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Jewish Welfare Federation, Cleveland, Ohio, 1937-1938.

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September 10th, 1937

Rabbi B R Brickner, President  
Bureau of Jewish Education  
10323 Superior Ave  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

The Welfare Fund has been receiving monthly reports from the Hebrew School and Institute covering their financial and service operations; the last financial statement received was as of May this year, and the last statistical report of service as of March.

Inquiry at the office of the Hebrew School and Institute regarding the receipt of the reports for the months which have elapsed has brought the information that the Institute was instructed not to send reports direct to this office but only to the Bureau of Jewish Education.

May we therefore ask that the Bureau office forward these reports to us, so that the Welfare Fund files may be complete?

I am,

Yours sincerely,

S. Goldhamer  
Executive Director



September 14, 1937

Mr. S. Goldhammer, Executive Director  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
1900 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Goldhammer:

Our fiscal year ends the 30th of this month and we are faced with the possibility of having insufficient funds to meet our increased commitment to Hebrew University.

In 1936, we received the first quarterly payment of the allocation to Hebrew University from the Cleveland Federation in June and the second payment in August.

This year we received the first quarterly payment in June but have not as yet received the second for 1937.

If you could arrange, without too great inconvenience, to anticipate as much as possible of the balance of your allocation to the University before the close of our fiscal year, it would help us immeasurably. The check could be sent to us any time before the 30th, but I would appreciate knowing as soon as you can advise me, just what we can count on so that I can plan accordingly.

It is only the seriousness of the situation which forces me to take the liberty of making this request.

With assurances of our gratitude for whatever you can do and with best wishes for the New Year, I am

Very cordially yours,

Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

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CC Rabbi Silver

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SUMMARY OF BRIARCLIFF MEETING

Saturday, Sept. 25 1937

Our Participation in General Community Welfare Programs. The Saturday afternoon discussion was summarized by Dr S J Appelbaum of Rochester. Dr Appelbaum pointed out that although there was agreement on objectives with regard to our participation in general community affairs, there was no agreement on methods since experiences differ in different communities. The discussion in the afternoon presented a number of contradictions. In general, however, communities do not see the validity of continuing separate Jewish funds where community-wide campaigns are possible, except, of course, separate Jewish campaigns for specifically Jewish causes.

The Saturday evening discussion continued the subject of the afternoon and the following is a gist of the summary made by Mr Berne of Cleveland. The Community Chest question can be dismissed by saying that those already in the Chest believe that the benefits far outweigh the difficulties. In cities where Community Chests are being considered, Jewish communities should guide themselves by the following points:

Good will. In order to cultivate good will, we must not limit our actions merely to philanthropy and we should see that Jewish groups carry their proper share of community obligations.

We should endeavor to contribute at least as much to the general Community Chest funds as the Jewish agencies withdraw. Chests are merely a pooling of fund raising efforts. It is natural, therefore, for non-Jewish groups to feel that the Jewish contributions should approximate the results of Jewish efforts in their own independent campaigns.

Relationship of Giving to Chests and Jewish Drives. If we have not contributed our proper share to the Community Chest, we are in a wholly



indefensive position regardless of the amount that has been contributed. In regard to the Jewish Welfare Funds, it should be pointed out that funds being raised today for overseas needs are of an emergency character. Jews have a right to feel that since we can only look to our own resources for these emergency needs, they cannot be measured by what we do for Chests which is on a continuous basis for the everyday needs of a community.

Summary by Judge Joseph Ullman of Discussions  
on Sunday

The sessions on Jewish group responsibility for overseas programs represents six hours of meaty as well as eloquent discourse, and a repetition of high lights alone would consume at least two hours. I shall, therefore, limit myself merely to an indication of main trends of the discussion.

The meeting was opened by our host, Mr Warburg, whose moving address set a standard of objectivity and sincerity which made the meeting a success. I shall not even sketch his survey of European conditions. I shall confine myself to his conclusion. It was a plea for patience, for formulation of plans, for joint action by Jews and Arabs. They do work together in certain Palestinian enterprises and they can work together in a larger way. Zionists and non-Zionists can and must find a way to do no less. Mr Warburg's statement was eloquence in the finest sense. It was the hopeful statement of an idealist who refuses to be defeated by overwhelming odds, - a plea for help, financial and spiritual that could leave no hearer cold.

Mr Warburg was followed by Rabbi Stephen S Wise, who differed from Mr Warburg in seeing less chance for Jews in their native lands, hence stressed Palestine more strongly. Dr Wise was and still is against the partition plan but concludes that if a Jewish State is imposed on Palestine, even the partition state, we must not repudiate it, but make the best of it.

The more controversial side was presented with dignity and restraint by a number of speakers. But if I am to be as candid as the speakers, I must report that James Rosenberg was not precisely conciliatory in his suggestion that large givers of funds should serve notice on Chaim Weizmann, that they will stop giving if the Zionist Organization does not repudiate the Partition Plan. Mr Rosenberg concluded on a more helpful note, however, by urging delay and supporting Mr Warburg's plea for constructive planning.

Mr Norman was even more outspoken and aroused some resentment from Rabbi Stephen Wise. I mention this incident not in criticism, but because it serves to emphasize the statesmanlike spirit of the meeting as a whole, and exemplifies the fearless candor and honesty of every speaker.

Rabbi Silver and Dr Lowenstein and Judge Rothenberg, each in his own way, pleaded for peace and unity and for delay in formulation of terms and pronouncement of ultimata. This was also the tenor of the prepared statement submitted by Mr Hirsch.

Mr Vladeck presented a realistic view of the European situation in that Hitler has proved that a political party can succeed through anti-Semitism. Hence, we may expect Poland and other countries to adopt this pattern - unless and until Labor Governments take the place of national control by fascistic minorities. A labor government, representing peasants and workers, will repudiate anti-Semitism. The fundamental issue is Fascism vs. anti-Semitism.

Finally, Judge Proskauer. His was a powerful statement of the anti-Zionist point of view. We must concede its logic and its respectability whether we subscribe to it or not. I say this on the authority of Judah Magnes who said as much to me more than 25 years ago when I inadequately voiced the same opinion at a meeting in Baltimore. But that was an opinion of my youth -- I'm no longer a young man as is Judge Proskauer, and today I am simply a sympathetic straddler, a non-Zionist.

Such is my summary and I suppose I ought to close on this. But one cannot sit on the bench for 13 years without trying to decide a well argued case. Perhaps this is a case that cannot be decided, perhaps the differences are so fundamental that they cannot be resolved. Perhaps we Jews are simply caught in the mad whirl of accelerated history-making of the present day world and must enjoy or must suffer what the gods may ordain. Perhaps it is a hopeless situation. But this much does seem certain - the progress of the past twenty years toward Jewish solidarity ought not lightly be scrapped. Therefore, join those who counsel a Fabian policy. Perhaps the horse may learn to talk. (Reference to a story used to illustrate the wisdom of postponement.)



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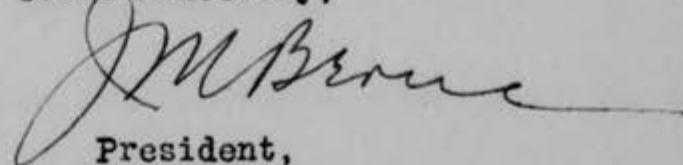
There has just been mailed to you an Invitation and a copy of the Program of the discussions which are to take place at the Fourth Annual Meeting of the East Central States Regional Conference to be held at the Schenley Hotel in Pittsburgh, Saturday evening, October 16th and Sunday, October 17th.

Reference to the Program will indicate to you the broad topics of immediate interest in Jewish life which have been chosen for this year's consideration; and leaders in American as well as Overseas activities have been invited to present the respective subjects. The discussion is planned to be entirely informal and it is my earnest hope that Cleveland will be well represented by its lay leadership—it is out of such an exchange of opinions and experiences, that we must find guidance for our own decisions and actions.

I trust that you can arrange to attend; and that you will so advise Mr Alfred M Oppenheimer, Chairman of the Pittsburgh Arrangements Committee. Wives and husbands both are invited.

I am,

Yours sincerely,



President,

The Jewish Welfare Federation.

September 25, 1937.

### Agencies and Purposes included in the Jewish Welfare Federation and the Jewish Welfare Fund for 1936.

American Jewish Committee, N. Y.  
American Jewish Congress, N. Y.  
Anti-Defamation League, B'nai Brith, Cincinnati  
Bureau of Jewish Education, Cleveland  
Bureau of Jewish Education—1936 Survey  
\*Bureau of Jewish Social Research, N. Y.  
\*Camp Wise Association, Cleveland  
\*Council of Jewish Women, Cleveland  
\*Council Educational Alliance, Cleveland  
German Jewish Children's Aid Committee, Cleveland  
German Jewish Refugees Committee, Cleveland  
Graduate School for Jewish Social Work, N. Y.  
\*Hebrew Free Loan Association, Cleveland  
\*Hebrew Shelter Home, Cleveland  
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, N. Y.  
The Hebrew University of Palestine  
Hillel Foundation, B'nai Brith, Cincinnati  
\*Jewish Welfare Federation and Community Fund Support

Jewish Agency for Palestine  
Jewish Consumptives & Ex-Patients  
Relief Association, Los Angeles  
Jewish Consumptives Relief Society, Denver  
\*Jewish Day Nursery, Cleveland  
Jewish National Fund, N. Y.  
\*Jewish Orphan Home, Cleveland  
\*Jewish Social Service Bureau, Cleveland  
Jewish Statistical Bureau, N. Y.  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency, N. Y.  
Jewish Welfare Board, N. Y.  
Joint Distribution Committee for Overseas Relief, N. Y.  
\*Joint Vocational Service, N. Y.  
League for Human Rights Against Nazi-ism, Cleveland  
Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital, Hot Springs  
Menorah Association, N. Y.  
\*Montefiore Home, Cleveland

\*Mount Sinai Hospital, Cleveland  
\*National Conference of Social Work, Columbus  
\*National Conference of Jewish Social Work, N. Y.  
National Council of Jewish Federations &  
Welfare Funds, Inc., N. Y.  
\*National Desertion Bureau, N. Y.  
National Farm School, Philadelphia  
National Home for Jewish Children, Denver  
\*National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives, Denver  
\*Orthodox Jewish Orphans Home, Cleveland  
\*Orthodox Old Home, Cleveland  
Passover Fund of the Federation of Jewish  
Women's Clubs, Cleveland  
Peoples Ort Federation, N. Y.  
Rothschild Hadassah Hospital Unit-Hebrew  
University of Palestine  
\*Welfare Association for Jewish Children, Cleveland

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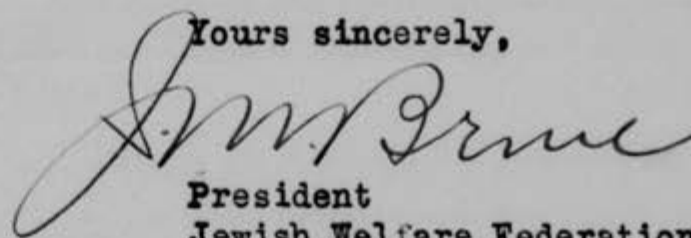
Rabbi A H Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd & E 105th St  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The representatives of the Federation and the Bureau on the Special Committee for the selection of the Implementing Committee for Jewish Education have been asked to meet together at the Federation office on Wednesday afternoon, October 6th at 3:30 o'clock. This is merely to advise you that the meeting has been arranged.

I am

Yours sincerely,



President  
Jewish Welfare Federation

October 4, 1937.

