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# THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION OF CLEVELAND

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September 7, 1950

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

Dear Rabbi:

With a goal of \$5,800,000, second highest in Community Fund history, this year's Chest Campaign will be a very difficult one. War-affiliated services and the impact of the present situation on Cleveland's Red Feather services call for the use of every possible resource to bring the message and needs of the Campaign before all segments of the public.

An important aid in the past has been the Community Chest signs placed on the edifices or grounds of Cleveland's churches and synagogues.

In cooperation with the Community Chest Campaign, I am taking the liberty of urgently requesting your temple to agree to the placing of such a sign in an advantageous location. There is no charge for these signs, as the Community Fund arranges to deliver, erect, and then remove them after the close of the Campaign. Enclosed is a reply card and I will appreciate your filling it out and mailing it, so that the Community Fund may receive your request direct.

I know that we can count on your cooperation this year as in the past.

Sincerely yours,

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Henry A. Rocker, President Jewish Welfare F deration

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Board of Trustees Meeting Jewish Welfare Federation Thursday, December 7, 1950, 12:45 P.M. Federation Office - Board Room

#### I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND OF ROBERT I. HILLER, CAMPAIGN ASSOCIATE.

#### II. ACTION ON MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF OCTOBER 25th.

#### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) Congratulations have been extended to <u>Rudolf G. Sonneborn</u> on his election to the national chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal; to <u>Mrs. Rae C. Weil</u> for her receipt of a citation from the Hadassah Cleveland Chapter; to <u>J.M. Ulmer</u> on his election to National Advisory Council for Eye Research; to <u>Julian Freeman</u> on his election to the presidency of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; to <u>Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz</u> on his appointment as Director of the United Jewish Appeal; to the <u>Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Charities</u> on its 50th anniversary; to <u>Mr. and Mrs. Alex Miller</u> on the marriage of their son and the engagement of their daughter; to <u>Dale Brown, John C. Meilink</u>, and <u>Elliot J. Jensen</u> on the success of the Community Chest campaign.

A testimonial letter of tribute has been sent to <u>Henry Morgenthau</u>, Jr. on his retirement as General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

Letters of thanks have gone to: the <u>Danford-Lowell Co.</u> for their gift of a clock, which is in the Eisenmann Room; to <u>A. M. Luntz</u> for his gifts of pictures and etchings; to <u>John McCormick, General Manager</u> of WTAM and WNBK on the local station's having carried the three-hour Milton Berle TV show on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. Get-well wishes were sent to Julius E. Goodman.

Condolence messages have been sent to: <u>Bertram J. Krohngold</u> on the death of his wife; to <u>Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Benesch</u> on the death of Mrs. Benesch's brother; and to <u>Ben Holub</u> (of Akron) on the death of his wife.

(2) In accordance with the authorization by this Board, the following committees have been appointed for 1950-1951: <u>Budget Committee</u>:
Sidney N. Weitz, Chairman; Judge Maurice Bernon, Vice-Chairman; Bertram W. Amster, Emil M. Elder, Eugene H. Freedheim, Julius E. Goodman, Henry Kutash, Joseph G. Lampl, George B. Mayer, James H. Miller, A.E. Persky, Leonard Ratner, Lloyd S. Schwenger, Ezra Z. Shapiro, Howard M. Silver, William C. Treuhaft, Leon Weil; ex-officio: M.E. Glass, L.W. Neumark, Henry A. Rocker; <u>Annual Meeting Committee</u> for the Federation's 47th <u>Annual Meeting to be held Sunday, January 28, 1951</u>: Max Simon, Chairman; Mrs. M.E. Glass, Howard I. Bloomfield, Eugene H. Freedheim, William Goldberg, Jack Lampl, A.M. Luntz, Lloyd S. Schwenger, and Irving I. Stone; Eisenman Award Committee for 1951: Harry F. Affelder, Dale

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Brown, David H. Scholl, Louis B. Seltzer; Henry A. Rocker, Chairman, the same committee which served Last year.

Joseph G. Lampl and L.W. Neumark have been appointed to represent the Federation on the <u>Board of Trustees of the Community Fund</u> for a two-year period, commencing January 1951. They replace Jerome N. Curtis and Henry A. Rocker, who have served two two-year terms and are not eligible for reelection. The other two continuing to represent the Federation on the Community Fund Board are: Frank E. Joseph and William C. Treuhaft.

At the annual meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds held December 3rd in Washington, D.C., <u>Mr. Rocker</u> was reelected a member of the CJFWF Board of Directors for a three-year term. <u>Mr. Curtis</u> and <u>Leonard S. Ratner</u> remain on the Board, the former's term expiring in 1952, the latter's in 1953.

Ellsworth H. Augustus has just been appointed by Mayor Thomas A. Burke as Greater Clev eland's Civil Defense Director; George N. Quinn is announced as head of the Civil Mobilization Committee. <u>Harry F. Affelder. Eugene</u> <u>H. Freedheim</u>, and <u>Henry L. Zucker</u> are amongst the members of this committee.

Henry Montor has been selected to direct the sales of Israel bonds in the United States.

<u>Max Simon</u> has again been designated representative of the Federation to the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal for 1951.

The Board voted on October 25, 1950, to authorize the filing of a certificate with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, indicating it elects to assume its share of the social security tax for employees of the Jewish Welfare Federation. The Federation staff <u>voted</u> unanimously on November 22nd to participate in this plan.

#### III. JEWISH WELFARE FUND COMMITTEE - ELECTIONS.

The following persons were elected to office in the Jewish Welfare Fund Committee at a meeting on November 24th: Judge Maurice Bernon, Chairman; Bertram W. Amster and Maurice Maschke, Jr., Vice-Chairmen; Executive Committee: Leonard I. Abrams, Leonard L. Broida, Max Freedman, Suggs Garber, Mrs. M.E. Glass, Samuel Horwitz, Milton Kane, Eugene M. Klein, and Arthur Reinthal.

The slate is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

# IV. CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP FOR 1951 (MAX FREEDMAN, CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE, REPORTING).

At a meeting of the campaign leadership on Thursday, November 16th, it was agreed to ask Eugene H. Goodman to serve as Chairman. The Women's Division has selected Mrs. M.E. Glass as Chairman, with Mrs. Nathan I. Gordon, Mrs. Edna Hays, AGENDA, Board of Trustees Meeting Thursday, December 7, 1950, 12:45 P.M. Jewish Welfare Federation - 3 - Federation Office - Board Room

Mrs. Irving Kane, and Mrs. Gerald Miller as Co-Chairmen; and Mrs. Sanford Arsham, Mrs. Jack J. Bloch, Mrs. Myer S. Fine and Mrs. Harry Robbins as Vice-Chairmen. Other campaign leadership positions are still to be filled.

Does the Board authorize these appointments?

#### V. SPECIAL COLLECTION EFFORT (M.E. GLASS, CHAIRMAN, REPORTING).

Communications have been received from Henry Morgenthau, Jr., urging that Cleveland advance to the United Jewish Appeal before December 31st, cash in the sum of \$1,500,000 as part of the national effort to raise  $\Rightarrow$ 50 million by December 31st (Exhibit A). Our recent bank borrowing of \$400,000 is charged against this sum as is also an item of  $\Rightarrow$ 25,000 in cash which was advanced to the UJA November 10th.

A very extensive collection effort has been organized which it is hoped will realize a total of not less than \$1 million by January 10th. Yesterday, December 6th, was designated as "C Day" in Cleveland. About 2250 contributors of \$100 or more have been contacted, of whom 50% promised immediate payment and 80% promised payment by January 10th. Since November 1st, about \$425,000 has been collected. If our campaign reaches its goal, it will be possible to send to the UJA : an additional \$300,000 - \$400,000. Also, any 1951 cash advances up to \$200,000 can be paid over to the UJA.

In Mr. Rocker's response to Mr. Morgenthau, he indicated the Federation considered all the suggestions covered in the resolution passed at the National Planning Conference, and other suggestions which have been made locally, and is applying as many of these suggestions as are feasible.

VI. COMMITTEE ON MT. SINAI HOSPITAL FINANCES - (WILLIAM C. TREUHAFT, CHAIRMAN, REPORTING).

The Committee on Mt. Sinai Hospital Finances is working on its final report to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Treuhaft is prepared to make a progress report at this time.

#### VII. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

The Executive Committee asks that the Board of Trustees recommend to the next annual meeting of the Federation that there be eliminated from the constitution Article IV, Section 3b, which reads as follows:

"However, the term of service of such trustee-at-large shall be limited to two successive terms of three years each, beginning with their election following the adoption of this amendment; and provided they may be eligible for reelection to the Board of Trustees after a lapse of one year."

What action does the Board wish to take on this recommendation?

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#### VIII. JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE - EMERGENCY EMIGRATION FUNDS.

To-date, \$25,000 has been contributed to the JDC Emergency Emigration Funds from Cleveland. Some 50 - 60 prospect cards have not yet been reported. Akron and Canton may assist in the effort. The so-called ideological non-givers in Cleveland have not responded as a group to this effort. It seems probable that the 100,000 which is sought here will not be forthcoming through efforts already undertaken. The Executive Committee therefore recommends that if available, up to \$50,000 of savings in the local refugee service budget should be transferred to the JDC Emergency Emigration Fund, it being understood that not more than a total of \$100,000 will be sent from Cleveland for this purpose.

Does the Board approve this recommendation?

#### IX. UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CONFERENCE-ATLANTIC CITY, DECEMBER 16-17, 1950.

A communication has been received from the United Jewish Appeal requesting that the Federation appoint seven delegates to the UJA meeting in Atlantic City on December 16-17. Certain business is to be transacted, including the setting of a UJA goal for 1951. A communication has been directed to the Welfare Fund leaders and to officers of the Federation, inviting their attendance at the meeting.

Does the Board of Trustees wish to recommend that the President select the delegates from Cleveland?

- X. NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL AND JEWISH RECONSTRUCTION OCTOBER 27-29, 1950, WASHINGTON, D.C. (JUDGE MAURICE BERNON, REPORTING).
- XI. COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECEMBER 1-4, 1950, WASHINGTON, D.C. (JEROME N. CURTIS, REPORTING).

#### XII. NOMINATION BY PETITION OF MORTIMER MAY.

The Federation acceded to a request of the Nominating Committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to petition the CJFWF to nominate Mortimer May of Nashville as Vice-President of the CJFWF. This method of nomination was necessary to meet a legal requirement as to the deadline date for nominations. Clearance was made with the Federation officers, who took this action on behalf of the Board of Trustees. une Annual Appeal

# American Fund For Israel Institutions

267 WEST 71ST STREET . NEW YORK 23, N.Y. . TRAFALGAR 3-2700

January 31, 1951

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple 1855 Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am taking the liberty of turning to you for a very special favor, which I hope you will find it possible to grant me. To one who has been with the American Fund since its beginning days, I need hardly go into a lengthy discussion of our aims and objectives.

While we have succeeded in winning the approval and support of hundreds of communities in the United States and Canada, we are still struggling for proper recognition from the larger communities whose allocations have been entirely inadequate.

The same situation prevails in Cleveland. In answer to our 1949 request for an allocation of \$26,000, we received \$10,000. In 1950 the allocation was decreased to \$7,500. So you can see that the gap between our requests, which are really the minimum from a community like Cleveland, and its allocations, spells the difference between what we should give our beneficiaries and what we actually can grant them.

I am fully aware of the fact that your time is completely taken up, and that I cannot ask you to speak on our behalf at the Allocations Committee meeting. But I should appreciate it more than I can say if you would be kind enough to speak with Mr. Sidney N. Weitz, Chairman of the Budget Committee of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Federation, and convince him of the importance of supporting our beneficiaries more adequately than in the past.

Since pre-budgeting will take place in the next few days, may I ask you to act on our request as quickly as possible.

Once more, please be assured of our deep gratitude for your cooperation on our behalf.

With very kind regards and cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

dword 4 Edward A. Norman

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| Abramson, Ralph D.         | 147 Main St., Painesville, O.    |     | 6801     | RT*  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|----------|------|
| Affelder, Harry F.         | POB 6296 (1)                     | PR  | 1-8470   | RT   |
| Amster, Bertram W.         | 2043 East 55th St. (3)           | HE  | 1-1641   | WFC  |
| Baker, Edward M.           | 200 Nat'l City E. 6th Bldg. (14) | PR  | 1-4747   | PT   |
| Benesch, Alfred A.         | 1106 Citizens Bldg. (14)         | CH  | 1-0240   | RT   |
| Berne, Joseph M.           | 1130 Keith Bldg. (15)            | MA  | 1-8780   | PT   |
| Bernon, Judge Maurice(VP)  | 807 Union Commerce Bldg. (14)    | MA  | 1-8834   | 1954 |
| Bing, Louis S., Jr.        | 514 Prospect Ave. (15)           | MA  | 1-8400   | PT   |
| Brickner, Rabbi Barnett R. | 8206 Euclid Ave. (3)             | CE  | 1-0862   | CT   |
| Brown, Ronald              | 8701 Kinsman Rd. (4)             | sw  | 1-1900   | RT   |
| Brown, Mrs. Ronald         | 2427 Derbyshire Rd. (6)          | FA  | 1-0566   | RT   |
| Cohen, Rabbi Armond E.     | 3325 Euclid Hts. Blvd. (18)      | ER  | 1-2244   | CT   |
| Curtis, Jerome N. (VP)     | 837 Union Commerce Bldg. (14)    | MA  | 1-8898   | RT   |
| Drucker, Judge Lewis       | Municipal Court-City Hall (14)   |     | 1-6345   | RT   |
| Dworkin, Mrs. Harry J.     | 243 Chester-12th Bldg. (14)      | TO  | 1-3434   | RT   |
| Elder, Emil M.             | 1968 East 66th St. (3)           |     | 1-2525   | 1952 |
| Engelberg, Rabbi Louis     | 10915 Morison Ave. (8)           | GL  | 1-1408   | CT   |
| Fine, Myer S.              | 2100 Payne Ave. (14)             | то  | 1-0784   | 1953 |
| Freedheim, Eugene H.       | 800 Nat'l City E. 6th Bldg. (14) | MA  | 1-6720   | 1954 |
| Freedman, Max (VP)         | 3615 Chester Ave. (14)           | EX  | 1-4200   | WFC  |
| Friedman, S. M.            | 4510 Division Ave. (2)           | AT  | 1-5100   | 1954 |
| Freiberger, I. F.          | c/o The Cleveland Trust Co.      |     |          |      |
|                            | Euclid & East 9th St.            | MA  | 1-1600   | 1954 |
| Glass, M. E. (Treasurer)   | 1018 Nat'l City Bank Bldg. (14)  | SU  | 1-7500   | 1952 |
| Glickman, Harold J.        | 1130 Keith Bldg. (15)            | MA  | 1-8780   | RT   |
| Goldberg, William          | 1248 Walnut Ave. (14)            | MA  | 1-8883   | 1952 |
| Goldhamer, Samuel          | 1001 Huron Rd. (15)              | CH  | 1-8176   | HT   |
| Goodman, Eugene H.         | 275 East 131st St. (8)           | GL  | 1-5000   | WFC  |
| Goodman, Julius E.         | 8358 Broadway Ave. (5)           | DI  | 1-1284   | RT   |
| Grossman, Marc J.          | 1702 N B C Bldg. (14)            | MA  | 1-7860   | 1953 |
| Guren, Myron               | 2945 East 83rd St. (4)           | MI  | 1-0505   | RT   |
| Hartzmark, Joseph          | 600 Nat'l City Bank Bldg. (14)   | TO  | 1-6677   | 1953 |
| Hays, George H.            | POB 1791 (5)                     | VU  | 3-1100   | RT   |
| Hertz, Judge David Ralph   | 1001 Hippodrome Bldg. (14)       | CH  | 1-4425   | RT   |
| Herzog, Mrs. Siegmund      | 2258 Euclid Hts. Blvd. (6)       | FA  | 1-1342   | PT   |
| Hirsch, Dr. S. F. M.       | 738 Keith Bldg. (15)             | CH  | 1-2454   | 1953 |
| Joseph, Frank E.           | 1759 Union Commerce Bldg. (14)   | MA  | 1-5800   | RT   |
| Kirzner, Dr. Eliezer W.    | 3427 East 117th St. (20)         | WA  | 1-1828   | CT   |
| Klein, Eugene M.           | 1000 N B C Bldg. (14) TO 1-6922  | CAN | XXX58200 | WFC  |
| Kohrman, Max I.            | Engineers Bldg. (14)             |     | 1-8589   | RT   |
| Krohngold, Bertram J.      | 339 St. Clair Ave., W. (13)      | MA  | 1-1351   | 1953 |
| Lampl, Jack                | 222 Republic Bldg. (15)          | CH  | 1-0660   | RT   |
| Lampl, Joseph              | 2576 Superior Ave. (14)          | CH  | 1-1864   | 1954 |
| Leeb, Gabriel              | Nat'l City Bank Bldg. (14)       | SU  | 1-5000   | RT   |
| Loeser, Irwin N.           | 800 Nat'l City E. 6th Bldg. (14) | MA  | 1-6720   | 1952 |
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| Loeser, Nathan              | 800 Nat'l City E. 6th Bldg. (14) | MA | 1-6720 | HT   |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----|--------|------|
| Luntz, A. M.                | 1372 Hanna Bldg. (15)            | SU | 1-9330 | WFC  |
| Maschke, Maurice, Jr.       | 3611 Payne Ave. (14)             | HE | 1-0035 | WFC  |
| Mayer, George B.            | 1030 Schofield Bldg. (15)        | TO | 1-2323 | 1954 |
| Miller, Alex                | 6600 Grant Ave. (5)              | VU | 3-4972 | WFC  |
| Miller, James H.            | 1600 East 30th St. (14)          | PR | 1-3960 | WFC  |
| Myers, David N.             | 2300 West 3rd St. (13)           | PR | 1-0345 | WFC  |
| Neumark, L. W. (Asst. Treas | 3)1974 East 61st St. (3)         | EN | 1-0800 | SAC  |
| Persky, A. E.               | 5006 Woodland Ave. (4)           | HE | 1-7210 | RT   |
| Porath, Rabbi Israel        | 14274 Superior Rd. (18)          | YE | 2-2690 | CT   |
| Ratner, Leonard             | 17903 St. Clair Ave. (10)        | KE | 1-6600 | WFC  |
| Reinthal, Arthur J.         | 6118 Kinsman Rd. (4)             | EN | 1-4800 | 1952 |
| Rocker, Henry A. (Pres.)    | 731 Leader Bldg. (14)            | MA | 1-0940 | 1953 |
| Rosenthal, Rabbi Rudolph M. | 3130 Mayfield Rd. (18)           | YE | 2-1820 | CT   |
| Schultz, Edward             | 736 Union Com. Bldg. (14)        | PR | 1-6774 | RT   |
| Schwenger, Lloyd S.         | 978 Union Com. Bldg. (14)        | MA | 1-2526 | SAC  |
| Shapiro, Ezra Z.            | 540 Nat'l City Bank Bldg. (14)   | CH | 1-3737 | 1952 |
| Sherby, Daniel              | 1030 Leader Bldg. (14)           | PR | 1-3188 | 1954 |
| Silbert, Judge Joseph H.    | Common Pleas Court-              |    |        |      |
|                             | Court House (13)                 | PR | 1-0660 | RT   |
| Silver, Rabbi Abba Hillel   | Ansel Road & E. 105th St. (6)    | SW | 1-7755 | CT   |
| Silver, Howard M.           | 8911 Lorain Ave. (2)             | ME | 1-4640 | 1953 |
| Simon, Max                  | 700 St. Clair Ave., W. (13)      | MA | 1-8073 | 1952 |
| Spilka, Theodore R.         | 439 Soc. for Sav. Bldg. (14)     | PR | 1-6512 | RT   |
| Stone, Irving I.            | 1378 West 78th St. (2)           | OL | 1-5000 | WFC  |
| Sudak, Sol                  | 3733 Silsby Rd. (18)             | FA | 1-4807 | CT   |
| Treuhaft, William C.        | 8701 Kinsman Rd. (4)             | SW | 1-1900 | SAC  |
| Weitz, Sidney N.            | 940 Leader Bldg. (14)            | MA | 1-2160 | WFC  |
| Williams, Lawrence H.       | 531 Soc. for Sav. Bldg. (14)     | MA | 1-6784 | CT   |
| Wise, Samuel D.             | 7301 Bessemer Ave. (4)           | MI | 1-1170 | HT   |
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February 1, 1951

