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February 23, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver

I am addressing this invitation to you on behalf of the United Jewish Community of Harrisburg after discussion and correspondence with Mr. Henry Montor, and after due consideration by the committee of the United Jewish Community in charge of our forthcoming campaign.

We should deem it a privilege to have you as the guest of our Community, and to have you address the Initial Gifts Dinner any evening during the week of April 12th, thereby starting off the United Jewish Community on its Tenth Anniversary campaign.

Your visit here would make this Tenth Anniversary drive a memorable one. It would serve immeasurably to bring to the attention of this Community the local, national and overseas social welfare requirements.

All contributors of \$100. or more will of course attend the Initial Gifts Dinner on whatever evening during the week of April 12th you deem most convenient for yourself.

I shall look forward, as everyone in this Community looks forward, to an early reply in acceptance of this invitation. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Herman L. Sainer

Herman L. Sainer
Executive Director

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of the United Jewish Community of Harrisburg

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March 2
1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just learned from Mr. Henry Montor that you have accepted the invitation of our United Jewish Community to be its guest at the Initial Gifts Dinner Meeting on Thursday evening, April 15th.

We shall look forward to your visit with us. We know that your presence in our community will add a considerable measure of interest to the entire campaign here for 1943.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Herman L. Sainer
Executive Director

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of the United Jewish Community of Harrisburg

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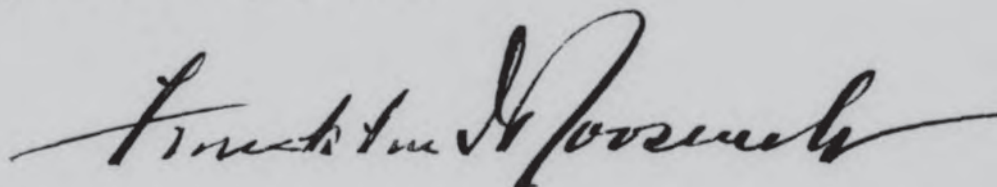
March 4, 1943

Gentlemen:

Throughout the past decade of destruction of human life and decency by the Nazi regime, the American people have, through private relief and reconstruction agencies, manifested their deep concern and sympathy for the victims of racial and religious oppression. The preservation of the life of those whom the tyrants sought to destroy has been supported not only out of humanitarian considerations, but for the sake of sustaining the spirit of freedom and democracy in the lands where it has been temporarily crushed.

The reconstructive help that has been extended through the United Jewish Appeal has been a great physical and spiritual bulwark for many victims of oppression. Relief afforded to these victims overseas and aid extended to newcomers in our own country are praiseworthy humanitarian undertakings. It is my hope that the 1943 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal will make possible the continuance of this contribution to the alleviation of human suffering.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Franklin D. Roosevelt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr. William Rosenwald,
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise,
National Chairmen,
United Jewish Appeal,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

105th Street and Anselm Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Our Big Gifts Committee was delighted to learn from Henry Montor that you have indicated your willingness to address a Big Gifts meeting in our community on Monday evening, April 5. Despite the fact that we have raised increasing amounts in our Welfare Funds during each of the past five years, I feel that your presence in Syracuse at our Big Givers meeting will give us the impetus to raise the increased goal which we have established for this year. Last year we raised \$91,000 and this year we hope to raise a minimum of \$106,000. Should we raise this amount, the likelihood is that the United Jewish Appeal will be increased from 55 to \$65,000 which is our quota for this year.

This will be a dinner meeting at 6:30 in the evening at the Hotel Syracuse. I will greatly appreciate receiving some word of confirmation from you within the next few days to enable us to proceed with our plans.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Holstein

ALEXANDER E. HOLSTEIN
President

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C.C. to Henry Montor

1943

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

FOR REFUGEES, OVERSEAS NEEDS AND PALESTINE

on behalf of

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
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March 26, 1943

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Once each year I invoke the rule of "personal privilege" and extend my own invitation to you to be the guest speaker at that which I believe represents a most important community with which I am especially working to bring to new standards, raise more money than ever before, and put in a position for community responsiveness in future years. Last year it was Newark, and this year it is Atlantic City.

For as many years as I can remember, and certainly long before the United Jewish Appeal came into being, Atlantic City has been one of our truly problem cities. Until this year 1943, the U.J.A. or its beneficiaries were compelled to participate in the Jewish Federation Campaign and with a Jewish population of approximately 9,500 souls in Atlantic City, the United Jewish Appeal received in 1942 only \$21,000 of the \$67,300 raised in their Federation campaign. This \$21,000 represents the largest amount ever secured in Atlantic City for this cause and should be compared on a community population basis with \$84,000 from New Orleans last year, \$78,000 from Dallas, etc., etc., so that you may see the picture.

The Federation is now a beneficiary of the War Chest for the Federation's 1943 needs and for the first time, the U.J.A. has the field to itself. There is a splendid Zionist organization in Atlantic City, having, I am informed, about 800 members under the zealous leadership of Mr. Joseph Halbert. While in the past there have been some community schisms, we have this year, with most encouraging success, paved the way for an all-out community-wide campaign for the U.J.A. The breaches healed, we are confident that every leader and every group can be persuaded to work and to give to this campaign. It is, as I see it, a wonderful challenge that is bound to produce a tremendous increase for the United Jewish Appeal, if you will be the guest speaker for their Big Gifts meeting.

W.E.L. Apr. 28

March 26, 1943

In their 1942 Federation campaign, there were 1,754 contributors for the \$67,300 total which I have noted and of this group, 169 individuals, representing 9.6% of the contributors, gave 64% of the money in contributions of \$100.00 and over. Despite the Army having taken over Atlantic City, I am convinced that these big gifts will be sustained, if not increased, and that there are great potentialities for bringing into this \$100.00 and over group a substantial number of persons who previously were registered in the lower groups and who are really prospering from the large Military establishment now in Atlantic City. These are, of course, the smaller shopkeepers who have become newly enriched and who are especially to be groomed for a greater participation than in the past. Contributions under \$100.00 in the past have not been consonant with the means of individuals under any circumstances. I will conclude my description by saying that Atlantic City is still operating on a horse-and-buggy basis; that their fund-raising methods have been antiquated; that the community, as a whole, has never had an opportunity to be exposed to a real all-out, community-wide, fund-raising campaign until this year. Part of our program contemplates educational meetings sponsored by our three agencies, for which every effort will be made to bring out the largest possible number in order to indoctrinate the entire community with the programs of the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service, respectively.

Especially fortunate, I think, is the complete new leadership. Our friends in Atlantic City have elected as Chairman the new Reform Rabbi, Joseph Narot, who sees eye to eye with us in every direction and who is tremendously eager to have Atlantic City take its rightful place in this particular job. It happens that Rabbi Narot is himself a Cleveland boy and he has succeeded the late Dr. Henry Fisher. We, from our end, have given and will continue to give the fullest type of cooperation towards raising a total of \$50,000, of which the United Jewish Appeal is assured of receiving not less than 80%. In their conservative way, the Federation, which is sponsoring this campaign, has established the quota of \$35,000 because of the "over-the-top" tradition that Atlantic City has always maintained, but we feel sure, on the basis of study and appraisals, that a great deal more money can be raised.

You are their only choice and they challenged me to deliver you. I know that I am not that good but, nevertheless, with this detailed explanation I have given you, I know that you will be happy to consider the invitation and will, if you find it possible, fit it into your calendar.

Rabbi Narot and our friends in Atlantic City have checked on your activities and they know that you will be in Philadelphia for the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal on May 1st and 2nd. They would be delighted to have you for this Opening Big Gifts event if you could find it possible to visit with them in Atlantic City on Sunday evening, May 2nd, but I expressed my opinion that this would probably not be possible because of the U.P.A. program. If you cannot make it on May 2nd, they hope very much that in view of your being in Philadelphia and one hour away, you can establish the date as Monday evening, May 3rd. If, for any reason, you do not find this possible, they will welcome your fixing a date of your choice early in May and they will arrange the meeting to conform with your date, whatever it might be.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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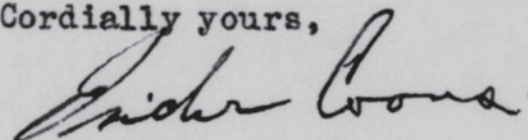
March 26, 1943

The length of this letter indicates my own intense zeal to have you accept and I feel that you will, if you can. Please let me know at your earliest opportunity which date will be agreeable to you so that our friends in Atlantic City and we can proceed accordingly, because the major build-up is to be on the basis of yourself as their honored guest for their most important meeting.

I have just returned from an interesting trip through the Southwest and find our people prosperous and interested everywhere. The early returns from the country at large indicate a successful fund-raising campaign this year - at least, in the Spring phase.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Isidor Coons

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ARE ADVISED THAT COONS HAD WRITTEN YOU CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DRIVE IN ATLANTIC CITY SCHEDULED TO OPEN FOR MAY. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE FIRST INDEPENDENT OVERSEAS DRIVE TO BE HELD IN OUR CITY IN SEVENTEEN YEARS WE ALL FEEL THAT ONLY YOUR PRESENCE AND PERSONAL INFLUENCE WILL ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE DRIVE. AS PRESIDENT OF THE ATLANTIC CITY ZIONIST DISTRICT MAY I PERSONALLY URGE YOU TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION. WE HAVE IN MIND THE FACT THAT YOU WILL BE IN PHILA MAY FIRST AND SECOND AND WILL BE GLAD TO ARRANGE MEETING TO SUIT YOUR CONVENIENCE FOLLOWING THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL CONFERENCE. ATLANTIC CITY IS TRULY AN ARMED CAMP BUT SUNSHINE AND SEA BREEZES REMAIN THE SAME WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL ENJOY A SHORT VACATION IF POSSIBLE WITH US=

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March 29, 1943

Mr. Isidor Coons
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Coons:

I read your long "Megillah" and your eloquent plea for me to make a visit to Atlantic City. You are irresistible as always. I can not go to Atlantic City, however, on May 2nd or 3rd. It might be possible for me to go there on Wednesday evening, April 28th. On Thursday evening, I will be in Harrisburg for the UJA, and on Friday and the following few days, in Philadelphia, in connection with the Annual Conference of the UPA. I could thus take in Atlantic City on my way to Philadelphia. Please let me know whether that is a convenient day for Atlantic City.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Thank you for your invitation. Only evening available is Wednesday, April 28th

Abba Hilfel Silver

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Dear Rabbi Silver:

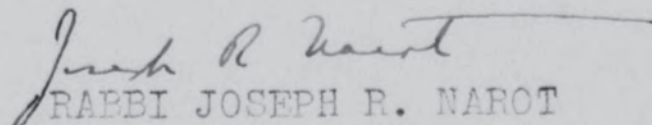
Needless to say, your telegram informing us that you can be with us on April 28, was received with great satisfaction by myself, Mr. Joseph Halbert, my Vice-Chairman, and by all the committee in charge of our United Jewish Appeal drive.

We are confident that with your presence, we can overcome the difficulties which have hindered past drives. Mr. Coons has told you so much of our picture that there is very little I can add to it. It is our hope that you can be with us before the dinner to meet a few of the leaders and the bigger contributors of the drive. Those present at the dinner will be some 100 or more of the larger contributors who have never been touched thus far according to their abilities. It is our hope to invite the general public after the dinner so that they may hear your message.

In all probability, you will be in New York for the Union convention and I may see you there even before you get a chance to read this letter. In any case, I shall keep you informed as to when and where we would like to expect you on the 28th.

Looking forward to seeing you and to the privilege of working with you for the welfare of our oppressed brothers in Europe and for the upbuilding of Palestine, I am,

Very cordially yours,


RABBI JOSEPH R. NAROT

JRN:AC

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of the

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Vice-Chairman, War Production Board

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
National Chairman, United Jewish Appeal

r.s.v.p.
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Informal

This dinner launches our Spring offensive against homelessness, hunger, oppression and fear. The traditional American ideal of sympathy and generosity are our weapons of war.

During the past decade of Hitlerism, three American agencies have held back the floodwaters of destruction and brought hundreds of thousands of our people through to safety. Today, with Allied action shaping the pattern for victory, the Joint Distribution Committee, United Palestine Appeal and National Refugee Service must sustain our people through these final dark days of suffering and help keep the doors of Palestine and the Western Hemisphere open for continuing war-time and post-war immigration.

The officers of our 1943 campaign are faced with unprecedented responsibilities. The requirements of our agencies far exceed the needs of previous years. This occasion affords our community the opportunity of giving encouragement and concrete support to those who have taken the leadership in this great humanitarian effort.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi:

This is to let you know that I have reserved a room for you for the 28th at the Cosmopolitan Hotel. The dinner will be held in the same building.

Thus far, the drive is making good progress, though we haven't surmounted all the difficulties yet, especially the callousness of some of the bigger contributors. Our preliminary meeting of the Initial Gifts Committee was quite satisfactory. We have arranged a group of men to meet you an hour or so before the dinner.

As for the dinner itself, I need not tell you how eager everyone concerned with the drive as well in the community generally is to hear your message. All are confident that the dinner will mark the success of the drive.

If you will let me know what time of day you plan to arrive in Atlantic City, I shall be happy to arrange for someone to meet you and get you to the hotel.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you again on the 28th,

Very sincerely,

Joseph R. Narot
RABBI JOSEPH R. NAROT

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April 22

1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are looking forward to your visit to this Community next Thursday, April 29th, as guest of honor at the Initial Gifts dinner, in connection with the Annual Campaign of the United Jewish Community for local, national and overseas needs. Mr. Gould of the United Jewish Appeal office advised me today that you will probably arrive in Harrisburg next Thursday about 3 o'clock.

Won't you give me the exact time of your arrival? Reservations have been made at the Harrisburger Hotel. The dinner is scheduled for 6:30 at the Jewish Community Center, a short distance from the Hotel.

With best wishes for a happy Pesach, I

am

Cordially yours,

Herman L. Sainer
Executive Director

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April 23, 1943

Rabbi Joseph R. Narot
Federation of Jewish Charities
119 States Ave.
Atlantic City, N.J.

My dear Rabbi Narot:

Thank you so much for your kind letter. I note that you have arranged for me to meet a group of men an hour or so before the dinner. I would very much appreciate it if you would call off the meeting. I have a terrific schedule ahead of me for the next ten days and I would like to conserve myself as much as possible. Following your meeting I shall be in Harrisburg and from there I shall go to Philadelphia where I shall have three very crowded days at the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal. It is a great drain on my strength to meet with people for an hour or so and then have to make an address at a dinner immediately following. I had to go through this procedure in Syracuse last week and I found it very tiring. I am sure that you will understand.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dear Dr. Silver:

It was impossible, because of the great crowd, to speak to you in Philadelphia. I wanted to tell you what a magnificent message you delivered to the United Palestine Appeal conference. I know that everyone in that large audience was deeply stirred and inspired.

I also wanted to tell you again how much my associates and I appreciated your coming to us and opening our drive. It was a privilege we cherished highly. I know how the seeming lack of response affected you. However, the results are much better now than they seemed that night. Actually, the total income of our Initial Gifts Dinner amounts to \$24,700. In view of the fact that our total quota is \$35,000, you can see that the percentage is good. We are confident that it was your message and your strong reminder after your message that moved the people to respond.

With repeated thanks for your help and with kindest personal greetings from Mr. Segel, Mr. Halbert, and myself, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph R. Narot
Rabbi Joseph R. Narot

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"RESCUE THE 5,000,000 LIVING!"

May 5, 1943

Rabbi Joseph R. Narot
Federation of Jewish Charities
119 States Avenue
Atlantic City, N.J.

My dear Rabbi Narot:

Thank you for your kind letter and for all the nice things which you say about the address which I delivered in Philadelphia.

I was delighted to see you in your own community and to observe the splendid work which you are doing. I think what was done at the Initial Gifts meeting of your campaign will have a salutary effect in the future. Your positive leadership backed up by many people in your community who are ready for a "New Deal" will, I am sure, change the whole face of things in Atlantic City in the very near future. Similar situations existed in other communities and it was not found difficult to correct them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June , 1943

Mr. Gustave Kaplan, President
United Jewish Community of Harrisburg
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 1110 North Third Street

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

Once again it is my pleasure to tell you that of all the communities which I have visited this year on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, the one in which I encountered the most pleasant contacts and the greatest satisfaction was your own community of Harrisburg. The results of your campaign and the spirit in which it was conducted were equally stimulating.

I am anxious to make special mention of Harrisburg at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal to be convened in New York on June 23rd. At that time a comprehensive statement on the progress of the campaign will be presented and an indication will be given to the agencies of the funds upon which they can count for their operations during the year.

What Harrisburg has done this year will be encouraging not only to my associates in the United Jewish Appeal, but to the entire country. As I understand it, Harrisburg, which last year allotted to the United Jewish Appeal \$26,250, will this year make available some \$56,000. It is a record of which you and we may well be proud. I would like to have confirming word from you so that I may report officially on Harrisburg to the Executive Committee.

May I thank you again for your very effective efforts and for the fine response made by the entire community with Mr. Edward W. Schleisner as Chairman of the campaign.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

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T. A. Silver

June 10, 1943

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1110 North Third St.
Harrisburg, Pa.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, United Palestine Appeal
Co-Chairman, United Jewish Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very happy to advise you of the successful completion of the Atlantic City 1943 United Jewish Appeal Drive. As you know this is the first time in seventeen years that this City has held an independent Drive for Overseas and Palestine needs. This Drive resulted because the Zionists here fought against the inclusion of the United Jewish Appeal in the so-called War Chest Drive which was held in November 1942. Mr. Cassman wanted to include this important agency in the other all inclusive Drive, and had he been successful, I am sure that the UJA would have been included in that War Chest Drive at a sum not over \$20,000 and probably much less. I as the President and spokesman for the Zionists of this city objected to such an arrangement and was able to make it possible to hold this separate Drive.

You spoke very truly at your appearance in Atlantic City during April at our Initial Gifts Dinner that this city had not done its duty in the past years to the great emergency that faced our people in Europe and in Palestine, and the Atlantic City Jewish community was all right but that the self appointed and self perpetuated leadership was no good.

I fully realize that when I was elected as Vice-Chairman of this Drive that it was done in the spirit of a challenge and I so accepted it. Therefore it is a great satisfaction to be able to report to you that we exceeded our quota (quota - \$35,000 -- amount raised - \$39,005) and completed the Drive on the scheduled date set May 16th.

Dr. Silver, it may interest you to know that the Atlantic City Jewish community last Thursday, June 3rd, elected its one Delegate to represent this Jewish community of 10,000 at the forthcoming American Jewish Conference. The two

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candidates were Mr. Harry Cassman and myself. I was elected by a substantial majority.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Most sincerely,

Joseph Halbert
Joseph Halbert,
President



June 14, 1943

Mr. Joseph Halbert
105 Lincoln Place
Atlantic City, N.J.

My dear Mr. Halbert:

I was delighted to receive your letter informing me of the splendid success which you have had in the Atlantic City United Jewish Appeal. I want to congratulate you and your loyal and enthusiastic co-workers. You have done a magnificent job and served not only the cause of the United Jewish Appeal, but your own community. Your achievement will, I am sure, mark a turning point in the development of your fine community which had been retarded unfortunately these years by a lay-leadership which lacked both vision and courage.

Permit me also to congratulate you on your election to the forthcoming American Jewish Conference. I know of no one more deserving of this honor. Please convey my good wishes to all our mutual friends in Atlantic City. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

NETHERLAND PLAZA

CINCINNATI

August 8, 1943.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As one of the National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal I want you to be one of the first to know of my resignation from the U.J.A., effective as of August 31st..

After 10 years with the J.D.C. and the U.J.A. I leave with some regret but with the satisfaction of having added a great deal of constructive and productive effort to a very important Jewish cause.

However, I am entering an equally vital Jewish field, equally vital to Reform Judaism in these United States, when on September first I assume my duties in Cincinnati as National Campaign Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College.

Our plans are for an Annual Campaign for a sum exceeding a half million dollars and I look forward eagerly to the opportunity of achieving this goal with the combined cooperation of the Rabbinical as well as the Lay leadership of the country.

I am looking forward also to working with you and having your cooperation in the national program as we develop it step by step.

With kind personal regards and best wishes for a restful and enjoyable Summer, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Jerome L. Levy.
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616 East Lincoln Ave.,
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Jonah H. Wise

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