**Agencies Affiliated with and Supported  
thru The Jewish Welfare Federation  
and the Community Fund for 1937:**

Camp Wise Association, Cleveland  
Council Educational Alliance, Cleveland  
Council of Jewish Federations & Welfare Funds, N. Y.  
Council of Jewish Women, Cleveland  
Hebrew Free Loan Association, Cleveland  
Hebrew Shelter Home, Cleveland  
Jewish Day Nursery, Cleveland  
Jewish Orphan Home, Cleveland  
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Welfare Association for Jewish Children, Cleveland

**Agencies and Causes receiving Annual  
Support from the Jewish Welfare  
Fund:**

American Jewish Committee, N. Y.  
American Jewish Congress, N. Y.  
American Ort Federation, N. Y.  
Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith, Cincinnati  
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League for Human Rights Against Nazism, Cleveland  
Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital, Hot Springs  
Menorah Association, N. Y.  
National Farm School, Philadelphia  
National Home for Jewish Children, Denver  
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, Inc., N. Y.  
Passover Fund of the Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs, Cleveland  
United Palestine Appeal, N. Y.  
Workmen's Circle Schools, Cleveland  
Yeshivath Adath Bnai Israel, Cleveland  
Yiddish Culture Society, Cleveland  
Youth Aliyah Project of the Hadassah, Cleveland Chapter

**Agencies and Causes receiving Aid in  
1937 from the Contingent Account  
of the Jewish Welfare Fund:**

American Beth Jacob Committee, N. Y.  
Central Universal Yeshiva, Jerusalem, Palestine  
General Aged Asylum, Safed, Palestine  
General Misgab Ladach Hospital, Jerusalem, Palestine  
Hebrew Teachers College, Jerusalem, Palestine  
Lomza Yeshiva, Lomza, Poland  
Lubavitcher Yeshivoh Tomche Tmimim, Warsaw, Poland  
Rabbinical College "Knesseth Israel" Slabodka, Lithuania  
Sefath Emeth Yeshivah, Jerusalem, Palestine  
Shaare Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem, Palestine  
Slobodker Yeshiva, Litowsk, Poland  
Society Morgenroth, Roumania  
Talmud Torah Yeshivath Haye Olam & Orphans Kitchen, Jerusalem, Palestine  
Torath Hayim Yeshiva, Jerusalem, Palestine  
United Tiberias Institutions Relief Society, Inc., Tiberias, Palestine  
Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim of Radun, Wilno, Poland  
Yeshiva Etz Chaim, Slonim, Poland  
Yeshiva Ohs Chaim, Satumare, Roumania  
Yeshiva & Public Kitchen Beth Joseph, Poland  
Yiddish Scientific Institute, Wilno, Poland



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Rabbi A H Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E 105th St & Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

With reference to our appropriation to the Leo N Levi Memorial Hospital of Hot Springs, there has been a feeling for many years on the part of Federations and Welfare Funds throughout the Country that while the Hospital was originally established to render service to indigent patients who would benefit from the properties of the thermal treatment available there, and while the country-at-large did avail itself to a greater extent in years past of the opportunity to send patients to the Hospital, the benefits to be derived from the use of the waters at Hot Springs are offset by treatments now available to patients suffering from blood diseases at their home clinics and it is no longer necessary to send them on such a long journey away from their homes for the purpose.

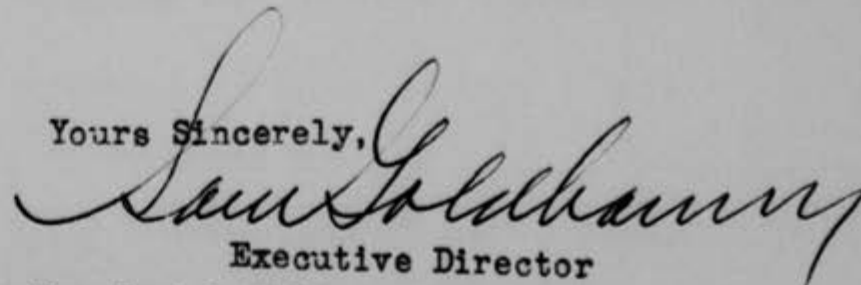
It is also noted from a report recently issued by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds that 52% of the patients treated at the Hospital were from Arkansas; and furthermore that only 16% of 349 emergency cases came from outside Arkansas. Also 13% of the patients treated in 1935 are Jewish.

Under the circumstances, though our community with other communities in the Country undoubtedly owes the Hospital some subsidy from the standpoint of national responsibility, we are probably justified in the position we take that the Institution must continue to be supported largely by the Community Chest in Hot Springs and by the adjacent territory from which it draws its clientele so largely.

While these facts are undoubtedly known to Dr Rhine, I can readily understand the difficulties which they have encountered in securing national support since the development of many Welfare Funds, and the transition to a regional or local Institution is not an easy one.

I am ,

Yours Sincerely,



Executive Director

The Jewish Welfare Federation

October 7, 1937.

October 19, 1937

Mr. Philip Bernstein,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation,  
1001 Huron Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Bernstein:

I would appreciate it if you would give  
Mr. Rabinovitch the information about the foreign  
yeshivas and the amounts which we contribute to  
them.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

Mrs Felix M Warburg,  
New York City.

Dear Mrs Warburg:

Jewry wherever it may be today, finds itself bowed in silent grief, crushed by the tragedy of the death of your dear husband and their great friend.

Words cannot express the sense of loss which all of us feel in the passing away of this magnificent figure in Israel -- a staunch leader in all enterprises for the welfare and well-being of mankind -- an indomitable worker in every cause for the common good -- an exemplar of the high ideals of good citizenship -- a man to whom all people, whatever their status, turned for sound judgment and wise counsel; and who all were fortunate and happy to follow him in the paths of harmonious human relationship.

To Jewry he was a tower of strength; and his name and deeds will always be lovingly cherished. We can only pray that the heritage which he leaves, will stand his People in good stead in the hours of trial which are ahead of them; and that the inspiration of his leadership will still abide.

May we be privileged on behalf of our entire community to express to you our sense of profound loss in his passing; his goodness was universal and a whole world mourns with you and your family.

We are,

Yours most respectfully,

The Jewish Welfare Federation of Cleveland

By its Executive  
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October 20th, 1937.

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TELEPHONE MAIN 2320

October 22, 1937

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Because of your interest in community problems as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Welfare Federation, we are inviting you to become a member of one of the case committees of The Jewish Social Service Bureau. The many changes taking place in social work today lead us to believe that you will find the meetings interesting and stimulating.

The committees meet once a month, from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays, to discuss current social problems as illustrated by case presentations by members of the staff. The progress made during the year, following discussion by the committees, is reported.

Will you return the enclosed card immediately so that we may include you in the membership of one of the committees and notify you on what date the first meeting will take place?

Cordially yours

THE JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE BUREAU

*Lester Miller*  
President

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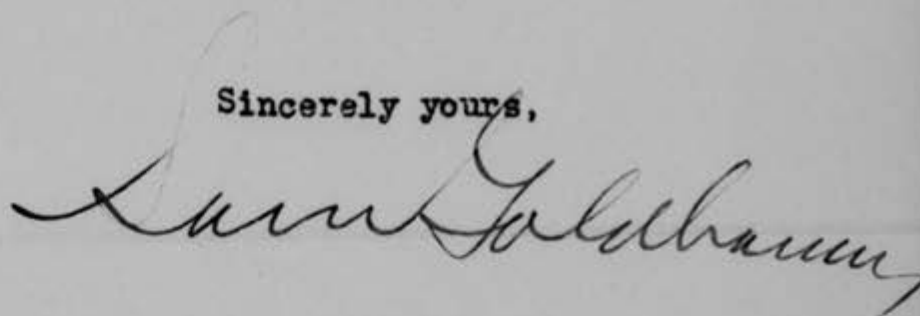
Rabbi A H Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I took the liberty of "forging" your signature  
to the attached letter to Mrs Warburg which we had pre-  
pared in engrossed form and mailed to her today.

I am,

Sincerely yours,



October 25, 1937.



C O P Y

October 27, 1937.

Mr Sidney N Weitz, President  
Welfare Ass'n for Jewish Children  
Leader Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Weitz:

The Budget Committee and the Board of the Jewish Welfare Federation submitted to the Community Fund Council a request for \$445,474 for our Agencies' requirements for 1938. In 1937, we are receiving from the Community Fund as you know, a total of \$344,434; and this was supplemented with borrowings or allocations of \$33,346 from the Federation's Permanent Funds in order to enable our Agencies to operate without deficits this year.

Our 1938 request tho representing \$17,780 less than the Agencies themselves have asked, was still \$67,694 more than the 1937 allotment. The Welfare Federation had likewise requested a substantial increase for its Agencies; and the total would have called for a Campaign Goal of approximately \$3,850,000 as against \$3,300,00 which was raised for the current year.

The Community Fund Council acting on advice of its Executive Committee and Campaign Cabinet, decided that an amount of \$3,450,000 was the maximum which could reasonably be expected from the contributors in the forthcoming Campaign. This will mean that even if the Campaign succeeds, the Jewish Welfare Federation's Agencies will have available to them on the usual pro rata basis, only the sum of \$367,952 as compared with \$377,780 in the current year.

Under the circumstances we deem it advisable, to advise our Agencies that at best there would be no more funds available for 1938 than have been appropriated for this year, particularly in view of the fact that the Federation has practically reached the end of its resources in borrowings from its Permanent Funds.

The advice is given at this time in order to enable your Agency to make such plans as are necessary now for the administration of its work in 1938, within the limits of the funds thus available.

As usual your Budget Committee and Officers have made every endeavor in cooperation with the Welfare Federation to persuade the Community Fund of the advisability of seeking a larger Goal, but those in charge of the Campaign felt that they will be on safer ground to limit the appeal as here indicated.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) S P Halle

Chairman,  
The Budget Committee

(Signed) Jos M Berne

President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.

November 2, 1937

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation,  
1001 Huron Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

I am enclosing herewith a check  
for \$50 which I received from Judge Samuel  
H. Silbert along with a letter which he sent  
me which is self-explanatory. Please acknowledge  
the same.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

November 8, 1937

Mr. Max Simon, President,  
The Jewish Community Council,  
1001 Huron Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Simon:

I received a copy of the letter which  
you sent to the Mayor. It is a splendid document  
and I wish to congratulate you on it.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the Federation held at the Federation Office  
Tuesday Noon, November 9th, 1937.

Contents: Paragraph 3 - Budget Committee Report on C.F. Council Campaign Goal for 1938;

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- 6 - Report of Contingent Fund Committee-request for additional allotment;
- 7 - Special Survey Educational Institute - request for appropriation;
- 8 - Report of Sub-Committee appointed by Federation Board to determine the size, character and personnel of an Implementing Committee for the Jewish Education Survey.

1. There were present: Mr Joseph M Berne, Chairman, Mesdames Siegmund Herzog and Walter Goldsmith; Messrs Maurice Bernon, Louis S Bing, Jr., Armond E Cohen, E L Geismer, Harold Goldfarb, Simon J Green, Isador Grossman, Marc J Grossman, S P Halle, Adolph Keller, Richard H Kohn, Gabriel Leeb, Irwin N Loeser, Nathan Loeser, George B Mayer, Aaron Permut, Israel Porath, Sol Reinthal, Henry A Rucker, Wm J Schoenberger, Ezra Z Shapiro, A H Silver, Max Simon, William C Treuhaft, Sidney N Weitz, S D Wise, Eugene E Wolf and Jacob Wolpaw.

2. Mimeographed copies of the Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 31 having been mailed, further reading was dispensed with.

3. Mr S P Halle, Chairman of the Budget Committee stated that notwithstanding the effort made by both the Welfare and Jewish Federations, to influence the Community Fund Council towards the adoption of a larger Goal for 1938, to meet more adequately the requirements of all Agencies, the Fund Council had again decided to limit the size of the Goal to an amount which it believed the Public could reasonably be asked to contribute in excess of last year's result. The amount tentatively allotted to the Jewish Federation in advance of the Campaign is \$367,952 as against \$344,434 received from the Community Fund in 1937; an additional amount of \$33,346 was drawn from Federation sources. The affiliated Agencies of the Federation are therefore under the necessity of adjusting their operations for 1938 to this tentative schedule, and letters were sent to all of the Agencies by the Chairman of the Budget Committee and the President of the Federation, apprising them of the situation and cautioning them against any plans for the enlargement of their Budgets for next year. Mr Halle read a copy of the letter which is hereto attached.

4. The Secretary was requested to read a copy of a letter which had been sent to Mrs Folix M Warburg in behalf of the Federation Board on the occasion of the death of her husband recently. The letter, copy of which is hereto attached, was sent in engrossed form with the signatures of the Federation Officers appended.

5. In the absence of Mr Max Myers, the Secretary advised that inquiry had been made recently regarding the possible sale or lease by the Federation of a residue of 6 2/3 acres of the Camp Anisfield Property not now being used for Camp purposes by the Jewish Business Girls' Vacation Club. Mr Myers desired to ask that the Capital Account Committee be authorized by the Board to enter into necessary negotiations for the sale or lease of this portion of the Property in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Committee be given such authority.

6. Rabbi Armond Cohen, Chairman of the Contingent Fund Committee submitted a copy of a letter which he had sent to Mr S P Halle, Chairman of the Budget Committee requesting an additional allocation from the Welfare Fund of \$1,000 for Contingent Fund purposes. Rabbi Cohen pointed out that approximately 30 allocations had been made this year for a total of \$2,575 while the Committee has only \$2,205 available to it. It was felt that the additional amount requested now would be adequate for this year in keeping the many smaller Agencies out of the Community with independent appeals for funds.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried the matter was referred to the Budget Committee to ascertain if additional money can be found in the light of the total allotments already made from the Fund.