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For the first time in the history of the American Academy for Jewish Research we are turning to you and to a few other scholarly rabbis and laymen.

With its limited means the Academy has always sought to come to the aid of men in need who have made study their pursuit in life. This program, as you well know, has unfortunately assumed larger proportions as the result of the havoc following the last war. Scholars in increasing numbers, both here and in Israel, turn to us with requests for aid or with literary projects for which they solicit our help.

The Academy is also deeply interested in developing younger people, both here and in Israel, who ought to be relieved of economic worries so as to be able to concentrate on their intellectual growth. The mature scholars as well as the younger students naturally address their pleas to an established institution, and may rightly expect a favorable reply from it.

However, the Academy is suffering a decline in its income at a time when it should be augmented. The Welfare funds, our chief sources of money, have practically all cut their allocations to us. Not only are certain needs more urgent than others, but the men deciding on allocations often do not under-stand the importance of an Academy devoted to the advancement of Jewish scholarship without any other aim.

As a man of letters you no doubt also realize the significance of the works already published by the Academy as well as those on our forthcoming list, such as a scientific edition of Vayikra Rabba, Iggereth Teman, Moses Ibn Ezra's "Ars Poetica", etc.

The money which the Academy receives is applied in its entirety, save for clerical expenses, to the functions which it has undertaken. Contributions are tax exempt. May we therefore ask you, Rabbi Silver, to become a whom your efforts will help, as well as of all who are interested in Jewish learning.

Trusting that we can count on your generous participation, we remain

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February 2, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Ansel Road & E. 105 Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The leadership of the Women's Division of the 1951 Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal joins me in expressing appreciation to you for accepting our invitation to speak at our Pre-Campaign Workers Rally. This will be a brunch-meeting at the Oakwood Country Club on Tuesday, March 20, at 12:00 o'clock noon.

We expect an attendance of approximately two hundred workers. We know that your message will inspire our women just before they begin soliciting their big gifts prospects.

In a sense, this will also be a fund-raising meeting, since our workers will be asked to sign their own pledge cards after your message.

I shall be away from the city during most of February, but please feel free to contact David Rabinovitz, Secretary of the Women's Division, should you have any questions concerning this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Rose Glass Mrs. M.E. Glass

Mrs. M.E.Glass Chairman, Women's Division Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

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February 2, 1951

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

#### Dear Rabbi Silver:

Attached are copies of an exchange of correspondence between the Jewish Welfare Federation and Bitzaron. You will note in the letter from Dr. Chernowitz that he asks us to invite you to be present when our Welfare Fund Committee discusses his request. I have been authorized by the Chairman of the Welfare Fund Committee, Judge Maurice Bernon, to call Dr. Chernowitz's letter to your attention and to advise you that the Welfare Fund Committee will be happy to invite you to the meeting at which this request is considered.

I am planning to call a meeting of our Committee for one day during the week of February 5, and would like to set a date which would be convenient for you. In the past our meetings were held between 12:45 P.M. and 2:00 P.M.

Please let me know whether you would like to meet with the Committee and also indicate what day would be most convenient for you.

Sincerely yours.

Joseph E. Kapell

Associate Director

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The Jewish Welfare Federation The Jewish Welfare Fund Cleveland, Ohio

February 2, 1951

Dr. M. E. Chernowitz Executive Director Bitzaron 1141 Broadway New York 1, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Chernovitz:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 30, requesting that Bitzaron be considered as a beneficiary of our 1951 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal.

The Jewish Welfare Federation of Cleveland, which sponsors the Appeal in Cleveland for local, national and overseas needs, has developed an orderly procedure for considering applications from agencies which wish to become beneficiaries of the Appeal. Such requests are referred to our Welfare Fund Committee for study and recommendation prior to action by the Budget Committee and the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees has the final authority to determine whether an agency or an institution qualifies as a beneficiary and the amount of money to be allocated to the agency or institution.

In accordance with our established procedure, your request will be referred to the proper bodies for study and recommendation.

We will be happy to follow your suggestion that we extend an invitation to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver or Rabbi Earl S. Stone to meet with the Committee which will study your request.

You will hear from us further in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Henry L. Zucker Executive Director

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#### BITZARON

The Hebrew Monthly of America

1141 Broadway New York 1. N. Y.

January 30, 1951

Mr. Henry L. Zucker, Executive Director Jewish Welfare Federations 320 Chester-Twelfth Bldg. Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Zucker:

We would like to confirm our previous application for a significant allocation from the Jewish Welfare Federations of Cleveland. Bitzaron, now in its 12th year of operation, is an institution dedicated to the advancement of Hebrew letters and learning, and has been publishing the Hebrew Monthly of America continually, as well as Hebrew books and research.

While the American Jewish communities have been concentrating upon the physical rescue of our people overseas, far too little has been done to help the cultural survival of the American Jewry. Bitzaron has assumed the major share of this responsibility in the field of Hebrew culture, and it consequently deserves the generous support of the Jewish community.

We would therefore welcome an allocation of at least \$500 to help us continue our vital work of desseminating Hebrew letters and learning and assisting Hebrew writers and scholars here and abroad.

Will you be gratious enough to grant our institution a hearing at which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver or Rabbi Earl S. Stone will be given an opportunity to represent our cause?

Awaiting your friendly response, we remain, with best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

BITZARON /s/ M.E. Chernowitz Dr. M. E. Chernowitz Executive Director

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WEITZ AND WEITZ LEADER BUILDING CLEVELAND 14, OHIO

SIDNEY N.WEITZ

February 9, 1951

Mr. Edward A. Norman American Fund for Israel Institutions 267 West 71st Street New York 23, New York

Dear Mr. Norman:

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has shown me the letter which you wrote to him under date of January 31st.

May I state first of all that the Jewish Welfare Federation is fully aware of the needs of your agency. Its allocations in the past were influenced by two factors - first, the sum realized in its campaign and, second, the character of the need of all beneficiary agencies. Our Budgeting Committee has scheduled your organization's application for consideration on March 19th, at which time all data that you may have submitted as well as any oral presentation will be given fair consideration.

Our goal this year probably will be 20% higher than our realization in 1950, and if we should succeed in achieving this goal all agencies should benefit therefrom.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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cc to Rabbi Silver

Please return

#### THE JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW

Published by The Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning BROAD AND YORK STREETS PHILADELPHIA

March 7, 1951

EDITORS: ABRAHAM A. NEUMAN SOLOMON ZEITLIN

Dear Doctor Silver:

Last year you were good enough to send us Seventy-five Dollars for THE JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW. In my acknowledgment, I expressed the hope that you would make this an annual contribution. Our financial condition is very low; we are in urgent need of funds. May I therefore ask you to assist us again at this time. It is needless for me to tell you about the Quarterly and its contribution to Jewish scholarship. I hope to hear from you very soon; I expect to sail shortly for Europe and Israel.

Enclosed herewith is a reprint of my article: THE HEBREW SCROLLS: a Challenge to Scholarship.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Silver, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Jolomoo Zuthi

SOLOMON ZEITLIN

Doctor Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio March 20, 1951.

Rabbi A. H. Silver



APRIL 17 MAY 3 1951

The Temple Ansel Rd. at East 105th St. Cleveland 6, Ohio

1001 HURON ROAD CLEVELAND 15, OHIO CHERRY 1-8176

Dear Rabbi:

The Special Gifts Committee has asked me to ask you to solicit the pledges of the Wintner Brothers, cards for which are enclosed.

I know of your reluctance to solicit pledges on any extensive basis. In this case, a serious public relations problem is involved. There is very great feeling in the community, both about the reluctance of the Wintner brothers to pledge, and also about their having broken several promises with respect to their contributions. Please note the following history of Paul and Alex Wintner and their wives:

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|----------------------|--------------|----------|--------|----------|--------------------------|
|                      | 1947         | 1948     | 1949   | 1950     | Balance due: \$2000      |
| Paul Wintner         | - 0 -        | \$2500   | -0-    | \$2000   | for 1948, and \$2000     |
|                      | pc           | 1 500    |        | pd - 0 - | for 1950, making a       |
|                      | ba           | 1.\$2000 | bal    | \$2000   | total of \$4,000 due     |
|                      |              |          |        |          | for both those years.    |
| Mrs. Paul Wint       | ner          | \$500    | \$1000 | \$ 1000  | Mrs. Wintner is fully    |
|                      | <b>\$300</b> |          |        |          | paid up on these pledges |
| Alex Wintner         | - 0 -        | \$2500   | - 0 -  | - 0 -    | Although a pledge of     |
|                      |              |          |        |          | \$2500 was made in       |
|                      |              |          |        |          | 1948, it was subse-      |
|                      |              |          |        |          | quently cancelled.       |
| Mrs. Alex Wint       | ner          | -        |        | +1000    |                          |
|                      | \$300        | \$600    | \$1000 | \$1000   | Mrs. Wintner is fully    |
|                      | 1            |          | V      |          | / paid up on all her     |
|                      |              | 1        |        | $\smile$ | pledges.                 |

Any help you can give us on these cards will be greatly appreciated. In view of the feeling surrounding the alleged failure of the Wintners to do their share, it would be useful if these pledges could be secured early.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

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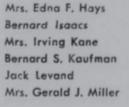
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March 31, 1951

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Ansel Road & E. 105 Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We want you to know how very much we appreciate your taking time from your very full schedule to be with us at our Pre-Campaign Workers Rally on March 20.

Your address was a real inspiration to our workers.

I am sure that you will be interested to know that our Pre-Campaign section has already realized more than \$100,000 and these gifts are averaging over 7% more than last year. This is even more remarkable when one considers that our Women's Division maintained a very high level of giving in 1950 despite the overall campaign picture.

Thank you again for all of the support you are giving to our Welfare Fund campaign.

Sincerely yours, .Glass

Chairman, Women's Division Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

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April 3, 1951

Mr. Sidney N. Weitz Leader Building Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sidney:

Here are two other letters which merit attention. Is there any definite prospect that these very sorthy and very important agencies for Jewish scholarship in America will receive some modest subsidies from our Fund? Last year, because the Jewish Quarterly Review did not receive any allocation, I sent them \$75.00 from our Temple Sunshine Fund. Clearly the Temple Sunshine Fund was not established for that purpose, but we cannot permit these cultural institutions which are so necessary and which have been built up with so much effort and struggle to go under because of our total absorption in overseas relief, local charities, etc.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL STIVER

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# 1951 CLEVELAND JEWISH WELFARE FUND APPEAL

CAMPAIGN HEADQUANTERS

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RECORD-BREAKING SPECIAL GIFTS MEETING APRIL 4, 1951

Under the inspiring leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and with a moving and dynamic presentation of the Campaign story by Louis Broido, chairman of the Greater New York UJA, a record-setting fund-raising meeting was held last night at the Oakwood Club. For the first time in Welfare Fund history, cards were called and pledges announced. The total pledged reached the record sum of \$1,310,695. An audit today revealed that this figure represents a 22% increase over gifts from the same contributors in 1950. Samuel Horwitz, who opened the meet-



ALEX MILLER

SAMUEL HORWITZ Samuel Horwitz, who opened the meeting, and Alex Miller are co-chairmen of the Special Gifts Committee.

The meeting was sparked by the announcement of an anonymous gift of \$76,000, largest in our Welfare Fund history. Here are some other inspiring, pacesetting gifts announced last night:

|                           |                     |              | SECURED BY         |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| NAME                      | 1951 PLEDGE         | 1950 PLEDGE  | Irving Stone       |
| American Greeting         | 42,000              | 35,000       | Irving beene       |
| Publishers Co.            | (minimum)           | 200, 200 513 | Eugene Goodman     |
| Kurtz Furniture Co.,      | 25,000              | 22,000       | Eugene Goodination |
| Is Kurtz & Jacob Bloch    |                     |              | 6-16               |
| Samuel Horwitz            | 7,200               | 6,000        | Self               |
| Louis Feldman             | 10,000              | 6,000        | Self               |
| David Siff                | 10,000              | 5,500        | Self               |
| Henry S. Gottfried        | 10,000              | 7,000        | Self               |
| Rudolph Deutsch Co.       | 5,000               | 4,250        | Sam Deutsch        |
| Abraham J. Litt           | 4,000               | 2,250        | Self               |
| Jack Levand               | 3,300               | 1,000        | Self               |
| Leonard L. Broida         | 2,800               | 2,000        | Self               |
| Zehman & Wolf Constructi  | ion Co. 6,000       | 4,000        | Sidney Zehman      |
| Additional in honor of re |                     |              |                    |
| of Mrs. Leonard Ratner    |                     |              |                    |
| Herman Moss               | 8,000               | 7,500        | Self               |
| Irving Roth               | 5,000               | 3,500        | Self               |
| Arsham Brothers           | 10,000              | 6,300        | Sanford Arsham     |
| William Katz              | 3,000               | 1,200        | Self               |
| Carl S. Ablon             | 1,200               | 700          | Self               |
| George J. Chertoff        | 3,000               | 2,400        | Self               |
| Carpenters Union #1750    | 5,500               | 5,000        | Wm. Goldberg       |
| (including \$500 in mem   | ory of M. Berkowitz | , I. Duchon, |                    |
| W. Zivow, L. Packer,      |                     |              |                    |
| Alpha Coal & Big Four Lu  | mber Co. 6,000      | 5,000        | Wm. Goldberg       |
| Albert List               | 5,000               | 2,500        | Jos. G. Lampl      |
| Edward Ginsberg           | 1,000               | 750          | Self               |
| Herbert D. Shaw           | 2,000               | 1,700        | Self               |
| Howard I. Bloomfield      | 2,000               | 1,500        | Self               |
| Sheldon Guren             | 550                 | 400          | Self               |
| Smith-Lustig Co.          | 6,000               | 5,000        | Sidney Smith       |
|                           |                     |              |                    |

THIS IS YOUR FIRST CAMPAIGNER... MORE WILL BE COMING TO KEEP YOU POSTED ON PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN.



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April 4, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Ansel Rd. and 105 St. Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the Special Gifts meeting last night you were kind enough to announce Mrs. Silver's and your contribution in the amount of \$7,200.

Our records show the following pledges for the year 1950: Mrs. Silver ---\$2,000 Rabbi Silver -- \$5,250

We would appreciate it very much if you would let us know how you intend to have your contribution of \$7,200 broken down between Mrs, Silver and yourself.

Many thanks for your kind cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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April 5, 1951

Dr. A.H. Silver The Temple Ansel Rd. at E. 105th St. Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

There has been such an enthusiastic reaction to Tuesday evening's Special Gifts meeting, that I hasten to tell you how much we all appreciate your contribution to it. The consensus is that the meeting was the best Special Gifts meeting in recent memory. Certainly we never have come close to getting such a good dollar result from a meeting.

The campaign is now very well launched, both in volume and in a giving pattern. Unfortunately, the audit shows that the percentage increase was 22 per cent and not 26 per cent as announced.

The spirit of the campaign is excellent and there is very little question but that a very satisfactory result will come from this year's campaign.

Please accept my personal thanks as well as that of the organization for your readiness to help us launch this year's campaign. You are a great inspiration to the entire community and a source of strength to me personally.

Best personal regards.

Cordially. Then Henry L. Zucker

Executive Director

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April 6, 1951

Mr. R. Walter, Comptroller Jewish Welfare Fund 1001 Huron Road Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Mr. Walter:

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Rabbi Silver has asked me to advise you that his contribution for the coming year be recorded the same way as last year; i.e., for Mrs. Silver \$2,000, and for Rabbi Silver \$5,250.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Rice Secretary to Rabbi Silver LAW OFFICE OF WEITZ AND WEITZ LEADER BUILDING CLEVELAND 14. OHIO

SIDNEY N.WEITZ

April 6, 1951

Dr. A. H. Silver The Temple East 105th Street at Ansel Road Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

I have yours of April 3rd together with letters written to you by American Academy for Jewish Research and the Jewish Quarterly Review, both of which I return herewith.

In the case of American Academy for Jewish Research, it received an allocation of \$100.00 last year and \$125.00 in 1949. It has made a request for \$1000.00 this year. While I am reasonably certain that nothing approximating this will be allocated, I am equally certain that there will be some allocation, depending upon the campaign result.

Respecting the Jewish Quarterly Review, its application for consideration as a beneficiary of the Fund will be heard by the Welfare Fund Committee on April 12th. While I am not a member of this Committee and do not participate in its deliberations, I have requested the staff representative, who will be present, to impress upon the Committee the inconsistency between the exclusion of the Jewish Quarterly Review and the allocation made to similar causes. Obviously if the Committee approves this agency the Budget Committee will make an allocation, and again the amount will depend upon the campaign result.

I trust that you will be able to attend the Welfare Fund Committee meeting, but if not that Rabbi Stone will appear in your place.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordiality yours,

SNW M encls Frances P Bolton 22nd District, Ohio

Congress of The United States House of Representatives Washington D C

April 10, 1951

Mr. Samuel Horwitz, Co-Chairman Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal 1001 Huron Road Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Mr. Horwitz:

It was with great pleasure that I learned that the Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal of Cleveland has turned over \$700,000 to the United Jewish Appeal. This is a truly commendable showing. I know that the contributions and efforts of your organization will go toward immeasurable good in the new state of Israel, and that all of you who have been a part of this drive can look with pride on your accomplishment. You are making a real step toward shaping a better world in which to live.

With warmest respects to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and the Appeal workers in Cleveland, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frances P. Bolton, M.C.

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The Jewish Welfare Federation The Jewish Welfare Fund Cleveland, Ohio

Henry L. Zucker

April 17, 1951

The Honorable Frances P. Bolton Congress of the United States House of Repres ntatives Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Bolton:

It is nice of you to take the time to wish us well in our efforts on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. We have high hopes that our little part in aiding unfortunate Jews overseas will redound to the benefit of these people and also help to build up a fine democracy in Israel.

I have sent a copy of your letter to Rabbi Silver, and have posted the letter on our Campaign Headquarters bulletin board.

Sincerely yours,

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Samuel Horwitz Special Gifts Co-Chairman

Rabbi Silver: I thought you might like to see the enclosed letter to Sam Horwitz from Frances Bolton, which we have answered.

Henry L.VZucker

May 9, 1951

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OF THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Jewish Welfare Federation and the Jewish Community Council each appointed a committee in 1948 to study the central Jewish communal structure in Cleveland and to recommend such changes as might be indicated. These committees met separately and jointly many times and painstakingly reviewed and discussed the existing central organizational structure and what might be done to improve it. The study and negotiation were marked at all times by good spirit and an over-riding desire to help the community forward in its central organizational structure.

After lengthy discussion and extended negotiations the committees are in complete agreement and whole-heartedly recommend the plan set forth below for a unified central community organization. They emphasize that this plan reflects the willingness of both committees to compromise differences constructively so that well based agreements could be reached. Obviously, no one on either committee agrees with every detail of the plan. The committees realize that there will similarly be questions in the community with regard to various details of this plan, or of any plan. The committees are nevertheless confident that the community will realize that the plan is the product of years of careful study and conscientious negotiation and, viewing it as a whole, will receive it with satisfaction and acclaim.

THE PLAN

- (1) The central organization shall be known as the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council.
- (2) The Jewish Welfare Federation and Council shall perform the functions and have the powers now performed and exercised respectively by the Federation and the Council.
- (3) At the inception of the new organization, all standing committees of the Federation and of the Council will continue on their present basis, subject to change from time to time by the Board of Trustees through appropriate action. All standing committees of the Council, other than those which are part of the Community Relations Department, shall be grouped together as subcommittees of a new Internal Relations Committee. The Board of Trustees is to be given the right, through constitutional provision, to add to its membership the chairmen of not more than six standing committees, if they are not otherwise on the Board. The initial by-laws of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council shall provide for the following six committees, and that their chairmen shall serve on the Board of Trustees as long as these committees continue in existence:

Budget Committee Community Relations Committee Internal Relations Committee Public Relations Committee Social Agency Committee Welfare Fund Committee

- (4) The membership of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council shall consist of all Jewish persons who shall contribute at least \$5.00 per year to the Organization or to any common fund from which the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council receives support for its beneficiary institutions, and such persons shall be members of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council during the fiscal year following which such contributions shall be paid.
- (5) There shall be a Board of Trustees composed of members as follows:
  - (a) One person to be selected by each local agency which receives a direct financial subsidy from the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council, or which is included in the list of organizations which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Included in Exhibit A are the names of the local agencies now receiving such financial subsidy. The present number of the agencies so to be presented is 14.
  - (b) The Jewish Welfare Fund Committee is to designate a number equal to the total under (a).
  - (c) The Delegate Assembly is to designate a number equal to the total under (a).
  - (d) Twice the number under (a) are to be elected as members-at-large.
  - (e) Six persons are to be elected annually to represent congregations, two each from Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Congregations. Selection of the six congregations is to be made annually on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee provided for in Section 7 which shall give due consideration to the principle of rotation among congregations.
  - (f) Honorary Trustees shall serve on the Board without vote. The present Honorary Trustees of the Federation shall be continued as Honorary Trustees of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council. During the first year of the new Organization the only persons to serve on the Board by virtue of previous office shall be the immediate past president of the Jewish Welfare Federation and of the Jewish Community Council. Thereafter, the retiring presidents of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council shall serve for one year following their service as president.
  - (g) The chairmen of the committees provided for in (3) hereof if not otherwise members of the Board.

The Board of Trustees shall conduct the business and affairs of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council, and the powers and authority of the Organization shall be vested in it.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees shall consist of the officers of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council and the chairmen of all standing committees. The Executive Committee shall possess only such powers as are delegated to it by the Board of Trustees.

(6) There shall be a Delegate Assembly which shall serve as a forum for all matters which relate to the affairs of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council, and for matters which are of general concern to the Jewish community. It may make recommendations to the Board of Trustees and receive reports from the Board of Trustees.

Initially all of the organizations which are members of the Jewish Community Council at the time of the merger into the new Organization shall become members of the Delegate Assembly. In addition to the delegates from the organizations, the Delegate Assembly shall consist also of a number of delegates elected at large which shall equal the number of delegates from the organizations. The Delegate Assembly shall formulate its own Code of Regulations which shall include provisions on the qualifications for future organizational membership. This Code of Regulations shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees for its approval as being in conformity with the Constitution of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council.

For the first Delegate Assembly each organizational member shall select one delegate, and an equal number of delegates-at-large shall be nominated by the six members of the Nominating Committee referred to in Section 7 who are selected jointly by the President of the Federation and the President of the Council. These nominees for delegates-at-large shall be elected at the Federation membership meeting at which the amendments to the Articles of the Federation and the amended Constitution of the Federation shall be presented for approval. The six members of the Nominating Committee referred to above, augmented by three persons named by the President of the Jewish Community Council, shall nominate the trustees to be elected by the Delegate Assembly to serve on the Board of Trustees for the first year. Election of these trustees shall take place at the first meeting of the Delegate Assembly.

The first Delegate Assembly shall serve for one year and until its successors are elected by the members of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council in accordance with the Code of Regulations to be adopted.

(7) The officers of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Associate Treasurer and a Secretary. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Trustees from its membership. However, the Secretary need not be a member of the Board. The President of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council shall also be the presiding officer of the Delegate Assembly; and to the extent that other officers are needed by the Delegate Assembly, their functions shall be performed by the comparable officers of the Organization.

The members-at-large of the Board of Trustees and the officers of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee to be composed of two persons to be designated by the Social Agency Committee; two by the Welfare Fund Committee; two by the Delegate Assembly; and four by the President of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council.

The initial members-at-large of the Board of Trustees, and the initial officers of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council shall be nominated

by a Nominating Committee to be composed of two persons to be designated by the Social Agency Committee; two by the Welfare Fund Committee; and six to be designated jointly by the then Presidents of the Federation and Council. In the event that any members of this initial Nominating Committee will not be members of the Board of Trustees, the Nominating Committee as a whole shall select the required number of substitutes from among the Board of Trustees membership to serve in the nomination of officers.

It shall be the regular procedure for the election of officers, that the recommendations of the Nominating Committee shall be sent to the members of the Board of Trustees in advance of the meeting at which the election shall take place. If additional nominations are made at that meeting, the election of officers shall be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board, and the members of the Board shall be notified in writing of all of the nominees for officers.

No officer, with the exception of the Treasurer and the Secretary, shall serve in the same office continuously for more than three consecutive terms of one year each.

The election of the members of the Board of Trustees and of the Delegateat-large to the Delegate Assembly shall take place at the annual meeting of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council.

Nomination for Trustees by petition shall require the signatures of at least one per cent of the members of the Jevish Welfere Federation and Council.

(8) The Executive Staff of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council shall be composed initially of the following:

| Executive Director - Henry L Zucker              |    |
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| Senior Associate Director - Harry I Barron       |    |
| Associate Director - Joseph E Kapell             |    |
| Assistant Director - Sidney Z Vincent            |    |
| Comptroller - Rudi Walter                        |    |
| Campaign Associate - Robert I Hiller             |    |
| Secy of Women's Division - David Rabinovitz      |    |
| Public Relations Director - S J Jaffe            |    |
| Community Relations Associate - Leonard Goldhamm | er |

All members of the clerical staffs of the Jewish Welfare Federation and of the Jewish Community Council shall be included on the staff of the new Organization at the time of the merger, duties and continued services to be determined by the Executive Director as experience dictates.

The salaries of all clerical staff shall be determined by the Executive Director within the framework of the Budget as prepared by the officers and approved by the Budget Committee and the Board of Trustees.

After the first year of operation of the new agency, the Board of Trustees shall review and determine the Table of Organization of the Executive staff. (9) Upon the approval of this plan the necessary legal procedure will require amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Federation and amendments to the Constitution of the Federation. A committee shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Federation to draft such amendments as are required by the provisions of this plan. Before any such amendments are submitted to the membership of the Federation for approval, they shall be submitted to the two committees submitting this plan for their approval as being in conformity with the provisions of this plan.

Respectfully submitted.

Jerome N Curtis, Chairman Jewish Community Council Committee on Community Organization

Henry A Rocker, Chairman Jewish Welfare Federation Committee on Community Organization

Following are members of the Committees on Community Organization Jewish Community Council Jewish Welfare Federation

Paul L Eden Irving Kane Mrs S S Kates Mrs Louis Kaufman Max I Kohrman Gabriel Leeb Ezra Z Shapiro Max Simon Phillip L Steinberg Joseph M Berne Judge Maurice Bernon Louis S Bing, Jr. Rabbi Armond E Cohen Max Freedman M E Glass Mrs Siegmund Herzog Frank E Joseph Jack Lampl William C Treuhaft

#### EXHIBIT A

#### Local Agencies to be Represented on the Initial Board of Trustees of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Council

Bellefaire

Bureau of Jewish Education

Cleveland Jewish Convalescent Home

Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations

Hebrew Shelter Home

Jewish Children's Bureau

Jewish Community Centers

Jewish Family Service Association

Jewish Orthodox Home for the Aged

Jewish Vocational Service

Hontefiore Old Home

Mt Sinai Hospital

National Council of Jewish Women

Orthodox Jewish Children's Home

EUGENE H. GOODMAN 201 COMMUNITY SERVICE BUILDING 1001 HURON ROAD CLEVELAND 15, DHID

May 31, 1951

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

Dear Rabbi:

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Upon the conclusion of our Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal and your return from your visit to Israel, I wish to express to you my personal appreciation and that of our entire Campaign organization for the great help you gave us.

Your generosity, your readiness to accept major speaking engagements, and your practical support and interest in other ways were also a considerable contribution morally and spiritually to the effectiveness of our Campaign effort, inspiring not only our several thousand workers but also the Greater Cleveland Jewish community.

It is most reassuring to all of us to know that our Cleveland Campaign effort can count on the whole-hearted support of one of world Jewry's great leaders. I feel that our Campaign organization is truly fortunate to number you among its stalwart workers.

With best wishes and in appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dore Gordmon

Eugene H. Goodman, General Chairman 1951 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

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June 1, 1951

Mr. Eugene H. Goodman 201 Community Service Bldg. 1001 Huron Road Cleveland 15, Ohio

My dear Gene:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 31st and for your generous words of appreciation. I was very happy to cooperate with you in what, in my judgment, was an outstandingly successful campaign, considering the fact that the Israeli bond drive was in the offing.

What was achieved in Cleveland under your splendid leadership was especially gratifying. You gave to the campaign fine direction, devotion and enthusiasm, and the community responded accordingly. Yours was the major contribution to the success of the campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

#### ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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#### Maurice Bernon Cleveland

October 14, 1951

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, Cleveland,Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

I have your letter of October 10th in re the committee appointed by you regarding the relations of the Welfare Fund to the Federation.

A meeting of the Committee was called soon after its appointment and we were unable to get a quorum present. Subsequently, I called another meeting and I was taken to the hospital on the day of the meeting. During the month of August, we attempted to hold another meeting but two of the members of the committee were unavailable. I intended to call a meeting last month but was informed by Louis Bing that he and George Mayer were meeting with you and he asked me to delay meeting until your wishes could be ascertained.

I will be out of the city the rest of this week but a meeting any time next week is agreeable to me. If you will advise Sam Goldhamer what date next week is agreeable to you he will call a meeting.

Sincerely yours, Manie Arnon

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