May we ask you to be good enough to spare the Pittsburgh Council Jewish National Fund a little of your valuable time during your stay here to aid us in furthering our aims here?

While we are getting fair results in our JNF work here, we are not getting the maximum response possible. This is due to the fact that there is still a large element that we have not yet succeeded in winning over to our cause.

We are anxious to gain the cooperation of this element. It is our sincere belief that an address by you on the Jewish National Fund before a group of people whom we are endeavoring to interest in our work will bring an understanding to the above mentioned element that they too must join in the JNF work.

We are anxious therefore to arrange a parlor meeting on March 5th between 6 and 8 P.M. to be attended by a group of representative people of our community and we are confident that after listening to you describe the importance of the Jewish National Fund we will win a large number of supporters for this great cause.

Won't you please help us? I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to grant our request.

Please send us your answer at your earliest convenience so that if we are fortunate in receiving a favorable reply, we can have enough time to make the necessary arrangements.

Thanking you in advance for your kind reply, I am, with Jewish National Fund greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

M. B. LICHTENSTEIN, DR. M. B. LICHTENSTEIN, President, Pgh.Council JNF.





March 22, 1935.

Dr. M. B. Lichtenstein, President, Pittsburgh Council, Jewish National Fund, 1107 Standard Life Bldg., Pittsburgh, Fa.

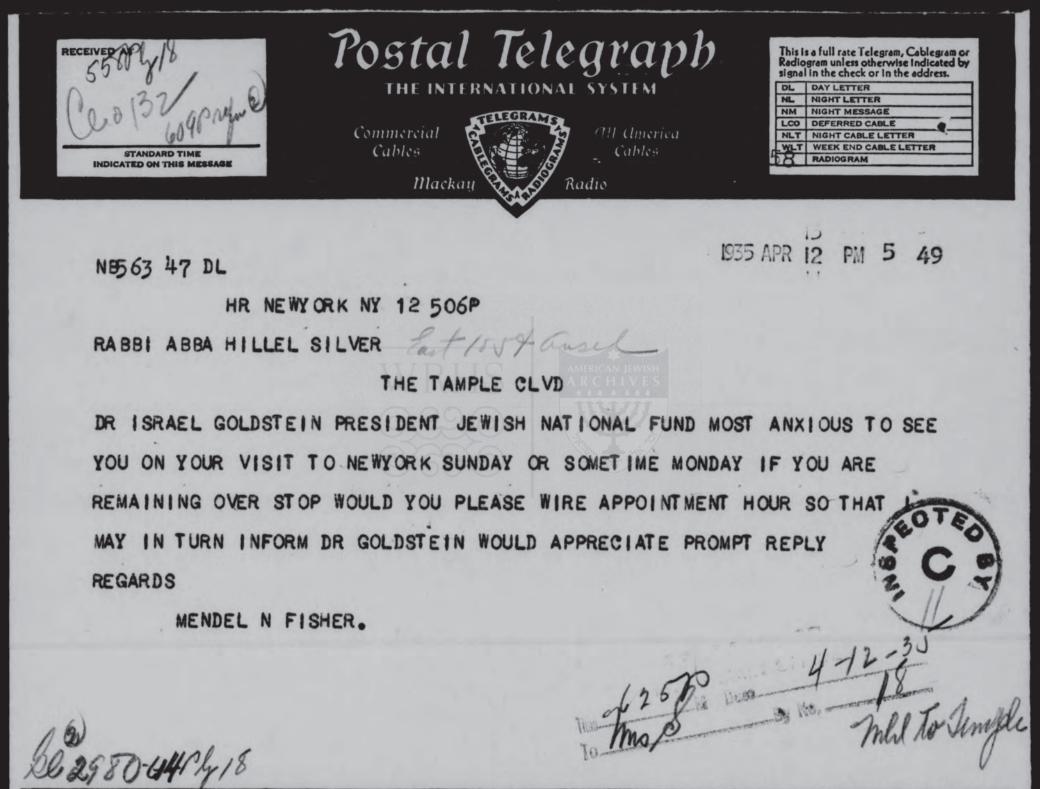
My dear Dr. Lichtenstein:

In the rush of the last few weeks and due to my frequent absences from the city, I over-looked answering your kind communication of February 21 in which you invited me to address a parlor meeting in behalf of the Jewish National Fund sometime during the day of my visit to Pittsburgh. I am sorry that I did not get to answer your letter before. However, it would have been quite impossible for me to have taken on another meeting. As you know, I addressed the campaign organization of the YMHA late in the afternoon and the Forum at eight o'clock in the evening. I could not have taken on three lecture engagements in a few hours.

Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS: BK



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I tried to locate you in New York the other day, but you had already left.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President of the Jewish National Fund is very anxious to have a chat with you on your visit here on Sunday. I wired you accordingly.

If you haven't already replied, will you please wire us a definite appointment when Dr. Goldstein could meet you any time either on Sunday or some time on Monday.

Dr. Goldstein has a very busy schedule on Sunday, so we wired in advance.

We had a delightful chat in Washington.

Thanking you in advance for your reply, if you haven't already done so, I am,

Sincerely your ME

National Campaign Director

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April 15, 1935.

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher, Jewish National Fund of America, 111 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

My dear Fisher:

Thank you for your letter of April 12 as well as for your telegram. I found it impossible to go to New York for the Maimonides celebration. Congregational duties tied me up here in such a way that I could not leave.

I shall probably be in New York some time in the next few weeks and I shall be v ry pleased to meet Dr. Goldstein. If the matter concerning which he wishes to see me is urgent, please request him to write to me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially.

