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AMERICAN PALESTINE CAMPAIGN

OF THE

JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

INCLUDING

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD)

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November 3rd, 1935.

Dear Friend:-

I regret to inform you that the agreement between the Joint Distribution Committee and the American Palestine Campaign, under which both fund-raising agencies have been operating for the past two years in a joint drive under the name of the United Jewish Appeal, will terminate as of December 31, 1935; and each agency will conduct its own independent campaign in 1936. I enclose the joint statement issued by the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

An effort is now being made to bring about a United Front for Palestine, with a view to mobilizing all Zionist forces and all friends of Palestine in a co-operative, unified endeavor to win the support of American Jewry for the Jewish Homeland, and the enlargement of its economic opportunities to serve the needs of persecuted Jewries in Europe.

The attention of American Jewry will have to be directed to the fact that Palestine is capable, even now, of absorbing 60,000 Jews per year. This rate of absorption must be continued and increased, if possible. It can be increased. Opportunities can be made for the settlement in Palestine, upon a self-supporting basis, of from 80,000 to 100,000 Jews per year. What is essential is the financial backing of the 4,500,000 Jews in the United States. This backing can be secured if all our friends and supporters give their unstinted co-operation to the effort to be made in 1936 by the United Front for Palestine, which is to be known, probably, as the United Palestine Appeal.

It is our hope to bring about a coordination of all Zionist and Palestine funds, and to avoid, as far as possible, multiplicity of campaigns. Especially is it our chief desire to have the Jewish National Fund joined with us, inasmuch as the Jewish National Fund is one of the fundamental enterprises of the Zionist Organization.

One of the outstanding features of the United Palestine Appeal will be the Children's Alijah Fund, which is devoted to taking Jewish children out of Germany and settling them in Palestine. We feel certain that the Jews of America will respond generously to the appeal that will be made on behalf of the Jewish children of Germany within the framework of the United Palestine Appeal.

In order to organize the United Front for Palestine, and to bring about coordination and unity, it is our intention to call an Extraordinary Conference of all friends and supporters to meet with us in New York City on Sunday, December 1st.

I am writing to appeal to you to make the Jews of your community aware of the significance of Palestine as the most substantial and effective answer of Jewry to the attacks of Hitler upon Jewish life and honor, and to the oppression practiced in Poland against 3,500,000 of our brethren, as well as the importance of Palestine as the expression of Jewish national aspiration to make a home for the Jewish people.

Give us your co-operation in preparing the way for the United Palestine Appeal and clearing the field of all other kindred activities in order that, at the beginning of 1936, the United Palestine Appeal may have a free opportunity to address itself to the Jews of your community.

Prepare for the United Palestine Appeal and organize your committees at once.

We thank you for your past support, and hope that we may count upon your continued and enthusiastic co-operation in the year to come.

Very cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky
Morris Rothenberg

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November 18, 1935.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

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AUDITOR

You have no doubt by this time received telegraphic invitation to attend and address the preliminary conference set for December first, to organize the United Palestine Appeal. Since it was not possible for you to attend the last meeting of the Administrative Committee, I should like to acquaint you with the background of our contemplated action. You know, of course, that the agreement for a joint campaign was not renewed. At a meeting of the leaders of the United Jewish Appeal called for the purpose of considering the future of the U.J.A., the J.D.C. through Mr. Warburg announced that it did not wish to continue the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Warburg in making his statement said that they had taken note of the resolution which was adopted by the Zionist Congress calling for an independent Campaign by the Zionists, and he felt under those circumstances it was useless to try to continue the joint effort. We made it clear to the J.D.C. representatives that while the resolution represented an expression of general policy affecting the Keren Hayesod campaigns in many lands, nevertheless no decision was taken at Lucerne with respect to the American situation and the American Zionist leaders were left free to determine the course to be pursued here. That, you will recall, is strictly in accordance with the facts.

We were, of course, surprised that the J.D.C. were unwilling to explore the possibilities of a further joint effort. Apparently a definite conclusion had been arrived among themselves in advance. From the short discussion that was had it was quite clear that other reasons than the resolution at Lucerne entered into the policy the J.D.C. had adopted, though it is quite likely the resolution was a contributing cause.

In view of the situation, it was felt by the Z.O.A. Administrative Committee that an effort must be made to create a union of Zionist forces and especially to effect a united front between the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund. An understanding between

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these two bodies has been reached on a basis of parity with the J.N.F., pooling their Flag Day, Flower Day, Land Donation and other small collections which in the aggregate amount approximately to \$100,000. This means that the J.N.F. will receive about 35% of the net proceeds. My visit to Palestine has convinced me, and I am sure you feel the same way, that something more should be done for the Jewish National Fund than that which was the case in the past. It is also possible we may effect an arrangement with the Mizrachi.

As to the Hadassah, a rather difficult situation has arisen. The Hadassah desires to adopt as its new project the Youth Aliyah, that is, the settlement of German Jewish children in Palestine. It has entered into an agreement with the Arbeitsgemeinschaft in Germany (without our knowledge) which gives the Hadassah the exclusive right to solicit funds for the Youth Aliyah in America. The Z.O.A. felt this was unfair to the Keren Hayesod, since until now the Keren Hayesod included the Youth Aliyah in its appeal. To take that out of the Keren Hayesod appeal would deprive the Joint Campaign of much force. The Agency Executive has not approved the Hadassah agreement, but Hadassah says it will go forward just the same. We do not wish to deprive Hadassah of the right to solicit funds for the Youth Aliyah, but object to their taking it out of the U.P.A. as their exclusive province. The agreement which Hadassah has entered into with the Arbeitsgemeinschaft obligates them to raise a minimum of six thousand pounds during each of the first two years. The American Palestine Campaign remitted to the Central Bureau for German Jews which provided for Youth Aliyah, \$250,000 in 1934, and about \$175,000 in 1935. It must also be borne in mind that Hadassah is not giving up its fund-raising for Medical Work, though they are going through a process of devolution in their health work program which will take about four years, I believe.

Hadassah is very much exercised over the situation and feels that the Z.O.A. is acting in an unreasonable manner. Most of our people feel that way about Hadassah's course.

It is a deplorable situation, as under existing circumstances a quarrel in our own ranks would add greatly to the already difficult task we face.

What do you think of the situation? I am anxious to have your views. Will you be in these parts shortly?

Please let me hear from you. At all events, I do hope you will come to the meeting on December 1st.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rottenberg,
per: J.W. J.

Dictated but not read.

November 18, 1935

Mr. Morris Rothenberg, President,
Zionist Organization of America,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

I received your kind invitation and that of Mr. Lipsky to address the Conference in New York on December 1. I am scheduled to address the National Convention of the Hadassah in Cleveland on Saturday night, November 30 and I have a long standing engagement to speak before Temple Shalom, in Chicago, on Monday evening, December 2. It will therefore be quite impossible for me to come to New York on December 1. I hope that the Conference will be very successful.

Personally, I am not at all pleased with the decision which was finally arrived at to hold separate campaigns. I am not acquainted with the negotiations which led up to the severance of the two-year old arrangement. Neither side should have permitted the thing to come to pass. We shall sacrifice much that has been gained in the way of unity in the Jewish communities in the country -- unity of action and unity of sentiment. Inevitably, as the campaigns develop, we shall be treated to competitive propaganda as regards the merits of the respective causes. The outburst of Jonah Wise is symptomatic of what we are in for. In these desperate times we should not divide our people into two camps nor give the world the impression of our lack in unity. I suppose, however, that it is too late....

I am enclosing herewith an item from Palcor which I saw today. It tells of an arrangement entered into by the Jaffa Citrus Exchange with the Nazi government whereby under the cloak of the Transfer Agreement, an arrangement is being made to exchange 450,000 cases of oranges for German merchandise. This is, as you know, a

M. Rothenberg

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clear violation of the agreement reached at the Lucerne Congress. One of the three internal resolutions upon which the public resolution governing the Transfer was based, was that the Palestine orange growers are not to be permitted to use the machinery of the Transfer to make barter arrangements with the Nazi government. I am very anxious to get the facts relative to this matter and I would be grateful to you if you would procure for me information on this subject.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.



November 27, 1935

Judge Julian Mack,
Woolworth Bldg.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Judge Mack:

I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the Zionist Conference on Sunday. I have to address the Hadassah here on Saturday night and must be in Chicago on Monday. I have written to Mr. Rothenberg expressing my keep disappointment at the decision which was arrived at to hold separate campaigns in 1936. No one with whom I have spoken in this part of the country has a kind word to say about that decision. Everyone feels that it is a distinct setback to the cause of united Jewish communities for a common effort in behalf of common Jewish causes.

I feel that it is not yet too late to bring about a united front. A resolution should be adopted at the Zionist Conference expressing our willingness and readiness to join in a united campaign. Pressure should be brought by the Jewish press and by organized welfare bodies throughout the country on the J.D.C. Conference, December 8, to pass a similar resolution. The country at large will greet such action with real satisfaction. I feel that you are the man to take the initiative in this matter.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Mack, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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AUDITOR

December 5, 1935.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your very cordial letter inviting me to be one of the speakers at the Chanukah banquet on Sunday evening, December 22nd. I take pleasure in accepting the invitation.

The Sunday Conference was successful, but it ended in an unexpected way. It was our intention to make this a Preliminary Conference, but actually to project the new Administration of the United Palestine Appeal thereat. We had prepared a list of Officers which included Cyrus Adler, Alfred M. Cohen, Herbert H. Lehman, Julian W. Mack, Abba Hillel Silver, Felix M. Warburg, as Honorary Chairmen; and Israel Goldstein, Maurice Levin, Louis Lipsky, Morris Rothenberg, Stephen S. Wise, as Co-Chairmen; with Nathan Straus, Jr. as Treasurer, and an Administrative Committee of about fourteen people representing the several constituent Organizations comprising the United Palestine Appeal. No definite word having been received before the Conference from the non-Zionist group that they wished to be represented in the structure of the United Palestine Appeal -- although they had been invited -- we did not include them in the Administrative Committee. At the Conference, some of their people who were present felt there should be further consultation on the subject before the U.P.A. was crystallized. Some of our own people also were not satisfied with the set-up, and the result was that the set-up was abandoned, and a Committee of Ten was named with power provisionally to conduct the affairs of the United Palestine Appeal and to organize a National Conference to be held sometime in January, when the permanent Officers and Administration will be named. We are making plans to call a National Conference along the lines of the Conference held in Washington last January.

There is no prospect of a joint campaign with the J.D.C. It is quite obvious that most of the J.D.C. people did not wish to have a joint campaign, and even though their decision was based on the Congress Resolution calling for independent campaigns, yet I am

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satisfied that in any event the prevailing opinion among J.D.C. leaders was against a continuation of the joint effort, and that any attempt to force the two bodies to continue together would fail. To have made the attempt in that direction at the Conference would only have demoralized our own forces, without achieving the objective. The Shidduch was not a love match at the outset, and sooner or later the separation had to come. The thing for us now to do, it seems to me, is to weld all of our forces together into a strong unit, and I hope that you will play a prominent part in the new effort.

The U.P.A. as it now stands includes the Keren Hayesod, the Keren Kayemeth and the Mizrachi. I feel certain we shall be able also to effect an arrangement with Hadassah. I think a quarrel with them must be avoided. The Hadassah is a splendid Organization which should be drawn closer to the general Zionist body instead of alienating it. I know they are not always easy to deal with. But then, who is? Are there no difficulties with other Zionist groups? Neither are they all superior to Hadassah.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Very cordially,

Immi Rothberg

December 6, 1935

Mr. Morris Rothenberg, President,
Zionist Organization of America,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

I was very happy to receive your letter and particularly delighted to know that you will be with us for our Chanukah banquet on Sunday evening, December 22. From all indications this ought to be an outstanding affair. We are making every effort to that end.

Thank you for the information about the Sunday Conference. I had previously received a letter from Mr Lipsky. I suppose that we shall have to move along with a separate campaign although as I wrote to you in my last letter, I believe that we could have forced through a united campaign to our advantage. I shall, of course, be very happy to cooperate to the fullest in the campaign. What you say about the Hadassah, I am in complete agreement with. The organization demonstrated remarkable strength and skill at its Cleveland convention. It left a very fine impression with the community.

We are making reservations for you at the Hollenden Hotel, where the banquet will be held. Please let me know at your convenience when you plan to arrive.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MEMORANDUM FROM JONAH B. WISE

Delegates Appointed to Committee on Budget and Program
Who Attended Chicago Conference, December 8, 1935

David M. Bressler	New York City
David A. Brown	New York City
Mrs. Siegmund Herzog	Cleveland
Charles M. Rice	St. Louis
David H. Sulzberger	New York City
Frank L. Sulzberger	Chicago
Morris C. Troper	New York City
Aaron Waldheim, Chairman	St. Louis

Delegates Appointed to Committee on Campaign Quotas
Who Attended Chicago Conference, December 8, 1935

James H. Becker	Chicago
Caesar Cone	Chicago
Miss Alice R. Emanuel	New York City
Maurice J. Freiberg	Cincinnati
Dr. I. Edwin Goldwasser	New York City
Harold Hirsch	Atlanta
Gov. Henry Horner	Springfield, Ill.
Julian H. Krolik	Detroit
Albert H. Lieberman, Chairman	Philadelphia
Herbert Loeb	Chicago
Harry L. Lurie	New York City
Meyer L. Prentis	Detroit
Aaron S. Rauh	St. Louis
Charles Rosen	New Orleans
Charles Rubens	Chicago
Felix M. Warburg	New York City

JULIAN W. MACK
1220 WOOLWORTH BLDG.
NEW YORK CITY
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TEL. CORTLANDT 7-2775

December 12, 1935

Dear Silver:

I ought to have answered yours of November 27th at once, but like so much of my mail it was laid aside.

In Lucerne I did not favor the decision about separate drives, but as you know, the sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of it.

Since my return I have taken no active part and had nothing to do with the decision.

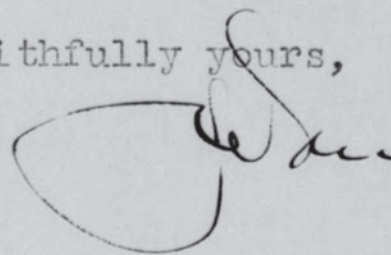
I understood from a talk that I had had with Rothenberg before the receipt of your letter, that as a matter of course each community would necessarily have a free hand to do as it pleased. Subsequently, I reported to R. that Felix Warburg had told me over the 'phone that this could be done only if Ben Gurion sanctioned it, and R. responded that that was pure nonsense.

I attended the conference on the 8th for only a short time and again took no active part. For that and many other reasons I did not feel that I could take the initiative in any matters pertaining to the campaign, but I told Rothenberg of your views.

Mrs. Mack would join me in cordial greetings to you and to the family.

Faithfully yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland
Ohio



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD) OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
INCLUDING THE SETTLEMENT OF GERMAN JEWS AND THE CHILDREN'S ALIYAH (IMMIGRATION)

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TREASURER
NATHAN STRAUS

December 30, 1935.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I take the liberty of asking you to recall the letter sent to you on November 12th by Messrs. Louis Lipsky and Morris Rothenberg for the American Palestine Campaign, in which you were informed that the United Jewish Appeal (a combination of the Joint Distribution Committee and the American Palestine Campaign) would be dissolved as of January 1, 1936; and that, as a consequence, the American Palestine Campaign would have to inaugurate a separate campaign to cover the needs arising out of the development of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine.

Will you allow me to quote a passage from a message sent by Mr. James G. McDonald, High Commissioner for German Refugees, to the recent World Zionist Congress, held in Lucerne? Mr. McDonald said:

"THANK GOD FOR PALESTINE!"

"I have sometimes said that our daily grace after meals should be: 'Thank God for Palestine!' Without that homeland, the prospect for Jews in Germany during these last two and a half years would have been black indeed. It is a great thing that in this day when the doors of nearly all countries, the biggest and the smallest, are almost entirely closed against immigration, Palestine should have been able to give a home to some 30,000 Jews from Germany.

"It is a still greater thing, in my opinion, that Palestine provides a hope for tens of thousands, indeed, hundreds of thousands, of Jews in Germany, Poland and elsewhere. It is that hope, I feel, which inspires the Jewish people in their resolve and is a force making for their solidarity. I have come to realize more and more, during these years, the immense value of the work which has been done by the Jewish bodies of Palestine to prepare the way for the large immigration. That has been the foundation of the extraordinary absorptive capacity of Palestine."

ABRAHAM AND STRAUS, INC.
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December 30, 1935.

Mr. Morris Rothenberg
Chairman of the Council of the Jewish Agency
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

When I was invited several years ago to become a member of the Council of the Jewish Agency for Palestine I accepted that invitation with some misgiving as to the possible nationalistic purposes of the Agency. But nonetheless I did so because of my belief in Palestine as a refuge for the Jews throughout the world, and my knowledge that the Agency was, as its name implies, recognized by Great Britain as the supreme body in the administration of Jewish affairs relating to Palestine.

The New York Times recently carried a cable dated Jerusalem, December 22nd, to the effect that "the Government of Palestine had issued an official communique 'proclaiming the establishment of a Legislative Council and entrusting the High Commissioner with wide veto powers', and adding 'if any section of the population refuses to participate in the election of members of the Council, the High Commissioner is empowered to nominate British officials or other representatives to sit on the Council'". The cable goes on to say that Dr. Chaim Weizmann in the name of the Jewish Agency stated that the Jewish community would not participate in the establishment of this Legislative Council.

Since the Agency thus takes a position of non-cooperation with a friendly power under whose aegis our people are finding a refuge in Palestine, I wish to sever my connection with it; and accordingly I hereby resign as a member of the Council. I do so with regret.

I was further impelled to this difficult decision by the realization that vital decisions affecting the welfare of our people, not only in Palestine but throughout the world, are being made without reference to the American group that forms an integral part of the Agency.

Yours truly,

(Signed) HUGH GRANT STRAUS

To deal with the situation arising out of the fact that there will have to be two separate campaigns in the United States, a Preliminary Conference was held at the Hotel Biltmore on December 1st, at which the Palestine forces decided to launch the 1936 campaign under the name of the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL for 1936, which includes:

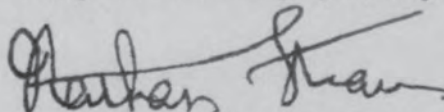
1. The Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) which covers the colonization, immigration education, labor, etc. budgets of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, in which is included the work of settlement of German Jews in Palestine, and more especially the work of the Youth Emigration (Aliyah), which provides for the settlement of German Jewish youth in agricultural colonies and industry. In the work of the Youth Aliyah, I am glad to say, the Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization has been asked, and will give the United Palestine Appeal, its whole-hearted cooperation and support.

2. The Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth) The Land Redemption Fund which purchases land for Jewish settlement in Palestine, prepares the land for settlement by drainage, irrigation and afforestation and then places this land at the disposal of agricultural colonists. The situation in Palestine today of Jews constituting 28% of the population and owning only 6½% of the land is one which calls for immediate correction in the direction of increasing the land-holdings of the Jewish people. The absorptive capacity of Palestine will depend in considerable measure upon the amount of land available for Jewish settlement. Therein the program of the Jewish National Fund is of crucial importance.

The United Palestine Appeal applies herewith for an allotment by your community to cover the enterprises set forth above. We shall be glad to place at your disposal any additional information you may require, and to arrange to have a representative appear before your Board, if necessary, in order to submit such facts and figures as may be necessary for you to determine the amount to which the UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL would be entitled in the making up of your budget.

I hope that you will give us the benefit of your cooperation in having this matter presented in an adequate way to the proper authorities, and trust to hear from you as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,



NATHAN STRAUS
TREASURER.

AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES
of the
JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

January 2nd, 1936.

Mr. Hugh Grant Straus
Abraham and Straus, Inc.
420 Fulton Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Straus:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 30th, addressed to me as Chairman of the Council of the Jewish Agency. Since the Council meets biennially, the next meeting taking place in 1937, I can only transmit your resignation to the Executive of the Jewish Agency for such action as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

I must, however, express my surprise at the contents of your letter. The decision of the Executive of the Agency not to participate in the Legislative Council, was not hastily taken. Both the Council and the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency, after mature deliberation, have repeatedly voiced objection to the establishment of a Legislative Council under prevailing conditions in Palestine. Several resolutions on the subject have been taken by the Zionist Congress and by the Council and the Administrative Committee of the Agency. The Council meeting held at Lucerne last summer unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

"The Council has learned with great concern of the intention of the Mandatory Government to proceed with the establishment of a Legislative Council in Palestine. It regards such a step as contrary to the spirit of the Mandate wherein is an inherent recognition that the future of Palestine is the concern not of the Jewish population in Palestine alone, but of the Jewish People as a whole.

"Any Legislative body established on the basis of the present composition of the Palestine population, thereby relegating Palestine Jewry to the position of a minority, violates the fundamental rights of the Jewish People.

"Granting legislative powers in this manner would openly repudiate the Mandate by opposing the Jewish National Home, and must be regarded as an infringement of the Mandate.

(Mr. Hugh Grant Straus --- 2)

"In the absence of an expression of recognition of the Mandate by the representatives of the non-Jewish community, and of a real and mutual understanding between the Jews and Arabs, any institution of the kind proposed by the Government is likely to imperil the continuation of the development of the Jewish National Home, and checks the progress of economic development which is benefiting both Jews and Arabs.

"It is moreover likely to become the source of dissension and strife between the two sections of the population and jeopardize the chances of cooperation between the population and the Government. It is particularly ill-advised due to the backward condition of municipal self-government in Palestine.

"The Council reaffirms its opposition to the establishment of a Legislative Council at the present stage of the development of Palestine, and must reluctantly express its categorical rejection of the scheme."

At a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency held in New York in January of 1935, a resolution was adopted, the text of which reads:

"The Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine approves the stand taken by the Agency Executive during the past year with regard to the two important problems of the proposed Legislative Council and the grant of immigration certificates. The Administrative Committee is of the opinion that a Legislative Council at this time would prove menacing to the interests of the Jewish National Home as well as the larger interests of Palestine. We request the Executive to continue to maintain this position."

Leading non-Zionist Members of the Agency, including Mr. Felix M. Warburg, Dr. Cyrus Adler, and Mr. Neville Laski of London, who presided, participated in that meeting.

Every section of the Jewish community in Palestine, from the extreme Orthodox wing known as the Agudah, to the most radical wings, have united in opposition to the Legislative Council and in their determination not to participate therein, not because of unwillingness to cooperate with the Mandatory Power, but because it is realized that a Legislative Council at this time is bound to be exploited by the Arabs as an instrument of obstruction to Jewish progress in Palestine. Dr. Weizmann, the President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, has, however, made it clear that such action would not interfere with cooperation by the Jewish Agency with the Mandatory Power in other matters affecting the development of the Jewish National Home.

(Mr. Hugh Grant Straus -- 3)

While superficially it might appear that a Legislative Council is in line with the application of democratic principles, in reality the Council as constituted, reducing the Jews as it does to the position of a minority, deprives them of their just share of representation. The Agency has taken the position that inasmuch as the Mandate contemplates a National Home for the Jewish People and not for the Jews in Palestine only, thereby investing the Jewish People with a special status with regard to Palestine, anything which tends to subject the country's destiny to the influence of the present majority of its population is contrary to the basic conception of the Mandate, and obviously destroys that status. Moreover, even if the competence of the proposed Legislative Council might, during the first phase, be of limited scope, no constitutional restrictions could offer adequate security that the Council would not by devious ways be used to obstruct Jewish progress in Palestine as long as the Arab leaders maintain their uncompromising hostility to the Mandate as related to Jewish National Home. Jews are rightfully apprehensive that the Legislative Council, far from assisting in establishing better relations between Jews and Arabs, would merely serve as an agency for hampering the execution of the Mandate, spreading anti-Jewish propaganda and thereby intensifying racial strife.

With respect to the observation contained in the last paragraph of your letter, I do not know precisely what you have in mind. I should, however, like to point out to you that the deliberations of the last Agency Council meeting in Lucerne, which I had the privilege of attending, were participated in by a larger number of non-Zionists than I believe were present at any meeting of the Council since the constituent assembly of the enlarged Jewish Agency at Zurich in 1929, and the action taken at the Lucerne meeting on matters that came before it was in practically all cases unanimous.

It is possible that the information I have laid before you may not have come to your attention, and I hope therefore that you may be persuaded to withdraw your resignation. It would indeed be regrettable if the solidarity which the Jews in Palestine and throughout the world have manifested in opposing a measure that violates the letter and the spirit of the Mandate were to be weakened by members of the Agency who should be the first to give support to its decisions.

Very sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg
Morris Rothenberg,
Co-Chairman Council of the
Jewish Agency for Palestine.

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NEW YORK CITY

STEPHEN S. WISE
Chairman

January 7, 1936.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The past year has seen many changes in Jewish life, the great majority of them intensifying the suffering of Jews in many lands. The hope that all of us feel that an end must come to this chain of disaster and destruction found its only realization this year, as in years past, in the extraordinary development of the Jewish National Home in Palestine.

Figures that have just been made public regarding the total immigration into Palestine for 1935, show that 61,000 Jews from scores of countries found a permanent home in Palestine. For them the path of uncertainty and agony has ended. We realize more intensely than ever before how essential it is that we concentrate our primary energies and resources upon the task of increasing the absorptive capacity of Palestine so that it may receive in even larger numbers Jews who are seeking to escape from the hopelessness which surrounds them.

In answer to the Jewish situation which is uppermost in our minds at this time, we have determined to confer with the leaders of American Jewry and to place before them the heartening facts of Palestine development, in order that an enlarged program of activity may be initiated.

We are, therefore, convening a National Conference on Palestine in the city of Washington, D. C. at Hotel Willard, on Saturday evening, February 8th, and Sunday, February 9th. We regard this occasion as one which warrants and requires the attendance of every representative Jew who is seriously concerned with the problem of meeting the crisis of Jewish existence and is interested in helping to execute a plan that will safeguard the survival of our people. We urgently invite you to attend this National Conference on Palestine in the belief that you are concerned with the problem and that your participation in our councils will be invaluable.

Will you be good enough to sign and return the enclosed card so that we may have the encouragement of your support at the earliest moment.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen S. Wise
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SATURDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 8TH AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

DR. STEPHEN S. WISE
National Conference for Palestine
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

I shall be glad to participate in the National Conference for Palestine to be held at Washington, D. C., on Saturday night, February 8th and Sunday, February 9th.

Name.....

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January 13, 1936

Dear Friend:

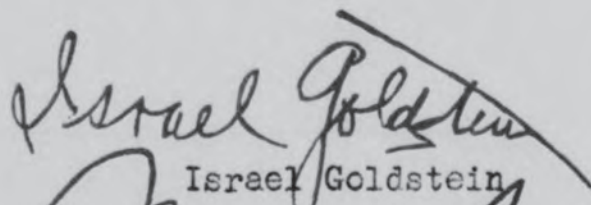
The National Conference for Palestine, which was to have been held in Washington, D.C. on February 8th and 9th, will be held instead on Saturday evening, February 1st and Sunday, February 2nd.

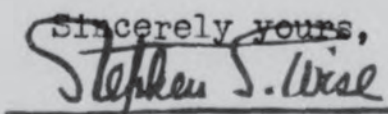
We are glad to inform you that the date was changed in order that we might enjoy the participation at this Conference of the delegation of three distinguished British Jews who are coming to the United States to confer with American Jewish leaders on plans for the solution of the Jewish problem in Germany. This delegation consists of Simon Marks, noted philanthropist and financier, Sir Herbert Samuel, former British High Commissioner for Palestine, and Lord Bearsted.

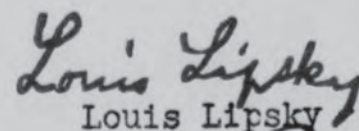
It is realized that the Jewish crisis in Germany will require the concerted efforts of the Jews in those lands who are in a position to aid. It is a source of satisfaction that there is agreement on the truth that our major efforts must be in the direction of increasing the absorptive capacity of Palestine so that it may receive ever greater numbers not only of the Jews of Germany but of other lands.

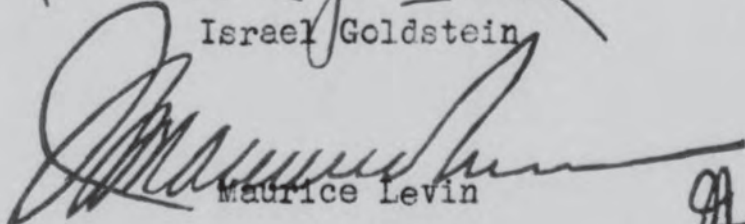
We extend to you an earnest invitation to attend the National Conference for Palestine which will be held at the Hotel Willard on Saturday evening, February 1st and Sunday, February 2nd. The situation is of such gravity as to require the counsel and the co-operation of every representative Jewish leader in America. The Conference will take on even greater significance because we will also have the benefit of the presence of distinguished British Jews who are concerned equally with ourselves in the action that will be taken by the Washington meeting.

Please sign and return the enclosed card informing us that we may expect you in Washington.

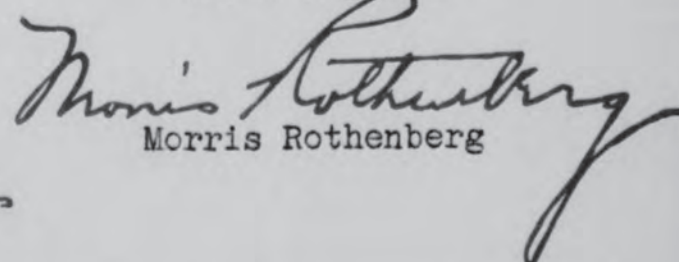

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IMPORTANT: NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
SATURDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 1ST AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, WASHINGTON, D. C.

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 EAST 62ND STREET
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January 14th, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. & Ainsel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

The Jews of Germany are caught between the upper and nether mill-stone. They, their wives, their children, old folks and dependents are being ground into a frightened, bloody pulp by persecution and poverty, evoked against them by the Nazi government.

The responsibility for sending them assistance from America rests squarely on the Joint Distribution Committee. The National Conference of the J. D. C., held last month in Chicago, decided on raising enough money in the United States and Canada to make a decent reply to the modest request of our German brethren for aid in their difficulty, as well as for relief and reconstruction in Poland and other parts of Eastern Europe where increasing masses of Jews face starvation.

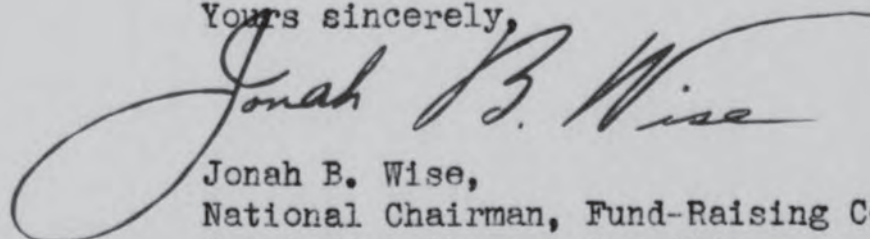
The delegates carefully scrutinized the proposed budget of the J. D. C. for 1936, and cautiously appraised the possibilities for raising money in America during the current year. Enclosed you will find the names of the men and women invited to serve on the Committee on Budget and Program and the Committee on Campaign Quotas, respectively, who were present at the Chicago Conference, and who made this judgment and this decision. Personally, I would be willing to leave to their cool consideration, with full reliance on their judgment, the question of our duty in this matter, as well as the question of our resources. I, therefore, consider it more than an encouragement to you and me to go out and raise this money. I look on their action as a mandate to us to do so.

The Committee on Budget and Program, of which Mr. Aaron Waldheim of St. Louis was Chairman, stated that the minimum requirements for relief totalled \$3,500,000. This report was reviewed by the Committee on Campaign Quotas, of which Mr. Albert H. Lieberman of Philadelphia was Chairman. This Committee not only agreed with the findings, but heartily seconded them, and said that the money could and should be raised.

Hopeless as was the situation in 1933, when on my return from Germany I first wrote you about the determination of the Nazi group to wipe out German Jewry, it is now infinitely worse. That a thing can be worse than hopeless seems absurd, but even the hopelessness of poverty and distress pales before the brutality to which our brethren in Germany are exposed. Certainly it is the responsibility of the Jews of the world to aid in this problem.

Trusting that this year is bringing you increased happiness and success, and with the expectation of hearing from you as to your opinion of the matters contained in this letter, I am

Yours sincerely,



Jonah B. Wise,
National Chairman, Fund-Raising Committee,
Joint Distribution Committee.

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January 17, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is to confirm my telephone conversation with you in which you kindly accepted the invitation of the United Palestine Appeal to deliver a comprehensive address on the world Jewish position and its relation to Palestine, at the morning session of the Washington Conference on Sunday, February 2nd.

The first session will take place Saturday evening. If you can arrange to be there it will be most helpful, as we should like to consult you on a number of matters.

Many thanks for your fine cooperation.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg

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TENTATIVE HEADS OF PROPOSALS SUGGESTED FOR DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF GERMAN JEWS

While realizing that no solution of the question of the German Jews is possible other than the ending of the present persecution and the full restoration of civil and political rights, we recognize that a determined effort should be made to help them in the present intolerable conditions under which they are placed. With this in view, the following heads of proposals have been adopted:

I. The coordination of activities and cooperation between the various organizations in all countries dealing with the German Jewish situation shall be secured.

II. The main object shall be to aid the emigration of German Jews in such numbers as may be feasible and to settle them in Palestine and other lands. The number at present envisaged is at the rate of 20,000 to 25,000 annually. The following activities are planned:

- A. Facilitating the settlement of suitable emigrants
- B. The training and retraining of intending emigrants where necessary
- C. Provision for granting loans of moderate amounts in suitable cases
- D. Such relief measures as may be necessary

III. Methods -

A. It is not intended to create any large new organization, but to utilize the machinery of existing bodies in their appropriate fields of activities wherever possible. These organizations will retain their autonomy and any new functions to be undertaken will be for planning, for coordinating and for such supplementary fund-raising efforts as may be necessary.

B. It is generally agreed that a greater effort must be made to obtain larger sums than has hitherto been attempted. It is envisaged that a sum of the order of \$15,000,000 (£3,000,000) will be needed.

C. Of the sum suggested, it is hoped that \$5,000,000 will be secured in Europe and \$10,000,000 in the United States and other countries of the world.

The J.D.C. and the U.P.A. which are conducting separate appeals in the United States during 1936 shall determine the sums essential for those of their

activities which are not directly related to the German Jews. Both organizations will agree that the amounts which they will raise ~~amount~~ over and above the sums essential for their non-German Jewish activities will be allocated to the following purposes.

IV. Central Committee -

It is agreed that a central coordinating committee be formed, which shall include representatives of American Jews. Its headquarters shall be situated in London. The place of members can be taken by their alternates.

In formulating its plans and in carrying them out, the Central Committee will consult with the representatives of the German Jews and also with the representatives of the other organizations concerned.

V. It is understood that the above proposals, so far as they concern the U.P.A. Committee are subject to the consent of the Jewish Agency and, so far as the J.D.C. is concerned, to the consent of its Executive Committee.

VI. The plans to be adopted do not involve any measures to promote the exportation of German goods, either to secure the liquidation of the properties of emigrants or for any other purposes.

February 3, 1936

Mr. Morris Rothenberg, President,
Zionist Organization of America,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rothenberg:

I thought the Conference in Washington was a splendid success both from the view of attendance and the enthusiasm manifested.

I would appreciate if you would send me the draft of the agreement. I should like to see it before it is finally signed. I am of the opinion that we are making a mistake in approving an independent body to raise funds for Palestine which will "consult with us" how this money is to be expended.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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Dear Dr. Silver:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 4th. I share with you the view that the Conference was genuinely successful. Your magnificent address contributed very greatly towards it. The press comments have been very favorable, and I think that the Campaign got a very good start.

With respect to the negotiations, I enclose herewith a copy of the proposals. This is not actually an agreement. It was not signed. It was only intended as a draft which is to be taken up by the delegation with Dr. Weizmann. You will note that paragraph 5 distinctly says that any arrangement is subject to the consent of the Jewish Agency. We had another conference upon our return from Washington and we submitted to the delegation a copy of our resolution which re-enforced the previous position we took that any work that is to be done in and for Palestine must be planned jointly with and executed by the Jewish Agency.

With very kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg

Encl.

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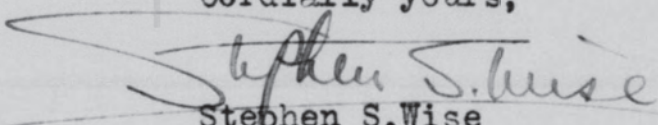
February 6, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am calling a meeting of the newly
formed Administrative Committee of the United Pales-
tine Appeal for Monday, February 10th at 1 P.M. (after
luncheon) at the offices of the U.P.A. 111 Fifth Av.

Cordially yours,


Stephen S. Wise
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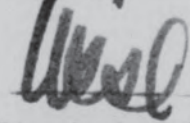
We are all very happy to learn that you are going to be in New York on March 4th. Could you do us the great favor of coming one day previous and let us make the maximum use of you? By maximum I mean a luncheon meeting, a dinner meeting and an evening meeting. We can use you to the greatest advantage.

We cannot help being a little sorry that as long as you are going to be in New York, that the meeting which you are to address could not have been one wholly devoted to the purposes of the U.P.A. rather than membership or any other aspect of the work of the Z.O.A. If you can humanly do it, all of us beg you to give us at least one additional day as long as you are going to be in town.

Of course we hope, Silver, that just as I am giving a great deal of my time, possibly a fortnight or more on a western tour, so you will be good enough, in view of the urgency of the task, to give us one week including a Sunday where it could be best utilized for the cause.

With cordial greetings and deep appreciation of your really great address on Sunday afternoon,

Yours,


Stephen S. Wise

P.S. When is your Cleveland campaign to begin? Let us know whether the U.P.A. can be of any help in your local drive.

February 10, 1936

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

I received your letter of February 6. The date which I gave to the Bronx Zionists was long in the making. They have been after me for a considerable time and they finally coaxed me into it. I cannot release myself from that obligation now. I wish I could come to New York a day earlier but I have a wedding scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 3. I plan to leave that same night, arriving in New York Wednesday morning. I shall be free for two luncheon engagements for the U.P.A., if you wish it - Wednesday noon, March 4 and Thursday noon, March 5. Thursday evening, I gave to Silberfeld of Newark.

I shall try to give as much time as I can to the U.P.A., but I cannot promise Sundays. I am away from Cleveland so much of the time that in justice to my congregation, I feel that I ought to be here over the week-end and occupy my own pulpit. Furthermore, it is much harder to find people to occupy one's pulpit in Cleveland than it is in New York with the result that guest preachers in my pulpit usually affect unfavorably the attendance at services for two or three weeks following. You probably know that from your own experience.

It is quite as easy for communities to arrange for their campaign dinners and meetings on a week night as it is on a Sunday night.

With all good wishes for success in the campaign,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Rev. Dr. Stephen S. Wise
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40 West 68th St.
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My dear Dr. Wise:

Your letter of recent date, informing me of my appointment to serve as a Vice-Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, I found upon my desk last Monday, February tenth, upon my return from a three-days' absence from the city. In some strange way I have mislaid the letter. I fear that it has become mixed up with other papers. While I have no doubt it will eventually come to light, I should not keep you awaiting a reply from me too long, and therefore I am venturing to base my reply upon memory of the contents of the letter. However I believe that this is quite accurate.

I must say to you very frankly that I am surprised, even astounded, by the appointment and by the procedure incidental thereto. As you must know, I have never been a Zionist, and am no more a Zionist to-day than at any time in the past. I am, of course, not at all opposed to the establishment of a large Jewish settlement in Palestine and to the development of an indigenous Jewish culture there. Nor would I even be opposed to the spontaneous development of an eventual Jewish State in Palestine. Certainly I have a warm and active sympathy with the project of settling as many German Jewish refugees in Palestine as possible, since it is apparently the only haven of refuge for any considerable number of them. But I am thoroughly and persistently opposed to the basic philosophy and ideology of Zionism and can therefore not consistently and responsibly identify myself with Zionism or with the Zionist organization and its activities.

It may perhaps be contended that the United Palestine Appeal is not specifically a Zionist activity. However, I can see it in no other light. A careful examination of all the names listed upon your letterhead reveals that every one of them, without exception, is an ardent and active Zionist, and the majority of them are closely identified in official capacity with the Zionist organization of America. Similarly the five other active Cincinnati members of this committee, as I have seen their names announced in the paper, are likewise ardent Zionists. It is impossible for me therefore to regard this project as aught but Zionist, in which, therefore, I can have no logical and responsible place.

I have identified myself as best I can with the Joint Distribution Committee and its work. I likewise endeavor to serve the cause of Judaism in numerous other ways. I shirk no task whatever in the service of Judaism, which logically and properly devolves upon me. I cannot, however, regard the service associated with this particular appointment as in any way within the bounds of obligation or propriety for me. I must therefore very respectfully, but equally insistently, ask that this appointment be canceled.

Furthermore I must say that I am even more astounded that your organization should have ventured to have made an appointment like this without first consulting me to ascertain whether I would be able and willing to serve. A procedure such as obviously has been followed is altogether incomprehensible to me. Still less can I comprehend how, without waiting to ascertain whether I would accept the appointment, my name should have been given to the Jewish press as a member of this committee. Such procedure I regard as irresponsible and inexcusable in the extreme.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Julian Morgenstern

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February 14th, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Thank you for your prompt reply to our telegram in connection with the Trade luncheon for the New York Campaign. As you have given us a choice of dates, we have decided to hold the luncheon on Thursday, March 5th.

We are planning to make this a luncheon rally of all workers in the various trades and sections of the New York Campaign. Mr. Nathan Straus will preside and although the only address will be delivered by you, we will allow sufficient time to hear brief reports from some of the outstanding trade leaders.

Will you be good enough to let me know when you are planning to arrive in New York and where you will stop, so that we may get in touch with you.

Thanking you for your cooperation and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
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February 17, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The attached letter from Mr. Silas Auerbach was received by the Zionist Organization of America and turned over to us.

I am sending it on to you so that you may, if you have not already done so, add Mr. Auerbach to your list of campaign prospects.

It may be possible to get an additional contribution from him.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Silverman
Robert Silverman
Campaign Director

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February 17th, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am glad to note from your letter of February 10th, addressed to Dr. Wise, that you have kindly consented to let us have the noon hours of both Wednesday, March 4th, and Thursday, March 5th.

As previously advised you, we are arranging a luncheon for leading workers on Thursday, March 5th. We should like to utilize March 4th for the Women's Division, but it would be preferable to arrange a workers tea, at 3:00 o'clock, to be attended by several hundred women, rather than a luncheon. Perhaps we can also arrange a luncheon with a small group of important women in order to secure their personal contributions.

As you are scheduled to speak in the Bronx that evening, I trust you will agree to address the tea in the afternoon, and also attend the luncheon, if that can be arranged.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
Samuel Blitz
Executive Director

SB:HE

The New Palm Beach Hotel
Palm Beach, Florida
February 18, 1936

Dear Rabbi Wise:

I have your letter of February 7, informing me of my election as honorary vice-Chairman of the 1936 United Palestine Appeal. Of course, I accept the election, and I do wish to make this appeal a success. I observe the words, "Temporary Letter Head" and also the fact that the Palestine Appeal is made for the Palestine Foundation Fund, including the settlement of German Jews and the Children's Immigration, and also for the Jewish National Fund.

As you say there are "many important phases of the program" which you would like to consider with me, I am taking the liberty of writing to you as Chairman, about something which has given me very much concern. In 1933, when I was a member of the Administrative Committee of the Palestine Campaign for that year, and came in touch for the first time with the inner workings of the campaign, I questioned the propriety of giving to the Zionist organization that year \$20,000.00 from the collected funds of the campaign. This \$20,000.00 was given in addition to what was proper, the \$6,000.00 given as rent for the use of the Zionists offices. I know that a campaign entails expenses, but I also learned that all the expenses for the actual workers, solicitors, etc., were paid and charged to the expense account of the campaign. The \$20,000.00 was an outright contribution from campaign funds to the Zionist organization. When I raised that question, there was naturally some discussion. Others supported me but nothing came of it. One gentleman referred to it as an academic matter. I did not think nor do I think it now anything academic, but something very practical and which involved a very serious ethical question. I understand, as I have read from the minutes of the meetings of the Administrative Committee of the campaigns of 1934 and 1935, that \$40,000.00 was given to the Zionist organization each year. My objection is shared by a man like Mr. Moss, who is a Zionist. My contention is (and so was that of Mr. Moss, who, as the minutes of the Administrative Committee of 1935 show, expressed himself in vigorous language) that the campaign Administrative Committee had no right to vote that money. I am quite sure American Jewry

would be astonished to learn that while nothing was said in the campaign, of any such possible contribution, such a large sum of money was voted for the exclusive use of the Zionist organization, as such. It was quite unethical. Now, I am informed, that the Zionist organization is going to take \$60,000.00 from the funds of the campaign of 1936, but that this year it would be announced to the public that the Zionist organization is to be one of the beneficiaries of this campaign. It is with reference to this ~~status~~ that I am calling attention to the words "Temporary Letter Head" and the present *enumeration* of the beneficiaries in this letter head. Will the Zionist organization be mentioned in any new letter head? If that is the intention of the Administrative Committee of the campaign, then it will at least remove the charge of misinformation given to the public. But even so, it will not correct what I consider, an evil. I do not think that the Zionist organization should be given \$60,000.00 from campaign funds. I do not think that the Zionist organization is entitled to anything more than the rent from its offices. It should not, incidentally, profit as an organization from a campaign, every dollar of whose collected funds we need for suffering Jews, for the transfer of refugees to Palestine or wherever a Jew in need may be. The Zionist organization should manage to raise its funds for its own use in some other way. I know the argument of the present President of the Zionist organization of America. He claims that from the very start - from the very first time such Palestine campaign was had in America, the Zionist organization got a contribution. He bases the justification for such contribution upon the fact that the Zionist organization is the indispensable instrument for propaganda for Palestine. Even in the very early history of the campaign, such an argument should not be convincing. An efficient organization should be able, through its membership, to raise the funds for its own machinery and not live on funds publicly collected for work in Palestine and not in America. Certainly, at this late date in the history of the campaign for Palestine, such an argument is altogether without foundation in either reality or ethically. All Jews, all over the world, are today united, whatever may be the differences between Jewish Nationalists or Zionists and Jewish anti Nationalists or non Zionists, in the conviction that it is the duty of Jews to help foster the work in Palestine, to help increase the settlement of Jews in Palestine. We do not need any special propaganda. The situation of the Jew has made all Jews feel the practical value of Palestine for Jews. Therefore, I believe that it is wrong to take \$60,000.00 from this campaign fund and give it to the Zionist organization. I say this as a Jew, but I cannot help adding that as a non Zionist, it makes it especially difficult for me to ask non Zionists to contribute to this campaign with the knowledge that \$60,000.00 of the funds collected will go to the Zionist organization, in which as an organization we

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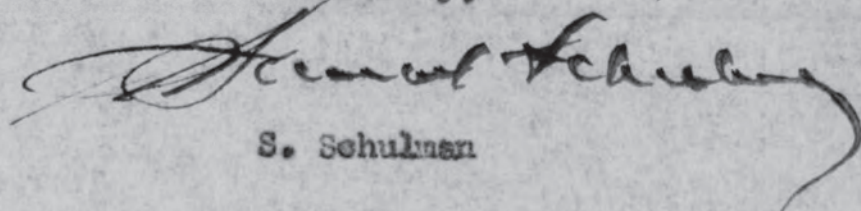
non Zionists are not interested.

I refrained in the past from making any public statement on this matter and it is the first time in my life that I found myself in such a position where I imposed silence on myself, though I have been feeling very strongly on this subject for the last three years. I have felt that I have been making myself a party to this transaction which I consider ethically wrong. I refrained because I felt that any public discussion of such a matter would inevitably hurt the campaign, and I was interested in the success of the campaign and I am interested now in the success of the campaign of 1936. I may say that as a non Zionist member of Jewish Agency, I have, as you know, given whole soul support whenever opportunity offered, to the work in Palestine. Whenever I discuss the question, I always emphasize the present duty of every Jew to help the work in Palestine. This is my position. Therefore, I am very uncomfortable in it.

I have written to you fully and frankly because you are the Chairman of the campaign this year, and you are not an officer of the Zionist organization. I ask you frankly - do you think, considering all the circumstances, that the Zionist organization as such, for its organization purposes in the country, is entitled to \$60,000.00 from a campaign to raise money for Jews who are in great need?

Trusting that you will give this matter your earnest attention and write me frankly upon the subject, I beg to be

Sincerely,


S. Schulman

SS:c

February 19, 1936

Mr. Samuel Blitz, Executive Director,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Blitz:

Thank you for your letter of February 17.
I am perfectly willing to attend the Tea that you
plan to arrange for the afternoon of March 4 if the
meeting is of sufficient importance. Please do not
use me for small inconsequential meetings. It makes
my appearance too "wochedig", if you know what I
mean.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK

C O P Y

Feb. 19, 1936

Dr. Julian Morgenstern, President
Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Morgenstern:

Your letter of February 13th surprises me deeply, not only because it ignores certain obvious facts but because of the one which animates it.

In designating you an Honorary Vice-Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, the National Conference for Palestine took into consideration the numerous occasions in the past in which you have identified yourself with the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland and in which you have reiterated your desire to help every constructive effort to facilitate the entry into Palestine of a maximum number of Jews. The National Conference for Palestine recalled also that you had accepted the office of Honorary Vice-Chairman of the American Palestine Campaign for 1931.

The United Palestine Appeal¹ is a body which asks the cooperation of all Jews of America, Zionists and non-Zionists alike. Its personnel was not chosen on the basis of identification with any group but because of the known willingness of the individuals involved to give service to the cause. May I call your attention to the fact that Dr. Cyrus Adler, Hon. Alfred M. Cohen and Governor Herbert H. Lehman, who have accepted honorary chairmanship in the United Palestine Appeal, are non-Zionists and their views have been made publicly known on many occasions. It is true that every active chairman is a Zionist, but that is because they are the only men who are willing and able to assume the responsibility for the actual raising of funds and who are ready to sacrifice time, energy and health in order that the goal of the United Palestine Appeal may be attained.

One's views on Zionism have no relationship whatever to the United Palestine Appeal which, insofar as it provides the budget of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, should win the cooperation of the elements represented in the latter body.

I should be grateful to you, Dr. Morgenstern, if you would suggest to me additional names of non-Zionists who have not been named as officers of the United Palestine Appeal, but who would be willing to identify themselves actively with the campaign, giving to it more than the prestige that may be reflected from the presence of their names on a letterhead. It would be an injury to the Jewish Agency for Palestine and to the cause of the Jews of Germany, Poland and elsewhere, who are looking for concrete aid in being settled in Palestine, to place responsibility for fund-raising upon a group of men merely because they represented a certain philosophy, but who were not simultaneously willing to undertake the obligations with the privileges.

Everyone who has studied the problem of the Jews of Germany has admitted that Palestine must play a major part in any program to create for them a better future. It would seem to me a curious interpretation of principle to refrain from joining in the United Palestine Appeal because more Zionists than non-Zionists are represented among its workers. I welcome into the United Palestine Appeal every single Jew in America who can give to this cause devotion, time, means. If you can list the names of any such persons who have been omitted, I shall be glad to rectify the error.

Dr. Morgenstern - 2 -

Insofar as procedure is concerned in designating you without perviously having consulted you on the subject, the National Conference ~~proximately~~ for Palestine could not possibly foresee that there had occurred ~~in~~ your mind any change in principle since 1931, when you accepted a similar post. It assumed contrariwise, that now more than ever would you be willing to identify yourself publicly with the major enterprise of our time to rehabilitate the great masses of the Jewish people.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Stephen S. Wise
National Chairman

P.S. - Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we must, to our regret, feel that we shall not be free to make further use of your name.



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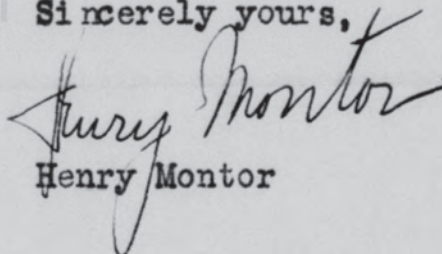
February 20, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It would be very helpful to our publicity here if you could possibly find the time to send me an excerpt from the speech you are to deliver on March 4th at the tea of the Women's Division of the United Palestine Appeal, or at the rally of the men workers in the United Palestine Appeal the next day.

Sincerely yours,


Henry Montor

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Dr. Wise's personal address is

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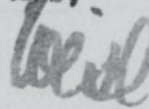
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Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver:

I thought you might be interested in seeing a copy of a letter which has come from President Morgenstern of the Hebrew Union College, together with a reply drafted for me by Mr. Montor. Personally, I confess, I was tempted to write rather more harshly, but, as Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, it was better to write in the more restrained tone of Mr. Montor's draft.

You may also be interested in seeing a copy of a communication which went to the Reverend Dr. Calisch of Richmond, Va.

Yours,



Stephen S. Wise

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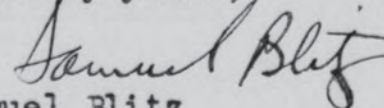
Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I am glad to receive your letter of February 19th, confirming our arrangements for the tea of the Women's Division on March 4th, and the luncheon of Trade leaders on March 5th. Please be assured that both these gatherings are of major importance and that we have no intentions of using your visit for any meetings of small significance.

Although you recently wrote Dr. Wise that it would be very difficult for you to get away on a Sunday, I am taking the liberty of urging you to accept an engagement in New York on Sunday evening, April 19th, to be the guest speaker at the dinner of the Westchester Campaign. This dinner will be given jointly by all the communities in Westchester County, including Mount Vernon, Yonkers, White Plains and New Rochelle, and will be attended by over 500 of our leading contributors.

As you will not be called upon to speak until about 9:00 P. M. there is a possibility that you may be able to occupy your pulpit Sunday morning and get to New York by airplane in time for the dinner.

Sincerely yours,



Samuel Blitz

Executive Director

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February 25th, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

We have completed arrangements with radio Station W.H.N. to broadcast the two meetings at which you will speak on March 4th and 5th.

For publicity purposes it would be very helpful if you could send us advance copy of your addresses, but I know that you usually speak extemporaneously. However, in order to adjust the program to the radio arrangements, may we allow one half hour for your address at the Women's Division Tea on March 4th, and also one half hour for the Trade Luncheon on March 5th.

Please let me know whether this meets with your approval and also whether we may schedule you for the Westchester dinner on Sunday, April 19th, about which I wrote you recently.

With deep appreciation and kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
Samuel Blitz
Executive Director

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Meeting of Administrative Committee of United Palestine Appeal
Held at the Aldine Club, Wednesday, February 26, 1936, 12 noon
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PRESENT: Dr. Stephen S. Wise (in the chair); Messrs. Mendel N. Fisher, Leon Gellman, Leib Glantz, Mrs. Edward Jacobs, Dr. Harris Levine, Abraham Liebovitz, Dr. G.A. Lowenstein, Samuel Markewich, Louis Segal, Robert Silverman, David Wertheim.

By invitation: Messrs. Samuel Blitz and Henry Montor.

The chairman opened the meeting by reading the following letter from Sir Herbert Samuel:

"London
February 14, 1936.

My dear Dr. Wise:

Let me in the first place, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, thank you, and all those who cooperated with you, most warmly for the great kindness that was shown to us during our visit to the United States, and for the cordial spirit of co-operation that was displayed throughout our conversations.

Lord Bearsted and I reached London on Wednesday afternoon, after a fairly smooth and quite comfortable passage, having fortunately escaped the gales that were raging in other parts of the Atlantic.

Lord Bearsted, on our behalf, made a brief statement to press representatives on the same lines as the statement that we had made to the press in America before leaving.

A meeting of the full Committee on whose behalf we had been acting had been summoned for yesterday, the 15th, and was held at New Court. There was a very full attendance. I enclose a list of those present. After a statement of the procedure that had been adopted during our visit to America, we circulated the "heads of proposals" in the form finally agreed in New York. I enclose a copy of the paper as presented. These proposals met with the full concurrence of those who were present, and were unanimously endorsed. There was also general agreement as to the form of organization to be set up here, but it was decided not to come to any definite conclusion until after consultation with Dr. Weizmann, who is expected in London very shortly from Palestine.

After the meeting I cabled to Weizmann to say that there had been general agreement in America as to the course to be pursued, subject to the concurrence of the Jewish Agency; that we were anxious to consult him as soon as possible, as it was a matter of urgency to get the movement started and the appeal issued, and asking when he would be in London. At the time of writing this letter, I have not yet had a reply. I will communicate with you further as soon as I am in a position to do so, with definite proposals as to the composition of the Executive Committee. The principle was generally agreed that that Committee should be a very small one, with equality of British

and American representation, and with power to take into consultation other representative persons. It was understood that the American members would be represented by alternates when their own attendance was not practicable.

The spirit shown at the meeting was very satisfactory, and I feel sure that when the appeal is launched, it will be pushed with energy. A few of us will be meeting on Tuesday to take such preliminary measures as are possible prior to the arrival of Dr. Weizmann, and the return of Mr. Simon Marks, which is expected to be on the 21st.

I will keep you informed by letter or by cable, when advisable, of the further developments.

I am writing in similar terms to Felix Warburg.

Yours sincerely,
(signed) Herbert Samuel"

He then read the list of those present at the meeting at New Court, which included: Mr. Lionel de Rothschild (in the chair); Mr. E. Baron, Viscount Bearsted, Mr. Norman Bentwich, Mr. A.G. Brotman, Mr. J.L. Cohen, Mr. Lionel Cohen, K.C., Sir Robert Waley Cohen, Sir Osmond d'Avigdor Goldsmid, Chief Rabbi Dr. Herz, Major H. Mason, Lord Melchett, Mr. C. Sebag-Montefiore, Lord Reading, Mr. Anthony de Rothschild, Mr. James de Rothschild, Mr. Harry Sacher, Sir Herbert Samuel, Col. F.B. Samuel, Mr. Otto M. Schiff, Dr. N. Sokolow, Mr. Leonard Stein, Major F.C. Stern, Mr. Bakstansky and Mr. Stephany.

The chairman reported on an informal discussion which had been held with Mr. James Rosenberg of the Joint Distribution Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Reconstruction Corporation. It was also reported that Mr. Morris Rothenberg spoke on the long distance telephone from Houston with Mr. James Rosenberg on the same subject matter, and that Mr. Rothenberg referred Mr. Rosenberg to Dr. Wise, as Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

After a full discussion in the light of Dr. Wise's statement that Mr. Rosenberg professed to have made his proposals without authorization either from the Joint Distribution Committee or from Federation.

It was moved that the Chairman be requested to invite Mr. Rosenberg to submit a written statement which would contain any proposals that the Joint Distribution Committee might choose to make. Any such proposals would, of course, have the full and friendly consideration of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal.

This motion was unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2 P.M.

February 27, 1936

Mr. Samuel Blitz, Executive Director,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Blitz:

Let me thank you for your letter of
February 25. I note that you want both of my
addresses on the 4 and 5 broadcast and that each
is to last half an hour. That is agreeable.

The dinner on Sunday evening, April 19,
is out of the question.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD) OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
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Dr. Wise's personal address is

40 West 68th St.
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March 3, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, D. D.
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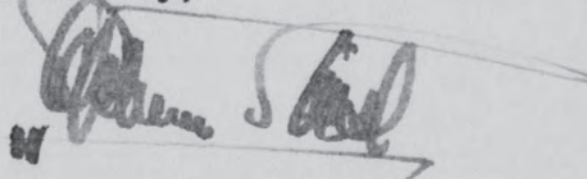
Dear Dr. Silver:

Just a word to tell you how very sorry I am that I cannot be present to join in the great welcome to you on Wednesday and Thursday at the various meetings at which you are to speak. The editorial in the New Palestine speaks for all of us.

I want you to know that I was asked to serve as Honorary Vice-Chairman of a dinner which is being tendered to Friedland of your city. I hesitated to accept because I have heard of the unfriendliness that obtains between you and him; but on reconsideration, and in view of Friedland's service to Hebrew Education, and my further understanding that during his illness you had called upon him as if to heal the breach -- in token of the healing of the breach I have accepted the invitation, though I cannot hope to be present at the function.

With most cordial greetings, and regretting not to have a chance to see you,

Faithfully,



Stephen S. Wise
National Chairman

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
—
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

March 5, 1936.

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

My dear Abba:

I hope you are resting up somewhat
from the strenuous efforts in New York.

I am writing these few words in
accordance with our conversation. I realize that
it is impossible for you to come to New York
before Confirmation. Sunday, June 7th or 14th
would suit us, the earlier date preferably. I do
not want to repeat the various reasons for my
urging your acceptance of my invitation. I know
you understand. As I stated to you, as long as
you are going out campaigning in other communities
you may as well give preference to the campaign of
which I am chairman.

A favorable reply will help greatly
to electrify the workers to redouble their energies
and will also serve to keep the former *P.L.* out
of my bailiwick.

Looking forward to an early favorable
reply, and with kindest regards to Virginia in which
Anna joins me, I am,

As ever yours,

Sol.

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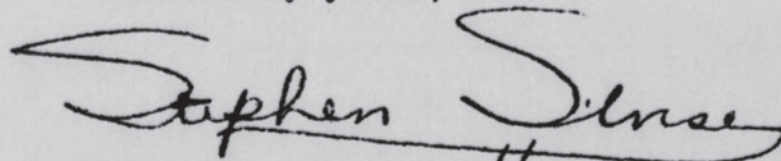
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

An important meeting of the United Palestine Appeal Administrative Committee will be held on Monday, March 9th, at 12:00 noon sharp at the office of the United Palestine Appeal, 111 Fifth Avenue, 7th Floor, Suite 703.

The meeting should begin at 12 o'clock promptly so that we may adjourn at an early hour.

I have received a number of urgent messages from abroad requiring our immediate attention.

Faithfully yours,



Stephen S. Wise,
Chairman.

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NATHAN STRAUS

March 10, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You rushed away from New York so hurriedly, not even leaving a bill behind you, that I had no chance to say good-bye. However, I am sure that Mr. Straus, who was with you in Newark, personally expressed to you the appreciation of all of us for your visit to New York.

Your addresses at the Women's Division and the Businessmen's Luncheon served to stimulate the most important workers, as well as to accelerate the whole Greater New York Campaign.

With deep appreciation and kind regards,
I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
SAMUEL BLITZ

Executive Director



THE START OF THE \$1,500,000 UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL.

Representatives of the appeal's campaign in New York who attended a meeting of the women's division at the Hotel Astor. Left to right, they are: Nathan Straus, chairman of the Greater New York campaign; Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, who was one of the speakers at the meeting; Mrs. William Dick Sporborg, national chairman of the women's division, and Rabbi Abba H. Silver.

(Times Wide World Photos.)

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 EAST 62ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 10th, 1936

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. & Ainsel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend:

The German Jewish question has so completely changed in the past few months that we must attack it from a new angle. The cumulative and continuous effect of German anti-Jewish propaganda has resulted in a breakdown of the liberal attitude toward the Jews in every country in the world.

Even in England today, the Jews realize that as long as the German Jewish question is agitated in print and in international relations, the growth of anti-Jewish feeling will go on and assume the most dangerous proportions.

The impression I have of the German situation is that it is not only an imminent problem but that it has to do with the future status of Jews all over the world. We had hoped to settle it by obtaining a remission of persecution by the German government. We hoped that world opinion would be brought to bear and would result in a relaxation of the savage attitude toward Jews. Any expectation of the achievement of that end seems to be out of the question.

It seems the German government has determined not only to wipe out the Jews in Germany but to put a stigma on the Jews of the rest of the world which no good conduct on their part can offset. We have not seen the results of German persecution as yet. Even beyond the impoverishment and the enforced emigration of unhappy human beings, I am more concerned with the effect in the next ten years on the Jewish status in the whole of the civilized world.

Pogroms in Russia were terrible. But Russian pogroms were attacks on Russian Jews in Russia. The German situation is a constant attack on the validity of Jewish life throughout the world today. Anti-Semitism in England and the dangerously growing anti-Semitism in America, bears the label unmistakably, "Made in Germany."

We must, in self-defense and in support of the rights of our children and our children's children, liquidate the German question. It is not a matter of charity or good-will toward a frightfully oppressed part of the human race; it is a question of good sense and necessary strategy in self-defense.

I believe it is within our means to liquidate this German question and abate international Jew-baiting in the public press, and what is more important, in the public mind. It can be done if we remove from Germany 100,000 to

March 10th, 1936

150,000 individuals. If we do not do this, we leave to the Nazi agitators material which they will only too expertly and efficiently use, and we also have on our conscience, the sacrifice to their barbarity of our innocent brethren.

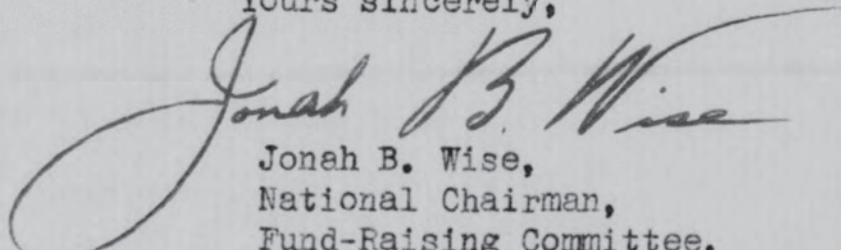
The liquidation of the German Jewish question, essential as it is to the peace of mind, as well as to the economic, social and political status of the Jews of the world, can be accomplished if men and women of means and good sense see the necessity for making immediate and large contributions to The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which has committed itself to, and has the machinery for, cooperating in the movement of these young men and young women, to other lands.

It is, therefore, incumbent upon the men and women who have the means and the mentality, to make up their minds to give to the Joint Distribution Committee many times the amounts which they have seen fit to contribute during the past few years. Lesser amounts would only continue to drag out the situation, prolonging the duration of a dangerous propaganda against which Jews, because it is a lying propaganda, have no adequate defense.

The next ten years will tell the tale of the position of the Jews in the civilized world. We must liquidate the German question in order to have a fair chance for ourselves and our children in the next decade.

I hope you will give this every consideration when you are thinking of the amount you can afford to give to meet this situation.

Yours sincerely,


Jonah B. Wise,
National Chairman,
Fund-Raising Committee,
Joint Distribution Committee.

JBW:LG

P. S. I regard this as a personal communication which I have addressed only to our thoughtful leaders and I am sure you will realize that its contents should be handled with discretion.

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To Nathan Straus

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11 WEST 42ND STREET
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March 14, 1936

My dear Abba:-

! פשוט די דאזיקע שטאנד ~~Sunk~~ as I am in the depths of the big Income Tax rush, - I must take off a few minutes to pen these words to you.

I have called a meeting of the U. P. A. Committee for Thursday evening and with the single word "Yes" from you, the heavy burden of chairmanship thrust upon me will turn into a pleasure and a privilege.

I am looking forward to your answer. Anna joins me in sending best wishes to you and yours.

As ever yours,
Sol.

MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

MARCH 16, 1936

At the Offices of the U.P.A., 111 Fifth Avenue

PRESENT

Dr. Wise, Messrs. Mendel Fisher, Leon Gellman, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Louis Lipsky, Isidore Morrison, Louis Rimsky, Morris Rothenberg, Robert Silverman, Nathan Straus and David Wertheim.

REGIONAL SUBSIDIES

A number of communications^{were} read from Boston, Chicago, St. Louis and Baltimore urging that immediate action be taken on the matter of subsidies.

Dr. Goldstein strongly supported the request particularly from St. Louis and Baltimore.

Mr. Silverman stated that \$10,000. was given to the American Palestine Appeal last year.

Mr. Wertheim objected to subsidizing regions excepting during the period that the campaigns were actually being conducted.

Mr. Fisher stated that a number of the most important leaders would be compelled to relinquish their responsibility if they were not permitted to have offices; and he stated that, from his experience, he found that it was wise not to give up the bureaus.

Mr. Straus said that he was unequivocally opposed to the payment of any subsidies, and that he considered to present expenditure of the campaign sufficient. He thought that the Zionist Organization of America ought to do this work, and that it was not the duty of the UPA to maintain bureaus.

Mr. Straus requested that the following statement be recorded as his view:-

"A public statement should be made of how we are using this money, showing that 24¹/₂ out of every dollar is being used for administrative expense. This announcement, owing to the position which all of us hold in the community, is due the community."

It was suggested that the cost of subsidies be divided equally among the various organizations -- The Jewish National Fund, the United Palestine Appeal and the Zionist Organization of America.

It was voted that this entire matter be referred to Mr. Straus, Mr. Liebovitz, and the other members dealing with the finances of the organization. Mr. Straus announced that he would invite all those interested to meet with him for the purpose of discussing this entire problem.

AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES ON BRITISH COUNCIL

Dr. Wise read a cable from Mr. Lipsky, who was in London, urging Dr. Wise to accept membership on the Council. Dr. Wise stated that his inclination was not to serve as a member because of his position as President of the American Jewish Congress.

The matter of designative representatives was left for later consideration, after the receipt of further details from London.

Respectfully submitted,

March 17, 1936

Mr. Solomon Cohen,
11 West 42nd Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Sol:

I wish I were free to accept your kind invitation. Nothing would give me greater pleasure. Unfortunately I can not. I am simply overwhelmed with out of town lecture engagements. On top of it all, I am chairman of the local United Welfare Campaign which includes the U.P.A. and which begins early in May. All the preparations for it must be carried on in the month of April. It will not be possible for me to come to New York, I am afraid, during the next two months.

I wish you every success and hope that at some future time I may be of service to you. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 East 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

March 18, 1936.

Mr. J. A. Goodman,
Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Inc.
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mr. Goodman:

In reply to your letter of March 16th, we will certainly not put them in Palestine. It cannot accommodate more than a fraction, and its power of absorption will be shrinking very rapidly.

We will put them in all countries of the world. since 150,000 persons cannot be a dangerous admixture in a population of millions.

Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise,
National Chairman
Fund Raising Committee
Joint Distribution Committee.

JBW:LST

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Dr. Wise's personal address is

40 West 68th St.
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March 19, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, O.

Dear Silver:

They are trying to do something big and worth while in Kansas City in a joint drive. The leaders write to me that it is essential to the success of the project that you help them by addressing a group of their leading citizens at a Pre-Campaign dinner. This dinner could be held any evening between April 20th and April 25th, the date to be arranged to suit your own convenience. Wed. 29

In addition I am concerned about this -- Would it be possible for you to give two or three other days that week to Mid-Western communities, permitting us here, with your help, to work out a schedule for three or four days? I limit my request to three or four days because I take it for granted that you could not spare more time. Please do this if you can, and let me know at the earliest possible moment of your acceptance of the invitation which comes from Kansas City, and to which we add our approval.

I want to get this letter off hurriedly, otherwise I would tell you much that Lipsky has told of his meetings in London. He is not at all happy about the outlook there. There is lamentable confusion with regard to the Council for German Jewry. I hope we can have a chance to talk about things very soon.

Yours,
Abba

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DEEPLY REGRET TO LEARN OF YOUR ILLNESS HOPE YOU ARE ON WAY TO
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RECOVERED YOUR STRENGTH BEFORE SUNDAY YOU WILL FLY IN TO THE MEETING
DR STEPHEN S WISE.

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March 20, 1936

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
40 West 68th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

In reply to your letter of March 19 - I am to be in Chicago on April 30. I could therefore arrange to attend a Campaign meeting in Kansas City on April 29, if the meeting is of sufficient importance. It would be quite impossible for me to go to Kansas City between April 20 and 25 as during that week I have two out of town lecture engagements already scheduled. As you probably know, I am the General Chairman of the Cleveland Campaign which will open on May 10. That means that I shall be busy three to four weeks prior to that time planning and organizing the Campaign here. If, therefore, I cannot give much time to Campaign activities outside of Cleveland during the month of April, I am sure that you will understand.

I trust that you will have a very successful meeting next Sunday. It will be quite impossible for me to do any traveling for another fortnight.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK

SOLOMON COHEN
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March 20, 1936

My dear Abba:-

I have your letter of the 17th. You probably must have confused the request for a date of someone else with mine, as I had no intention of asking you for a date during April or May, being fully aware how occupied you would be then with confirmation and with your own campaign.

In our conversation I mentioned the early part of June. In my letter to you two weeks ago I suggested June 7th or June 14th. You will no doubt be in New York in the interest of the Campaign some time before the end of June and you may be able to arrange it so that you could take care of me too. I know that were you to give me the date of June 7th or 14th, many communities in New York would arrange their U. P. L. dinners around that date in order to be have the honor of your presence. When I spoke to you in New York, you told me that if the dinners were to be held in June you would try to come. So try.

As ever yours

Sol.
P. S. I am withholding setting a date for my U. P. L. dinner, pending a reply from you.

MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

MARCH 20, 1936

AT THE U.P.A. OFFICES, 111 Fifth Avenue
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PRESENT

Dr. Wise, Messrs. Samuel Blitz, Mendel Fisher, Leib Glantz, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Mrs. Rose Jacobs, Mrs. I.M. Kowalsky, Louis Lipsky, Dr. G.A. Lowenstein, Charles Ress, Louis Rimsky, Morris Rothenberg, Robert Silverman and David Wertheim.

DR. WISE PRESIDING

EXCHANGE OF CABLES

Dr. Wise read the following two cables:-

"MARCH 19, 1936 LONDON
ZIONISTS STEPHEN WISE
NEW YORK

CONFIDENTIAL REGARDING SAMUELS CABLE JOINT UPA YESTERDAY STOP ARE ANXIOUS SECURE FROM COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY ALLOCATION TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS LAND SETTLEMENT TRAINING GERMAN JEWS PALESTINE WOULD GREATLY INFLUENCE SCHEDULE APPLYING BEFORE END MARCH STOP CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVE UPA MIGHT FAVORABLY INFLUENCE JOINT ASSUME LARGE PROPORTION STOP AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION RECOMMEND YOU INFORM WARBURG UPA WILL ENDEAVOR PROVIDE FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS FOR PURPOSES SAMUELS CABLE OUT OF FUNDS RAISED EXCESS NORMAL BUDGET AND EXPECT JOINT PROVIDE BALANCE SAMUELS REQUEST STOP PLEASE EXPEDITE ACTION COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY AFTERNOON STOP IMPORTANT SECURE DEFINITE DECISION EVE DEPARTURE WEIZMANN

KAPLAN LANDAUER ROSENBLEUTH"

"MARCH 20, 1936 LONDON
ZIONISTS WISE
NEW YORK

CONFIDENTIAL WEIZMANN CONSIDERS PARITY UPA AND JOINT PREREQUISITE CONDITION HIS MEMBERSHIP ANGLO AMERICAN COUNCIL STOP IF POSSIBLE SETTLE THIS QUESTION WEIZMANN INSISTS CONSTITUTION ENGLISH COUNCIL ONLY INCLUDING WEIZMANN STOP BOTH CASES COUNCIL PREPARED COOPERATE EQUALLY UPA JOINT STOP THEREFORE URGENTLY REPEAT YESTERDAYS REQUEST THIS ENABLING TOTAL ALLOCATIONS TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS STOP THIS WOULD ENABLE JEVAGENCY APPLY BEFORE FIRST APRIL FOR ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATES NEXT SCHEDULE

KAPLAN LANDAUER ROSENBLEUTH"

It was voted that the officers meet for the purpose of preparing a reply.

APPEAL LETTER TO BE SENT OUT THROUGH COUNTRY

Dr. Wise was authorized to send out a Passover Message to the entire mailing list, and it was voted that the letter be signed by him as Chairman of the campaign.

APPEAL LETTER TO BE SENT OUT IN NEW YORK

The matter of sending out an appeal letter in New York was also discussed, and the matter of signing the letter was left for determination as between Dr. Wise and Mr. Straus.

LETTER FROM DR. BURMAN OF SYRACUSE

Dr. Wise read the attached letter from Dr. Burman of Syracuse in which he advises of Mr. Rosenwald's attack on the UPA. It was voted that the Chairman communicate with Mr. Rosenwald and also with Rabbi Friedman of Syracuse for confirmation of the facts.

ST. LOUIS CAMPAIGN

It was reported that the St. Louis Budget Committee has advised the UPA of the allocation of 75% to the JDC, and 25% to the UPA. An exchange of telegrams with Professor Klausner on the subject was read. It was the sense of the meeting that, under no circumstances would the UPA accept this allocation. The Chairman was authorized to wire to St. Louis asking that every effort be made to secure parity.

COMMUNICATION FROM ELIHU D. STONE

A letter from Elihu D. Stone, Chairman of the National Council, was read advising that a meeting of the National Council should be called. It was the sense of the meeting that it was too early to call such a meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

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EVENING CONVENIENT TO YOU WOULD YOU ALSO ACCEPT SIMILAR
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WISH TO ASSURE YOU OUR TWO COMMUNITIES WILL GREATLY
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New York, N. Y.

March 23, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, O.

Dear Silver:

My heartfelt thanks to you for saying that you are able to go to Kansas City for April 29th. I see that you cannot stay beyond that because you are to be in Chicago for the 30th.

What about the 27th and 28th? Could you give us the two additional days? And if both be impossible, could you give us one of the two? I am sure we could use it to the very best advantage of the United Palestine Appeal campaign..

I wish you were here so that we could be in more frequent and regular conference about our many problems. You may wonder a little at the attitude which the "New Palestine" has had to take with regard to the Joint Distribution Committee. The fact is that the JDC's attitude is more hostile even than we have indicated. Wherever our men effectively plead for support of the UPA, at once emissaries of the JDC go out, not solely to plead for the JDC, but to neutralize the effect achieved by our own men. Rothenberg, who did remarkably well beginning at St. Louis, and sweeping through the West, has been followed up, and, wherever possible, neutralized by the unfair statements of men, including, I am sorry to say, particularly Jonah Wise, despite his denial in to-day's "Jewish Daily Bulletin."

I am considering the other situation very carefully. I mean the situation which might seem to involve the breaking of the Boycott. The trouble is that these three men came to America without having thought the thing through carefully, and half ready to accept the Max Warburg plan of the Liquidation Bank. Warburg

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - 2 -

is trying to extend the Havarah to ~~all~~ ^{many} other lands, and, of course, the Agency is going to fight that, as we, of course, must.

With most hearty greetings, and thanks for what "Opinion" tells me is your very gracious greeting on my real assumption of its editorship,

WRHS

Faithfully,

Stephen S. Wise
National Chairman

M I N U T E S

Meeting Held at the Office of Mr. Nathan Straus,
66 West 23rd Street, New York City, Monday,
March 23rd, 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Nathan Straus (in the chair), Samuel Blitz, Mendel N. Fisher, Louis Lipsky, Henry Montor, Louis P. Rocker, Morris Rothenberg, David Wertheim, Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

Mr. Straus opened the meeting with a statement that upon investigation he has found that there is no Finance Committee.

He expressed the regrets of Mr. Leibowitz, Associate Treasurer, for his inability to attend the meeting.

Mr. Straus stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the granting of subsidies for regional offices, which matter has been referred to this committee by the Administrative Committee.

1. He stated that he was unequivocally opposed in principle to the granting of any subsidies, so long as the same region was covered by a "field man".

2. A memorandum from Mr. Alex Rothenberg, Comptroller, as per copy attached, together with a record of the amounts secured for the United Jewish Appeal in the various regions, was submitted by the Chairman.

3. A communication from Dr. Israel Goldstein, as per copy attached, recommending subsidies to the St. Louis and Seaboard Regions, was also read.

4. After a protracted discussion, it was voted that the subsidies be granted to the St. Louis and Seaboard Regions and that after investigation of the merits of granting the subsidies to the Midwestern Region, with Chicago as headquarters, and the New England Region, with Boston as headquarters, the matter of these two regions should again be taken up by the committee.

Mr. Straus asked to be recorded as being opposed to the resolution. Mr. Wertheim refrained from voting.

Meeting adjourned.

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Mr. Alex Rothenberg

TO: Mr. Nathan Straus

I would suggest that the problem of subventions to U.P.A. Regional Offices be solved by employing three field men instead of four in the territory embraced by the Regional Offices, thereby making available a sum of approximately \$6,000 out of the 1936 budget for the upkeep of Regional Offices. This would leave a balance of \$4,000 still required to cover the estimated cost of the four Regional Offices, which is, \$10,000. This \$4,000 would have to be met by an appropriation of such an amount, which would represent the actual sum which the U.P.A. would be called upon to expend for Regional Offices. The work of the released field man should be assigned either to one or more of the field men in service in the territory mentioned.

Alex Rothenberg

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	Amount paid to regions in 1935 by American Palestine Campaign	Total amount Raised by each region in 1935 of which American Palestine Campaign received 40%	Approximate amount allotted in pro- posed budget for 1936 includes salary, per diem, traveling of <u>Field Representative</u>
NEW ENGLAND REGION	\$ 2,499.96	\$ 42,382.10	\$ 6,720.00
Maine			
New Hampshire			
Massachusetts			
Vermont			
SOUTHWEST REGION	\$ 2,499.96	\$ 94,758.00	\$ 6,000.00
Iowa			
Kansas			
Louisiana			
Mississippi			
Missouri			
Nebraska			
Tennessee			
MIDWEST REGION	\$ 2,499.96	\$70,097.00 *	\$ 2,500.00
Illinois			
Indiana			
Michigan			
Minnesota			
North & South Dakota			
Wisconsin			
SEABOARD	\$ 2,499.96	\$169,233.85	\$ 5,800.00
Alabama			
District of Columbia			
Florida			
Georgia			
Maryland			
North & South Carolina			
Virginia			

*During 1935
we received
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Jewish National Fund of America
111 Fifth Avenue
New York

March 24, 1936

Mr. Nathan Straus
66 West 23rd Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Straus:

I regret that, owing to an out-of-town appointment, I shall not be present at your meeting this afternoon.

Permit me, however, to state my views on the matter which will be discussed.

It is a well-known procedure among many local communities in connection with campaigns, whether they be J.D.C. or U.P.A., that whatever local administrative expenses are incurred in connection with these campaigns are deducted from the gross proceeds and the net proceeds are forwarded to the national office.

So far as I can see, the request for regional subventions is not very much different from that situation. On the other hand, it would be to our advantage if we could control those local expenditures instead of having the control assumed by the local people themselves, as is threatened in the case of Baltimore.

It ought to be realized also that the appeals for Palestine must necessarily entail larger administrative expenses than the J.D.C. appeal for the reason that the J.D.C., generally speaking, has the support of the wealthier element of the community, so that the per capita responses are larger and therefore the proportion of administrative expense is smaller. Moreover, we still have to overcome a good deal of opposition to Palestine and we have therefore enough uphill fight to conduct which makes our operations more expensive.

It is my view that we should not adopt any categorical procedure with regard to regional subsidies, but that we should treat each region on its own merits and in the light of its own peculiar situation. Much should depend on what type of person or committee is in charge of the regional effort. Just now the problem affects two situations, one in Baltimore and one in St. Louis. In both those situations, the people in charge, namely, Rabbi Israel and Professor Klausner, represent the very highest type of responsibility and character. I would therefore act favorably on their request.

Sincerely yours,
(signed) ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
President

March 24, 1936

Mr. Solomon Cohen,
11 West 42nd St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Sol:

The first Sunday in June I am at Harvard University. The second Sunday we have the closing exercises of our own School and I have already scheduled two weddings for that day. The third Sunday, I plan to attend the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

I wish you would let me off this year. There will be other campaigns in future years, I am sure. I am already scheduled for quite a number of out of town meetings in connection with the U.P.A. I have just scheduled Kansas City and Minneapolis. During the month of May I must conduct my own Campaign here in Cleveland of which I am chairman. On top of that I have my own congregational obligations - services, weddings, Confirmation, etc. I really cannot do any more than I am doing. I am just getting over a seige of grippe which kept me in bed for nearly ten days.

With all good wishes to you and yours,
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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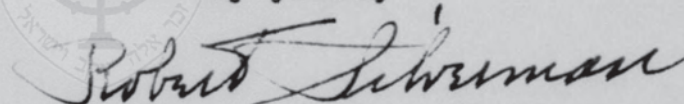
March 25, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th St. & Ainsel Road
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Attached hereto you will find copy of a letter
which I have today addressed to Mr. Samuel Goldhamer in reply to
a wire received from him.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Silverman
Campaign Director

RS:CDG

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for Rabbi Silver

March 25, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Goldhamer:

In reply to your telegraphic request for information with respect to quotas assigned to major communities, please be advised that the following figures have been fixed for the cities mentioned by you:

Baltimore, Md.	\$100,000.
Boston, Mass.	100,000.
Los Angeles, Calif.	75,000.
St. Louis, Mo.	75,000.
Detroit, Mich.	75,000.
Pittsburgh, Pa.	85,000.
Cincinnati, Ohio	75,000.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Silverman
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SB

Copy for Mr. Halperin

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March 26, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver:

We have a very urgent request from Arthur Brin, Campaign Chairman for the Minneapolis drive. They have increased their quota to \$55,000., so as to give a larger amount to the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee.

They would very very much like you to open their campaign some time at the end of April. As long as you are going to Kansas City and Chicago, I wish you could take this engagement on. It would mean so much for the United Palestine Appeal.

Will you be kind enough to let me know by wire, as the Minneapolis Committee is awaiting a reply.

With warmest greetings,

Faithfully,

Stephen S. Wise
National Chairman

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March twenty-seventh
1936

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The resolution for the United Palestine Appeal for which Dr. Wise asked from the Alumni Association and a draft of which I sent to you as a member of the Board of the Alumni, was approved of by those members of the Board who answered (all but two answered), except that one or two wanted to make the resolution stronger and one or two others wanted to make it weaker. I therefore sent Dr. Wise the draft as it stood as a fair expression of the opinion of the Alumni Board.

In accordance with the affirmative vote of the Members of the Board, I have written to Alfred M. Cohn, the retiring president of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College inviting him to be our guest at our dinner to be held in Atlantic City towards the end of June, 1936.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Solomon B. Freehof
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March 29, 1936

HOTEL WOOSTER

WOOSTER, OHIO

Memoranda

1) Re Columbus, Ohio

If you will be at Columbus, Ohio, please, arrange to see Mr. Simon Lazarus re proper allocation of Columbus United Jewish Fund for the United Palestine Appeal. If possible, speak to Mr. Ed. Schanforber about this matter, too.

The Lazarus Family contributes about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the entire United Jewish Fund and Mr. Lazarus is the Treasurer. Mr. Schanforber is the chairman. He has in mind 60% for JUC and 40% for UPA. If no other arrangement is possible, let the 40% go to the Keren Hayesod as per 1935 U. J. Appeal arrangement, and let them make an additional allocation for the Jewish National Fund Land Redemption. (This is my personal, unofficial suggestion).

2) Re Paducah, Ky.

Will you please write to Rabbi Graff to enlist his support for UPA Parity. Their campaign will be in the fall.

S. A. Halperin

HOTEL WOOSTER

WOOSTER, OHIO

March 29, 1938

P. S.:

While at Washington, D.C., I gave you two small pamphlets by Rabbi Schulman and Rabin. If you can locate same, please have them mailed to me to The Jewish Center, Cleveland, O.

I wonder if you have been able to do something with reference to the personal matter I mentioned to you.

S. A. Hagerin

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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March 30, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Attached herewith is a suggested draft for a statement to be issued by the officers of the United Palestine Appeal in connection with the case being made by the Joint Distribution Committee.

It is to be issued to the English-Jewish press and is also to be made available to officers of community chests and to contributors.

In view of the urgent need of issuing such a statement within the next few days, it is hoped that you will have time to read this statement immediately and to telegraph, collect, approval of it, or corrections which you suggest.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor

HM:S

Tuesday, March 3, 1914.

Rabbi Aba Hibel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland Ohio,

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am quite certain
that the letter-head at the top of the
page will afford you little means of
identification. Accordingly, I shall
attempt to "place" myself in your memory.

I am the youngest member of the Bixbee
family; a family with whom you
have had contact of a varied nature
for a number of years.

You knew our mother and read the
service when she passed away some
years ago. Anna Pollock whose husband
died a few years ago, and with 6 daughters
the man following is my sister. Harlow
Kernit was confirmed at the Temple.

Also Ernest Bondell, my brother Harry's
boy. They still reside in Cleveland.
Prior to our leaving Cleveland for Kansas
City five years ago I was one of your
most devoted admirers. I still am and
may be sure I need regular Temple Service
attendants. Since then I have seen you
a number of times on return trips to
Cleveland. You have remembered my face
but were never quite positive when I thought
that happened last seen me at the Temple
picnic. It was raining. You were stand-
ing in front of one of the park buildings.
I went up to greet you and you intro-
duced me to your recently acquired
assistant Rabbi.

I wonder, do you recall the incident?
And now I shall presume upon a past
relationship to further a future one.
Since our sojourn in this western city

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(May I add we like it very much and have
been very happy here) Ernie and I have
both done our bit to become an integral
part of the community. This year Ernie
is General Chairman of the Jewish Welfare
Federation Drive starting May 4th. Mr.
George Oppenheimer tells me you are scheduled
to be here April 29th to give the drive its
opening impetus. Could there be a nicer
coincidence. David R. Clevander directing
the drive and a Clevander coming to give
him inspiration.

Rabbi Silver will you be our house-guest
during your stay in K.C.? Ernie and
I are proud and happy to offer you the
hospitality of our simple household.
I do not have any details on your program
while here outside of the Federation dinner.
We trust you may find it possible to
remain several days. Whatever the extent

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of the visit we will do what we can to make it pleasant and comfortable. And what a grand opportunity to further the 'Water Ship' I mentioned a while ago. You don't even ^{now} look forward to it. Should your plans include Mrs. Silver we would be charmed to have her here with us. Will you extend our invitation to her as well.

May I anticipate a favorable reply and truthfully speaking does the picnic incident conjure up any mental picture of what I look like?

Sincerely,

Wm Ernest Peiser.

March 31, 1936

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
40 West 68th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

I am sorry that I can not go to Minneapolis. I so notified Arthur Brin. The particular week of the opening of the Minneapolis Campaign, I have three out of town lecture engagements scheduled in Pittsburgh, Kansas City and Chicago. I can not do any more.

The Detroit people have been communicating with me about opening their campaign on May 12. Are we getting parity in Detroit?

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK