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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
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Cleveland, Ohio.

April 1, 1936

PERSONAL

Dear Friend:

As the Passover holiday approaches, I send you this word of good cheer and, at the same time, earnestly solicit your cooperation so that tens of thousands may truly find in this festival of redemption release from their bondage in European lands of oppression.

Although traditionally a period of rejoicing, I hardly think that any American Jew who observes Passover this year can feel anything but heartsick. I do not believe that any Jew can celebrate Passover in this free country of equality and opportunity without wishing to do something concrete for the Jews abroad who may well compare their fate with that of our forefathers in Egypt.

If I had written to you a month ago my principal topic would have been the Jews in Germany. But tragic as that situation still is, it is overshadowed by an even greater tragedy which impends. I would not care publicly to make any statement that would foreshadow disaster in Poland, but private advices which I have received lead me to believe that the Jews in Poland are in grave danger of the most terrible forms of physical violence. The example set by the Nazi regime has taken hold of the imagination of an ignorant peasantry long trained in hatred of Jews. Though the Government has tried to suppress pogroms outwardly, its slackness has become notorious because it fears that if it opposes anti-Semitism too vigorously the Government may fall.

What can you and I do about this problem? We can and must, of course, send as much money for relief as we possibly can for those who live in Germany, Poland, Rumania and a host of other countries where the policy is to deprive Jews of their fundamental economic and human rights.

But we ought to face this situation with an eye to the future. No matter how much relief we furnish, we cannot thereby eradicate the anti-Semitism which is crushing the Jews there, whether in Germany, Poland or elsewhere. We are trying to do what we can to fight for the inalienable rights of Jews wherever they are. But if we are realists we must recognize that as long as civilization is as backward as it is in those lands, Jews will be marked out for oppression and destruction. But aside from the long-range view of the situation, there is the immediate problem of getting out of Germany and Poland a maximum number of those who are condemned to a living death.

You have undoubtedly observed the preeminent part played by Palestine in absorbing such homeless Jews. In 1935 over 61,000 found homes in Palestine. Poland sent 27,000, Germany almost 10,000 and more than a score of other countries were represented in the immigration list. Their entry was made possible because of the work that has been done during all these years by the Jewish Agency for Palestine, recognized in the League of Nations Mandate as the supreme authority in the rebuilding of the Jewish homeland.



But these figures are probably familiar to you. But what I must emphasize again is that Palestine alone, of all countries, is prepared and able to accept tens of thousands of additional Jews. We must save as many as we can from misery and despair in Germany and Poland. But we must be objective in studying the possibilities of immigration. Some people speak of South America. But Prof. Samuel Guy Inman, foremost American expert on South America, went there on behalf of the League of Nations High Commission for Refugees, to study the prospects. His report was frankly discouraging. Scores, perhaps hundreds of Jews might be brought into those lands. But he warned that if too many settled in countries like Brazil or Argentine there would be an outbreak of anti-Semitic violence equal to anything Europe has seen. Do we want to send our fellow-Jews through the same vicious cycle?

Immigration restrictions in South Africa are as rigid as in our own country. The world is no longer unexplored territory. It has been honeycombed by investigators for various Jewish organizations. Their reports are available. All are agreed that Palestine is the one country where a great Jewish population could be settled. How can we resist this universal conclusion -- if we are sincere in our desire to solve the Jewish problem in Europe constructively and permanently?

Sir Herbert Samuel, Chairman of the Council for German Jewry, estimated a few weeks ago that 2,000,000 Jews could be settled in Palestine, without in any way affecting the rights and status of the Arabs. East of what is now technically Palestine is Transjordan, a fertile land now virtually uninhabited. Until 1922 it was an historic part of Palestine. It will again become part of the Jewish homeland if we can show the British Government that we have the will and the means to develop it.

It is not our concern as to the political form which Jewish life in Palestine will eventually take. It will be determined by the Jews there. They will know what is best for themselves. But right now we are concerned with getting Jews away from lands which oppress them and into a land which is ready to welcome them in large numbers.

This week Major General Sir Neill Malcolm, League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, visited Palestine to study what has already been accomplished in the settlement of German Jews. He was deeply moved as he was taken from colony to colony by the officers of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Addressing the German Jewish youngsters in the colony of Tel Hai, he said: "You are to be congratulated on the destiny which has brought you to this country and enabled you to partake of this magnificent work". He added, "the eyes of the world are now on the Jewish National Home".

Indeed they are -- and upon us American Jews too. For, in largest measure, we can determine the extent to which Palestine can be made a home for the homeless.



As you know, the fund-raising instrument in the United States of the Jewish Agency for Palestine is the United Palestine Appeal, which is seeking \$3,500,000 during 1936 for the settlement in Palestine of a maximum number of the Jews of Germany and other lands. The United Palestine Appeal is one of the participant organizations in the Council for German Jewry, headed by Sir Herbert Samuel, which is sponsoring the program for the emigration of 100,000 German Jews during the next four years.

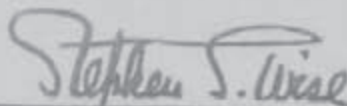
The members of this Council have repeatedly emphasized that at least half, and probably more, of the German Jews would go to Palestine. In truth, there is no other land ready to accept them in such large numbers. To carry out this great program large funds are essential.

This week the Council for German Jewry announced in London that its first official act is the allocation of \$1,250,000 this year for the settlement of German Jews in Palestine. This allocation was made possible because the United Palestine Appeal pledged to the Council the sum of \$250,000 for this one item, if American Jewry's response will make it possible to do so. This is in addition to the regular program of the Jewish Agency for the colonization of Jews, the purchase of land and the general development of the Jewish homeland which the United Palestine Appeal is helping to finance.

When you think of the Jewish situation abroad this Passover, will you not consider the facts presented above? It is customary that during this season Jews in America express their gratitude for the liberty which is their own by making generous contributions to the cause of those who still need to be liberated.

As National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, I would be deeply grateful for a Passover message from you that you are contributing to the historic work which we are doing: enabling Jews to get out of the dark lands of intolerance into the bright haven of freedom in Palestine.

Faithfully yours,



Stephen S. Wise  
National Chairman



# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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Dr. Wise's personal address is

40 West 68th St.  
New York, N. Y.

April 1, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver:

I have yours of the 31st. I am disappointed that you cannot go to Minneapolis.

They want you very much in Indianapolis on the 23rd. This city just voted us parity, and you would help the campaign tremendously if you could accept the Indianapolis invitation.

I have had word from Mr. Rothenberg (and all of us were delighted with the news) that we need have no worry about Cleveland. We leave the Cleveland matter entirely in your hands.

With warmest greetings,

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise  
National Chairman

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NATHAN STRAUS

April 1, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The article in the New Palestine is going in, in a revised form to conform with your suggestions.

Our people here were made happy by the word which I conveyed to them that you had said we need not worry about parity in Cleveland.

I have just received news that Indianapolis has given us parity with the J.D.C. They have been pressing us for some time to secure you for their opening event. We did not wish, however, to do so until we were certain that parity was definite. This being so, I would most urgently request you to accept for April 23rd. We have received numerous telegrams and letters asking us to persuade you to come there. I sincerely hope that it will be possible.

We have also received word from Detroit that an allocation of \$35,000. has been made on a basis of parity with the J.D.C. This, therefore, makes it possible for you to accept the invitation which they extended to you. I know that it would assure the success of the campaign if you would address the opening function.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Morris Rothenberg*

Morris Rothenberg,  
Co-Chairman.

MR:F



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

We were glad to receive word from Dr. Wise that you have accepted to speak in Kansas City for us on April 29th. They are already anxious to know the time of your arrival.

We have had several requests for you to speak in Indianapolis in connection with the launching of their drive on April 23rd. Indianapolis has just voted us parity. It is quite a victory for our cause, and it is one of the very finest communities. They have been trying to get you to speak there for the last several years.

We are officially advised that Detroit has given us \$35,000. We are getting parity there.

Since Dr. Wise extended to you his invitation to speak in Kansas City, we are also advised that we are to receive parity there. Your presence in Kansas City will be utilized for the purpose of launching their campaign. They are very, very happy that you have consented to speak there.

Will you be good enough to let us have word just as soon as there is a decision made about the budget in Cleveland. In our struggle to secure parity, the mentioning of cities like Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, Indianapolis, etc., will be of tremendous help in other cities.

With kindest regards,

Very cordially yours,

*Mendel N. Fisher*  
Mendel N. Fisher  
Campaign Director

MF\*FE



April 1, 1936

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

My dear Dr. Wise:

I received, this morning, from Henry Montor, a suggested draft of a statement to be issued by the officers of the U.P.A. "in connection with the case being made by the Joint Distribution Committee." Mr. Montor writes that this statement is to be issued to the English-Jewish press and is also to be made available to officers of community chests and to contributors.

Frankly, the controversy with the J.D.C. is not doing the cause of the U.P.A. any good. I have already heard considerable criticism of the attack made upon the J.D.C. and Jonah B. Wise in the New Palestine. I am quite sure that there was sufficient provocation. Nevertheless, it is the part of wisdom at this time not to detract the attention of people away from the needs of the campaign to an inter-campaign controversy.

Our tactics lie in the direction of persuading community chest leaders to give the U.P.A. parity. That should not be difficult except in the few places where the community chests are still in the hands of notorious anti-Zionists. A statement setting forth the arguments for parity such as are included in the draft which I received, without any reference to the J.D.C. alleged disparagement of the U.P.A. and sent to officers and leaders of chests, would be helpful and dignified. Also a statement on the claims of Palestine for an equal share of the giving of American Jews this year published in the English-Jewish press would be



Dr. Wise

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helpful. But I strongly urge that the controversy with the J.D.C. be dropped. We stand to lose and not to gain by it.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





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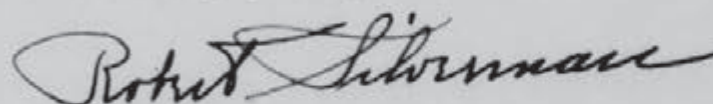
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The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter  
from a field representative of the Joint Distribution  
Committee.

This material is being widely circulated.  
You may be interested in its contents if you have not  
already been sent such a letter.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Silverman

RS:S  
Encl.



**C O P Y**

March 23, 1936

Dr. George Piness,  
1136 West Sixth Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Dr. Piness:

Judge Pacht has suggested that I transmit this for your perusal and information.

It is not generally known that the Joint Distribution Committee, during these last three years, has spent a large part of its income to prepare, to train and to transport emigrants from Germany and refugee countries to Palestine. Out of approximately \$2,000,000. spent by the J.D.C. during these years in its program of German Jewish work, \$525,000. or more than 25% has been spent on the vocational training of young men and women from Germany, going to Palestine, and on the actual transportation and emigration costs.

During the past three years the Zentral Ausschuss, or the Central Committee for Reconstruction and Relief of the Jews of Germany, was the only organization to engage in the training of the youth of Germany for migration to Palestine. The Zentral Ausschuss was the only organization actually to pay the costs of such migration. The Zentral Ausschuss has not received one penny during the last three years from the Jewish Agency for Palestine, nor from any other Palestine organization. So far as America is concerned, they have received funds only from the J.D.C.

As an example, the Hechalutz is a Zionist youth training movement. It is not merely one agricultural training school. It conducts courses of instructions, meetings, publishes books, arranges for discussions, etc. Outside of purely local contributions, the only foreign aid rendered to the Hechalutz, so far as America is concerned, has come from the J.D.C.

In analyzing the budget of Jewish Agency for Palestine, they set aside 14 per cent for immigration and training abroad. Immigration, in the sense in which the Zionists use it, does not mean to pay for the charges of transportation, but it means money turned over to the Immigration Department of the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem. That money is used in Palestine by the Immigration Department to provide facilities for adjustment, etc. for the immigrant.

What I wish to emphasize, however, is that no major American organization other than the J.D.C. has paid:

1. for the training of prospective emigrants to Palestine who are being prepared in Germany and in refugee centers for settlement in Palestine, and
2. for the cost of transportation of emigrants to Palestine.

European organizations which have joined the J.D.C. in defraying some of these charges are the Central British Fund and the ICA.



The funds to be raised by the U.P.A. do not go for these training and transportation costs of German Jews to Palestine. Neither the Jewish Agency nor Dr. Weismann's Central Bureau for the Settlement of German Jews in Palestine have thus far made any contribution toward that work; they have accepted responsibility for the German Jewish Immigrants only after they have set foot on the soil of Palestine.

In addition, I would like to bring to your attention that:

"No major American organization, other than the J.D.C. spends a penny to help the Jews in Germany itself.

"No major American organization, other than the J.D.C. helps to provide for the 60,000 Jewish children of school age in Germany.

"No major American organization, other than the J.D.C. contributes to help thousands of Jews in Germany to retrain themselves for different occupations, to find employment, to secure loans, to find any means of self-support.

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The foregoing activities of the J.D.C., of course, are entirely apart from the tremendous task which confronts the J.D.C. in continuing the vital work of aid and reconstruction among the suffering masses of Jews in Poland, Rumania, Austria and other countries of Eastern Europe. Again, no major American organization other than the J.D.C. does this work.

It might be of interest to know that of \$84,000,000, disbursed by the J.D.C. in the past twenty-one years, approximately \$9,000,000 has been spent in Palestine.

Respectfully

Howard S. Sterne  
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# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD) OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE  
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of the statement that  
is to appear in The New Palestine.

After your telephone conversation with Mr. Rothenberg,  
a meeting was held at which the changes you suggested were  
thoroughly discussed and it was agreed to adopt your point of  
view and to eliminate all references to the Joint Distribution  
Committee that might be considered as offensive.

Furthermore, no references have been made to the  
representations against the United Palestine Appeal made by  
the officers of the J.D.C.

This statement is to appear in The New Palestine  
without the signatures of any officers.

Sincerely yours,

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## EDITORIAL FOR THE NEW PALESTINE

Inasmuch as Jewish welfare funds and Jewish communities generally are now engaged in raising funds for overseas purposes, it is essential that the full scope of the work of the United Palestine Appeal be properly evaluated so that the \$3,500,000 campaign for the resettlement of Palestine may receive parity with the Joint Distribution Committee in the allocation of local funds.

The United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee are the two outstanding organizations engaged in national campaigns for overseas activities. Their activities are complementary and not overlapping. While sympathizing with the aims of the Joint Distribution Committee and hoping that its full quota will be raised, it is expected that similar good will be exhibited toward the United Palestine Appeal. The following is a statement of the obligations and purposes of the United Palestine Appeal which warrant the full-hearted support of American Jewry.

### \$3,500,000 QUOTA

The quota of the United Palestine Appeal for 1936 is \$3,500,000. This is the same amount which is being sought by the Joint Distribution Committee. Late in 1935 when quotas were being arranged, it was thought that \$2,500,000 might be the objective of the United Palestine Appeal. This was changed, however, by unanimous action of the National Conference for Palestine which was held in Washington, D.C. in February, 1936. The Conference, attended by representatives of the forty-two outstanding national Jewish organizations, resolved to accept a quota of \$3,500,000. This was done in response to a cabled request from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President, and the other members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. That cable pointed out the pressing need for extending the colonization and resettlement work and called upon American Jewry to make possible this enlarged program.

Faced with this budgetary demand, and having a quota exactly similar to that of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal must ask each Jewish community to contribute to the United Palestine Appeal at least half of the money which it raises for overseas Jewish purposes. It would be unfair to the



responsibilities which it has assumed to accept less than fifty per cent. of the proceeds for these purposes either in a Jewish community chest or in combined independent campaigns of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal.

#### THE BASIS FOR EQUALITY

But the justice of the claim of the United Palestine Appeal does not rest exclusively on the fact that both causes have equal quotas.

In 1934 and 1935 the United Jewish Appeal consisted of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Palestine Foundation Fund. The income of the United Jewish Appeal was divided on a basis of sixty per cent. for the Joint Distribution Committee and forty per cent. for the Palestine Foundation Fund. The officers of the Palestine Fund accepted that division solely because the amount which represented the difference was expected to be used by the Joint Distribution Committee to finance agricultural training of German Jews preparing to go to Palestine and to help pay for transportation of those going to Palestine.

But in 1936 the United Palestine Appeal includes not only the Palestine Foundation Fund (which received 60 per cent. in the two previous years) but also the equally important Jewish National Fund and also the Mizrachi Organization. It should be emphasized that in 1935 the Jewish National Fund raised \$300,000 in a separate drive, which more than makes up for the lesser proportion received by the Palestine Foundation Fund. The inclusion of these two additional bodies in the United Palestine Appeal further strengthens the claim of Palestine to at least parity in the division of community funds.

#### DIFFERENCES IN FUNCTIONS

Criticism has been directed at the conduct of separate fund-raising activities. It should be pointed out at this time that it was not the United Palestine Appeal which was responsible for the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal.

Since the opening of its 1936 campaign the Joint Distribution Committee has



emphasized the funds it spent during the past two years in training and transporting refugees to Palestine. This is only a normal function of the Joint Distribution Committee, in the same way as it aids in placing Jews in such other lands where they may be absorbed. However, these figures are only confusing unless it is at the same time pointed out that the chief task of taking care of these Jews once they enter Palestine is the exclusive responsibility of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, whose fund-raising representative in the United States is the United Palestine Appeal. The Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund (which compose the United Palestine Appeal) divide the task of resettlement. The Foundation Fund cares for the immigrants from the day they arrive until they are settled on the land. It provides homes, equipment and agricultural training. It supports the education of the children. At the present time it is also engaged in a series of building and public works activities which are giving employment to thousands and ensuring the absorption of additional thousands of immigrants. The Jewish National Fund gives the land for settlement and finances many other activities to improve the fertility and availability of the soil. The scope of its activity is virtually unlimited if adequate funds were provided to enable it to acquire large stretches of land in Palestine on which the incoming settlers could be colonized.

This network aiding the immigrants in Palestine is directed by the Jewish Agency for Palestine, recognized by the League of Nations as the supreme authority in the rebuilding of the Jewish homeland. Its ceaseless protection of Jewish interests and its stimulation of all projects advancing the development of the Jewish National Home are responsible for Palestine's absorptive capacity today, which made possible the entry of 61,000 Jews during 1936 and more than 30,000 Jews from Germany since the Hitler regime.

The full scope of the responsibilities of the agencies included in the United Palestine Appeal may be seen from the expenditures in Palestine during the past three years of a total of approximately \$8,000,000. The Palestine Foundation Fund expended almost \$3,000,000; the Jewish National Fund spent more than \$3,000,000. The



balance was used by the Central Bureau for the Settlement of German Jews, a department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which received its funds from America through the Palestine Foundation Fund. Almost \$2,000,000 was spent specifically for the reception, colonization and aid of German Jews in Palestine. This is in addition to the land and colonies made available for their settlement and in addition to the fact that all the services provided by the Palestine Foundation Fund, such as agricultural and urban colonization, schools, etc. were at the disposal of the German Jewish immigrants.

These figures should be contrasted with the actual amounts spent for transportation. In 1935 the Zentral Ausschuss, the representative body of German Jewry, spent 164,000 marks for transportation of Jews to Palestine. That equals \$65,000 in American money. However, the German Jews themselves and the Jewish Colonization Association and the Central British Fund contributed to this fund together with the Joint Distribution Committee. Of the 3,000,000 marks spent by the Zentral Ausschuss in 1935, the sum of 1,200,000 marks was contributed by German Jews themselves.

It would be helpful if a statement were forthcoming on how much it is intended to set aside during 1936 for the transportation of German Jews to Palestine.

It is our hope that the Joint Distribution Committee will give even more than it has for training and transportation. But the far greater responsibility, requiring far larger sums, is that of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and its colonization and land-purchasing agencies. It is our view that all Jewish bodies, if they wish to aid in solving the problem of Jewish homelessness, should concentrate their energies on sending a maximum number of the Jews of Germany, Poland and other lands to Palestine. But once they are in Palestine, millions of dollars are required for the huge task of settlement and colonization and general integration into the new homeland. That is the cause for which the United Palestine Appeal is raising funds.

A further basis for equality as between the Joint Distribution Committee



and the United Palestine Appeal is found in the program adopted by the World Council for German Jewry, headed by Sir Herbert Samuel. It is the aim of the Council to assist 100,000 Jews to emigrate from Germany during the next four years. The members of the Council have emphasized again and again that at least half of these German Jews -- and probably more -- will go to Palestine. In other words, Palestine will have to take care of as many German Jews as all the rest of the world combined. Obviously, huge resources will be required by the Jewish Agency for Palestine if this program is to be realized.

In addition to its responsibilities in this direction, the Jewish Agency is also furnishing aid to the Jews of Poland, Rumania, Lithuania and other countries where economic and political disfranchisement is crushing the Jewish population. In addition to the large numbers now emigrating from these countries, the Jewish Agency has a visiting list of more than 100,000 individuals in these lands who are pleading for settlement in Palestine. But even if funds are made available for the transportation of this number, it would require millions of dollars to colonize them, furnish them with land and prepare them for life in this new country.



THE CLAIM OF PALESTINE

The rebuilding of Palestine represents a fundamental approach to the solution of the Jewish problem. The aim is to remove a maximum number of Jews from lands of oppression and settle them in a land where they will have economic opportunity and assume their rightful status as free human beings. Relief is essential for those who remain in Europe but unless the problem is solved constructively and permanently that relief will go on indefinitely, in view of the deep-seated anti-Semitism in those countries.

It is on this basis that the United Palestine Appeal makes its request to the Jewish community of America for utmost generosity and understanding. It does not regard itself as in competition with any other organization, for what it does is accomplished by no other body. If it were less sympathetic to the Joint Distribution Committee, it could well ask that far more than fifty per cent. of community funds should be made available for Palestine rebuilding--- on the basis that only by settling Jews in Palestine can they be permanently relieved of their misery and despair.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL?

No questions are asked in Palestine as to whether an immigrant is a Zionist or a non-Zionist, a reform or an orthodox Jew. Those who give to the United Palestine Appeal are making the most effective contribution to the permanent relief of suffering, regardless of the origin and views of those aided, apart from the cultural and spiritual implications of Palestine resettlement.

Insofar as German Jews are concerned, the Jewish Agency for Palestine has been making available during the past three years a third of all the immigration certificates allotted to it by the Palestine Government. This ratio is entirely disproportionate to the Jewish population in other countries but represents the recognition by the Jewish Agency of the special character of

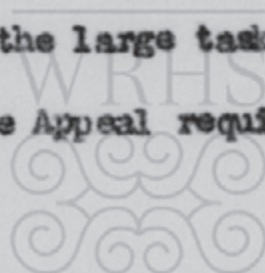


the German Jewish tragedy.

LET THERE BE UNITY

We reiterate our hope that the campaign of the Joint Distribution Committee as well as of the United Palestine Appeal will be completely successful and that a generous American Jewry will respond to the piteous cries for help from abroad by enabling both organizations to meet their heavy responsibilities. But neither the Jewish community in America nor the beneficiaries of the two funds abroad will be helped by an understatement of the preeminent role that Palestine has played in the past few years and that it must continue to play in the coming years in ~~the~~ solving the problem of Jewish homelessness. Unity in American Jewry is served by mutual appreciation of each other's ~~strengths~~ ~~and~~ responsibilities.

In conclusion, we wish to emphasize that on the basis of the proved and pressing needs and of the large tasks that must be met, the \$3,500,000 quota of the United Palestine Appeal requires no less than parity in the distribution of community funds.





April 2, 1936

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

My dear Rothenberg:

The Budget Committee of the Jewish Welfare Fund, at its meeting yesterday, voted to appropriate \$125,000 out of its 1936 Campaign to the U.P.A. and the J.D.C. on the basis of complete parity. Thus, if the goal of the United Campaign is reached, the U.P.A. will receive \$62,500. The action of the Budget Committee is still to be approved by a joint meeting of the United Welfare Fund Executive and the Executive of the Federation. This meeting will be held next Monday.

I spoke to Mr. Kurt Peiser of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation. I accepted their invitation to open their Campaign on May 12. Mr. Peiser told me that the U.P.A. and the J.D.C. have been placed on parity.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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April 3, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your note of today telling me that the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland decided to divide the sum of \$125,000 between the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. on a basis of parity is indeed good news. It is a tribute to your influence and your leadership in the Cleveland Jewish community, and we are indeed fortunate in your support. I have sent the word on to the U.P.A. and everybody is happy.

We are also indebted to you for accepting the Detroit engagement. We had already heard that parity was to be given there.

All good wishes to you. I look forward to seeing you soon in New York. Possibly you could let me know when you expect to be here, so that we can arrange a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the U.P.A. which you could attend.

Very cordially,

*Morris Rothenberg*



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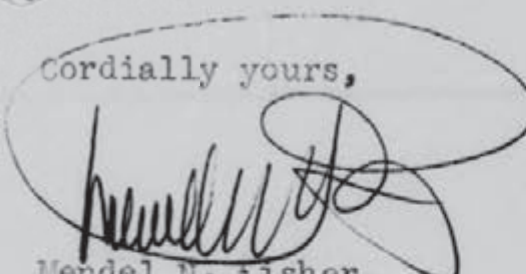
April 3, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Morris Rothenberg conveyed to us the good news. Congratulations on your victory. It will mean a great deal not only for Cleveland, but for the United Palestine Appeal throughout the country. You have done it single-handed. All of us in the campaign are grateful to you for this very fine achievement.

Cordially yours,

  
Mendel N. Fisher,  
Campaign Director.

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April 3, 1936

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

My dear Dr. Wise:

I hesitate a good deal about taking on Indianapolis for April 23 because of the number of out of town engagements I have in the next few weeks and my fear that if I am out of the city attending to other campaigns, my own campaign in Cleveland will suffer. As you know, I have also accepted the invitation from Detroit to open their campaign on May 12. However, I shall make an effort to go to Indianapolis but I would request that your office should not ask me for any other out of town dates between now and the end of May.

I wrote Rothenberg, yesterday, that the Budget Committee here voted the U.P.A. parity with the J.D.C. Its action is to be approved by the Welfare Fund Executive and the Federation Executive next Monday. I shall inform you of their final action.

With all good wishes for a happy Pesach,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Mr. Morris Rothenberg,  
111 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Rothenberg:

We have today completed the setting up of a tentative budget for our Welfare Fund for the coming year. It is the largest ever adopted in our community. It was purposely set at a high figure in the hopes that it would produce the largest contribution in our history.

But I am personally confident that we haven't a chance of even approximating its total unless we receive substantial aid from outside.

I have been told that efforts are being made to bring Dr. Silver, of Cleveland, here. He is very highly regarded here and in my opinion his coming would not only help greatly in the final results but would also do much to assure a fair division of the fund as between the two major causes, provided of course his talk is along the right lines.

I am writing this note in the hopes that you will do what you can to induce him to come here, and to impress upon him the necessity of stressing the great importance of the Palestinian cause.

I would appreciate a line from you as to the possibilities of Dr. Silver coming here.

Yours very truly,

*Albert S. Goldstein*



Indianapolis, Indiana  
400 Occidental Building

April 4th, 1936

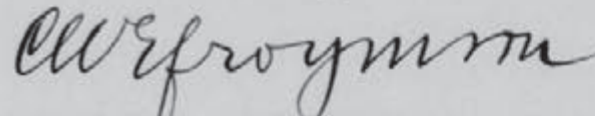
Mr. Maurice Rothenberg,  
111 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am very sorry that I was out of town at the time of your visit in Indianapolis, and therefore unable to meet you.

I have been appointed Chairman of the local Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign. We are particularly anxious to have Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver here as our speaker for our large meeting, which is to be held Thursday evening April 23, 1936. Mr. Joe Hyman tells me that you have already kindly offered your services in order to obtain Rabbi Silver if possible. I would like to add my wish to Mr. Hyman's. Since the dates have already been set, it is most important that we know as soon as possible, in order that we can be assured of the success of our campaign.

Yours very truly,



CLARENCE W. EFROYMSON

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400 Occidental Building,  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
April 4th, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is my good fortune and task to have been appointed this year, as last, Chairman of our local Jewish Welfare Drive. The advance information which has lead me to undertake this work, which I do feeling its tremendous importance, ~~are~~<sup>is</sup> of a distinctly encouraging nature. I believe that we will be able to do a good job this year, but we need help.

I write this letter in order to ask your help, specifically that you come here to address our big meeting on the eve of the opening of the drive. That meeting will be held on Thursday night the 23rd of April, the drive to open the following morning. To that meeting all those who gave over \$50.00 last year, or from whom we can expect such a gift this year, as well as all workers are invited to be present.

I know, Rabbi Silver, that you are so heartily interested in this work that nothing I can say will add to your willingness to help if it is within your power. We are attempting to raise from the whole community as large an amount as possible. A great portion of the funds will go to European <sup>relief</sup> and <sup>upbuilding</sup> Palestinian relief, and we are most anxious to have the support of our whole community.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Clarence W. Efroymsen*  
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April 6, 1936.

## AIR MAIL

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed are two letters from Indianapolis urging me to prevail upon you to accept the Indianapolis engagement. This community has gone out of its way to be helpful to the U.P.A. and I sincerely hope that you may find it possible to accept their invitation.

Very cordially yours,

Encl.

P.S. -- Please return the letters.





April 8, 1936

Mr. Clarence W. Efroymsen,  
400 Occidental Building,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Efroymsen:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 4 and for the invitation which you extend to me to open your Campaign on Thursday, April 23. I had intended not to accept your invitation because the pressure of work upon me is so great. I am opening quite a number of such Campaigns in other parts of the country and I am also General Chairman of the Cleveland Welfare Fund Campaign which opens early in May. But the people back in New York have been urging me to accept it and I shall do my best to come to you. I understand that you have given the U.P.A. parity with the J.D.C. in your Campaign. That is as it should be. We have just voted similar parity in Cleveland.

Have you set aside any sum in your joint Campaign for the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League? As you probably know, I am Vice-Chairman of that organization which has been responsible for the quiet and very effective boycott of German merchandise in the United States. Numerous communities have been appropriating smaller or larger sums to the work of this organization. It directs the work of local units throughout the country, sends speakers, publishes a monthly Bulletin and conducts an important Research Department. I would appreciate it deeply if you could allocate a subsidy to the all important work of this organization.

You do not indicate in your letter whether the meeting is to be in the nature of a dinner meeting or a mass meeting. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



April 8, 1936

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

My dear Dr. Wise:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Federation and the Jewish Welfare Fund, held last Monday, the report of the Budget Committee giving the U.P.A. and the J.D.C. parity in the 1936 Campaign was unanimously approved. In the final budget, a sum of \$120,000 is set aside for U.P.A. and J.D.C. If the amount is reached, the U.P.A. will receive \$60,000. It was also voted to give no preference to local or national agencies over foreign relief agencies so that if the full amount of the Campaign goal of \$238,000 is not reached, all the agencies will be paid out proportionately. I had to fight very strenuously for this. In some of our previous campaigns, when the goal was not reached, the local and national agencies were paid out one hundred percent. What was left - usually very little - was then given to Palestine and to the J.D.C.

With all good wishes for a happy Passover,  
I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



Indianapolis, Indiana,  
400 Occidental Building,

April 9th, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio

My Dear Rabbi:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 8th. We are most happy to have you as the speaker to open our campaign Thursday evening, April 23rd, and I appreciate your acceptance in view of the great pressure of work upon you.

In your letter you mention the matter of parity between the J. D. C. and the U. P. A. Our position is as follows: The Budget Committee has not made a decision as to the division of funds between these two organizations. That matter will be settled finally by action of the Board of the Jewish Welfare Fund of this city. This action was postponed, I believe very wisely, in order to avoid possibilities of conflict before the money is raised. We do not want to jeopardize the campaign by bringing up this issue at this time.

This is our situation: Last year we appropriated \$20,000.00, all of which was paid, to the United Jewish Appeal. This, except for Cincinnati's contribution, was the largest per capita contribution in the country according to the figures given us. This year we hope to raise a much larger sum. At a meeting recently of a very few of the largest givers, all present greatly increased their contributions. The total of the six givers represented was increased by over \$7,000.00.

All the men at that meeting recognized that the increased amount should go almost exclusively to the European and Palestinian work. That was the basis of their increased giving, and their influence will certainly predominate, so that practically the entire increase which we may make, and which we hope will be in proportion to that of these six large givers, will go to Europe and Palestine.

In sum, we have most encouraging prospects. It is now necessary for us to bring before the general public what these six men have felt, as proven by their gifts. That we hope to do at the dinner meeting which you will address. The meeting is to be a dinner at 7:00 P. M., to which will be invited all men and women who last year gave \$100.00 or more, and all from whom we may hope to receive gifts of \$100.00 or more this year, and all workers including those from the smaller communities out state.



April 9th, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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There has been, I am informed, an allotment made to the Campaign for the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

In closing, I wish to express once more my deep appreciation for your letter. Will you please advise me by wire to confirm the date, Thursday April 23rd, 7:00 P. M., as we wish to make arrangements for the meeting, and I would also like to know when you will arrive and how long you will stay in order that I make arrangements for your comfort while you are here.

Yours very truly

*Clarence E. Froymson*



Dear Rabbi:

I would like to tell you, as I have already told a field representative of the Joint Distribution Committee and everybody in Indianapolis who has been interested in my opinion, that I personally definitely favor parity in the distribution of our funds.

Yours very truly

*Clarence E. Froymson*



RABBI JONAH B. WISE  
35 EAST 62<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 10th, 1936

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

Dear Friend:

The New Palestine, official organ of the Zionist Organization, in a recent issue made some references to the Joint Distribution Committee and to me. The Zionist leaders have not seen fit to discuss with me or any other Joint Distribution Committee officer the matter over which their organ is so exercised.

The charges made therein against the Joint Distribution Committee, I deny categorically. The Joint Distribution Committee does not use the means suggested in the editorial. No one of its officers or representatives has, to my knowledge, ever adopted the tactics suggested by the New Palestine. The methods employed by the New Palestine in getting and disseminating information and forming conclusions must be very faulty, judging by the article referred to.

It is not true that "as a representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, Jonah B. Wise has visited a number of communities." I visited exactly one community, and that was St. Louis where the following occurred:

Without any consultation with me, and without my knowledge, the St. Louis community undertook to raise \$55,000 for overseas needs of which \$40,000 was allotted to the Joint Distribution Committee, and \$15,000 to the United Palestine Appeal. When I learned about it, I went to St. Louis and after discussing the matter with the committee and impressing upon them the importance of increasing the amount, I succeeded in convincing them that they ought to raise \$100,000 for overseas needs. Out of this \$100,000, the community allocated \$68,000 to the Joint Distribution Committee and \$32,000 to the United Palestine Appeal. My visit was not a secret one, and the committee, I am sure, extended an invitation to the Zionist group to attend a hearing.

The Joint Distribution Committee is very much concerned with Palestine. The Joint Distribution Committee pays the expenses of people preparing to go to Palestine from Central and Eastern Europe. The Joint Distribution Committee pays the landing tax in Palestine of all those it sends from Central and Eastern Europe.

In the campaigns of the Joint Distribution Committee, we naturally have to acquaint the public with the work we are doing and the manner in which our money is spent. When we talk about the work we are doing for emigration to Palestine, we are always careful to state the facts correctly and do not seek to get credit for work done by others. But the people who contribute are entitled to know the facts. We have at no time tried to minimize the importance of the work done by others but we are obligated to make known the work which we do ourselves.

The Joint Distribution Committee has combined with the United Palestine Appeal in raising funds in a number of communities. Where there is a combined campaign, I, for one, willingly accept the suggestion of the Zionists that there be some sort of



referendum as to the distribution of funds. I am perfectly willing that those who contribute should indicate where their funds should go. I shall use every effort to persuade my colleagues to take this point of view, and trust that the leaders of the Zionist campaign will put it in force in a proper way very promptly.

In this connection, may I call your attention to the absolute necessity for providing \$3,500,000 for the Joint Distribution Committee program? This program is not one of charity, but is one which implements the sense of outraged justice and the resentment of the Jews of America against the treatment of Jews in Central and Eastern Europe. Of course, I decline to acknowledge that charity has ever been a crime or a misdemeanor in Jewish life.

The work of the Joint Distribution Committee contributes to the permanent life program of hundreds of thousands of individuals, who, lacking that assistance and cooperation, would be totally deserted and incapacitated. Its record in this work for more than twenty years is, and always has been, open to the closest scrutiny.

I feel that it should be made clear and definite that the Joint Distribution Committee is the only major American organization which is raising funds to meet the increasing and tragic needs of the 450,000 Jews left within Germany. The Joint Distribution Committee is the only major American agency which is raising funds to aid the refugees who need help in France, Belgium, Holland and other lands bordering Germany where they are stateless and homeless.

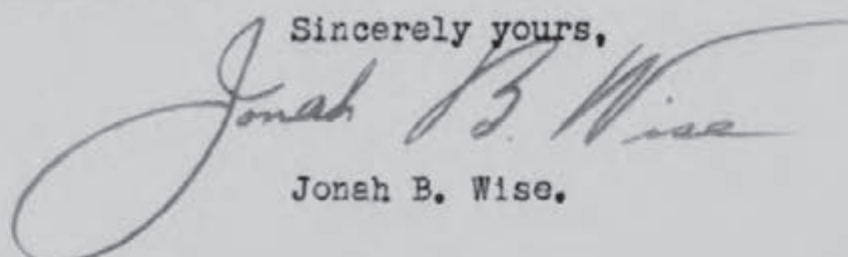
The Joint Distribution Committee is the only major American agency which is raising funds to provide training and retraining and to pay the transportation costs for the Jews of Germany who are so fortunate as to leave there and settle in Palestine or other lands. The Joint Distribution Committee is the only major American agency which is raising funds to provide schooling for Jewish children deprived of the right to attend the German public schools. The Joint Distribution Committee is the only major American agency which is making available economic aid and rehabilitation for the thousands of Jews deprived of a livelihood in Germany and other lands.

In Poland one million, out of a Jewish population of three million, are known to be on the verge of starvation. The plight of the Jews in Rumania, Lithuania and other sections of Eastern Europe is being aggravated by new flares of anti-Semitism and relentless discrimination. The Joint Distribution Committee is the only major American organization which is raising funds for the relief and reconstructive aid of these people. The Joint Distribution Committee is the only major American organization which is helping to maintain their religious and cultural institutions, sacred to the Jews. The Joint Distribution Committee is the only major American organization which is extending child-care and medical-sanitary aid to them and to their children.

