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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER THE TEMPLE=

EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD CLEVE=.

SUPPLEMENTING MY PREVIOUS APPEAL TO YOU TO GIVE BENEFIT YOUR LEADERSHIP AND INSPIRATION TO "TEN DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE" CONDUCTED NATIONALLY BY UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO SPECIAL EMERGENCY SITUATION WHICH HAS DEVELOPED. CASH RETURNS ON PLEDGES OF 1947 CAMPAIGN HAVE BEEN MOST INADEQUATE. THIS FORMED SUBJECT OF SPECIAL CONFERENCE THIS WEEK OF MANY COMMUNITY LEADERS INCLUDING FORMER GOVERNOR HERBERT H. LEHMAN, EDWARD M. M. WARBURG, WILLIAM ROSENWALD AND OTHER FRIENDS. AS RESULT OF CASH SHORTAGES, AGENCIES OF UJA HAVE BEEN MAKING DRASTIC CUTS IN DISTRIBUTION OF BASIC NECESSITIES ABROAD IMPERILLING THE PROGRAM WHICH IS ALREADY CONDUCTED ON MINIMUM BASIS. WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU IF DURING COURSE OF YOUR SERMON ON "TEN DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE" OF UJA, WHEN EVERY CONSCIOUS JEW IS ATTENDING A SYNAGOGUE, YOU WOULD MAKE SPECIAL PLEA FOR EACH CONTRIBUTOR TO PAY TO YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN OFFICERS BALANCE OF 1947 PLEDGE MADE EARLIER IN YEAR. PLEDGES ARE=

END 1.

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EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND ARE EXPRESSION OF GREAT SPIRIT OF
GENEROSITY AND UNDERSTANDING. HOWEVER, AGENCIES CAN OPERATE
ONLY ON BASIS OF ACTUAL CASH IN HAND. BORROWINGS BY AGENCIES
ON ACCOUNT OF PLEDGES HAVE ALREADY REACHED SATURATION POINT
AND BANKS DECLINE TO LEND MORE FUNDS. UNLESS WE CAN GET GREAT
SUMS OF CASH AT ONCE FURTHER CATASTROPHES IN OUR RELIEF,
REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM IMPEND. IN THIS
CRISIS YOU HAVE EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN UJA.
WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR WORD FROM YOU BY WIRE COLLECT AS TO
WHAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO DO. WARM REGARDS=

HENRY MORGENTHAU JR GENERAL CHAIRMAN UNITED JEWISH
APPEAL 165 WEST 46TH STREET NEW YORK 19, NEW YORK.

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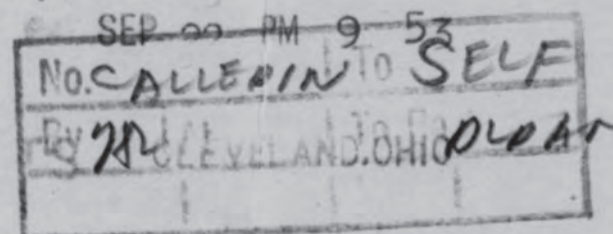
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A H SILVER=

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 & ANSEL RD=

IN NAME EUROPE'S DESPERATE SURVIVORS FACING WORST CRISIS
SINCE WARS END WILL YOUH YOM KIPPUR URGE CONGREGATIONS:
PARTICIPATION IN SUPPLIES FOR OVERSEAS CAMPAIGN BEGINNING
CLEVELAND OCTOBER FIRST. VASTLY INADEQUATE FOOD CLOTHING &
RATIONS THREATEN TENS THOUYANDS NOW. IMMEDIATE SHIPMENTS
IMPERATIVE TO SAVE LIVES. LAGGING UJA FUNDS MUST BE
SUPPLEMENTED BY CONTRIBUTED RELIEF IN KIND TO ASSIST JDC
RELIEF REHABILITATION. WE MUST SHARE OUR COMFORTS WITH
THOSE WHO SUFFERED MOST=

EDWARD M M WARBURG CHAIRMAN JOINT
DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.





UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine

on behalf of *JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL*

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Cable Address, UJAPPEAL, New York

October 16, 1947

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, you will be receiving an invitation to the special meeting of representatives of the 30 leading communities which the Council of Federations is calling at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, on Saturday night, November 8, and Sunday, November 9.

Two essential purposes animate the meeting:

(1) To clarify and perhaps crystallize the opinion of the communities with respect to the 1948 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

(2) To determine the relationship between the local and national needs versus the overseas needs.

The thinking that may be crystallized at this meeting in Pittsburgh will have enormous importance for the attitude to be adopted for the 1948 UJA campaign. If it is at all possible for you to be present, I would like to say that your participation would have incalculably great value.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:LX

THE QUOTA FOR 1947 IS \$170,000,000

W. H. H.
Goldstein

October 17, 1947

Mr. Isaac H. Levy
Joint Distribution Committee
270 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Levy:

I thought you might be interested in the following excerpt from the address I delivered at the UPA Conference last week.

"It would be reasonable to expect that there will be a United Jewish Appeal again in 1948. I am pleased to state that the relations between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, the two major partners in the campaign, are more than merely cordial. They are relations of mutual understanding and cooperation which reflect themselves not only here but abroad between the Jewish Agency and Joint Distribution Committee offices and officers beginning with the two magnificent public servants, Eliezer Kaplan and Dr. Joseph Schwartz".

Anent your remarks at Mr. Warburg's home, I had also mentioned the fact that on two other occasions during the past year, one, a luncheon which we gave in honor of Dr. Schwartz, and the other, a luncheon in honor of Eliezer Kaplan, I went out of my way to refer to the interests of the J.D.C. in the Palestine problem and its cooperation in connection therewith.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein
National Chairman

Memorandum

October 17, 1947

To: Dr. Silver
Dr. Neumann

From: Dr. Goldstein

Maccabi has approached me here and has asked me to lend my name and cooperation to their plans for a large activity in the U.S. I am taking the following position which I thought you ought to know about.

While in Palestine during the summer, I had some meetings with representatives of Maccabi with a view to integrating them into the framework of the General Zionist Party in Palestine, as a result of which, they would become identified with the World Confederation of General Zionists.

If such a plan should come into being, I would naturally feel an obligation toward Maccabi in its various endeavors, and many other leading Zionists would feel the same way.

It is true, that quite apart from this consideration, I feel friendly toward Maccabi on its own merits. Nevertheless, in view of my other important Zionist obligations, I cannot lend my name or cooperation to their plans, until such time as Maccabi is part of the General Zionist organization.



\$250,000,000 MINIMUM DESTINY CAMPAIGN

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Cable Address, UJAPPEAL, New York

April 16, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Hotel Sulgrave
60 East 67 Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

I know that you have not wanted to return again to Detroit, because you feel that the annual tradition should be broken. However, I should like to present the problem to you. I know it will have your sympathetic examination.

Detroit for two years in a row has had some very unhappy experiences with United Jewish Appeal speakers. This year, at the first advance gifts meeting, the schedule called for Governor Herbert H. Lehman and General John H. Hilldring. Both of them cancelled out. The second advance gifts meeting called for Moshe Shertok and Herman Gilman. Both of them cancelled out. Detroit now has a fatalistic apathy toward the United Jewish Appeal, which I think is doing considerable damage to the whole campaign in that community.

The campaign in Detroit is now at the stage where it needs to be lifted up to a new level to insure any kind of success. The community has thus far raised about \$2,500,000, and it is heading for \$6,200,000.

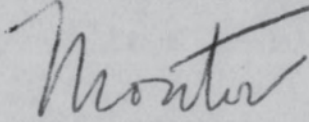
I think that you could rescue the support of the Detroit Jewish Community for the United Jewish Appeal, and at the same time re-instill a fighting spirit into them, if you could possibly arrange to be in Detroit for a big meeting that the community wants to arrange. The date would be either May 2, 3, or 4, at your convenience.

TEMPORARY
LETTERHEAD

I have hesitated to ask this of you, in view of your great responsibilities, but the Detroit situation has become so desperately bad that I ask your consideration of this request.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:ET



May 3, 1948

Mr. Henry Montor
United Jewish Appeal
165 West 46th Street
New York 19, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Montor:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your letter of April 16. I have been coming and going so much of the time that my correspondence has unfortunately lagged.

I regret that I cannot go to Detroit. I must be here in New York at the United Nations during these critical days. I am sure that the people of Detroit will understand.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

IRVING ENTIN
69-11 INGRAM STREET
FOREST HILLS, L. I., N. Y.

May 10, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

You recently wrote to us that you were unable to accept our invitation to our United Jewish Appeal dinner on the 18th of May.

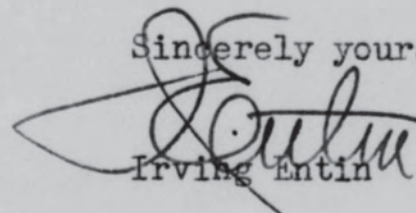
We fully realize that your time is limited.

However, because of your family relations in town, we in the community, somehow feel very close to you. I am sure that we would appreciate a message from you that can be read at this dinner.

We have been fortunate in getting Rabbi Israel Goldstein to speak to us at this dinner and I am sure that an added message to be read from you to your many friends, would help as an added inspiration.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



Irving Entin

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WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR TAXING SCHEDULE WE HAVE UNTIL NOW STRUGGLED WITH OUR LOCAL CAMPAIGN PROBLEMS WITHOUT BENEFIT OF OUR PERENNIAL CAMPAIGN SPEAKER. NOW AS WE ENTER FINAL THIRD OF OUR DRIVE WE NEED BADLY THE ENERGY AND INSPIRATION THAT YOU CAN SO WELL GIVE US. WE TENTATIVELY HAVE SET ASIDE WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 26TH FOR A REDEDICATION DINNER AT WHICH WE PLAN TO REVIEW THE WORK ALREADY DONE AND SPUR WORKERS AND CONTRIBUTORS ON TO COMPLETE THEIR TASK WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED AND HONORED TO BUILD PROGRAM AROUND TESTIMONIAL BY COMMUNITY TO YOU FOR YOUR DISTINGUISHED SERVICES IN BEHALF OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE. IF EVENING, DAY OR TWO EARLIER OR DAY LATER WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR YOU WE WOULD ADJUST SCHEDULE. WE KNOW YOU WILL SAY NO ONLY IF YOU MUST. CAN YOU POSSIBLY EXCEPT. KINDEST REGARDS=

ISIDORE SOBELOFF.



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Cable Address, UJAPPEAL, New York

May 12, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I understand from Detroit that they have telegraphed to you in Cleveland pleading whether you could possibly come to a meeting to be held on Wednesday evening, May 26. It would be a "rededication dinner".

Detroit is at the half-way mark. As of this moment, they have raised \$4,400,000 and are 56% ahead of last year. They have been working on their own energies. Not a single one of our leaders has been in Detroit this year.

I know that I have been in communication with you both in writing and verbally on the subject of Detroit. I hate like the devil to harass you further on the subject. If it is possible for you to accept the invitation for Detroit on May 26, or the Monday or Tuesday or Thursday of that week, it would be an indescribably valuable service. I think it will mean much in the whole tempo of the Detroit campaign. They have millions of dollars to go; their spirits are flagging. A revived campaign in Detroit can be helpful in other communities, as you know.

To have the temerity to ask you for this at this time is merely a reflection of the importance of this situation.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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CC: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Jewish Agency

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Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG

May 12, 1948

Mr. Isidore Sobeloff
Jewish Federation
51 West Warren
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Sobeloff:

Due to Dr. Silver's absence from the city, I am taking the liberty of replying to your telegram of May 11th.

Dr. Silver is not expected in the city before the end of the week, at which time I shall bring your request to his attention, and I am sure that you will hear from him promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Silver

June 10, 1948

Dr. Israel Goldstein
270 West 89th Street
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I was interested in your letter to Mr. Morgenthau about the Forrestal ad of the United Jewish Appeal, and I am wondering whether you have received a reply from Mr. Morgenthau. I am interested in the facts behind this amazing performance.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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June 22, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Jewish Agency for Palestine
16 East 66th Street
New York, N.Y.

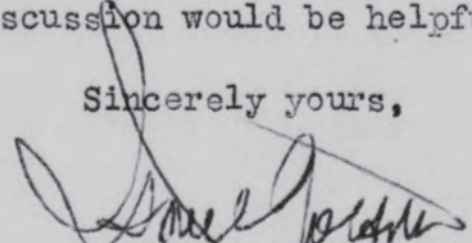
Dear Dr. Silver:

The following is an item from the last minutes of the United Palestine Appeal Executive Committee:

"It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the Chairman will appoint a committee to consult with the Jewish Agency Executive with reference to the matter of the Haganah campaign and report back to the Executive Committee. It was also agreed that the Agency Executive be asked to refrain from issuing any public statement about this matter until an opportunity was provided for consultation between the Agency and the United Palestine Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal.

The idea behind this motion was, as I wrote you previously, that in matters which have a bearing on the campaign, it is always helpful to have someone present who is in touch with the campaign and who's participation at such a discussion would be helpful.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. Israel Goldstein
National Chairman

IG:ssp



They Must Never Be Homeless Again

June 23, 1948

ALTHOUGH INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE OF US BY VARIOUS COMMUNITIES WE HAVE REFRAINED UP TO THIS TIME FROM ISSUING STATEMENTS. WE BELIEVE IT IMPERATIVE NOW, IN FAIRNESS TO SOUNDTEST PRINCIPLES IN AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE AND IN JUSTICE TO GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, THAT JEWISH COMMUNITIES MAKE VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE FUND-RAISING FOR IRGUN UNDER WHATEVER NAME IT IS LOCALLY UNDERTAKEN. SUCH FUND-RAISING IS FRAUDULENT. OUR ORGANIZED AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY LIFE MUST TAKE FIRM STAND TO PREVENT ORGANIZED SABOTAGE OF ISRAEL THROUGH FUND-RAISING IN THIS COUNTRY ON BEHALF OF IRGUN. TWO THINGS ARE CLEAR. FIRST, ALL SEPARATE MILITARY UNITS HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED IN ISRAEL AND THERE IS ONLY ONE ARMY MAINTAINED BY GOVERNMENT. GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS DENOUNCED ALL DISSIDENT MILITARY ACTIVITIES AS CALCULATED TO IMPERIL SOVEREIGNTY OF ISRAEL. SECOND, JEWS OF AMERICA SHOULD BE LAST ONES IN WORLD TO UNDERMINE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WHICH LABORS UNDER SUCH GRAVE HANDICAPS AT THIS TIME. RENEWED ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN AT THIS TIME BY IRGUN IN PALESTINE IMPERIL RELATIONSHIP OF ISRAEL TO UNITED NATIONS AND JEOPARDIZE GOOD FAITH WITH WHICH ISRAEL HAS ENTERED INTO TRUCE PERIOD. IRGUN VIOLATIONS OF UN DECISIONS ARE CAUSING HARM TO ISRAEL'S PRESTIGE AND ENDANGERING THE PEACE. I AM CONVINCED THAT UNLESS WE ACT QUICKLY AND DECISIVELY WE SHALL DO AS MUCH HARM TO STATE OF ISRAEL AS ANY OF ITS MOST PRONOUNCED ENEMIES. I SHALL APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR REACTION.

HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.
165 W. 46th Street
New York 19, N.Y.

MEMORANDUM

June 23, 1948

TO National Chairmen, United Jewish Appeal
Dr. Israel Goldstein
Mr. William Rosenwald
Dr. Jonah B. Wise

FROM Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

I read with very great concern the story in the newspapers about the clash between the Army of Israel and Irgun. We have known for some time that funds are being raised in our communities by Irgun. References have even been made to United Jewish Appeal in this connection. The communities have asked us for a statement on the subject. I feel very deeply on this and believe we owe it to ourselves and to Israel to try to put a stop to these activities. I want to send the enclosed telegram today to the community leaders. It would be appropriate if you could join your signature to mine.

HM:PFR
enc.

ssp 6/24/48



to Silver

June 24, 1948

Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
United Jewish Appeal
165 W. 46th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Morgenthau:

With reference to the telegram which you propose to send, may I amplify what I indicated to Mr. Panzer when he spoke to me about it yesterday afternoon.

I am, like you, unalterably opposed to the Irgun fundraising activities and I condemn the Irgun tactics in Palestine. So we feel alike on the merits of the question. Nevertheless, I have some reservations regarding the phrasing of your telegram.

I would omit the first sentence because, if inquiries have been made, they should have been answered before. I would also omit the last two sentences. What reaction do you want? Is the telegram an answer to inquiries or is it a call to action, - and, if so, what kind of action?

The main point I wish to make is that the UJA, which is a fundraising instrument, should not engage in political pronouncements. That is why I suggested to Mr. Panzer that you base your telegram on brief quotes from Dr. Silver's statement here as head of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, which condemns Irgun fundraising in no uncertain terms.

Generally, I believe it would be the best possible kind of coordination if UJA statements which have political implications were cleared with the American office of the Jewish Agency Executive or preferably with the American Zionist Emergency Council, as one American organization with another. When I spoke to you about the advisability of consulting your national chairmen, I had in mind that I would undertake the responsibility of such a contact, whenever feasible. I am pleased that you have sought the advice of the national chairmen in connection with this telegram.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein

Memorandum

June 25, 1948

To: Dr. Silver
Dr. Neumann

From: Dr. Goldstein

The enclosed correspondence may be of interest to you. I have the impression that I am not the only one of the national chairmen who has misgivings about this telegram.

Incidentally, Montor feels that this telegram need not be sent at all.