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April 16, 1935

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple East 105th Street at Ansel Road

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Cleveland, Ohio

MNF: AC

Many thanks for your prompt reply of April 15th. We all regretted your inability to attend the Maimonides meeting. It was a very splendid celebration.

I have communicated your message to Dr. Goldstein.

Will you be good enough to ask your secretary to remind you a few days before you make your next trip to New York, so that we may consummate the appointment with Dr. Goldstein, while you are in the city.

A very happy Pesach to you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours TT SHEP

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1092 EAST 105TH STREET

CLEVELAND. O. May 3, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver c/o The Temple. City.

Dear Rabbi:-

My attention was called by Dr. Falkman informing me that during the Passover Holidays an announcement was made from the pulpit of the Kinsman Jewish Center, that their congregation is sponsoring a concert on Sunday, Tune 2nd, in cooperation with the Local Jewish National Fund Council, and mentioning that you, Rabbi, have promised your support towards this concert.

We were not aware of this unfair announcement until this morning, being informed by Dr. Falkman, and I deeply regret that your name was connected in giving publicity for their affair, If such announcement was made, I may assure you it was without my knowledge. I called to day the attention of Rabbi Genuth of Kinsman Jewish Center, also their president, Dan Weiss, and, no doubt, they will explain this matter to you.

The Jewish National Fund Council is to receive 15% of all tickets sold for the concert, and as for the arrangeents and plans we have no part.

I may assure you again, Dear Rabbi, that I, speaking for the National Fund Council, deeply regret of the unfair publicity given, and I hope that our friendly relations in connection with the JNF. will continue, and looking forward for your future support and cooperation in the cause, which we highly value, I am

Sincerely yours, to. all hul Chairman

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May 5, 1935.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver;

Judge Jonah J. Goldstein asked me to send you, in behalf of the Committee and himself,a hearty thanks for the check of \$25.00 towards the inscription of Masliansky in the Jewish National Fund's Book of Life. A complete list of those who participate in raising the Fund will be furnished to Masliansky and I know how highly he will appreciate your gift and your very fine letter.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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May 15, 1935

Rabbi A. H. Silver The Temple E. 105th & Ansel Rd. City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to extend my congratulations to you upon the successful drive of the Jewish Welfare Federation just concluded.

The success of the drive was assured when you assumed the chairmanship and the volunteers rallied for the worthy cause.

Our Jewish Community has the highest esteem and the utmost confidence in your leadership and always respond to your call.

We are fully aware of the strain and the difficulties you underwent during this drive and the need of rest and retirement, but " L'Maan Zion Ve-Jerusholaem and the Keren-Kayemeth, we hope you will find it convenient to be with us on Monday Evening, May 20th at the Jewish Center Synagogue at our Herzl 75th Anniversary Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you on that occasion.

Respectfully yours JEWISH MATIONAL FUND COUNCIL By

Chairman

JA:RO

May 16, 1935.

Mr. Joseph Altshuler, Chairman, Jewish National Fund, 1092 East 105th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Altshuler:

Let me thank you for your very kind and warm note of May 15. I appreciate it very much. I have under a great strain in the last few weeks and I have trying to get away for a few days rest. The likelihood, however, is that I will not be able to get away before Monday next. In that c se I shall be very happy to attend the Herzl Anniversary Meeting. Please do not count, however, on a full sized address from me as I simply have not the energy to prepare one.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver c/o The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I had hoped that we would have an opportunity to discuss the Jewish National Fund situation in Cleveland on your visit to New York. Unfortunately this has not as yet materialized.

During Mr. Rudensky's visit to Cleveland, we advised him not to launch any campaign for the National Fund, because of the Jewish Welfare Drive that was launched about the same time he visited Cleveland. Now that you have been so successful with your campaign, I am sure you are interested, just as I am, in helping to secure a substantial amount from Cleveland for the Keren Kayemeth.

For many years you have been an ardent champion of the Jewish National Fund. I am anxious to have your suggestions about what we should do to secure the quota for the Keren Kayemeth. It has been suggested that the Jewish Welfare Fund might allocate \$5000. to the JNF. I have always felt that the Jewish National Fund should conduct independent efforts in order to focus attention on the work for land redemption. Before taking any steps to organize Cleveland for a campaign, I should very much like to have your suggestions.

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher, our campaign director, spoke to you in Washington about placing a director in ^Cleveland, who should be in charge of Jewish National Fund activities for the state of Ohio. Do you believe this plan is a practical one? What would be the best time, in your judgment, to launch a Jewish National Fund Campaign in Cleveland? I shall appreciate very much if you will let me have word as to how and when we should proceed with the campaign.

If you are planning to be in New York soon, please let me know when, so that we could have an opportunity to talk matters over.

With kindest regards,

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June 5, 1935.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President, Jewish National Fund, 111 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I agree with you that the Jewish National Fund should conduct independent efforts in Cleveland and not be merged in the Jewish Welfare Fund Drive not merely for its own sake, but for the sake of carrying on year round educational activities in behalf of Palestine. I feel that the Fund would achieve its desired objectives through a few projects during the year rather than through a single campaign. I believe, too, that the idea of placing a director in Cleveland who would look after the interests of the Fund throughout Ohio is an excellent one. I would suggest that the activities for the Fund in our comunity begin early in the Fall before other appeals for Palestine are made.

I shall probably not be in New York before the end of the month but it is my present hope to be able to attend the Zionist Convention in Atlantic City.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours.

AHS :BK