I trust that I have not too long detained you in this matter, and that the Joint Distribution Committee will have your increased support.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jonah B. Wise". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jonah B. Wise.

JBW:LG



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The Rev. Dr. A. H. Silver, Rabbi  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Dear Doctor Silver:

I have just found out from a very reliable source that the United Jewish Fund of Columbus, Ohio, intend to allocate  $\frac{2}{3}$  to JDC and  $\frac{1}{3}$  to UPA. Last year Columbus gave \$12500.00 to UPA. May I ask you to contact Mr. Simon Lazarus, the Treasurer and Mr. E. J. Schauffner, the chairman of the Columbus U. Jewish Fund for a more favorable allocation. Immediate action is imperative. Mr. Alfred Kobacker is on the board of that Fund.

I know that Cleveland, Detroit and Indianapolis have accepted parity.

Am wondering whether you have heard from Akron, Ohio. The chairman is Mr. Louis Nabil Co. Nabil Shae Co.

With Passover Greeting, I am  
Sincerely yours,

Samuel A. Halperin

P.S: Charleston accepted parity, \$3000.00 for each fund.

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Dr. Wise's personal address is

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New York, N. Y.

April 10, 1936

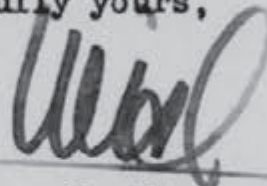
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The Temple  
East 105th St. & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver:

Thanks for letting me know that you succeeded in getting \$120,000., together with parity, for the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee. Best of all, to have gotten the vote to give no preference to local or national agencies over foreign relief agencies. It is a magnificent job, magnificently done. *Wise*

With every good wish for the close of a happy Passover season,

Faithfully yours,



Stephen S. Wise  
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Mr. S. A. Halperin  
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Dear Mr. Halperin:-

In reply to your recent letter, our budget committee as yet has not met to consider the allocation of funds. There has been a little confliction in the obtaining of Dr. Silver for our opening campaign dinner. Dr. Silver wants us to commit ourselves definitely on parity between the United Palestine Appeal and the JDC. The budget committee was not in a position to make this commitment at this time as opinion had not crystalized and a number of the members felt that should have more time and information to form an opinion.

Due to the fact that we must plan ahead and must have definite arrangements as to our speaker at this time, we were therefore not in a position to promise Dr. Silver parity. We have been therefore reluctantly forced to seek a speaker elsewhere.

Kindest personal regards from the writer, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

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Louis Nobil

LN:M



April 14, 1936

Mrs. Ernest Peiser,  
1308 West 50 Street Terrace,  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Peiser:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 31 and for your gracious offer of hospitality during my forthcoming visit to your city. My stay in Kansas City will necessarily be very brief. I must leave that same evening for Chicago. I will probably arrive some time in the afternoon. I have found it more convenient to stop at the hotel where the meeting or dinner is held. This saves me time and gives me an opportunity to rest a bit before and after meetings. I shall, however, be very happy to see you when I get to Kansas City. I am truly appreciative of your kindness and thoughtfulness in writing to me.

I am happy to know that your husband is heading off the Campaign in your city and I am confident that under his leadership your Campaign will be altogether successful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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IMPERATIVE TO ENABLE ME ORGANIZE CAMPAIGN=

:SAMUEL A HALPERIN HOTEL FREDERICK.



Huntington, W. Va.  
April 15, 1936.

Mr. Louis Nobil, Chairman  
Jewish Welfare Fund  
Akron, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Nobil:

Your letter of April 13th at hand. Am greatly disappointed over the fact that your committee did not take advantage of the opportunity to have Dr. Silver of Cleveland open up your campaign. Mr. Lincoln Greis of your city felt that if Dr. Silver were to open the campaign, its success would have been assured and the total raised would have been larger.

It is very hard for me to understand why your committee could not see its way clear to give the United Palestine Appeal parity. Why must relief be held above constructive work for our refugees? I had an opportunity to speak to a young German Jewish physician in Charleston, West Virginia. Members of his family have found refuge in Palestine, and they are all in one accord -- that the only constructive and lasting work for the Jewish refugees is being done in Palestine only. There is another fact illustrating this truth. The <sup>small number of</sup> Polish Jews who have settled in Palestine are today sending into Poland over \$2,000,000. yearly to help their own people in Poland. This is more than the larger number of Polish and other Jews in America are doing for Polish Jewry either through the J.D.C. or through the Federation of Polish Jews in America. By the way, this Federation is at present engaged in a \$1,000,000. campaign for Polish Jewry. Therefore, the J.D.C. is not the only body helping Polish Jews. These facts taken together surely ought to convince your budget committee to give to the United Palestine Appeal not less than to the J.D.C. After all under the United Jewish Appeal of the last two years at least 40% went to one of the Palestine funds, namely, to the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. As you know the Palestine Land Redemption Fund and the Immigration and Settlement Fund are also included in the United Palestine Appeal. Your committee surely ought to add 10% to the quota (in percentages) of the Palestine Fund of last year in order to enable Palestine to offer a home to far more young Jews than all other countries in the world can today offer.

According to the New York Times of April 6, 1936, the Hilfsverein der Juden in Deutschland, the Jewish Relief organization, forwarded to the Council for German Jewry in London a plan for



the settlement of only 12,000 German Jews a year in countries other than Palestine. As you see, Palestine is expected to take care of at least just as many if not many more. The key to Palestine today is definitely in the hands of American and other Jewish communities. And unless American Jewish communities do at least as much for Palestine as they are doing for European Relief, how will Palestine be able to bring reconstruction to the multitudes of our youth in Europe?

I wish to emphasize that only the groups affiliated with the Palestine work and reconstruction are assisting German Jewish immigrants to Palestine in 1936. Do not let anyone tell you that any other organization in this country or elsewhere except those affiliated with the Jewish Agency for Palestine is and will assist Jewish immigrants to Palestine. Mr. Ereutzberger, one of the leaders of the Central Ausschuss made a special visit to the United States to confer with the leaders of the J.D.C., which organization his agency represents in Germany. He pointed out the imperative need of assisting immigrants to Palestine and asked for an appropriation. Despite all his pleadings such appropriation was not made.

In view of the above facts, may I ask to be so kind and read my letter to your budget committee. If possible make copies of same and give it to the members of your committee in advance, so that they may have an opportunity to give this important matter their consideration. I am reasonably sure that after reading these facts they will be more than ever convinced of the value of the United Palestine Appeal and vote parity to the United Palestine Appeal with the J. D. C.

I am most anxious to be present at the meeting of your budget committee. Please therefore notify me several days in advance c/o the Daniel Boone Hotel, Charleston, W. Va. If necessary wire me collect.

If communities like Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Canton, Charleston, W.Va. and a number of other important Jewish Welfare Funds have accepted the policy of equal appropriations for the United Palestine Appeal with the J.D.C., why should not your community adopt the same policy? Surely your aim is to bring the best possible help to our suffering brethren and to enable them to help themselves as soon as possible. Palestine is the only permanent solution for the European Jewish Refugees in the majority of cases.

With best wishes and many thanks and in anticipation of your letter informing me about the date of the meeting of your budget committee, I am

Sincerely yours,

Samuel A. Halperin,  
Field Representative.

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April 15, 1936

The Rev. Dr. A. H. Silver, Rabbi  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your letter.

There is a chance of raising here \$4000.00 or more  
for WPA and for Cow parity basis.

Please advise me whom to ask as speaker  
here for May 12, as you know the people.

How will <sup>Rabbi</sup> Leon Franco? or Rabbi  
Julius Gordon of St. Louis?

With best wishes and many thanks,

I am

Sincerely yours

To Hotel Daniel Boone  
Charleston, W. Va.

Samuel A. Halperin

Enclosures-



April 16, 1936

Mr. Clarence W. Efroymson,  
400 Occidental Building,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Efroymson:

Confirming our telephone conversation of two days ago, I wish to say that I shall make every effort to be with you on Thursday evening, April 23, on the occasion of the opening of your Campaign. I am doing this at considerable personal sacrifice as I am involved in our own local Campaign, of which I am General Chairman. Furthermore, my health has not been of the best. However, the hour demands sacrifices on the part of all of us.

I trust that your Campaign will be eminently successful. I am particularly interested that a large sum of money should go to foreign relief this year in view of the emergency which confronts Jewish life abroad. I trust that your Board will see the wisdom of dividing monies for foreign relief equally between the U.P.A. and the J.D.C. Both Campaigns have as their goal \$3,500,000 and both are entitled to equal consideration on the part of Jewish community chests in this country. More than one-half the Jews who have left Germany since Hitler have settled in Palestine. As you know, it is planned to place at least half the Jews who will be assisted to emigrate from Germany in the next four years, to settle in Palestine. Cleveland has voted an equal amount for the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. and I understand Detroit and Kansas City have done likewise. There is none, and there should be no competition between these two important agencies and over zealous advocates of either of these Funds should not be permitted to confuse the judgment of people at this time.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:K



April 17, 1936

Rabbi Samuel A. Halperin,  
Hotel Daniel Boone,  
Charleston, W. Va.

My dear Rabbi Halperin:

Let me thank you for your letter of  
April 15. I believe that Rabbi Julius Gordon would  
be an excellent man for Huntington. Rabbi Gordon  
has spoken in Cincinnati and elsewhere for foreign  
relief and made an excellent impression. ES

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



400 Occidental Bldg.,  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
April 17, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of April 16th and thank you very much. I appreciate your personal sacrifice, and hope that you will feel that your efforts have been worthwhile.

I believe I have already written you our position with regard to the funds for foreign relief. The small groups of large givers whom we have already contacted and who have on an average increased their gifts over last year over 33-1/3%, have without exception done so because they sensed the necessities of the foreign situation. We are going to set our goal at \$70,000.00, and if we reach this sum I hope that we will be able to send nearly twice as much to foreign agencies as we sent last year.

Will you kindly advise me when and by what train you will arrive, so that we can make preparations to receive you?

With best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*Clarence W. Efroymson*

Clarence W. Efroymson





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Dear Friend:

Thursday night, April 23rd, our community will be distinguished by the visit of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland. Rabbi Silver is known to every one of us, not alone for his splendid gift of oratory, but as well for his interest, judgement and leadership in Jewish life. Impelled by the earnestness of the situation, Rabbi Silver has come to give us of his energy and time.

To open this year's Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign, Rabbi Silver will address the Jewish Community of Indianapolis at

KIRSHBAUM COMMUNITY CENTER  
2314 North Meridian Street

THURSDAY APRIL 23RD, 1936, 8:15 P.M.

Enclosed is an admission card for yourself and your guests. Please come early. We expect a capacity crowd.

Yours,

DR. C. W. EFROYMSON  
CHAIRMAN 1936 CAMPAIGN

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Indianapolis, Indiana  
400 Occidental Bldg.

April 20th, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
E. 105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing a copy of the invitation to the meeting Thursday night. I am sorry that I have neglected until now to ask you what will be the title of your address. Will you kindly inform me, so that we can publish the notice in the newspaper?

Since I have last written you it has been arranged to have the radio broadcast over the Indianapolis station WFBM. However, we have been able to arrange only one-half hour's time, namely from 9:00 to 9:30 P. M. Some of the older heads in the community have suggested that you might wish to divide your talk into two sections, one to be given from 9:00 to 9:30 intended for the general public, and another part of your talk either from about 8:30 to 9:00, or after 9:30 which could be more specifically for the limited audience which the Kirshbaum Community Center hall can accommodate (I believe this hall will hold about twelve hundred people).

I hope you will send me word as to when you will arrive and how long you will be able to visit our community, so that I may make proper arrangements for your comfort.

Very truly yours,

*Clarence W. Efroymsen*  
by: M. Purdy  
Clarence W. Efroymsen

On account of the death of Mr. Efroymsen's father-in-law, it was necessary for him to leave the office, and this letter is being mailed, although not read by him.

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Dear Silver:

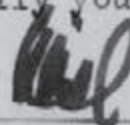
Just a word to say to you that things are going fairly well in the U.P.A. We are certain to have twice as much as we got last year for the U.P.A. and the J.D.C. will have two or three times as much as it had last year. So it is certain that no matter what the results last year, each of us will do almost as well as both of us did together. If we could only have had a few more great communities in the country like your own and Detroit,

I write especially at this moment to ask you whether you have noted the vote yesterday of the Administrative Committee of the B.O.A. with regard to the World Jewish Congress. I have for sometime had the feeling, perhaps nothing more than the hope, that you may have come to see that the extraordinary crisis in Jewish life calls for that World Jewish Congress, the necessity for which has been recognized by five different Zionist Congresses and has been most clearly stated at Lucerne. Naturally it would give me the greatest satisfaction, as it would my associates abroad and at home, if you felt, in the light of your own convictions, that you could take part with us in an undertaking which is as urgently and imperatively needed today as was the Zionist Congress in 1897.

I should be most happy to learn from you that you have come to share my own feeling that the time is come for united public action on the part of Jews in a coordinated attempt to safeguard such Jewish interests as may yet be defended and safeguarded throughout the world. This task is not for men of my age, who can be of some help for only a little while longer. It is younger and stronger men like yourself who must accept the responsibility if convictions move them, to take part therein.

I should be very eager to know what your own thought is with regard to this most important problem.

Faithfully yours,



PRESIDENT

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P.S.

We are terribly distressed about what is happening in Tel-Aviv and Jaffa, but the one thing we must not permit is to have this magnified into a great racial conflict. Rubashow seems to think that a few hot-heads, who were warned by the Executive, are responsible for the Tel-Aviv clash. Alas, how it all will be used against us!



# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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April 21, 1936.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Since you are going to Indianapolis, you will be interested in reading a copy of the letter that Dr. Jonah B. Wise sent to Mr. J. A. Goodman of Indianapolis.

You know that Mr. Goodman is one of the leading citizens of the community. He is the former President of the Welfare Fund and happens to be a very good Zionist.

We appreciate your kindness in accepting the Indianapolis engagement. With your presence there we ought to achieve parity.

Sincerely yours,

Mendel N. Fisher,  
Campaign Director.

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Dr. Wise's personal address is

40 West 68th St.  
New York, N. Y.

April 23, 1936

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

Dear Silver:

I have acted immediately upon your  
telegram, and hope it may be effective in the matter  
of Senator King, who is an old friend.

Faithfully,

*Abba*  
Stephen S. Wise  
National Chairman

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April 23, 1936

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Chairman,  
United Palestine Appeal,  
40 West 68th St.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

Since your correspondence with me with reference to Kansas City, I have not heard a word directly from that community concerning the meeting which presumably I am to address on Wednesday, April 29. I have had no official invitation nor any indication as to the nature of the meeting. I found no mention in the Jewish paper of Kansas City of this week of my coming or of the meeting which I am to address. I must therefore assume that the meeting is not to take place or that it is to be a parlor meeting at which I am to meet with a few of the larger prospective givers of the community. I must decline to attend such a meeting. My health in the last few weeks has not been of the best and I can not knock around the country for such purposes.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I am leaving this noon for Indianapolis, although suffering from a severe cold.



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
10311 Lake Shore Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Doctor:

Mr. Sieg. Harzfeld and I have just sent you a telegram, copy of which is hereto attached, which truly expresses our feeling.

Just as I was ready to leave my office, Mr. Oppenheimer, Chairman of the Special Gifts Committee phoned me, telling me of his conversation with you regarding the dinner meeting next Wednesday night. I immediately came out to the Federation Offices and therefore I am writing this on Federation stationery instead on my personal letter head.

Mr. Harzfeld is with me as I am writing you.

During the months of November, December and part of January I was away from Kansas City on account of illness. During that time the campaign organization was arranged. Mr. George Oppenheimer was selected as chairman of the Special Gifts Committee and in line with that responsibility communicated with the New York office of the U. P. A., to find out if it would be possible to have you come to Kansas City to address an audience of the larger givers and if you were willing to come, what date would suit you the best. He was informed that you would come, and that April 29th was the date you selected as suiting your convenience.

The time of the campaign was moved one week ahead so as to follow your presence as closely as practicable so that we might cash-in on the results of your appeal for the Federation, with as little time left for cooling off as possible.

Now as it develops Mr. Oppenheimer did not extend you an official invitation to come to Kansas City nor did any of the other executives in charge of the campaign except



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peiser and Mr. Peiser is the General Chairman of the entire campaign. He reported that while you were coming to Kansas City you would be unable to stop at his residence and preferred to stop at a hotel and reservations have already been made for you and Mrs. Silver, if she comes along, at the Muehlebach Hotel.

We know that we should have written you ourselves after we learned that you were coming but I was out of the city for a couple of weeks and just returned the first part of this week and thoughtlessly took it for granted that an invitation had been directly extended to you. On account of my illness I have not given as much attention to the details of the campaign as in former years. I accepted the statements that "everything has been taken care of in the proper manner."

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the invitation that has been mailed to all of our larger givers and many acceptances have already been received and we are anticipating a very large attendance from the class of our citizens who are in the position, if they do their share (and with your assistance), to put over this campaign in a bigger way than we have ever done heretofore.

We are attempting to raise \$50,000.00, more this year than last year and any slip in the process is likely to interfere with the successful culmination of our efforts.

We have purposely avoided a great deal of publicity in our daily newspapers because last year when we had much of it we were informed that there was a great deal of criticism and envy, on the part of non-Jewish people of our efforts to raise a lot of money to be sent out of the United States while there is so much unemployment and suffering in our country. So this year we thought it part of wisdom to soft-pedal some of our publicity. Our local Jewish newspaper has been playing up the Federation for some months but in-as-much as this special dinner is an invitational affair - limited to those who have given larger amounts and those who are in a position to give large amounts---consequently, no general publicity has been given as we did not want to risk possible disapproval from those who might have expected to attend but whose financial condition would not have been of much value in the raising of large sums.

I wish to apologize to you most sincerely for not having written to you earlier. I now know that I should have done so. I am disappointed to learn that even an invitation like the one enclosed was not mailed to you and your wife. In the hubbub of arrangements for the campaign, which entails mailing after mailing of campaign literature and workers meetings, many things have been overlooked.

All of our mistakes can only be charged to our anxiety, haste, and zeal in getting the campaign under way.

I hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you next Wednesday at which time I will apologize to you for writing such a long letter. I



am sure that if you will come here you will feel that this letter was written in the spirit of utmost sincerity. You will be of extreme helpfulness to us who are so busily engaged trying to help others and the contribution of your time and presence will find its answer in a response from this community which will be as pleasing to you as it will be useful to those beneficiaries who will receive it.

Please forgive for any omissions and charge them neither to heart nor mind. It is just one of those inexplicable things which when discovered is surrounded with regrets.

Believe me to be sincerely yours,



LOUIS H. EHRLICH  
President Jewish Welfare Federation

LHE: mh





WESTERNUNION OFFICE CONFIRMATION COPY

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APR 24 1936

LOUIS H EHRLICH

PRESIDENT SIEG HARZFELD HONORARY PRESIDENT JEWISH  
WELFARE FEDERATION OF GREATER KANSASCITY ANS DATE KSC

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM I WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE WITH YOU  
I HAVE NOT BEEN ENTIRELY WELL IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS AND HAVE BEEN  
TRAVELING AND SPEAKING UNDER DIFFICULTIES BUT I SHALL DO MY UTMOST  
TO ADDRESS YOUR MEETING KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

937P

DB GL 2980

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

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UTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE DAY LETTER

WE JUST LEARNED THROUGH GEORGE OPPENHIMER OF HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH YOU AND TO PUT IT MILDLY WE ARE CHAGRINED AND HUMILIATED THAT NO OFFICIAL INVITATION HAS BEEN SENT TO YOU TO BE OUR GUEST AND SPEAKER WEDNESDAY THE 29TH I MR EHRLICH HAVE BEEN ABSENT FROM THE CITY DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS BUT BEFORE I LEFT I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE NEWYORK OFFICE OF THE UPA HAD DEFINITELY ARRANGED THE ENGAGEMENT AND ASSUMED THAT MR OPPENHEIMER WAS ALSO IN DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH YOU THE PEISERS GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN INFORMED OPPENHEIMER OF HIS INVITATION TO YOU TO STAY AT HIS HOME AND OPPENHIEMER ASSUMED THAT AN INVITATION FROM THE PEISERS WAS BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL INVITATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MAILED AND MANY ACCEPTANCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT WE ARE SENDING YOU AIR MAIL SPECIAL=

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LINE 260

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## MINUTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE DAY LETTER

DELIVERY A LETTER IN FURTHER EXPLANATION IF YOU DO NOT COME  
DOCTOR OUR WHOLE PLANS WILL BE UPSET AND THE CAMPAIGN BADLY  
INJURED WE APPEAL TO YOU TO OVERLOOK OUR APPARENT  
NEGLIGENCE AND IN THE NAME OF CHARITY FORGIVE OUR  
THOUGHLESSNESS WE WILL TRY TO MAKE UP BY THE WARMTH OF OUR  
HOSPITALITY **ANY** UNSEEMING COLDNESS OF OUR ACTIONS A TELEGRAM  
ADVISING OF YOUR COMING WILL PLEASE US MORE THAN WORDS CAN  
TELL YOU AND WE CANNOT MEASURE THE DISAPPOINTMENT THAT WILL  
FOLLOW IF YOU DO NOT COME=

LOUIS H EHRLICH PRESIDENT SIEG HARZFELD HONORARY  
PRESIDENT JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION OF GREATER  
KANSASCITY.

DB 9200 DLA H-S  
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RABBI ABRA HILLER SILVER, THE TEMPLE=  
EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD CLEVE=

BEG YOU KEEP KANSASCITY ENGAGEMENT TWENTY NINTH WHERE  
IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF LARGER GIVERS TO BE HELD STOP  
CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY THEY DID NOT ADVISE YOU THEY  
ASSUMED OUR NOTIFICATION WAS SUFFICIENT STOP GREAT DEAL  
DEPENDS ON YOUR VISIT STOP HAVE ALREADY COMMUNICATED  
WITH KANSASCITY STOP YOU MUST KEEP THIS DATE CORDIAL  
REGARDS=

STEPHEN S WISE



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

CABLE

April 24, 1936

JERUSALEM

WISE AMPALIC

NEW YORK

THIS SERIOUS HOUR DEMAND IMMENSELY INCREASED EFFORTS UPA PALESTINE

JEWRY CONTINUES ITS CONSTRUCTIVE WORK FIRMLY AND CONFIDENTLY RELYING

ITS AIMS STOP WORLD JEWRY MUST STAND UNITED AND WITH ACTIVE SUPPORT

BEHIND US

KEREN HAYESOD HANTKE JAFFE



RECEIVED AT

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RABBI A H SILVER

THE TEMPLE CLVD

ACCORDING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH BENGURION IN JERUSALEM  
PALESTINE SETTLEMENT CALM NEVERTHELESS IMMEDIATE HELP NECESSARY  
SAFEGUARD OUR POSITIONS BENGURION DEMANDS \$100000 WITHIN NEXT  
FORTY EIGHT HOURS SPECIAL EMERGENCY PURPOSES MAKING STRENUOUS  
EFFORT SECURE FULL AMOUNT STOP PLEASE GET CONTRIBUTIONS FROM  
TRUSTWORTHY FRIENDS FORWARD SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT BY MONDAY MATTER  
URGENT CONFIDENTIAL

RUBASHOW GOLDIE.

*Handwritten: 345P Ref to call Rev 2*  
*Handwritten: 2980*



TELEPHONED

FROM MAIN OFFICE

*Handwritten: 4:00 PM* Date *Handwritten: 4/25/73*  
To *Handwritten: Mrs. S* By No. *Handwritten: 12*  
*Handwritten: (2) mail*







## HOTEL HELDENBRAND

*W. H. Killian Manager*

**PONTIAC, MICHIGAN**

April 25, 1935

The Reverend Dr. A. H. Silver  
Rabbi, The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am glad to inform you that every community in West Virginia has accepted parity for the United Palestine Appeal. So has Pontiac, Michigan where I hope to raise a thousand dollars for Palestine.

May I remind you about the two pamphlets containing the addresses of Rabbis Schulman and Raisin? I have written for additional copies, but have just been informed that the supply has been exhausted. So if you can locate these pamphlets, please leave them with your secretary for me. If not, just forget about it.

I wonder if your <sup>Ch</sup>atanooga University address delivered recently will appear in print. If so, I will appreciate a copy of same.

Hoping that this finds you and yours in the best of health, I am, with many thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel A. Halperin*

Samuel A. Halperin  
449 Third Street  
Brooklyn, New York

SAH:BM

*P.S. Akron is setting aside UPA + JTC  
fund to be divided after campaign.  
So it is not late to try to secure parity.  
SAH.*



MEMORANDUM

April 26, 1936.

TO: DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN	MR. NATHAN STRAUS
MR. MAURICE LEVIN	MR. ABRAHAM L. LIEBOVITZ
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<del>DR.</del> ABRA HILLEL SILVER	

FROM: DR. STEPHEN S. WISE

Enclosed please find: Copy of cablegram from Dr. Weizmann

Also Enclosed are:

1. Copy of the cablegram received from Ben Gurion
2. Copy of the cablegram received by Dr. Goldstein from Mr. Ussishkin.

A telegram has gone out to a number of individuals asking for contributions for this special fund.

A telegram has gone out to a number of communities, exclusive of communities where welfare funds are conducted, asking them to contribute to this special fund.



COPY OF DR. WEIZMANN'S CABLE

ZIONIST, NEW YORK

Jews in Palestine have again been subjected to  
barbarous attacks Yishuv behaving admirable despite trying  
provocation mourn loss of victims but determined continue  
undeterred with reboiled energy great task of rebuilding  
our national home where Jews may live as of right and without  
fear of molestation appeal to American Jewry to share undaunted  
but ~~calm~~ courage of Yishuv and to strengthen their efforts by  
contributing generously UPA funds and by providing 150000 dollars  
for immediate requirements of Executive Jewish Agency only by  
extension of Jewish colonization and increased immigration can  
we be assured of ultimate achievement of peace in Palestine

WEIZMANN

(CONFIRM 150000 UPA)



COPY OF MR. BENCURION'S CABLE

April 25, 1936.

ZIONISTS WISE, NEW YORK

CABLED KARPf QUOTE RECEIVED YOUR CABLE COMPETITION WITH OTHER  
AGENCY UNJUSTIFIED IRRESPONSIBLE FALSE INFORMATION STOP  
SERIOUSNESS CASE CALLS FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY ITA WHICH YOU DECLARED  
BE COMMUNAL AGENCY STOP MUST EXPRESS REGRET YOU AS MEMBER  
EXECUTIVE PARTICIPATING BOARD ITA STOP EXECUTIVE MEETING 29TH  
MARCH INCLUDING HESTER UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED MY LONDON PROPOSALS  
STOP CANNOT ENTERTAIN ANY PROPOSALS COOPERATION ITA UNDER  
PRESENT MANAGEMENT STOP REGARDS UNQUOTE

BENCURION



COPY OF MR. USSISHKIN'S CABLE

April 24, 1936

GOLDSTEIN HAKHEEN  
NEW YORK

WE WHO LIVE IN ERETZ ISRAEL CALL ON OUR BROTHER JEWS IN ALL  
PARTS OF DIASPORA PARTICULARLY IN AMERICA TO BE OF GOOD  
COURAGE STOP THE MOMENT CALLS FOR US TO INCREASE OUR EFFORTS  
AND TO CONTINUE UPBUILDING NATIONAL HOME AT EVEN FASTER  
RATE STOP TO AMERICAN JEWRY I TURN AND REQUEST IT TO STRENGTHEN  
ITS EFFORTS REDEEMING HOMELAND AND INCREASED IMMIGRATION STOP  
APPROACHING YEAR WILL BE DECISIVE

USSISHKIN



400 Occidental Bldg.,  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
April 27, 1936

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
105th St. at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio

My Dear Rabbi:

I am sending you here enclosed the article about which I spoke to you, and with the specific passages on the last page marked.

I want to thank you very much for your effort in coming here. I hope that our results, which so far are coming in very well, will reflect the value of your work. I also hope that you will suffer no ill effects physically from your effort, and that you will soon again be enjoying the best of good health.

Will you please let me know your expenses in coming here, so that we may take care of them?

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

  
Clarence W. Efroymsen

CWE/MP



April 29, 1936

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

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

There has been some confusion created here by a series of telegrams which were received in connection with raising, immediately, special emergency funds for Palestine. One telegram came to me and to the officers of the Histadrut here, signed by Rubashov and Goldie Myerson, asking for contributions, immediately, to a \$100,000 fund which Ben Gurion requested over the telephone from Palestine. These telegrams were marked confidential. The Histadrut representatives here assumed that this was an appeal for a special fund for the Haganah - Jewish self-defense in Palestine. I am informed that upon further inquiry from the people of Cleveland, Mr. Hamelin told them that this fund is for Haganah work. On the strength of that information, the Histadrut people here and a few members of the Zionist District have been out soliciting funds at a time when our community is engaged in its Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign which includes the U.P.A. etc.

The District and I also received telegrams from Dr. Wise quoting Dr. Weizmann asking for contributions to a \$125,000 fund. Just what is behind this sudden clamoring for funds? Are the funds asked for by Wise and Rubashov the same? Is the Histadrut exploiting the present situation to raise money for its Gewerkeschaften Campaign? A Jewish community which is involved in raising through its general welfare fund close on to \$70,000 for Palestine enterprises ought not to be bombarded with telegrams for extra funds for Palestine. This, to put it frankly, is breaking faith with the community.

Please write me in detail about these two special appeals and send me the information by air mail.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I am leaving within an hour for Kansas City.



Charleston, West Va.

April 30 1936

The Rev. Doctor A. H. Silver, Rabbi  
The Temple, East 105th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

The Charleston campaign was very successful. We raised \$7000.00 last night and we have prospects for another thousand. We expected only \$6000.00 for UPA and JDC, parity basis. Last year \$3500.00 was raised for the U.J.A.

I saw Mr. E. J. Schanfarber of Columbus, Ohio, yesterday. The information about the U.P.A. allocation at Columbus given to me by Mr. Schanfarber is very distressing. Mr. Simon Lazarus wants to reduce it to a very low level and Mr. Schanfarber is having an argument with Lazarus even about a 33% allocation, as compared with the J.D.C. May I therefore suggest that you arrange either to see or to speak to Mr. Lazarus. Perhaps, you will be able to convince him to raise the U.P.A. allocation.

I expect to be at Columbus next week and Mr. Schanfarber promised to arrange an interview for me with Mr. Lazarus. I do not know him, but I know of him and know his attitude and under whose influence he is. While I will endeavor to do my best with him, I need your support most urgently. So, please, contact Mr. Lazarus immediately and thus prepare the ground for me.

May I also ask you to write to Wheeling to assure parity for U.P.A. in their united campaign. Thus far I have not been able to visit Wheeling, but expect to do so some day next week, either on the way to or from Columbus.

Appreciating your help in these matters and hoping to see you before long, I am, with best wishes

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel A. Halperin*  
Samuel A. Halperin  
Hotel Daniel Boone

P.S. A letter from you to Mr. Alfred Kohacker, The Boston Store, and Mr. Robert Schiff to Schiff Shoe Co - Columbus Ohio, will also be of value. They are on the board of the Columbus United Fund.



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

Representing Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod)  
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REPORT TO CONTRIBUTORS

ON EXPENDITURES IN PALESTINE

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1932 - MARCH 31, 1936

of

Palestine Foundation Fund  
Jewish National Fund  
German Settlement Bureau of  
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Issued May, 1936



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A REPORT TO CONTRIBUTORS

A Summary of Three and One-Half Years of Expenditures in Palestine

(In explanation of figures in the following pages)

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The United Palestine Appeal, which seeks \$3,500,000 during 1936 for the settlement in Palestine of a maximum number of the Jews of Germany, Poland and other lands, presents herewith a detailed report of expenditures in Palestine of those agencies which raise their funds in the United States through the United Palestine Appeal.

The United Palestine Appeal represents the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) and the Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth). During 1934 and 1935, the Palestine Foundation Fund in the United States also raised funds for the German Settlement Bureau of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. The Palestine Foundation Fund is the fiscal instrument of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which is recognized in the Mandate of the League of Nations as the supreme Jewish authority in Palestine.

The income of the Palestine Foundation Fund is used to promote agricultural and urban immigration, to supervise immigration, to help the budget of the Palestine Hebrew Educational System and to promote enterprises designed to increase the absorptive capacity of Palestine. The income of the Jewish National Fund is used for the purchase of land as the inalienable possession and common property of the Jewish people which is assigned on hereditary leasehold to those who work the land themselves. The Jewish National Fund also promotes various other enterprises that improve the soil of Palestine and increase the availability of the land for Jewish settlement.

The tables of financial expenditure published herein cover the period from October 1, 1932 to March 31, 1936 and show in what manner the income was expended by the Palestine Foundation Fund, the Jewish National Fund and the German Settlement Bureau of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. The agencies



now represented in the United Palestine Appeal helped to provide this sum.

Within the period from October 1, 1932 to March 31, 1936, the Jewish Agency for Palestine (Keren Hayesod), Jewish National Fund, (Keren Kayemeth) and the German Department of the Jewish Agency jointly spent \$10,337,195. The larger part of this amount was expended on the purchase of land and on agricultural colonization. Land purchases alone accounted for \$3,895,315, of which \$3,603,640 went for rural and \$291,675 for urban land.

(I) The above institutions spent on agricultural colonization, the backbone of the Palestine upbuilding work, \$6,299,600.

The figures given here describe the colonizing activities in Palestine between 1933 and 1936 in all their magnitude. The Jewish Agency and the Keren Hayesod alike bent their utmost energies towards the consolidation of existing settlements, and the new settlement in Emek Hephher. Grants of \$600,430 were made to the old moshawim and moshawoth (individual ownership colonies); of \$678,730 to the cooperative settlements; and of \$576,945 for the settlement of German Jews on the land. The Agricultural Experiment Station of the Jewish Agency, which promotes the general agricultural development of Palestine, was subsidized to the extent of \$263,940. The grants made to the moshawim, moshawoth and cooperative settlements were in the main directed towards their enlargement and development, so as to increase their absorptive capacity.

No less significant was the opening up of Emek Hephher for agricultural colonization during the same period. Today these settlements are there-- Kfar Witkin, Abihail, Elishuv, Ain Hahoreshe, Givath Haim, Mabeaeroth and Irgun Hapoel Hamisrachi-- whilst Ramath Joehanan Smuts in Emek Zebulon has already grown into quite a substantial settlement.



The preliminary work undertaken in the Huleh area last year was also financed out of the above mentioned colonization budget to the amount of \$166,500. This category also includes the investments in the various Water Companies ("Gilboa", "Emek", "Chevra le'Haspakath Maim") to the amount of \$135,430, the balance being spent on loans to individual farmers (\$21,770), to settlements (\$32,135), on surveys, special training, technical requirements and salaries of diverse instructors, totalling \$167,950, as well as on plantations (\$73,790), and the machinery needed for the boring of wells (\$57,260).

II. Aliyah (immigration) and Hachscharah (training) between them account for \$1,380,665. The Jewish Agency (Keren Hayesod), jointly with the German Department, spent \$616,150 of this amount for the training of Haluzim and for the Young Aliyah from Germany; \$147,010 for enlarging and erecting immigrants' hostels and for providing housing accommodation for newly arrived immigrants. Social services accounted for \$471,510, mainly under the heads of travelling grants, maintenance grants after arrival in Eretz Israel, medical and social care, quarantine fees and expenditure connected with the provision of work. The assistance given to scholars and scientists from Germany (600 immigrants of that category) to the extent of \$37,050 should be specially mentioned. \$145,995 was allocated for the maintenance of Palestine Offices in 38 countries. Without these offices outside of Palestine, the direction of emigration would be impossible.

III. During the period under review, educational requirements were subsidized to the extent of \$550,685. Since the Vaad Leumi (Jewish National Council of Palestine) has made itself mainly responsible for these needs within the past few years, the Jewish Agency (Keren Hayesod) limited its disbursements under this head to \$487,030. The Technical Institute benefited to the amount of \$17,000. The remaining cultural institutions (Mossad Bialik, Vaad Halashon, Ha-bimah and Ohel) accounted for \$25,615. The amount of \$21,040 was spent on cultural activities for the benefit of German immigrants.

IV. Public works claimed a considerable share in expenditure with



\$426,270. Of this amount \$124,145 was allotted for the provision of new workers' dwellings in various settlements and colonies. The investment of \$76,470 to provide workers' dwellings in the colonies, and of \$159,845 (a total of \$236,315) in the "Bizur" Company, is worthy of special mention. This budget item also provided \$19,700 for Employment Bureaus, \$5,000 for expenditure on sanitary purposes, \$5,845 for statistical work, \$20,880 for the provision of instructors in various branches of work for the new immigrants, and \$1,960 as a subsidy for Jewish shipping companies.

V. The Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth jointly invested \$524,350 in various undertakings during the period under review. Keren Hayesod funds to the amount of \$66,155 went into the liquidation of the Amzic, \$21,550 in the P.L.D.C. (for new shares) and \$104,210 for the Head Office building of the Jewish Agency and the Keren Hayesod. The Keren Kayemeth, for its part, spent \$291,675 for urban land and \$27,610 for various buildings.

VI. \$358,480 was expended on national and religious institutions, on information and economic services, as well as for health purposes.

VII. Moreover, the Keren Hayesod put the amount of \$555,795 at the disposal of various branches of work and undertakings, such as Mischar Wetaasia, exhibitions, economic committees, tourist offices, Maccabiade, news services, etc.

VIII. The administrative expenses of the Jewish Agency in all its departments amounted to \$200,470 during the period under review.



EXPENDITURES OF AGENCIES AIDED BY UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

TABLE I.

October 1, 1932 - March 31, 1936)

Organization	Agricultural Colonization	Immigra- tion and Vocational Training	Educa- tion	Public Works	Invest- ments	Miscel- laneous	Total
Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund)	\$2,034,750	\$763,030	\$529,645	\$277,980	\$205,065	\$1,114,745 *	\$4,925,215
Keren Kayem- eth (Jewish National Fund)	3,687,905				26,340	319,285	\$4,033,530
German De- partment of Jewish Agency	576,945	617,635	21,040	121,950		40,860 **	*** \$1,378,450
Total	\$6,299,600	\$1,380,665	\$550,685	\$426,270	\$524,350	\$1,115,625	\$10,337,195

\* Health and Sanitation, Information Service (Trade & Industry),  
National and Religious Institutions  
Administrative Expenditure of the Jewish Agency

\$914,275  
200,470  
\$1,114,745

\*\* Expenses of Organization

\*\*\* This amount includes \$316,260 given by the Keren Hayesod

All figures used in this and in following tables have converted the original pounds used in the Palestine report into dollars for the convenience of American readers. In translating pounds into dollars, each pound has been made equal to five dollars.



EXPENDITURES BY YEARS

TABLE II.

	Agri- cultural Coloniza- tion	Immigra- tion and Vocation- al Train- ing	Education	Public Works	Invest- ments	Miscel- laneous	Total
Oct. 1, 1932 --Mar. 31, 1933							
Keren Ha- yesod	\$219,440	\$163,335	\$206,935	\$5,835	\$117,850	\$299,080	\$1,012,475
Keren Ka- yemeth	1,242,965			22,870	47,980		1,313,815
German Depart- ment							
	\$1,462,405	\$163,335	\$206,935	\$28,705	\$165,830	\$299,080	\$2,326,290
Oct. 1, 1933 --Mar. 31, 1934							
Keren Ha- yesod	521,075	203,340	111,575	7,455	44,175	221,230	1,108,850
Keren Ka- yemeth	736,940			2,250	30,590		769,780
German Depart- ment	129,050	143,980	6,530	53,545		11,855	344,960
	\$1,387,065	\$347,320	\$118,105	\$63,250	\$74,765	\$233,085	\$2,223,590
Oct. 1, 1934 --Mar. 31, 1935							
Keren Ha- yesod	712,835	273,430	136,850	104,845	40,305	401,845	1,670,110
Keren Ka- yemeth	1,196,085			1,220	196,560		1,393,865
German Depart- ment	273,365	306,920	9,360	52,380		19,595	661,620
	\$2,182,285	\$580,350	\$146,210	\$158,445	\$236,865	\$421,440	\$3,725,595
Oct. 1, 1935 --Mar. 31, 1936							
Keren Ha- yesod	561,400	122,925	74,285	159,845	2,735	192,590	1,133,780
Keren Ka- yemeth	511,915				44,155		556,070
German Depart- ment	174,530	166,735	5,150	16,025		9,430	371,870
	\$1,267,845	\$289,660	\$79,435	\$175,870	\$46,890	\$202,020	\$2,061,720
Oct. 1, 1936 --Mar. 31, 1936							
Total	\$6,299,600	\$1,380,665	\$550,685	\$426,270	\$524,350	\$1,155,625	\$10,337,195



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE GERMAN DEPARTMENT OF THE JEWISH AGENCY AS OF MARCH 21, 1936.

TABLE III.

	Land Purchases and Agricultural Colonization	Immigration	Public Works	Loans	Youth Immi- gration	Assistance to Scholars and Scientists	Social Care and Advice	Education and Cultural Activities	Administration Expenses	Total
1934	\$146,850	8,640	53,545	25,000	93,020	1,285	16,035	6,530	11,855	\$362,760
1935	\$293,845	9,880	52,380	21,050	228,375	16,830	30,785	9,360	19,595	\$682,100
1936	\$136,250	2,300	16,025	8,770	122,310	5,735	27,620	5,150	9,430	\$333,590
1934-1936	\$576,945 *	20,820 (1)	121,950	54,820 (1)	443,705 (1)	23,850 (1)	74,440	21,040	40,880	\$1,378,450

\* Of this amount \$78,920 were allocated to the Keren Kayemeth Leisrael for land purchase.

(1) These amounts totalling \$617,635 are contained in Tables I and II under "Immigration and Vocational Training".



AGRICULTURAL COLONIZATION

TABLE IV.

Keren Kayemeth	\$3,687,905
Keren Hayesod	2,034,750
German Department of Jewish Agency	<u>576,945</u>
	<u>\$6,299,600</u>
Land purchases of the Keren Kayemeth (Jewish National Fund)	\$3,524,720
Moshawim and Moshawoth (individually owned settlements)	600,430
Cooperative Settlements	678,730
Settlement of German Jews *	576,945
Agricultural Experiment Station	263,940
Payments on Huleh Valley	166,500
Loans to farmers	21,770
Loans to Settlements (Keren Kayemeth Leisrael)	32,135
Investments in Water Companies **	135,430
Administrative Expenditure (Surveys, special training, technical work, instructors)	167,950
Boring Machinery	57,260
Plantations (Keren Kayemeth)	73,790
	<u>\$6,299,600</u>

\* This amount includes the \$78,920 which the German Department of the Jewish Agency paid to the Keren Kayemeth for the purchase of land.

\*\* "Gilboa", "Emek", "Haspakat Maim".



IMMIGRATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

TABLE V.

Keren Hayesod	\$ 763,030
German Department of Jewish Agency	<u>617,635</u>
	\$1,380,665
(1)	
Social Services	\$ 471,510
Vocational Training and Youth Immigration from Germany	616,150
Immigrants' Hostels and Houses	147,010
Palestine Offices abroad (38 in Europe, Asia, Africa and U.S.A.)	145,995
	<u>\$1,380,665</u>

- (1) Travel grants, maintenance grants after landing in Eretz Israel, medical and social care, provision of employment, quarantine fees, assistance to scholars and scientists from Germany (600 persons).



EDUCATION

TABLE VI.

Keren Hayesod	\$529,645
German Department	21,040
	<u>\$550,685</u>

Educational System *	\$487,030
Technion in Haifa	17,000
Cultural Institutions (Mossad Bialik, Habimah, Ohel, Vaad Halashon)	25,615
Cultural activities among German immigrants	21,040
	<u>\$550,685</u>



\* This includes the subsidies to the schools maintained by the Vaad Leumi and various other educational institutions.



PUBLIC WORKS

TABLE VII.

Keren Hayesod	\$277,980
German Department of Jewish Agency	121,950
Keren Kayemeth	26,340
	<u>\$426,270</u>

Workers' Dwellings	\$124,145
Instructors	20,880
Employment Bureau	19,700
Investments *	236,315
Sanitary Service	5,000
Loans to Workers	12,425
Census	5,845
Subsidies to Jewish Shipping Companies	1,960
	<u>\$426,270</u>

* Company for the building of workers' dwellings in the Moshawoth	\$76,470
"Bizur Company"	159,845
	<u>\$236,315</u>



INVESTMENTS

TABLE VIII.

Keren Kayemeth	\$319,285
Keren Hayesod	205,065
	<u>\$524,350</u>

Urban Land - American Zion Commonwealth (Keren Kayemeth)	\$291,675
Building of houses (Keren Kayemeth)	27,610
Liquidation	66,155
Palestine Land Development Company (new shares)	21,550
Office Buildings of Keren Hayesod and Jewish Agency	104,210
Miscellaneous	<u>13,150</u>
	<u>\$524,350</u>

In the near future the Keren Hayesod proposes to invest considerable amounts in the "Company for Agricultural Colonization" (\$250,000), "Agricultural Bank" (\$25,000), "Company for the Erection of Houses on Land" (\$25,000).



NATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH SERVICES,  
INFORMATION SERVICE (TRADE AND INDUSTRY)

TABLE IX.

Keren Hayesod	\$ 328,505
	29,975
	<u>\$ 358,480</u>
Political Department	\$ 172,275
London	113,135
Religious Institutions	43,095
Health Services	29,975
	<u>\$ 358,480</u>





INVESTMENTS OF THE NATIONAL FUNDS IN NEW BUILDING AND  
DEVELOPMENT CONCERNS IN PALESTINE

Palestine Agricultural Settlement Association Ltd. This Association was recently established by the Jewish Agency in accordance with a resolution adopted at the Lucerne Council meeting and the World Zionist Congress. The capital is to be \$250,000, and all the founders' shares belong to Keren Hayesod. The Jewish Agency intends to enlist public and private capital in this association, and together with national capital will continue the agricultural undertakings of the Keren Hayesod in the country. An old plan drawn up by Dr. Arthur Ruppin at the 12th Congress is realized in the inception of this project.

The Palestine Drainage and Amelioration Company Ltd. This company was established some time ago with the object of developing the Huleh Valley concession area for colonization. Its capital amounts to \$500,000 and the participants are Keren Hayesod, Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Land Development Company, each having contributed \$166,500.

Agricultural Bank. The establishment of an Agricultural Bank is now pending. Its function will be to grant loans to farmers employing Jewish labor. Loans of \$5,000 each maximum, at a low interest, will be extended for ten to twelve years only to owners of medium-sized fruit-bearing groves who have their own homesteads and themselves dwell in the colonies. Keren Hayesod will invest \$25,000 in the bank and \$125,000 is to be given by the Anglo-Palestine Bank. The founders' shares will be distributed between the Keren Hayesod and the Anglo-Palestine Bank. The new bank will issue debentures in order to attract private capital and thus extend its activities.

Rural Housing Ltd. This concern was established a short while ago, at the initiative of the Jewish Agency, with the object of granting credits for the construction of cheap housing for small-holders and owners of auxiliary farmsteads in the colonies. The capital is \$175,000 - of which the Keren Hayesod has contri-



buted \$25,000, the "Nir" Company \$25,000 and the South Africa "Binyan" Bank \$25,000, while other banks have invested the remaining sum. The company will grant loans of \$500 to anyone obtaining land from the Jewish National Fund for building a house and farmyard of at least two dunams. All houses built with the aid of such loans must cost not less than \$750 and not more than \$1,000. The loans are repayable in ten years at a small interest. The moneys have already been granted to borrowers and 350 houses in the colonies will shortly be constructed by smallholders.

Rural Workers' Housing Company Ltd. In this company, founded last year by the Jewish Agency, the Keren Hayesod invested \$25,000 in ordinary shares and \$10,000 in preference shares (in addition to a loan given by the Keren Hayesod to the company of \$53,500 and a reserve fund of \$5,000) and the General Jewish Labor Federation and the "Nir" Company invested \$25,000 in ordinary shares. The object of this company is to construct cheap dwellings for agricultural laborers in the colonies, whether in groups or as individuals. During the past year the company was able to build thirteen two-story houses in various colonies in the country and also erected buildings in new camps of the groups engaged in agriculture in the colonies. The buildings were all put up on Jewish National Fund land and the tenants pay a very small rental. This has enabled agricultural laborers to remain permanently in the colonies in spite of the low wage they receive.

Water Companies. Three water companies were established during the past year by the Jewish Agency, their object being to solve the water problem in Keren Hayesod agricultural settlements. The first is the "Emek" Water Company Ltd. with a share capital of \$50,000 of which the Keren Hayesod contributed \$40,000 in cash, and \$5,000 in property, and the Jewish National Fund gave \$5,000 in property. In addition, the company received a loan of \$125,000 from the Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. It has already undertaken to solve the water problem in Emek Jezreel settlements.

The second company is the "Gilboa" Company, with a capital of \$10,000. Of this, the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth contributed \$5,000 each in pro-



perty. This company also has received a loan from the I. C. I. and has commenced work.

In addition to these two companies, whose sphere of activity is restricted to agricultural centers in the Plain of Esdraelon, the Department for Settlement of German Jews in Palestine of the Jewish Agency, has established a third water company, the object of which is to tackle the water problem in areas settled by German immigrants. The Keren Hayesod has invested \$17,500 in this company.

Palestine Investment Corporation. This Corporation, which has just been established, has the object of creating opportunities, by the extension of credit, for carrying out large undertakings such as development of new suburbs and construction of roads and buildings. Its capital is \$250,000. Towards this, the Keren Hayesod and the Unemployment Fund of the General Jewish Labor Federation have invested \$75,000 each. The remaining \$100,000 capital will be covered out of a share issue. The company will also issue debentures for a sum of not less than \$500,000 and it is believed that the Anglo-Palestine Bank will subscribe for \$250,000. The company will give short-term loans (from two to four years) against collateral security of mortgages on the buildings and promissory notes given by the residents of the suburbs in which the works will be carried out.

JEWISH POPULATION IN PALESTINE GREW BY 318,000 SINCE 1919

The Jewish population of Palestine has grown since 1919 by a total of 318,000 persons, of whom 200,000 entered during the past four years alone, according to statistics compiled by the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem and forwarded to the United Palestine Appeal.

The report shows that there were 61,854 Jewish immigrants into Palestine during 1935, of whom 58,050 persons came on permits of all categories and 3,804 persons arrived as travelers and were authorized by the Palestine Government to remain permanently in the country. The report says:

"During the past 16½ years, the Jewish population grew by a total of 318,000 persons (of whom 200,000 persons entered during the past four years alone).



Of these, 266,000 (84 per cent.) were immigrants and 52,000 (16 per cent.) represented natural increase.

"In July, 1919, there were 57,000 Jews in Palestine. In October, 1922, the official census showed 83,790 Jews. The official census of November, 1931 showed 174,610 Jews. In December, 1935, there were 375,000 Jews in Palestine, comprising 29.8 per cent. of the total population of the country."

"While the urban Jewish population," the Jewish Agency says, "increased during the period of 1922-1935 by 220 per cent., that in the colonies and settlements grew by 500 per cent."

#### JEWS IN PALESTINE BY VOCATIONS

Statistics describing the distribution of Jews in Palestine by vocations shows an overwhelming proportion in the wage-earning class.

At the end of 1935, the Jewish Agency states that 14 per cent. of the Jews were dependent on agriculture, composed of 23,000 wage-earners and 23,000 dependents; 23.4 per cent. were involved in industry, consisting of 31,000 wage-earners and 46,000 dependents; 6.1 per cent. in transport, with 7,000 wage-earners and 13,000 dependents; 12.7 per cent. in building, with 17,000 wage-earners and 25,000 dependents; 20.0 per cent. in commerce, with 21,000 wage-earners and 45,000 dependents; 2.4 per cent. was the ratio for public services, with 3,000 wage-earners and 5,000 dependents; 12.4 per cent. were concerned in the liberal professions, with 17,000 wage-earners and 24,000 dependents; 6.0 per cent. were landlords, with 5,000 individuals and 15,000 dependents; 3.0 per cent. worked in domestic service, with 7,000 wage-earners and 3,000 dependents.

#### POPULATION BY AGE DISTRIBUTION

The distribution of the Jewish population according to age shows the following: 37 per cent. under 20 years of age; 53 per cent. between 20 and 50 years; 10 per cent. over 50 years of age.



JEWS FROM 70 COUNTRIES IN PALESTINE

During 1935, the Jewish Agency report states that immigrants entered Palestine from about 70 countries. The majority, or 85 per cent., originated from eleven countries, chief among which were Poland, Germany, Greece and Lithuania.





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May 1, 1936.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 29th.

As you know, we had a telephonic conversation with Ben Gurion last Friday. In the course of that conversation he asked us to raise immediately \$150,000 for special needs. This we assume to be for self-defense purposes. This request was later re-inforced by a cable from Dr. Weizmann, copy of which I attach. At the time, the situation in Palestine looked very serious. In fact, an attack on Jerusalem was being expected. Dr. Wise immediately proceeded to send out a number of telegrams asking for contributions to this special fund, and the Poale Zion did likewise. Apparently, instead of approaching their own people, they have solicited also General Zionists. They are, however, turning over what they get to us. I emphatically urged and I understood that it was agreed not to approach welfare cities. To keep the country fully informed, a telegram also went out to all Zionist Districts, but it was my impression that Districts where Welfare Fund Campaigns were to take place were not to be contacted. I fear that there has been much confusion and that this understanding was not followed.

I greatly deplore the communications sent to your city and to other cities where Welfare Fund Campaigns are to take place. They have all resented the action.

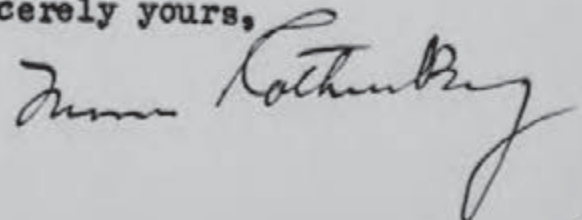
Thus far, about \$25,000 from all sources have been raised.

I understand from Mr. Mendel Fisher that he instructed the Labor group here, after receiving word from Cleveland, not to do anything in Cleveland without first consulting with you. He also says he told them that Cleveland ought not to be asked to make any contributions for this special purpose since you are in the midst of organizing your Welfare Fund Campaign.

It was certainly good of you to go to Indianapolis and Kansas City. I want you to know that we are very appreciative of your co-operation.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,





MEMORANDUM

May 5, 1936

TO The Chairmen

FROM The Campaign Directors

Mr. Nathan Straus telephoned to Dr. Wise the following cable, which was received by Mr. Warburg in response to an inquiry about conditions in Palestine:-

"WORST OVER. THERE WILL BE INCIDENTS FOR SOME TIME. TEMPORARY RELIEF FOR THE REFUGEES FROM THE MIXED QUARTERS BEING BORNE BY GOVERNMENT YISHUB. MOMENTARILY EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN QUITE UNNECESSARY. SUGGEST YOU ASK UP A FOR RESOLUTION EXECUTIVE AS THEY ARE OPPOSED TO CAMPAIGN FOR OTHER THAN CONSTRUCTIVE WORK."

Mr. Straus said that this telephone message would be confirmed by mail.





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May 6, 1936.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Herbert Morrison has already left this country. He is a very clever fellow and probably has a bright future in British politics. He delivered a lengthy and friendly talk at our meeting here, but with the customary adroitness of an Englishman his remarks were so balanced that nothing that he said "could be held against him".

For your information, I attach hereto copy of a cablegram received here. We do not know exactly what are the fears that agitate Dr. Weizmann, but apparently there must be a basis for them. In any event, apparently he does not want to bear alone the responsibility for anything unfavorable that may come from the Colonial Office. Since the cable arrived, both the High Commissioner and the Colonial Secretary have spoken in very firm terms against the Arab threats, and it is not unlikely that the storm may blow over.

Prof. Frankfurter is willing to go to London early in June. Dr. Wise says he is ready to leave at any time, though he wants to wait until Weizmann actually calls for him, after his return to London.

Very cordially,

Encl.



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WISE LIPSKY ZIONISTS

NEWYORK

VIEW POSSIBILITY SERIOUS POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS CONNECTION  
PRESENT EVENTS AND OUR GENERAL POSITION FRIENDS AND I REGARD  
UTMOST CONCENTRATION EFFORTS LONDON URGENTLY NECESSARY STOP  
THEREFORE CONSIDER ESSENTIAL FEW OUTSTANDING AMERICANS COME  
LONDON FOR EFFECTIVE COMPETENT ASSISTANCE STOP URGE ATTENDANCE  
ONE OF YOU LEAVING DECISION YOUR JUDGMENT ACCORDING REQUIREMENTS  
CONTINUATION AMERICAN ACTIVITIES STOP ALSO INVITED FRANK FURTER  
PLEASE URGE HIM ACCEPT STOP ONLY DETERMINED UNITED EFFORT CAN  
AVERT UNDESIRABLE CONSEQUENCES FULLY RELY YOUR COOPERATION  
CABLE JERUSALEM SAILING FIFTH MAY

WEIZMANN



MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

MAY 7, 1936

AT THE UPA OFFICE, 111 FIFTH AVE.

PRESENT:

Dr. Wise Presiding

Messrs Samuel Blitz, Mendel Fisher, Leon Cellman, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Mrs. Rose Jacobs, Mr. Louis Lipsky, Dr. G. A. Lowenstein, Messrs Samuel Markowich, Henry Montor, Isidore Morrison, Charles Rees, Louis Rinsky, Louis Recker, Louis Segal, Robert Silverman, Nathan Straus, Sigmund Thau.

NEW YORK DINNER

Mr. Blitz reported on the New York dinner. He stated that there were fifty reservations.

Mr. Straus read the program for the dinner. He requested Dr. Wise, Dr. Goldstein and the other gentlemen of the Administrative Committee to take tables for the dinner.

Dr. Goldstein stated that Mr. Maurice Levin, Chairman of the Dinner had done all that could be expected of him by way of his contributions, and influencing his friends, in addition to what the store executives have done for the campaign.

The business of organizing and arranging for the attendance of the dinner was left to Mr. Straus as New York Chairman.

MEETINGS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND INNER OFFICE COMMITTEE

Mr. Lipsky moved that, in accordance with the agreement entered into between the American Palestine Campaign and the Jewish National Fund (setting forth that the Administrative Committee has the responsibility for the conduct of the campaign) it is the duty and the obligation of the Administrative Committee to have regular stated meetings twice a month; and that the Inner-Office Committee shall meet weekly, and that there be a Finance Committee appointed which shall be responsible to the Administrative Committee.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Straus, and adopted.

It was moved and seconded that the Administrative Committee meet every second and fourth Thursday in the month at 4:30 P.M. and that the Inner-Office Committee (consisting of the chairman and the two respective representatives of the Parties, Messrs. Leon Cellman and David Wertheim, and the Treasurer,) meet every Tuesday at 12 noon.

Adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Straus said that the obligations upon a chairman of a campaign are morally and legally such that he must have control of the finances. He re-



ported that, at a meeting of the Chairmen, held at his home, it was decided that a Finance Committee shall be appointed, and that it shall have supervision over the finances of the United Palestine Appeal.

Mr. Straus submitted the following summary, which he read:

Summary of U.P.A. Campaign

Jan. 1, 1936 to May 7, 1936

<u>On Basis Cash Received</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>1</u>
National	86,000	53,000	82
City	180,000	35,000	19
<u>On Basis Cash Receipts Plus Pledges</u>			
National	694,000	53,000	8
City	345,000	35,000	10

It was moved and seconded that a Finance Committee of five be appointed with Mr. Straus serving as member ex-officio.

Adopted

Dr. Wise said that he would announce the committee at the conclusion of the meeting.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

The report of the National Campaign Directors was read, showing commitments and pledges totalling \$692,820.52, supported by a detailed statement, reporting the pledges and commitments, and the balances due. Of this amount, the National Campaign reported as having commitments and pledges of \$383,455.98; and the New York City Campaign as having \$309,364.64, as of April 30, 1936.

The Campaign Directors stated that word has been received unofficially that Chicago has allocated \$225,000. to the U.P.A., and that this amount will make the total pledges and commitments for the country, including New York, \$917,820.00.

Mr. Straus stated that many of the figures given were not based on actual realities. Mr. Silverman replied that the reports made by the Campaign Directors were the same kind as are made by the Joint Distribution Committee, and he also stated that in every instance minimum figures were given.

Mr. Fisher read a list of the key cities, where 1936 allocations have already been made, and he reported that, in the larger number of instances, the amounts allocated for 1936 as the U.P.A.'s share, represent a substantial increase over what was received last year as the A.F.C.'s share.

It was suggested that, in making up the report of the campaign, it would be advisable to divide the report into three categories, as follows:



1. Total amount realized from campaigns already held
2. Allocations made where campaigns have not yet been completed
3. Total amount of cash received on account of pledges made

In that way the Committee would have a better picture of the campaign.

Mr. Lipeky said that the report was not complete without the inclusion of the amount raised by the J. N. F., and requested that a statement be given by the J. N. F. for January, February and March, 1936.

#### SPECIAL FUND

It was reported that \$25,000. had been cabled to the Jewish Agency for Palestine, representing contributions for the Special Fund, in response to the appeal of Dr. Weizmann and Ben Gurion. Of this amount over \$23,000. has actually come in.

Disapproval was expressed of the line that appeared at the foot of the advertisement in the New York Times -- "Contributed by a friend".

It was moved by Mr. Strass, and seconded, that all newspaper advertising be discontinued, and that advertisements be inserted only with the approval of the Administrative Committee.

Adopted.

Dr. Goldstein moved that the expense incurred by this advertisement, and by the telegrams sent out in connection with this Special Fund, be charged against the income of the Special Fund.

Adopted.

Dr. Wise stated that the decision of the Inner Office Committee was that all moneys coming in after last Friday, May 1, 1936, shall be credited to the U.P.A. regular fund excepting where it was specifically stated that the amount sent was intended for the Special Fund.

#### MEETINGS NATIONAL COUNCIL

The Chairman read a communication from Mr. Eliza D. Stone, chairman of the National Council, suggesting the calling of a meeting of the Council. It was the sense of the meeting that a meeting of this kind would be inadvisable at this time.

#### AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH EDDIE CANTOR APPEAL

Dr. Wise read the agreement entered into with Hadassah on the Youth Aliyah, in connection with the funds to be raised by Eddie Cantor for this purpose.

Mr. Rothenberg moved that the agreement as drawn be approved.

Adopted.

#### AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES ON COUNCIL FOR GERMAN JEWRY

Mr. Rothenberg reported that Mr. Warburg telephoned him that a meeting of the Council for German Jewry is to be held early in June, and suggested that the U.P.A.



and the J. D. C. agree upon the appointment of the second representative on the Council, which should be Herbert May. Mr. Rothenberg stated that the J. D. C.'s representatives would probably be Mr. Warburg and Mr. Baerwald. Dr. Wise strongly objected to the suggestion made by Mr. Warburg, and said that the U. P. A. should appoint its own representatives independently.

A secret ballot took place on the election of representatives to the Council, and the following were elected as representatives of the U. P. A. :-

Dr. Wise and Mr. