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Jewish Welfare Fund, Cleveland, Ohio, 1939-1940.

The Jewish Welfare Federation  
Cleveland, O.

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Copy to: Messrs. Joseph M. Berne  
S. P. Halle  
Rabbi A. H. Silver

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, National Chairman  
The United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City.

Dear Rabbi:

I have discussed with Mr. Goldhamer the content of your letter which came to hand today and we have realized since the beginning of the War that the J. B. C. particularly would be harassed with many new and difficult problems. We are forwarding herewith a further check for \$50,000 to apply on Cleveland's allotment to the United Jewish Appeal.

We are, of course, concerned with you in your efforts to function in this overwhelming disaster which the War itself is visiting upon Jewry throughout Europe and the pressures which it places upon the United Jewish Appeal with its greatly inadequate funds and machinery. In the light of this situation, is it not possible that American Jewry would do well to concentrate to a larger extent upon the adjustment of those Refugees who have come here and those who can be removed from the scene of conflict, rather than to attempt the almost futile program of offering relief to the hundreds of thousands whose fate is so uncertain and to whom the tender of any kind of relief at this time may be of no avail.

We know that the Committee of the United Jewish Appeal is giving serious thought to this and the many other problems now before it and we will undoubtedly be apprised of your decisions or plans from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman,  
The Budget Committee.

September 11th, 1939.



Plan for a Reorganization of the Program  
of Jewish Education in Cleveland

Consideration of any plan of reorganization, would it appears, need to take account of the following:

- A - A recognition of the cognate place of both the Congregational and the Communal types of schools as representing the interests not only of the parents of children to be educated, but also the varying philosophies of groups and elements in the community who are interested in the education of youth and adults.

In discussing parents in relation to this program, we refer of course to those who cannot afford to pay the full cost of such training of their children in the established Communal or Congregational Schools of the city.

- B - The organization of a program which would make available to such parents and children, the types of Jewish education desired by them as a primary obligation of the community; with secondary consideration for the interests of special groups and elements.

- C - A reorganization of the Board and administrative controls of the Jewish educational system for the purpose of assuring the success of the foregoing plans.

Both the record of enrollment and attendance of children in the present Hebrew Schools supported by the Bureau of Jewish Education; and the observations of Dr. Berkson's Report on the recognized trend of interest towards the Congregational Schools, warrant a careful consideration of the use of the community's money for those types of schools which will afford the most efficient use of available educational facilities, and a most economical use of the funds which the community provides. Dr. Berkson observes that the Americanization and modernization processes in American Jewish life, have tended to make the parents of children desirous of enrolling them in congregational schools, being influenced to such a decision, no doubt, by the wish ultimately to affiliate themselves and their families with congregational life and activity.

The community is provided with Temples and Synagogues of substantial size having adequate school facilities to absorb considerable numbers of the children needing Jewish education, but not now receiving it on any continuing basis. There are five such congregations which may be considered in this program: The Temple, The Euclid Avenue Temple, the Jewish Center Synagogue, The Heights Temple and the Oheb Zedek Synagogue.

In each of these congregations there are both Sunday Schools and special classes for more intensive education. Thus, there would be available to additional children the types of instruction of more or less intensive character that the parents might wish, and under the auspices of Reform, Con-



servative or Orthodox leadership. Arrangements could, therefore, be made on at least a testing out basis initially, by a canvass of the parents of children who have discontinued or are discontinuing their regular attendance in the week-day communal schools, to ascertain which and how many of them would choose to send their children to the congregational schools. With such a census, it would be possible further to determine the extent to which each of the congregations might be called upon to make available their school facilities for such children.

The annual per capita costs of the Congregational Schools including all items of expense entering into their administration, are relatively low and can be ascertained generally as to each Congregation. Subsidies could be provided out of the budget of the Bureau of Jewish Education for such numbers of pupils as would be absorbed into the classes of the respective Congregations; or if need be, into additional classes. The subsidy, might in most cases be a supplement to the fee which the parent could pay and would provide for additional staff or the additional time of the present teaching staff, whichever may be necessary.

The transition from the present program to this broader program of educational opportunity, would necessarily be gradual, ultimately determining a more efficient basis for the amount of community funds which would have to be expended for Jewish education. In the interim, no present systems would be entirely given up but the number of classes and the number of schools would be gradually reduced, if and as the flow of children and enrollment into the congregational schools warranted the changes.

The Bureau for Administration of such a reorganized program of Jewish education, would itself have to be reorganized to provide for a Financial Administration and an Educational Supervision. The Financial Administration would be segregated in its operation but necessarily related to the policies and program of the Educational Supervision. The Educational Supervision might be delegated to a Body of Rabbis and Layment interested directly in the Jewish educational work of the community and the Schools which are included; it would determine minimum standards of education for the Congregational and Communal Schools, provided of course, that the administration of these various systems would remain entirely autonomous.

A Financial Secretary would be in charge of the fiscal and financial administration with a Director of Curriculum and Standards to direct the work of the Educational Committee.

Subsidy would be provided from community funds on a per capita basis to supplement, as already stated, the tuition income from the newly enrolled children in each of the systems of schools. Some part of the budget of the Bureau would likewise be set apart, as now, for the Teachers' Institute and for Adult Programs.



# The Jewish Welfare Federation

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## The Jewish Welfare Fund

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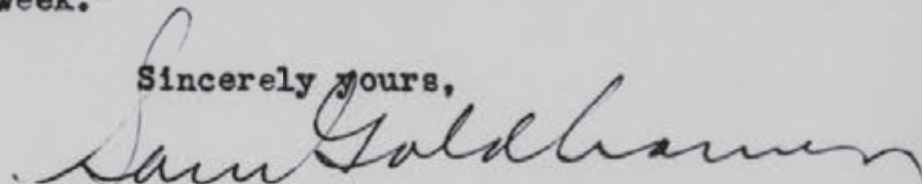
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Dear Rabbi:

In order to familiarize you with the final actions taken by the Budget Committee with reference to the Welfare Fund allotments during the summer, I am appending hereto a revise of the budgetary setup and which may furnish the basis of some further conversation with you regarding some of these items later in the week.

Sincerely yours,



September 18th, 1939.

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

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  
Jewish Social Service Bureau, Cleveland  
Montefiore Home, Cleveland  
Mount Sinai Hospital, Cleveland  
National Conference of Social Work, Columbus  
National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare, N. Y.  
National Desertion Bureau, N. Y.  
National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives, Denver  
Orthodox Jewish Orphans Home, Cleveland  
Orthodox Old Home, Cleveland  
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, Chicago  
Bureau for Coordination of Jewish Recreational  
Activities, Cleveland  
Bureau of Jewish Education, Cleveland  
Bureau On Jewish Employment Problems, Cleveland  
Cleveland Coordinating Committee for Immigrants  
Council of Jewish Federations & Welfare Funds, N. Y.  
German Jewish Children's Aid Committee, Cleveland  
Graduate School for Jewish Social Work, N. Y.  
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, N. Y.  
Hebrew University of Palestine  
Hillel Foundation, B'nai B'rith, Washington  
Jewish Community Council, Cleveland  
Jewish Consumptives & Ex-Patients Relief Associa-  
tion, Los Angeles  
Jewish Consumptives Relief Society, Denver  
Jewish Statistical Bureau, N. Y.  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency, N. Y.  
Jewish Welfare Board, N. Y.

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 Jewish Appeal Including:  
The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
The National Refugee Service, Inc.  
The United Palestine Appeal  
University in Exile (New School for Social Research),  
N. Y.  
Vocational Adjustment Service, Cleveland  
Workmen's Circle Schools, Cleveland  
Yeshivath Adath Bnai Israel, Cleveland  
Yiddish Culture Society, Cleveland  
Youth Aliyah Project of the Hadassah, Cleveland  
Chapter

*Note:* Through a special Contingent Account of the Welfare Fund, practically all of the important European and Palestinian Agencies, Institutions and Schools of Learning which have been soliciting support in this country, are now receiving direct subsidy from the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund on approval of a Contingent Fund Committee. Subscribers to the Welfare Fund should inquire of The Jewish Federation office before making independent contribu-  
tions to such Overseas appeals.





Memoranda for matters to be taken up with  
Rabbi Silver, September 21st, 1939.

1. Actions of the Budget Sub-Committee for the distribution to Protective Agencies; and the general Budget Committee leading to a joint meeting of the Welfare Fund Committee and the Board of Trustees:

- a) Protective Agencies
- b) Requirements of the Local Refugee Committee for additional relief for the balance of 1939 estimated at approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000.
- c) Special allocation of \$2,500 to the Rothschild Hadassah University Hospital, Palestine.
- d) Allocation of amount up to \$500 from delinquent collections to provide expense of attendance of representatives at national gatherings.
- e) Advance funds for 1940 Campaign expense --- work to begin within a week or two.

- 2. Bureau of Jewish Education procedure.
- 3. Status of Jewish Welfare Fund pledges and collections.
- 4. Selection of Men's Division Chairman for 1940 Campaign.
- 5. East Central States Regional Conference in Akron, October 21st, 1939.



Final Appropriations and Tentative Allotments included in the 1939 Welfare Fund Budget.

1. The American Ort Federation was allotted \$3,500 in 1938 and \$5,000 in 1939.

Mr. Backer has carried on quite some correspondence with Mr. S. P. Halle in the office in expression of the American Ort's displeasure with the size of the allotment granted for 1939. Our reply has been that the work of the Ort appears so closely to parallel the retraining work and costs setup in the J.D.C. budget, that until some clarification of the budgets of the two Agencies is arrived at, mutually by the Agencies themselves, our Welfare Fund as well as others must be unprepared to decide how much larger a budget may be required by the Ort.

2. The amount requested by the Cleveland Coordinating Committee was \$30,000; the amount granted was \$24,000 as compared with \$10,982 in 1938.

The rapidly increasing expenditures of the Committee for aid to Refugee families makes it appear that the Committee will need from \$8,000 to \$10,000 more than has been appropriated. Relief is now at approximately \$2,100 per month and about 40 families are receiving aid currently.

3. The Contingent Fund is to receive \$5,000 this year as compared with \$3,070 in 1938.

4. The German-Jewish Children's Aid, Cleveland, has had allocated \$6,000 for the current year as compared with \$3,500 for 1938.

Out of the \$6,000 a portion is to pay for the board of some 12 children amounting in total to about \$2,750; and the balance to supplement the Community Fund's support of the supervisory work of the Welfare Association for Jewish Children.

5. The HIAS is receiving \$2,500 for 1939; the same as for 1938.

The President, Mr. Herman, has written several times complaining of the inadequacy of this allotment in the light of the greatly increased responsibilities of the HIAS in immigration work. Here again, the reply of the Officers has been that the work is so closely allied with the immigration work of the J.D.C., U.P.A. and the Refugee's Committee, that there must be worked out some coordinated budget as an indication to Welfare Funds of the relative cost of each service in the whole scheme of the work.

6. The Hebrew University in Palestine is receiving \$6,000 against an allotment of \$4,000 in 1938 and is one of the majority of the Agencies and Institutions which have expressed deep gratitude for the generous consideration given them by Cleveland.

7. The Ohio State Resettlement Committee is to receive an amount up to \$2,100 as Cleveland's share of a total annual budget to be supplied by the larger cities of Ohio for the maintenance of a resettlement service and field worker for the State. Mrs. Reva Rosenblatt has been appointed the Field Organizer and Secretary with headquarters in Cleveland for the time being. Cincinnati



has appropriated \$1,050; Columbus and Toledo \$500 each; and other cities have been requested to contribute in proportion.

8. The Rothschild Hadassah Hospital, while not receiving a direct appropriation in the budget this year, has since had allotted to it a special contribution of \$2,500 for the endowment of a bed. This follows a request by the three Kangesser brothers and their sister, Mrs. Settler, that such an amount be appropriated from the Cleveland Welfare Fund, they in turn increasing their appropriation for the current year from \$7,000 to \$9,500. The \$2,500 has already been paid and transmitted.

9. The United Jewish Appeal was voted \$475,000 as compared with \$180,000 in 1938 (approximately \$200,000 of this amount has already been forwarded).

10. The new School for Social Research is to receive \$3,000 for 1939 as against \$1,500 for 1938 and has expressed grateful appreciation.

11. For the Youth Aliyah Project there was appropriated \$10,000 as against \$3,600 in 1938.

12. For the American Jewish Committee there has been recommended and approved by both the Budget Sub-Committee and the Budget Committee, an allotment of \$15,000 as compared with \$3,500 in 1938;

14. For the American Jewish Congress \$4,000 as against \$1,500 in 1938;

15. For the B'nai Brith Anti-Defamation League \$5,000 as against \$1,500 in 1938;

16. And for the World Jewish Congress a first appropriation of \$1,000.

All of the foregoing are subject now to further approval by the Federation Board and the Welfare Fund Committee at their next joint meeting. Considerable opposition to the American Jewish Congress allotment was expressed by Rabbi Rosenthal, one of the members of the Budget Sub-Committee and Rabbi Rosenthal voted in the negative as a member of that Committee. At the subsequent Budget Meeting, Rabbi Rosenthal was supported by two or three other members in his opposition to this recommended allotment; and Mr. Suggs Garber moved an amendment to make an equal division of the \$25,000 as between the three major Agencies. The amendment was, of course, voted down by a large majority and the recommendation of the Budget Sub-Committee stands for the time being.

In this connection, there was also a plea from the Jewish Labor Committee for inclusion in the \$25,000 distribution, though the schedule of contributions made by the Jewish Labor Committee last year so closely follows the Welfare Funds' own distributions to similar Agencies and Institutions that there appears to be no purpose in making a Welfare Fund allocation to the Labor Committee simply for further redistribution along the same lines.

17. For the new Bureau on Jewish Employment Problems a revised budget to cover operation from October 1st, 1939 to February 29th, 1940 in the amount of \$3,000 was approved.



A Board has been selected for this new Bureau with Mr. Milton Altschul as Chairman and effort is now being made to secure the services of a Director.

18. For the Jewish Telegraphic Agency an allotment of \$2,000 was voted as against \$1,000 in 1938.

This amount seems to have been satisfactory.

19. For the League for Human Rights Against Naziism in Cleveland, there was appropriated \$16,000 as against \$8,000 last year. This amount should undoubtedly cover the needs of the Anti-Nazi League barring any special emergency demands upon it.

20. For the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League of New York there was appropriated \$1,000; the same amount as in 1938.

The following Health and Special Relief Agencies received allocation which were entirely satisfactory to them:

21. The Jewish Consumptive Relief Society, Los Angeles, \$2,000 as against \$1,500 in 1938.

22. The Jewish Consumptive Relief Society, Denver, \$2,500 the same as last year.

23. The Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital \$200; the same as last year.

24. The National Home for Jewish Children \$1,000; the same as 1938.

25. The National Jewish Hospital, Denver, a new allotment of \$2,225 supplementary to the Community Fund allotment of \$2,775.

26. The Passover Fund of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations received \$2,098.

27. For the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation there was appropriated \$2,000; the same as in 1938.

28. The Graduate School for Jewish Social Work which is terminating its present administration this year, an allotment of \$2,000; half the amount of last year's appropriation.

29. For the Jewish Welfare Board \$500 as against \$300 in 1938.

30. For the Menorah Association \$150; the same as last year.

31. For the Bureau of Jewish Education, Cleveland, \$43,500 as against \$38,500 for 1938.

32. The Workmen's Circle Schools \$1,500 against \$1,000 in 1938.

33. Yeshiva Adath B'nai Israel \$4,000 as compared with \$3,00 in 1938.

National Farm School \$2,500 against \$1,500 in 1938.

Yiddish Culture Society \$500 against \$250 in 1938.



34. For the Coordination of Jewish Recreational Activities an allotment up to \$2,750 was included for a revised budget for activity beginning September 1st and ending February 29th, 1940. No new Director for this activity has been selected and the matter is in the hands of a Committee of the Educational Alliance together with representatives of Jewish recreational groups.

For General Services the following estimates and allotments have been setup:

35. The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds \$2,500 against \$2,000 in 1938.

36. The Jewish Community Council \$6,000 against \$5,200 in 1938.

37. The Jewish Statistical Bureau a new allotment of \$200.

38. For Welfare Fund Campaign and Collection Expense a present estimate of \$38,300 against \$22,300 used last year, though the amount set up may fall short slightly of the necessary collection cost on the basis of 22,000 pledges to be collected.

39. The estimate for shrinkage remains at \$50,000.

40. For the Jewish Vocational Service, a newly created Bureau and for which a new Director has been engaged from Chicago, there was set up an allotment of \$9,000 included in a budget of \$13,500 for the period October 1st, 1939 to February 29th, 1940.

41. The budget also includes a repayment to the Memorial Fund of the Federation of \$7,500 making a grand total of \$771,023.

The present analysis of the 1939 pledges indicate approximately \$775,000 though this will be subject to some variation with some checking yet to be done.



October 6, 1939

Mr. Samuel Gossman  
9925 Westchester Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Gossman:

Ever since the committee of the Bricklayers Union called on me with reference to their contribution to the Jewish Welfare Fund, I have been waiting to hear from you and to receive the check for the amount which you raised. Because of the war conditions and the terrible plight of our brothers overseas, the national headquarters in New York have been pressing us to send on as much money as we possibly can. I would greatly appreciate it, if by return mail, you would send us whatever funds you have available. You will receive acknowledgment for it both from the local and national headquarters, and if you wish, individual acknowledgment will be sent to all who contributed to your fund. May I hear from you promptly?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



October 6, 1939

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

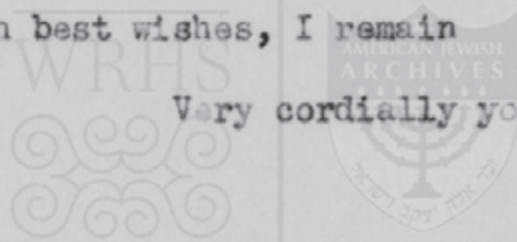
My dear Sam:

I hope that you will attend to the  
enclosed matter.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK  
Enc.





The Jewish Welfare Federation  
Cleveland, O.

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Copy to: Rabbi A. H. Silver

Miss Ruth Harlow  
4432 West 47th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Harlow:

We are indeed sorry if the acknowledgment which should have reached you immediately after you made your contribution to our Jewish Welfare Fund for Refugee aid, went astray. We have a record of your gift of \$10 received on May 16th and are very grateful to you for your evidence of interest in our problems.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer,  
The Jewish Welfare Fund.

October 7th, 1939.



October 11, 1939

Dr. Simon Ginzburg, Executive Director  
Palestine Hebrew Culture Fund  
125 East 85th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Ginzburg:

There will be a meeting of the Contingency Committee, the first one of the season, next Wednesday at which time I am sure the matter of the Palestine Hebrew Culture Fund will come up for consideration. I hope that some appropriation will be made.

With all good wishes and hoping that you are well and that your mission has been successful, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



October 11, 1939

Mr. Philip Bernstein  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Philip:

At the forthcoming meeting of the Contingent Fund, please make sure to bring up the matter of the Palestine Hebrew Culture Fund.

The enclosed letter is from Dr. Ginzburg who visited our community and who was promised some help from the Contingent Fund. This is a very representative organization of all the Hebrew writers in Palestine whose object is to maintain many famous Hebrew scholars whose present source of income has been cut off, as well as to stimulate the dissemination of Hebrew books through the world.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



# Jewish Labor Committee

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Executive Secretary

October 13, 1939.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I regret exceedingly that I did not have the good fortune to see you personally while I was in Cleveland several days ago.

I should have liked very much to tell you something concerning the work of the Jewish Labor Committee that cannot, for obvious reasons, be put in writing. Of necessity, I can only send you copies of the letter exchanged between Mr. L.S. Goldhamer, Executive Director of the Jewish Welfare Federation and Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland and our organization, in the hope that you will give them your careful personal attention. Mr. M. Weintraub, chairman of the Cleveland branch of the Jewish Labor Committee, who was with me at the time I called on Mr. Goldhamer, will be glad to tell you about the nature of our confidential activities, and will give you all the additional information you may desire.

However, I would like to supplement the information contained in our communications by explaining our relations with the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Jewish Appeal. This becomes necessary because the fact that we give large sums of money to the J.D.C. and the U.J.A. is sometimes misunderstood, especially by Welfare Funds which contribute the largest share of their proceeds to these agencies, and see no reason for including us in their budgets, if the funds of the J.L.C. are also turned over to the same agencies.

The fact of the matter is, however, that not a single cent of the allocations received by the Jewish Labor Committee from Welfare Funds is appropriated for any service which is financed by any other agency. The defense field of the Jewish Labor Committee is so definitely its own and so clearly defined, as to make it absolutely impossible for any other organization to duplicate its work. But the Jewish Labor Committee is not a defense organization in the limited sense of the word. It is the spokesman for Jewish labor in all matters pertaining to Jewish life.. We uphold the rights



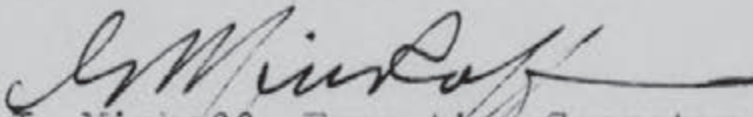
of Jewish labor within the Jewish community, but we are also mindful of the obligations Jewish labor owes to the Jewish community. It is therefore part of our daily activity to see to it that the Jewish laboring masses discharge their duties of Jewish communal life. They do it through the Welfare Funds, Community Councils and United Campaigns, wherever such exist. But in cities like New York and Chicago, the Jewish Labor Committee is the only liaison between general Jewish affairs and Jewish workers.

With the best of organization, the United Jewish Appeal could not hope to reach all of the Jewish workers in New York. They can be reached only through their Unions and Fraternal organizations, who are all affiliated with the Jewish Labor Committee. This explains why the Jewish Labor Committee acts as the labor division of United Jewish Appeals, wherever conditions warrant. We raised the slogan of a day's wages from each Jewish worker to the United Jewish Appeal, and by the time the campaign is concluded, we hope to have turned over to the U.J.A. a sum running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. I dare say that the largest part of this sum would have been completely lost to the U.J.A. had there not been a Jewish Labor Committee in the field.

To sum up. The Jewish Labor Committee is not only a receiving agency, it is also a contributing instrumentality. While engaged in defense work in the ranks of international labor, the Jewish Labor Committee is also helping to establish unity in Jewish life by bringing to Jewish communal affairs in America the active and organized participation of Jewish labor.

It is therefore my sincere hope that the Cleveland Welfare Federation will not let technicalities stand in the way of its granting recognition to the Jewish Labor Committee, and will include our organization in the budget allocated for defense work for the year 1939.

Sincerely yours,

  
I. Minkoff, Executive Secretary,  
JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE.



October 14, 1939

Jewish Bricklayers Progressive Society

Dear Friends:

I have this day received a check of \$594 from your organization in behalf of the Jewish refugees. I am transmitting the check at once to the national headquarters in New York City. I need not tell you that I am deeply appreciative of the very generous contributions which your members have made to help out our unfortunate brothers abroad. I know of the sacrifices which are involved in this giving. I express to you my profound thanks, as well as those of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RB

October 16, 1939

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sam:

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$594 which I received from the Jewish Bricklayers Society for the Refugee Fund. I gave them a letter acknowledging the receipt of this amount. They still have some money outstanding which they are endeavoring to collect.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE  
Jewish Welfare Fund

Minutes of a Meeting Friday, October 20, 1939, at 10:45 a.m., at the Jewish Center

1. Attendance

There were present Rabbi Armond E. Cohen, Chairman; Rabbi B.R. Brickner, Israel Porath, and A. H. Silver.

2. Review of Experience

The Committee briefly reviewed its operation in 1938. A total of \$3,650 had been made available to the Contingent Fund Committee by the Jewish Welfare Fund. Of that amount, \$3,525 had actually been granted to 43 agencies in Europe, Palestine, and the United States. The remaining \$125 had been allocated to two agencies but had not been transmitted, due to the failure of the agencies to meet the basic conditions set forth by the Contingent Fund Committee.

3. Allotment for 1939

The Contingent Fund had been allotted \$5,000 for 1939 by the Jewish Welfare Fund. With a balance of \$125 carried over from 1938, there was a total of \$5,125 available for distribution to agencies.

4. Grants Renewed for 1939

The following grants were renewed for 1939:

America

American Academy for Jewish Research, N.Y.	\$150	
Histadruth Ivrit	150	
		300

Palestine

Bar Jechoi Aged Home, Safed	25	
Central Universal Yeshiva, Jerusalem	100	
General Aged Asylum, Safed	25	
General Misgab Ladach Hospital, Jerusalem	75	
General Israel Orphan Home for Girls, Jerusalem	100	
Haye Olam Yeshiva, Jerusalem	100	
Hebrew Teachers College, Jerusalem	50	
Heichal Hatalmud Yeshiva, Tel Aviv	50	
Osar Hachessed Loan Fund, Jerusalem	50	
Sfath Emeth Yeshiva, Jerusalem	75	
Shaare Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem	100	
Torath Hayim Yeshiva, Jerusalem	100	
United Aged Home, Jerusalem	200	
United Tiberias Institutions, Tiberias	50	
Yeshiva Ohel Moshe Diskin, Jerusalem	50	
Yeshiva Talmud Torah Meah Shearim, Jerusalem	100	
		1,250

Europe & Palestine

American Beth Jacob Committee, N.Y.	100	
Exras Torah Fund, N.Y.	100	
		200

Roumania

Beth Jehude Yeshiva, Bihor	50	
Ets Chaim Yeshiva, Sighet	100	
Morgenroth Society, Cernauti	50	
Ohs Chaim Yeshiva, Satumare	25	
		225



Lithuania (tentatively, subject to confirmation of continued existence and operation of the institutions)

Kollel Kowno, Kaunas	50
Knesseth Israel Yeshiva, Slabodka	100
Chofetz Chaim Yeshiva of Radun, Wilno	100
Ponevez Yeshiva, Ponevez	50
Telshe Yeshiva Ets Chaim, Telshe	150
Yiddish Scientific Institute, Wilno	100
	<u>550</u>

Poland (tentatively allocated but not to be sent pending clarification of situation)

Knesseth Beth Isaac Yeshiva, Kaminetz Litowsk	100
Lomza Yeshiva, Lomza	100
Midrasch Gaveah Tachkemoni, Bialystok	50
Mirrer Yeshiva, Mir	150
Rabbinical College Ets Chaim, Kletsk	50
Torath Chessed Rabbinical College, Brzesc	50
Shaar Hatorah Yeshiva, Grodno	100
Yavneh School System	100
Yeshiva Beth Joseph, Bialystok	50
Yeshiva Ets Chaim, Slonim	50
Yeshiva & Public Kitchen Beth Joseph, Warsaw	50
Yeshiva Tomchej Tminim D'Lubavitz, Warsaw	50
	<u>900</u>

4. New Grants for 1939

Palestine

Ohel Torah Rabbinical Institute, Jerusalem (emergency grant already sent)	25
Palestine Hebrew Culture Fund, New York It was known that several substantial gifts already had been made privately to this organization by individuals.	150
Petach Tikva Yeshiva, Petach Tikva	50
Beth Zekenim Aged Home, Jerusalem	50
Eshel Hatorah, Jerusalem	50
Ezrath Cholim Amarith, Jerusalem	25
Palestine Craft & Education Society, N.Y.	50
Shaarei Torah Yeshiva & Talmud Torah, Tel Aviv	75
Hayishuv Hechadash Yeshiva, Tel Aviv	100
	<u>575</u>

Lithuania (tentative)

Beth Talmud Rabbinical College, Kelme	25
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Hungary

Paks Yeshiva Rabbi Simon Altmann, Paks	25
Yeshiva Toras Moshe of Chust	25

Roumania

Beth Aaron Institute, Stramtura	25
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5. Applications Rejected

Palestine

Hebron Yeshiva -- Information had been received that this institution had collection boxes in Cleveland, contrary to the agreement forbidding such collections by beneficiary agencies of the Contingent Fund. It had also made several direct mail appeals in Cleveland, and had failed to reply to letters calling this to its attention; and had not responded to requests for a detailed statement of its financial receipts and expenditures. In view of these facts it was agreed that the previous annual grant of \$100 should not be renewed for 1939.



Committee for Relief of Refugee Rabbis from Russia, Jerusalem -- This application was again rejected in view of the fact that the agency received \$1,600 annually from the Ezras Torah Fund, which already was being supported by the Contingent Fund.

Jewish Agricultural Orphanage, Jerusalem -- This application was again rejected, due to the refusal of the director to supply information concerning the finances of the institution to the investigator of the Social Service Department of the Vaad Leumi.

American Committee for Relief of Yemenite Jews, N.Y. -- It was agreed that it should not be the policy of the Contingent Fund to grant subsidies to specific population segments within the Palestine Jewish community.

General Immigrants Shelter & Public Kitchen, Jerusalem -- Investigation had revealed that the kitchen was closed and that only three persons were being aided by the shelter.

Rehovoth Hanahar, Jerusalem -- Only eight students were attending the institution.

Malbish Arumim, Jerusalem -- The agency had refused to make public a statement of its income and expenditures.

#### America

Kolel Heichal Matorah Beth Gabriel, New York -- As an American Yeshivah it was not within the scope of the Contingent Fund.

Former Frankfort Yeshiva, N.Y. -- It was agreed that this was a refugee responsibility of the New York Community, and not a national one.

#### Europe

Tomche Torah Society, N.Y. -- This agency had been allocated \$50 for 1938, but the money had not been sent due to the refusal of the organization to give up its box collections in Cleveland. It was agreed that in view of the position taken by the agency contrary to the policy of the Contingent Fund, no grant could be made.

#### Africa

American Pro-Palasha Committee, N.Y. -- The Contingent Fund Committee reaffirmed its previous rejection of this application, following a second appeal by the organization, due to the fact that it already was receiving support from Cleveland through some of the temples.

#### England

Chief Rabbi's Religious Emergency Fund for Austrian & German Jewry, London  
It was agreed that this agency was operating in the same field as the J.D.C. Committee, and that this organization was not an American responsibility.

#### 6. Action Deferred

Action was deferred on the following applications:

Poland (pending clarification of the situation there)

Ohel Torah Yeshiva, Baranowicz

This agency had been allocated \$75 for 1938, but the money had not been sent due to the failure of the institution to reply to letters asking for assurance that it would not conduct independent appeals in Cleveland.

Beth Abraham Yeshiva, Warsaw

Beth Israel Yeshiva, Stolin

Kobryn Yeshiva, Kobryn

Chachmei Lublin Yeshiva, Lublin

Maharazo Yeshiva, Ostrog

Torath Chaim Yeshiva, Warsaw

Mefice Torah Wudath



Palestine

United Charities Institutions, N.Y.

It was agreed that no grant could be made to the organization unless it agreed to cease its personal solicitations and box collections in Cleveland. A discussion of the policy with reference to this policy resulted in the decision that no exception could be made for the United Charity Institutions, and that the general policy in this regard was sound and necessary, and should be continued. In order to estimate fairly what allocation might be made to the agency, should it agree to give up entirely its Cleveland appeals, it was suggested that each of the constituent institutions of the organization be considered separately on the basis of service rendered. It was agreed further that the United Charities Institutions should be asked to furnish a detailed list of the names and addresses of its Cleveland contributors, and the amount given by each.

Beth Ufna Rabbe Itur Rabonim, Jerusalem

As one of the constituent and beneficiary agencies of the United Charities Institution, no action could be taken separately with reference to its request until the application of its parent organization had received final action.

6. No further business coming before the meeting, it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary





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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

THIS LETTER SENT TO ALL WHO PLEDGED \$50 or more AND HAVE MADE NO PAYMENT

TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND CONTRIBUTIONS and SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS were pledged in our Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign in May. It represented a remarkable record for the Jewish Community of Cleveland, and a fine evidence of our recognition of our obligation to Jewry in distress.

But the Campaign did not stop in May ---- we have been working earnestly since then to collect in the money itself. Thousands of the contributors have been paying regularly and we have therefore been enabled to transmit hundreds of thousands of dollars abroad.

The causes for which these funds were pledged, were never more urgent than now. War with its resultant famine and disease, are adding daily to the horrors through which our people have been passing in these recent years. You must I am sure, realize how necessary it is that we continue sending funds for their relief.

Your Pledge has not been paid ---- it is among a relatively few of the larger contributions which I trust this personal plea, will bring in at once.

Won't you please put your Welfare Fund bill among those which you plan to pay on November first?

I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Abba Hillel Silver*

Chairman,

October 28, 1939. The Jewish Welfare Fund Committee.

November 14, 1939

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Fund  
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

I received, this morning, the enclosed letter from Mr. Philip Frankel. He is evidently determined not to continue with his post during the coming year. We shall have to look around for someone to take his place. I will talk to you about it at our next meeting.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



# JUST A MOMENT

WITH THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION



On November 20th, 1939, the twenty-first annual campaign of the Cleveland Community Fund gets under way. The goal which has been set is \$3,350,000, a minimum amount which MUST be raised.

Mr. Salmon P. Halle, a member of the Investigating Committee of the Fund, recently stressed the urgent need for a successful campaign by pointing out that "The curtailment of public relief with the laying off of thousands who have been employed on WPA and other projects, the more recent arbitrary reduction of relief rolls locally, and the inability of private industry, even with the acceleration of business this year, to take up more than a small part of the slack of the unemployment which has assumed a permanent place in our economy, means that many must turn to the private relief agencies for assistance. Help for the unemployed and the unemployable is an essential factor in the stability of our system of production and distribution."

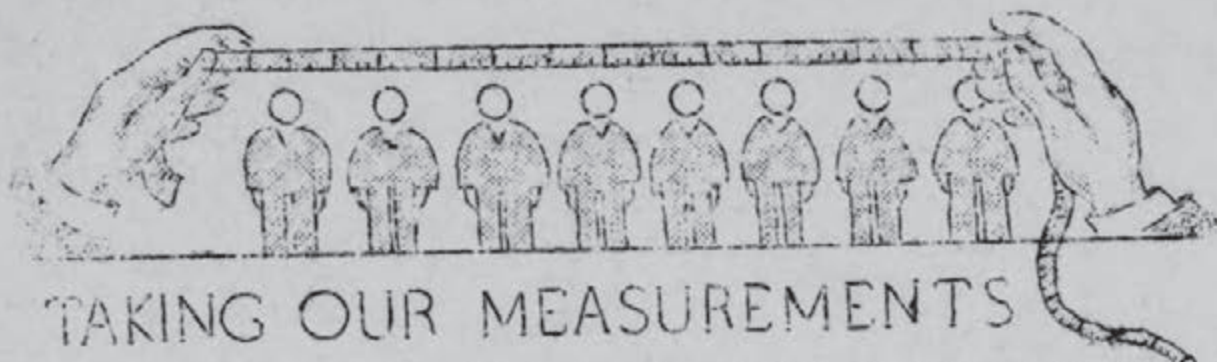
Here are some the people whom the Fund helps:

- families, children and homeless people who need counsel and guidance..
- youngsters who would be in the streets if there were no neighborhood center where they could meet, plan, and learn to live together.....
- needy sick people who cannot afford the services of hospitals and private physicians.....
- aged people who need a home in which to spend their declining years...

The Fund supports both Jewish and Non-Jewish agencies. Among the Jewish agencies which receive money from it, through the Jewish Welfare Federation, are Camp Wise, the Council Educational Alliance, the Jewish Orphan Home, the Jewish Social Service Bureau, Montefiore Old Home, the Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home, the Orthodox Old Home, the Welfare Association for Jewish Children, Mt. Sinai Hospital, the Jewish Day Nursery, and the Hebrew Shelter Home.

Each of us is a direct beneficiary of the Community Fund. The morale, health, and the future citizenry of Cleveland are the concern of all. This is our opportunity to share in building a stronger, healthier, happier community in which to live. Give to the Fund. Give generously.





## TAKING OUR MEASUREMENTS

The most detailed study of the Jewish population of Cleveland ever made has recently been completed by the Cleveland Health Council under the direction of Howard Whipple Green. This survey was sponsored by the Jewish Community Council and the Jewish Welfare Federation.

Many interesting facts, which will facilitate future community planning, were made available through the study. For example, did you know that.....

\*There are close to 90,000 Jewish people in Cuyahoga County

\* 7% of the total population of Cleveland are Jewish  
29% of the total population of Cleveland Heights are Jewish  
10% of the total population of East Cleveland are Jewish  
15% of the total population of Shaker Heights are Jewish  
1% of the total population of Lakewood are Jewish

\*Compared with the general population, Jewish families live more in two-family, four-family, and large apartment buildings, and less in one family homes.

\*19% of Jewish families were not affiliated with any of the 146 organizations included in the Study. 11% were affiliated with five or more organizations.

\*There are 13,000 Jewish children in the public schools.

Material on the economic distribution of Cleveland Jews is included in the Study, as well as their distribution according to religious and social affiliation. Individual organizations and the community as a whole will find the information significant and helpful in planning future activities.

Copies may be obtained through the Jewish Community Council, 320 Chester - Twelfth Building, at \$1.00 each.

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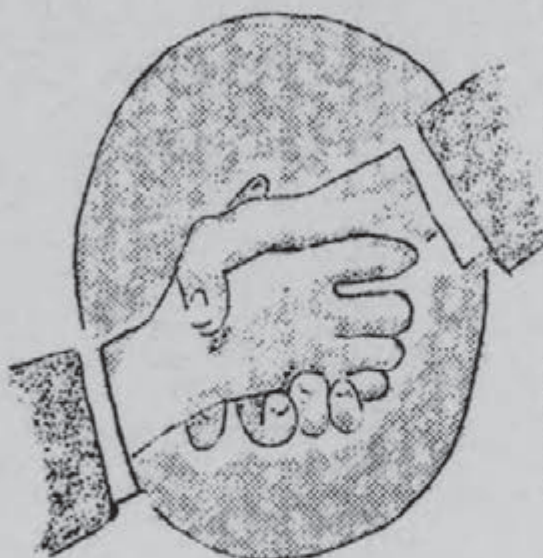
## FOR JEWISH EDUCATION----

The Friedsam Foundation, through its president, John S. Burke, head of B. Altman & Co., has made a gift of \$1,000,000 for Jewish education in New York City.