7 It was also moved, seconded and carried that an appropriation of \$25 be granted as the Jewish Federation's share of a total of approximately \$250 to be spent for an Educational Institute now being planned by a Committee representing the two Federations and the Community Fund. ~~On motion made, duly seconded and carried this was granted.~~

8. Mr Louis S Bing, Jr., acting for the Sub-Committee which was to determine the size, character and personnel of an Implementing Committee for the Jewish Education Survey, submitted the following as the Committee's report and recommendation:

"RESOLVED that the function of the Implementation Committee is to recommend to the respective Boards of the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Jewish Welfare Federation ways and means of implementing the Jewish Education Survey Report, within the scope of the findings and recommendations thereof.

RESOLVED that the personnel of the Implementation Committee shall be as follows:

The President of the Bureau of Jewish Education,  
The Chairman of the Jewish Welfare Fund,  
Two lay members appointed by the President of the Bureau of Jewish Education,  
Two lay members appointed by the Chairman of the Jewish Welfare Federation,  
One alternate lay member appointed by the President of the Bureau of Jewish Education,  
One alternate lay member appointed by the President of the Jewish Welfare Federation.

The Educational director of the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Executive Director of the Jewish Welfare Federation shall act as non-voting secretaries of the Committee.

The Committee shall not have a permanent chairman, but a chairman shall be selected by the Committee at each meeting, and he shall have equal voting rights with the other members.

RESOLVED that the findings and agreements of the Special Committee on Jewish Education regarding the function and personnel of the Implementation Committee be forthwith transmitted to the President of the Bureau of Jewish Education and the President of the Jewish Welfare Federation."

Rabbi Silver asked for permission to make a statement before consideration was given to the Board's approval of the Sub-Committee's Report. Rabbi Silver pointed out that there was implied if not in reality, an attempt in the Committee's Report to limit the scope of inquiry and exploration of the Implementing Committee within the confines of Dr Berkson's findings and recommendations. Such a limitation Rabbi Silver pointed out would prevent himself or other Members of the Committee from discussing other matters vitally important to the success of any program of Jewish Education in Cleveland. It was Rabbi Silver's opinion that recommendations coming out of the Survey might conceivably lead to an expansion of the functions of the Bureau, which had until now been mainly fiscal into an administrative and educational control of the program and policies of all Jewish Education in Cleveland. Such considerations Rabbi Silver said were necessarily bound up with a question of the administrative competency and educational philosophy of the Bureau's Director himself. Rabbi Silver therefore desired to have the Board indicate clearly whether or not it would expect the Implementing Committee to go into every question related to Jewish Education in the community in its preparation of recommendations for the future; unless this was so understood Rabbi Silver



felt that the Committee's work would be of no avail and he himself would have to decline to serve on the Committee under such circumstances.

Considerable discussion followed wherein there seemed to be an agreement that the Implementing Committee would have a wide latitude in its discussions and considerations, and that the tenor of the Sub-Committee's Report was not such as to preclude this understanding.

Mr Eugene Wolf, though a member of the Sub-Committee himself, stated that in his opinion, the Committee had exceeded its delegated duty in discussing the functions of the Implementing Committee.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was moved by Mr Max Simon, that the Sub-Committee's report be approved with the understanding that the phrase "within the scope of the findings and recommendations thereof", appearing in the first paragraph of the Committee's Report, should carry with it the understanding that this will allow for free discussion and action on any of the questions having a bearing on the problem of Jewish Education and on the wisdom and feasibility of implementing the recommendations of the Survey.

The motion was seconded by Rabbi Silver and adopted with a single dissenting vote of Rabbi Cohon, who expressed disappointment that he or other Rabbis had not been granted Membership on the Implementing Committee rather than the group of laymen, in order that all points of view with regard to Jewish Education might be more properly represented. In respect to this question Mr Bing speaking for the Sub-Committee had already indicated that Rabbis Brickner and Silver had been put on the Implementing Committee because they had been the Presidents of the Bureau of Jewish Education and because of their complete knowledge of all the problems and questions involved; that the addition of all of the other Rabbis of the City and the others interested in Jewish Education the considered by the Sub-Committee, would have made the Implementing Committee unwieldy for its important purposes, and it was understood further that all interested groups would have opportunity to discuss any future program with the Implementing Committee in due course.

9. The hour being late, the Chairman suggested that the Meeting be postponed subject to a call for the consideration of remaining business.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) S. Goldhamer

Secretary.



C O P Y

Rabbi B R Brickner, President  
Bureau of Jewish Education  
5206 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Federation held on Tuesday November 9, consideration was given to the report of the Sub-Committee which had been delegated the responsibility of determining the size, the character and personnel of an Implementing Committee for the Jewish Community Survey.

The report of the Sub-Committee was adopted with the understanding that the phrase "within the scope of the findings and recommendations of the Survey" will allow free discussions and action on any of the questions having a bearing on the problem of Jewish education in Cleveland and on the wisdom and feasibility of implementing the recommendations of the Survey.

It is the hope of the Board of Trustees of the Federation that the Board of the Bureau will likewise so interpret the resolutions of the Sub-Committee and that it will be possible with the adoption of this report by the Bureau to go forward with the plans for the appointment of the Implementing Committee and for its work. I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J M Berne

President  
Jewish Welfare Federation

November 11, 1937.

November 17, 1937

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation,  
1001 Huron Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sam:

Judge Ralph Hertz was at my home a few nights ago and discussed with me a matter which he regards of considerable importance - probation work among Jewish ex-prisoners. He feels that an important piece of social service work can be done in that field involving little expense and at the same time, if successful, pointing the way for an expansive program among all released prisoners. I think that Judge Hertz ought to have an opportunity to tell his story to a small group of Federation people. What do you think about it?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

There is always room for improvement in the plans for our Welfare Fund Campaigns, and the Officers of the Fund want the suggestions which you and the other Campaign Chairmen can give us.

To this end, we are asking you to be the guests of the Officers of the Fund, at an informal Dinner to be held at the Oakwood Club, on Wednesday evening, December 1, at 6:30 o'clock.

This may seem to be an early date to be discussing plans for the Campaign next Spring, but we feel that unless we get the Chairmen together now, many will be away from the City during the Winter months, and we shall not have this opportunity.

You will want also to be thinking of the personnel of your Divisions for next year; we are attaching hereto a list of the members of your team in the last Campaign, noting thereon which men took cards, and which appeared from our records to have covered them. Can we discuss this matter also at the Meeting?

Rabbi Silver will be present to give us a brief report of the Briarcliff Conference, an historic meeting of the leaders of American Jewry held in September of this year, and at which the late Felix M Warburg acted as Host.

It is our hope that every Officer and Division Chairman, will so arrange his calendar as to be present for this important Conference.

We are,

*A. H. Silver*

Chairman,

The Welfare Fund Committee

Yours sincerely,

*Philip Frankel*

Chairman

The Business Men's Council

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Welfare Fund Campaign Council

November 24, 1937.



Minutes of the Meeting of the Budget Committee  
of the Federation held at the Federation Office  
at noon, Friday, November 26th, 1937.

1. There were present: Mr S P Halle, Chairman and Messrs Harry Affelder, Maurice Bernon, Louis S Bing, Jr., B R Brickner, Philip Frankel, Adolph Keller, George Mayer, Max Myers, Louis Schwarzenberg, A H Silver, Max Simon, and Sidney N Weitz.

2. The Chairman stated that consideration must be given at this time by the Budget Committee and the Board, as to the basis on which the Constituent Agencies may begin their operations for 1938. The recommendations of the Budget Committee as to final allocations however would be influenced, first, by the amount of money which the Community Fund will be able to allot to the Federation in the light of its failure to achieve the Campaign Goal; secondly, by the amount it might seem feasible for the Federation to borrow further from its Permanent Funds; and finally, the Agencies' operating experiences for the twelve months of 1937 yet to be received. In the meantime the Agencies would need to know what funds they could have at least for the first two months of 1938 to adjust their expense budgets accordingly.

In a statement hereto attached there was presented to the Budget Committee the situation confronting the two Federations as a result of the restricted Campaign Goal and the Fund's failure to achieve it; also the condition of the Permanent Funds of the Jewish Federation as a result of borrowings during the past seven years to supplement Community Fund allotments.

It was pointed out that while the amount of \$445,474 had been presented to the Community Fund as the legitimate requirements of the Jewish Federation's Agencies for 1938, in fixing the Campaign Goal at an achievable figure of \$3,450,000, the Community Fund had tentatively allotted to the Jewish Federation \$367,952 or about \$10,000 less than the total which our Agencies had available to them for 1937; with the Campaign having fallen short by at least \$50,000, the Jewish Federation would be entitled to receive as its share approximately \$362,600. This allocation would require borrowings of at least \$15,000 to enable the Agencies to maintain their 1937 level of operation.

With respect to the Federation's loans from its Permanent Funds since 1931, a detailed statement also attached hereto indicated that over \$110,000 had been borrowed from the Principal of the Memorial and Capital Reserve Funds, and an additional amount of \$32,000 had been appropriated from the Income of these Funds, to supplement inadequate Community Fund appropriations. Repayment to the Permanent Funds' principal during the period amounted to \$44,107, mainly provided by the Community Fund in supplementary allotments, and leaving the sum of \$65,980 still due.

While the Community Fund has Cash Reserves of \$250,000 and a further Fund containing \$150,000 of Stock of the Mather Corporation, all properly subject to appropriation for current purposes for which the money was given, the Fund Council was desirous of maintaining these Funds intact against the possibility of failure of passage of the County Welfare Levy out of which Community Fund Hospitals are to receive between \$600,000 to \$650,000 in 1938. Should this Levy fail and even if all of the Community Fund's Reserves were applied for next year, it would appear that all of the Agencies would be compelled to take proportionate cuts to absorb the loss of the County money.

After a lengthy discussion of the situation, it was moved, seconded and carried, that the Budget Committee recommend to the Federation Board further borrowing from the Memorial Fund for the first two months of 1938, of an amount sufficient with the Community Fund's appropriation, to continue the level of the 1937 appropriations.

In respect to the Permanent Fund deficit, it was thought that consideration might have to be given later to the possibility of a special appeal for extra gifts at the time of the Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign in the Spring.

In a discussion of the recent Community Fund Campaign, question was raised again as to whether the Jews were giving as generously as non-Jews and whether the amount contributed by Cleveland Jewry measured up to the amount withdrawn by the Federation. During the past several months, the Director had been gathering material from the Community Fund's files in an attempt to analyze more accurately than had been done heretofore, first, how Jewish giving compared on an individual basis with non-Jewish giving; and secondly, how nearly the Jewish Community might be contributing to the Community Fund the amount which it was taking out annually for its purposes.

With respect to the first question, there was available this year for the first time information regarding the salary and bonus incomes of over 200 non-Jewish Corporation Officials and Executives and in comparing their gifts to the Community Fund with those of Jewish Contributors of similarly known incomes, it was found that Jewish giving was on a much more generous scale than that of non-Jews.

In reference to the totals contributed by the Jewish Community to the Chest, it was recognized of course that no estimate could be made of the share of Jewish contributors in Corporation Gifts which represented 27% of the Community Fund's total; or in respect to the Industrial giving which represented over 23% of the Fund total; thus in an area of 50% of the Fund, it was impossible to ascertain how much Jewish giving amounted to. On the other hand it was found possible to ascertain fairly well the individual giving in the ranges from \$10 and up by applying to such Jewish giving, the percentage indicated for all Individual giving in Division "A" to the total raised, and it was found that the Jewish Community's contribution at least matched if it did not in reality exceed the amount which the Jews were withdrawing from the Fund.

The figures also developed the fact that Jewish Gifts to the Community Fund were not generally affected by their gifts to the Jewish Welfare Fund, Jewish individual contributions to the Chest amounting to fully 50 percent more than to the Welfare Fund in the seven years history of the latter, from 1931 to 1937.

There seemed to be a general feeling on the part of the Members present that while the detail of this information should not be published, it was time that the Jewish Community became cognizant of the fact that it was doing its duty towards the Chest, and the impression that Jews were taking more out of the Chest than they put in, should be corrected in such manner however, as to not affect Jewish giving.

3. The Budget Committee then took up the request of the Contingent Fund Committee for an additional allotment of \$1,000 for the balance of the fiscal year ending February 28th, 1938. In a letter from Rabbi Cohen, Chairman of the Committee, addressed to Mr Halle, it was pointed out that allocations had been made to approximately 30 different small Agencies, mainly Overseas, who had thus been prevented from making their usual annual solicitations in the Community; and that in order to take care of present commitments amounting to \$2,575, the Committee had available to it only \$2,000 for this year and \$205 carried over from 1936. It was moved, seconded, and carried, that the Committee be granted a total up to \$3,000 for the current year including the balance carried over from 1936, and with the understanding that allocations for the next two years would be kept at this level.

4. The Secretary read a letter received by him under date of November 20 from Dr Nathan Ratnoff, President of the American Jewish Physicians' Committee stating that in order to complete construction of the Medical School as one of the Units of the Rothschild Hadassah Hospital in Palestine some further funds were needed and that he wished to appeal to the Jewish Welfare Fund for an additional contribution instead of asking for private donations. Mr Halle replied to the letter, copy of which he had received,



advising Dr Ratnoff that no further funds were available for appropriation this year out of the Welfare Fund but that his letter would be submitted to the Welfare Fund Committee for consideration in connection with the next year's Campaign.

5. There was also received a communication under date of November 12 from the Hebrew Sheltering & Immigrant Aid Society asking for a much larger appropriation for 1937 and which was likewise replied to indicating that no further funds were at present available for distribution.

6. No further business coming before the Meeting it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) S Goldhamer

Secretary.



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December 3, 1937.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Judge Hertz and Miss Kittner met with Mr Bernstein and myself on Wednesday afternoon this week to discuss the question of a possible extension of probation work among young people particularly those who find their way to court on first and second offenses; and where some preventive work by an Agency such as the Jewish Social Service Bureau, working in cooperation with the Probation Department of the court, might direct the activities of such young people along proper paths.

Judge Hertz stated that in his experience, sitting on the Appeals Bench, he would say that there might be as many as fifteen cases of Jewish young men arising during the year; and it was his belief that effective work might be done through good case-work service in their home environment and background.

Miss Kittner had records of a number of such cases in which her Agency had been dealing with the families and it seemed advisable that Judge Hertz should provide Miss Kittner with the names of the persons who had come before him during the past year in order that there might be, first of all a careful check to see if any such persons had been known either as individuals or thru their families, to the Jewish Social Service Bureau; and the extent of the Agency's own knowledge and interest in the individual's delinquency.

It was also agreed that Miss Kittner would write to Judge Hertz in behalf of her own Organization offering to extend its services in cooperation with the Probation Department in seeing what might be done with such offenders; the extent of the Jewish Social Service Bureau's work would of course depend upon

The Jewish Welfare Federation, Cleveland

Rabbi A H Silver

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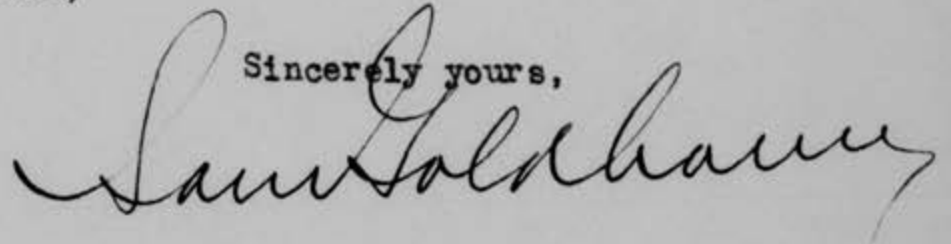
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its ability to undertake further personal service of this kind within the limits of its present budget and staff; however, it was understood that urgent cases coming from the Probation Department of the Court might be substituted for other less urgent personal service cases on the roll of the Bureau.

Upon receipt of such a letter from Miss Kittner, Judge Hertz will plan to contact the other Judges to invite their cooperation in referring Jewish offenders to the Jewish Social Service Bureau through the Probation Department.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sam Goldhamer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed phrase "Sincerely yours,".



**COPY**

Same Letter to: Abraham Lewenthal  
George J Klein  
Meyer Weintraub  
I R Morris  
George W Furth  
Hyman J Alerin  
Mrs Benj Levine

Mr Abraham Kollin  
Society for Savings Bldg  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Kollin:

The Members of the Jewish Welfare Fund Committee  
of the Federation are invited to meet jointly with the Board  
on Thursday, December 9th at 1:30 o'clock for the consideration  
of matters relating to the Jewish Welfare Fund.

I trust that you can be present.

Sincerely,

(Signed) A H Silver

Chairman

December 3, 1937.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr Joseph M Berne, President

Room 1015 Community Service Bldg

1001 Huron Road

Cleveland Ohio

Mr Joseph M Berne, President  
Room 1015 Community Service Bldg  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Berne:

- ☐ I plan to be at the Board Meeting, Thursday  
noon, December 9th.
- ☐ I shall want lunch served.

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A H Silver

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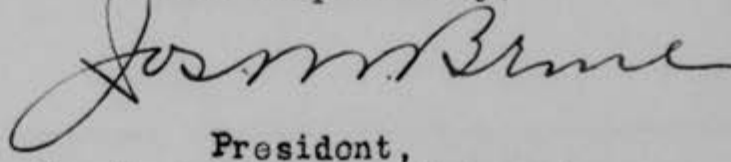
We did not conclude all of the business which was on the Agenda for the last Board Meeting held on November 9; and in addition we have recommendations of the Budget Committee to consider in reference to the initial allotments to be made to our Agencies for 1938.

All of these items will be taken up at the next regular Meeting of the Board to be held on Thursday, December the 9th, at 12 o'clock in the Federation Office; luncheon will be served to those members who indicate that they desire it.

A copy of the Minutes of the last Board Meeting and also a record of the Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting held on November 26th, are hereto attached, and time will be conserved in the Meeting if you will review those Minutes beforehand for your approval or corrections.

I am,

Yours respectfully,



President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.

December 3, 1937.

N.B. Members of the Welfare Fund Committee are being invited to this Meeting also, for the consideration of matters relating to the Welfare Fund.



Minutes of a Meeting of the  
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Wednesday, December 8, 1937, 12:30 p.m., at the Federation Office

1. Attendance

There were present: Mrs Siegmund Herzog, Chairman; Mesdames Herman Applebaum, S F Deutsch, Alvin Dragin, Jac L Einstein, A I Fischer, Eugene H Friedheim, Moses Garber, Hiram Goldstein, Herbert Goulder, Marc J Grossman, H V Haas, Raymond S Haas, S H Kleinman, Simon Lewis, A F Mellman, Simon Peiser, Charles Rosenblatt, Eli Rubin, B F Sapphire, Ezra Z Shapiro, Joseph Sharwell, A H Silver, Winferd G Spiegle, Oscar Steiner, Henry Steuer, Abraham Strauss, Clarence Weidenthal, Joseph L Weinberg; Messrs S Goldhamer and Philip Bernstein.

2. Purpose and Background

Mrs Herzog reviewed briefly the purpose and history of the Auxiliary. She stated that it had been formed in October, 1935, to serve as a general consultative body for the Federation and as the executive group in directing the Women's Division in Jewish Welfare Fund campaigns. One of its important functions was to interpret welfare needs and services to the community.

The Women's Division had become a distinct unit of the campaigns, with its own office and staff, and as a result of careful, long-time planning had succeeded in securing very substantial increases in the number of contributors and the amount pledged from the prospects assigned to it, as the metropolitan unit of the drive. More than 500 women had been enlisted in the campaign organization.

During the previous year, the Auxiliary also had conducted a series of educational meetings under the general theme, "Planning Our Welfare". An average of about 125 persons had attended each session, and the series had been judged to be successful in many respects.

3. Jewish Welfare Fund Results

The results of the 1937 campaign were summarized. It was announced that \$291, 992 had been pledged, compared with the goal of \$279,200. In 1936 \$230,761 had been raised.

The Women's Division had secured \$18,222, from 2,250 contributors. This was an increase of 21% in amount, and 15% in the number of subscribers. It was pointed out that this was secured from the small contributors -- those least able to give -- and was in addition to the tremendous increases secured the previous year. The percent gain in amount was almost as great as for the entire campaign, and the percent increase in the number of contributors was larger than the average for the entire drive.

4. Organization Plans

There was agreement that the same general plan of organization should be used in the Women's Division for the next campaign, as had been developed during the past two years. Accordingly, the District Chairmen and their Assistant Chairmen would be appointed in January, as would the Vice-Chairmen. Each Vice-Chairman was to select her five Captains by February 15, and each Captain was to appoint her eight Solicitors by March 15. There would remain then ample time for assignments and other organization work prior to the campaign, which would be held the week of May 8.

It was pointed out that all members of the Auxiliary were expected to serve in the Campaign in some capacity. Most of the members probably would be Vice-Chairmen.

Chief weaknesses during the last campaign had been the inability to get the desired standard of contributions from the merchants in the East 105th Street area, and from the widows and other unmarried women of substantial means. With regard to the former, it was pointed out that they were being solicited constantly throughout the year for innumerable charities, and this should be taken into account. Nevertheless it was believed that there was some serious undergiving, and the men's division had agreed to assist in this area.

The suggestion was made by Mrs Peiser with regard to soliciting the women, that some form of group competition be arranged, with a few persons setting a high standard of giving for the others to follow. Other suggestions were that as many as possible of these women should be enlisted in the campaign organization and solicitation, it being felt that actual participation would both educate and stimulate them to make greater contributions.

With reference to the recruiting of Captains, it was pointed out by Mrs Fischer that Vice-Chairmen should not hesitate to call upon their District Chairmen if they needed assistance. This apparently had not been fully understood in the past.

Mrs Fischer suggested also that each District should have a separate meeting of all its workers. It was her belief that the persons who had to work together were not sufficiently acquainted, and that this hampered the work of the unit.

The request was made that men should be assigned to such areas as Scoville and Central, and this was agreed upon.

It was suggested by Mrs Shapiro, Mrs Garber, and Mrs Weidenthal that there should be a rotation in the districts assigned to Solicitors, so that the persons who had been working in the poor areas would have an opportunity to achieve greater results. It was believed that this would overcome the discouragement of the conscientious and capable workers who solicited thoroughly but had relatively poor results. The statement also was made that women who solicited these areas for other charitable organizations during the year should not go to the same persons for the Jewish Welfare Fund. It was recognized, however, that it was impossible to assign most of the women to the districts in which they lived, due to the concentration of residence of the Solicitors, and that the necessity of traveling should be an accepted responsibility.

Mrs Shapiro suggested also that a careful check should be made of the results over a period of years, and that prospects who seemed hopeless should be eliminated. It was her belief that these were usually concentrated on the same streets, and that such a procedure would save time and effort and would avoid discouragement.

##### 5. Instruction

Several proposals were made with regard to instruction of campaign workers so that they would be adequately informed of the needs being met by the Jewish Welfare Fund agencies and the services which they were rendering. It was recognized that this was highly important, not only as a basis for solicitation, but so that they could carry the message of the Fund throughout the community in their other contacts.

Mrs Herzog announced that plans were under consideration to send the members of the entire campaign organization a series of leaflets, giving them such information. This would substitute for the Campaign Workers' Manual, which had been published in previous years, and it was believed that they would be more widely read than the Manual.

Mrs Sharwell pointed out the importance of the members of the Auxiliary themselves being fully informed, and Mrs Deutsch told of her procedure in meeting with her Captains to give them complete instructions and having them in turn do likewise with their Solicitors. The necessity of such personal contact was stressed.

It was suggested by Mrs Shapiro that the large meeting of the Women's Division just prior to the Campaign should be expanded to include visual displays and graphic representation of the Jewish Welfare Fund services and needs. This idea was discussed, with others suggesting that a day be devoted to this instruction for the entire campaign organization, naming the project "Federation Goes to School". It was recognized that there would have to be persons present to conduct the members through the exhibit and to explain the various items.



6. Board of Trustees Meetings

In order that there might be a greater opportunity for consultation and a better understanding of the work of the Federation, the President had inaugurated a policy of inviting a few members of the Auxiliary to attend each meeting of the Federation Board of Trustees. The selection was being made alphabetically, in rotation, and several of the members already had received invitations to attend the Board meeting on the following day.

7. Annual Meeting

The Auxiliary in the past had assisted the Federation by arranging tables for the Annual Meeting and by serving as hostesses. The next Annual Meeting would be held in January or February, and the Auxiliary was asked to render similar assistance should the officers of the Federation again request it.

8. Interpretation Institute

It was announced that there would be an Interpretation Institute January 20, 21, and 22, under the joint auspices of the Cleveland Welfare Federation, Jewish Welfare Federation, Community Fund, and other organizations. The final day, January 22, would be featured by a luncheon meeting to be addressed by Marc Grossman, and a panel discussion. The Institute would deal with the problem of developing a widespread public understanding of current social services, and members of the Auxiliary were urged to attend.

9. General Review

Mr Goldhamer explained the distinction between the Community Fund and the Jewish Welfare Fund, listing the ~~sponsor~~ agencies supported by them. The former included local child care, family welfare service, recreation and group work, health service, care of the aged, and day nursery work. The Welfare Fund, on the other hand, was largely devoted to national and overseas Jewish needs.

The results of Jewish Welfare Fund campaigns since 1931 were analyzed and compared. It was pointed out that an average collection of 94% of the amount pledged had been achieved for the first six years of the Fund. An analysis of the pledges revealed a higher standard of giving, and a tremendous growth in the number of contributors. The latter was credited to the Women's Division to a large extent, and it was stated that this was bringing to the Fund persons who potentially would become larger contributors and was giving the Fund a much more solid foundation.

10. Meetings

It was agreed that future meetings of the Auxiliary should be held at one o'clock at the Federation office.

11. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Philip Bernstein

Secretary.



C O P Y

Mr Harry Shapiro, Secretary  
B'nai B'rith  
70 Electric Bldg  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Harry:

I do not know if you are acquainted with the activity of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Cleveland Lodge B'nai B'rith in putting on a play here in Cleveland on December 26th and for which they have undertaken the sale of tickets throughout the city. I am sending you a copy of the letter which they sent out and in which you will note that they desire to aid the Hillel Foundation at Ohio State University to broaden its scope of activities. The Hillel Foundation is one of the beneficiary causes in our Welfare Fund and quite properly some of our contributors have already expressed resentment to our office against this Appeal.

While the damage has already been done so far as this Appeal is concerned it would seem to me that your office ought to caution the Affiliated Lodges against such activities; we can, of course, have no objection to any program that they put on for their own lodge purposes or for needs that do not come within the scope of work of the Beneficiary Agencies of the Welfare Fund. But this is in direct violation of the principle of affiliation of our Beneficiary Causes with the Welfare Fund.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) S Goldhamer

Executive Director  
THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND OF CLEVELAND.

November 10, 1937.

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# The Temple

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ASSISTANT RABBI

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, D. D.  
RABBI

HARRY A. LEVY  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 17, 1937

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation,  
1001 Huron Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sam:

Judge Ralph Hertz was at my home a few nights ago and discussed with me a matter which he regards of considerable importance - probation work among Jewish ex-prisoners. He feels that an important piece of social service work can be done in that field involving little expense and at the same time, if successful, pointing the way for an expansive program among all released prisoners. I think that Judge Hertz ought to have an opportunity to tell his story to a small group of Federation people. What do you think about it?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

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

Dear Rabbi:

So far as I know the Jewish Social Service Bureau is the only one of our Agencies which has at times had contact with ex-prisoners and it is my impression that the acquaintance with these cases arises usually in connection with other problems which the Bureau is asked to help solve.

Miss Kittner with whom I talked today has promised to make a brief record of such cases preliminary to a meeting which ~~we~~ might have with Judge Ralph Hertz. I hope that when this meeting is arranged it may be possible for you to be present.

The whole problem seems to me to be one of such delicate nature as to require very special consideration if we are to interest ourselves in the problem for all released prisoners.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours

November 18, 1937

Executive Director  
The Jewish Welfare Federation



December 3, 1937.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Judge Hertz and Miss Kittner met with Mr Bernstein and myself on Wednesday afternoon this week to discuss the question of a possible extension of probation work among young people particularly those who find their way to court on first and second offenses; and where some preventive work by an Agency such as the Jewish Social Service Bureau, working in cooperation with the Probation Department of the court, might direct the activities of such young people along proper paths.

Judge Hertz stated that in his experience, sitting on the Appeals Bench, he would say that there might be as many as fifteen cases of Jewish young men arising during the year; and it was his belief that effective work might be done through good case-work service in their home environment and background.

Miss Kittner had records of a number of such cases in which her Agency had been dealing with the families and it seemed advisable that Judge Hertz should provide Miss Kittner with the names of the persons who had come before him during the past year in order that there might be, first of all a careful check to see if any such persons had been known either as individuals or thru their families, to the Jewish Social Service Bureau; and the extent of the Agency's own knowledge and interest in the individual's delinquency.

It was also agreed that Miss Kittner would write to Judge Hertz in behalf of her own Organization offering to extend its services in cooperation with the Probation Department in seeing what might be done with such offenders; the extent of the Jewish Social Service Bureau's work would of course depend upon

Rabbi A H Silver

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its ability to undertake further personal service of this kind within the limits of its present budget and staff; however, it was understood that urgent cases coming from the Probation Department of the Court might be substituted for other less urgent personal service cases on the roll of the Bureau.

Upon receipt of such a letter from Miss Kittner, Judge Hertz will plan to contact the other Judges to invite their cooperation in referring Jewish offenders to the Jewish Social Service Bureau through the Probation Department.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



THE NATIONAL FARM SCHOOL

Office of the President  
Herbert D. Allman  
N.W.Cor. Walnut and Seventeenth Streets  
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 3, 1937.

Mr. Hiram S. Rivitz,  
West 98th & Walford Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Rivitz:-

The enclosed copy of letter addressed to the President of your Jewish Welfare Federation is self-explanatory and tells what you already know thru the Minutes of our meetings you receive - that your School is in great need of funds to carry on.

Will you be good enough to contact Mr. Berne and other directors urging this upon their most serious consideration, and aid in any other way possible, to secure the desired results?

If you have any suggestions to offer us by which we can further the matter at this end, we shall be pleased to act upon them.

It is our hope that you will give this your prompt and sympathetic attention, and that the outcome may be encouraging.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) HERBERT D. ALLMAN

President



THE NATIONAL FARM SCHOOL

Office of the President  
1701 Walnut Street, Philadelphia

December 3, 1937

Mr. Joseph M. Berne, President,  
Jewish Welfare Federation,  
1900 Euclid Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Berne:-

May we ask you to submit to your Board of Directors for most serious consideration this urgent appeal for financial assistance to The National Farm School.

During and since the depression, this unendowed philanthropy has struggled under great financial strain to keep its doors open. Norwithstanding rigid economy and annual deficits, the high educational standard built up during the 40 years of the School's existence was maintained and carried forward.

The National Farm School is open to worthy boys from every state in the Union. Two years ago, it liberalized its entrance requirements to include German Jewish and other foreign refugees. It educates, feeds, houses and medicates a student body of some 200 during the entire year, for three years. Today, when city professions and industries are overcrowded, many seek in agricultural vocations an outlet for their talents and a means of sustenance and security. Our aim therefore, to help Jewish youth establish themselves on the farm is now more important than ever. Lack of funds prevents us from accepting many who apply.

To place the Institution on a more secure financial footing and reinforce its work and facilities, the Board of the School has considered a national campaign for funds. However, it is my hope this can be avoided, if the Federations and Welfare Organizations come to our aid by giving us

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to prevent us

- (1) To make repairs and replacements, long delayed in our buildings and plant.
- (2) To replace worn-out and out-moded equipment and tools with modern implements for the proper instruction of our students.
- (3) To give more boys from all parts of the United States, as well as German Jewish and other foreign refugee applicants, the benefits of the School.

We shall be glad to send additional information on request for presentation of this appeal to your Board, and hope we may receive encouraging and needed assistance so that this educational philanthropy may continue its constructive work and service.

Sincerely yours,

HERBERT D. ALLMAN  
President.

HIRAM S. RIVITZ  
WEST 98TH ST & WALFORD AVE.  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

December 7, 1937

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Hillel:-

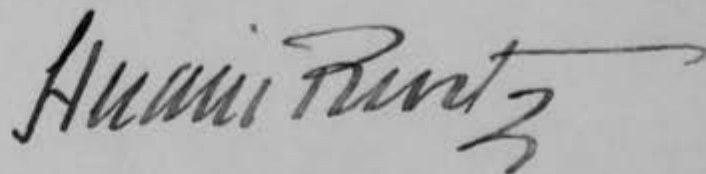
I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith copy of letter received from Mr. Herbert Allman, President of the National Farm School, addressed to me, and also copy of letter addressed to Joe Berne as President of the Jewish Welfare Federation. The letters are self-explanatory.

I am sure that there is no need for me to spend any time in telling you about the National Farm School. You undoubtedly know more than I do about the history of this institution, the type of service it renders in Jewish life, and whether or not it deserves support. I am sure that you will agree with me that it is worthy of help if our Jewish Federation in Cleveland is able to give it.

I am sending you this little message in the hope that as Chairman of Finance of the Jewish Welfare Federation, you will not forget the National Farm School, and use your good offices and influence in lending a helping hand to this worthy institution - which they need so sorely - when the matter comes up for consideration.

With personal regards and good wishes, remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hiram Rivitz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

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**TO**

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**PHONE — CHERRY 8176**

**CLEVELAND, OHIO**



December 9, 1937

Mr. Hiram S. Rivitz,  
West 98th and Walford Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Hiram:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 7 with reference to the National Farm School. I know the Institution very well and it is deserving of support. Our Jewish Welfare Fund, last year, contributed a thousand dollars to this School which, in my judgment, is a fair allotment considering the many other agencies which we must support. I shall, of course, be very pleased to bring Mr. Allman's letter to the attention of the Committee when the matter of making appropriations for 1938 will come up.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Annual Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is to take place in Cincinnati on Saturday Evening, Sunday and Monday, January 8th, 9th and 10th. It is the Meeting convened once every year to give opportunity for the Jewish Lay Leadership of the Country to come together for an exchange of opinions and experiences in the field of Jewish Welfare activity, expressing our interest and responsibility to Local, National and Overseas Causes.

The Assembly will open on Saturday evening with a broad presentation of the future functions of Jewish Federations to be discussed by B C Vladeck of the Daily Forward of New York and Mr Edw Schanfarber of Columbus.

On Sunday morning a Committee on Social Work Program under the leadership of Mr Sidney Hollander of Baltimore, will discuss changes in Federation Structure with special reference to a recent merger of Case Work Agencies in Pittsburgh.

Sunday afternoon, Mr Julian Krolik will lead in the discussion of Community Councils, their development and objectives. Sunday evening, is to be given over to a presentation of the Overseas situation by Rabbi A H Silver and Mr Bernard Kahn, the Overseas Administrator of Joint Distribution Committee Relief.

On Monday the subject will be "Plans for Jewish Youth" with Mr Eugene Freedheim as Discussion Leader and Rabbi Brickner participating.

It is my hope that as many of our Federation Board and others as possible will attend. The Headquarters' Hotel is the Netherlands-Plaza and reservations may be sent to the Hotel or Mr Max Hirsch, Chairman of the Program Committee, Jewish Community Council, First National Bank Bldg, Cincinnati, Ohio; or to the Council Office, 71 W 47th Street, New York City.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

*Jim Berne*  
President.

December 27, 1937.

P.S. Other Clevelanders who are expected to participate on the Program are, Mrs Siegmund Herzog and Messrs Max Simon, Jerome Curtis and George Mayer.



Copy for Rabbi Silver

C O P Y

THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION and THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND OF CLEVELAND  
Community Service Building  
1001 Huron Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Hebrew University, Palestine  
10 East 40th Street  
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

The representatives of the Jewish Welfare Federation on the Welfare Fund Committee are Edward M. Baker, Judge Maurice Bernon, Rabbi B. R. Brickner, Rabbi Arnold E. Cohen, Myron A. Cohen, Philip Frankel, Rabbi Harold Goldfarb, Simon J. Green, Isador Grossman, Mrs. Sieg. Herzog, Benj. Labowitz, Leo B. Markowitz, Rabbi Israel Porath, Henry A. Rocker, Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal, Ezra Z. Shapiro, Rabbi A H Silver, Wm. C. Treuhaft, S. D. Wise and Eugene E. Wolf.

With this number is included each year one local representative from each of the larger Beneficiary Agencies of the Welfare Fund. Your representative for the past year was Mr. Abraham Lewenthal.

Will you be kind enough to advise us promptly whom you are selecting to represent your Agency on the Welfare Fund Committee for 1938.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) J. W. Berne  
President  
The Jewish Welfare Federation

January 13, 1938



COPY FOR RABBI SILVER

January 17, 1938

Mr. Joseph M. Berne, President  
The Jewish Welfare Federation and The Jewish Welfare  
Fund of Cleveland  
1001 Huron Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Berne:

In reply to your letter of January 13th, asking us whom we select to represent us on the Welfare Federation Committee for 1938, please be advised that if it can be arranged, we would like very much to have Rabbi Silver represent us. We are designating Rabbi Silver because we believe he is the member best informed regarding the work and the importance of Hebrew University.

Respectfully yours,

Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

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January 17, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

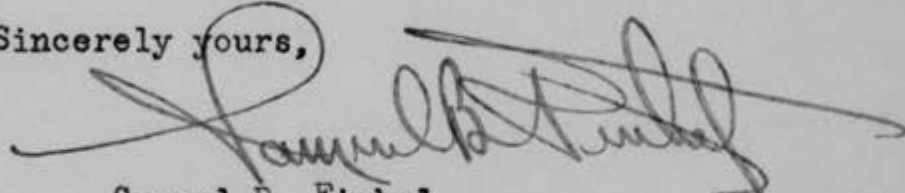
I am attaching herewith copy of letter we have  
received from the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland and  
copy of our reply.

I hope you will be able and willing to serve as  
our representative on your Committee.

I am looking forward to meeting with you during one  
of your early visits to New York.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
of the Federation, Held on Thursday, January  
27th, 1938 at the Federation Office.

- Contents: Paragraph 3 - Tentative Com. Fund appropriations for Jan-March, 1938;  
4 - Report of Dr Schulze - research projects;  
5 - Jewish Population Study;  
6 - Postponement of Federation Annual Meeting;  
7 - Eisenman Award;  
8 - Beaumont Fund pre-campaign gift to Welfare Fund;  
9 - Wise Fund designations;  
10 - Loan of \$2500 to Graduate School of Jewish Social Work, N.Y. and plans for support;  
11 - Orthodox Orphans Home Conferences with Child Placement Committee on operations;  
12 - Bureau of Jewish Education - Implementing Committee on Jewish Education;  
13 - Annual Assembly-Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Cincinnati;  
14 - U.P.A. and J.D.C. plans for 1938;  
15 - Preliminary Work-1938 Welfare Fund;  
16 - Revision Federation Constitution.

1. There were present the following: Mr Joseph M Berne, Chairman; and Messrs Harry Affelder, Judge Maurice Bernon, Louis S Bing, Jr., Rabbi Armond E Cohen, Philip Frankel, Marc J Grossman, S P Halle, Adolph Keller, Gabriel Leeb, George B Mayer, Lester I Miller, Max Myers, Aaron Permut, Sol Reinthal, Henry Rocker, Louis H Schwarzenberg, Ezra Z Shapiro, Sidney N Weitz, S D Wise, Eugene E Wolf and Jacob Wolpaw.

2. In lieu of a reading of the entire Minutes of the last meeting of the Board held on December 9th, 1937, the Secretary commented on the important actions taken by the Board which were as follows:

- (a) A decision to continue for the first two months of 1938 the same allocations to the Jewish Federation beneficiary agencies as were granted monthly for the year 1937 with necessary borrowing from the Memorial Fund to supplement the Community Fund's tentative allotments. This action was taken because of the necessity of re-submitting to vote the special Welfare Levy which included approximately \$650,000 of public subsidy for Community Fund hospitals; and also because the Fund had not yet had a final Audit of its Campaign results and had therefore made only a tentative appropriation renewing last year's grant.
- (b) The granting of an additional appropriation of \$800 from the Welfare Fund to bring the Contingent Fund Committee's allotment up to \$3,000 for 1937 - 38.
- (c) A decision to submit to the Research Department of the Federation for study, the work of the Jewish Social Service Bureau, the Educational Alliance and other Agencies in the field of Vocational Guidance and Placement, in order to provide information as to the character and direction of this work, and to plan for a possible centralization of its direction in the future.
- (d) A resolution to accept the offer of Mr Howard Green of the Cleveland Health Council, to make a Jewish Population Study using W.P.A. funds for the purpose; and provided the Jewish Community Council approved the idea and cooperated in the task of securing the necessary information.
- (e) And the appointment of a Special Committee on arrangements for the 1938 Annual Meeting.



3. Word had since come from Mr Sturges, the Manager of the Community Fund, that it was not likely that the Special Levy would be resubmitted for a vote before March 1st, and it seemed advisable therefore that the Jewish Federation continue thru the month of March the basis of appropriation to its Agencies voted for January and February. It was moved, seconded and carried that this be done.

4. Dr Schulze has made progress with her study of both the Educational Alliance Neighborhood project in the 123rd Street area and more recently with the study of the Vocational Guidance and Placement Work, and while neither of the studies were completed and ready for report, Dr Schulze had been in conference with the Officers of the Federation and others, giving statements of her progress and some indications of the general aspects of her findings thus far.

5. The Jewish Community Council, having approved the project for a Jewish Population Study, plans were initiated several weeks ago to have all organizations and agencies in the City provide lists of their memberships which, together with the Prospect list of 17,000 names from the Federation Office, and lists of Jewish school enrollment, will provide the basis of the Population Study and the preparation of special Census Tracts.

6. Efforts to secure certain Guest-Speakers for the Federation Annual Meeting have been unavailing, and it was decided by the Committee on Annual Meeting Arrangements to recommend to the Board that the 1938 Meeting be deferred until Spring, to be combined with the Opening Rally of the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign. There was precedent for this action in other years, and the Board concurred in the recommendation.

7. The Eisenman Award Committee met early in January and decided to give a Cash Prize of \$750 and the usual Award Testimonial to one of the professional executives in the Welfare Federation who was responsible for the establishment in Cleveland of an important phase of social work and who has been the Director of his agency for over forty years. Since the Jewish Federation's Annual Meeting is to be deferred until Spring, it was deemed advisable to arrange to have the Award presented at the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Meeting of the Welfare Federation to be held on February 16th, and the presentation will be made by Mr Joseph Berne as Chairman of the Eisenman Award Committee.

8. Under date of December 23rd, Mr H L Dauby representing the Beaumont Investment Trust, forwarded a contribution of \$5,000 from that Fund to the Jewish Federation with the understanding that the money would be held for inclusion in the 1938 Welfare Fund budget to be applied to the needs of American Jewish activities only. The gift is temporarily in the Memorial Fund, and due acknowledgement was made on behalf of the Board to both Mr Dauby and Commodore Louis D Beaumont.

9. The Board was advised that the following appropriations had been designated by Mr and Mrs S D Wise from their Charitable Trust for 1938:

To the Jewish Welfare Federation and School of Applied Social Sciences for continuation of the Federation's Research Department until August 31st, 1938	\$ 2,000
To Western Reserve University	500
To Mt Sinai Hospital for a continuation of the laboratory experimental work inaugurated under the supervision of Dr Berger	1,000
To the Community Fund	300

The Secretary reported that some balance remained in the Trust from 1937 account, and that it was hoped that the income for 1938 would likewise exceed the amount thus far allocated, so that Mr Wise would be in position to make grants to other necessary and worthwhile purposes during the year.



10. The Chairman, Mr Berne, was in receipt of a letter within the past several days from Mr Fred Butzel, acting as Chairman of a Special Committee appointed by the Graduate School of Jewish Social Work in New York. The letter set forth that the School's future operation was in grave jeopardy due to the withdrawal rather abruptly of substantial Foundation support in New York City and which support had represented largely the income of the School. In addition thereto the death of Mr Felix Warburg terminated a considerable personal support which he himself gave and which came thru his influence from others, so that the School, if it is to continue, must now look to the country at large and the organized communities for its future budget. A meeting had been held at the General Assembly of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds in Cincinnati where Federation lay leaders and professional executives discussed the matter at length, and where it was decided to appoint the Special Committee of which Mr Butzel is now Chairman to consider whether the School should continue, and if so, what the scope of its work is to be and how its budget is to be provided.

In the meantime Mr Butzel pointed out that whether the School continued or not, there was an obligation to the present enrolled student body to continue until they had graduated in 1939; that if the School was to be continued on this basis approximately 60% of its budget would be required for 1938 and about 30% for 1939. Pending a report from the Special Committee, the Cleveland Federation and others were asked to participate in making available advances on their 1938 appropriations. In the case of Cleveland, Mr Butzel asked if \$2,500 might be advanced at this time since the School is without funds. After a discussion of the matter it was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Director be authorized to advance by borrowing from the Memorial Fund a sum up to \$2,500, without however committing the Federation or Welfare Fund to any other allotment for the current year; and provided also that any sum so advanced would be in somewhat proper relation to similar amounts which other Jewish Federations and Funds would agree to give. The Director was to so inform Mr Butzel.

11. The Board was informed that Officers and Members of the Child Placement Committee had been in consultation recently with the management of the Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home considering matters affecting the administration of that Institution and as a result of some complaints which had found their way to the Federation office. Mr Affelder mentioned briefly the nature of some of these complaints and Mr Permut, speaking as President of the Orthodox Orphan Home, pointed out that many of these complaints undoubtedly arose out of the difficulties with which the Institution was confronted in the past year when Mr Elkind, a former superintendent was compelled to terminate his position after four and one-half years, on account of the sickness and subsequent death of his wife.

Since that time Mr Permut said the Home had engaged a Superintendent who had not proved at all satisfactory and considerable disorganization had taken place in the staff of the whole Institution. The Home has, however, within the <sup>past</sup> month had a new Superintendent who seems entirely satisfactory and whose competency seems already to be showing results in improvement in the conditions within the Home. As a result of the conference had with the officers of the Home, there are to be further meetings with the Federation Committee to bring about a more effective and satisfactory operation of the Institution.

12. On January 19th, the Chairman was informed by Rabbi Brickner as President of the Bureau of Jewish Education, that the Board of the Bureau had adopted the resolution passed some time ago by the Federation Board in reference to the appointment and scope of discussion of the Implementing Committee for the Jewish Education Study. The Chairman expected to appoint the Federation's representatives at once so that meetings might begin promptly upon Rabbi Brickner's return to the City in February.

13. The Chairman called on Mr George Mayer for a brief report of the proceedings of the Annual Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which was held in Cincinnati on January 8th, 9th and 10th, and which was attended by Mr Mayer, Mrs Herzog, Rabbis Brickner and Silver, and Messrs Joseph Berne, Jerome Curtis, Paul Einstein and Herbert Rosenthal, as well as the professional executives and others from Cleveland. Mr Mayer reviewed briefly the general discussions on Federation, Welfare Fund and

Jewish Community Council development throughout the country, pointing out that local conditions and demands resulted in varied interpretations of the functions and activities of such organizations; also that an entire day was given over to the discussion of vocational guidance and placement as affecting Jewish youth; and that an interesting symposium was held on the subject of the future of the Jews' place in the world, participated in by both Jewish and Gentile speakers.

14. The Chairman reported that Rabbi Silver had been elected National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal for 1938 at the national budget meeting held in Washington on January 23rd; while on the same date in St. Louis, the Joint Distribution Committee had elected Rabbi Jonah Wise as National Chairman; also that plans were under way for a renewal of the joint agreement by which funds for the two Overseas Agencies were divided in Welfare Fund and other organized communities; that the U.P.A. would seek a total of \$4,500,000 nationally, while the Joint Distribution Committee set its goal at \$5,100,000, which represented the J.D.C.'s share of a total European expenditure for relief of upwards of \$11,000,000. It was expected that European Jewry would provide the difference between the \$5,100,000 and the \$11,000,000.

Mr S P Halle, Cleveland representative on the Planning and Scope Committee, was expected to attend the meeting in St Louis, but he could not go and Mr Philip Frankel and the Executive Director attended. The Chairman asked Mr Frankel to make a brief statement of any reactions he had received, and Mr Frankel said that he was greatly impressed by the statement of Dr Bernard Kahn, the European administrator of the J.D.C. with regard to the situation of the Jews in Germany, Poland and Roumania. Mr Frankel felt there was implied in Dr Kahn's statement some indication that the political situation in Poland and Roumania also would be somewhat improved with pressure brought from the outside.

15. The Chairman reported that plans for the Welfare Fund Campaign have been under way for several months with occasional meetings of the various heads of divisions making their preliminary plans.

16. The Chairman also stated that he had had in mind for some time a re-vamping of the Constitution and Regulations of the Federation to bring the Federation's Statement of Purpose and its general control more in accord with present day conditions and demands. The Regulations of Federations elsewhere were to be studied and a Committee would be appointed in the near future to go into the question.

17. No other business coming before the meeting, it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) S. Goldhamer

Secretary.



January 31, 1938

Mr. Saul S. Danaceau,  
10918 Drexel Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Danaceau:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send  
you the enclosed copy of a letter which he sent  
to Mr. J. M. Berne, President of the Jewish  
Welfare Federation of Cleveland.

Very sincerely yours,

BJI  
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

January 31, 1938

Mr. Samuel B. Finkel, Director,  
American Friends of the Hebrew University,  
10 East 40th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Finkel:

In reply to your kind letter of January 17, permit me to say that I shall be very pleased to serve as the local representative of the Hebrew University on the Jewish Welfare Fund Committee if you think that is advisable. Inasmuch as I am chairman of the Jewish Welfare Fund, it might perhaps give additional strength to the Hebrew University to have some one else represent it - either Mr. A. Lewenthal who was your representative, or Mr. Paul Friedman who was very active in the cause last year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

January 31, 1938

Mr. J. M. Berne, President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation,  
1001 Huron Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Berne:

In reply to your letter of January 13,  
requesting the United Palestine Appeal to appoint  
a local representative on the Cleveland Jewish  
Welfare Fund Committee, I take pleasure in appointing  
Mr. Saul S. Danaceau.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:HK



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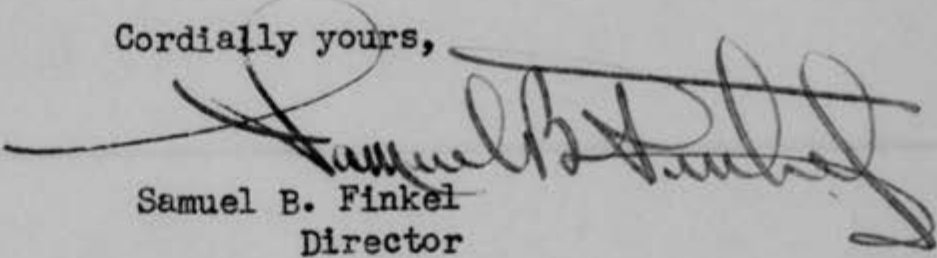
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of  
January 31st.

Under the circumstances, I think perhaps  
you are right and I am writing to Mr. Lewenthal, as  
per the attached copy.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

SBF:CF  
Encs.

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

February 1, 1938

Mr. A. Lewenthal  
Union Trust Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Lewenthal:

We are in receipt of a letter from the Jewish Welfare Federation of Cleveland of which we attach copy.

We are writing them that we would like to have you continue to represent us as you did last year.

Hoping that this is satisfactory to you and with earnest appreciation of your interest in and loyalty to Hebrew University, I am

Cordially yours,

Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

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Enc.

P.S. Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of "The Story of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem" which appears in the current issue of the American Jewish Year Book.



February 1, 1938

Mr. J. W. Berne, President  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
1001 Huron Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Berne:

We are in receipt of a letter from Rabbi Silver advising us that he feels that in view of the fact that he is Chairman of your Jewish Welfare Fund, ~~that~~ he ought not to act as our representative, even although he expressed the willingness to do so if we insist.

We are writing him today that we believe he is right and are writing Mr. A. Lewenthal asking him to continue as our representative, as per the attached copy.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

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## MASADA

YOUTH ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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February 2, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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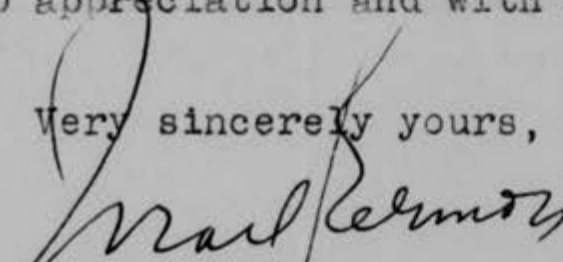
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am placing valor before discretion and I come to you once more with my request that you intercede in our behalf with the United Jewish Community Fund of Cleveland for the sum of \$100, in accordance with your original suggestion.

Your help in this matter will be of the greatest value to us and I sincerely hope that you can find the time to consult with the authorities in this matter.

With deep appreciation and with renewed thanks, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

  
Israel Berman  
Executive Secretary

ib/lc

February 4, 1938

Mr. Israel Berman, Executive Secretary,  
Masada,  
111 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Berman:

There will be a meeting of the Contingency Fund of the Jewish Welfare Fund in the very near future and your request for Masada will undoubtedly come up. I hope the Fund will be able to make some appropriation to you although the fact that Masada is receiving a subsidy from the Z.O.A., which in turn receives a subsidy from the U.P.A., a beneficiary of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland, might militate against it. However, we shall see.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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## MASADA

YOUTH ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

*Affiliated with the Zionist Organization of America*  
111 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 8, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am deeply grateful for your letter of February 4th, and I wish to express in behalf of Masada our sincere appreciation of your cooperation.

With Zion's greetings, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Israel Berman  
Executive Secretary

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February 10, 1938

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road at 105 St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

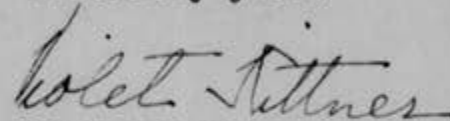
Dear Rabbi Silver

Our meeting today will, I believe, prove to be of great value. Several who remained after the meeting pledged their services and offered constructive suggestions.

May I again thank you for sparing the time and setting the tone of the meeting as one of deep concern and realization of the practical issues involved.

It is a great source of satisfaction and I am deeply grateful to be able to turn to you for counsel and assistance.

Sincerely yours



Violet Kittner

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ד"ר י. ח. לווינסון-לביא

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ד"ר ש. ברנשטיין, מזכיר-הכבוד

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הועד הפועל:

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ב. טשארני

ב. מרגולין

ש. פולאק

דניאל פרסקי

הסתדרות הנוער:

מ. דיוויס

ח. אברמוביץ

Rabbi A. H. Silver

The Temple

Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Last year, we were asked by you not to arrange a campaign in your city with the promise to include the Histadruth Ivrit in the Welfare Fund. We were indeed glad to cooperate and abstain from raising any funds for our purpose.

However, when your campaign was over, we received, to our disappointment, only a sum of \$150.00 coming from your contingency fund. We accepted same, in the sense, of a "token payment". Since Cleveland is one of the largest Jewish communities, we expected to receive at least \$500.00.

Our friend Dr. S. M. Melamed, who has visited, on our behalf, your city before the organization of the Welfare Fund, succeeded within the course of a few days to raise \$1000.00 among the friends of Hebrew culture in your community. We are sure that any effort to arrange a campaign in your town would yield us at least a similar amount.

Being, however, anxious to cooperate with the purposes and objectives of the Welfare Fund, we are therefore willing to content ourselves with a sum of \$500.00 per annum.

Considering the fact that the Histadruth Ivrit publishes the only Hebrew weekly, the "Hadoar", in America, the only bi-weekly for children, the "Hadoar Lanoar", and whatever modern Hebrew books that are published here. The Histadruth Ivrit also carries on nation-wide activity among the alumni of all

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הסתדרות הנוער:

מ. דיוויס  
 ח. אברמוביץ

Hebrew Schools, publishes for them a literary monthly "Niv", wherein young talents are given a chance to develop their creative ability, fosters an art theater for them and many other activities which provide an outlet for their higher interests. We think that our demands are quite moderate.

Should you find it impossible to give us the minimum sum of five hundred dollars, we will be compelled to run our own Campaign. May we ask you to please let us know your decision without delay as we have just returned from our National Convention in Baltimore and are now budgeting our activities for the year.

Thanking you in advance for giving our request the proper consideration, we remain,

Very truly yours,

HISTADRUTH IVRITH OF AMERICA

*A. Spicehandler*  
 Treas.

PS Copies of this letter were forwarded to Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, Mr. Joseph M. Berne, Mr. S. Goldhamer, Rabbi Armond E. Cohen, Mr. S. P. Halle.

A memo of our activities was also forwarded to the Chairman and the Executive Director of your Fund.

AS:SW

אני אגיד לך את כל המידע...

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MEMORANDUM  
Concerning The

HISTADRUTH IVRITH  
(National Organization for Hebrew Culture)  
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The Histadruth Ivrit is American Jewry's agency for the advancement of Hebrew culture. It is today responsible for whatever achievements in the field of Hebrew journalism and literature American Jewry has to record. Its present program embraces the following activities:

HADOAR

The Hebrew weekly "Hadoar" founded and published by the Histadruth Ivrit has recently entered its seventeenth year. It is the only Hebrew weekly publication in the United States and serves as a platform for all forms of literary self-expression in Hebrew. In its columns much of what is best in contemporary Hebrew poetry, fiction essay and literary criticism first saw the light. It has fathered some of our finest Hebrew talent in this country. It has kept the light of our age-old culture burning in this land. In addition to the regular issues, several special literary numbers have appeared this past year. Among them were:

Zalman Chneour Anniversary Issue  
K. L. Silman Memorial Issue  
Dr. Nisan Touroff Anniversary Issue  
16th Anniversary Issue of the Hadoar

HADOAR LANOAR

Three years ago as a result of the insistent demand of Hebrew Schools throughout the country the Histadruth Ivrit started a monthly publication for the Jewish Youth. This publication was acclaimed so enthusiastically by Hebrew educators and teachers that it has since been converted into a bi-weekly periodical. It is the only medium available to Hebrew School students for practicing self-reading in Hebrew and for becoming acquainted with modern Hebrew terminology and usage. Only those familiar with the intricacies of the Hebrew vocalized print appreciate the difficulty and the expense involved in such a publication.

LITERARY CONTEST FOR CHILDREN

To encourage self-expression in Hebrew on the part of Hebrew students, the Histadruth sponsors a literary contest among its junior readers. Valuable prizes including free summer vacations at a well-known camp are the rewards to the successful participants. In connection with last year's contest, a large number of compositions were received from all parts of the United States, Canada as well as from foreign countries. Many of the contributions were of definite literary promise, and the contest aroused a great deal of interest and enthusiasm among our young readers. Its continuation will undoubtedly help stimulate Hebrew literary creativity.

## HEBREW-AMERICAN YEAR BOOK

The Histadruth publishes an annual volume "Sefer Hashonah" devoted to a record of events and accomplishments in American-Jewish life and to such literary contributions whose compass is too large for the scope of a weekly publication. Four volumes have appeared thus far. They contain the best efforts made in Hebrew literature on American soil. Early in January the last volume appeared containing over 450 pages of fine essays, poetry and fiction.

## THE OGEN BOOK PUBLISHING

Through this agency the Histadruth Ivrit enables Hebrew authors in America to publish their works and to give them circulation among the Hebrew public. The Histadruth participates in the cost of printing. Among the books published by Ogen are:

"Sefer Hamasoth" and "Sofrim V'Ishim" critical essays by M. Ribalow - 248 pages  
"Kitvey Abraham Goldberg" selected literary and political essays in (each) three volumes by Abr. Goldberg about 248 pages each  
"Jewish Education in Palestine" and "Methods of Biblical Instruction" two volumes by Zvi Scharfstein about 248 pages each  
"Im Ha'Dor" essays by I. Z. Frishberg 320 pages  
"Sofrim" essays by Abraham Epstein 280 pages  
"Niftulei Elohim" and "Meduroth Doachot" two volumes of poetry by E. E. Lisitzky 320 pages each  
"Bishvilim Boddin" poems by I. Silberschlag 48 pages  
"Shirim V'Senetas" poems by Moses Feinstein 96 pages  
"Le'Or HaNer" poems by Boruch Katzenelson 140 pages  
"Masoth u' Reshimoth" historical literature by A. R. Malachi 248 pages

This week appeared the "Anthology of Hebrew Poetry in America". The book represents the best poetical creations of American Hebrew poets in these United States. The book contains 320 pages and carries critical remarks by the editor, Mr. M. Ribalow.

## AID TO HEBREW WRITERS ABROAD

The Histadruth tenders a substantial measure of support to needy and indigent Hebrew writers and scholars in foreign countries and cooperates with them in their literary enterprises. Our organization is instrumental too in raising funds in aid of our people who are being persecuted abroad.

## HEBREW YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Under the sponsorship of the Histadruth a National Federation of Hebrew Youth Cultural Clubs has been created. Among the more important projects which have been fulfilled by these Youth Clubs are the formation of a Hebrew Theatre under the direction of Nahum Zemach, renowned Habima artist, and a Hebrew Choral Group tutored by Moshe Nathanson, prominent Cantor. These groups have performed before large audiences in several cities in the East and the public response has exceeded our fondest hopes. We cannot stress too strongly the importance of this Youth Movement in strengthening the ranks and fostering the aims and ideals of Zionism among the Jewish youth of America.



### MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

To the above mentioned institutions must be added a large program of varied activities carried on by the Histadruth all over the country for the purpose of focusing the attention of Jewish communities upon the Hebrew cultural content here and in Palestine, and of arousing them to a more active interest in Jewish Education and Hebrew literature. Among these activities are literary forums, lectures, Hebrew book exhibits, concerts and the formation of Hebrew clubs and branches in all parts of the United States. Hundreds of Hebrew schools throughout the country are active participants in our program through the medium of our Annual Hebrew Week Campaign. All of these activities give tone to Jewish community life and strengthen the cultural fibre of American Jewry.

### OUR 1938 BUDGET

To make possible the continuation and extension of all the activities of the Histadruth Ivrit, the National Convention held in Baltimore, Jan. 13th -16th, 1938 adopted a minimum and maximum budget, copy of which is herewith attached. Believing that the community, like a man, does not live "on bread alone", the Histadruth Ivrit is determined to take energetic steps for the development of its Hebrew cultural program. To reach this end it must depend to a large extent on the cooperation and support of the Welfare Funds, Federations and Community Chests throughout the country. We feel that as a national agency serving a vital and basic need, the Histadruth Ivrit properly belongs within the scope of Community Chest budgeting of American Jewry.



# HISTADRUTH IVRITH

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM BUDGETS ADOPTED AT ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD IN BALTIMORE,  
JAN. 13-16, 1938 FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING DEC. 1, AND ENDING NOV. 30, 1938

	<u>MINIMUM BUDGET</u>	<u>MAXIMUM BUDGET</u>
Earned Income	\$21000.00	\$26000.00
Income from Dues and Donations from Organizat- ions and Individuals	11000.00	17000.00
Income from Hebrew Week Campaign	6000.00	9000.00
Income from Welfare Funds, Federations and Jewish Appeals	<u>4000.00</u>	<u>8000.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME	<u>\$42000.00</u>	<u>\$60000.00</u>

Expenditures for Hadoar and Hadoar Lanoar Assistance to Hebrew Writers and Scholars	\$18000.00 4000.00	\$22500.00 6000.00
Expenditures for Organization Work-Organizers, Lectures and Publicity	4000.00	7000.00
Expenditures for Sefer Hashonah (Hebrew-American Year Book)	1500.00	2000.00
Expenditures for "Ogen"(Hebrew Book Publishing)	1000.00	2000.00
Subvention to Histadruth Hanoar Haivri(Hebrew Youth Division)	2000.00	4000.00
Expenditures for Educational Projects	1000.00	2500.00
Cost of Collections	2500.00	3000.00
Administrative and Other Expenses	7000.00.	9000.00
Payments in Reduction of Deficit	<u>1000.00</u>	<u>2000.00</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	<u>\$42000.00</u>	<u>\$60000.00</u>

March 10, 1938

Mr. Philip Bernstein,  
Jewish Welfare Federation,  
1001 Huron Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Philip:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Joseph Golomb whom I have known for some years. He was one of the Jewish farmers out Geneva-way, a self-respecting and self-sustaining individual. He has evidently fallen on hard times. His farm has been lost and he is destitute.

As this letter indicates, he is anxious to any kind of work, in some institution, if possible. He is sixty years old. He wishes to earn his living and not have to resort to charity. Can anything be done for him?

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

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April 8, 1938

FINANCING CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES IN PALESTINE

On December 22, 1937, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, in collaboration with Miss Henrietta Szold, prepared a proposal for transmitting appropriations from Jewish welfare funds in the United States, to charitable and educational institutions and agencies in Palestine. The plan called for cooperation between the Jewish welfare funds through the Council and the Social Service Department of the Vaad Leumi, of which Miss Szold is Director.

The important features of the proposal were:

1. Social Service Department of the Vaad Leumi will assume responsibility for obtaining information about Palestinian institutions which appeal for support in the United States.
2. All reports of these agencies in the files of the Council will be brought up-to-date.
3. The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds will assume an obligation of \$1,200 for one year to finance two thirds of the estimated cost of engaging an investigator and incidental items.
4. The program will be carried out in consultation with an advisory committee of five members, two of them designated by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds from among American residents in Palestine.
5. The Vaad Leumi and its advisory committee will accept from American welfare funds all appropriations which they wish to make for distribution to Palestinian charitable and educational agencies. The welfare funds can:
  - a. Designate the institutions to which they wish their allotment paid and send separate remittance to each agency in care of the Vaad Leumi.
  - b. Send a single remittance to the Vaad Leumi and ask the Department to assume responsibility for distributing their allotment among a specified group of institutions.



- c. Make their allotment to the Department for distribution to Palestinian agencies at their discretion without designation of individual agencies.

The Board of Directors and the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds accepted the proposal at the Cincinnati meeting. Word has just been received from Miss Szold that the Vaad Leumi has also accepted the proposal.

The share of the expenses assumed by the Council has been met by pledges from individual members of our Board. The advisory committee of five will consist of Dr. Magnes and Mr. Viteles appointed by the Council, a representative of the Chief Rabbinate for Eretz Yisroel, and two members selected by the Vaad Leumi, one well versed in the affairs of the old Yishub and one close to the Sephardic community.

We have asked the Vaad Leumi to proceed with details and hope to have reports ready for distribution to our member agencies at an early date.

Welfare funds wishing to use the Vaad Leumi for transmission of their appropriations to Palestinian institutions, as described in paragraph 5 above, may send their remittances and instructions to Miss Henrietta Szold, General Council (Vaad Leumi) of the Jewish Community of Palestine, P.O. Box 471, Jerusalem, Palestine.

In transmitting funds the following steps should be noted:

1. Ask your local bank for current rate of exchange at the time the check is made out.
2. Have the bank make the check either in dollars or pounds, (whichever is indicated at the time by the rate of exchange) in the amount to be sent to the Vaad Leumi in Palestine.
3. Give instructions with the check, indicating which of the three following methods you desire:
  - a. List the agencies and amount designated to each, if you wish distribution made according to your allocations.
  - b. List agencies or types of agencies and allow the committee to determine what allocation should be made to each agency on your list.
  - c. Indicate that you wish the committee to select the agencies and make the distribution according to their judgment of needs.

C O P Y

THE UNION OF ORTHODOX RABBIS  
OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA  
Broadway Central Hotel  
673 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

April 8, 1938

Jewish Welfare Fund,  
1900 Euclid Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing herewith, a statement in which we have formulated our dissatisfaction with the methods of the Federations, to include the Yeshiveth in Europe and Palestine, in their budgets.

You will note that we decidedly arrived at the conclusion, that the old system of soliciting funds through personal representatives, many of whom are men of reputation, achieved more satisfactory results, not only financially but also spiritually. The Federations with the best of their motives have interfered with that personal contact.

We appeal to you to kindly give your earnest attention to our statement, and to grant the representatives of the above mentioned institutions, to carry on their traditional system of work on a basis, which we are working out to the full satisfaction of the worthy contributors.

At this critical time, when the great centers of Torah, the holy Yeshivoth, make strenuous efforts to maintain their institutions and afford higher Jewish education to thousands of students, it is your sacred duty to cooperate with us for the benefit and welfare of the Yeshivoth, which are indeed the very foundation of Judaism.

Anticipating your early reply, we are

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J L Seltzer, per J Hellerstein

RABBI J.L. SELTZER  
SECRETARY

C O P Y

THE UNION OF ORTHODOX RABBIS  
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At a special meeting of the "Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U. S. and Canada", devoted entirely to the interests of the European and Palestinian Yeshivoh, a discussion arose concerning the much aggravated question of the Federations which have reserved for themselves the right to subsidize the Yeshivoh, without possessing the necessary knowledge and understanding of the subject.

The meeting was presided over by Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, Honorary President of the "Union", and participating were: Rabbi Joseph Konvitz, President, Rabbi Eliezer Silver, Rabbi Yehudah Leib Seltzer, Rabbi Isaac Siegel, Rabbi J. Karlinsky and others.

It was pointed out that the Federations, which emerged in many cities, have included the Yeshivoh merely as a gesture, in order to exclude the representatives of the European and Palestinian Yeshivoh from their localities, thus causing a spiritual paralysis in the lives of the Orthodox Jews who are devoted to their traditions. That in itself is an unappraisable loss.

It is an historical fact that from time immemorial, the means and ways of solicitation for Torah Institutions, was accomplished through Representatives, most of whom are learned and pious men, and who bring with them a living touch and understanding of the Torah which they transmit to their fellow-Jews. Many contributors, as a result of these representative-contacts, associated themselves directly with the Yeshivoh abroad and gave their support independently, in addition to that given through the representatives. Others, through the influence of the representatives, would seek to have their names connected with the records of the Yeshivah, bringing to it a substantial income.

At the present time, in the cities, where Federations are planned or formed, an insidious attacking campaign is carried on against the old system which has proved effective and enduring. The Yeshivoh are belittled and not honored as the great institutions which they really are. Many other systems have been tried but have proved a loss to the Yeshivoh and found wanting for many reasons.

It is true that in two cities the subject of Yeshivoh was given proper consideration, but in most cities in which Federations exist, the question of the Yeshivoh is curtailed and in many cities it is completely ignored.

Thus we see Federations that:

1. Redeem themselves with a small subsidy to the Yeshivah. In many instances by a percentage of the collection.
2. Lapse their contributions from one year to another and thus a part of their assistance is swallowed up.
3. Others settle the question of the Yeshivoh in Europe and Palestine with various excuses and stress ridiculous formalities.



4. Because of the formation of Federations in large cities, the surrounding territory is cut off for the institutions, as the cost of sending a representative to canvass the surrounding territory, alone, would be too excessive.

Since the Federations have increased extensively and naturally restricted the surrounding area; there literally remains no territory open to the representatives, consequently the effort to support the Torah Institutions in the Jewish world is paralyzed.

The "Union of Orthodox Rabbis" has therefore taken up the question of the Federations and is considering in greater detail the underestimating actions of various Federations toward the Institutions of Torah. Therefore, the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of U.S. and Canada, has resolved to appeal to Torah devoted Jewry to exert its influence in all cities for the exclusion of the Yeshivoth from the Jurisdiction of the Federations. Do not be guilty of the responsibility of shattering the existence of the Yeshivoth. Allow the Yeshivoth to carry on their way of solicitation, which has proved to be successful and has effected much good towards drawing the hearts of our brethern, lovers of the Torah, to the Almighty in Heaven, and to all that is dear and holy to us.

# The Jewish Welfare Federation

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## The Jewish Welfare Fund

of Cleveland

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April 18, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

During the past few days we have received two communications of importance to our Jewish Welfare Fund Contingent Committee. One, from the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, informs us that the plan worked out with Miss Henrietta Szold for support of Palestinian institutions, is being put into operation. You will recall this project was discussed at the last meeting by our Committee.

The second letter is from the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, explaining the action recently taken by this organization with reference to support of Yeshivas by Federations and Welfare Funds.

We are continuing to receive numerous applications from various European and Palestinian institutions, which will require our consideration at an early date. It will be necessary for our committee to meet, therefore, shortly after the Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign.

Sincerely yours,

*Armond E. Cohen*

Rabbi Armond E. Cohen  
Chairman

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## Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.

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1560 Broadway

NEW YORK CITY

April 21, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter I have today written to Mr. Goldhamer. I would sincerely appreciate your cooperation in arranging that Mr. Landau have a hearing.

Sincerely yours,

GB:F

*George Backer*  
GEORGE BACKER,  
President

Encl:



xxxxxxxxxxxxxx 1560 Broadway

April 21, 1938

Mr. S. Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Fund  
Community Service Building  
1001 Huron Road, Rm 1015  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Goldhamer:

Mr. Jacob Landau, managing director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, has just returned from Europe after a five month stay there. During that time he visited Vienna twice, the last time a few days just prior to the Hitler occupation of Austria.

I am wondering whether you would not give Mr. Landau an opportunity of addressing your Board some time next week. We would like Mr. Landau to have an opportunity to address your Board, frankly, in order to obtain an increased grant from your Fund.

The grant we have been receiving from Cleveland for the past years has remained the same, though the work of the J.T.A. has expanded considerably and the importance and need of the J.T.A. is greater today than ever before.

At the same time Mr. Landau will be glad to give you a first hand description of the situation in Europe.

Looking forward to your early reply, and with all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

GB:F

GEORGE BACKER,  
President

# THE CLEVELAND NEWS

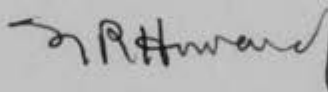
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EDITORIAL ROOMS

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for such a nice note about the help  
The News may have been to the Jewish Welfare  
Fund Campaign. I think the brightest event in  
Cleveland this spring has been that the Jewish  
Welfare Fund Campaign went more than \$10,000  
over its goal. It is some evidence that we are  
not decadent or cowardly here in Cleveland.

Yours,



Editor.

Rabbi A.H. Silver,  
Jewish Welfare Federation,  
1015 Huron rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.  
23 May 1938.

June 1, 1938

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
1001 Huron Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sam:

Enclosed herewith is a letter which I received from Mr. B. C. Vladeck; also a copy of my answer.

I think there is merit in Vladeck's contention. Should any additional funds come in, I think that as a matter of justice, the cut should be restored to the Ort. It was the only agency whose allotment we reduced this year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



C O P Y

Rabbi B R Brickner, President  
Bureau of Jewish Education,  
c/o The Euclid Avenue Temple,  
E 82nd St & Euclid Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Mr Berne asks me to inform you that he and Mr Sidney Weitz will serve as Members of the Implementing Committee with yourself, Rabbi Silver and Messrs Ezra Shapiro and Alfred Sachs. Mr Berne is out of the City this week but upon his return plans can be made for a Meeting of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by) S Goldhamer  
Executive Director  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.

June 29, 1938.