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United Jewish Appeal, 1946-1947.



# UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

## FOR REFUGEES, OVERSEAS NEEDS AND PALESTINE

on behalf of

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Boston, which has adopted an overall goal of \$5,425,000 in its combined campaign, in order to grant the United Jewish Appeal its requested minimum quota of \$3,750,000, will inaugurate its fund-raising campaign with a huge mass meeting on Monday evening, October 14th, in the Boston Garden, and desires you as their distinguished guest speaker. The Boston Garden is the largest auditorium in the city, and their plan to have a maximum response from the community for enlightenment and stimulation is an innovation in their campaign procedure.

Our friends in Boston have enthusiastically extended through me their most cordial invitation to you, and I, of course, earnestly hope that you will find it possible to accept. I would appreciate it if I may have word from you at your earliest convenience.

I know that you have kept in close touch with the progress and results of the UJA to date. The spring campaign, which embodies a proportionately large number of communities, has exceeded our most optimistic expectations. Boston and Chicago represent the only metropolitan communities to participate in the fall and, in a sense, the possibilities of their being able to grant the UJA our minimum requests will be the deciding factor in our achieving the \$100,000,000 national goal. You can understand, therefore, the importance which we attach to the Boston campaign and how eager all of us are that you honor them with your presence for their opening meeting.

Are you planning to go to Rangeley this summer? If so, I would appreciate a word from you as it would afford me the greatest pleasure to be in touch with you there if your plans contemplate your being in Maine during the three-week period starting with July 14th.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Isidor Coons*  
Isidor Coons  
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American Jewry has pledged itself to raise \$100,000,000 in 1946



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General Chairman

July 3, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The management of the Boston Garden has just informed our office that it has succeeded in changing the schedule of events to enable the Greater Boston Combined Jewish Appeal to conduct the opening campaign meeting on Sunday night, October 13, instead of Monday night, October 14. This will insure a record-breaking turnout.

I am very happy indeed that my good friend Rudolf G. Sonneborn, the Acting National Chairman, has already extended to you the invitation on behalf of the Greater Boston Jewish community to be our guest speaker. I don't have to tell you that we are fervently hoping you will accept this invitation to be our guest of honor.

May I point out to you that we in Greater Boston support the UJA through the Combined Jewish Appeal campaign, which this year has set a minimum goal of \$5,425,000. Exactly \$3,750,000 has been earmarked for the UJA. I feel certain that there are few men in America who could inspire the Greater Boston Jewish community more than you, who are so thoroughly familiar with our problems.

In order that we may begin our promotional planning for this historic mass campaign opening meeting, may I expect to hear from you soon that you accept our most hearty invitation.

With warmest regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Herman Gilman*  
Herman Gilman  
General Chairman

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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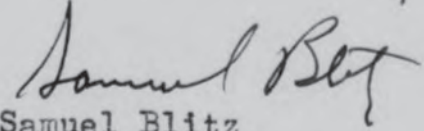
Dear Dr. Silver:

The letter which you recently approved has brought such good results that we would like to send a followup to a number of ZOA members who have not replied.

Mr. Harry Shapiro suggested that I send you a proposed draft for your consideration which he will discuss with you by telephone.

Thanking you and wishing you and your family a pleasant summer, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
Samuel Blitz  
Executive Vice-Chairman

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Dear .....:

Our people overseas are in the grip of their gravest crisis since the war. The latest shocking series of events in Palestine threatens to leave hundreds of thousands of them without hope of finding a home and a release from their sufferings.

That is why I am addressing this second request to you, to urge that you lose no time in sending in your contribution to the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. Now more than ever before our brothers need the material help which only we can give. The homeless, penniless refugees who have been turned back at the very gates of Zion, the men, women and children who have been forsaken by the world in the detention centers of Europe -- all these depend on us, and we cannot let them down. They must be kept alive, at all costs.

Your contribution to the United Jewish Appeal will not only help to sustain these abandoned people; it will also help to strengthen the Jewish community of Palestine, aid those refugees fortunate enough to find a haven in the United States, and provide services for our Jewish veterans and our men and women in the armed forces. Please don't delay any longer. Make your gift as large as you can possibly can, and send it in today. ~~The future of Israel depends on us.~~

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver



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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

October 20, 1946

Mr. Sam Goldhamer  
2158 Westminister  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

My dear Mr. Goldhamer:

I received the enclosed contribution from friends  
of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Flesheim in honor of their  
wedding anniversary. Please acknowledge this  
gift to them and state that I have referred their  
letter and their gift to the United Jewish Appeal. *also to*  
*the Flesheims.*  
With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*Abba Hillel Silver*

AHS:GR  
Enc.



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November 11, 1946

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
President of the Zionist Organization of America  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It was a great pleasure to meet you the other day and to talk with you.

Any suggestions you have for us regarding personnel for overseas service with the JDC would, I assure you, be greatly appreciated. When you hit on some names, I wonder if you would be good enough to advise me at this office.

May I also remind you of our conversation regarding the English project. I have already talked to Mr. Sam Zacks, the President of our Zionist Organization in Canada, who was favorably disposed to the idea. I am sure that a letter from you to him would be a considerable factor in arriving at a decision.

I appreciate your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

*Sholome Michael Gelber*

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SMG:HF

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Gentlemen:

The enclosed letter of Miss Calvin is self-explanatory. I am sending her gift to the United Jewish Appeal. I have, myself, written to her, but I am sure that she will be very pleased to hear from you directly.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

May I tell you how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness in making available the letter to the Miami Zionists. I am sure that this will be a splendid asset for the entire campaign.

I am assuming that it is also agreeable to you that the same letter should go to other communities throughout the United States. The full strength of the Zionist Organization of America behind the United Jewish Appeal will be of very great importance, as you know.

I realize how preoccupied you are with many obligations. At the same time I know that you are fully cognizant of the importance of the United Jewish Appeal campaign. Therefore if it is possible for you to give the United Jewish Appeal a number of dates when you can be used for important meetings throughout the country it would be most sincerely appreciated. You might want to indicate either a specific period or suggest that we get in touch with you for important individual dates as they arise.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Henry Montor*  
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# A REPORT

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**\$170,000,000 Campaign**

on behalf of JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
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From ISIDOR COONS } Executive Vice Chairmen  
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### PRESIDENT CALLS ON NATION TO BACK UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

The campaign to raise \$170,000,000 for the United Jewish Appeal in 1947 should have the backing of all Americans, President Truman told a delegation that met with him at the White House on February 24th. His wholehearted endorsement of the extraordinary fund-raising effort was a stirring climax to a week-end at Washington, D. C., that showed in practical form that \$170,000,000 can and will be raised by American Jews. The President's warm words of approval followed the day after General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff, had declared that "there is no word that can exaggerate the urgency," as he aligned himself four-square with the program of the United Jewish Appeal.

"In your effort to alleviate the plight of the victims of Hitler and to place them on the road to recovery, you are performing tasks which will contribute to the reconstruction of the countries and people shattered by war and to the establishment of a greater sense of comradeship and cooperation among all men," the President said to the delegation headed by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., General Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and including other principal officers and workers.

### NOTABLE GIFTS ECHO ARMY SLOGAN: "CAN DO"

Remembering what Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson had given to the United Jewish Appeal as its 1947 slogan, "Can Do," representatives of Jewish communities from all parts of the country gathered at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, Saturday evening, February 22nd, and Sunday, February 23rd, to indicate to the nation the pace that must be set to raise the larger sums necessary this year. Gifts were doubled and trebled, even though the standards that had been set by the same people last year had been record-breaking and based on the belief that unique giving was essential. Other of the very largest gifts, despite their heavy capital nature, were renewed.

Following a reception the previous evening, over 300 community leaders gathered on February 23rd to hear a current account of the requirements of the Jewish people for relief, rehabilitation and resettlement. The story was told at the morning session by Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Mr. Morgenthau, William Rosenwald, Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Rabbi Francis Hevesi of Budapest and General Eisenhower. In the afternoon, Reuven Dafni of Palestine, Mrs. David M. Levy, Harold J. Goldenberg and Samuel Rothberg brought first-hand accounts of the conditions they had observed in Europe and Palestine. Rabbi Jonah B. Wise closed the historic meeting.



### GENERAL EISENHOWER GETS STORMY OVATION

To a morning charged with the sincerity and deep conviction of the spokesmen for the United Jewish Appeal, General Eisenhower brought a message that won him a stormy ovation from an audience which he had shaken with the unreserved vigor of his plea for extraordinary generosity from American Jews.

"Every person everywhere who holds in his heart a respect for human values and who venerates right and justice will wish you well, and will draw from your success renewed inspiration in the fight to insure that the humblest and the weakest may forever stand in confidence and equality in the presence of the proudest and the strongest," the Army Chief of Staff declared.

Fully aware of the magnitude of the campaign for \$170,000,000, General Eisenhower made it clear, in his firm, ringing tones, that the job was a great American contribution to the reconstruction of the world.

"Although the task you have undertaken is vast in terms of material values, even the greatness of your goal and the depth of compassion it evidences, do not stand as the most significant feature of your concerted effort. Its deepest implication is in its eloquent protest against man's inhumanity to man.

"When you seek by material sacrifice to rescue the innocent victims of savagery, you give much more than the contents of your purse. You give a demonstration of men united in mercy toward the stricken, an example that invites the world to renew with increased zeal the struggle against injustice, persecution and slavery. Your success will add impetus to the moral regeneration needed to banish from the world these evils that have darkened the way to peace among men."

Presiding at the morning session, Mr. Morgenthau reviewed the critical needs of the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal. "Obviously, words such as 'quotas' and 'budgets' pale into insignificance when we are faced with the possible death of human beings. We must think in terms of the job ahead, not in terms of goals and appropriations."

Governor Lehman, who presided in the afternoon, developed this theme in his closing words: "We will, we must achieve our goal, for the very life of the Jewish people depends on it. We did not save them in 1946 to let them down in 1947. We cannot take away this year the hope that we gave them a year ago. Those whom the world has forgotten, we must remember. Let us together erase from their memory the trials and horrors of the era of Hitler. Let us together build for them the road to a new life. Let us together give them their share of freedom and security. They have earned the right to call upon us for sacrifice. I know that our answer will give them the resources, the courage and the faith to find long delayed redemption and salvation."

### CONTRIBUTIONS SET PACE FOR 1947

In the pillared spaces of the Blue Room of the Shoreham there was tense expectancy as Harold J. Goldenberg of Minneapolis, was introduced by Governor Lehman to preside at the fund-raising section of the meeting. "Let's come to tachlis" was his appeal.

J. S. Resler of Columbus, Ohio was among the first to respond. In 1946 he had contributed \$10,000, one of the largest gifts in his community. Moved by the occasion and recognizing the responsibility that rests on leadership to provide an example to



others, Mr. Resler came to the podium at the invitation of Mr. Goldenberg. "I announce my 1947 gift as a minimum of \$40,000." And it was clear from the applause that all present recognized the pace-setting value of the gift.

He had followed Fredric R. Mann of Philadelphia. Mr. Mann's own example of increasing his gift from \$12,500 to \$50,000 brought from his community the invitation to become Special Gifts Chairman of the 1947 campaign. Mr. Mann recognized that work as well as giving is necessary, and accepted.

#### DULUTH LEADER GIVES \$50,000

The sacrificial nature of the giving required in 1947 was demonstrated by A. B. Polinsky of Duluth who announced for himself and Nat G. Polinsky a contribution of \$50,000. In words of simple eloquence, he declared that it was the responsibility of American Jews to ponder on their standard of living and to remember that lives were at stake.

From the "middle givers," the men and women who constitute the backbone of the nation's philanthropy, came a flow of generosity that demonstrated how in each community examples can be set. Julian B. Venezky of Peoria, went from a record gift of \$20,000 in 1946 to \$40,000. Joseph Markel of Buffalo, moved forward from \$11,000 to \$33,000. Joseph Cherner of Washington, advanced from \$15,000 to \$30,000. J. Benjamin Katzner of Baltimore, increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Boris Margolin of New York, jumped from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Saul O. Sidore of Manchester, N. H., jumped from \$7,500 to \$16,500. It was a country-wide phenomenon, not restricted to any one city.

The spirit of the people who gave was summarized in the words of Mrs. David M. Levy when she said: "You gave generously last year; you gave beyond any thought of what you would give. Were you any poorer for it? I think perhaps we all felt richer for it. We worked last year harder than we ever thought we could work; and I think we were refreshed, rather than tired. We reached for a goal that we thought was unattainable. In reaching for that goal, I think we all grew a little taller."

#### WASHINGTON GROUP SHOWS IT CAN BE DONE

The gift of \$500,000, in comparison with \$250,000 in 1946, announced by Edmund I. Kaufmann for the Kay Associated Stores and the Kaufmann family, made the Washington community, Mr. Kaufmann's home city, especially proud. Accompanying Benjamin Ourisman to the meeting was his young son, who told his father that he was proud of what he was seeing of Jewish giving. Mr. Ourisman then rose to increase his 1946 gift of \$10,000 to \$30,000. Rudolph B. Behrend followed with an increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000; N. M. Cohen went from \$4,000 to \$10,000. Meyer Mazor joined in the procession as he went from \$5,000 to \$10,000, while I. S. Turover moved from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

#### TOP GIFTS SHOW SPIRIT

Unable to be present in person, Lewis S. Rosenstiel sent a message of encouragement accompanied by an interim check "as an evidence of my deep belief in the need of the rescue work that is being done by constituents of the United Jewish Appeal and of the need of being ready for the refugees that will seek asylum in Palestine once this present tragic situation has been cured." The Chairman announced that the check of



\$200,000 from the Dorothy H. and Lewis S. Rosenstiel Foundation that accompanied the message would later be supplemented. In 1946, Mr. Rosenstiel contributed \$100,000.

Edwin Rosenberg, President of the United Service for New Americans, announced that the Glensder Textile Corp. would raise their 1946 gift of \$65,000 to \$100,000 for 1947. Mark Sugarman, Associate Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, unable to be present, sent a telegram to the meeting announcing his gift of \$100,000, double his contribution of 1946.

One of the highlights of the rapidly moving period in which Harold J. Goldenberg read cards of those present were the remarks of Samuel Rothberg of Peoria, who told of his recent visit to Europe. "I feel that I am contributing to the respect which my two little children will have for me when they grow up and that I am strengthening the foundations on which they must live as Jews, when I give \$100,000," the youthful Peorian said, doubling his 1946 "one-time" gift.

The gift of Morris Schapiro of Baltimore, in the amount of \$100,000 was announced by his son, John D. Schapiro, Chairman of the Scrap Metal Industry.

#### FOUR ROSENWALD CHILDREN GIVE \$1,000,000

A reassurance to those who had given heavily out of capital in 1946 was contained in the modest announcement of Mrs. David M. Levy who said that in a "spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving," she was happy to be able to announce for her brother and sister-in-law, William and Mary Rosenwald; her sister, Mrs. Max Ascoli; and her sister and brother-in-law, Mrs. and Mr. Edgar B. Stern of New Orleans, and for herself a gift of \$1,000,000.

Mr. Goldenberg, following the applause that greeted the announcement, pointed out that "it has never happened before that any one family for two successive years has contributed the sum of \$1,000,000. In fact, only once before, was \$1,000,000 contributed and that was by Mrs. Levy's father, Julius Rosenwald. We here are privileged to witness a repetition of the very generous contribution of \$1,000,000."

#### SON ANNOUNCES FATHER'S GIFT

The spirit in which Samuel J. Goldfarb of New York has trained his family was eloquently demonstrated as Gene, his 22-year old son, rose to his feet on the floor. "Last year," said Gene, "Dad gave \$50,000, which was ten percent of my entire family's net worth — 17 times his 1945 gift. He realized it was to be a one-time proposition and that the understanding was that this year he might revert to his old gift. But when he heard of the things of which (Fred) Mann has spoken, he realized that he could not adhere to that decision. He knew he had to change his mind. The need this year was more urgent and more desperate than ever before. That is why my dad has instructed me to come here today and to announce that his gift for this year is equal to over 15% of my family's entire possession — that gift will be a minimum of \$80,000." As the applause subsided, Gene added: "It is given with the fervent hope that he may soon be able to announce a gift of \$100,000."

#### OTHER GIFTS HELP SET EXAMPLE

Each new card that was read produced new assurance that the country was ready to



back the \$170,000,000 campaign. Harry A. Cooper, leader of the Newark delegation, went from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Jack Augenblick, another member of the same delegation, raised from \$5,000 to \$15,000; Ralph Wechsler, from \$6,000 to \$10,000; Louis W. Grotta, from \$5,500 to \$10,000; Abraham H. Krinzman, from \$7,000 to \$15,000. The Newark table also heard an announcement from Richard S. Kaltenbacher, Jr., who went from \$10,000 to \$22,000. Samuel Wildstein, who gave \$6,500 in 1946 said he had not yet determined his 1947 gift but it would be at least \$10,000. Daniel Shiman's was \$20,000.

In addition to Boris Margolin and Edwin Rosenberg of New York, there was a gift of \$50,000 from Joseph M. Mazer, of \$45,000 from former Governor Lehman, of \$35,000 from Henry Rothman. In each case it was indicated that the substantial increases were of an interim character, subject to upward revision back in New York. Other New Yorkers included Arthur L. Witty, from \$9,500 to \$16,150, Milton Lukashok, from \$5,000 to \$10,000, Dave Levine, \$7,500 to \$15,000; Morris Sendar, \$10,000 to \$15,000; Mrs. Louis Altschul, from \$37,500 to \$63,750; Charles Cohen, of the Lamport Co., an initial gift of \$50,000; Louis M. Cohen, \$10,000 to \$15,000; M. Fine & Sons Manufacturing Co., Inc., from \$30,000 to \$51,000; Samuel Frankel, from \$4,300 to \$10,000; Jack A. Goldfarb, from \$10,000 to \$25,000; Albert List, from \$25,000 to \$42,500; Allen L. Goldfine, from \$50,000 to \$75,000; Barney Balaban, from \$45,000 to \$75,000.

#### SPEERT GIFT HELPS BALTIMORE PACE

On behalf of his family, Herman Speert arose to announce a gift of \$60,000. This compared with a contribution of \$35,000 from the Baltimoreans in 1946. Elkan R. Myers, Chairman of the 1947 Baltimore campaign, announced a raise to \$20,000 from \$10,000.

Leon H. Mohill of Pittsfield, Mass., who announced a \$10,000 contribution at the 1946 meeting at Washington, indicated a 1947 gift of \$25,000. On behalf of Krekstein-Laventhol of Philadelphia, Mr. Krekstein announced that the \$12,000 gift of 1946 would be \$20,000. Mr. Goldenberg paid special tribute to the generous gift in 1946 of \$10,000 from Arnold R. Nides, Chairman of the 1947 Duluth campaign. "In keeping with the standards of our small community of Duluth," Mr. Nides announced \$15,000. Mr. Goldenberg announced that his brothers and himself who last year gave \$37,500 were raising to \$75,000.

J. H. Rubens, Chairman of the Rochester campaign, whose 1946 effort is now in the process of completion, came to hear the 1947 story and, although his campaign will not be held until next fall, announced that the gift would be at least \$35,000, with the amount larger as their campaign began in November.

#### "IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE," SAYS BUTLER LEADER

The spirit of confidence that surged through the meeting was expressed by Harry N. Cohn of Butler, Pa., when he said: "Butler being a small community, we have always thought that we had done very well in our campaigns each year. This year we received a letter asking for \$90,000. I replied to that letter, saying it was impossible. After hearing what went on here today, I want to apologize for having written that letter. Butler will get \$90,000."

That was also the sentiment of Joseph Mansbach of Ashland, Ky. They never thought the town could raise the 1946 quota. He had felt the 1947 objective was unattainable. But he wanted to announce at least \$8,000, double of last year, to be increased later.



Max M. Yellen of Buffalo voiced the feelings of others in the room when he said he wanted to think much more thoroughly about his gift. He had thought that he would announce a subscription of \$10,000, double the 1946 gift. But now he wanted to go back to Buffalo and think it over in the light of what he had learned at the meeting. "I know it will be more."

In 1946 the gift of J. Herman Leder in Whiteville, N. C., was \$1,250. He announced a contribution of \$10,000. Rudy Lipkowitz of Davenport, Iowa was another of those attending who felt he would have to revise his whole conception of giving. He had contributed \$6,000 in 1946. He knew it would be "\$10,000 for sure" in 1947 but he wanted to go back to think in maximum terms. E. P. Adler, newspaper publisher, wanted to assure the meeting that his town of 200 families would raise over \$100,000, the assigned UJA quota.

As he finished the reading of the cards, Mr. Goldenberg said:

"Today we have demonstrated to the country not only that \$170,000,000 can be raised but that it will be raised: that by your leadership, in terms of giving, as well as in the devotion and interest that you will show in your own local campaigns, 1947 will be the banner year that it must be."





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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL OF WASHINGTON RESPECTFULLY AND  
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DINNER OF SPECIAL GIFTS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY APRIL 29  
OR WEDNESDAY APRIL 30 DEPENDING YOUR ACCEPTANCE AND  
CHOICE OF DATES WASHINGTON ACCEPTED TWO MILLION DOLLAR  
QUOTA YOUR PRESENCE AND MESSAGE WILL CONTRIBUTE  
MATERIALS TO SUCCESS OF CAMPAIGN REALIZE HEAVY BURDEN  
YOU ARE CARRYING HOPE HOWEVER YOU HAVE TIME AND STRENGTH  
FOR THIS EFFORT PLEASE SAY YOU WILL COME WIRE=  
LOUIS E SPIEGLER DIRECTOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL.



# I.S.TUROVER

4725 BETHESDA AVENUE

BETHESDA 14, MARYLAND

April 2, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This to confirm the essential facts of our telephone conversation today.

As Chairman of Special Gifts, I respectfully invite you to be the guest speaker of the Advance Gifts Dinner, which will take place Tuesday or Wednesday, April 29 or 30, with a goal of \$1,000,000 to be raised that evening.

The United Jewish Appeal of Washington has assumed this year an unprecedented quota of \$2,000,000, and this initial effort, which will be attended by a select group of community leaders, workers, and givers, will set the tone for the entire campaign. I feel that your presence and talk would immeasurably enhance our chances for success, and I appeal to you to help us.

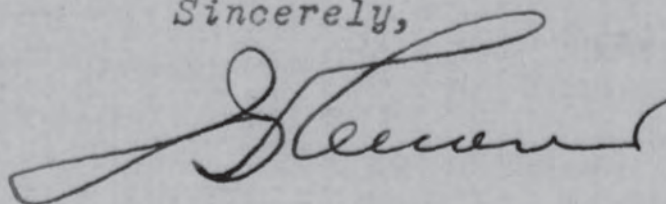
I am fully cognizant of the heavy load of work you are facing after your strenuous trip to Palestine, and only the vast scope of our local task and the implications on the general political, as well as the local Zionist scene, have moved me to ask you for this additional sacrifice.

I need not tell you how we all here in the States keenly followed your valiant and dynamic efforts in Palestine and how pleased we all are with your safe return home to your family and to your friends.

Completion of our plans and publicity are being held up pending your decision in the matter, and I look forward eagerly to your prompt, and I hope favorable, reply.

With all good wishes for a happy Passover Season for you and yours, I am, with Zion's greetings

Sincerely,





# I.S.TUOVER

4725 BETHESDA AVENUE

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

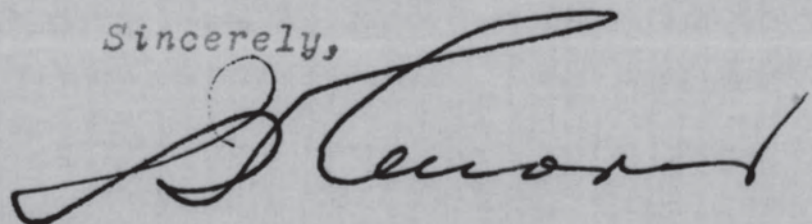
Since writing to you early in the day, I received your telegram indicating your gracious acceptance of our invitation; and we now look forward to your being with us as guest speaker at our dinner on Tuesday evening, April 29, at the Mayflower Hotel.

I am heartily thankful to you, and I am deeply gratified by your ready response to our appeal, in the face of the numerous tasks ahead for you. I only hope that the results will justify your sacrifice, and the committee and I will exert every effort towards this end.

Please extend to me the privilege of attending to any reservations or arrangements you wish made in connection with your stay here, and upon receipt of word from your secretary your needs will be promptly attended to.

Again heartily thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to I.S. Tuover, written over the word 'Sincerely,'.



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To I. S. Turover

Care of or Apt. No. Bethesda, Md.

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WILL BE PLEASED TO ATTEND DINNER APRIL 29 FOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL. PLEASE

NOTIFY SPIEGLER WHO TELEGRAPHED ME KINDEST REGARDS.

A H SILVER

Sender's name and address  
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone  
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Isador S. Turover  
4725 Bethesda Avenue  
Bethesda 14, Md.

Telephone: Wisconsin 6622

April 3, 1947

Secretary  
Office of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear friend:

Reference is made to Mr. Turover's letter to Rabbi Silver under date of April 2 regarding the Advance Gifts Dinner of the Washington U.J.A. Campaign, which will be held Tuesday evening, April 29, at the Mayflower Hotel.

Mr. Turover desires to do everything he can in the way of reservations and arrangements for Rabbi Silver in connection with his visit here at that time; so will you kindly keep us posted as to his plans, regarding his time of arrival, any reservations we can make for him, etc.

If you should have occasion to telephone us regarding any of these details, please ask for me should Mr. Turover be out of the office, so that everything will be taken care of promptly.

Thanking you kindly, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Anna K. Rosendorn*

(Mrs.) Anna K. Rosendorn,  
Secretary to Mr. Turover.

*Mayflower*



April 15, 1947

Mrs. Anna K. Rosendorn  
Secretary to Mr. Turover  
4725 Bethesda Avenue  
Bethesda 14, Md.

Dear Mrs. Rosedorn:

I have delayed writing to you in the hope of being able to give you more details as to Dr. Silver's arrival in Washington. As far as I know, he will be in the New York on the 23th and will probably come on to Washington from there sometime on the 29th.

Dr. Silver would appreciate it very much if you would make a reservation for him at a hotel for the 29th.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



Isador S. Turover  
4725 Bethesda Avenue  
Bethesda 14, Md.

April 19, 1947

Miss Bessie Kline  
Secretary to Dr. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

Thanks for your note of the 15th addressed  
to Mrs. Rosendorn relative reservations for Dr.  
Silver.

I have been trying my utmost to line up  
suitable accommodations for Dr. Silver, preferably  
at the Mayflower Hotel, where he is scheduled to  
speak. The reservation will be made in my name.

I shall advise you within the next day or  
two definitely as to the hotel where we were able  
to find suitable accommodations. The U. S. Chamber  
of Commerce is meeting the same week in Washington,  
and they seem to have about pre-empted the most de-  
sirable accommodations, hence the relative uncer-  
tainty.

Sincerely yours,

*I. S. Turover*  
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Isador S. Turover  
4725 Bethesda Avenue  
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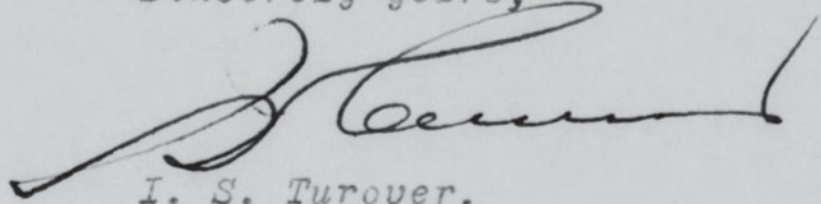
Miss Bessie Kline  
Secretary to Dr. Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. at Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Kline:

Following up my letter of the 19th, I wish to advise you that we were able to reserve a room for Rabbi Silver at the Shoreham Hotel for the 29th, and it will be ready for him in the afternoon.

This is by no means the final accommodation, as we are still working on a suite at the Statler, and we shall advise you immediately after we have a definite confirmation.

Sincerely yours,



I. S. Turover.

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I. S. TUROVER

4725 BETHESDA AVENUE

BETHESDA 14, MARYLAND

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April 30, 1947

Dear Dr. Silver:

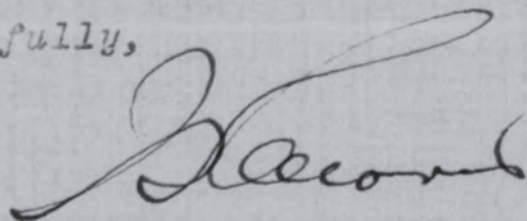
I have just returned from the airport, and before getting involved either in U.J.A. or personal business, I hasten to drop you a line to tell you how grateful we all are to you for the wonderful lift you gave us last night by your inspiring message in behalf of our local United Jewish Appeal effort.

We feel that your splendid talk got through to the hearts of the people, and as the result of same, we received so generous a response as to be unprecedented in the life of Washington Jewry. You will recall that we raised \$781,000 last night, but important as these funds are to us, representing the very lifeblood of the relief and reconstruction effort, we are not overlooking your wonderful achievement in planting the seeds of constructive thought on soil that was heretofore barren and closed to us; I am sure that we may be privileged by and by to see the fruition of these seeds to a more constructive and cooperative approach by many to the vital interests of our people.

Again our heartfelt thanks for coming to our aid at the time of your extreme preoccupation with matters so vital to our people.

Cordial regards.

Respectfully,



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
President, Zionist Organization  
of America  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York 17, N. Y.



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER THE TEMPLE E 105 ST AT ANSEL RD CLEVELAND

I CONSIDER THE MEETING OF AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS WHICH I AM CONVENING AT WERNERSVILLE PENNSYLVANIA ON JUNE SEVENTH EIGHTH OF SUCH EXTRAORDINARY IMPORTANCE THAT I HAVE ASKED GENERAL JOSEPH T. MCNARNEY FORMER COMMANDER OF AMERICAN FORCES IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE TO BE WITH US TO GIVE US A FIRST HAND STATEMENT OF THE POSITION IN EUROPE AFTER JULY FIRST. HE WILL BE WITH US. I HAVE ALSO ASKED THAT DR. JOSEPH SCHWARTZ RETURN BY PLANE FROM EUROPE TO GIVE US A LAST MINUTE REPORT. I HAVE ALSO INVITED ELIEZER KAPLAN OF JERUSALEM TREASURER OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE. THE MEETING WILL HAVE MOMENTOUS IMPORTANCE FOR THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL. BY YOUR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE DISCUSSION YOU CAN MAKE A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO ITS SUCCESS. I WOULD APPRECIATE A WIRE INDICATING THAT I CAN COUNT UPON YOUR PRESENCE AND THAT RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE ACCORDINGLY. REGARDS

HENRY MORGENTHAU JR GENERAL CHAIRMAN UNITED JEWISH APPEAL  
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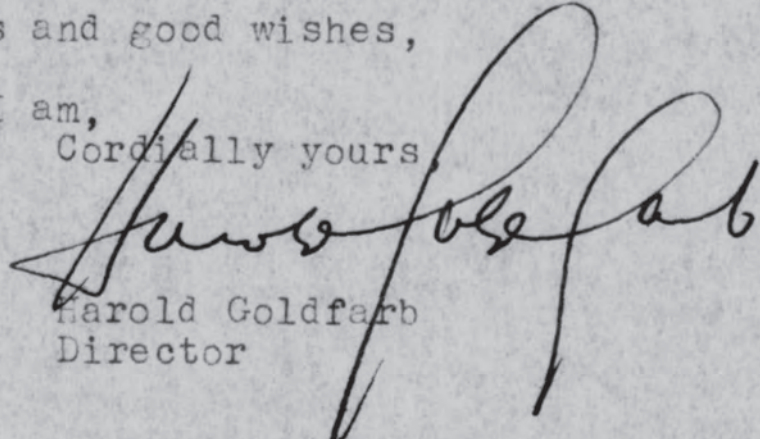
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Ansell St., & E. 105th Street,  
OHIO, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I have been informed that the Greek Patriarch of Alexandria is now in Athens charged with a mission in behalf of the Egyptian Government to persuade the Greek Government to espouse the Arab point of view when the Palestine question is discussed before the U.N. Assembly in September. People here suggest that Tsaldaris be approached and proper representations made.

With kind regards and good wishes,

I am,  
Cordially yours

  
Harold Goldfarb  
Director

HG:MG



August 15, 1947

Rabbi Harold Goldfarb, Director  
American Joint Distribution Committee  
2 Metropoleos St.  
Athens, Greece

Dear Rabbi Goldfarb:

Your letter of August 8th to Dr. Silver arrived today and I am taking the liberty of acknowledging it. Dr. Silver is in New York City at the present time. He plans to leave for Europe tomorrow to attend a meeting of the Actions Committee of the Jewish Agency. I did, however, forward the contents of your letter to him.

With kindest personal regards, I  
am

Most cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Dr. Silver



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