The money will be disbursed through a newly organized committee in which all Jewish education in New York will be centralized. It will be used to a large extent for experimentation and exploration in methods of Jewish education other than those now functioning in New York.



## CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT, JEW----



On Wednesday, November 8th, 1939, Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, addressed a large audience of Catholics, Protestants, and Jews at Hotel Statler. The occasion was the organization of a local chapter of this inter-denominational Conference fighting for tolerance, brotherhood and peace.

Dr. Clinchy pointed out that destructive propaganda and prejudices have strained the relations between many groups today but that the situation can be controlled by a common will and a common effort. In order to achieve this end there must be:

1. an understanding of each other through personal contact and exchange of idea.....
2. a recognition of the fact that the ultimate objectives of Catholic, Protestant, and Jew are fundamentally the same, and.....
3. a development of habits of cooperation in common tasks.....

Reverend Arthur J. Culler of the Heights Christian Church is Executive Chairman of the local division of the Conference. Co-chairmen are David E. Green (Protestant), Thomas A. Ryan (Catholic) and Philmore J. Haber. Vice-Chairmen are Marie K. Wing (Protestant), Mrs. Herman H. Wolf (Catholic), and Mrs. Siegmund Herzog. Rev. Robert C. Grady of the Westminster Presbyterian Church is serving as Executive Secretary.

Jewish members of the Executive Committee are Edward M. Baker, Philip Bernstein, Bernard L. Goldman, Robert Hays Gries, Jay Iglauer, Nathan Loeser, and Eugene E. Wolf. All committees of the organization are composed of representatives of the three faiths.

Effort is now being made to enroll a large local membership to participate in and promote the work of the National Conference.

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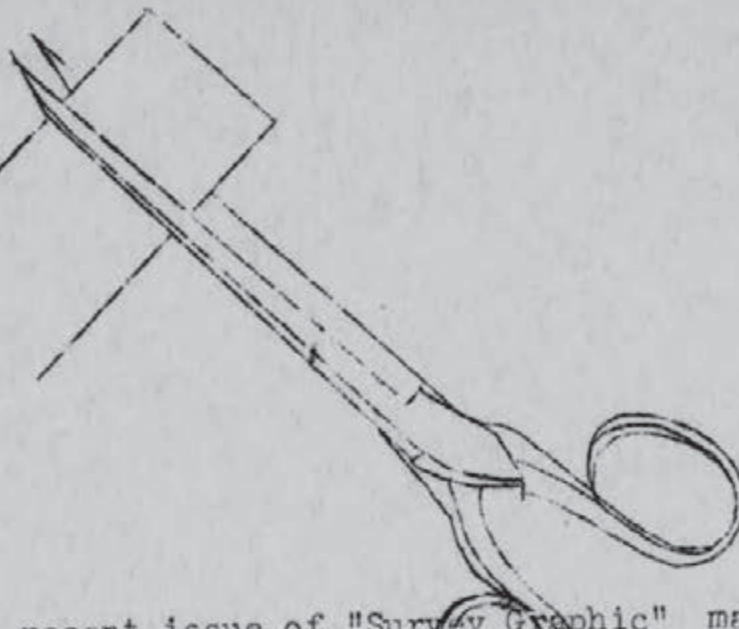
## DOMINICAN DOORS OPEN----

The Dominican Republic has agreed to accept 100,000 refugees for resettlement over a period of years. This offer, made by President Rafael Trujillo through his Minister Plenipotentiary Andres Pastoriza, was received by James N. Rosenberg, Chairman of the American Jewish Joint Agricultural Corporation (Agro-Joint).

The Dominican government has pledged to enact legislation assuring the settlers "full civil; economic and religious rights; naturalization after a two-year residence, waiving of import duties on necessary tools and equipment as well as the \$500 per person entry fee; and precautions against discrimination." Most of the refugees must engage in farming or related enterprises. The project is expected to start within a few months with the settlement of 500 families as the first group to be absorbed by the country.



# CUT SHORT



According to a recent issue of "Survey Graphic" magazine, eight aliens were removed from the United States during 1938 "through naturalization, departure or death -- for every newcomer who entered the country." The present percentage of aliens here is the smallest in United States history.....

The American Red Cross has set up a garment production program to supply clothing to Polish war refugees.....

At the outbreak of the present war in Europe, the number of ORT activities had reached a total of 346 trade courses, agricultural projects, industrial workshops and factories in Poland, Roumania, France, Lithuania, Latvia, Bulgaria, Switzerland, and Germany.....

Palestine is receiving Jewish immigrants from European countries at the rate of 2,000 a month, and the United Palestine Appeal is rapidly exhausting its resources for their retraining and maintenance.....

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America has accepted a \$1,150,000 fund-raising goal for youth refugee, hospitalization, public health, child welfare and land reclamation work in Palestine.....

There are now 299 low rent housing projects in 135 communities in the United States. This has been made possible by the United States Housing Authority.....

A study of the first seven months of 1939 reveal that there has been a marked increase in Palestine trade. Imports increased 32.9% over the same period in 1938 and exports increased 24.4%.....

The Joint Distribution Committee, operating under the greatest pressure of relief need in its history, estimates its present commitments for aid to homeless and distressed European Jews at nearly \$6,000,000 in addition to the \$4,500,000 already allocated from the 1939 United Jewish Appeal.....

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## JUST A MOMENT

November 17th, 1939

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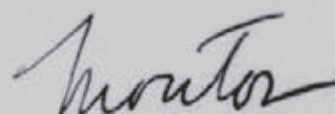
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is an inquiry from Mr. Goldhamer with regard to Dr. Weizmann and my reply thereto.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
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**\$20,000,000 is the National Goal for 1939**



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THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

AND

THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND

Of Cleveland

Room 320

Chester-Twelfth Building

November 17, 1939

Mr. Henry Montor  
The United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

I note from the Jewish daily bulletin that Chaim Weizman is expecting to be in this country in December and to remain for several months; does this mean that we may have the opportunity to schedule him as a speaker at sometime while he is here and would there be the possibility of our securing him for a meeting in the middle of December?

We usually have one mid-year meeting of our Campaign Organization and last year had representatives of several of the overseas and national agencies here to present their respective activities. Dr. Weizman would be a drawing card for such a gathering and eminently helpful to an interest in our organization program.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) S. Goldhamer

Executive Director



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 20, 1939

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer, Executive Director  
The Jewish Welfare Federation  
Room 320, Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Goldhamer:

In reply to your inquiry of November 17th, may I say that there is every likelihood that Dr. Chaim Weizmann will be in the United States next month. He plans to remain with us for about three months.

The possibility of using Dr. Weizmann will be determined by the nature of his own schedule and by the type of function that is planned for him in a number of the leading communities.

May I say in all frankness that it would be neither to the interests of the Cleveland Welfare Fund nor to those of the movement which Dr. Weizmann symbolizes for him to be used at any function where he is one of several personalities. I think it can fairly be said that Dr. Weizmann is one of the two or three most distinguished Jewish personalities in the world today. Any function that utilizes him would naturally achieve its most effective purpose if Dr. Weizmann were the sole and central figure, aside from local individuals who might introduce or speak of Dr. Weizmann.

Dr. Weizmann's program will be completed within the next few weeks. There is a possibility that he may attend a function in connection with Dr. Silver in Cleveland on December 10th. Insofar as the Cleveland Welfare Fund is concerned, I believe that Dr. Weizmann would be very happy to accept an invitation from Cleveland to participate in an event to aid the campaign. What time in January, February or March would seem most convenient to your calendar?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HM:EH

Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman



November 21, 1939

Messrs. David & Sam Berkowitz  
818 E. 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friends:

I am enclosing a letter which I received from the Executive Director of the Jewish Welfare Fund along with the statements of your overdue accounts to this Fund. I can only add my own amazement to that of Mr. Goldhamer over the fact that all through these years, with Jewish needs so widespread all over the world, you have not shouldered your share of the burden along with the rest of the Jews of this community.

I hope to hear from you in the very near future before I am constrained to present the matter to a meeting of the entire committee of the Jewish Welfare Fund.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc. - 3



November 21, 1939

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sam:

Mr. Montor, of the United Palestine Appeal, sent me today the letter of inquiry which you sent him concerning Dr. Weizman, and also a copy of his letter to you. I think that it would avoid confusion in the future if you would contact with me before you correspond about speakers to address meetings in behalf of our local Jewish Welfare Fund. I think that it would facilitate matters, and would not, as in this case of Dr. Weizman, give the impression to the New York office that we are working here at cross purposes without consulting one another.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



November 24, 1939

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Fund  
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

I am forwarding herewith a letter from Mr. Sidney Hollander, President of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, in relation to the forthcoming general assembly. I think that before long we ought to designate our delegates to this convention.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



November 28, 1939

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

In reply to your letter of November 25, permit me to say that it would be advisable to have a meeting with Mr. Phil Frankel to select his co-chairman, and with Mrs. Herzog.

I do not think that another meeting of the Cabinet is required. It was the almost unanimous opinion of that body that we should open our Campaign this year with a mass meeting, and we should proceed on that basis.

With reference to inviting speakers for the Campaign - I think it is altogether too soon to talk about the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



December 2-1939.

Jewish Welfare Fund,  
Chester-12th Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find communication from the Histadruth soliciting funds.

The other day we were again solicited (though I thought the understanding was last year that it would be discontinued) from the Hadassah.

Now a group is planning a solicitation for a Friedland Memorial.

Within the last year, two new agencies - one on vocational matters and one on Y M H A were added to the list of beneficiaries under the Welfare Fund which means a demand from Cleveland Jewry funds for those activities.

First of all, there was to be no further solicitation outside of that covered by the Jewish Welfare Fund, and secondly, I think it is a mistake for the fund to recognize new agencies that require substantial support such as the new ones herein referred to, when there is such a demand on the Jewish community for foreign relief of various kinds, in addition to moneys needed for Palestine.

I believe the Jewish community is ready and willing to continue substantial support for foreign relief and for Palestine and for certain necessary Jewish agencies and beneficiaries here in Cleveland, but it is a mistake to permit other solicitation, and it is a mistake to add new agencies in the face of present conditions. I think we blundered in recognizing these two new agencies this year and I so stated, and I want to say so again.

Sincerely yours,

PF.OC

CC: RABBI SILVER  
RABBI BRICKNER  
ED. Baker

PHILIP FRANKEL.



GENERAL COUNCIL (VAAD LEUMI) OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF PALESTINE

P.O.B. 1088 - Jerusalem

December 3, 1939

Mr Philip Bernstein  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Room 320, Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Bernstein:

Miss Szold has kindly transmitted to us your letter to her of November 3, 1939, containing your request for an estimate of your 1939 grants to the Palestinian charitable and educational agencies.

Upon studying the list attached to your letter, we find that all the institutions enumerated by you exist, are active and merit support. Nearly all, with the exception of those located in Safad and Tiberias, have been investigated by us, and detailed reports sent by us to the New York Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

From your list, we note that you have divided your grant into six categories, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$150, and \$200, a total of \$1875 to 25 institutions. On the basis of the importance, scope of activities and financial status of these 25 institutions, we would suggest that you divide the grant into five categories, in accordance with the list herewith attached, on which we have outlined our proposed grants and your grants side by side for your convenience. We would wish to remind you, however, that the attached estimates are based on the present position of the institutions, which may of course change in the course of time.

You will doubtless be interested to know that since our correspondence of a year ago, decided changes have come about in our activities, following the joint agreement between the Vaad Leumi and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. To date, we have served as a channel of transmission for the allocations of 33 American federations and welfare funds to the Palestinian institutions, totalling \$17,500. About half of this sum was distributed in accordance with the instructions of the contributors, and the rest at our discretion.

We are also glad to be able to inform you that the Chief Rabbinate of Palestine (both the Ashkenazic and the Sephardic Communities) has decided to participate in our Advisory Committee for the Palestinian institutions. The Committee includes, besides two Americans permanently resident in Palestine, Miss Szold, in her capacity as member of the Praesidium of the Social Service Department of the Vaad Leumi.

It would give us great pleasure to extend our services in connection with the Palestinian institutions to your Federation and Welfare Fund, in the belief that our experience and first-hand knowledge in this



direction may prove of mutual benefit to the contributors abroad and to the institutions themselves.

We should be glad to hear your opinions regarding our proposal.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Ch. Yeffet  
Department of Social Service





List of 1939 allocations by Cleveland Jewish Welfare Federation and Welfare Fund to Palestinian Agencies

(For internal use only)

Beneficiary Institutions		Our Proposed Grants	Your Grants
A.	1. United Aged Home, Jerusalem	\$ 200	\$ 200
	2. Gen'l Israel Orphanage for Girls, Jerusalem	150	100
B.	3. Central Universal Yeshivah, Jerusalem	100	100
	4. Haya Olam Yeshiva, Jerusalem	100	150
	5. Haichal Hatalmud Yeshiva, Tel Aviv	100	50
	6. Petach Tikva Yeshiva, Petach Tikva	100	50
	7. Hayishuv Hechadash Yeshiva, Tel Aviv	100	100
	8. Sefat Emet Yeshiva, Jerusalem	100	75
C.	9. Torat Haim Yeshiva, Jerusalem	75	100
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	11. Gen'l Misgav Ladach Hospital, Jerusalem	75	75
	12. Bet Zekenim Aged Home, Jerusalem	75	50
	13. Ozar Hahessed Loan Fund, Jerusalem	75	50
	14. Palestine Hebrew Culture Fund, Jerusalem	75	150
	15. Talmud Tora Shaare Tora, Tel Aviv	75	75
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Total		\$1,875	\$1,875



Copy to: Rabbi A. H. Silver  
Mr. Philip Frankel

The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Cleveland, O.

Mr. Henry Montor  
United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Montor:

Rabbi Silver has just mentioned to me the fact that both Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Mr. Perlzweig are expected in this country shortly and will undoubtedly be prepared to present more factual information about the general conditions and situation in Europe.

Some presentation of this kind might be valuable for a meeting which we would want to call either during this month or the forepart of January, to which we would invite the leaders of our Campaign organization.

We believe that last year Dr. Goldmann came to us under the auspices of the American Jewish Congress, I do not know under what auspices he comes now and will rely on your advice in the matter.

If you have in mind any other persons of prominence who might be available to us for such a meeting, please be kind enough to advise us.

With appreciation of your helpful interest in these matters, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

December 7th, 1939.

Executive Director.

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Rabbi A H Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with the decision of our Contingent Fund Committee reached at our last meeting, we have been inquiring concerning the present status of the Polish Yeshivas which we have helped to support in the past. We are informed that several of them are now in Wilno, where they have been re-established and are again functioning.

I believe, therefore, that we ought to send them their allotments without delay inasmuch as their needs are extremely desperate. For your information I am enclosing copies of the communications which we have received verifying their transfer to Wilno. If we do not hear from you to the contrary we shall assume that this action meets with your approval and shall forward the funds to them.

Sincerely yours,

*Armond E. Cohen*

Rabbi Armond E Cohen, Chairman  
Contingent Fund Committee

December 7, 1939





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A. L. SUDRAN, *Executive Director*

December 7, 1939

Rabbi A. H. Silver, President,  
Cleveland Zionist Society,  
Ansel Rd. Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You are cordially invited to bring to the attention of members of your organization the new Jewish Vocational Service, which, under the sponsorship of the Jewish Welfare Fund, is now established and in operation.

The enclosed announcement explains the function to be performed by this new community service.

Sincerely yours,

MAURICE BERNON  
President

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Rabbi A H Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I spoke to Mr Goldhamer about the persons who should be invited to represent the Jewish Welfare Fund at the United Palestine Appeal conference in Washington. We thought that the following should be the delegates: Joseph M Berne, Sidney N Weitz, Philip Frankel, and Jack Rosenthal or Ed Meisel. I don't believe any of these persons has attended the conferences of the United Palestine Appeal, and all of them hold key positions in the Jewish Welfare Fund.

Very cordially,

*Philip Bernstein*  
Assistant Director

December 8, 1939



December 12, 1939

Mr. Philip Bernstein, Assistant Director  
The Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

Please send the enclosed letter on  
the stationery of the Jewish Welfare Federation  
to the following people:

Mr. Joseph M. Berne  
Mr. Sidney N. Weitz  
Mr. Philip Frankel  
Mr. Ed Meisel



With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



December 12, 1939

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer, Director  
The Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

Enclosed herewith is a note and a  
check from Mrs. Elizabeth Lavelle which  
was sent to Rabbi Silver. Please acknowledge  
the contribution.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



Same to - Mr Sidney N Weitz  
Mr. Philip Frankel  
Mr Edward J Meisel

c o p y

Mr Joseph M Berne  
Public Square Bldg  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friend:

The United Palestine Appeal will hold its annual Conference in the City of Washington on Saturday and Sunday, January 6th and 7th at the Mayflower Hotel. This annual Conference brings together representatives of communities and welfare funds throughout the country. Last year, over a thousand delegates were in attendance, coming from every state in the Union. Foremost men of the nation address the Conference and full reports of the work of the United Palestine Appeal and of the progress of the work in Palestine are given. This year, the Conference will have the great privilege of welcoming Dr Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish agency for Palestine, and of the World Zionist Organization.

The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland has been asked to send representatives to this Conference, and I take great pleasure in appointing you as a delegate. I should be very happy if you would let me know, at your earliest convenience, whether it will be possible for you to attend.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

(signed) Abba Hillel Silver

Chairman,  
Jewish Welfare Fund Committee

December 13, 1939



MARION HALLE STRAUSS  
2961 NORTH PARK BOULEVARD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Helen Strauss, Executive Secretary of the Palestine Orchestra Fund has nagged me since last spring to organize for a benefit concert here for the Fund. I told her I couldn't and wouldn't, but she doesn't seem to understand English. I've just written her again - positively for the last time - "No!" But in case she shouldn't understand that little word what chance is there of keeping her out of Cleveland by an allocation from the Welfare Fund? It certainly is a worthy cause.

I'm inclosing these two letters, and I'd appreciate it if you would give me a few moments of your precious time some day soon on this subject. The fund goes so far, maybe we can stretch it a little farther in the cause of humanity.

Very sincerely yours,  
Marion Strauss.

Dec. 17, 1939.



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Mrs. Abraham S. Strauss

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Strauss:

Have you ever had the opportunity of speaking to Dr. Silvers about the Palestine Symphony Orchestra?

As you probably read in our last bulletin, several cities contributed this year for the first time through their Welfare Funds.

Among them - Columbus, Ohio, Louisville, Ky., Houston, Texas, and a few others.

While I know that your drive is not held until Spring we realize the necessity of making an early application should Dr. Silver acquiesce to the Idea. We will furnish of course any financial report or information that is desired.

Of course we still think the idea of a concert a good one. Particularly this year as we had the offer of several volunteers to give us such a concert - or if you feel Beryl Rubinstein would attract a crowd and would contribute his services, so much so better. However, we had the promise of Harriet Cohen and of Emanuel Feuerman to give a benefit for us. We will secure the artist for you and will, as far as possible, get you anyone that you suggest.

I just returned from Pittsburgh, where Mischa Levitzki gave a brilliant recital. This was the first venture for the community, and in spite of the fact that they are not particular musical, the affair was a tremendous success. General admission seats were \$2.00, sponsors paid \$10.00, and received two tickets, guarantors paid \$25.00 and received four seats. The affair was by invitation - about 400 people were present and we netted close to \$1200. It was a delightful evening from every point of view.

I am using this letterhead so that you can see what New York is doing on the subject of concerts.

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Mrs. Abraham S. Strauss, Cleveland

November 28th 1939

Do let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

*Helen L. Strauss*

Helen L. Strauss  
Executive Secretary

HLS:GG

P.S. I just this instant~~ly~~ received an announcement that  
Beryl Rubinstein is playing at Town Hall on December 10th  
I will be sure to go.





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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Strauss:

I was simply thrilled at the Rubinstein concert yesterday, and am more anxious than ever to have him give a concert in Cleveland for us. I hesitated in making any contacts here until I know what the situation is from your end.

I believe I told you that when we called Kay Halle last summer, she said she would not be in Cleveland very much this winter, and cannot be chairman, but would help you if you would be chairman and she was in town.

We will also do everything possible in outlining all the necessary steps submitting samples, invitations, tickets, and other details.

Do let us hear from you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Helen L. Strauss*  
Helen L. Strauss  
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December 13, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am attaching hereto copy of a letter we received this morning from Mr. Berne, President of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland, and copy of my reply. I hope this is agreeable to you.

With very kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

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Copy for Rabbi Silver

THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

and

THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND

Of Cleveland

Room 320  
Chester-Twelfth Building

Dear Sirs:

In order that we may announce the appointment of the Welfare Fund Committee of the Federation for 1940, as soon as possible, will you be kind enough to advise us whom your Organization desires to have represent it on this Committee?

Very truly yours,

THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

J.M. Berne

President

December 14th, 1939



Copy for Rabbi Silver

December 18, 1939

Mr. Joseph M. Berne, President  
The Jewish Welfare Federation  
Room 320 - Chester Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Berne:

In reply to your letter of December 14th,  
we would like to have Rabbi Silver represent us on your  
Committee. Rabbi Silver, as you will notice from this  
letterhead, is a member of our Board of Directors.

Cordially yours,

Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

SBF:CT



December 20, 1939

Mrs. A. Strauss  
2961 North Park Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Marion:

I am under the impression that your persistent friend of the Palestine Orchestra Fund has previously written to me and to the Welfare Fund about the Palestine Orchestra. Of course I shall have to present to the Budget Committee of the Welfare Fund a request for an allocation if such a formal request is made by the Palestine Orchestra Fund. I am not at all sure that the allocation will be granted. At this particular time there are matters of greater moment entitled to the support of our Fund than the orchestra in Palestine. Perhaps a small allocation may be made to it this year from the Contingent Fund of the Welfare Fund. I shall take the matter up with Rabbi Cohen, who is chairman of this Fund.

As regards holding a benefit concert in the city - that should be completely ruled out.

Come in to see me at any time. Just telephone before you come to make sure that I am in. With all good wishes to you and yours, I remain

Most cordially,

AHS:BK



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Mr Henry Montor  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr Montor:

In accordance with your letter of December 26 I have contacted Station WGAR, our local Columbia outlet, and have its assurance that it plans to carry Dr. Weizmann's talk on Saturday, January 6. I have also contacted Station WHK, the Mutual N.B.C. Blue network outlet, and Station W.T.A.M., the N.B.C. red network outlet, with reference to Attorney General Murphy's address and feel very confident that one of the two will carry that address on Sunday, January 7.

Rabbi Silver asked me to arrange for the official delegates of the Jewish Welfare Federation to the Palestine conference. Two of the delegates definitely will be Daniel Sherby, Zone Cab Co., 2010 W. Third St, and H.R. Cornsweet, N.B.C. Building. Will you please send them direct y invitations, acknowledgments, hotel reservation cards, etc. I shall inform you of the names of the other delegates as soon as I have definite acceptances.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Philip Bernstein

Assistant Director

December 29, 1939.

P.S. Rabbi Silver has also informed me of the definite arrangement for Dr. Chaim Weizmann to be in Cleveland on January 25. We are proceeding immediately with the arrangements for a luncheon and mass meeting on that date.



December 29, 1939

Mr. J. M. Berne, President  
The Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Berne:

In reply to your letter of December 14, permit me to say that we have again appointed Mr. Saul Danaceau as the representative of the United Palestine Appeal on the Welfare Fund Committee of the Federation.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



January 2, 1940

Mr. George Backer, President  
American Committee for Jewish Palestine Participation  
225 West 34th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Backer:

In reply to your letter permit me to say that your communication of November 28 was referred to the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund Budget Committee. This Committee does not pass on beneficiary agencies which are to be included in the 1940 campaign before the end of February or the beginning of March. Our Campaign is in May. When the Committee meets, your letter will receive its attention.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



CONGREGATION BETH EL  
Woodward at Gladstone  
Detroit

January 2, 1940.

Dr. Louis Wolsey  
615 N. Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Louis:

Your letter of December 29th anent the Yeshiboth appeal has just reached me. Peculiarly enough, we are in exactly the same position at the moment as you are. In fact, there is a letter on my desk now, written by Rabbi Wohlgelernter of this city, in which he writes in behalf of a committee of Orthodox rabbis who are seeking the mere sum of \$15,000.00 in Detroit for the support of the Yeshiboth in Poland.

In order to put this across, not less than five Orthodox rabbis have been visiting Detroit for the past two weeks and you can therefore imagine how much of the amount collected will reach Poland after the travelling expenses and the board and room for these gentlemen have been paid. They will not get \$15,000.00 here or anything like it.

Our Federation has actually never made a direct allocation to the rabbis. A couple of years ago they did set aside a sum -- I believe it was something like \$2,000.00 -- to finance the administrative expenses incident to unifying the efforts of the various Yeshiboth to gather money here. For some reason or other, however, the undertaking was not carried to completion and the result is that we are still overrun with M'shulochim. I believe that even if the plan did succeed, it would not keep these gentlemen out of town, but we would at least have some central agency to which we might refer them.

For my own part, I feel that something must be done to save us from this sort of annoyance and, at the same time, put us in position to help worthy institutions of learning in Poland and elsewhere.

As you perhaps know, the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds is to hold its annual meeting in Detroit January 27th through 29th. I believe it would be a wise thing if some letter, signed by the leading rabbis who are faced with this problem, might be addressed to this organization with the hope that some plan might be devised for meeting it. Let me hear from you.

With greetings and regards from house to house, and hoping that the New Year will be a happy one for you, as always,

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Leo

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January 4, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Abba:

I should like to inquire whether your Federation or Welfare Fund makes any allocation for distribution by the Rabbis of Cleveland, to the Yeshiboth of Europe, and to such literary or cultural activities that seek our doors, petitioning for help.

The number of m'shulochim who come to Philadelphia and elsewhere, is beginning to be a bit annoying to the rabbinical fraternity of Philadelphia, and in consequence we are now making a study of the situation, whereby we are either to ask for an allocation from the Allied Jewish Appeal for these causes, or to conduct our own independent campaign in the community.

It occurs to all of us in the profession that these emissaries are expensive, that from forty to eighty percent. of the money collected is used for the living and travelling expenses of the m'shuloch, and that the institution as a rule gets a minority of the various sums. We have instances in Philadelphia of business men who would be very happy to make a contribution to such a fund, if they were relieved of the necessity of dealing with these visitors.

I have a letter from Franklin, in which he says that just now there are five Orthodox Rabbis visiting Detroit, insisting upon a sum of \$15,000 for the support of the Yeshiboth in Poland. I should say that this is almost a racket.

How do you deal with this matter in Cleveland? A rather elaborate report on this matter is being presented to the Board of Jewish Ministers this coming Tuesday. If I could have information from you before that time, I should be very thankful to you. It would help us in making our own local plans.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, 1/4/40.

Franklin suggests that a number of the Rabbis in the United States ought to address letters on this problem to the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds, holding its annual meeting in Detroit January 27 through 29th. I wonder whether it would not be a good idea for you and your colleagues to send such a letter, asking for the support of the Council for these various institutions and cultural endeavors.

With very cordial greetings, I am,

Faithfully yours,

*Samuel Hays*  
President

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The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Cleveland, O.

Mr. N. L. Dauby  
The May Company  
Euclid & Ontario Aves.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Dauby:

The time for the 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign is rapidly approaching and the Cleveland Jewish community will with the rest of American Jewry expect again to meet its responsibilities in respect to those problems that are the common concern of all of us both here and abroad.

Both the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal have held national gatherings for purposes of discussing their respective tasks in the relief and refugee areas; and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has met with both these bodies in a discussion of their budgets and programs of work for 1940.

Locally, the 1939 Campaign Cabinet has held conferences relative to organization and the selection of personnel to serve as leaders for the forthcoming Drive, and the schedule of those who are being asked to participate in their respective capacities, is here attached.

Rabbis Silver and Brickner are being invited to again head our Campaign and we all of us will welcome most heartily your continuance as the Chairman of our Advisory and Special Gifts Committee with Messrs. Nathan Loesser and S. D. Wise as Associate Chairmen.

We have every reason to feel that with the same splendid leadership that has characterized the personnel of our previous Campaigns, Cleveland Jewry will as heretofore render a proper account of itself in the national scheme.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.

January 8th, 1940.

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Same letter to: Messrs.

Louis S. Bing, Jr.  
Eugene S. Halle  
Mrs. Siegmund Herzog  
Sol Reinthal

The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
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Mr. E. M. Baker  
1288 Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Baker:

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Rabbi Silver and Brickner are being invited to again head our Campaign and I should like to ask you to lend your name and your leadership as one of the Honorary Chairmen; and I sincerely hope that we may count on your cooperation in such direction and in such measure as you may be able to participate with us.

I remain,

(signed) Yours sincerely,  
JOSEPH M. BERNHE

President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.

January 8th, 1940.

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Mr. Max Myers  
Keith Building  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Myers:

There has been a meeting and several conferences of the 1939 Welfare Fund Campaign Officers in the selection of personnel for leadership in the forthcoming Drive for 1940. The list is hereto attached and it is our earnest hope that you will continue your service as Treasurer of the Welfare Fund with Judge Maurice Bernon as the Associate Treasurer.

We have been very grateful for the fine type of leadership that has been in evidence in our Campaigns in Cleveland until now and while some few changes have had necessarily to be made, we shall need to rely on the prestige and interest of the former leaders in achieving an effective organization again.

With appreciation of your interest, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.

January 8th, 1940.



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Judge Maurice Bernon  
Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Judge:

There is attached hereto a tentative draft of the Campaign leaders who are being asked to serve in the 1940 Campaign and I take this opportunity of asking that you please continue as one of the Officers and Associate Treasurer.

With appreciation for your interest and helpfulness throughout our previous Campaigns, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.

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Mr. Max Freedman  
3615 Chester Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Freedman:

As a result of a meeting and conferences which have been held recently, relative to the personnel of the 1940 Campaign organization of the Welfare Fund, I am happy with the opportunity of announcing your associate chairmanship with Mr. Philip Frankel as leaders of the Men's Division.

A schedule of the persons who are being invited to serve as Officers is hereto attached. In the main, this leadership remains very much the same as in past years and we are indeed grateful for the opportunity of re-enlisting these persons for a renewal of our successful efforts.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

January 8th, 1940.

President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.



Same letter to:

Messrs. Julius E Goodman  
Robert L. Hays  
Jack Lamp  
L. W. Neumark  
Daniel Sherby  
Dr. I. B. Silber  
Joseph E. Weil

The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
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Mr. Meyer S. Fine  
2108 Payne Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Fine:

The time for the 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign is rapidly approaching and the Cleveland Jewish community will with the rest of American Jewry expect again to meet its responsibilities in respect to those problems that are the common concern of all of us both here and abroad.

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Locally, the 1939 Campaign Cabinet has held conferences relative to organization and the selection of personnel to serve as leaders for the forthcoming Drive, and the schedule of those who are being asked to participate in their respective capacities is here attached.

Rabbin Silver and Brickner are being invited to again head our Campaign and I should like to ask you to lend your name and your leadership as one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Men's Division; and I sincerely hope that we may count on your cooperation in such direction and in such measure as you may be able to participate with us.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

JOSEPH M. BRUNN  
President,

The Jewish Welfare Federation.

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Mrs. Siegmund Herzog  
2558 Euclid Heights Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Herzog:

Needless to say we are very much gratified to be able to continue your name in the list of Officers for the 1940 Campaign as Chairman of the Women's Division.

Letters are now going out inviting the service and co-operation of the other Officers who have been tentatively chosen; and this I understand will be followed immediately by further organization of the various Divisions comprising the Campaign. We all of us trust sincerely that with the same fine and courageous leadership which we have enjoyed in previous Campaigns we shall be able to carry on again to a victorious end.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

January 8, 1940.

President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.



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Mrs. Benjamin Levine  
1574 South Taylor Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Levine:

I am just now sending out letters inviting the service and cooperation of those whom we would like to have continue their participation and aid in our forthcoming Welfare Fund Drive. I am indeed happy to know that we may count on your helpfulness again as an Associate Chairman of the Women's Division. We all of us feel that with the leadership which has carried our past several Campaigns to a successful conclusion, Cleveland Jewry will again be found doing its share adequately with the rest of the country in the problems that confront us.

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Mrs. Marc Grossman  
16950 South Woodland  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Grossman:

I need not, I am sure, tell you how appreciative we are of your willingness to serve as an Associate Chairman with Mrs. Herzog in the leadership of the Women's Division for the forthcoming Welfare Fund Campaign.

As a result of several meetings and conferences which have been held recently, those whose names are included in the attached list are being invited also to serve in their respective capacities as Officers and Committee Chairmen and it is our sincere hope that we shall be able to carry on as we have in the past several years to a successful achievement of our goal and our purposes.

There have already been meetings of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, called nationally to discuss their respective tasks of relief and refugee aid; and we should shortly be prepared with further announcements as to the conclusions of negotiations now going on with regard to their budgetary requirements.

Rabbi Silver joins me in this expression of personal thanks to you for the cooperation which you have lent the Federation in the past and which we look forward to now.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.

January 8, 1940.



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Mr. David Schlesinger  
4502 Prospect Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Schlesinger:

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Rabbis Silver and Brickner are being invited to again head our Campaign and I should like to ask you to lend your name and your leadership as the Chairman of the Employees Division with Messrs. William Goldberg, B. L. Klaus and Joseph Rothschild as Associate Chairmen; and I sincerely hope that with the renewal of the splendid leadership that has headed our Campaigns in the past several years, we shall again carry through to a successful conclusion.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.

January 9th, 1940.



The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
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Mr. William Goldberg  
3574 East 163rd Street  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

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Mr. B. L. Klaus  
321 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Klaus:

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Mr. Joseph Rothschild  
2230 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Rothschild:

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January 9th, 1940.



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Mrs. Abraham Strauss  
2961 North Park Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Strauss:

Rabbi Silver who has again accepted the General Chairmanship of the Welfare Fund Appeal in Cleveland, joins me in expressing our appreciation of your acceptance of the Chairmanship of the Special Gifts Committee for the Women's Division; and I am attaching hereto a list of the other Officers who have either accepted or are being invited to accept their respective tasks.

Both the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal have recently held national gatherings for purposes of planning their respective tasks in the current year; and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has likewise met with both these organizations in a discussion of their budgets. As a result of these meetings we should shortly be enabled to announce definitely the extent to which the country-at-large may be called upon to participate in fund-raising this year.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.

January 8th, 1940.



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Mrs. A. F. Mellman  
17120 South Woodland  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Mellman:

I am just now sending out letters inviting the service and cooperation of those whom we would like to have continue their participation and aid in our forthcoming Welfare Fund Drive. I am indeed happy to know that we may count on your helpfulness again as General Gifts Chairman of the Women's Division. We all of us feel that with the leadership which has carried our past several Campaigns to a successful conclusion, Cleveland Jewry will again be found doing its share adequately with the rest of the country in the problems that confront us.

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Sincerely yours,

January 9th, 1940.

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Mrs. Simon Lewis  
817 Eddy Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

I am just now sending out letters inviting the service and cooperation of those whom we would like to have continue their participation and aid in our forthcoming Welfare Fund Drive. I am indeed happy to know that we may count on your helpfulness as Assistant General Gifts Chairman of the Women's Division. We all of us feel that with the leadership which has carried our past several Campaigns to a successful conclusion, Cleveland Jewry will again be found doing its share adequately with the rest of the country in the problems that confront us.

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Mr. Eugene E. Wolf  
Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Wolf:

There have been several meetings and conferences in the past few weeks for the purpose of organizing our 1940 Welfare Fund Drive and I am attaching hereto a list of the personnel of Officers who have either already accepted or are now being invited to serve.

It is the sincere hope of Rabbi Silver and myself that we may be able to count on you as one of these Officers and Chairman of the Metropolitan Division which I believe may be able to extend the scope of its work this year.

Both the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal have held national gatherings for purposes of discussing their respective tasks in the relief and refugee areas; and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has met with both these bodies in a discussion of their budgets and programs of work for 1940.

Locally, we feel that with the same splendid leadership that has carried our Campaigns to a successful conclusion in the past several years, Cleveland Jewry will again meet its responsibilities as it has done always.

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The Jewish Welfare Federation  
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Mr. I. L. Kamen  
The Cleveland News  
East 18th & Superior Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Kamen:

Rabbi Silver and I would be very happy to have you continue as Chairman of the Publicity Committee for the forthcoming Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign.

Both the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal have held national gatherings for purposes of discussing their respective tasks in the relief and refugee areas; and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has met with both these bodies in a discussion of their budgets and programs of work for 1940.

Locally the 1939 Campaign Cabinet has held conferences relative to organization and the selection of personnel to serve as leaders for the forthcoming Drive, and the schedule of those who are being asked to participate in their respective capacities, is here attached.

With a continuance of the fine leadership which in the past few years has led our Campaigns to successful results, we are sure that Cleveland Jewry will again give a proper account of itself.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

January 9th, 1940.

President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.

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The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Cleveland, O.

Mr. Eugene R. Freedheim  
National City Building  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Freedheim:

The time for the 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign is rapidly approaching and the Cleveland Jewish community will with the rest of American Jewry expect again to meet its responsibilities in respect to those problems that are the common concern of all of us both here and abroad.

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Rabbis Silver and Brickner are being invited to again head our Campaign and I should like to ask you to lend your name and your leadership as the Chairman of the Speakers' Bureau with Rabbi R. M. Rosenthal as Associate Chairman; and I am sure that with a continuance of the fine leadership that has helped us to carry on our Campaigns of the last few years to a successful conclusion, Cleveland Jewry will again give a proper account of itself.

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Rabbi R. M. Rosenthal  
3130 Mayfield Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Mr. S. P. Halle  
904 Hanna Building  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Halle:

I am attaching hereto a list of the Officers who have been tentatively chosen and some of whom have already accepted their places as leaders for the forthcoming Welfare Fund Campaign. Rabbi Silver and I are very hopeful that we may look forward to the continuance of your leadership as Chairman of the Budget Committee and we feel likewise that the renewal of the personnel of our Campaign of former years will enable Cleveland Jewry to again give a proper account of itself in the national scheme.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

January 9th, 1940.

President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.



The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Cleveland, O.

Mr. Sidney H. Weits  
Leader Building  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Weits:

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Same letter to Mr. Nathan Looser

The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Cleveland, O.

Mr. S. D. Wise  
7301 Bessener Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Wise:

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Rabbi A. E. Cohen  
1117 East 106th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Cohen:

I am attaching hereto a tentative schedule of the personnel for the forthcoming Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign including both those who have already accepted service and those who are now being invited.

We should be very happy to ask you to continue as a Chairman of the Contingent Fund Committee and it is our feeling that with the same splendid leadership that we have enjoyed in our previous Campaigns, Cleveland Jewry will give a good account of itself again in the national scheme.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

January 9th, 1940.

President,  
The Jewish Welfare Federation.



## OFFICERS

Associate Treasurer: Judge Maurice Bernon

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Meyer S. Fine	L. W. Neumark
Julius E. Goodman	Daniel Sherby
Robert L. Hays	Dr. I. B. Silber
Jack Lampl	Joseph E. Weil

Vice-Chairmen

Contingent Fund Committee: Rabbi A. E. Cohen - Chairman



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION  
AND  
THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND  
of Cleveland

The United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

I am asking Mr. Max Freedman, the Cook Coffee Company,  
3615 Chester Avenue, one of the Officers of the Jewish  
Welfare Fund, to act as the Cleveland representative on  
your National Advisory Council.

Sincerely yours

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

January 10, 1940.



# The Jewish Welfare Federation

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## The Jewish Welfare Fund

of Cleveland

Room 320  
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### SAME LETTER TO ALL DIVISION CHAIRMEN

### C O P Y

Mr. Meyer S. Fine  
2108 Payne Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Fine:

Organization for the 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign has begun with the appointment by Mr. Berne, the President of the Federation, of those who are to head the various Committees and Divisions.

Mr. Max Freedman will be Co-Chairman with Mr. Philip Frankel, for the Men's Division and, as is customary, meetings of the Division Chairmen will be held at this time of the year for the purpose of selecting personnel for their respective Teams.

Mr. Goldhamer will be getting in touch with you very shortly to plan for such meetings; and we both of us sincerely trust that the Campaign will be accorded the same fine leadership and enthusiasm which has enabled Cleveland Jewry to make such a splendid showing always in meeting its obligations to overseas relief needs as well as national protective and other work in this country.

May we express our own personal thanks for your individual cooperation?

Sincerely yours,

General Chairman,

Co-Chairman,  
The Jewish Welfare Fund.

January 17, 1940

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L. W. Neumark  
Rabbi Rudolph M. Rosenthal  
S. D. Wise  
Eugene E. Wolf



The Welfare Fund Committee  
of the  
Jewish Welfare Federation

extends a cordial invitation

to the

Campaign Officers and Leaders

to meet

Dr. Chaim Weizmann

at Lunch

Thursday, January 25th, at 12:30 o'clock noon

The Statler Hotel

Luncheon, \$1.00 and Tax - Reservation Card Enclosed





Cleveland Jewry welcomes the opportunity to honor Dr. Chaim Weizmann, statesman, scientist, and Jewish leader of world-wide distinction.

At a mass meeting to be held at the Public Hall under the auspices of the Jewish Community Council, all elements of Cleveland Jewry are being invited to hear Dr. Weizmann and to tender him the honor and respect of Cleveland's citizenry.

In order that the leadership of Cleveland's Jewish Welfare Fund may also have an opportunity to meet him more intimately, this Luncheon is being arranged by the Jewish Welfare Fund Committee; it is expected that there will be a large attendance of those who will wish to pay this added tribute to a great leader in Jewish affairs.



January 21, 1940

Dr. Louis Wolsey  
Congregation Roseph Shalom  
S. E. Broad and Mt. Vernon Sts.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Wolsey:

I am sorry to have delayed so long in answering your letter of January 4. I have been away at so many meetings and conferences that my correspondence has seriously lagged.

Here in Cleveland, the Jewish Welfare Fund set aside, a few years ago, a Contingent Fund to take care of Yeshibot, etc., both in Eastern Europe and in Palestine. This year, the Contingent Fund was allowed \$5,000 for distribution and it was able to take care of some twenty-five Yeshibot, orphanages, homes for the aged, etc. in Palestine and as many, if not more, in Eastern Europe. Other communities in the United States have a similar set-up. The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in New York City has collected considerable data on the subject.

As far as Palestine is concerned, a plan has been worked out by the Vaad Leumi and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds whereby the Vaad Leumi acts as a channel of transmission for the allocations by welfare funds to Palestinian institutions. About half of the money which the Vaad Leumi receives from America is distributed in accordance with the instructions of the contributors, and the rest by agreement at its discretion. The Chief Rabbinate of Palestine cooperates in this arrangement.

The Yeshibot in Eastern Europe have this year been faced with the catastrophe which has overtaken Polish Jewry. All the Yeshibot have, of course, been closed and students and scholars have been scattered far and wide. A strong effort is being made to re-establish these Yeshibot in Lithuania and in other parts of Eastern Europe where they are allowed to function, so that their appeal today is on an emergency basis, and in my judgment, justifiable.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,



The 1940 Welfare Fund Campaign May 5th - 14th

# The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland



Room 320, Chester-Twelfth Building

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Men's Division of the Welfare Fund, are asked to please convene for a half hour after the Weizmann Luncheon Meeting is adjourned, for a brief conference on 1939 Campaign experience and results; and for consideration of a few important suggestions for the 1940 Campaign.

The Meeting will be held in Parlors F and G on the second Floor of the Statler; it will be called at 2 o'clock and can be adjourned promptly at 2:30 if all are prompt in coming.

We have had no opportunity to bring the Chairmen together for such a meeting this year; and so take this occasion for doing so. Please try to come.

Sincerely yours,

Co-Chairman  
The Men's Division

January 24, 1940

N.B. The Weizmann Luncheon will be held in the Euclid Ball Room, Mezzanine Floor at 12:30; tickets will be sold at the Dining room door.

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Memoranda for Rabbi Brickner for Jewish Welfare Fund Luncheon Meeting honoring  
Dr Chaim Weizmann, Thursday Noon, January 25th, 12.30 o'clock in the Euclid  
Ball Room of the Statler Hotel.

Chairman - Rabbi Barnett R Brickner

1. Luncheon
2. Chairman to call attention to Business Meeting of Men's  
Division Chairmen and Vice Chairmen to be held immediately  
following Dr Weizmann's address in Parlors F & G on the  
second floor of this Hotel.
3. Introduction and Welcome to Dr Weizmann
4. Dr Weizmann
5. Adjournment of Luncheon Meeting. Division Chairmen to be  
again reminded to convene in Parlors F & G for a brief  
meeting.

Seating at Head Table

Dr & Mrs Chaim Weizmann  
Mr E M Baker  
Judge Bernon  
Rabbi Barnett R Brickner  
Mr Max Freedman  
Mr Samuel Goldhamer  
Mr S P Halle  
Mrs Siegmund Herzog  
Rabbi Abba H Silver  
Mr. Max Simon





Memoranda for Meeting of the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Men's  
Division for the 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign

1. Brief review of the 1939 Campaign Results and collection experience:

- a. Receipts and Disbursements for the period March 1, 1939 to January 19th, 1940, covering both Current and Delinquent Collections and Expenditures;
- b. Comparison of this year's collections with those of previous years; also as to Expense of Campaigns and Collections.

2. The Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal, and the National Refugee Service have been meeting during the past several weeks to consider plans for the United Appeal again for 1940. Several days ago, an agreement was reached on the division of the first eleven million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to be received out of the 1940 national goal, and which provides that the Joint Distribution Committee is to receive five million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the United Palestine Appeal two million, five hundred thousand dollars, the United Refugee Service three million, five hundred thousand dollars. The balance to be received will be subject to allocation by a special committee as in 1939 and without reference to the basis of these original allocations, but rather on the basis of needs as they may present themselves.

3. Locally work was begun several months ago to prepare the office records for the Campaign; this has been made necessary by the fact that the 22,000 Pledges secured in the 1939 Campaign represented 65% more actual work for both the Campaign of last year, for the collection effort thru the year, and for the preparation for the new 1940 Drive.

4. Some weeks ago also, the 1939 Campaign Officers met and discussed the personnel of the leadership for 1940; some changes have been made but in the main, the leadership will be the same, with Rabbi Silver and Brickner heading up the Organization.

5. There will likewise be need for some changes in the personnel of the Men's Divisions, and these will be discussed in meetings now being arranged by Mr Goldhamer with the respective Chairmen; the time between now and the April Division Meetings will be utilized in building up the organization.

6. To this end, letters have been directed to groups of contributors who have not heretofore participated in the Drives, inviting them to join, and a number have already accepted and will be added to the respective Divisions; the Jewish Community Council will likewise be asked to again request its constituent organizations to invite their memberships to assist in the Campaign.



7. Lists are being prepared for the publication of the 1939 Welfare Fund Book of Givers; as usual the book will be ready in advance of the Campaign for the special use of the Campaign workers. Delinquents will be given a dead-line for payment of 1939 pledges for inclusion in the Book.
8. Special attention should be given this year by the Chairmen of the certain Divisions to secure a more adequate coverage of Cards of small Tradesmen; the results of the solicitations of merchants in the outlying neighborhoods such as Grocers, Butchers, Bakers, Shoe and Dry Goods Dealers and Hardware stores, have been very poor due to lack of manpower to do the solicitations; it should be possible to find old established Jewish Merchants in all sections of the City, who could organize small groups to aid them in soliciting the small stores of their respective sections. This will require early attention and organization.
9. Other suggestions to be considered.





Minutes of a Meeting of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen  
for the 1940 Welfare Fund Campaign held at the Statler  
Hotel, Thursday, January 25th, 1940.

1. There were present: Mr. Max Freedman, Chairman; Messrs. Milton P. Altschul, Maurice Bernon, Rabbi B. R. Brickner, Nathan Brilliant, Myron A. Cohen, Nate Cornsweet, Saul S. Danaceau, Meyer S. Fine, Charles Frankel, Max Freedman, Sam M. Friedman, Clarence I. Goldsmith, Henry Greenberger, Leo Grossman, Julius Kahn, Adolph Keller, Judson S. Kline, Bertram J. Krohngold, Jack Lampl, Samuel Levine, Nat Levitt, Willard Livingston, Nathan Loeser, I. R. Morris, Herman Moss, L. W. Neumark, Dr. Sam Robbins, Samuel Rosenthal, David Schlesinger, Ezra Z. Shapiro, Daniel Sherby, J. H. Shulman, Rabbi A. H. Silver, Joseph Spivack, Dr. Abraham Strauss, Charles Volk, Joseph E. Weil, Adolph Weinberger.

2. The Chairman explained that the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the respective Divisions had been called together for the purpose of considering any suggestions which they might have to offer to improve the Campaign technique and results; and to receive a brief review of the Campaign and Collection experience and financial results to date for the 1939 Campaign. Mr. Freedman then called on the Secretary for a resume of the information.

The Members present were advised that the Joint Distribution Committee, The United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service had been in conference in New York during the past several weeks considering the advisability of a united appeal again for 1940; and the initial division of funds on the basis of which they would join their forces. These negotiations were concluded within the past few days and it was decided that the Joint Distribution Committee should receive \$5,250,000, the United Palestine Appeal \$2,500,000 and the National Refugee Service \$3,250,000 of which \$1,000,000 would be paid out of the New York City local Campaign. All funds over and above these amounts would be subject to allocation by a Special Committee as in this past year but the subsequent allocations would be on the basis of the need of each of the agencies as shown at the time and not with any reference to the ratio of the original allocations. It is hoped that further consideration may be given to the inclusion of other allied organizations such as the Ort, the HIAS, the Youth Aliyah, etc.

Locally, work on the Campaign records was started some months ago owing to the fact that 1939 Campaign had produced nearly 70% more pledges than the 1938 Campaign; that the prospect lists ranged between 34,000 and 40,000 names as against 30,000 at this time last year; and that the auditing, bookkeeping and billing of 1939 pledges had carried the work of the office far beyond the usual period.

The collection experience to date as indicated in the attached material which covers the financial experience of the past year, showed that there had been received up to January 19th, 83.2% of the 1939 pledges as against 81.6% received on the pledges last year for 1938. Additional collectors had been put on for the smaller pledges which amounted in the range under \$10, to upwards of \$50,000.

Recently, the meeting was informed, the 1939 Campaign Officers had met to discuss the personnel of the leadership for 1940 and with some changes the same leadership with Rabbis Silver and Brickner at the head would continue for 1940.

It was pointed out further, that there would need to be some changes in the personnel of the Men's Divisions and these changes are being discussed in meetings of the Chairmen of the respective Men's Divisions now being arranged by the office. Further meetings of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Divisions will be held during February and March to revise and supplement the personnel of workers of each Team.

As a result of letters sent out recently to persons who have not heretofore participated in the Campaign, a number of new prospective workers has been enrolled.



The publication of the Jewish Welfare Fund booklet of 1939 is to be discussed by the Campaign Executive Committee; and in the meantime lists are being prepared for printing.

The Director called particular attention to several items which should be given special consideration by the Division Chairmen:

- 1) That the merchants in the outlying neighborhoods such as the retail grocers, butchers, bakers, shoe and dry goods dealers and hardware stores have been very poorly covered and cultivated for pledges. For several years these were covered by the Women's Division on a geographical basis without adequate results; last year the Men's Divisions took these cards over but again there was not a proper coverage due to a lack of man-power to call on these neighborhood stores. It seems advisable that neighborhood groups of merchants should be organized to cover the entire city composed of men who had established themselves for some years in their businesses and who know their neighborhoods and the potentialities of giving of the merchants better than solicitors coming from remote parts of the city.
- 2) It was also felt that salesmen who live in Cleveland but spend a great deal of time away from the city, have in many instances been overlooked and not solicited and that special effort should be made to have their employers provide their names in the respective Divisions so that they might be covered when they are home.

3. The Chairman then asked for suggestions from those present:

Messrs. Bert Krohngold and Adolph Weinberger thought that special attention should be given by a Committee appointed for the purpose of securing adequate contributions from the national chain stores who were doing business in Cleveland. Effort had been made along these lines but without any worthwhile success.

With reference to the salesmen, Judge Bernon thought that in each Division the heads of the firms might be requested to supply the lists of names of their salesmen who are away from the city and that these salesmen might be solicited specially when they are in the city.

Mr. Joseph Weil thought that membership identification badges should be worn by all of the Team Members so that there might be a better acquaintance developed within the Campaign Organization.

Mr. Judson Kline thought that the prospect list might be increased also by securing from the managers of the chain stores lists of their Jewish employees; this was done with the Neisner Brothers organization last year with considerable success.

Rabbi Silver suggested that consideration might very well be given this year to the possibility of extending an invitation to the non-Jewish community to participate in the Jewish Drive; especially in view of the fact that funds of the United Jewish Appeal had been made available for non-Jewish refugee aid. This was a matter that should be discussed by the Campaign Executive Committee.

Mr. Nathan Loeser felt that some more thorough consideration should be given to the proper assignment of cards in the upper brackets so that these cards would not be returned with improper or inadequate results.

There being no further suggestions from those present, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) S. Goldhamer  
Secretary



JEWISH WELFARE FUND COMMITTEE

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Rabbi A H Silver, Chairman	The Temple East 105th & Ansel	Ga 0150
Rabbi B R Brickner, Vice-Chairman	8206 Euclid Avenue	Ce 0862
H J Alperin	2301 Chester Avenue	Pr 1235
Milton P Altschul	1600 East 30th St	Pr 3960
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Judge Maurice Bernon	Union Commerce Bldg	Ch 4460
Saul S Danaceau	Criminal Court Bldg	Pr 0600
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Mrs Siegmund Herzog	2558 Euclid Heights Blvd	Fa 1342
Irving Hexter	Caxton Building	Pr 1251
Adolph Keller	2230 Superior Ave	Pr 4220
Mrs A F Mellman	17120 South Woodland	Lo 9472
Herbert A Rosenthal	Union Commerce Bldg	Ma 2400
Rabbi R M Rosenthal	3130 Mayfield Rd	Ye 1820
Joseph S Silber	Leader Building	Ch 1450
Max Simon	700 St Clair, W	Ma 8073
Mrs Abraham Strauss	2961 North Park Blvd	Fa 6427
William C Treuhaft	393 East 131st	Gl 7900
Meyer Weintraub	2077 East 4th	Ma 7051
S D Wise	7301 Bessemer Ave	Mi 1170
Eugene E Wolf	Union Commerce Bldg	Ma 7256



The 1940 Welfare Fund Campaign May 5th-14th

# The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland



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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am sorry that you were unable to be at the Weizmann Luncheon Meeting yesterday and at the meeting of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Welfare Fund Appeal which followed the Luncheon.

We called the meeting of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to get such suggestions as they might have to offer to improve our Campaign plans; to advise them regarding the 1939 contributions and collection experience; and to advise them that we shall be planning meetings of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the respective Divisions as soon as we are located in the Statler Hotel Headquarters after February first, for the purpose of selecting personnel for each of the Divisions.

The information which was handed out at the meeting and the minutes of the meeting itself, are attached hereto.

We look forward to your earnest cooperation which we have enjoyed so effectively in the past.

Sincerely yours,

*Abba Hillel Silver*  
General Campaign Chairman

*Max Freedman*  
Co-Chairman, Men's Division.

January 26th, 1940.

## Officers for the 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign

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The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements  
1931 - 1938 Account

From March 1, 1939 To January 19, 1940

Cash Balance - March 1, 1939	\$9,411.36
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Income During This Period

From Collection on Delinquent Accounts:

1938 account	\$31,947.39
1937 account	2,244.00
1936 account	1,580.00
1935 account	303.75
1934 account	143.00
1933 account	67.00
1932 account	107.00
1931 account	364.50

Total Collections on Delinquent Accounts	\$36,756.64
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From Refund on appropriation to German Jewish Refugee Committee from 1939 account - made prior to March 1, 1939 from 1938 account	1,582.00
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From Overdraft on 1939 account	5,000.00
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Total Income	43,338.64
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Total Receipts	\$52,750.00
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Disbursements

Payments on 1938 appropriations

Joint Distribution Committee - In Full	\$21,000.00
United Palestine Appeal - In Full	14,000.00
Jewish Community Council - Salaries	1,050.00
Welfare Assoc. For Jewish Children for German Jewish Children's Aid	543.84
Non-Secretarian Anti-Nazi League To Champion Human Rights	250.00

Total Payments on 1938 appropriations	\$36,843.84
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Expenses	5,690.78
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Repayment of loan to Memorial Fund - In Full	7,300.00	49,834.62
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*Cash Balance - January 19, 1940	\$ 2,915.38
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*Due on Overdraft To 1939 Current Account	\$ 5,000.00
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The Jewish Welfare Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

1939 Account

From March 1, 1939 To January 19, 1940

Income

From Collections on 1939 Pledges \$635,560.14

Disbursements

Payments on 1939 appropriations  
per Schedule A Attached \$532,384.75

Expenses

Campaign Expense \$29,045.31  
Collection Expense 8,684.50

Total Expenses 37,729.81

Refund to Delinquent Account for  
appropriation and payment to German Jewish Refugee  
Committee out of 1938 funds prior to March 1, 1939 1,582.00

\*Overpayment on loan to Delinquent Account 5,000.00

Total Disbursements \$576,696.56

Cash Balance - January 19, 1940 \$ 58,863.58

\*Due From Delinquent Years \$5,000.00

Resources

Cash Balance - January 19, 1940 \$ 58,863.58

Due From Delinquent Years 5,000.00

1939 Pledges Outstanding - Not Paid 128,220.27

Total Resources \$192,083.85

Obligations

Payments Due on 1939 Appropriations \$154,058.23



Schedule A

## The Jewish Welfare Fund

## Statement of Distribution

As of January 19, 1940

American Jewish Committee	\$ 5,000.00
American Jewish Congress	2,000.00
American Ort Federation	5,000.00
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith	1,500.00
Bureau For Coordination of Jewish Recreational Activities	2,750.00
Bureau of Jewish Education	39,458.00
Bureau on Employment Problems	1,500.00
Christian Endeavor Annual Convention	50.00
Cleveland Coordinating Committee For Immigrants	26,000.00
Contingent Fund	3,699.65
Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds	1,875.00
East Central States Regional Conference	100.00
Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations	2,097.79
German Jewish Children - Local Expense	4,077.83
Graduate Faculty of Political & Social Science	2,250.00
Graduate School for Jewish Social Work	1,500.00
Hebrew University-Palestine	4,500.00
Hebrew Sheltering & Immigrant Aid Society	1,875.00
Hillel Foundation of B'nai B'rith	1,500.00
Jewish Community Council	4,237.47
Jewish Consumptive & Ex-Patients Relief Assn.	1,500.00
Jewish Consumptives Relief Society	1,875.00
Jewish Statistical Bureau	150.00
Jewish Telegraphic Agency	1,500.00
Jewish Vocational Service	8,200.00
Jewish Welfare Board	375.00
League for Human Rights Against Nazism	14,816.00
Leo N Levi Memorial Hospital	150.00
Menorah Association	112.50
National Farm School	1,875.00
National Home For Jewish Children	750.00
National Jewish Hospital	1,668.75
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League To Champion Human Rights	750.00
Ohio State Resettlement Field Service	900.00
Rothschild Hadassah Hospital	2,500.00
Special Educational Work of Anti-Nazi League	7,500.00
United Jewish Appeal	364,791.76
Workmen's Circle Schools	1,125.00
Yeshivath Adath Bnai Israel	3,000.00
Yiddish Culture Society	375.00
Youth Aliyah Project - Local Hadassah Chapter	7,500.00
Total	\$532,384.75



# THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND

## Analysis of Pledges and Collection of Pledges From March 1, 1931 to January 19, 1940

Year	Gross Pledges	Cancellations	Percentage of Total Pledges Cancelled	Net Pledges	Payments of Pledges Through January 19, 1940	Balance of Unpaid Pledges	Percentage of Net Pledges Paid	Percentage of Gross Pledges Paid
1939	\$769,027.41	\$ 5,247.00	.682%	\$763,780.41	\$635,560.14	\$128,220.27	83.2%*	82.6%
1938	345,503.89	1,060.00	.307%	344,443.89	322,974.47	21,469.42	93.8%	93.5%
1937	292,409.42	2,915.25	.997%	289,494.17	277,066.66	12,427.51	95.7%	94.8%
1936	234,720.72	6,672.45	2.84%	228,048.27	220,106.41	7,941.86	96.5%	93.8%
1935	138,580.80	2,355.95	1.70%	136,224.85	130,676.75	5,548.10	95.9%	94.3%
1934	87,370.50	1,990.75	2.28%	85,379.75	82,094.70	3,285.05	96.2%	94.0%
1933	91,484.00	1,821.00	1.99%	89,663.00	86,174.25	3,488.75	96.1%	94.2%
1932	60,969.50	3,240.25	5.31%	57,729.25	55,501.50	2,227.75	96.1%	91.0%
1931	152,595.20	14,250.03	9.34%	138,345.17	130,640.04	7,705.13	94.4%	85.6%

Average percentage of collection for eight year period - 1931 through 1938

95.6%

92.7%

\*Compares with collection of 81.6% of total net pledges for 1938 as of January 19, 1939.



January 30, 1940

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

I am enclosing herewith a check which I received this morning from the Hatikvah Club. This organization had a benefit affair for the United Palestine Appeal. Please acknowledge the same to Mr. Gilbert Rosewater, 11523 Ohlman Avenue.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

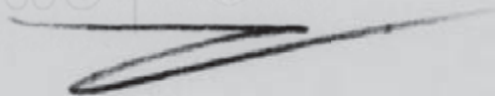
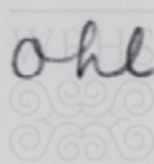
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acknowledge

to Gilbert Rosewater

11523 Ohlman Ave





The 1940 Welfare Fund Campaign May 5th-14th

# The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland



Room 320, Chester-Twelfth Building

Telephones: CHerry 8176-7-8

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The members of the Campaign Executive Committee for the 1940 Welfare Fund Appeal are being asked to please attend an important meeting for the consideration of matters of policy and program which must be decided at this time.

The meeting will be held on Monday noon, February 5, at 12:15 o'clock, in Room 314, the Statler Hotel where Campaign Headquarters are now being established.

Lunch will be served at sixty cents, and you are requested to please return the enclosed card indicating your intention to be present.

I trust that you will make every effort to come.

Sincerely yours,

*Abba Hillel Silver*

General Chairman

January 30, 1940

The 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

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Mikred Heller  
Louis Weitz



January 30, 1940

Mr. M. P. Altschul, President  
Bureau on Employment Problems  
1600 E. 30th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Milton:

I received your letter of January 29 addressed to the Rabbis of Cleveland. It is a good letter and it is well that the Bureau on Employment Problems be brought strikingly to the attention of our people. I shall avail myself of the first opportunity to do so.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



## THE BUREAU ON JEWISH EMPLOYMENT

The persons whose names are hereinafter set forth as members of this corporation at a meeting of the said membership, notice of which meeting has been given to each member at least ten days prior to such meeting, and which meeting was called for the purpose of adopting a code of regulations, do thereby adopt the following code of

### REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

##### Section 1 - Qualification

Every adult person who has, within the previous twelve months contributed the sum of \$5.00 or more to the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland, Ohio, hereafter may be a member of the corporation.

##### Section 2 - Annual Meetings

The annual meeting of the membership shall take place during the month of November, the said date to be fixed by the Board of Trustees not later than the 20th day of October of each year. Notice of said meeting shall be given in writing by mail addressed to the place of residence of each member of the Board of Trustees, and by publication of the date and place of said meeting not later than the last Friday of October in the Cleveland Jewish newspapers.

##### Section 3 - Special Meetings

A special meeting of the membership may be called by the President or by any twenty members on giving the same notice as that for the annual meeting, providing that such notice is published not later than three days prior to the date of such meeting.

##### Section 4 - Quorum

Fifteen members, not less than ten of whom shall be members of the Board of Trustees, shall constitute a quorum for annual and special meetings of the membership.

#### ARTICLE II - TRUSTEES

##### Section 1 - Election

The membership at the first annual meeting shall elect a Board of 18 Trustees, six of whom are to serve for one, six for two, and six for three years respectively and until their successors have been elected and qualified, beginning with the first day of December, 1940. At each subsequent annual meeting of members six such trustees shall be elected to hold office for three years and until their successors have been elected and qualified. Such members of the Board of Trustees shall be members of the Corporation.

##### Section 2 - Committees

The Board of Trustees may from time to time appoint three or more of its members to act as an Executive Committee of such Board in the intervals between meetings of the Board and may delegate to such Executive Committee any of the powers of the Board and may define the extent to which such powers may be delegated or exercised. Such Executive Committee shall be composed only of members of the Board of Trustees and shall be appointed by the Board to serve until the next annual meeting of Members of the Corporation. Any such Executive Committee shall at all times be subject to the direction and control of and shall be responsible to the Board of Trustees.



The Board of Trustees may from time to time appoint three or more of its members to act as a Nominating Committee whose duty it shall be to nominate a Trustee for each vacancy to be filled at the next annual meeting of Members of the Corporation. Any Member of the Corporation may present in writing to the President of the Corporation or to the Nominating Committee the names of candidates to the office of Trustee, bearing the written endorsement of at least twenty other Members, which names shall also be reported to the annual meeting of Members of the Corporation. No candidate may be nominated for the office of Trustee except as herein provided.

The President of the Corporation, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, may from time to time appoint other Committees which need not be composed only of members of the Board of Trustees, but which shall at all times be subject to the direction and control of, and be responsible to, the Board of Trustees.

### Section 3 - Vacancies

A resignation from the Board of Trustees or by an officer shall be deemed to take effect upon its receipt by the Secretary, unless some other time is specified therein. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Trustees or in any of the offices hereby created through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause deemed sufficient by the Board, the remaining trustees though less than a majority of the whole Board by affirmative vote of the majority of those present at any duly convened meeting may elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the trustee or officer whose place shall be vacant, and until the election and qualification of a successor.

## ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

### Section 1 - Election

At the first meeting of the Board of Trustees following the adoption of the Code of Regulations and By-Laws it shall elect officers to serve until the second day of December, 1940. On the second day of December of each year, beginning in 1940, the Board of Trustees shall meet and elect the following officers to serve beginning with the date of their election for terms of one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified: a President, a Vice-President, and a Treasurer from any of their number, and such other officers and employees and for such term or terms as the Board of Trustees may from time to time deem reasonable and proper, including an Executive Director who shall act as Secretary.

### Section 2 - Duties

Each officer shall have those duties and those powers which are generally accorded to such officers by corporations not for profit under the laws of the State of Ohio.

### Section 3 - Budget

In addition thereto, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer with the aid of the other officers to prepare by not later than the Fifteenth day of January of each year an annual budget setting forth the proposed income and allocating the probable expenditures of this organization. It shall be submitted immediately after its completion to the Board of Trustees and after consideration, amendment or modification as the case may require shall be adopted by them. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the twelve months period beginning with March 1 in each year.

### Section 4 - Reports

It shall also be the duty of the Secretary with the aid of the other officers before the fifteenth day of October of each year to submit to the Board of Trustees for its correction, modification or



amendment as the case may require an annual report of the activities of this organization and after adoption the said annual report shall be published in the manner to be provided by the Board of Trustees at the time of the adoption of said report.

#### ARTICLE IV - EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

All funds belonging to this organization shall be deposited in accordance with good business practice in a Cleveland bank of recognized standing and subject to withdrawal by check or otherwise only upon the signature of any two officers hereof.

#### ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

These Regulations and By-Laws may be amended or repealed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members voting at any meeting of the membership called and held for that purpose, although the meeting need not be called solely for that purpose.

#### BY-LAWS

1. The members of the Board of Trustees shall meet monthly and at the call of the President, except that by action of the Board of Trustees regular meetings may be suspended during the months of July and August of any year.
2. A majority of the members of the said board shall constitute a quorum thereof.
3. Special meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held from time to time as the case may require upon the call of the President or upon the demand of any six members of the Board of Trustees.
4. The Secretary shall give notice of each meeting of the Board of Trustees whether regular or special to each member of the Board of Trustees. He shall do so at the request of the President or on the demand of any six members of said Board.
5. The Board of Trustees shall hold its meetings at such place or places within the City of Cleveland as the Board may from time to time determine.



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE BUREAU ON JEWISH EMPLOYMENT

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The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a corporation, not for profit, under the General Corporation Act of Ohio, do hereby certify:

FIRST: The name of said Corporation shall be: The Bureau on Jewish Employment.

SECOND: The place in this State where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga.

THIRD: The purpose for which said corporation is formed is: To improve the employment opportunities and relations of Jews in greater Cleveland.

FOURTH: The following persons are to be members of this corporation and shall serve said corporation as trustees until the first annual meeting or other meeting called to elect trustees:

Milton P Altschul	Standard Envelope Co-1600 E 30th St.
Maurice Bernon	Union Commerce Bldg
Arthur Friedman	Cleveland Heater Co.-1933 W 114th St
George W Furth	1387 East Boulevard
Julius Goodman	J L Goodman Furn.Co.-8358 Broadway
David Ralph Hertz	1357 East Boulevard
Adolph Keller	Keller-Kohn Co.-2230 Superior Ave.
Raymond D. Metzner	Public Square Bldg.
I R Morris	Citizens Bldg
L W Neumark	Printz-Biederman Co-1974 E 61st St
Jack Rosenthal	Meisel Tire Co-1761 Chester Ave.
Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal	Temple on the Heights-3130 Mayfield Rd
Rabbi A H Silver	The Temple -E.105th & Ansel Rd
Max Simon	700 W St Clair
Joseph Weil	Weppner-Weil Co-4400 Nickel Plate
Adolph Weinberger	2400 Superior Ave
Harry Weiss	Superior Die Castings Co-17325 Euclid Ave.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto subscribed our names this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1939.

THE STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, ss.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said county, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1939, the above named \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, who each severally acknowledged the signing of the foregoing articles of incorporation to be his free act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on the day and year last aforesaid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public



February 1, 1940

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

Mr. Jack Raper, of The Press, addressed The Temple Men's Club last Tuesday evening. The Club paid Mr. Raper an honorarium of \$50 which he very graciously has turned over to the United Jewish Appeal for the aid of refugees. I am enclosing herewith the check, and I suggest that you send him a note of acknowledgment.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES

AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

February 2, 1940

Mr Samuel Goldhamer, Executive Director  
Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland  
Room 320, Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Goldhamer:

Thank you for your letter of February 1st. I, too, regret the fact that we did not get the opportunity to discuss matters of mutual concern and interest in connection with the 1940 Campaign.

In reply to your request that a list of possible speakers be made available to you for consideration at your meeting on Monday, February 5th, I send you the following, all of whom, I am sure, are well-known to you insofar as their backgrounds and ability are concerned. I want to point out, however, that I have not ascertained their availability for specific dates, but I do want to assure you that we will exert every effort in trying to gain the acceptance of any of the persons whom you should wish to invite to visit Cleveland.

Dr Stephen S Wise  
Dr Jonah B Wise  
Dr Solomon Goldman  
Mr Edward M M Warburg  
Mr Louis Lipsky  
Judge Morris Rothenberg  
Mr Arthur M Lampert  
Mr I Edwin Goldwasser  
Mr Joseph C Hyman  
Dr Israel Goldstein  
Rabbi Irving Miller  
Judge Benjamin Lencher  
Mr Henry Monsky  
Mr Isidor Coons

Judge Phillip Forman  
Mr Marvin Lowenthal  
Mr Maurice Samuel  
Dr William Haber  
Dr Joseph G Schwartz  
Mr Henry Montor  
Dr Henry Smith Leiper  
Mrs Pauline Baerwald Falk  
Miss Ingrid Warburg  
Mrs Roger W Straus  
Mrs Archibald Silverman  
Mrs Anna M Rosenberg

There are, of course, others whom I could mention, but I shall wait further word from you of a more definite nature.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Henry Montor

HM:DD

Executive Vice Chairman



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Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Fund  
Hotel Statler  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Goldhamer:

In looking over the personnel for the forthcoming Campaign, it occurs to me that there are several persons on the board of my Congregation who might be very valuable as additions to the officers of the Campaign and the Executive Committee. They have been active workers in past Campaigns and have also been substantial contributors. I believe further recognition of their past efforts would be helpful. From my experience with these men, I am convinced that it would be to our benefit to draw them nearer to the lay leadership. I would suggest as Vice-Chairmen of the Business Men's Division, Mr. M. E. Glass, Mr. Samuel Rosenthal, and Mr. Myron Guren, and as Vice-Chairman of the Metropolitan Division, Mr. Henry Rucker. These men would also be very useful on the Executive Committee.

I am sure that you are always glad to receive these suggestions for expanding the lay leadership of the Welfare Fund.

Very truly yours,

AEC:S



February 7, 1940

Mr. Emerich B. Freed  
312 Federal Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Freed:

The Jewish Welfare Fund is making a great effort to collect all outstanding contributions because of the emergency needs abroad. We are being pressed for the immediate remittance of all available monies in order to help the hundreds of thousands of our unfortunate brothers who find themselves in the direst needs as a result of war and persecution abroad.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would remit to us the amount of your contributions to the Jewish Welfare Fund which total \$210, covering your pledges from 1931 through 1939. An early remittance would be greatly appreciated by all of us.

With all good wishes, and trusting that you are well, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



The 1940 Welfare Fund Campaign May 5th - 14th

# The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland



Room 316, Hotel Statler

Telephones: CHerry 8176-7-8

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

Dear Rabbi:

A contract has been signed for the use of the Public Music Hall for Sunday evening, May 5th, Severance Hall being unavailable for that evening. We have also arranged for the use of the Ballroom of the Statler Hotel for the Closing Dinner Meeting on Wednesday evening, May 15th, the Ballroom not being available for Tuesday.

The arrangements for the Mass Meeting will be subject to your advice as to the speaker and other programing.

The letter and list from Mr Montor mentioning speakers who might be called upon for our purposes does not appear to me to be greatly worthwhile considering since there are included so many professionals connected with the organizations. We shall undoubtedly have to look elsewhere for material of the caliber we have been accustomed to in the past, or else rely on local speakers.

This letter will remind you also of your plan to appoint a committee to deal with the question of the gentile support of the Fund, and I should like in this connection to offer these two thoughts for careful consideration before we engage in this Appeal.

First, the effect on the non-Jewish public of an appeal at this time to non-Jews, following so closely on the action of the Joint Distribution Committee in giving to the gentiles a quarter million dollars for Christian refugee relief.

Secondly, the advisability of undertaking a non-sectarian appeal in scattered communities throughout the country unless such an appeal is adopted as a matter of national policy so that both the quotas of the respective communities and the results sought from both Jews and non-Jews may be on somewhat a

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Jack Lampl  
Nathan Loesser  
L. W. Neumark  
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Dr. I. B. Silber  
Joseph E. Weil

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Mrs. Benjamin Levine  
Mrs. Marc Grossman

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Mrs. A. F. Mellman  
*Assistant Chairman*  
Mrs. Simon Lewis  
*Young Adult Division*  
*Chairman*  
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*Associate Chairmen*  
Mildred Heller  
Louis Weitz



comparable basis. The initiative of such an appeal in a few cities may result in embarrassment for cities quota-wise if next year or the year thereafter there should be adopted a national policy and program for a non-sectarian appeal towards which all communities would be asked to gear their quotas and objectives.

I found myself quite in accord with the idea when you first proposed it at the meeting two weeks ago, but on more sober thought feel that a mistake may be made for both the reasons here suggested.

With kind regards I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*Sam Goldhamer*

Executive Director

February 8, 1940





# BUREAU *on* EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS

241 EUCLID AVENUE

" CLEVELAND, OHIO

" MAIN 1495

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February  
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1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Milton P. Altschul has turned over to the Bureau, for its files, your letter of January 30, acknowledging <sup>his</sup> communication concerning the Bureau on Employment Problems.

It was a real source of inspiration to read your note, and to see that you plan to bring the work of the Bureau to the attention of our people. We are very grateful for this interest and would be happy to supply, if we can, any further specific information you may desire.

Minutes of the most recent meeting, that of February 5, will be sent you shortly. Because of the nature of the discussion, these minutes may be rather summary. It goes without saying that we shall be glad to amplify the material with further details subsequently, if you would like to have more information.

Sincerely yours,

*George Segal*  
G. J. Segal

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## \* \* TRUSTEES \* \*

M. P. Altschul, *President*  
Arthur Friedman, *Vice-Pres.*  
Adolph Weinberger, *Treas.*

Maurice Bernon  
George W. Furth  
Julius Goodman

David R. Hertz  
Adolph Keller  
L. W. Neumark

R. D. Metzner  
I. R. Morris

Jack E. Rosenthal  
Rabbi R. Rosenthal  
Rabbi A. H. Silver

Max Simon  
Joseph Weil  
Harry Weiss

G. J. SEGAL, *Executive Director*



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Minutes of the fourth meeting of the Board of Trustees  
February 5, 1940, at the offices of the Bureau, 241 Euclid

## A. ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Mr. Milton P. Altschul, President. The following members were in attendance: Mr. Altschul, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Furth, Mr. Goodman, Judge Hertz, Mr. Metzner, Mr. Weil and Mr. Weinberger; also Mr. Philip Bernstein, Secretary of the Jewish Community Council.

## B. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman asked for a waiver on the reading of the minutes of the meeting of December 18, 1939, copies having previously been mailed to all Board members, and no questions being forthcoming.

## C. TIME OF MEETING

Mr. Altschul raised the question of the most convenient time for meetings of the Board, inasmuch as a late afternoon meeting seemed unsatisfactory to many members. It was the opinion of the group that noon meetings would be preferable, and Thursday was tentatively selected as the most suitable day. It was pointed out, however, that the last Thursday of the month should not be chosen, as this presented a conflict in schedules.

## D. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Chairman announced that the Articles of Incorporation of the Bureau had been filed with the Department of State of Ohio, and that the corporation had received its charter from the Secretary of State.

## E. REPORT ON PUBLICITY

The secretary reported that publicity on the opening of the offices of the Bureau had appeared in the Jewish Daily Forward, Jewish Daily World, Jewish Independent and Jewish Review and Observer. In addition, it was reported that individual letters had been sent to heads of the congregations listed by the Community Council, and that form letters had been sent to all member organizations of the Community Council.

Mr. Furth asked if there had been any response. It was reported that Rabbi Silver had written Mr. Altschul, advising that he



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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE BUREAU ON EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS  
SPONSORED BY THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a corporation, not for profit, under the General Corporation Act of Ohio, do hereby certify:

FIRST: The name of said Corporation shall be: The Bureau on Employment Problems.

SECOND: The place in this State where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is the City of Cleveland, County of Cuyahoga.

THIRD: The purpose for which said corporation is formed is: To improve the employment opportunities and relations of Jews in greater Cleveland.

FOURTH: The following persons are to be members of this corporation and shall serve said corporation as trustees until the first annual meeting or other meeting called to elect trustees:

Milton P Altschul	Standard Envelope Co-1600 E 30th St
Maurice Bernon	Union Commerce Bldg.
Arthur Friedman	Cleveland Heater Co-1933 W 114 St
George W Furth	1387 East Boulevard
Julius Goodman	J L Goodman Furn. Co -8358 Broadway
David Ralph Hertz	1357 East Boulevard
Adolph Keller	Keller-Kohn Co -2230 Superior Ave
Raymond D Metzner	Public Square Bldg
I R Morris	Citizens Bldg
L W Neumark	Printz-Biederman Co -1974 E 61st St
Jack Rosenthal	Meisel Tire Co -1761 Chester Ave
Rabbi Rudolph Rosenthal	Temple on the Heights-3130 Mayfield Rd
Rabbi A H Silver	The Temple - E 105 & Ansel Rd
Max Simon	700 W St Clair Ave
Joseph Weil	Weppner-Weil Co -4400 Nickel Plate
Adolph Weinberger	2400 Superior Ave
Harry Weiss	Superior Die Castings Co-17325 Euclid Ave

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto subscribed our names this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1939.

THE STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, ss.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said county, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1940, the above named \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, who each severally acknowledged the signing of the foregoing articles of incorporation to be his free act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on the day and year last aforesaid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public



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## THE BUREAU ON EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS

The persons whose names are hereinafter set forth as members of this Corporation at a meeting of the said membership, notice of which meeting has been given to each member at least ten days prior to such meeting, and which meeting was called for the purpose of adopting a code of regulations, do thereby adopt the following code of

### REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

##### Section 1 - Qualification

Every adult person who has, within the previous twelve months, contributed the sum of \$5.00 or more to the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland, Ohio, hereafter may be a member of the Corporation.

##### Section 2 - Annual Meetings

The annual meeting of the membership shall take place during the month of November, the said date to be fixed by the Board of Trustees not later than the 20th day of October of each year. Notice of said meeting shall be given in writing by mail addressed to the place of residence of each member of the Board of Trustees, and by publication of the date and place of said meeting not later than the last Friday of October in the Cleveland Jewish newspapers.

##### Section 3 - Special Meetings

A special meeting of the membership may be called by the President or by any twenty members on giving the same notice as that for the annual meeting, providing that such notice is published not later than three days prior to the date of such meeting.

##### Section 4 - Quorum

Fifteen members, not less than eight of whom shall be members of the Board of Trustees, shall constitute a quorum for annual and special meetings of the membership.

#### ARTICLE II - TRUSTEES

##### Section 1 - Election

The membership at the first annual meeting shall elect a Board of 18 Trustees, six of whom are to serve for one, six for two, and six for three years respectively and until their successors have been elected and qualified, beginning with the first day of December, 1940. At each subsequent annual meeting of members six such trustees shall be elected to hold office for three years and until their successors have been elected and qualified. Such members of the Board of Trustees shall be members of the Corporation.

##### Section 2 - Committees

The President, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, may from time to time appoint three or more of its members to act as an Executive Committee of such Board in the intervals between meetings of the Board and may delegate to such Executive Committee any of the powers of the Board and may define the extent to which such powers may be delegated or exercised. Such Executive Committee shall be composed only of members of the Board of Trustees and shall be appointed as stated above to serve until the next annual meeting of Members of the Corporation. Any such Executive Committee shall at all times be subject to the direction and control of and shall be responsible to the Board of Trustees.



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The President, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, may from time to time appoint three or more of its members to act as a Nominating Committee whose duty it shall be to nominate a Trustee for each vacancy to be filled at the next annual meeting of Members of the Corporation. Any Member of the Corporation may present in writing to the President of the Corporation or to the Nominating Committee the names of candidates to the office of Trustee, bearing the written endorsement of at least twenty other Members, which names shall also be reported to the annual meeting of Members of the Corporation. No candidate may be nominated for the office of Trustee except as herein provided.

The President of the Corporation, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, may from time to time appoint other Committees which need not be composed only of members of the Board of Trustees, but which shall at all times be subject to the direction and control of, and be responsible to, the Board of Trustees.

## Section 3 - Vacancies

A resignation from the Board of Trustees or by an officer shall be deemed to take effect upon its receipt by the Secretary, unless some other time is specified therein. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Trustees or in any of the offices hereby created, through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause deemed sufficient by the Board, the remaining trustees, though less than a majority of the whole Board, by affirmative vote of the majority of those present at any duly convened meeting, may elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the trustee or officer whose place shall be vacant, and until the election and qualification of a successor.

## ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

### Section 1 - Election

At the first meeting of the Board of Trustees following the adoption of the Code of Regulations and By-Laws it shall elect officers to serve until the second day of December, 1940. On the second day of December of each year, beginning in 1940, the Board of Trustees shall meet and elect the following officers to serve beginning with the date of their election for terms of one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified: a President, a Vice-President, and a Treasurer from any of their number, and such other officers and employees and for such term or terms as the Board of Trustees may from time to time deem reasonable and proper, including an Executive Director who shall act as Secretary.

### Section 2 - Duties

Each officer shall have those duties and those powers which are generally accorded to such officers by corporations not for profit under the laws of the State of Ohio.

### Section 3 - Budget

In addition thereto, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer with the aid of the other officers to prepare by not later than the Fifteenth day of January of each year an annual budget setting forth the proposed income and allocating the probable expenditures of this organization. It shall be submitted immediately after its completion to the Board of Trustees and after consideration, amendment or modification as the case may require shall be adopted by them. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be the twelve months period beginning with March 1 in each year.

### Section 4 - Reports

It shall also be the duty of the Secretary with the aid of the other officers before the fifteenth day of October of each year to submit to the Board of Trustees for its correction, modification or



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amendment as the case may require an annual report of the activities of this organization and after adoption the said annual report shall be published in the manner to be provided by the Board of Trustees at the time of the adoption of said report.

## ARTICLE IV - EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

All funds belonging to this organization shall be deposited in accordance with good business practice in a Cleveland bank of recognized standing and subject to withdrawal by check or otherwise only upon the signature of any two officers hereof.

## ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

These Regulations and By-Laws may be amended or repealed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members voting at any meeting of the membership called and held for that purpose, although the meeting need not be called solely for that purpose.

## BY-LAWS

1. The members of the Board of Trustees shall meet monthly and at the call of the President, except that by action of the Board of Trustees regular meetings may be suspended during the months of July and August of any year.
2. Seven of the members of the said Board shall constitute a quorum thereof.
3. Special meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held from time to time as the case may require upon the call of the President or upon the demand of any six members of the Board of Trustees.
4. The Secretary shall give notice of each meeting of the Board of Trustees whether regular or special to each member of the Board of Trustees. He shall do so at the request of the President or on the demand of any six members of the Board.
5. The Board of Trustees shall hold its meetings at such place or places within the City of Cleveland as the Board may from time to time determine.



February 13, 1940

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Fund  
Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

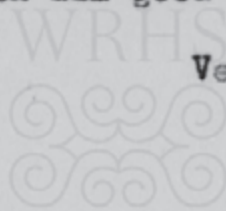
My dear Sam:

I am trying to get either Governor  
Lehman or LaGuardia for our May Fifth meeting.  
I will know in a few days.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





February 14, 1940

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

You may be interested in seeing the  
enclosed letter from the Kinsman Jewish Center.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





February 14, 1940

Mr. Philip Bernstein  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Phil:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received and which is self-explanatory. I am wondering whether out of the Contingent Fund it may not be possible to send a hundred dollars to this very worthy cause. I plan to make a personal contribution also.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



February 14, 1940

Rabbi Armond E. Cohen  
Cleveland Jewish Center  
1117 E. 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Cohen:

Dr. Tchernowitz, who is heading the new Hebrew Magazine, Bitzaron, has written to me a few times asking for help to enable him to publish his Monthly which you have undoubtedly seen. I am wondering whether we can do something for him out of the Contingent Fund.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



RABBI ARMOND E. COHEN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

February

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1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I think it would be a good idea for the Contingent Fund to find some money for Tchernowitz's new magazine, Bitzaron, but I am under the impression that our money is exhausted for this year. We frequently receive requests of this kind and we ought to consider the advisability of expanding our Fund to include more American cultural efforts. I believe we ought to ask for an increased allocation in the coming campaign. With regard to Tchernowitz, I will try to send him some money out of our Memorial Fund here, and will ask Phil Bernstein if it is possible to squeeze any more money out of the Contingent Fund.

Hoping we can get together again some noon, I am

Very cordially yours,

Armond E. Cohen

AEC:S

P.S. After our conversation following the Executive Meeting of the Welfare Fund, I wrote to Sam Goldhamer suggesting the names of several people who could be made more useful in the Welfare Fund Campaign and who would be valuable in the lay leadership, and suggested that he take up the advisability of appointing these people. To date, I have received no reply. Incidentally, this issue was raised at a meeting of the Board of the Center by a member of the Board, who asked why some of our people were not represented. I replied that you had expressed eagerness to have the names of people who could be useful in the Campaign and that the personnel



RABBI ARMOND E. COHEN

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of the present Campaign had been drawn up by Mr. Goldhamer, and that I had written to him suggesting five or six of our people whom I felt were entitled to be represented in the lay leadership.

The Board as a group seem to feel that it was not only a matter of Congregational representation but that from the community's point of view, we could get better results from people affiliated with the Center if some of their own outstanding members, who had been both substantial contributors and executive workers in the past, were properly recognized. My suggestion was accepted that we postpone further discussion of this until Mr. Goldhamer has had more of an opportunity to reply. I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I sent Goldhamer.

J.E.C.



February 15, 1940

Mr. Sidney Matz, Treasurer  
Palestine Orchestra Fund  
423 Atlantic Avenue  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Matz:

I have referred your letter of February 13 to the Budget Committee of the Jewish Welfare Fund. It will probably meet in the next few weeks. I do not know what action it will take, but the matter will receive careful consideration, I am sure.

As regards a benefit concert, I would not suggest it. The Jewish National Fund has arranged for a benefit concert on March 14 with Jan Peerce and Erica Morini.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



February 15, 1940

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from the Palestine Orchestra Fund which should be considered at the next meeting of the Budget Committee. By the way, we ought to have a meeting of this committee before very long.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



February 16, 1940

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sam:

Rabbi Cohen sent me a copy of the letter which he addressed to you on February 5. I believe that his point is well-taken and we ought to add to our list of campaign officers the names which he suggests. Please bring the matter up at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

I also feel that both Rabbi Cohen and Rabbi Rosenthal should be asked to preside at one of the campaign luncheons. You may recall that I made this suggestion at one time or another during our previous campaigns. The suggestion was not acted upon and I am afraid that I am being saddled with the responsibility of having kept these men from presiding. This matter, too, should be taken up at one of the forthcoming meetings of the Executive Committee.

On the matter of soliciting from non-Jews, the action which was taken at the last meeting should be followed through. A small committee should be appointed to study the matter carefully, to canvass our experience of last year, and to contact national headquarters concerning their experience. The report of this committee should guide us in our final decision. I would suggest for this committee Philip Frankel, Nathan Loeser, Leo W. Neumark, Maurice Bernon and Joseph M. Berne. Some other names may occur to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



The Jewish Welfare Federation  
and  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
of Cleveland

Room 320, Chester-Twelfth Building

Telephone: CHerry 8176-7-8

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have made a copy of the enclosed letter which you sent me concerning the Fund for Jewish Refugee Writers. We have received several other applications for assistance from our Contingent Fund, and we plan to have a meeting of the Contingent Fund Committee within the next week or ten days to act upon them. I shall be happy to present the request for the Jewish Refugee Writers to the Committee at that time.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Philip Bernstein*  
Assistant Director

February 16, 1940

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*Vice Chairman*



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

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  
Jewish Social Service Bureau, Cleveland  
Montefiore Home, Cleveland  
Mount Sinai Hospital, Cleveland  
National Conference of Social Work, Columbus  
National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare, N. Y.  
National Desertion Bureau, N. Y.  
National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives, Denver  
Orthodox Jewish Orphans Home, Cleveland  
Orthodox Old Home, Cleveland  
Welfare Association for Jewish Children, Cleveland

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

American Jewish Committee, N. Y.  
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American Ort Federation, N. Y.  
Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith, Chicago  
Bureau for Coordination of Jewish Recreational  
Activities, Cleveland  
Bureau of Jewish Education, Cleveland  
Bureau On Jewish Employment Problems, Cleveland  
Cleveland Coordinating Committee for Immigrants  
Council of Jewish Federations & Welfare Funds, N. Y.  
German Jewish Children's Aid Committee, Cleveland  
Graduate School for Jewish Social Work, N. Y.  
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, N. Y.  
Hebrew University of Palestine  
Hillel Foundation, B'nai B'rith, Washington  
Jewish Community Council, Cleveland  
Jewish Consumptives & Ex-Patients Relief Association,  
Los Angeles  
Jewish Consumptives Relief Society, Denver  
Jewish Statistical Bureau, N. Y.  
Jewish Telegraphic Agency, N. Y.  
Jewish Welfare Board, N. Y.

League for Human Rights Against Nazism, Cleveland  
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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 Jewish Appeal Including:  
The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
The National Refugee Service, Inc.  
The United Palestine Appeal  
University in Exile (New School for Social Research),  
N. Y.  
Vocational Adjustment Service, Cleveland  
Workmen's Circle Schools, Cleveland  
Yeshivath Adath Bnai Israel, Cleveland  
Yiddish Culture Society, Cleveland  
Youth Aliyah Project of the Hadassah, Cleveland  
Chapter

**Note:** Through a special Contingent Account of the Welfare Fund, practically all of the important European and Palestinian Agencies, Institutions and Schools of Learning which have been soliciting support in this country, are now receiving direct subsidy from the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund on approval of a Contingent Fund Committee. Subscribers to the Welfare Fund should inquire of The Jewish Federation office before making independent contributions to such Overseas appeals.





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HAVE NOT SEEN DETAILED CORRESPONDENCE BUT MR SIDNEY  
MATZ WIRED SUGGESTING I SEE YOU RE PALESTINE ORCHESTRA  
COULD YOU SPARE ME A FEW MOMENTS ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY  
TWENTY FIRST PLEASE WIRE COLLECT PALMER HOUSE CHICAGO  
THANKS=

HELEN STRAUSS.



February 19, 1940

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

I am enclosing herewith the copy of the letter which Rabbi Cohen wrote to you.

I am also enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Mr. Guy W. Solt of the American Friends Service Committee. You will recall that Mr. Solt applied to us last year in behalf of the Quakers who are doing a very effective and constructive job in the field of minority group relationships. You may wish to present this request, among others, to the meeting of the Budget Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc. - 2



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

Helen Traub  
Palmer House  
Chicago, Ill.

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Feb - 201940

No reason for special visit to Cleveland at this time. Request of Industrial Committee will be presented to Budget Committee when it meets in March.

Abba Hillel Silver



Copy to: Rabbi A H Silver

The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Cleveland, O.

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Rabbi Armond E. Cohen  
1117 East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Your letter of February 5th was duly received but misplaced by me; hence, our request of your secretary that a copy be sent.

With reference to the men mentioned in your letter, I think you will recall that in your conversation with Mr. Joseph Berne and myself last year, when you mentioned these names we indicated that they were officers in the Campaign serving as Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen of certain of the Divisions.

The actual Executive Committee of the Campaign is made up of the Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen of the important Committees that comprise the organization and you will realize, I am sure, that it is quite impossible to continually add to this Executive Committee after the Campaign group had already passed on their selection and when we had issued our newspaper notices of the appointments and had printed matter made up. A reference to the names on this letter head will indicate to you how the Executive Committee was made up and for the most part they are the same persons who served effectively in last year's Campaign.

Be assured that we are always glad to have suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) SAMUEL GOLDHAMER

Executive Director.

February 22, 1940.



THE PALESTINE ORCHESTRA FUND, INC.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE

423 ATLANTIC AVENUE, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

TRIANGLE 5-9040

February 24, 1940

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HON. VICE-PRESIDENT

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HON. VICE-PRESIDENT

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
E. 105th and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your recent wire sent to Chicago, and for your promise to present our request to the budget meeting of the Welfare Fund in March.

It so happened that I was in Chicago organizing a concert for the benefit of the Orchestra, at which Arthur Rubenstein will play, and had to pass through Cleveland en route to Rochester, where we also organized a benefit concert to be given at the Y in April; I would have been happy for the opportunity of meeting you again, and discussing the problems of the Orchestra, but realize the demands on your time.

Although the Orchestra is a comparatively small project numerically and financially - yet its significance is international, as the enclosed clipping describes, and it would indeed be a tragedy for many reasons, were the Orchestra permitted to disintegrate for the sake of the few thousand dollars needed to tide it over the crucial situation it faces.

Should the budget committee wish to know the response of other cities - we receive \$1250 from San Francisco, \$500 from Los Angeles; \$500 from Cincinnati (the late Dr. Friedlander formerly gave us \$250 additional); \$100 from Columbus; Houston, \$50 from Louisville, Terre Haute and a few other smaller cities.

I know you will do your utmost to meet our needs, and have Cleveland participate in this worthy cause.

On Monday, Mrs. Beer is having a tea for Youth Aliyah, at which Mrs. Chaim Weizmann is guest of honor, which I am anticipating with pleasure. Incidentally, Harriet Cohen, will play. However, we realize the inadvisability of a benefit concert in Cleveland at this time, but do earnestly hope the Welfare Fund will respond to our plea.

With many thanks for your personal efforts on our behalf,

Sincerely yours,

*Helen L. Strauss*

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Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

Attached hereto is a summary outline of the recommendations of the Budget Sub-Committee for allocations to the Community Fund supported agencies for 1940.

You will note that increases are granted practically all along the line which calls for approximately \$25,000 in excess of the amount available from the Community Chest, about \$13,000 of this amount to be made up by the use of the income of the Memorial and Richman Funds and borrowing from the Memorial Fund capital; and the balance of \$12,000 by a transfer of that amount of the Jewish Welfare Federation Administration Budget, to a charge on the Welfare Fund.

The argument is made that a considerable proportion of the time of myself and four others in the office on the Federation payroll, is devoted to Welfare Fund operation throughout the year; and that therefore the Welfare Fund should assume the obligation of this directional and budgetary work as well as Campaign and Collection cost.

On the other hand, it is felt by Judge Bernon, Mr. Halle and Mr. Berner that no such amount should be diverted from the Community Fund allocation to the Jewish Federation, first because the Federation administrative work always was budgeted at between \$18,000 to \$23,000 even before the Welfare Fund came into existence and by reason of many other functions which the Federation performed for the community; and secondly because the Welfare Fund already carried a considerable item of budgets which would be the obligation of the Community Chest if the Chest were raising adequate funds.

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The Jewish Welfare Federation, Cleveland  
Rabbi A H Silver  
Cleveland

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There is a further argument which will be presented at the Budget Committee meeting tomorrow that a number of the Agencies of the Federation have substantial capital funds which they have been husbanding while calling upon the Federation to liquidate its capital funds to aid them in their current operation. It is felt that the time has come when all of the Agencies must consider dipping into their capital if we are to be confronted with a continuance of inadequate funds from the Community Chest; and that the Federation should cease to liquidate its Permanent Funds further.

I send you this information because it is possible that Mr. Berne may call you tomorrow morning to discuss this situation and to get your own reaction to the proposals herein contained.

Generally it is the feeling of these Officers that in the circumstances, if the Agencies desire to exceed the amount available from the Community Chest plus the amount which the Federation has borrowed in the past year and may be willing to borrow again, then the Agencies must consider utilizing their own capital funds for the purpose.

If there are any questions about these figures, I should be glad to have you call me before the meeting.

February 27, 1940.

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Sincerely yours,

*Sam Goldhamer*  
Executive Director.



# THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

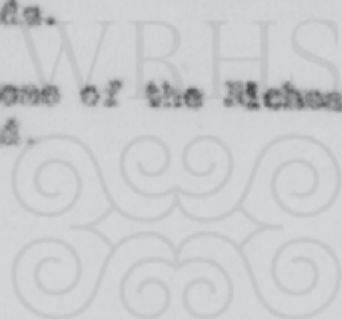
Comparative Statement indicating the sources of Allotments to Beneficiary Agencies for 1939 with Recommendations for 1940 Allotments made by the Budget Sub-Committee

AGENCIES	1939 Actual Allotments from			Recommended Allotments for 1940 from			
	Community Fund	Federation Borrowings (A)	Total	Community Fund	Federation Borrowings (A)	Welfare Fund	Total
1. Camp Wise Association	\$ 10,318	\$ 505	\$ 10,823	\$ 10,870	\$ 430	\$	\$ 11,300
2. Educational Alliance	37,038	1,812	38,850	39,290	1,560		40,850
3. Hebrew Shelter Home	1,764	234 B	1,998	1,780	70		1,850
4. Jewish Day Nursery	3,528	172	3,700	3,560	140		3,700
5. Jewish Orphan Home	23,810	1,165	24,975	24,045	955		25,000
6. Jewish Social Service Bureau	14,641	5,609	118,225)	112,860	4,490		117,350
7. Jewish Vocational Service			2,025) C	5,400			5,400 C
8. Jewish Welfare Federation	16,693	1,067	17,760 D	8,500		12,215	20,715
9. Montefiore Home	3,969	194	4,163	4,040	160		4,200
10. Mt. Sinai Hospital	65,257	3,193	68,450	64,920	2,580		67,500
11. National Jewish Hospital - Denver	2,646	129	2,775 E	2,885	115		3,000 E
12. Orthodox Jewish Orphan Home	13,669	669	14,338	13,945	555		14,500
13. Orthodox Old Home	13,228	647	13,875	13,465	535		14,000
14. Welfare Association for Jewish Children	29,101	1,424	30,525 F	29,815	1,185		31,000 F
15. Council of Jewish Federations & Welfare Funds	500		500 G	500			500 G
16. National Conference Dues	50		50	50			50
17. National Desertion Bureau	300	100	400	300	100		400
18. Allocated from Community Fund 1939	\$336,512						
19. Allocated from Federation Borrowings 1939		\$ 16,920					
20. Total Allocations 1939			\$353,432				
21. Recommended Allocations from Community Fund 1940				\$336,225			
22. Recommended Borrowings from Federation 1940					\$ 12,875 H		
23. Recommended Allocation from Welfare Fund 1940						\$ 12,215	
24. Total							\$361,315



NOTES:

- A - Distribution made on a proportionate basis of previous year's allocations.
- B - Hebrew Shelter Home requesting additional sum of \$233 for 1939 deficit.
- C - Share of Jewish Social Service Bureau's budget transferred to Jewish Vocational Service for 4 months 1939 and full year 1940.
- D - \$247 additional received from miscellaneous sources.
- E - Additional allocation of \$2,225 made from the Welfare Fund in 1939 making a total allotment of \$5,000.
- F - \$6,000 additional allocated from Welfare Fund in 1939 for supervision and board of German Jewish Children.
- G - \$2,500 additional allocated from Welfare Fund in 1939 for Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.
- H - To be provided from the income of the Nichean Funds and from income and Capital of the Memorial Fund.





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Minutes of a Meeting of the Budget Committee of the  
Jewish Welfare Federation held on Wednesday, Feb-  
ruary 28th, 1940, at the Statler Hotel, Room 314.

1. There were present: Mr. S. F. Halle, Chairman; and Messrs. Joseph M. Berne, Maurice Bernon, Rabbi B. R. Brickner, Suggs Garber, Eugene L. Geismey, Robert H. Gries, George B. Mayer, Sol Reinthal, Sam Rosenthal, Rabbi A. H. Silver, and Sidney H. Weitz.
2. Approval was given to the action of the Executive Officers in advancing \$3,000 to the local League for Defense Against Nazism on its 1940 appropriation having been contributed for special broadcasting expense. The total expended to date for this purpose from Cleveland was \$13,500 of which \$7,500 was contributed directly from the Welfare Fund budget while \$6,000 was allocated from the budget of the League.
3. Authority was also given the Executive Officers to provide other necessary advances to those agencies, mainly local, which required funds currently for 1940 pending the receipt of funds from the 1940 Campaign.
4. It was voted to allocate to the Jewish Vocational Service on 1939 account, the sum of \$400 received by the Federation some months ago from the Thomas H. White Trust on account of this agency's establishment.
5. The Director presented on behalf of the Hebrew Shelter Home a request for the sum of \$233 to cover the Shelter Home's operating deficit for 1939. It was pointed out that this had been the custom in previous years when the Shelter Home had exceeded its current allotment. It was moved, seconded and carried that the amount be allowed out of further borrowings from the Federation's Permanent Funds.
6. The Chairman advised that the Community Fund Council had not as yet taken steps to review the question of a change in the deviation of 1940 appropriations between the two Federations as discussed immediately following the Campaign; and that the present allotment to the Jewish Federation was approximately \$336,300, the amount involved in the discussion would represent a difference of \$5,600.

In the meantime a Budget Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. Sidney H. Weitz, Louis S. Bing, Jr., and George B. Mayer, had reviewed the budget requests of the Federation beneficiary agencies which could arrange to meet with them; and had prepared recommendations based on its findings. The Budget Sub-Committee's report hereto attached as Exhibit "A", was submitted by Mr. Sidney H. Weitz, Chairman.

Considerable discussion ensued in which it was pointed out that while the Federation itself had been called upon yearly during the past seven or eight years to liquidate its Permanent Funds for the purpose of assisting the Agencies with allotments supplementary to their Community Fund allocations, the Agencies themselves having Permanent Funds, had allocated little or nothing of their Permanent Funds, and in some instances not even the income of such funds toward their own current deficits.

The Chairman pointed out that during the past seven or eight years the Federation had borrowed \$155,000 of income and principal of which only \$25,000 had been returned by the Community Fund and that there was little likelihood that the balance would be repaid. The Chairman had had prepared for him a statement of the Capital Funds held by the respective Agencies as set forth in the audited reports for 1938 and it was evident that in several instances such capital funds could and should have been devoted where absolutely necessary to the specific operating needs of the Agencies holding them. It was felt that the donors of capital and other funds to the respective agencies had had their particular types of work in mind in making the gifts while in the case of the Federation, funds had been given for special or emergency purposes and not for current operating needs. The result of this policy of the Federation during the past several years had been to discourage further gifts to the Federation and this was particularly noticeable in recent years.



There was further objection on the part of several members of the Budget Committee to the transfer of so large a part of the administrative cost of the Federation from the Community Fund budget to the Welfare Fund, this transfer being utilized for increased allotments to the respective Agencies while at the same time taking for this purpose also the entire income and some of the capital funds of the Federation.

Rabbi Silver also pointed out that the Welfare Fund was also carrying a considerable burden of local expense which in the ordinary course of things should have been an obligation of the Community Chest; and that it was illogical to further burden the Welfare Fund while at the same time taking larger funds from the Fund for other local purposes.

It was finally moved, seconded and carried, that the Federation continue its present allocations to the Agencies for the months of March and April; and pending a further study and report by the Budget Sub-Committee of the capital funds and sources of income of the respective local Agencies.

7. No further business coming before the Budget meeting, the Joint Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Federation and the Welfare Fund Committee convened.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) SAMUEL GOLDHAMER,

Secretary.





The Jewish Welfare Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

1931 - 1938 Account

From March 1, 1939 To January 19, 1940

Cash Balance - March 1, 1939 \$9,411.36

Income During This Period

From Collection on Delinquent Accounts:

1938 account	\$31,947.39
1937 account	2,244.00
1936 account	1,580.00
1935 account	303.75
1934 account	143.00
1933 account	67.00
1932 account	107.00
1931 account	364.50

Total Collections on Delinquent Accounts \$36,756.64

From Refund on appropriation to German Jewish Refugee Committee from 1939 account - made prior to March 1, 1939 from 1938 account 1,582.00

From Overdraft on 1939 account 5,000.00

Total Income 43,338.64

Total Receipts \$52,750.00

Disbursements

Payments on 1938 appropriations

Joint Distribution Committee - In Full	\$21,000.00
United Palestine Appeal - In Full	14,000.00
Jewish Community Council - Salaries	1,050.00
Welfare Assoc. For Jewish Children for German Jewish Children's Aid	543.84
Non-Secretarian Anti-Nazi League To Champion Human Rights	250.00

Total Payments on 1938 appropriations \$36,843.84

Expenses 5,690.78

Repayment of loan to Memorial Fund - In Full 7,300.00 49,834.62

\*Cash Balance - January 19, 1940 \$ 2,915.38

\*Due on Overdraft To 1939 Current Account \$ 5,000.00



The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

1939 Account

From March 1, 1939 To January 19, 1940

Income

From Collections on 1939 Pledges	\$635,560.14
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Disbursements

Payments on 1939 appropriations per Schedule A Attached	\$532,384.75
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Expenses

Campaign Expense	\$29,045.31
Collection Expense	8,684.50

Total Expenses	37,729.81
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Refund to Delinquent Account for appropriation and payment to German Jewish Refugee Committee out of 1938 funds prior to March 1, 1939	1,582.00
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*Overpayment on loan to Delinquent Account	5,000.00
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Total Disbursements	\$576,696.56
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Cash Balance - January 19, 1940	\$ 58,863.58
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*Due From Delinquent Years	\$5,000.00
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Resources

Cash Balance - January 19, 1940	\$ 58,863.58
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Due From Delinquent Years	5,000.00
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1939 Pledges Outstanding - Not Paid	128,220.27
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Total Resources	\$192,083.85
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Obligations

Payments Due on 1939 Appropriations	\$154,058.23
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Schedule A

The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Statement of Distribution  
As of January 19, 1940

American Jewish Committee	\$ 5,000.00
American Jewish Congress	2,000.00
American Ort Federation	5,000.00
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith	1,500.00
Bureau For Coordination of Jewish Recreational Activities	2,750.00
Bureau of Jewish Education	39,458.00
Bureau on Employment Problems	1,500.00
Christian Endeavor Annual Convention	50.00
Cleveland Coordinating Committee For Immigrants	26,000.00
Contingent Fund	3,699.65
Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds	1,875.00
East Central States Regional Conference	100.00
Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations	2,097.79
German Jewish Children - Local Expense	4,077.83
Graduate Faculty of Political & Social Science	2,250.00
Graduate School for Jewish Social Work	1,500.00
Hebrew University-Palestine	4,500.00
Hebrew Sheltering & Immigrant Aid Society	1,875.00
Hillel Foundation of B'nai B'rith	1,500.00
Jewish Community Council	4,237.47
Jewish Consumptive & Ex-Patients Relief Assn.	1,500.00
Jewish Consumptives Relief Society	1,875.00
Jewish Statistical Bureau	150.00
Jewish Telegraphic Agency	1,500.00
Jewish Vocational Service	8,200.00
Jewish Welfare Board	375.00
League for Human Rights Against Nazism	14,816.00
Leo N Levi Memorial Hospital	150.00
Menorah Association	112.50
National Farm School	1,875.00
National Home For Jewish Children	750.00
National Jewish Hospital	1,668.75
Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League To Champion Human Rights	750.00
Ohio State Resettlement Field Service	900.00
Rothschild Hadassah Hospital	2,500.00
Special Educational Work of Anti-Nazi League	7,500.00
United Jewish Appeal	364,791.76
Workmen's Circle Schools	1,125.00
Yeshivath Adath Bnai Israel	3,000.00
Yiddish Culture Society	375.00
Youth Aliyah Project - Local Hadassah Chapter	7,500.00
Total	\$532,384.75



# THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND

## Analysis of Pledges and Collection of Pledges From March 1, 1931 to January 19, 1940

Year	Gross Pledges	Cancellations	Percentage of Total Pledges Cancelled	Net Pledges	Payments of Pledges Through January 19, 1940	Balance of Unpaid Pledges	Percentage of Net Pledges Paid	Percentage of Gross Pledges Paid
1939	\$769,027.41	\$ 5,247.00	.682%	\$763,780.41	\$635,560.14	\$128,220.27	83.2%*	82.6%
1938	345,503.89	1,060.00	.307%	344,443.89	322,974.47	21,469.42	93.8%	93.5%
1937	292,409.42	2,915.25	.997%	289,494.17	277,066.66	12,427.51	95.7%	94.8%
1936	234,720.72	6,672.45	2.84%	228,048.27	220,106.41	7,941.86	96.5%	93.8%
1935	138,580.80	2,355.95	1.70%	136,224.85	130,676.75	5,548.10	95.9%	94.3%
1934	87,370.50	1,990.75	2.28%	85,379.75	82,094.70	3,285.05	96.2%	94.0%
1933	91,484.00	1,821.00	1.99%	89,663.00	86,174.25	3,488.75	96.1%	94.2%
1932	60,969.50	3,240.25	5.31%	57,729.25	55,501.50	2,227.75	96.1%	91.0%
1931	152,595.20	14,250.03	9.34%	138,345.17	130,640.04	7,705.13	94.4%	85.6%
Average percentage of collection for eight year period - 1931 through 1938							95.6%	92.7%

\*Compares with collection of 81.6% of total net pledges for 1938 as of January 19, 1939.



The 1940 Welfare Fund Campaign May 5th - 15th

# The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland



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C O P Y

This will remind you of the meeting of the Campaign Executive Committee scheduled for Monday noon, March 4th, at 12:15 o'clock, in Room 314, the Statler Hotel.

Please return the enclosed card if reservation is to be made for you at lunch.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver

February 29, 1940

General Chairman

P.S. I should like yourself and a few of the other officers to meet with me at 11:00 o'clock, Monday morning in the Campaign Headquarters, Room 314, the Statler Hotel, to discuss our policy with regard to the non-Jewish solicitations.

Same postscript accompanied letters to Mrs Siegmund Herzog, Rabbi B R Brickner, Messrs. E M Baker, J M Berne, E S Halle, S P Halle, Sidney N Weitz, Max Freedman, R L Hays, Daniel Sherby, Jos E Weil, and Judge Maurice Bernon

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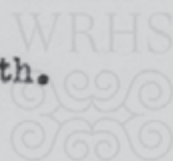
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Rabbi A H Silver, General Chairman  
Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign  
Room 316, Statler Hotel  
Cleveland, Ohio



Please reserve a luncheon place for me at the  
Campaign Executive Committee Meeting, Monday  
noon, March 4th.



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Rabbi A H Silver



REPORT OF EXAMINATION

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THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND

CLEVELAND, OHIO

For the year ended February 29, 1940.

ZWICK, ROSEN & COMPANY

*Auditors - Accountants - Tax Counselors*

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**The Jewish Welfare Fund,  
Cleveland, Ohio.**

**Gentlemen:**

We have made an examination of the accounts and financial records of The Jewish Welfare Fund for the year ended February 29, 1940, for the purpose of verifying and reporting upon its financial transactions for the year ended that date.

The following exhibits and schedules, are set forth in this report and present the results of our examination:

**EXHIBIT A - Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended February 29, 1940.**

**Schedule A1 - Cash Disbursements to Agencies and Causes.**

**Schedule A2 - General Expenses.**

**EXHIBIT B - Statement of Funds as at February 28, 1940.**

**Schedule B1 - Statement of Subscriptions.**

The cash balance at February 28, 1940 was reconciled with certificate obtained direct from the depository, The Cleveland Trust Co. All recorded cash receipts were traced to bank deposits, and all recorded disbursements were found to be supported by cancelled checks, vouchers or other data on file.

On Schedule B1 is shown the status of subscriptions receivable as at February 29, 1940. This information was obtained from your



cash book and subscriptions register summary. The subscription income as recorded on the yearly subscription registers for the year under examination was reconciled with recorded receipts in the Cash Journal.

We did not make an examination of the individual pledge cards.

Respectfully Submitted,

ZWICK, ROSEN & COMPANY

*Irving R. Zwick*

Certified Public Accountant





THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 1940

EXHIBIT A

	<u>C A M P A I G N</u>			
	<u>1931 - 1938</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, February 28, 1939 The Cleveland Trust Co.	\$ 8,411.36	\$ 565.92	\$ -	\$ 8,977.28
<b>Receipts</b>				
Payments on Subscriptions	\$ 38,006.25	\$ 665,894.24	\$ 2,696.99	\$ 706,597.48
Income from Luncheons & Dinners	-	2,377.28	186.68	2,563.96
Payment By 1939 Fund	2,582.00	-	-	2,582.00
Loan from 1939 Fund	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
Loan from Jewish Welfare Federation, Memorial Fund (Capital Reserve Fund)	-	-	7,500.00	7,500.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>\$ 45,588.25</u>	<u>\$ 668,271.52</u>	<u>\$ 10,383.67</u>	<u>\$ 724,243.44</u>
<b>Total Cash Available</b>	<u>\$ 53,999.61</u>	<u>\$ 668,837.44</u>	<u>\$ 10,383.67</u>	<u>\$ 733,220.72</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Repayment to 1938 Fund	\$ -	\$ 2,582.00	\$ -	\$ 2,582.00
Loan to 1938 Fund	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Payments to Agencies and Causes per Schedule A1	36,843.84	604,557.84	5,050.00	646,451.68
Repayment of Loans to Jewish Welfare Federation, Memorial Fund Capital Reserve Fund	7,300.00	-	-	7,300.00
General Expense, Schedule A2	6,532.17	40,210.79	4,607.44	51,350.40
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>\$ 50,676.01</u>	<u>\$ 652,350.63</u>	<u>\$ 9,657.44</u>	<u>\$ 712,684.08</u>
Balance, February 29, 1940 The Cleveland Trust Co.	\$ 3,323.60	\$ 16,486.81	\$ 726.23	\$ 20,536.64



THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND  
CASH DISBURSEMENTS TO AGENCIES AND CAUSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 1940

	1938	1939	1940	Total
American Jewish Committee	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00
American Jewish Congress	-	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
American Ort Federation	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Bureau of Jewish Education	-	43,500.00	-	43,500.00
Bureau on Unemployment Problems	-	1,950.00	-	1,950.00
Christian Endeavor Annual Convention - Inter Denominational Dinner	-	50.00	-	50.00
Cleveland Coordinating Committee for Immigrants	-	29,467.01	-	29,467.01
Council of Jewish Federation & Welfare Funds	-	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
East Central States Regional Conference	-	100.00	-	100.00
Federation of Jewish Womens Organizations	-	2,097.79	-	2,097.79
German Jewish Children - Local Expense	-	4,276.67	-	4,276.67
% Welfare Association of Jewish Children	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Graduate Faculty of Political & Social Science	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
(University in Exile)	-	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
Graduate School for Jewish Social Work	-	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
Hebrew Sheltering & Immigrant Aid Society	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Hebrew University, Palestine	-	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
Hillel Foundation of the B'nai B'rith	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Jewish Community Council	1,050.00	4,824.96	-	5,874.96
Jewish Consumptives & Ex-Patients Relief Association	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Jewish Consumptives Relief Society - Denver	-	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
Jewish Statistical Bureau	-	200.00	-	200.00
Jewish Telegraphic Agency	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Jewish Vocational Service	-	9,000.00	-	9,000.00
Jewish Welfare Board	-	500.00	-	500.00
Jewish Young Adult Bureau	-	2,750.00	-	2,750.00
Joint Distribution Committee	21,000.00	-	-	21,000.00
League for Human Rights Against Nazism - Cleveland	-	23,500.00	3,000.00	26,500.00
Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital	-	200.00	-	200.00
Menodah Association	-	150.00	-	150.00
National Farm School	-	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
National Home for Jewish Children	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
National Jewish Hospital	-	2,225.00	-	2,225.00
National Refugee Service, Inc.	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00



THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND  
CASH DISBURSEMENTS TO AGENCIES AND CAUSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 1940

SCHEDULE A1

	C A M P A I G N			
	1938	1939	1940	Total
Non Sectarian Anti Nazi League to Champion Human Rights, Inc.	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
Ohio State Resettlement Field Service	-	1,225.00	-	1,225.00
Rothschild Hadassah Hospital Unit of The Hebrew University	-	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
United Jewish Appeal	-	404,791.76	50.00	404,841.76
United Palestine Appeal	14,000.00	-	-	14,000.00
Welfare Association for Jewish Children	543.84	-	-	543.84
Appropriation German Jewish Children Aid	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Workmen's Circle Schools - Cleveland	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
World Jewish Congress	-	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
Yeshivah Avath B'nai Israel - Cleveland	-	500.00	-	500.00
Yiddush Culture Society	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
Youth Aliyah Project - Local Hadassah Chapter	-	-	-	-
Minor Disbursements Contingent Fund	-	-	-	-
American Academy for Jewish Research, New York	-	150.00	-	150.00
American Beth Jacob, Committee, New York	-	100.00	-	100.00
Bar Jechol College & Aged Asylum, Safed, Palestine	-	25.00	-	25.00
Beth Aaron Institute, Stramtura, Roumania	-	25.00	-	25.00
Beth Jehude Theological Seminary, Roumania	-	50.00	-	50.00
Beth Talmud Rabbinical College, Kelme, Lithuania	-	25.00	-	25.00
Beth Zekenim Aged Home, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	50.00	-	50.00
Bialystok Yeshivah, Lithuania	-	50.00	-	50.00
Central Universal Yeshivah, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	50.00	-	50.00
Chofetz Chaim Yeshivah of Radun, Wilno, Lithuania	-	100.00	-	100.00
Eshel Hatorah, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	100.00	-	100.00
Ezras Torah Fund, New York	-	50.00	-	50.00
Ezrath Cholim Amamith, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	100.00	-	100.00
Moshav Zekenim (Home for Aged), Safed, Palestine	-	25.00	-	25.00
General Israel Orphan Home for Girls, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	25.00	-	25.00
Grodner Yeshivah, Shaar Hatorah, Lithuania	-	100.00	-	100.00
Haye Olam Yeshivah Talmud Torah & Orphans Kitchen, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	100.00	-	100.00
Hayishuv Hechadash Yeshivah, Tel Aviv, Palestine	-	100.00	-	100.00
Hebrew Teachers College, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	100.00	-	100.00
Heichal Hatalmud Yeshivah, Tel Aviv, Palestine	-	50.00	-	50.00
Knesseth Beth Isaac Yeshivah, Kaminets - Litovsk, Lithuania	-	50.00	-	50.00
Kollel Kowono & Kollel Beth Israel, Kwono, Lithuania	-	100.00	-	100.00
Lomza Yeshivah, Lithuania	-	50.00	-	50.00
	-	100.00	-	100.00



THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND

CASH DISBURSEMENTS TO AGENCIES AND CAUSES

SCHEDULE A1

FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 1940

Sheet No. 3

C A M P A I G N

	1938	1939	1940	Total
Lubovitcher Yeshivah, Tomche Tmimim	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
High School Mesh Shearim, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	100.00	-	100.00
Mirrer Yeshivah, Lithuania	-	150.00	-	150.00
Misgab Ladach Hospital, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	75.00	-	75.00
Society Morgenroth, Roumania	-	50.00	-	50.00
Ohel Torah Rabbinical Research Institute, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	25.00	-	25.00
Ohs Chaim Yeshivah, Satmure, Roumania	-	25.00	-	25.00
Ozar Hachessed Heren Samuel Loan Fund, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	50.00	-	50.00
Palestine Hebrew Culture Fund	-	150.00	-	150.00
Paks Yeshivah-Rabbi Simon Altman, Paks, Hungary	-	25.00	-	25.00
Palestine Craft and Education Society, New York	-	50.00	-	50.00
Petach, Tikvah Yeshivah, Palestine	-	50.00	-	50.00
Ponevez Yeshivah, Lithuania	-	50.00	-	50.00
Rabbinical College Etz Chaim of Telshe, Lithuania	-	150.00	-	150.00
Sefath Emeth Yeshivah, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	75.00	-	75.00
Shaare Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	100.00	-	100.00
Shaarei Torah Yeshivah & Talmud Torah, Tel Aviv, Palestine	-	75.00	-	75.00
Slobodker Yeshivah Knesseth Israel, Lithuania	-	100.00	-	100.00
Torath Hayim Yeshivah, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	100.00	-	100.00
Torath Chesed Tabbincal College, Lithuania	-	50.00	-	50.00
United Aged Home, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	200.00	-	200.00
United Tiberias Institutions, Palestine	-	50.00	-	50.00
Yeshivah Etz Chaim of Kletsk, Lithuania	-	50.00	-	50.00
Yeshivah Etz Chaim of Sighet, Roumania	-	100.00	-	100.00
Yeshivah Etz Chaim, Rabbinical College, Lithuania	-	50.00	-	50.00
Yeshivah Ohel Moshe Diskin, Jerusalem, Palestine	-	50.00	-	50.00
Yeshivah Torahs Moshe of Chust, Chust, Hungary	-	24.65	-	24.65
Yiddish Scientific Institute, New York	-	100.00	-	100.00
Totals - Exhibit A	\$ 36,843.84	\$ 604,557.84	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 646,451.68



THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND

GENERAL EXPENSES

SCHEDULE A2

FOR THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 1940

	<u>CAMPAIGN AND COLLECTION</u>			
	<u>1931 to 1938</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>Total</u>
Campaign, Clerical and Bookkeeping Services	\$ -	\$ 21,038.60	\$ 2,668.98	\$ 23,707.58
Printing & Stationery	1,785.80	5,833.21	661.58	8,280.59
Postage	-	2,946.79	146.36	3,093.15
Office Supplies	-	715.27	208.10	923.37
Telephone & Telegraph	-	1,383.09	-	1,383.09
Rent & Light	-	1,160.16	-	1,160.16
Rental Office Equipment	-	860.83	66.00	926.83
Purchases - Office Equipment	-	560.62	277.70	838.32
Professional Services	100.00	-	-	100.00
Collection Commissions	3,192.08	-	-	3,192.08
Dinners & Luncheons	-	5,202.15	436.63	5,638.78
Traveling Expense	361.20	398.29	85.15	844.64
Establish Petty Cash Fund	-	25.00	-	25.00
Miscellaneous	-	86.78	56.94	143.72
Moving Expenses	* 1,093.09	-	-	1,093.09
Total - Exhibit A	<u>\$ 6,532.17</u>	<u>\$ 40,210.79</u>	<u>\$ 4,607.44</u>	<u>\$ 51,350.40</u>

\* This item is classified as a 1938 disbursement. Same consists of expenditures for printing, stationery, purchase of office furnishings and equipment and expenses incident with moving to the new location. We have not attempted to redistribute same as expenses applicable to other years.



THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND

STATEMENT OF FUNDS

AS AT FEBRUARY 29, 1940

EXHIBIT B

	<u>1931 to 1935 Inclusive</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash in Bank	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,323.60	\$ 16,486.81	\$ 726.23	\$ 20,536.64
Unpaid Subscriptions, Schedule B1	* 22,128.53	7,858.61	12,107.01	19,846.14	97,130.33	-	159,070.62
Loan to 1938 Fund	-	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Advance Payments on 1940 Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	5,050.00	5,050.00
	<u>\$ 22,128.53</u>	<u>\$ 7,858.61</u>	<u>\$ 12,107.01</u>	<u>\$ 23,169.74</u>	<u>\$ 118,617.14</u>	<u>\$ 5,776.23</u>	<u>\$ 189,657.26</u>
Appropriations to Agencies and Causes - Net	\$435,169.01	\$197,909.10	\$246,613.00	\$296,790.07	\$679,114.45	\$ -	\$1,855,595.63
Less Amounts Paid to Above	<u>435,169.01</u>	<u>197,909.10</u>	<u>246,613.00</u>	<u>296,790.07</u>	<u>604,557.84</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,781,039.02</u>
Unpaid Appropriations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,556.61	\$ -	\$ 74,556.61
Loan from 1939 Fund	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
Loan from Federation Memorial Fund	-	-	-	-	-	7,500.00	7,500.00
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 74,556.61</u>	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 87,056.61</u>
Surplus, February 29, 1940	<u>\$ 22,128.53</u>	<u>\$ 7,858.61</u>	<u>\$ 12,107.01</u>	<u>\$ 18,169.74</u>	<u>\$ 44,060.53</u>	<u>\$ 1,723.77</u>	<u>\$ 102,600.65</u>

\* Net Subscriptions for the period 1931 to 1935 inclusive as per Schedule B1 is in amount of \$507,356.62. Of this amount \$22,128.53 remains unpaid.



THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND  
STATEMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS  
AS AT FEBRUARY 29, 1940

SCHEDULE B1

<u>Campaign</u>	<u>Subscriptions</u>	<u>Cancellations</u>	<u>Subscriptions</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Unpaid Subscriptions Balance February 29, 1940</u>
1931	\$ 152,537.70	\$ 14,157.43	\$ 138,380.27	\$ 130,707.64	\$ 7,672.63
1932	60,724.50	2,794.75	57,929.75	55,727.00	2,202.75
1933	91,073.60	1,519.60	89,554.00	86,076.25	3,477.75
1934	87,210.50	1,838.25	85,372.25	82,099.20	3,273.05
1935	138,570.80	2,450.45	136,120.35	130,618.00	5,502.35
1936	233,174.77	5,146.70	228,028.07	220,169.46	7,858.61
1937	291,557.92	2,199.00	289,358.92	277,251.91	12,107.01
1938	345,368.64	1,176.00	344,192.64	324,346.50	19,846.14
1939	782,196.34	18,496.77	763,699.57	666,569.24	97,130.33
	<u>\$2,182,414.77</u>	<u>\$ 49,778.95</u>	<u>\$2,132,635.82</u>	<u>\$1,973,565.20</u>	<u>\$ 159,070.62</u>

Exhibit B



Minutes of a Meeting of the Special Committee  
on Non-Jewish Solicitation held in Room 314  
Statler Hotel, March 4th, 1940.

1. There were present: Rabbi A. H. Silver, Chairman; Mrs. Siegmund Herzog, and Messrs. E. M. Baker, Joseph M. Berne, Maurice Bernon, Rabbi B. R. Brickner, Max Freedman, S. P. Halle, Daniel Sherby, Joseph E. Weil.

2. There were various expressions of opinion both favoring the idea of a general solicitation of non-Jews and opposing it. Mainly the solicitation was not favored first on the ground that it followed too closely the contribution by the United Jewish Appeal of a quarter of a million dollars for Christian Refugee aid in this country; secondly, that results from previous appeals for Jewish causes had not elicited a generous response from non-Jews and that the tradition of "the Jew caring for his own" had become so strongly imbued in the mind of non-Jews that unless there was assurance of a sympathetic and generous outpouring of funds for the Jews overseas, it would not be worthwhile violating the tradition at this time.

On the other hand, it was believed that certain monies might be forthcoming easily on the basis of last year's experience with some of the corporations and chain stores and that if a substantial gift might be forthcoming again from one of the corporations, it might be made the basis of a letter of acknowledgment setting forth that while the Jews were not making a direct appeal to the community as a whole for gifts, it would in this hour of great need, nevertheless, welcome any voluntary contributions from non-Jews that might be forthcoming. It was thought that this type of letter might then be given to the newspapers to be editorialized by them as a means of further encouraging Jewish contributions. Rabbi Silver expressed the opinion that in the light of recent broad appeals for Polish and Finnish relief as well as the earlier appeals for Czechs and Spain, it seemed that Jewry ought no longer defer normalizing its own position among the minorities who had suffered severely and who were entitled to consideration from every humanitarian point of view. The Rabbi felt that there need be no inhibitions to keep the Jews from issuing broad appeals and whether the amount received was little or much, the contributions of at least the masses who were in sympathy with the suffering of the Jews might be stimulated and without regard to the more substantial gifts to be expected from the wealthier group, though in the case of the latter, the Rabbi felt that the attitude of anti-semitism was more prevalent and that there was less to be expected.

The Rabbi pointed out further that the idea for the contribution to Christian Refugee aid had not emanated from the United Jewish Appeal but had instead been prompted from government sources, a fact which was not generally discussed. The Rabbi stated that he had contended for a number of years that the Jews had a right to appeal to Congress for a loan in the feeling that the Jews represented an integral body of people with credit and a known record of honesty in the repayment of debts so incurred. This, the Rabbi stated, was in no wise different in his judgment from the loans which Congress was now preparing to make to the Poles and to the Finns.

As a result of the discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried, that a Committee of Five be appointed to work out the plans of such an appeal and to bring back a report at the earliest possible moment to the Campaign Executive Committee. The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) SAMUEL GOLDBLUMER,

Secretary.



Minutes of a Meeting of the Jewish Welfare Fund  
Campaign Executive Committee held in Room 314  
Statler Hotel, Monday, March 4th, 1940.

1. There were present: Rabbi A. H. Silver, Chairman; Mesdames Siegmund Herzog, Benjamin Levine, A. F. Hellman, Abraham Straus, Miss Mildred Heller, and Messrs. Rabbi B. R. Brickner, E. M. Baker, Joseph M. Berne, Maurice Bernon, Rabbi Armond E. Cohen, Max Freedman, S. P. Halle, Jack Lampi, L. W. Newark, Daniel Sherby, Dr. I. B. Silber, Joseph E. Weil, Louis Weitz, Sidney H. Weitz, and Edward D. Wyner.
2. The Chairman stated that there had taken place prior to this meeting, a conference of a Special Committee which considered the question of non-Jewish solicitation and that a number of suggestions had been offered all of which were being referred to a Committee of Five who were to bring back a plan and program for such solicitation in due time before the Campaign.
3. The Executive Director called attention to the number of Annual Report Booklets which would be required if the plan of sending books to all contributors of \$5 and over were followed out. On this basis, approximately 13,500 books would have to be printed; the cost of 9,000 of these books originally ordered for contributors of \$10 and over was to be \$2,600 or \$290 a thousand; the additional quantity of 4,500 books will cost about \$30 per thousand bringing the total cost exclusive of addressing and mailing to between \$3,600 and \$3,700.  
  
It was generally agreed that the books should be sent to \$5 and over contributors eliminating so far as possible the sending of any duplicate books into the same home.
4. There was presented to the meeting two letters received recently by the Welfare Fund office from Rabbi Cohen, the first setting forth the suggestion that certain members of his congregation had been overlooked in the composition of the Campaign Executive Committee; and the second again calling attention to this fact as well as the lack of recognition of his own proper place in the Campaign organization.  
  
Mr. Joseph M. Berne, the President of the Federation, who had made the appointments of the Campaign Executive Committee after consultation with the Officers of the 1939 Campaign, explained that the selections were made without regard to Temple, Synagogue or organization affiliation but solely on the basis of recognition of interest and work rendered in previous Campaigns and the capacity of individuals for leadership in the common cause. This statement was seconded by expressions from Messrs. S. P. Halle, Judge Maurice Bernon, and Max Freedman. There was a definite feeling against the adoption of any policy by the Campaign Officers of special recognition of persons by Temples or organizations, nevertheless, it was the feeling of Rabbi Silver that consideration be given to the request of Rabbi Cohen and it was moved, seconded and carried that a Committee of Three be appointed by the Chairman to consider the names submitted and with power to act.
5. The Chairman pointed out that because of the enrollment of over 9,000 new contributors in the 1939 Campaign, they together with a large number of the contributors under \$100 represented a large area of uncultivated prospects for increased pledges; and that it would be the purpose of the Campaign this year to concentrate on this area for whatever increased goal was decided upon.
6. No further business coming before the meeting, it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) SAMUEL GOLDMANER,

Secretary.

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- 5a. The Chairman advised that effort was being made to secure Mayor LaGuardia of New York as the guest speaker for the mass meeting on Sunday evening, May 5th. Other suggestions offered in the meeting included Dorothy Thompson, H. V. Kaltenborn, H. R. Knickerbocker, Reverend H. M. Fosdick, Oswald G. Villard and Herbert Hoover.



The 1940 Welfare Fund Campaign May 5th - 15th

# The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland



Room 316, Hotel Statler

Telephones: CHerry 8176-7-8

*La Guardia*

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

Dear Rabbi:

I am sending you herewith copies of the minutes of the meetings of the Budget Committee of February 28th and the Special Committee on non-Jewish Solicitation and the Executive Committee meeting of March 4th.

In connection with the two latter meetings, two Sub-Committees are to be appointed:

- 1) A committee of five to discuss finally the plans for non-Jewish solicitation; and
- 2) A committee of three out of the Campaign Executive Committee to consider Rabbi Cohen's request for the inclusion of the four persons named by him as Campaign Officers.

Mr. Max Freedman is having a meeting with his Vice-Chairmen and some of the Chairmen of the Men's Divisions this week to discuss plans for the Friday luncheon meeting prior to the Campaign.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

March 5th, 1940.

*Samuel Salach*

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Mrs. Abraham Strauss  
**General Gifts Committee**  
**Chairman**  
Mrs. A. F. Melman  
**Assistant Chairman**  
Mrs. Simon Lewis  
**Young Adult Division**  
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Edward D. Wyner  
**Associate Chairmen**  
Mildred Heller  
Louis Weitz



The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Cleveland, O.

Same letter to Mrs Siegmund Herzog, Judge Maurice Bernon and  
Mr Daniel Sherby

Rabbi B R Brickner  
8206 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Brickner:

May I ask you to please serve with Mrs. Siegmund Herzog,  
Judge Maurice Bernon, and Messrs. E. M. Baker and Daniel  
Sherby as a committee of five to formulate plans for the  
solicitation of non-Jews following the suggestions dis-  
cussed at our informal meeting several days ago.

I trust that a meeting of this committee can be arranged  
shortly to bring in its recommendations.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

March 7, 1940

General Chairman  
The 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

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The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Cleveland, O.

Mr E M Baker  
1289 Union Commerce Bldg  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Baker:

May I ask you to please serve with Mrs. Siegmund Herzog, Rabbi Brickner, Judge Maurice Bernon, and Mr. Daniel Sherby as a committee of five to formulate plans for the solicitation of non-Jews following the suggestions discussed at our informal meeting several days ago.

A meeting of the committee can be called at any time to suit your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

General Chairman  
The 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

March 7, 1940

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The 1940 Welfare Fund Campaign May 5th - 15th

# The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland



Room 316, Hotel Statler

Telephones: CHerry 8176-7-8

Rabbi A H Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland.

Dear Rabbi:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the memoranda of the Meeting of the Division Chairmen whom Mr Freedman called together to discuss plans for the Meeting which had been suggested for Friday Noon, May 3d.

With kind regards,

Sincerely Yours,

*Sam Goldhamer*

March 8th, 1940.

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Memoranda of a meeting of the Chairmen of the  
Men's Division of the Welfare Fund Campaign  
held at the Campaign Headquarters, Room 314  
The Statler Hotel, Thursday noon, March 7, 1940.

Mr. Max Freedman one of the Co-Chairmen of the Men's Division explained that he had tried to call together as many of the Chairmen of the respective Divisions as were available to discuss with them the use which might be made of the Friday noon meeting which had been suggested by the Campaign Executive Committee as supplementary to the mass meeting which had be decided upon for the opening of the Campaign Sunday evening, May 5th.

There were present at this meeting Messrs. Milton P. Altschul, Joseph M. Berne, Maurice Bernon, Oscar J. Fishel, Clarence Goldsmith, Jack Lampf, George Nachman, L. W. Neumark, Sidney N. Weitz, Joseph E. Weil and Eugene E. Wolf.

The discussion which followed hinged largely around the question as to whether a noon-day luncheon meeting held on the Friday preceding the Campaign would adequately supplant the usual type of dinner meeting of the Campaign organization to which the Campaign workers, husbands and wives, were in the habit of coming to receive their instructions and inspiration immediately on the eve of the opening of the Campaign. Many seemed to feel that it would be difficult, following the series of Division luncheons to again call together the Division workers solely for the purpose of giving them their cards and instructions; and that also there was question as to whether the Campaign workers in any substantial numbers might be counted upon to attend the mass meeting unless some means were found to bring them together downtown in a body to assure their presence at the mass meeting. There was a strong feeling that it was equally important to have the Campaign leaders and workers hear any message and inspiration that would come out of the mass meeting as it was for the mass of the people in the community from whom in the aggregate the least of the amount of the funds was forthcoming, to be present at such a meeting.

On the other hand it seemed to those present, that if the Campaign organization could be brought together at a six o'clock dinner at the Hotel in honor of the guest speaker of the mass meeting and to hear such brief message as the Chairmen of the Campaign might wish to give them in the period from six to eight o'clock, that the assembly might then adjourn to the Public Hall where a section of the seats would be reserved for them. There was a distinct feeling, furthermore, that no other type of meeting would so well serve the purpose of creating the atmosphere of an organized Campaign body as the dinner meeting which had been used so successfully for this purpose through the years of the Fund.

Other suggestions along this line included the idea of the dinner meeting being held in a portion of the Public Hall adjacent to the Auditorium in which the mass meeting was held; also the postponement of a Division A meeting until after the mass meeting.



It was finally moved by Mr. L. W. Newmark and seconded by Mr. Joseph E. Weil, that the Campaign Executive Committee be advised that it was the unanimous opinion of the Chairmen present at this meeting that a dinner meeting of the Campaign organization be scheduled for 5.30 o'clock, Sunday evening, May 5th, dinner to be served promptly at six and the meeting to be adjourned promptly at eight so that the group might be at the Public Hall in the seats reserved for them by the time of the opening of the mass meeting. In this connection, Mr. Sherby suggested that it would be well to have music at the Public Hall during the interim until the meeting was opened.





The Jewish Welfare Federation  
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Same letter to Messrs. Neumark and Berne

Mr Joseph Weil  
4400 Nickel Plate  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Weil:

May I ask that you act with Messrs. L. W. Neumark and J. M. Berne as a committee of three to consider the presentations made by Rabbi Cohen in his letter which was submitted to the Campaign Executive Committee on Monday of this week.

This committee has power to act in the situation.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

General Chairman  
The 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

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Ezra Shapiro  
705 Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

March 8, 1940

Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner,  
President, Bureau of Jewish Education,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Brickner:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 6 advising me of the meeting to be held the coming Sunday whereat the Memorandum on the "Jewish Educational Situation in Cleveland", submitted by Ben Rosen of Philadelphia, is to be considered. Last Monday was the first time I heard this Memorandum read. I then and there, verbally, stated my own personal reactions to the Memorandum, which, on the whole, coincided with the views stated in this letter.

This morning I received a copy of the Memorandum. In view of the fact that your meeting is to be held on Sunday, it was, of course, physically impossible to call a meeting of the entire Board of Directors of the Cleveland Hebrew School and Institute to consider this Memorandum. I did, however, call a meeting of the administrative officers of our institution, whereat we gave the matter consideration. Not having had ample time to react to the entire Memorandum in its details, we are, nevertheless, in position to set forth our general observations with regard thereto.

On the whole we agree with Sections II and III of the Memorandum, which set forth "Statement of the Problem" and "Possible Bases of Agreement and Cooperation". We do, however, feel that Section III, 3 c, which appears on Page 3 should, in consonance with the factual situation and certainly in wisdom, have been omitted from the Memorandum.

To be sure this antithetical discussion as to whether the program of Jewish education should be America-centered, or Palestine-centered, is completely theoretical and academic as it applies to the Cleveland situation. While the Palestine motif has been very central in the whole spirit of the Talmud Torah schools, and we trust will continue so to be, no one has ever intimated, suggested, or even thought that our schools were anything but completely America-centered in that we were attempting to teach our children "how to live intelligently and happily, with self-respect, as Jews, in this American environment, and as participating members of the American community". The very inclusion of this matter in the Memorandum raises an implication which we feel is wholly unwarranted, unjustified, unnecessary and subject to dangerous misinterpretations, for which the officers of the Talmud Torahs, both collectively and individually, refuse to assume any responsibility whatever.

In passing, we should like to point out that the teaching program and spirit of our schools has always had a religious motivation and has also been a balanced one. On this question of religious motivation, there is a good deal of loose thinking and discussion. What would appear as a religious motivation of program to some of our Reform friends, who so often speak of it, would strike our Orthodox friends as the height of sacrilege. Suffice it to say that in our Schools our children have been taught to observe Jewish holidays and practices, have been



taught prayers not only on the abstract, but have been encouraged to pray in the traditional manner, and have even been encouraged to attend children's Saturday morning services, conducted by our institution.

Again, on this matter, we suggest that an abstract discussion of this subject generally, bears no relationship to the actual facts. It has always appeared quite grotesque to us that the intimation that our schools did not have a religious motivation came from persons who nevertheless countenanced, and even encouraged, school systems in which writing on Saturday morning was indulged in and, in some instances, became compulsory. It need hardly be added that to most of the parents of our children and certainly to Orthodox Jews, no greater transgression of elemental religious spirit and belief could be suggested.

We should point out that there are some detailed observations and recommendations contained in the Memorandum with which we might be in disagreement. However, all of the within discussion does not change the fact that there can be, and probably exists, universal agreement on the general program of cooperation in a community-sponsored program of Jewish education as outlined in the Memorandum.

Coming now to Section IV of the Memorandum, while here too there is considerable that we might disagree with, on the whole there is general agreement about the necessity for some changes to be made in the Board of the Bureau of Jewish Education. As stated in the Memorandum itself, in the note which appears on the 8th page thereof, with regard to Sections IV, and V, we do feel that since no one was removed from the Bureau Board, but that rather certain persons withdrew from participation in it, what might now best be done should not be a reconstitution of the Board, but rather an augmentation of a reasonable number of such persons who will evidence a willingness to participate in the activities of the Board. No one has been interested in eliminating persons from the Bureau Board and I am sure everyone will welcome the return of those who left and the addition of a reasonable number of other persons whose general philosophy of Jewish education would coincide with that generally held by the persons who have retired, and who would also agree with the general program outlined in the Memorandum.

In passing, we do wish to express our resentment and regret at the inclusion in the Memorandum, on Page 8 thereof, of the following language: "On the other hand, the Board must be so reconstituted that it is not, as at present, dominated by one group that has been a source of irritation to the community, for reasons that may not, upon impartial investigation, even be justified." It would strike us that the surveyor in his few days' visit in Cleveland could hardly have given this observation sufficient consideration and study to have warranted his inclusion thereof, even though it is couched in rather indirect and vague language.

We come now to the question of the so-called reorganization of the Board of the Talmud Torahs. Why the surveyor chose the word "reconstitution" for the Bureau of Jewish Education, and "reorganization" for the Board of Talmud Torahs, we cannot understand. If anything, it would seem to us that since he was asked to do whatever he did, by a committee of the Bureau of Jewish Education, these words, if at all proper, should have been reversed. Of course, we should be happy to add to the personnel of the Board of the Hebrew Schools, if this augmentation would make certain persons in the community happier about the situation. The Cleveland Hebrew School and Institute, however, is definitely and distinctly an autonomous institution and neither can, nor will, surrender its right and privilege of choosing its officers and members of the Board, to any outside committee of four persons as suggested by



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the Memorandum. In this connection, I should like to point out that as of the date of our Annual Meeting, on February 25, 1940, the Board of the Talmud Torahs, including the officers, numbered twenty-five persons, and that at this Annual Meeting eleven new persons were added to the Board after careful study of the matter with a view to enlisting in active participation in the work of our institution new persons of the following character: business and professional men who themselves had, at some time, been pupils or teachers in the school system, parents of pupils in our school system, and some persons who were very active in the Jewish Welfare Fund, all of whom, however, very definitely interested in preserving the program of our institution. It strikes me that quite without the aid of the Memorandum, we ourselves have pretty much augmented the membership of our Board along the general lines suggested in the Memorandum. It goes without saying that our Board would undoubtedly welcome the inclusion of some other persons who might be helpful to the work of our institution and to the general program of Jewish education in this community. These suggestions of additional names may undoubtedly come out of the discussions which will take place in the Implementation Committee, and would even be welcomed out of any general discussion which may take place among all interested parties in the entire matter.

We do feel that a reconstitution of the spirit and attitude of our community toward the whole program of Jewish education, and specifically toward the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Talmud Torahs, should and can be effected through a process of conference between all interested parties in effecting this desired result.

I enclose herewith a copy of this letter, and respectfully suggest that you transmit it to Mr. Joseph Berne, President of the Jewish Welfare Federation, along with the Memorandum itself. May I advise you that I am this day sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Ben Rosen.

Sincerely yours,

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(Signed) Ezra Z. Shapiro, President of the  
Cleveland Hebrew School and Institute

P.S. May I advise you that this letter has specifically been approved by George J. Klein, Chairman of the Administrative Board, Suggs Garber, Vice President, and Max I. Kohrman, Treasurer of our Institution.



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Rabbi Armond E. Cohen  
Cleveland, Ohio

March 8, 1940

Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner  
Euclid Avenue Temple  
8206 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Brickner:

I am putting my reactions to the Rosen memorandum in writing because I shall not be present at the meeting at your home on Sunday afternoon, called for the purpose of discussing the memorandum.

- 1) In Section 1, the Rosen memorandum states that it contains "points of agreement among the interested parties." Because of the impression here created that the persons interviewed and named in the memorandum were in general agreement on points mentioned in other sections of the memorandum, I find it necessary to point out that I do not concur in some of the observations.
- 2) The most valuable contribution of this memorandum is that section dealing with specific educational problems, such as the proposition that congregational and communal schools effect close coordination in educational program and some affiliation even in administration. In this connection, a serious omission of the memorandum is the discussion that took place on Thursday evening wherein it was made clear by some that the coordination of communal and congregational Sunday schools must be considered together with the coordination of communal and congregational week-day schools. In its deeper implications, the segregation of children into "schools for the poor" on Sunday mornings is a serious matter. I do not understand why the surveyor omitted any reference to this in his memorandum, particularly since, in Section 3, Item 2, he states that it is a desirable principle "not to deprive the parent, who is the final arbiter of the kind of Jewish education his child is to receive, of the opportunity to secure for his child the kind of Jewish education he prefers, at community expense if necessary." Surely, this preference should apply to one-day-a-week as well as the week-day school.
- 3) The memorandum creates the impression that a proprietary interest in Jewish education is held by "two groups" in the community, namely, the Bureau of Jewish Education and a group within the Jewish Welfare Federation. In his discussions, he therefore restricted himself to conversation with the representatives of these two groups. Here, I have fundamental objection to the approach. There are numerous other groups in the community



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who have the same relationship to Jewish education as the Bureau and the Jewish Welfare Federation. Such a group, for instance, is the Jewish Community Council whose leaders were not consulted; the lay leaders of congregations would form another such group. My objection here, in other words, is to an attitude that only two groups are the parties to solve the problems in Jewish education.

- 4) In Section 4, the surveyor discusses the reconstitution of the Bureau of Jewish Education. Again, in this matter I cannot concur in the general approach, which implies that the reorganization is to satisfy "two groups" in the community. The specific objections that I have emanate from this original principle which, to my thinking, is un-democratic and therefore unacceptable. I cannot concur in any plan which envisages four persons, whoever they may be, sitting down to select communal Boards. Granted that the present Boards of the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Talmud Torah are in a sense self-perpetuating groups and not sufficiently representative, a reconstitution of these Boards is desirable only if it will mean greater representation and more democratic procedure in the manner of selecting Board members. The method proposed by the survey appears to me to be even less desirable and less democratic than the method now in operation. My own suggestion is that the Bureau Board be reconstituted on the basis of proportional representation of the institutions and groups affiliated with it. Such representatives would be selected by the affiliated organizations. It would therefore become the responsibility of affiliated organizations to see to it that their delegates are persons qualified and seriously interested in positive Jewish education. It would also be most desirable if the Bureau Board were largely composed of persons who have children in one or another of the school systems.
- 5) It is apparent that I cannot concur in the observation as to how the Talmud Torah Board shall be constituted. Here again, it seems to me to be utterly un-democratic and undesirable from a communal point of view to have any four individuals, or five, sit down and select a Board. As a matter of fact, of the four individuals whom the surveyor suggests as constituting such a committee, not one of them has a child in the Talmud Torah system. Obviously, the democratic method here would necessitate that a Talmud Torah Board, while having representatives upon it of various communal institutions, would be largely controlled and dominated by the parents of children in the schools. This would go a long way toward removing the stigma of Talmud Torahs being a philanthropy in which those on top give a Jewish education to other people's children.
- 6) In Section 4, Item 1, the surveyor says, "It is generally agreed that the President of the Bureau of Jewish Education shall be a layman." Under no circumstances could I ever concur in such a principle, nor was it ever discussed with me. Under ordinary conditions, it would



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seem that a Rabbi is the most qualified person in a community to serve as the head of an educational Board. He has the background and training for this. There may be specific times and circumstances in some communities where there are particularly well qualified laymen who would be most available but, as a principle, I cannot concur that even in Cleveland only a layman shall be the President. This is an unjustifiable reflection on the Rabbis who have served the Bureau as Presidents, and likewise on other Rabbis in the community. In this connection, I also take exception to the qualifications which the surveyor would require of a lay President. He states that he be preferably "a young man, acceptable to the various groups and who, to begin with, has the confidence of these groups. He does not have to be an educator, but, in addition to these other qualifications, he should be preferably an individual who has faith in the value of a Jewish future and is willing to work towards that end." The serious omission here is that if any layman aspires to be the President of a Bureau, preferably he shall himself have enjoyed the benefits of a positive Jewish education.

- 7) In Section 4, Item 2, the surveyor states that "the Rabbis of both Reform Temples, among others, shall serve as participating members." While this is undoubtedly desirable, such a statement can emanate only as the result of restricted conversations which the surveyor had. There is no valid ground for placing any greater emphasis on the necessity of the participation and interest of the two Reformed Rabbis than of the three Conservative Rabbis, or the leading Orthodox Rabbis. Had the surveyor simply stated that it is important that Rabbi Silver rejoin the Bureau Board, I would indorse his point of view. It seems strange, however, to emphasize "the two Reform Rabbis" when Rabbi Brickner has not only for many years been an active interested member of the Board but is, in fact, the President.

In conclusion, I concur in much of what the surveyor says, and find a great deal of it helpful, and believe that in many respects it is a sound basis for discussion when a properly constituted and qualified committee shall discuss the reorganization of education in Cleveland.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

Armond E. Cohen

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BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION

10323 Superior Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio

March 11, 1940

Mr. J. M. Berne, President  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Public Square Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Berne:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Memorandum submitted by Mr. Ben Rosen, incorporating the observations resulting from his recent informal conversations in this community with a number of persons interested in the work of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

I must inform you that when this Memorandum was read recently at a meeting of the Bureau Board, a number of the members of the Board, while agreeing in the main and most of the findings and observations of Mr. Rosen, expressed considerable dissent from many of his recommendations and conclusions.

I am enclosing herewith two letters which we have received, one from Mr. Ezra Shapiro, the President of the Talmud Torahs, which indicates how the Administrative Committee of his Board regards the Memorandum; and another from Rabbi Armond Cohen, who was one of the Bureau members interviewed by Mr. Rosen. These letters reflect pretty much the objections that were raised.

The Bureau Board has not had an opportunity to study the Memorandum, and in transmitting it to you, we wish to indicate that we do not subscribe officially to its recommendations as presented.

I want to take this opportunity of urging you -- as I have in our conversations recently -- to call forthright a meeting of the Implementation Committee, which will have before it this letter, the 1936 Jewish Education Survey, Mr. Rosen's Memorandum, Mr. Goldhamer's Memorandum, the letters of Mr. Shapiro and Rabbi Cohen enclosed herewith, and such other recommendations as may be brought in by members of the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Barnett R. Brickner

President

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MEMORANDUM

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JEWISH EDUCATIONAL SITUATION IN CLEVELAND



Submitted by Ben Rosen of Philadelphia to the  
Bureau of Jewish Education of Cleveland.  
February 25, 1940.



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## I. INTRODUCTION

Conferences were held, during the third week in February, with leaders of the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Jewish Welfare Federation for the purpose of establishing, if possible, a satisfactory basis for the further development of the Jewish Educational Program in Cleveland. The participants in these conferences were the following: Milton Altschul, Edward M. Baker, Joseph M. Berne, Judge Maurice Bernon, Sigmund Braverman, Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, Nathan Brilliant, Rabbi Armond E. Cohen, Philip Frankel, S. Goldhamer, Myron Guren, Salmon P. Halle, George J. Klein, Max I. Kohrman, Samuel Levine, Rabbi Rudolph M. Rosenthal, A. H. Sachs, Rabbi Abba H. Silver, Ezra Shapiro, Mrs. S. H. Vactor, Sidney H. Weitz. Their organizational affiliation, for the purposes of this Memorandum, are well known. The surveyor met with certain individuals privately; with the Federation leaders in two groups; and with the Bureau leaders at several meetings, particularly at the very beginning and at the close of the series of conferences. There was no meeting of the entire group.

This Memorandum is intended to crystallize the opinions expressed; points of agreement among the interested parties; and recommendations for consideration and action, as hereinafter proposed. It is understood that no individual is directly quoted; that while all specific proposals have emanated from the discussions, they have in no sense been officially authorized by any agency.

## II. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

There is a unanimity of opinion as to the urgent need for reorganizing the Jewish Educational Program.

Whatever may have been the views of one or the other group, with respect to the recommendations of the 1936 Survey (Berkson and Rosen), action thereon was blocked by the existence of deep-seated prejudices, suspicion of motives, and a lack of confidence - all of which became more aggravated with the passing of time.

No useful purpose can be served at this time by subjecting all the complaints to impartial investigation. It is enough to state that there is evidence that certain charges and counter-charges aired at the meetings were not, and perhaps cannot be, substantiated; in two important instances, at least, the suspicions proved to be unfounded; and as for the prejudices, may it not be said that all prejudice is unjust.

The stalemate which has existed for the last few years has intensified the dissatisfaction of all interested parties with the present state of affairs, and there is a strong desire and readiness to make a new start.

But the unfortunate fact remained, that until this unhealthy state of mind was dissipated, and the confidence of the community restored,



it was impossible for the groups to get together for the purpose of implementing a new program. Partly as a result of the recent discussions, some of the misunderstandings certainly have been cleared up; there is a readiness to make concessions, without sacrificing fundamental convictions and principles; the area of controversy has been delimited; there are a number of principles on which there appears to be general agreement and which offer a basis for broader cooperation.

### III. POSSIBLE BASES OF AGREEMENT AND COOPERATION

These are the common grounds, upon which agreement can be had; or upon which, as far as the surveyor has been able to ascertain, agreement has already been expressed.

#### 1. A COORDINATED PROGRAM

In reorganizing the program for Jewish Education recognition must be given to the fact that it should be coordinated for the entire community, - including communal and congregational schools; less intensive and more intensive systems; education on the elementary and secondary levels; teacher-training and adult Jewish education. There should be set up a functioning and adequately administered Bureau, to carry out this program.

#### 2. EXPENDITURES FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

The proposals for the reorganization of Jewish education (with particular reference to the Goldhamer Memorandum) are certainly not motivated by any thought of an actual reduction in the expenditures of the community for Jewish education. The development of the program will necessarily involve increased expenditures by the community. Provided there is agreement upon the new program, and a real basis of cooperation exists, there is a readiness on the part of the community leaders to appropriate increased sums for Jewish education, as the need is demonstrated.

A. There is a growing recognition of the need to shift the emphasis from overseas work to caring for needs at home, as soon as conditions make this possible; and in that program Jewish Education must receive adequate consideration and support.

B. The funds appropriated by the community for Jewish education should be expended in such a manner as to:

(1) Utilize to the fullest possible extent, where feasible, available facilities, - which are of a



satisfactory nature, rather than saddle itself with the capital outlay for, and the cost of maintaining, new buildings; unless there is a demonstrated need for such new facilities.

(2) Not to deprive the parent, who is the final arbiter of the kind of Jewish education his child is to receive, of the opportunity to secure for his child the kind of Jewish education he prefers - at community expense, if necessary.

### 3. INTENSIVE JEWISH EDUCATION AND ITS PHILOSOPHY

A. There is no intent on the part of the Bureau or Federation group to eliminate the communal schools - whether they be Talmud Torahs or other types, from any program to be developed in the future.

B. There is an acceptance of the viewpoint, certainly with respect to the Talmud Torahs, that any Jewish education which lacks a religious motivation, has no future in the American Jewish community.

C. That the program of Jewish education should be America-centered, i.e. the program of studies and activities, the spirit of teaching, etc., should help the child "to live intelligently and happily, with self-respect, as a Jew, in this American environment, and as a participating member of the American community."\*

(1) This statement is not to be understood as implying that the teaching of Palestine - its problems, its possibilities, its creative endeavor and achievement, its meaning for Jewish life in the Diaspora - should be eliminated; or that we should not encourage the children to assume their responsibilities to it.

D. That there is a desire to retain the intensive forms of Jewish education, which are the indispensable nucleus for any community program of Jewish education; that there is some hope that, as a result of integrating the communal with the congregational schools (Goldhamer Memorandum), there may follow an intensification of the program in the latter schools, and a general raising of standards that would be mutually beneficial. It is recognized that the program of the Talmud Torahs must be balanced, so as to make provision for the teaching of the so-called 'content' subjects - such as Jewish history, current events, religious customs and practices, etc.

\* Samuel I. Rosenman - "Buttressing Democracy Through Religious Education" JEWISH EDUCATION, Vol. 24, No. 3, p. 175.



To put it negatively, all this does not imply that the teaching of Hebrew in the Talmud Torahs is to be diluted. As a matter of fact, the opinion expressed in certain circles as to the amount of time devoted to the teaching of the Hebraic subjects in the Talmud Torahs is 'slightly exaggerated. There is on the other hand, a recognition of the fact that the community must do something to stem the tendency on the part of parents who want to give their children less and less Jewish education. The provision within the two Reform Temple Schools of additional days of instruction for the teaching of the Hebraic subjects, is a confirmation of this fact. Certainly those who advocate the more intensive forms of Jewish education should have the opportunity to demonstrate, thru achievement and to influence by persuasion, the merits of that type of education. If we believe that Jewish survival is unthinkable without Jewish education, then we must encourage every positive effort to strengthen Jewish education.

#### 4. NATURE OF CONTROL TO BE EXERCISED BY BUREAU

An acceptance of the principles outlined above, upon which, it appears, the several groups have expressed themselves as offering a basis of real cooperation, calls for an arrangement whereby these points of view will be properly implemented in the future, regardless of what the prevailing opinion, warranted or unwarranted, has been hitherto with respect to these matters.

To insure this fact, the Bureau, through its Director, must have the power to exercise some control, and be in a position to influence, the programs of its major beneficiaries by way of supervising the work of the executive heads of such school systems; and to influence in a similar manner, but to a lesser extent, the programs of the minor beneficiaries.

To achieve this purpose the Director of the Bureau should be permitted, and should avail himself of the opportunity, to sit in on the Board Meetings of the agencies which are the major beneficiaries of the Bureau's funds, whenever important questions of program and policy are presented for consideration and action. He will then be in a position, by force of moral suasion, to safeguard the implementation of the principles and policies agreed upon. He will have a direct relationship with the executives of the constituent communal agencies, and an indirect relationship with the principals or educational directors of the congregational schools. If the Director of the Bureau is worth his salt, he will have the tact, the wisdom and foresight not to present any proposals to the Board of a constituent agency for formal adoption, without first having created a receptivity among the key members and the executive head for these proposals.



With respect to the congregational schools which agree to cooperate in the proposed plan of the Federation (Goldhamer Memorandum) there may be a supervisor, as the program develops, to render service to these schools - particularly in the weekday departments. This supervisor will also be directly accountable to the Director of the Bureau. In this manner, altho the measure of control will be quite indirect and more limited in nature (as should be the case), the Director will be able to satisfy the Board of the Bureau and himself that the measures which are agreed upon for the maintenance of certain standards with respect to teachers, program, methods, etc., - in the congregational schools that undertake to provide for pupils outside of their own membership - are safeguarded and implemented in the most effective manner possible. It is of the utmost importance for the success of this effort that all parties feel satisfied that certain interests they regard as vital are being safeguarded.

The idea expressed above is a reflection of a trend which is now beginning to manifest itself in Federations in various parts of the country. Instead of acting merely as fiscal agencies for the collection and distribution of funds, they are developing into functional agencies. They are becoming community planning bodies, interested not merely in improving the machinery of organization, but in influencing the more organic and vital aspects of Jewish community life, working thru their affiliated, and reaching also into the unaffiliated, institutions. This new development holds out much hope for the development of our Jewish community life.

On this point (item 4, Section III) there is wholehearted acceptance on the part of the Federation leaders. On the part of the Bureau spokesmen, there is certainly an acceptance in principle, but a question is raised, by certain members of the group, (and perhaps properly so), with respect to the manner in which this principle will be implemented. The question arises from the fact that a good deal depends upon the personnel of the Bureau Board and upon the qualifications and the philosophy of Jewish education subscribed to by the Director of the Bureau. The implications will be referred to below, but are not regarded by the surveyor as presenting difficulties which are insurmountable.

NOTE: It is not to be understood that all the fundamental principles, upon which agreement should be had to safeguard Jewish education in Cleveland has been treated in this Memorandum. There are others, which are discussed in the 1936 Survey Report, and will no doubt be subject to further study and discussion. But those principles which have been included were the subject of discussion at the various conferences, because these particularly required clarification.



#### IV - RECONSTITUTION OF THE BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION

Enough has been said to indicate clearly that the problem in Cleveland involves both issues and men. These two aspects are closely interrelated and whether we like it or not they cannot be dissociated. There is a strong feeling that the question of personalities overshadows the issues. The surveyor must reckon with the realities; it is not his business to moralize. Everyone recognizes that the confidence of the community must be restored, for the state of prejudice, to put it mildly, which has existed has virtually made it impossible to go on.

Both sides, it appears to the surveyor, have expressed a readiness to make concessions in their desire to terminate the stalemate; to reenlist the participation of individuals who are not now willing to cooperate; and hence to make it possible to forge ahead in solving the problem of Jewish education. This attitude of mind, if the surveyor has correctly analyzed the opinions expressed, need not, and for all the surveyor knows, does not, in any sense, imply an admission of the validity of any of the charges, suspicions, misunderstandings, lack of confidence, etc., leveled against any individual or group. The question of their validity, or whether any one deserves the stigma, is for the purposes of this Memorandum, entirely irrelevant, and need not be argued.

But it is very clear to the surveyor, that to make headway, it becomes necessary to reconstitute the Board of the Bureau of Education. There should, on the one hand, be a broadening of the Bureau Board to bring back into its fold, in an active capacity, certain individuals whose interest has been alienated, for one reason or another; or who have become passive or disinterested. On the other hand, the Board must be so reconstituted that it is not, as at present, dominated by one group that has been a source of irritation to the community, for reasons that may not, upon impartial investigation, even be justified. Nor is it desirable, that any other one group should, in the process of reorganization, be permitted to dominate the Board and thus again lead to aggravation in the community, warranted or unwarranted.

To bring about a reconstitution of the Board.

1. It is generally agreed, in the first place, that the President shall be a layman. In practically all communities, where there are central agencies for Jewish education, the President or Chairman of the Board is a layman. This layman shall have the qualifications essential for the office of presidency in any important agency. He shall be preferably a young man, acceptable to the various groups, and who, to begin with, enjoys the confidence of these groups. He does not have to be an educator, but he should, in addition to these other qualifications, be preferably an individual who has faith in the value of a Jewish future and is willing to work towards that end.

2. The Rabbis of both the Reform Temples, among others, shall serve as participating members. On this point there is unanimity of opinion among all parties, and a readiness to serve on the part of these two leaders who, each in their respective spheres, can be enormously



Influential in Promoting Jewish Education in the Community.

3. It is generally agreed that certain of the present active members, who by reason of their understanding of the problem of Jewish education, the intelligent service they have rendered and are rendering to the cause, and their devotion, should be retained on the reconstituted Board. To have all of these persons voluntarily withdraw, as was suggested - and not by the opposition - would constitute an irreparable loss to Jewish educational endeavor in the community.

4. The position of leadership and direction in the Bureau Board shall be placed in the hands of a new group, in the hope that a new heart, and a new spirit might be engendered. If such a proposal had emanated from any influential individual or group opposed to the present set up of the Bureau - as was not the case - the surveyor is firmly convinced that for this reason alone the proposal would be unacceptable, all around. Its acceptance, if at all, hinges upon a number of facts:

A. That this new leadership is prepared to subscribe to the basic principles enumerated above, and which offer a common platform for community-wise cooperation.

B. That a committee, possibly the Committee on Implementation, draw up a list of names, to be recommended to the present Bureau of Jewish Education - an autonomous body, for election to the Board.

C. Provided that, in addition to the present members of the Board who are to be retained, there can be found individuals of the type desired, who are willing to accept membership on the Board, if elected.

D. That the Director selected by the Bureau be a person who also subscribes to the basic principles enumerated in the Memorandum; that he be acceptable to the present Board of the Bureau; and that, to begin with at least, he enjoys the confidence of the various interested groups.

E. That the present leadership in the Bureau can be convinced, that by a voluntary acceptance of the proposals to reconstitute the Board along the lines indicated, they are not thereby betraying the trust imposed upon them by the community, and the principles for which they have fought and stood their ground; that they are transferring this responsibility to a new group who enjoy the confidence of the various elements, and with respect to whom they can feel assured that the interests they regard as vital for the future of Jewish education will be safeguarded, rather than diluted or eliminated altogether.



## V - REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF TALMUD TORAHS

In a lesser sense, it may be desirable later to reconstitute the Board of the Talmud Torahs, the major beneficiary of the funds of the Bureau. First, because the active and more articulate members of this Board, in a sense, dominate the Board of the Bureau. Secondly, the Talmud Torahs have unfortunately been the victim of greater controversy and prejudice than any other aspect of the educational program. This state of affairs blocks a reapproachment between the interested parties.

If therefore, the Board of the Talmud Torahs is to be strengthened, a committee might be designated to make recommendations for the reconstitution of this Board; to serve in the capacity of a nominating committee. Such a committee might consist of the President of the Talmud Torahs, the new president of the Bureau, the Chairman of the 1936 Survey Committee, and the President of the Community Council.

The question was raised as to the desirability of retaining separate Boards for the various communal educational agencies, if there is a strong reconstituted Board of the Bureau. This need is based upon sound considerations:

1. Decentralization of units, within a functionally coordinated program, broadens the base of interest and financial support.
2. Such decentralization permits a greater measure of autonomy to the individual units.

All the factors discussed above with respect to the reconstitution of the Bureau Board (section IV) are relevant to the Talmud Torah situation, with even greater emphasis upon safeguarding the vital policies of these institutions

NOTE: It should be stated for the record, that with respect to the discussion of Sections IV and V, there is a strong feeling, shared by a majority of the Bureau leaders, that the emphasis in reorganizing the Board should be upon its augmentation and making it, in effect, and not merely pro forma, more widely representative of community interests, rather than upon its dissolution, and its replacement by another body.

## VI - IMPLEMENTATION

1. That a meeting of the Committee on Implementation be convened without further delay.
2. That the basic points contained in the Memorandum entitled "A Suggestion for the Reorganization of the Jewish Educational Program in Cleveland" and the present Memorandum, or such parts thereof as the Bureau Board, in its judgment, shall wish to refer, be presented to the Committee on Implementation for its study and consideration.



3. That the Committee on Implementation determine whether, at the very outset, a Director of Jewish Education should be engaged, by the proper authority, to provide the Committee with the necessary expert knowledge, the guidance and aid as a mediating agent to agree upon an acceptable program and to aid in the procedures to be followed to secure their adoption by the various agencies involved - as a preliminary step to the implementation of the new program of Jewish education for the community. That such a procedure is desirable is borne out by the experience in analogous situations in other communities, and need not be elaborated upon.

There is, of course, the alternative method, less desirable, that the Committee proceed without the aid of such a person, it being understood that no program can succeed unless it has secured the approval, after full and careful consideration, of each of the agencies involved. This is, in the judgment of the surveyor, a condition precedent to the restoration of confidence in the community.

4. That adequate provision be made for the public relations aspect of the program of Jewish education. This involves the continued interpretation of the aims and objectives of Jewish education in the American environment; the activities which are being carried on; and should aim to secure a wider acceptance in the community of the need for, and a recognition of, the positive values of Jewish education.

## VII - CONCLUSION

The Jewish community of Cleveland has great resources, both spiritual and material. It has a notable record of achievement in many fields of Jewish endeavor. It certainly has all the potentialities to develop and extend its program of Jewish education to a degree that will make it, in ever increasing measure, a source of pride and strength to the entire community; and to serve as an example of community organization which will be a guide and inspiration to other communities thruout the land.

## VIII - ADDENDUM

The project for a Friedland Memorial Foundation, initiated in November 1939, contemplates the erection of a structure, adequate to house departments for secondary and adult Jewish education, for the training of teachers and club leaders, an educational library, conference rooms and offices for educational agencies.

It is estimated that such a building, to be erected preferably in the proximity of University Circle, will necessitate the raising of a fund of \$50,000.00 from private donations, "without any public solicitation". The building is to be erected under the supervision and control of the Foundation. The maintenance of the building is to be provided for out of the budget now allocated by the Bureau



of Jewish education toward the physical maintenance of the respective educational projects, to be housed therein; and by other communal agencies, to be agreed upon.

A provisional Committee of 15 serves as a temporary Board of Trustees of the building project, and consists of Samuel Rosenthal and Alfred H. Sachs, Co-Chairmen, and Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, Rabbi Armond E. Cohen, Dr. Moses Garber, Philip Goodman, Julius Kahn, Bert L. Klein, George J. Klein, Max Kohrman, James Miller, Rabbi Rudolph M. Rosenthal, Ezra Shapiro, Jerome Silberman and Alex S. Wintner.

"Title to all funds collected and to the building erected will be in the name of the "Friedland Memorial Foundation", an Ohio corporation not for profit. A new Board of Trustees will be elected within six months from date by the voluntary donors making possible the project, and thereafter each year under appropriate rules, regulations and by-laws subsequently to be adopted."\*

This project, unfortunately, was not a subject for discussion at any of the meetings, but was called to the attention of the surveyor subsequently, and so does not come within the purview of this Memorandum.

The surveyor well appreciates the appropriateness of a project of this type to "perpetuate the name and memory of A. H. Friedland". As conceived by its initiators, it unquestionably merits careful and sympathetic consideration. The surveyor, in his official capacity, is however in no position to offer any specific recommendation with respect thereto, without more detailed study and discussion with the local leaders.

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\* Quoted from minutes of Friedland Memorial Meeting held November 9, 1939.



The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Cleveland, O.

Mr Salem Miller  
Jewish Welfare Fund  
460 Main Street  
Winnipeg, Canada

Dear Mr Miller:

C Rabbi Silver has asked the writer to reply to your letter of March 6th regarding the Welfare Fund which has been in existence since 1931 and is now going into its tenth Campaign.

O As you may know the Cleveland Welfare Fund was one of several established at about the same time for the purpose of carrying on in a joint appeal, the money raising activities necessary to provide Cleveland Jewry's share of the support of specifically Jewish causes. At its inception in 1931 the element of foreign relief had not achieved the proportions which it now assumes in the aggregate budget of the Fund; in fact the Fund was primarily set up to eliminate so far as possible the multiplicity of appeals which were directed at the community by mail and through personal solicitations; there was the further purpose of saving the community and the institutions themselves the inordinate cost of securing the pledges and collecting the money; and the advantage of having some central organization examine and pass upon the financial statements and budgets presented by the respective agencies and causes thereby attempting to give to the community an intelligent understanding of the value of the services rendered generally and to Cleveland in particular.

Y All of these factors are of course basic to any such organization as a Federation, Welfare Fund, or Community Chest, although the Fund was projected in Cleveland at a most inauspicious time in 1931 when the country was heading into the serious depression, nevertheless, the community realized the benefit of the enterprise and gave its whole-hearted support both in the conduct of the Annual Campaigns and in subscribing the funds necessary from year to year.



The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Cleveland, O.

Cleveland Jewry has been enabled through the instrumentality of the Fund to meet much more adequately its share of the over-seas demands, and in the past two or three years you will note from the attached schedule of our allocations how our response to the over-seas needs has been developed. Not only has the amount of money raised, kept pace with the calls upon us, but year by year broader interest has been enlisted with the result that today we have over 22,000 adult contributors to the Fund out of a Jewish population of approximately 85,000. This figure compares with 13,500 contributors in 1938 and approximately 9,000 in 1937.

In other words the benefits of the Fund, the growth of interest in Jewish affairs and the response of the community to the appeal year by year has made it possible for Cleveland at all times to meet its obligations towards the problems of Jewish life both in the field of relief and assistance to our persecuted and dispersed people, and in the defense of our own rights here at home.

C If there are any further questions you might wish to ask regarding our Fund, please do not hesitate to write.

O I am,

P March 13, 1940

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Samuel Goldhamer

Executive Director



The Jewish Welfare Federation  
and  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
of Cleveland

Room 320, Chester-Twelfth Building

Telephone: CHerry 8176-7-8

March 13, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is a suggested draft of the letter to be sent to the small group of women whom you have agreed to invite to the meeting on Tuesday morning, March 26, 10:45 a.m. at the Statler Hotel (room 345), in order to have them make their gifts and set the proper standard for the entire Women's Division. The letter has been reviewed by the executive group of our Women's Special Gifts Committee and has their approval.

It is planned to have Mrs Herzog, Mrs Strauss, Mrs Grossman and Mrs Selden follow-up your letter with personal telephone calls to make certain that as many of the women as possible will attend.

Within the next few days I shall send you a memorandum of the contributions which these women made in 1939 and of their ratings for 1940, so that you may know what kind of giving is expected of them. Mrs Herzog is contacting a few in advance to make sure that they will be prepared to start the giving at the meeting.

We should send the letter of invitation on Friday or Saturday, and I shall appreciate it very much if you or Miss Klein could let me know at your early convenience whether or not the letter has your approval.

With all best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,  
*Philip Bernstein*  
Assistant Director

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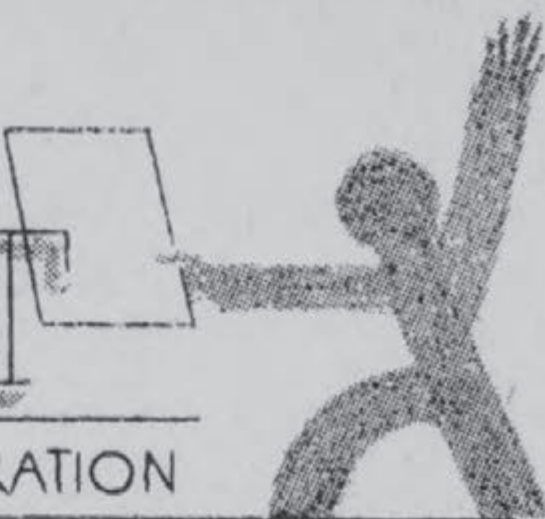
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# JUST A MOMENT

WITH THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION



## CHALLENGE



There are about 5,500,000 Jews stranded in European countries of persecution, about one-third of whom are in German held territory. In Poland, 250,000 Jews have either died in the war or have been murdered, often in view of their wives, children and husbands.

In old Germany, Jews have been deprived of their homes, livelihood, possessions and status as human beings, and have often been denied the rights to secure even the rationed foods.

In Vienna, the important Jewish community of 180,000 has dwindled to a poverty stricken 55,000. In Czechoslovakia, expulsion is under way, Jews being herded into open box cars, families separated, driven to the barren Lublin area. In Roumania and Hungary hundreds of thousands are deprived of citizenship and employment by government restriction.

Most of the 150,000 Jews who were able to leave Germany for haven in other European countries are to be found in England, France, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland, where they are accepted under the guarantee that they will not be public charges. 18,000 have gone to Shanghai where they live in poorly heated half wrecked buildings isolated by the Japanese army.

In the face of these great odds, such agencies as the Joint Distribution Committee, Ort, United Palestine Appeal and HIAS, for example, offer assistance despite the destructive forces which must be overcome.

In Warsaw, 50 soup kitchens are maintained for adults and 42 feeding centers for children. Dispensaries, shelters and clothing are also provided. Committees in other parts of Poland and bordering countries offer similar aid to added thousands. In Germany 5,500 persons have received training for artisanship and agriculture and 29,000 were helped to emigrate during the first 11 months of 1939.

Palestine is one of the two major refuges for dispossessed Jews. 35,000 Jews entered Palestine during the year ending September 30, 1939; 24 new colonies were established and 51,892 dunams of land purchased by the Jewish National Fund. 471,000 dunams are now owned by Jews in Palestine.

Cleveland does its share in meeting the challenge through the Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign which will take place May 5th to 15th.



# 1940 JEWISH WELFARE FUND CAMPAIGN

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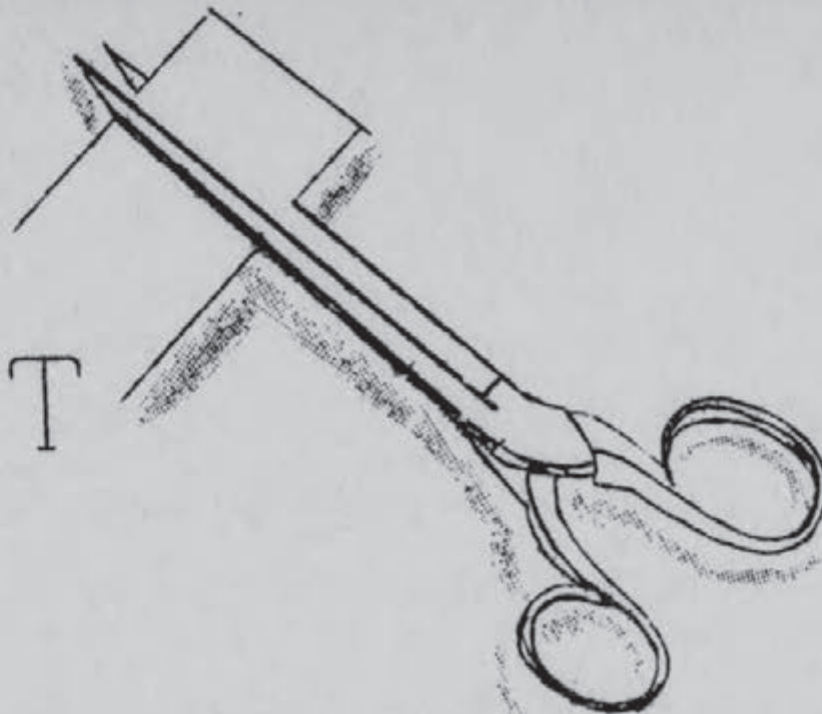
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# CUT SHORT



According to a report from Dr. William Haber, Executive Director of the National Refugee Service, Inc., 3,546 refugees, comprising 2,139 families, were resettled in communities throughout the country during 1939.....

The forty-first Annual Meeting of the Council Educational Alliance will take place at 8 P.M., Wednesday, March 20th at the Mt. Pleasant House, 13512 Kinsman Road. Dr. Grace L. Coyle, Director of the Group Work Department of the School of Applied Social Sciences, Western Reserve University, and president of the National Conference of Social Work, will speak on "The Distinctive Contribution of the Group Work Agency.".....

During 1939, 61 new industrial enterprises were established in Palestine, many of their founders being refugees. More than \$65,000,000 is now invested in Palestine industry, about one-third of which is in the building industry..

A recent Paris dispatch states that German authorities in Warsaw took over the only Jewish hospital in the city and put the Jewish patients out during one of the worst cold spells of the winter. Among the patients were 1400 cases of typhus. This figure, compared with 250 typhus cases a few weeks earlier, indicates the spread of diseases in Warsaw's Jewish section...

Under the auspices of the East Central States Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds a weekend meeting was held in Cleveland, March 2nd and 3rd, to consider the approaching spring campaigns. Representatives were present from Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, Erie, Pittsburgh, Toledo, Youngstown and South Bend, Indiana. The general attitude toward raising more money for local and overseas needs in this region was optimistic.....

The Twentieth Anniversary Donor Dinner of the Jewish Day Nursery, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harry Teitelman, will be held on Sunday, April 14th, at 6:30 P. M. in the Jewish Center Ballroom. Dr. Gerry L. Myers will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Norbert Kruger is president of the Jewish Day Nursery...

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## JUST A MOMENT

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March 17, 1940

Mr. Philip Bernstein  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Bernstein:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send  
you the two enclosures.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



March 17, 1940

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

Before inviting any speakers to address our luncheon meetings, I wish you would submit the list to me. I have some suggestions to make. Also, I should like to check over the names of the chairmen who are to preside at the luncheon meetings.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



Dear Mrs - - - - - :

As you know, we are now planning our Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign for 1940. It is needless to say that since the campaign last year our problems have become even more serious and more tragic. More than ever before do we hold in our hands the fate of thousands of human beings. What we do in this campaign will determine for many persons literally whether they shall live or whether they shall die.

Last year the Jewish women of our community responded magnificently to the appeal for their help. We must count upon a similar response this year, and I am confident that it will be forthcoming.

To provide the proper leadership and standard for the Women's Division, I should like to meet with a small group of key persons whose influence means a great deal in the community, and whose action will determine to a large extent what the women of our city will do. May I cordially invite you, therefore, to meet with me on Tuesday morning, March 26, at 10:45 a.m., at the Statler Hotel (Room 345)?

I know that your presence will be most helpful, and I hope that you will inform me that you will attend.

Very sincerely yours,

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
General Chairman

March 18, 1940



WOMEN TO BE INVITED TO SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY MORNING,  
MARCH 26, 10:45 A.M. AT THE STATLER HOTEL (ROOM 345).

Mrs Sidney Amster  
Mrs Louis S Bing, Jr.  
Mrs Jac L Einstein  
Mrs Paul Feiss  
Mrs Sylvester Flesheim  
Mrs Harry Fox  
Mrs Max Freedman  
Mrs George Furth  
Mrs Eugene Geismer  
Mrs Walter Goldsmith  
Mrs Herbert Goulder  
Mrs Louis Grossman  
Mrs Marc Grossman  
Mrs Eugene Halle  
Mrs Will Halle  
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122 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

**HOTEL STATLER CLEVELAND**

Euclid Avenue at East Twelfth Street

STAY Hotels STATLER in BOSTON BUFFALO (also Hotel Buffalo) DETROIT ST. LOUIS  
NEW YORK Hotel Pennsylvania

March 23: 1940

Dear Silver:

Re Ort. I have asked the  
N.Y. office to send you a  
copy of the summary of the  
1940 budget, etc.

Under separate cover I  
am sending you a copy  
of my translation of Uri Zvi  
Greenberg's "ON THE P'ELIM". Greenberg  
wrote it as you <sup>will</sup> perhaps remember  
before he became a Revisionist. The  
translation was made years ago  
tho' printed recently. The  
poem itself has always seemed  
to me a fine expression of  
the spirit of "Shalom". Shalom  
Spiegel and others have  
written warmly in praise  
of the translation.

I enjoyed yesterday's visit  
very much. Sincerely yours  
Charles A. Cowen



The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
Cleveland, O.

Dr Eugene Freedman  
2910 Ludlow  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr Freedman:

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I have taken the liberty of checking over the list of the members of the Cleveland Orchestra which you just sent me and I know that you will be interested in knowing what participation they have had in the support of the Welfare Fund as indicated by the pledge record here shown.

I am assuming that you will get in touch with Rabbi Silver to fix with him a convenient time to call together a few of these men in order to ask their cooperation.

With much appreciation of your own interest and generous support I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Samuel Goldhamer

Executive Director

March 25, 1940



	Pledge
Joseph Fuchs	\$ 35
Felix Eyle	15
Paul Gershman	10
Ben Silverberg	25
Albert Edelman	5
Jac Gorodetsky	0
Eugene Bergen	0
Bernard Goodman	0
Layessky	0
Harry Fuchs	0
Julius Baker	0
Bert Gassman	'38 \$3 0
Louis Davidson	0
Samuel Salkin	5
Morris Morovitsky	3
Louis Berman	1
David Klinger	5
Hyman Schandler	10
Irving Fink	0
David Schwartz	0
Samuel Goldblum	5
Ben Selcer	5
Hyman Goldin	5
Leonard Rose	0
Jackques Posell	0
Philip Kirchner	20
William Namen	5
Wolf Kalinovsky	0





BRANCH  
WOODLAND AT E. 61ST STREET

ישיבת עדת בני ישראל

BRANCH  
UNION AND E. 119TH STREET

## YESHIVATH ADATH BNAI ISRAEL

10417 WESTCHESTER AVENUE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

CEDAR 0747

March 26th, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
C/O The Temple  
E. 105th & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

As I have been trying to make an appointment to see you, and as I understand your time is so taken up that you can not see me at the present, but will do so as soon as possible, I am taking this means of sending you a duplicate of the papers that we send to the Budget Committee, including an actual statement of Income and Expenditures from April 15th, 1939 to April 15th, 1940; an estimated budget for the coming year, and a few words on the liabilities of the Yeshiva.

Mr. Goldhammer has informed me that I will not be invited to the Budget committee this year, because there are too many organizations to invite, as time and circumstances does not permit.

Therefore, we feel that you are the only friend to whom we can turn. As we know that you are very much in favor of our Yeshiva work and our Yeshiva cause.

We sincerely hope that you will do all in your power to see that the case of the Yeshiva is fully reported, and acted upon to the best advantage of our worthy cause.

With our most sincere thanks for all you have done for us in the past, and for anything you may do in the future, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

YESHIVATH ADATH BNAI ISRAEL

*Max Herman*  
president *per mly.*

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## YESHIVATH ADATH BNAI ISRAEL

## Jewish Welfare Fund Report

March 1, 1940

## Report of:-

Summary of Income and Expenditures from April 15th, 1939 to April 15th, 1940, including Actual figures for 10½ months, and estimated for one & one-half months

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> April 15, 1939 to Mar. 1, 1940	<u>PLUS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED</u> Mar. 1, 1940 to April 15, 1940	<u>TOTAL</u>
Dues	1695.59		190.00	1885.59
Tuition	2130.00		300.00	2430.00
Shuhl	200.75		15.00	215.75
Shuhl Seats	109.00			109.00
Donations	393.17			393.17
Senior Ladies Auxiliary	175.00			175.00
Junior Ladies Auxiliary	100.00			100.00
Rent	317.50		37.50	355.00
Congregation Appeals	799.30			799.30
Matzos	225.73			225.73
Boxes & Kaares	72.06			72.06
Picnic	177.84			177.84
Annual Banquet	452.81			452.81
Mid-Nite Show	50.25			50.25
Miscellaneous Income	243.87		10.00	253.87
Jewish Welfare Fund	4000.00			4000.00
Membership Books	195.00			195.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>11337.87</b>		<b>552.50</b>	<b>11890.37</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
Salaries, Teachers	7193.98		1170.00	8363.98
Salaries, Bookkeeper	420.00		60.00	480.00
Commissions	678.77		90.00	768.77
Salaries, Janitor	309.75		45.00	354.75
Carfare for Collector	56.25		7.50	63.75
Office, Supplies, Postage, etc.	71.99		10.00	81.99
Telephone	67.38		9.00	76.38
Advertising	47.20			47.20
Gas	36.71		6.00	42.71
Electric	111.29		43.97*	155.26
Laundry	44.31		4.00	48.31
Building Expenses, including maintainance, papering, repairs etc.	291.36		13.19*	304.55
Coal	105.00		51.00*	156.00
Miscellaneous Expenses, incl. printing, engraving plaque, etc.	201.10		10.00	211.10
Taxes	162.56			162.56
Sol Edgert, Attorney	100.00			100.00
E. 149th Branch, rent, heating system, painting, etc.	169.60		30.00	199.60
Mrs. Auslander, assistant E. 149th Branch	120.00		30.00	150.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>10187.25</b>		<b>1579.66</b>	<b>11766.91</b>

\* Including Bills now due

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Jewish Welfare Fund report, continued

	ACTUAL	PLUS	ESTIMATED	TOTAL
INCOME	11,337.87		552.50	11,890.37
EXPENSES	<u>10,187.25</u>		<u>1579.66</u>	<u>11,766.91</u>
	1,150.62		1027.16	
			on hand	123.46

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## YESHIVATH ADATH BNAI ISRAEL

10417 WESTCHESTER AVENUE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

CEDAR 0747

March 1, 1940

The following is a brief report on the liabilities of the  
YESHIVATH ADATH BNAI ISRAEL:

March 1, 1939 the Yeshivoa owed to its teachers staff a total of \$ 7,403.27, in back salaries. In the Income and Expense statement, dated April 15th, 1939 to April 15th, 1940 the figure of teachers salaries (\$ 7,193.98) includes \$ 672.00 paid to those teachers who have stopped teaching due to age, illness, etc., and who must be paid something on account of the large balances due them, plus, \$ 203.00 additional in current payrolls. Therefore, today (March 1, 1940) the balance in back salaries due to teachers, active and in-active is \$ 6,528.27.

In addition, we owe \$ 392.02 in back taxes, plus \$ 27.30 advertising, and several other small items.



ESTIMATED BUDGET OF THE YESHIV ATH  
ADAT BNAI ISRAEL

April 15th, 1940 to April 15th, 1941

EXPENSES

Main Branch - E. 105th & Westchester Avenue

1 Principal	40.00	@ 52	2,080.00	
5 teachers	125.00	52	6,500.00	
Janitor	10.00	52	520.00	
Bookkeeper	15.00	52	780.00	
Collector & Custodian	35.00	52	1,820.00	
Gas, Electric, Coal			400.00	
Telephone			80.00	
Office supplies, postage, etc.			150.00	
Laundry			50.00	
Advertising			75.00	
Text Books			150.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses			<u>100.00</u>	
			Total	12,875.00

Kinsman Branch - E. 119th & Union Ave.

2 teachers	50.00	52	2,600.00	
Rent	50.00	12	600.00	
Janitor	8.00	52	416.00	
Light & Heat			200.00	
Text Books			<u>100.00</u>	
			Total	3,916.00

Woodland Branch - E. 61st & Woodland Ave.

1 Teacher	25	52	1,300.00	
Light, Heat & Sundries			120.00	
Text Books			<u>50.00</u>	
			Total	1,470.00

Lakeview Branch - Lakeview Rd. near Earle Ave.

1 teacher	25.00	52	1,300.00	
Rent	50.00	12	600.00	
Heat & Light	15.00	12	180.00	
Text Books			<u>100.00</u>	
			Total	2,180.00

E. 149th Branch- 14801 Kinsman Rd.

1 teacher	25.00	@ 52	1,300.00	
Rent	20.00	12	240.00	
Heat			50.00	
Electric	1.50	12	18.00	
Janitor	5.00	12	<u>60.00</u>	
			Total	<u>1,668.00</u>

Total Expenses 22,109.00

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Dues	2,000.00
Tuition	2,500.00
Shuhl	225.00
Shuhl Seats	110.00
Donations	400.00
Senior Ladies Auxiliary	200.00
Junior Ladies Auxiliary	150.00
Rent	300.00
Congregation Appeals	800.00
Matzos	250.00
Boxes & Kaares	75.00
Picnic	180.00
Annual Banquet	460.00
Mid-Nite Show	50.00
Miscellaneous Income	250.00
Membership Books	<u>200.00</u>

Total Income

\$ 8,150.00

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Expenses as above \$ 22,109.00

Income as above 8,150.00

Budget Deficit 13,859.00





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COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS

165 West 46th Street, New York City

March 26, 1940

Mr Philip Bernstein, Asst. Dir.  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
320 Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Bernstein:

I am writing in reply to your letter of March 20th with regard to the appeal on behalf of the Rabbi of Gur.

We have attempted to obtain information by phone regarding the appeal but have been asked to submit our questions in writing. Therefore, there may be some delay in getting the information to you.

We do not see the necessity for a national appeal to welfare funds on behalf of the Rabbi of Gur. Very recently another well known Rabbi arrived in this country with his family. Funds for his transportation were contributed by his large and devoted following in this country, but no general appeals were made. It seems to us that a similar arrangement should be made for the Rabbi of Gur. According to HIAS, the cost of transportation and incidentals for one person coming from Warsaw to this country via Italy should not be more than approximately \$250.

As soon as we receive further information regarding the appeal, we will communicate with you again.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) BLANCHE BENDARD, Secy.  
Committee on National Jewish Agencies



March 27, 1940

Mr. Charles A. Cowen  
122 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Cowen:

Let me thank you for your kind note of March 25 and for the copy of your translation of Mr. Greenberg's poem, "Jerusalem". I know that I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure.

At the meeting of the Budget Committee, yesterday afternoon, it was voted to increase the Ort and the Hias by \$500 each. This will give the Ort \$5500 in 1940. No increase was made on the allocation to the United Jewish Appeal over last year in spite of the fact that the quota of the United Jewish Appeal this year is considerably more than last year. It was felt that our community can not be expected to raise any large increase over last year in view of the fact that we taxed our community so heavily in 1939.

I was very pleased to see you in my home. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



The 1940 Welfare Fund Campaign May 5th - 15th

# The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland



Room 316, Hotel Statler

Telephones: CHerry 8176-7-8

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed is a list of the women suggested by Mrs. Strauss for invitations to the second small Special Gifts meeting to be held Monday morning, April 8. There is a total of about 60 women, which would mean the attendance of probably not more than 40 - and probably fewer - if all of them are invited.

The invitations should go out this week end, and we shall send them to all of the women listed unless you have any suggestions as to possible changes.

With all best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Assistant Director

March 27, 1940

## Officers for the 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign

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SPECIAL GIFTS PROSPECTS TO BE INVITED TO APRIL 8 MEETING

To be re-invited

Mrs. Sidney Amster  
Mrs. Jac L. Einstein  
Mrs. Sylvester Flesheim \*  
Mrs. Harry Fox \*  
Mrs. Max Freedman

Mrs. Eugene Geismer  
Mrs. Herbert Goulder \*  
Mrs. Louis Grossman \*  
Mrs. Eugene Halle \*  
Mrs. Will Halle

Mrs. Eugene Hays \*  
Mrs. Louis Hays \*  
Mrs. Jay Iglauer  
Mrs. Frank Joseph  
Mrs. Julius Kahn

Mrs. Sieg. Korach \*  
Mrs. Abe Luntz  
Mrs. Chas. Miller  
Mrs. Sam Miller \*  
Mrs. Herman Moss \*

Mrs. Lambert Oppenheim \*  
Mrs. Louis Rorimer \*  
Mrs. Ed Rosenfeld \*  
Mrs. Aaron Skall  
Mrs. Jesse Solomon

Mrs. Julius Tuteur  
Mrs. S.D. Wise \*

\* Was out of city

To be invited

Mrs. Max Bernstein  
Mrs. Louis S. Bing, Sr.  
Mrs. James Dworkin  
Mrs. Chas. Eisenman  
Mrs. Louis Emsheimer

Mrs. Sol Friedman  
Mrs. Ray Goodman  
Mrs. S.P. Halle  
Mrs. Robert Hays  
Mrs. Paul Hexter

Mrs. Sadie Kalb  
Mrs. Samuel S. Kaufman  
Mrs. Allen Klivans  
Mrs. D.S. Kohn  
Mrs. Harry New

Mrs. Eli Newbury  
Mrs. Milton Reed  
Mrs. Cora Reinthal  
Mrs. Sol Reinthal  
Mrs. Joseph Rohrheimer

Mrs. Isadore Rothstein  
Mrs. Chas. Ruben  
Mrs. Beryl Rubenstein  
Mrs. L.H. Schwarzenberg  
Mrs. Louis Selden

Mrs. Milton Shaw  
Mrs. David Skall  
Mrs. Morton Stone  
Mrs. Monroe Ullman  
Mrs. Edgar Weil

Mrs. Sidney Weitz  
Mrs. Victor Wise  
Mrs. L.M. Wolf



March 28, 1940

Mr. Max Herman, President  
Yeshivath Adath Bnai Israel  
10417 Westchester Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Herman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 26. I am sorry that you did not get a chance to see me. I have been so terrifically busy in the last few weeks, and away from Cleveland a great deal of the time.

The Budget Committee met yesterday afternoon and the question of allocations for our Jewish educational institutions came up for discussion. It was thought that inasmuch as a study committee is now at work canvassing the entire situation, and that its report which will undoubtedly suggest many new forms of organization and administration, as far as our schools are concerned, will not be long delayed, any action of the Budget Committee at this time can be only of a tentative nature and will not reflect the final attitude of the community. It was therefore voted to increase the 1940 allocation to the Bureau of Jewish Education by ten percent, and the three other educational institutions, including the Yeshivath Adath Bnai Israel, by twenty percent. A reserve fund of \$10,000 was set aside for Jewish educational purposes subject to the final recommendations of the study committee and the approval of the Welfare Fund and the Federation. I think the solution is a good one and will prove very helpful in the entire situation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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POALEI AGUDATH ISRAEL IN PALESTINE

Rabbi El Silver, President  
Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, Treas.  
Rabbi M Karelitz, Secy.

322 West 88th Street  
New York City

Brooklyn, April 5, 1940

Rabbi Armond E Cohen, Chairman  
Contingent Fund Committee  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
and  
Jewish Welfare Fund  
of Cleveland

Dear Rabbi:

In reply to your letter April 5, I wish to express our appreciation of your kind response.

I wish to ask you to be kind enough and reconsider the amount of \$250 which you are offering to us as our representative in Cleveland collected last year \$700, and you know that the needs are greater now.

When you will send us your cooperating reply by return mail we will arrange that our representative shall not make any collections in Cleveland.

Again expressing our appreciation to you and your organization and hoping to hear from you most favorably by return mail I remain.

Respectfully yours,

(signed) Oscar Z. Rand, Sec.  
Poalei Agudath Israel



# A Tragic Cavalcade



--- Only We Can Shorten The Road

## The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland

Campaign Headquarters—HOTEL STATLER—Room 316

Telephones: CHerry 8176-7-8-9

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr Israel I Taslitt, associate editor of the Jewish Review & Observer has submitted to us an adaptation of the Passover Haggadah for the Jewish Welfare Fund which he kindly prepared on his own initiative. It was his thought that the temples might be able to use the document in a number of ways, such as publication in part or in whole in their bulletins, through distribution to members, etc.

I am therefore enclosing a copy for your consideration and for your use in such manner as you might deem appropriate. We can have additional copies mimeographed if you wish.

Sincerely yours,

*Philip Bernstein*  
Assistant Director

April 8, 1940

The 1940 Welfare Fund Campaign May 5th-15th  
For \$861,800



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Wink, Mrs. Sam  
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Wolton, Mrs. James  
Wollinsky, Mrs. Norman  
Zucker, Mrs. William  
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"H A G G A D A H"  
Story of Passover

adapted for the  
1940 CAMPAIGN  
of the  
JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION  
of Cleveland

by

Israel I. Taslitt





MAH NISHTANAH . . . . .

How does this year differ from other years?

- In other years we have been asked to contribute generously to the Jewish Welfare Fund, but this year we are asked to make sacrifices?
- In other years, the Jews of other lands shared these burdens with us; this year only Jews in America can help?
- In other years about 75 worthy agencies shared in the Fund; this year almost 100 agencies depend upon the Fund for help?
- In other years refugees and persecuted Jews had some means of their own; this year they are scattered and utterly helpless?

BECAUSE:

This year, more than any other, sees our brethren steeped in the worst tragedy of modern times -- persecuted ...driven from one boundary to another ... their faces drawn with hopelessness and fear for everything is utterly lost...UNLESS ...unless WE do something - - - In our hands lies their fate; we cannot, we must not fail them.



THERE ARE FOUR SONS OF WHOM THE TORAH  
SPEAKS: A WISE ONE, A WICKED ONE, A  
SIMPLETON, AND ONE WHO KNOWS NOT HOW  
TO ASK.

- \* The Wise One, what doth he say? "What  
be the purpose of this Welfare Fund  
Campaign?" And it is incumbent upon  
thee to explain the functions of the  
Fund - to bring constructive help to  
the needy.
- \* The Wicked One, what doth he say? "Why  
need you the Campaign at all?" Then  
thou must tell him: "I give because the  
Lord hath given me, and I cannot face  
Him without having shared His goodness  
with those of my fellow Jews who are in dire  
need." Were the Wicked One among the needy  
he would not speak thus of the Fund.
- \* The Simpleton, what says he? "What be  
all this?" And thou shalt tell him:  
"With integrity of conscience do we  
perform our duty toward our less for-  
tunate brethren and to ourselves."
- \* And he who knoweth not how to ask -  
thou be the one to introduce the sub-  
ject; for it is said: "And thou shalt  
spread the word for help and succor  
among those who have heard it not."



THESE ARE THE PLAGUES...that disturb  
the universal order and bring grief to  
mankind:

BLOOD-----the river of human vitality,  
drained from the veins of ci-  
vilization by war and strife and  
persecution, coursing through  
valleys eroded by death.

FROGS-----The sleek, slippery, croaking  
propaganda with its forked tongue,  
that finds its habitat in the  
stagnant waters of thoughtlessness  
and hatred.

LICE-----the vermin of temptation which  
drive the individual into the  
abyss of self-destruction.

WILD BEASTS-

The wielders of power, ruthless  
in their savage cruelty toward the  
powerless.

PESTILENCE-the breath of the demagogue,  
which undermines the conscience,  
distorts perspective, and kindles  
the imagination with the unholy  
fires of prejudice.

INFLAMMATION-

The eruptions of artificially created  
inter-group differences that sear the  
soul of society and leave sickly scars  
upon its earthly form.

HAILSTONES- The fire and brimstone showered  
with calculating precision by vulture-  
winged men upon terrorized populations.

LUCUSTS---The merciless pestilence of dictators  
who destroy fruits of free labor, friend-  
ship, and democracy,

DARKNESS---The blackouts which shut out from a stricken  
world the light of peace and brotherhood.



DAYYEINU!

HOW NUMEROUS are the beneficiaries of the Fund, that render it indispensable!

If the Fund were to do nothing except keep alive the starving and persecuted

-that alone would justify it!

If all it were to do should be to help the refugees find peace and a new life -

-that alone would justify it!

If it were only to help destroy anti-Semitism in America

-that alone would justify it!

If it gives our youth vocational guidance, employment and encouragement -

-that alone would justify it!

If it gives the orphans in our charge a start in life -

-that alone justifies it!

If it helps the Jewish people through resettlement in Palestine -

-that alone justifies it!

If it helps the tuberculous find health and life again -

-that alone justifies it!

HOW MULTIPLE is the bounty afforded by the Welfare Fund to the agencies that serve the needy and the destitute!

The Fund supports the infirm, and helps the refugees find peace and rest, and helps to destroy anti-Semitism in America, and gives our youth vocational guidance, employment, and encouragement, and gives the orphans in our charge a start in life, and helps the Jewish people through resettlement in Palestine, and helps the tuberculous find health and life again.

IT IS SAID: Any man who did not do these three things during the Welfare Fund Campaign did not fulfill his obligation; and these are the three:

MADE A GENEROUS PLEDGE TO THE FUND

FULFILLS HIS PLEDGE

ENCOURAGES OTHERS TO DO THE SAME



AND IT WAS AT MIDNIGHT...

Refugees drifting down the black Danuabe  
- at MIDNIGHT!  
Concentration camps echoing cries of pain  
- at MIDNIGHT!  
Chilling terror creeps about Lublin  
- at MIDNIGHT!

-Yes, it was all at MIDNIGHT -  
"Mobilizers" are plotting against Democracy  
- at MIDNIGHT!  
Pelley presses turning out propaganda  
- at MIDNIGHT!  
Ku Klux crosses burning fiery-eyed  
- at MIDNIGHT!

-Yes, it was all at MIDNIGHT!

Shivering forms face the bitter cold  
- at MIDNIGHT!  
Starving bodies roam the streets for food  
- at MIDNIGHT!  
Bodies racked by pain know not sleep  
- at MIDNIGHT!

-Yes, it all takes place at MIDNIGHT!

Fearless pioneers build their colonies  
- at MIDNIGHT!  
Returning sons land in Palestine  
- at MIDNIGHT!  
You can give light, though the entire world is  
- at MIDNIGHT!



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COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS

165 West 46th Street, New York, N.Y.

April 8, 1940

Mr Philip Bernstein, Asst. Dir.  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
320- Chester-Twelfth Bldg  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Bernstein:

I am writing in reply to your letter of April 4th regarding the appeal of Rabbi Herzog. For some reason, possibly its past generosity, Cleveland seems to be the first point of contact for the numerous appeals on behalf of European Rabbis. We are still attempting to obtain for you information regarding the appeal in behalf of the Rabbi of Gur.

I have today been in communication with the JDC and the Ezras Torah Fund regarding Rabbi Herzog's appeal. Our informant at the JDC states that Rabbis in Eastern Europe can receive the same aid as other Eastern European refugees through (1) HICEM, which received regular grants from JDC for emigration (2) Reichsvertretung in Germany (also aided by JDC funds) and (3) through the regular European offices of HIAS.

The Ezras Torah Fund received a cable from Rabbi Herzog requesting that the Fund establish a financial guarantee for some of the rabbis to be admitted to Palestine. The Fund has guaranteed to pay 5 LP per month for three years for the maintenance of each of 25 rabbis who reach Palestine, or close to \$22,500 over a period of 3 years.

We have no specific information regarding the sponsorship of Rabbi Herzog's appeal, since there seems to be no American office through which we could obtain the data.

Sincerely,

(signed) Blanche Renard, Secy.  
Committee on National Jewish Agencies



The Jewish Welfare Federation  
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Mr Ernest Howard  
Cleveland Waiters Union Local #106  
1634 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Howard:

We are indeed very happy to acknowledge the contribution of the Waiters Union for which I would ask you to please convey our thanks to your membership.

We are sending you the 72 letters which you have requested with enclosures which may be sent to the Jewish union members; and we shall be very grateful for any further aid that you or Mr. Moser may be able to give us in securing their pledges.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(signed) A H Silver

General Chairman  
The 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

April 9, 1940



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April 11, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have regretted exceedingly that I had to hurry back to New York without finding a chance to visiting you on this, my first stay in America.

This makes it necessary for me to write to you on a subject which calls for your personal attention.

Conditions have arisen for Hebrew University out of the European war that make a great increase of American support imperative if Hebrew University shall carry on. To say it briefly, as a consequence of the war we are suffering losses in Europe which amount to one third of our budget. Although we are conducting emergency drives in South Africa and South America, the bulk of our European losses will have to be covered in the United States.

We are preparing therefore emergency resolutions to be passed within a few days by the Administrative Committee of the American Friends, which in order to meet the emergency situation described call for a new emergency budget in America amounting to probably around \$ 300,000 for the current fiscal year 1939/40 and to about \$ 400,000 for the next year. This emergency budget is based on a contribution of 10 ¢ per capita of the Jewish population in the United States.

The emergency resolution will call for a proper adjustment of all local contributions to this emergency program on the basis of the Jewish population in each community.

In looking over the allocations Hebrew University receives from the various communities, I find that we get \$ 6,000 from Cleveland. Mr. Finkel in his application to the Welfare Fund of your city has asked for \$ 7,500 for the current year.



Even before the emergency situation has arisen, the allocation from Cleveland was disproportionately small. We receive from Boston for instance \$ 12,500, from Washington with a Jewish population of only 18 000 \$ 4,000, from Cincinnati with a Jewish population of 23 000 \$ 3,000.

I cannot believe that Cleveland should not take over its proper share if the matter is being presented by the proper personality and in the right way.

There aren't many cities in which we have a member of the Board of Directors so prominently connected with the Fund as we have in Cleveland, and if such a city does not allocate to us the proper quota, Hebrew University would find itself in a difficult position, not to speak of the drawback which disproportionate contributions constitute in other communities.

I am therefore taking the liberty of asking you to make the matter of the Hebrew University allocation from Cleveland your personal responsibility.

I would be very much obliged if you would kindly let me know at your early convenience that you will do me this favor. I know that you will understand the situation and will do the very best you can.

With kindest regards,

Most cordially yours,

*Isaiah Gruen*



SCHEDULE OF THE DIVISION MEETINGS

Week of April 15th through the 19th

15th - Knit Goods Division	12.15	314	_____
Oils & Paints Division	12.15	318	_____
Men's Clothing Division	4.00	314	_____
Teachers & Temples Division	8.00	341	_____
16th - Ladies Clothing Division	12.15	314	_____
Brass Goods Division	12.15	318	_____
Autos Division	4.00	314	_____
Employees Division	6.00	341	_____
Dentists Division	8.30	Oakwood Club	_____
Physicians Division	8.30	"	_____
17th - Furniture Division	12.15	314	_____
Bankers & Brokers Division	12.15	318	_____
Food Products Division	8.00	341	_____
18th - Iron & Steel Division	12.15	314	_____
Attorneys Division	4.00	341	_____
19th - Social Service Division	4.00	314	_____

Week of April 22nd through the 26th

22nd - Downtown Stores Division	12.15	314	_____
24th - Builders Division	8.00	341	_____
25th - Dry Goods Division	8.00	314	_____



Mrs Louis S Bing Sr.  
Wade Park Manor  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs Bing:

We missed you at the small conference I had last week and at the Women's Leadership Luncheon of the Jewish Welfare Fund. We had two splendid meetings, and the interest, understanding, and response of the women to the challenge of these critical times was truly inspiring.

Our campaign is off to a good start, and if we can continue to receive increased contributions on the level of the gifts already received, we can attain our minimum requirement of \$861,800, which is \$100,000 more than last year. I am sure that I do not have to tell you how urgent and desperate are the needs of hundreds of thousands of war sufferers and war refugees. The inauguration of a major war since our last campaign with its catastrophic results and the increased problem of anti-Semitism in America have made it imperative for us to respond in even greater measure than in 1939 in order to save the new victims of persecution and starvation and to preserve a free America for ourselves and our children.

Knowing your past generosity, I am confident that we can count upon you to join with the other women who have substantially increased their contributions, and I shall appreciate greatly your returning the enclosed card to me with your pledge.

Very cordially yours,

Rabbi A. H. Silver

April 19, 1940



## THE 1940 JEWISH WELFARE FUND APPEAL



## WHAT'S AHEAD?

JUST TWO OF THOSE THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES TRYING, AS THEY STAND AT THE SHIP'S RAIL, TO PENETRATE THE VEIL OF MYSTERY, NEITHER ONE DARING TO UTTER ALOUD THEIR DOUBTS AND MISGIVINGS OF THE FUTURE. "WHAT'S AHEAD?" THEY DON'T KNOW AND WE CAN'T TELL THEM. AND ALL THAT WE CAN PROMISE IS HELP AND HOPE.

PERHAPS IF WE COULD PICTURE OURSELVES IN THEIR PLACES ----- STANDING AT THAT RAIL TRYING TO BLOT OUT THE NIGHTMARE OF FEAR AND HORROR FROM WHICH THEY HAVE JUST EMERGED ----- AND IF YOUR PROSPECTS WOULD IMAGINE THEMSELVES IN THE UNFORTUNATE PLIGHT OF THESE THOUSANDS OF STRICKEN PEOPLE ----- OUR APPEAL WILL NOT BE IN VAIN. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BARGAIN WITH THEIR MISERY.

(OVER)



HERE ARE SOME OF TODAY'S REPORTS:

	Pledged 1939	Pledged 1940	Reported by
A. M. Luntz	\$	\$ 2,000	Self
Anonymous	2,000	2,100	
Mrs. Bert Keller	150	250	Self
Edwin J. Ensten	200	200)	L. W. Neumark
" " " in memory of Adeline Pollack		50)	
Lake Erie Steel & Blanking Co. and M. M. Wiener and Irving Roth	175	225	Sol Friedman
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Simon	50	200	Ezra Z. Shapiro
Mrs. Louis Israel	50	150	Self
Mrs. Harry Kirtz	100	150	Self
Mrs. Sol Reinthal	100	150	Self
Alexander B. Cook	50	100	Ezra Z. Shapiro
Mr. & Mrs. Israel Copperstein	50	100	William Goldberg
Arthur Krause	50	100	Ezra Z. Shapiro
Nathan Lester	25	100	E. H. Gottfried
Samuel Lobel		100	Max Freedman
Ira Saks	75	100	Sol Friedman
A. D. Abrams	50	75	Ezra Z. Shapiro
George Goulder	25	50	David Reinthal
Samuel B. Tilles	25	50	Ezra Z. Shapiro
Harry M. Rosen		50	Self





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THIS IS KLIVANS - JACOBSON DAY:

	<u>Pledged 1939</u>	<u>Pledged 1940</u>	<u>Reported By</u>
Alfred Sachs	\$ 400	\$ 600	Klivans & Jacobson
Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Hays	430	500	Self
Charles Shane	85	150	Klivans & Jacobson
Isidore Babin	100	125	Leonard Ratner
Beryl Peppercorn	100	125	Robert L Hays
Ben Coben	100	125	Klivans & Jacobson
William H Rosenfeld	50	100	Klivans & Jacobson
Irving Rose	75	100	Klivans & Jacobson
George Eckstein	50	75	Edward S Eckstein
Leonard Broida	50	75	Klivans & Jacobson
Herbert Shaw	50	75	Klivans & Jacobson
Ronald Tronstein	60	75	Klivans & Jacobson
Alvin O Schreibman	25	60	Leonard Ratner

MORE COMING



Dear Friend:

Our people still finds itself in the midst of a grave emergency—one of the gravest in its history—and we address ourselves to you as we did last year, in order to acquaint you with what our community, along with all other communities in the United States, has been called upon to do, and in order to solicit your earnest thought and your fullest cooperation.

The relentless war of extermination which the Nazis declared on our people seven years ago is continuing with unabated ferocity. To the list of the already shattered Jewish communities of Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia, there was added during the year the Jewish community of Poland—the largest in Europe. It has been estimated that at least a quarter of a million Jews have perished in Poland in the last few months as a result of the Nazi invasion and its frightful aftermath. The condition of those who survive beggars description. Hunger and disease are adding their frightful toll to the inhuman brutalities of the invaders, and hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children, many of them homeless and utterly without means, can survive only if we, by our compassion, will decree that they should survive.

There are still a hundred thousand Jewish refugees from Germany in European countries, and most of them are today penniless. These countries which offered them temporary asylum are now either actually at war or on the verge of war. The Jewish refugees will be tolerated in these countries, themselves heavily burdened and under great tension, as long as they do not become an economic burden. This holds true also of thousands of refugees in other parts of the world.

The Jews who are still left in Germany must be helped to emigrate as rapidly as possible or they will be exterminated. Measures even more cruel and degrading than heretofore are being enforced against the Jews in order to make their life in Germany utterly impossible.

Many of the victims of these persecutions have come to the United States, and many are still coming. American Jewry has wisely made provisions to care for them until they become self-sustaining. A considerable number of these refugees have come to Cleveland. Here, too, we have established agencies to care for them and



to assist them in integrating themselves into the life of our community. Thus what might have grown into a serious problem, to be seized upon and exploited by our enemies, is being handled with competence and statesmanship.

Tens of thousands of the victims of the European madness have found a home and physical and spiritual sanctuary in Palestine. The historic land of our forefathers has thus again, in recent years, become a veritable Land of Promise for myriads of our wanderers. Palestine today is one of the two countries in the world where Jewish immigration on a large scale is still possible.

The United Jewish Appeal, representing the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service, raised last year Seventeen Million Dollars. These agencies are now calling for a minimum of Twenty-Three Million Dollars. In order to assume our just share of this amount, the Cleveland Jewish community will have to raise, this year, \$861,800, or One Hundred Thousand Dollars more than last year.

Included in this amount are also allocations for numerous other organizations—local, national and international—which are rendering essential Jewish services in the fields of philanthropy, community organization, religion, and education.

Among the important agencies which are served by the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund, are those working for the defense of Jewish rights in America, and to counteract Nazi-inspired anti-Semitic propaganda. The Nazis are determined to Nazify America. They have honey-combed our country with spies and agents and they are spending huge sums of money to foster their sinister propaganda here. We, Jews, together with all true Americans, are determined to keep America American—a free land for ourselves, our children, and for all those who love our free institutions. In these critical and desperate times, vigilance is more than ever the price which we must pay for our liberties.

We, who are your chosen representatives, can only transmit to you the appeals which have come to us from all parts of the world. It is for you to give the answer. We can assure you that we have most carefully investigated the work of all the beneficiaries of this Appeal and have studied their budgets. We are convinced not only as to the great merits of their services, but also as to the justice and fairness of the allocations which have been made and which represent in nearly every instance the irreducible minimum required for any effective operation.

We are fully conscious of the fact that we are asking from our fellow Jews of



Cleveland a very large sum of money, a voluntary tax which, if the goal is to be reached, must be in every instance substantially greater than that of last year, and which, in some instances, will undoubtedly involve a sacrifice. But this is a time for great sacrifices! Only so can we be saved! Other peoples who are today fighting the same common foe—the Nazis—are sacrificing far more than money. They are sacrificing the precious lives of their youth upon the battlefields—by land and sea and in the air. And they are prepared to pour into their mighty struggle against Nazi Barbarism all their resources of wealth and of man-power. It is for them as it is for us an hour of destiny! It is clear that we Jews must hold *our* sector of the line. We must look after *our* casualties. We must not grow weary, not abate in our sacrificial giving until the enemy of mankind is finally crushed, and until peace and a happier day will dawn for our people and for all the peoples of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH M. BERNE,

*President, The Jewish Welfare Federation*

ABBA HILLEL SILVER,

*Chairman, The Jewish Welfare Fund*

MAX SIMON,

*President, The Jewish Community Council*

April 26, 1940.



# THE 1940 JEWISH WELFARE FUND APPEAL

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BARNs FOR HOMES ---- STRAW FOR BEDS

THEY WOULD TRADE PLACES WITH THE LOWLIEST OF US IN THIS FREE COUNTRY OF OURS. SO OUT OF OUR COMPASSION FOR THEM AND OUR THANKFULNESS THAT IT IS WE WHO MUST HELP THEM INSTEAD OF THEY, US, LET US GO OUT TO OUR PROSPECTS WITH EVERY INTENTION TO MAKE OUR DRIVE A SUCCESS. WE MUST HAVE INCREASES LARGE AND INCREASES SMALL, AND HERE ARE SOME OF THEM FOR TODAY:

	<u>Pledged 1939</u>	<u>Pledged 1940</u>	<u>Solicited By</u>
Dorothy Brown	\$ 6	\$ 15	Jack Lampl
Mr & Mrs M Chessin	200	240	Jack Lampl
Michael Gallin	50	75	Dave Klineman
David M Gerson	25	50	E Silverberg
Volk's Jewelers	225	300	Chas Volk
Mr & Mrs Julius Fryer	200	250	Chas Volk
Joseph Rossio	20	30	Dave Klineman
James K Printz	40	50	E M Kaufman
Stuart D Gross	25	40	Chas Volk
Revelle Licht	75	85	Dave Klineman
Louis Davidson - New		20	Philip Kirchner
Paul Gershman	10	25	Philip Kirchner
Earl Behrens	60	75	David Klineman
Jared Faulb	15	30	Brickner-Keller-Sinks
Mr & Mrs L Stein, Chicago	75	100	Dave Klineman
Ben Faulb	50	100	Brickner-Keller-Sinks
Arthur S Mendelson	(		
" " " in Memory Martin	1500	1750	Brickner-Keller-Sinks
Mendelson	(		
James L Greenbaum	50	65	Dave Klineman



The Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign

	<u>Pledged 1939</u>	<u>Pledged 1940</u>	<u>Solicited By</u>
Morris L Finneburg	\$ 25	\$ 50	Irving Task
Cleveland Jewish Singing Society	50	75	Irving Task
Edward I Gilden, New York		25	Dave Klineman
Sam Fox Publishing Co	35	50	Harry Jacobson
Gizelle Klein, New York	25	100	Dave Klineman
J M Garrison	15	25	Edward Silverberg
Elmer Rothman	30	50	Dave Klineman
Jerome Gilden	225	350	" "
Jack Kossman, Los Angeles		25	" "
Julian Rothman, Chicago		50	" "
Wilbert Selman	20	30	" "
Mr & Mrs Max Pollensky	25	35	Edward Silverberg
Ben Rosenfeld	25	35	" "
Sol Yalowitz	5	20	Wm Goldberg
Joseph Mandell	15	25	Edward Silverberg
I Altman Furniture Co	100	200	Mail
Mr & Mrs Gilbert Mendelson	65	100	Brickner-Keller-Sinks
Ruth Rabine	15	25	Self
Emil Klein	25	40	Emil Elder
Sol Borstein	10	20	A H Metz
Wm Bobier	40	50	Harry Jacobson





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May 1, 1940.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am attaching hereto copy of the Emergency Resolution referred to by Mr. Schocken in his recent letter to you.

In view of the substantially increased budget of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, I would appreciate your advising me whether you would recommend that we file an amended application with your Budget Committee.

In our application of February 26th, we asked for \$7,500. Under this new budget we must ask of Cleveland at least \$10,000.

In support of this request for an increased allocation, may I point out that we got from Boston last year, a community with exactly the same Jewish population as Cleveland, \$12,500; from Washington with a Jewish population of only 18,000, we will get this year \$4,600., and from Cincinnati with a Jewish population of 23,000, we have been getting \$3,000. annually for the past six years and in view of our enlarged budget we expect this year to receive an increased allocation.

I know that you will, as you have in the past, do your very best for us.

You will be interested to know that Mr. Schocken left last Saturday suddenly in reply to a cable from Jerusalem, urging his prompt return. He expects, as he probably told you, to be back in America in the early fall.

Awaiting your advice and with very kind regards, I am

Cordially yours

Samuel B. Finkel

Director

SBF:CW



May 1, 1940

Mr. S. D. Wise  
The Arco Company  
7301 Bessemer Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sam:

I am enclosing herewith the assignment cards which have been turned over to me for you and the members of your family.

As you know, we must raise, this year, One Hundred Thousand Dollars more than we raised last year. Since last September, we have had the whole frightful Polish situation to look after - another million casualties to look after as best as we can. Whatever you can add to what you gave last year will, of course, be greatly appreciated.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
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Mr Beryl Rubinstein  
2195 St James Parkway  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Rubinstein:

In preparing the program for the Opening Dinner Meeting of the Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign for Sunday evening, May 5th, 7 o'clock, in the Grand Ballroom of the Statler Hotel, our Committee would like to suggest that you and Mr. Fuchs arrange between you for a musical program in two parts, first some selection from the time that the dinner is over at about 8:30 for not to exceed ten to fifteen minutes and again at about five or ten minutes past 9 for another ten or fifteen minutes following a brief talk by Mr. Joseph M. Berne, and preceding my broadcast which goes on at 9:30 over WGAR and for which we must be prepared about 9:25.

Undoubtedly you will wish to announce your own selections and we suggest that some lighter music would be most appropriate for the mixed character of audience usually attending these assemblies.

May I again say our thanks and appreciation for your kind offer to cooperate with us in making this evening a pleasurable one. I remain,

Yours sincerely,

May 2, 1940

General Chairman



The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
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Mr Josef Fuchs  
2378 Euclid Heights Blvd  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Fuchs:

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

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General Chairman



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Rabbi Rudolph M Rosenthal  
Temple on the Heights  
3130 Mayfield Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

In making plans for the Noon-day Luncheon Meetings we are requesting yourself and others to take turns in acting as Chairmen of these Meetings. Will you be kind enough to take the Chairmanship of the Noon-day Report Meeting on Tuesday, May 7th, when Dr. Alvin Johnson, Dean of the University in Exile, is to be the speaker. A program for the Meeting will be provided you in advance so that the time schedule which is very important, can be followed carefully. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will assume that you will be on hand.

I remain

Yours sincerely,

May 3, 1940

General Chairman



The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
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Rabbi Harold Goldfarb  
9801 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

In making plans for the Noon-day Luncheon Meetings we are requesting yourself and others to take turns in acting as Chairmen of these Meetings. Will you be kind enough to take the Chairmanship of the Noon-day Report Meeting on Monday, May 13th, when Dr. Robert B. Whyte, Minister of the Old Stone Church, is to be the speaker. A program for the Meeting will be provided you in advance so that the time schedule which is very important, can be followed carefully! Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will assume that you will be on hand.

I remain

Yours sincerely,

May 3, 1940

General Chairman



The Jewish Welfare Federation  
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Rabbi Israel Porath  
3297 East 117th  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Porath:

In making plans for the Noon-day Luncheon Meetings we are requesting yourself and others to take turns in acting as Chairmen of these Meetings. Will you be kind enough to take the Chairmanship of the Noon-day Report Meeting on Tuesday, May 14th, when Dr. Manfred Arie is to be the speaker. A program for the Meeting will be provided you in advance so that the time schedule which is very important, can be followed carefully. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will assume that you will be on hand.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

May 3, 1940

General Chairman



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Rabbi Armond E Cohen  
1117 East 105th St  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

In making plans for the Noon-day Luncheon Meetings we are requesting yourself and others to take turns in acting as Chairmen of these Meetings. Will you be kind enough to take the Chairmanship of the Noon-day Report Meeting on Thursday, May 9th, when Dr. Grete Bernstein is to be the speaker. A program for the Meeting will be provided you in advance so that the time schedule which is very important, can be followed carefully. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will assume that you will be on hand.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

May 3, 1940



# *The Cleveland News*

## Writes About The Jewish Welfare Fund

( An editorial published May 6, 1940 )

### **The Jewish Welfare Appeal**

**T**HE NEWS salutes with great reverence the annual Jewish Welfare Campaign, which is on today—in one more year when Jewish people of the old world are in misery, hunger and bondage and have no hope save relief which their brothers and sisters in the new world can give.

This is a notable canvass. The Jews of this city have long been famous for their philanthropies and loyalties. When the Community Fund was born, they instantly began playing a considerable part in it; and it is typical of them that their support of the Fund effort has actually increased in the last few years, in a time when their own welfare burden was trebled and quadrupled.

It is a Cleveland characteristic that, when people are in need and in despair, Cleveland's rescue work goes into high compared with many other communities. This is true of the Jewish Welfare Campaign. Few words have been needed to paint for Clevelanders the plight of oppressed and tormented millions in Europe—tormented in soul as in body by this "civilization's" most cold-blooded persecutions.

This year the Jewish Welfare Campaign will raise, in a few short days, more than \$800,000 for the rescue work. The campaign solicits no one save those of its religious belief, although contributions from everybody are gratefully received. This is an amazing campaign, and this city should be inspired at the way this burden will be shouldered.





# JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICE

A. L. SUDRAN, *Executive Director*

241 EUCLID AVENUE • CLEVELAND • TELEPHONE CHERRY 6693

May 6, 1940

Rabbi Abba H. Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver

I am enclosing a letter which we would very much appreciate your sending to Mr. Leyton Carter, Cleveland Foundation, and to Miss Mary Wilson, Works Progress Administration, 1273 Ontario Avenue.

Thank you very much for your help.

May we have carbon copies of the letter for our files?

Sincerely

A. L. SUDRAN, Executive Director

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May 7th, 1940.

9801 EUCLID AVENUE  
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ELIZABETH SELTZER,  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

After our recent telephone conversation, it is altogether understandable that you should think my sole purpose in refusing to accept your invitation to invoke God's name at the Opening Dinner Meeting to be my desire for a more prominent place in the public proceedings of the Welfare Fund Campaign. Consequently, your request that I preside at the luncheon meeting next Monday is most considerate. Permit me, however, to make clear my position in this matter.

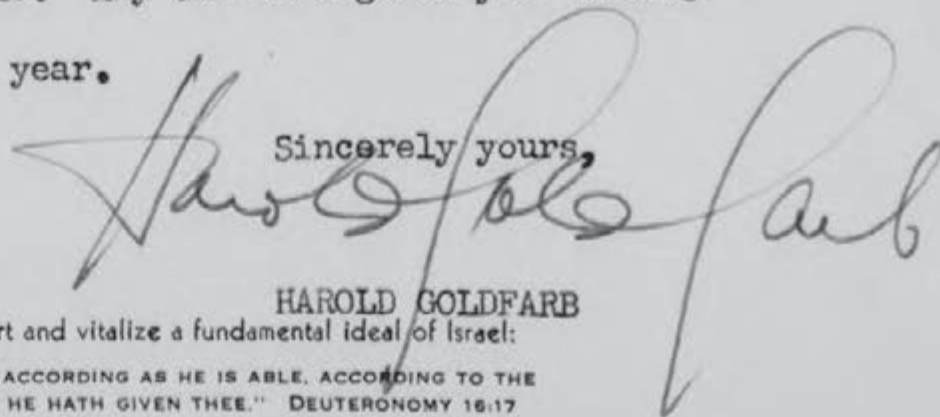
I have been rather upset that in the tremendous amount of work that the raising of this year's Fund must entail, there did not seem to be any room for my efforts. Had I been permitted to contribute of my work and counsel to this Campaign, naturally any public appearance that I would have been asked to make in my capacity as Rabbi and as worker would have been deeply appreciated both by myself and my congregation. I feel strongly that any public honors that the community has to offer, ought to be bestowed on the basis only of good work done. I have contributed no work. Therefore, my presiding at the Monday meeting would be undeserved, and, for me, somewhat foolish. I must, therefore, decline your invitation with regret. I hope that next year my participation in the work of the Fund will permit me to accept such an invitation.

Perhaps you think I am making a mountain out of a molehill — but it is my opinion that if the Jewish community is to give its Jews a sense of dignity, self-respect and significance, its leaders must set for themselves high standards of service and sincerity.

Please accept the assurance of my high regard and the grateful appreciation of one Jew, at least, for the salvation you are bringing to our sorely tried people. May God strengthen your hands.

I enclose my pledge for this year.

Sincerely yours,



HAROLD GOLDFARB

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The Jewish Welfare Federation  
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City Ice & Fuel  
33 South Clark St  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

The Cleveland Jewish community is conducting its 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal largely for the purpose of rendering assistance to the many hundreds of thousands of refugees who have fled from persecution and physical suffering in the countries of central Europe.

Our Campaign Goal this year is \$861,000 or about \$100,000 more than was raised for the same purpose last year; and the Cleveland quota is a part of the twenty-three million dollar fund which is being raised throughout the United States.

Last year and again this year a number of corporations doing business in Cleveland have voluntarily offered their assistance with substantial contributions to our Fund and in the thought that the City Ice and Fuel Company may wish to be one of those doing likewise this year, I am asked to bring the matter to your kind attention.

We shall be very grateful for any consideration you may wish to give to this Appeal.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

May 8, 1940

General Chairman  
Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal



SAMUEL D. WISE

7301 BESSEMER AVE.  
CLEVELAND

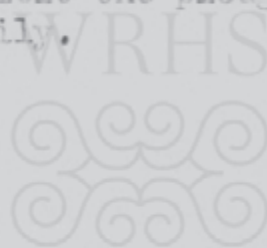
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

May 8, 1940

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi:

I am returning herewith the cards, having signed  
my pledge and that of Mrs. Wise. I have decided  
that it would be advisable for you to have some-  
one solicit the pledges of the other members of  
the family.



Yours very truly,

S. D. Wise

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S. D. Wise".

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Mr E G Crawford  
Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co  
75 Public Square  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr Crawford:

You were kind enough a year ago to volunteer a contribution from the Illuminating Company to our Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal and we were more grateful than I can tell you for the encouragement which you gave us in our Campaign.

The emergency, as you undoubtedly know, has in nowise abated, if anything, we have confronting us many more thousands of people and even a more tragic situation than existed then.

Is it possible that the Illuminating Company may be willing to make a contribution again this year towards our objective of \$861,000? The Campaign is continuing through this week and until May 15th when we have our concluding Report Meeting.

With assurances again of our deep gratitude for your action of a year ago, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

General Chairman  
Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal

May 9, 1940



May 9, 1940

Rabbi Harold Goldfarb  
The Community Temple  
9801 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Harold:

I was very happy to receive your letter of May 7. I was not at all pleased with our telephone conversation because both of us were laboring under a series of misunderstandings. In the first place, it had been agreed three weeks ago by the executive committee of the Campaign that the Rabbis of Cleveland should be invited to preside at the noon luncheon meetings. Mr. Goldhamer was instructed to invite the Rabbis at that time. Unfortunately, I have since learned, that it was not until last Saturday that the invitations were actually sent out. I know that Mr. Goldhamer is extremely busy, but this was a very unfortunate oversight. When I called you to invite you to deliver the opening prayer of the Campaign, it was with the knowledge in my own mind that you had already been invited to preside at one of the noon luncheon meetings. I therefore could not understand your reluctance to accept the invitation, nor your comments on opening prayers.

Again, I did not know that you had had an unfortunate experience last year with the cards that were assigned to you and that you had written to Mr. Goldhamer; also that this year you had received no cards at all. I wish that you had brought it to my attention earlier. You realize of course that while I am General Chairman of the Campaign, my contact with the details of the Campaign is negligible, especially in the last few years when I have had to carry the responsibilities of National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal and Co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. Things are very often done in the local Welfare Office for which I must, of course, as General Chairman assume responsibility, but concerning which I know practically nothing. I have had very little to do with the selection of the people who addressed the Campaign luncheons in the last few years. Some of those who were invited were actually objectionable to me.

I am sorry that you feel that you must decline the invitation to preside at the Monday meeting. I still feel that you should. The



Rabbi Goldfarb

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May 9, 1940

invitation from the Welfare Fund is whole-hearted I can assure you, and I would be very happy if you would reconsider your decision and let me know.

Your contribution to the Fund this year as well as last year is most generous.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





May 10, 1940

Mr. Leyton Carter  
The Cleveland Foundation  
Terminal Tower  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Carter:

I would like to express my interest in the library project for which the Jewish Vocational Service recently requested assistance through the Cleveland Foundation.

It is my feeling that the vocational guidance work of the Jewish Vocational Service is of great value to the community, and that the library must be a necessary part of such work. I am sure that members of The Temple as well as many other persons in the community would find an adequate collection of guidance materials at the Jewish Vocational Service of thorough-going benefit.

Thank you for any consideration you can give the request of the Jewish Vocational Service.

Sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



May 10, 1940

Miss Mary Wilson  
Works Progress Administration  
1273 Ontario Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Wilson:

I would like to express to you my interest in the library project which the Jewish Vocational Service has recently requested.

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Sincerely yours,

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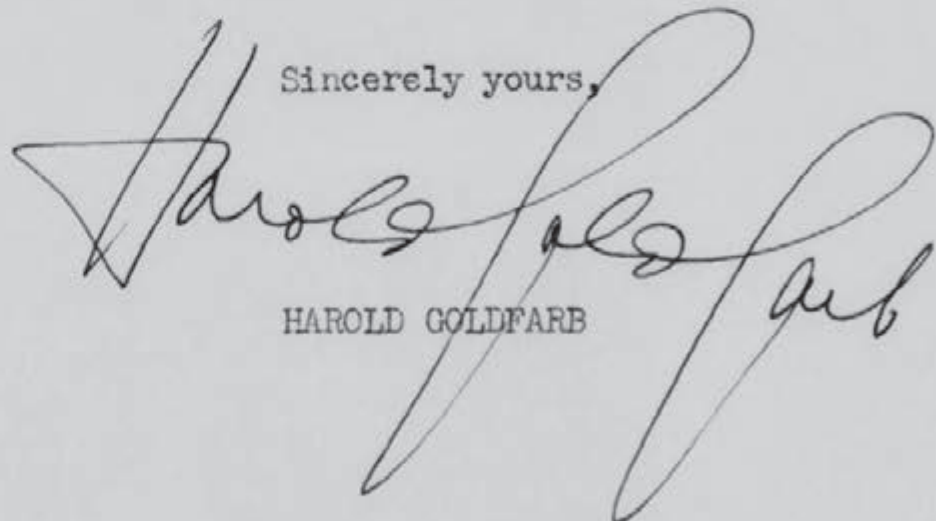
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansel Road at East 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Although I was very happy to receive your kind letter which largely cleared up a great many questions in my own mind, I must still regretfully decline to preside at the meeting Monday. I am quite sure that you understand the principle I have at stake in this matter.

With every wish that this year's campaign be a great success, I am,

Sincerely yours,



HAROLD GOLDFARB

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May 10 1940

Mr. I. Evans  
Hotel Arlington  
Hot Springs, Arkansas

CLEVELAND WELFARE FUND DRAWING TO CLOSE. GOAL THIS YEAR ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE THAN LAST YEAR. BECAUSE OF WIDENING AREA OF JEWISH SUFFERING ABROAD. WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE WIRE FROM YOU INDICATING YOUR CONTRIBUTION. LAST YEAR YOU AND WILLIAM GAVE 850 DOLLARS. MOST OF US HERE ARE GIVING TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR. KINDEST REGARDS TO YOU AND MRS. EVANS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



May 13, 1940

Mrs. Julius Tuteur  
12624 Cedar Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Tuteur:

You were a good messenger for me in procuring the contribution of your dear husband, and an increase of ten percent, which I greatly appreciate. I now would ask you to do another good turn to the campaign by renewing your own kind contribution to the Fund. Last year you donated \$500. Any increase over this amount would assist us in realizing the additional \$100,000 which we require this year in excess of the quota of last year.

The times, as you know, are very desperate for our people. The needs are almost overwhelming. It is a great privilege which we in this blessed land enjoy to be able to share what we have with those who are in such tragic need.

Our campaign closes Wednesday evening.

With all good wishes to you and to Mr. Tuteur, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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May 14, 1940

HERMAN MOSS  
Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel  
Atlantic City, N.J.

GREETINGS FROM CLEVELAND. OUR WELFARE FUND CAMPAIGN CLOSES TOMORROW NIGHT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION BY WIRE. BECAUSE OF TRAGIC SITUATION ABROAD OUR QUOTA THIS YEAR IS ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE THAN LAST year. ANY ADDITION WHICH YOU CAN MAKE TO YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION OF SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS LAST YEAR WOULD BE A HELP AND AN INSPIRATION KINDEST REGARDS TO YOU AND FLORENCE

Abba Hillel Silver

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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

May 14<sup>th</sup>

Rabbi Silver

Mailed May 2<sup>th</sup> to Goldhamer  
Subscription \$1700. Regards

Herman Moss

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE



May 15, 1940

Mr. A. L. Sudran, Executive Director  
Jewish Vocational Service  
241 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Sudran:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send  
you the enclosed letter which he received from  
The Cleveland Foundation.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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# A Tragic Cavalcade



--- Only We Can Shorten The Road ---

## **The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland**

Campaign Headquarters—HOTEL STATLER—Room 316

Telephones: CHerry 8176-7-8-9

C O P Y

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Despite the failure of our Campaign to reach the Goal, we must all of us agree that a splendid effort was made and that the leadership and workers strove hard for the success we had hoped to achieve. We are all of us grateful for this.

Now that the results are pretty well tabulated, I am heeding the request of many of the Chairmen and Members of the Reviewing Committee for another final checkup of the returns, and am calling a Meeting at Lunch in Room 345, The Statler Hotel, at 12 o'clock on Tuesday Noon, May 21.

We shall not importune anyone present for any funds, but attempt to devise some further means of securing additional funds from those who may be solicited for either restoration of their Pledges to 1939 levels, and from the prospects who were unsolicited.

The Chairmen's Books will be ready for examination.

I do hope we can have a fully attended meeting for this final attempt. Please come.

Sincerely yours,

*A. Hillel Silver*  
General Chairman

May 17, 1940

The 1940 Welfare Fund Campaign May 5th-15th  
For \$861,800



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**Dept., Downtown Stores**  
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Hert Klein  
Edgar Skot  
Adolph Weinberger

**Dry Goods and Shoes**  
Samuel L. Kipper  
Bertman J. Krolingold  
Ben H. Newman  
Max L. Rose

**Employees Division**  
William Goldberg  
Bernard L. Klaus  
Joseph Rothschild  
David Schlesinger



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May 20, 1940

Mr. E. G. Crawford, President  
Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.  
75 Public Square  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Crawford:

Mr. J. M. Berne conveyed to me, the other day, the pleasant conversation which he had with you concerning the needs of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund, and also the very generous gifts both of yourself personally, and of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company to this Fund. May I extend to you in my own name, and in that of the officers and members of the Welfare Fund, our profound appreciation for your generosity and for your quick response to help alleviate the suffering of hundreds and thousands of innocent human beings. The announcement of your gifts was received with keen satisfaction by the workers in the Campaign and heartened them greatly.

In these tragic times such acts of generosity are truly lamps kindled in the darkness of the world.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



May 21, 1940

Mr. David Lowensohn  
1740 East 12th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Lowensohn:

I am taking the liberty of writing you this letter as General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal which has just closed its campaign in Cleveland. Our Appeal failed by \$100,000. This means that we shall have to reduce by this amount Cleveland's contribution to alleviate the desperate plight of our fellow Jews in the war ravaged countries overseas. I cannot imagine that our good people of Cleveland would wish this to happen and I am therefore appealing to those who subscribed this year an amount less than last year to restore their giving at least to the level of last year.

You, my dear Mr. Lowensohn, had been among our most generous contributors in previous years, and it would be a distinct service to the great cause represented by the Welfare Fund if you could see your way clear to restore your contribution to what it was in 1939 - \$2000. It will probably involve sacrifice, but then this is the time for great sacrifices. May I be privileged to receive a reply from you at your earliest convenience?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



May 21, 1940

Mr. N. I. Dryfoos  
1749 East 22nd St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Dryfoos:

I am taking the liberty of writing you this letter as General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal which has just closed its campaign in Cleveland. Our Appeal failed by \$100,000. This means that we shall have to reduce by this amount Cleveland's contribution to alleviate the desperate plight of our fellow Jews in the war ravaged countries overseas. I cannot imagine that our good people of Cleveland would wish this to happen and I am therefore appealing to those who subscribed this year an amount less than last year to restore their giving at least to the level of last year.

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Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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May  
Twenty-second  
1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bureau. As you can see from the material covered, our scope of operations is increasing, and we shall need the active participation of every Board member.

The next meeting of the Board will take place during the week of June 3rd. Definite information as to time and place will be sent to you shortly. Our last meeting was quite a successful one, and I am hopeful that we shall have an even larger attendance at the forthcoming one.

Sincerely yours,

Bureau on Employment Problems

*M. P. Altschul*  
M. P. Altschul, President

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Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
April 25, 1940, at the Mid-Day Club, Union Commerce Building

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## A. ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at noon by Mr. Milton P. Altschul, President. The following members were in attendance: Mr. Altschul, Mr. Furth, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Metzner, Mr. Neumark, Mr. Rosenthal, Mr. Weil and Mr. Weinberger.

## B. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Copies of the minutes of the preceding meeting of the Board had previously been mailed to all Board members. No questions being forthcoming, the Chairman asked for a waiver on the reading of the minutes.

## C. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Chairman gave a summary financial report as of April 15th, 1940. Income received from Jewish Welfare Fund amounted to \$2450.00. Expenditures totalled \$2368.00, leaving a balance of \$82.00. It was explained that funds would be forthcoming from the Welfare Federation.

Mr. Altschul then added that in the absence of Mr. Weinberger from the city, the Chairman and Director of the Bureau had prepared the budget in answer to the request of the Welfare Federation. It was stated that the budget had been prepared in the sum of \$5820 as follows:

Office Equipment and Supplies	\$ 100.00
Printing (including provision for report)	250.00
Postage	100.00
Rent	480.00
Salaries	
a. Director	3000.00
b. Secretary	1140.00
Telephone	150.00
Traveling Expense	300.00
Incidental	300.00
Total	\$ 5820.00

Mr. Goodman questioned whether the budget had been set up for a twelve months' period. The Chairman stated that it had, and that if the money came into the Welfare Federation, the Bureau would receive it in regular installments. In answer to questions concerning insurance on the car, the Director explained that he carried insurance personally, the amount of coverage being 10, 20 and 10. The Director also mentioned that he had arranged his insurance to include coverage for the Bureau.

## D. NEW LOCATION

The Chairman mentioned that the Bureau would have to seek new quarters inasmuch as the upper stories of the present building were going to be demolished. It was mentioned that Jewish Vocational Service would occupy quarters in the National Building on Ninth Street,



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and the Chairman mentioned that he and the Director had looked over available space in this building as well as others in the downtown area.

Mr. Rosenthal questioned why the Bureau could not occupy part of the space taken by Jewish Vocational Service. The Chairman pointed out that the Board had decided originally it would not be desirable for the two agencies to be too closely connected physically, to insure that they would be known to function as separate organizations.

The Director raised the question of desirability in the National Building from the standpoint of street address, and referred to the desirability of a good location for a bureau engaged in work such as ours. Mr. Weil mentioned that an employer receiving a letter from our organization would be inclined to scan it very carefully, and that the address would also receive careful consideration. Mr. Neumark and Mr. Rosenthal mentioned that in such case their reactions would be favorable to an organization economizing on non-essentials. It was suggested that space be investigated in the Hanna Building. Mr. Altschul mentioned that the most livable available space at our price seemed to be in the National Building. Upon motion by Mr. Furth, seconded by Mr. Goodman and unanimously carried, the President and Director were empowered to select the new location and proceed with the necessary arrangements.

## E. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMPLAINTS

Mr. George Furth, Committee chairman, presented in detail the report of the Committee on Complaints. A brief summary of the status of each case was presented, with limited discussion following each presentation. The following is a summary:

1. American Gas Association Laboratories. Report by two Case graduates that religion had been questioned in applying for employment. Known fact of very limited Jewish employment. No contact as yet made.

Agreed that Director should contact head of the Laboratories. Mr. Metzner volunteered his assistance in case this proved necessary, explaining that he had secured tax exemption on their equipment for this firm.

2. Brass Rail. Report by two Jewish waiters that restaurant was getting rid of all its Jewish help. Contact with restaurant reveals that there is no Jewish employment there at present, although owner vehemently disclaims any discrimination and asserts men were incompetent. Owner suggests we contact the union on a line of approach, which has not yet been done, owing to uncertainty concerning the merits of this suggestion.

The sense of the Board was that there was every reason for Mr. Klein, president of the restaurant, to indicate directly to the union that he had a large Jewish clientele who liked to be waited on by Jewish men. It was also suggested that Jewish Vocational Service had Jewish waiters on file, but subsequent investigation reveals there are none who are union men.

3. Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority. Report by a Jewish mechanic that he was just not re-hired on January 1st, 1940 when Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority took over, because of religious prejudices. Investigation indicates the particular individual was not re-hired for reasons other than religion. Further visits were made to Mr. Bohn with a representative of Jewish Vocational Service. Mr. Bohn gave the representative several application blanks and



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suggested that unusually competent people in different classifications be sent over to apply. To the best of our knowledge, to date no applicants have been referred because of not meeting specifications.

Agreed that the Bureau was to follow this up through Jewish Vocational Service.

4. Cleveland Public Library. Charged by applicant that the Building Department of the Library would not hire him because he was Jewish. Investigated and found that there is practically no Jewish employment in the artisans' division. However, the application of the man making the charge was on file, and the Library has to date not secured the appropriation for the hiring of the additional help needed. Periodical visits are being made to Mr. Jack, Building Superintendent, who has promised to let the Bureau know what jobs are available as soon as the appropriation goes through.

Agreed that the Bureau was to follow this up and turn the matter over to Jewish Vocational Service whenever definite job openings were available.

5. Felt & Tarrant. Charge that school does practically nothing to help placement of Jewish graduates. Interview with district manager reveals that school takes Jewish students under protest, and feels there is practically no opportunity for them. Checkup with cooperative agencies in different communities indicates a similar problem existent therein. Three Jewish firms in the city were approached to determine their attitude towards making an expression to the school, but without success.

Mr. Metzner added that part of the feeling of this organization was that they had no outlet for comptometer sales with Jewish firms. Following discussion revealed that Printz-Biederman Company, Weppner-Weil Company, Meisel Tire Company, Halle's, etc. were customers. Agreed that the Bureau was to pursue this matter further, and also through Chicago.

6. Cleveland Tractor Company. Charge that Jewish applicants were not wanted, at least in secretarial division of this firm. President of the company disclaims all knowledge of any discriminatory practice, but has promised to look into the situation.

Mr. Furth mentioned that Mr. White, president of the company, was highly regarded. Agreed the Director was to pursue the case further with company officials.

7. Court of Common Pleas. Charge that in appointment of court reporters, one position was allotted to a Jewish reporter. At suggestion of the Committee, case was referred to Judge Bernon for conference with Judge Samuel Silbert.

Agreed that the report was to be secured from Judge Bernon. However, the Judge has been taken ill and the Director will try to make contact directly with Judge Silbert.

8. Durkee Famous Foods. Referral from Chicago that Durkee Famous Foods, a subsidiary of the Glidden Company, had very limited Jewish employment, and made discriminatory specifications to employment agencies. First contact here was with the senior vice-president of the Glidden Company, who disclaimed discrimination, but promised to talk the matter over with his employment manager.

Agreed that the Director was to pursue the case further.



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9. General Motors Corporation. Case has been reported to the Board at a previous meeting. New development to be brought before the Board for consideration is a statement of Mr. Uniack of General Motors to Mr. Philmore Haber.

It was reported that Mr. Uniack had expressed some concern to Mr. Haber over the work of this Bureau. Mr. George Furth plans to meet with Mr. Haber and Mr. Uniack for further discussion.

10. McKesson & Robbins, Inc. - Cleveland Division. Met with Mr. Barnes, vice-president, on introduction from Mr. Adolph Weinberger. Investigation reveals two Jewish employees out of some 160 in the Cleveland division. Barnes rejects any discriminatory purpose, and states that employment turnover is very slow. On subsequent interviews, Barnes promised to send letter indicating company hires on merit basis only to Cleveland Vocational Bureau, their primary source of employment. Letter not satisfactory.

Agreed that the matter must be pursued further with this company.

11. Ohio Institute for Medical Assistants, Inc. Charge that Jewish physicians are discriminating against Jewish graduates of the school. Contact with hospitals and physicians' groups indicates it would be unwise for Bureau to undertake activity on behalf of this institution. By vote of the Committee, case has been closed and the whole field referred to Committee on Survey for subsequent work.

12. Stone Knitting Mills. Charge that high officer of the company is prejudiced against Jews. To date, because of the president's continued absence from the city, no contact has been made. The Committee has suggested to the Director that approach should be on the basis of vocational opportunities for Jewish youth in the firm. Formal letter requesting interview has been sent.

The feeling of the Board was that Mr. Harry Stone, president, would not subscribe to any such practice, but the matter should be called to his attention.

13. Rosenbluth Dress & Coat Shoppe. Small Jewish employer located on Buckeye in predominantly Hungarian-Catholic neighborhood. Owner states he cannot hire Jewish help because of the neighborhood. Further investigation indicates the same situation may hold for a number of Jewish owned stores in the same district. No further action to this point.

14. Veteran's Hospital, Brecksville. Charge by Jewish painter that he was dismissed from the job because of religion, on referral from Mr. Weintraub of Jewish Daily Forward. Director secured credentials as reporter for the Jewish Daily Forward from Mr. Weintraub, and contacted the government inspector on the job as a reporter. Investigation reveals that man was dismissed for definite incompetence, and because of objections of unemployed veterans - the complainant having been a conscientious objector allegedly arrested for espionage during the World War.

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Mr. Metzner raised the question of whether anything had been done to contact personnel managers of the various companies for educational work. The Chairman explained that in our actual cases we were trying to get to higher officials at the outset, and it was the sense of the Board that general educational work be deferred to the future.



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## F. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SURVEY

The report of the Committee on Survey was presented, including a summary of placement agencies already visited.

The Committee also reported that the physicians' advisory group, with whom the question of secretarial positions in the medical field had been discussed, had recommended a joint survey in the allied fields of medicine, dentistry and law. The question up for discussion was whether the survey be made jointly for all three fields, or individually.

It was brought out that the initial survey might well be a joint undertaking, and that it would yet be possible to have special lay committees for each profession in the future to consider specific cases. Upon motion by Mr. Furth, seconded by Mr. Metzner, and unanimously carried, an initial joint survey for all three professional groups was recommended to the Committee on Survey.

## G. CLEVELAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The question of the Bureau's seeking membership in the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, or of the Director's contacting executives of the Chamber for advisory purposes, was raised. It was the feeling of the Board that it was not propitious to consider such contacts at the present time, but that the matter should be brought up again at a future date.

## H. HELP WANTED ADS

Mr. Furth questioned the possibility of taking up with advertising managers of the Cleveland newspapers the matter of discriminatory specifications in Help Wanted ads. Mr. Altschul stated that such contact had been made by the Committee of the Community Council in the past, and that a study which the papers had made had revealed that the number of specifications was very small. It was recommended that the Bureau make a two months study, beginning with May 1st, of Help Wanted ads in the three large Cleveland newspapers, and this study has already been initiated.

## I. JEWISH FIRMS

The question of discrimination on the part of Jewish firms was raised. Mr. Neumark told of a situation he had uncovered at his plant where apparently discrimination on the part of a minor executive - unknown to the officers of the firm - limited Jewish employment. Mr. Neumark questioned whether this type of situation might not also hold true in other Jewish firms in similar cases.

Mr. Weil, Mr. Goodman and Mr. Weinberger discussed the frequently encountered complaint that Jewish employees are potential business competition. Mr. Weinberger mentioned the experience of his company, and stated that although some of the men do leave, they nevertheless have rendered superior service during the period of their employment. Other aspects of this specific problem were presented, and it was agreed that each case which might arise would have to be handled as an individual case.

J. The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

G. J. Segal  
Secretary



June 3, 1940

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

I am enclosing herewith two contributions  
to the Jewish Welfare Fund - one from Mrs. A. Friedman,  
and another from Mrs. Henry H. Weiskopf.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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The Jewish Welfare Federation  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
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A joint Meeting of the Federation Board and Welfare Fund Committee will be held on Monday afternoon, June 10th, at 4.30 o'clock, to receive and pass upon recommendations of the Budget Committee, for adjustment of the tentative allocations from the 1940 Welfare Fund Account, the Fund having failed by nearly \$35,000 of achieving the Goal of \$361,800.

Will you please try to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman,  
The Jewish Welfare Fund Committee  
of the Federation.

June 6, 1940



The Jewish Welfare Federation  
and  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
of Cleveland

Room 320, Chester-Twelfth Building

Telephone: CHerry 8176-7-8

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It will be necessary for the Budget Committee to reconsider the tentative allocations which were made prior to the Welfare Fund Campaign in the light of the Campaign's failure to achieve the Goal of \$861,800 by approximately \$85,000; there will be also some Federation matters for the Committee's attention, and it is planned to have the Board of Trustees and the Welfare Fund Committee meet to pass upon the Budget Committee's recommendations.

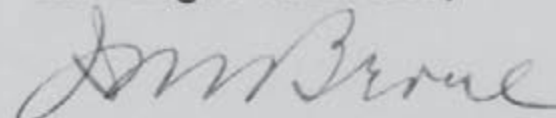
The Budget Committee Members are therefore asked to please meet on Monday afternoon, June 10, promptly at 3.00 o'clock; and the Board Meeting will follow at 4.00 o'clock, both to be held in the Federation Offices, the Chester-Twelfth Building.

Will you please make every effort to attend.

Sincerely yours,



Chairman,  
The Budget Committee,



Chairman, the Board of Trustees

June 6, 1940

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C O P Y

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Federation will be held on Monday afternoon, June 10th, at 4.00 o'clock in the Federation Offices, Chester-Twelfth Building.

The regular Meeting of the Board will be followed at 4.30 o'clock, by a joint Meeting of the Board and Welfare Fund Committee to pass upon recommendations of the Budget Committee for an adjustment of the tentative allocations from the Welfare Fund for 1940; the Fund's failure to achieve the Goal of \$861,800 by nearly \$85,000 makes necessary such adjustments.

Will you please try to attend.

Sincerely yours,

June 6, 1940

President.

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*Vice Chairman*



June 20, 1940

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer  
Jewish Welfare Federation  
Chester-Twelfth Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

Enclosed herewith is a letter which  
Rabbi Silver received from Mr. Morris Lewis  
of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society;  
also a copy of Rabbi Silver's reply.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
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Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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June 24, 1940

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We are in receipt of a letter from the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund, dated June 13th, advising us that the sum of \$6000. was allocated to us out of the 1940 campaign, and at the same time explaining why it was not possible to make a larger allocation.

I am overlooking the fact that this letter is signed by you as General Chairman of the Fund and am writing to you as a member of our Board of Directors and as a member of the Executive Committee of our National Council, to make the request that you try somehow to make a supplementary allocation to us.

In support of this request I submit the extraordinary situation confronting the University this year by reason of the fact that it must clothe, feed and house over 350 destitute students who since the outbreak of the war have been completely cut off from support by members of their families, and must give partial assistance to many other students. This imposes an additional expenditure of approximately \$50,000. on the University.

Besides this additional unforeseen expenditure the University has lost approximately \$100,000. income from European countries, and of course tuition fees, of about \$60,000.

Unless the financial position of the University is materially improved it will have to resort to drastic measures which will involve hardship to the members of the faculty and to the students and will result in a breakdown of the University generally.

In addition to the situation as outlined above, there are a number of outstanding scholars in Poland, who, I am informed the University could arrange to bring to Palestine



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if only funds were available. Not only for humane reasons but for the benefit of scholarship and Palestine generally, it would mean a great deal to be able to help at least some of these scholars.

May I quote from Mr. Schocken's letter to you of April 11th, of which Mr. Schocken sent us a copy:

"Even before the emergency situation has arisen, the allocation from Cleveland was disproportionately small. We receive from Boston for instance \$12,500, from Washington with a Jewish population of only 18,000, \$4,000, from Cincinnati with a Jewish population of 23,000, \$3,000.

"I cannot believe that Cleveland should not take over its proper share if the matter is being presented by the proper personality and in the right way.

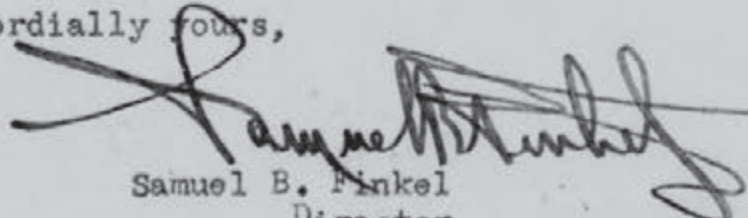
"There aren't many cities in which we have a member of the Board of Directors so prominently connected with the Fund as we have in Cleveland, and if such a city does not allocate to us the proper quota, Hebrew University would find itself in a difficult position, not to speak of the drawback which disproportionate contributions constitute in other communities.

"I am therefore taking the liberty of asking you to make the matter of the Hebrew University allocation from Cleveland your personal responsibility."

I know that if it is at all possible for you to obtain an additional grant for us you will do so.

With kind personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

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\*\* Since Mr. Schocken wrote to you, Washington increased its allocation to \$4600.



June 28, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Finkel:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 24. In order to allocate to the agencies of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund a sum no less than was allocated in 1939, we did the unprecedented thing of borrowing nearly \$25,000 to be repaid out of the income of the 1941 campaign, or of other funds which the Federation might make available. I do not know of any other city in the United States which has done just that, and I believe that the beneficiary agencies ought to be satisfied. If more money had been raised, more money would have been allocated. I know that the needs of the Hebrew University are great. But so are the needs of many other agencies including the United Jewish Appeal which will receive this year millions less than it received last year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Miss Mary Wilson  
Works Progress Administration  
1273 Ontario Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Wilson

I would like to express to you my interest in the library project which the Jewish Vocational Service has recently requested.

It is my feeling that the vocational guidance work of the Jewish Vocational Service is of great value to the community, and that the library must be a necessary part of such work. I am sure that members of the Temple as well as many other persons in the community would find an adequate collection of guidance materials at the Jewish Vocational Service of thorough-going benefit.

Thank you for any consideration you can give the request of the Jewish Vocational Service.

Sincerely yours



Mr. Leyton Carter  
The Cleveland Foundation  
Terminal Tower  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Carter

I would like to express my interest in the library project for which the Jewish Vocational Service recently requested assistance through the Cleveland Foundation.

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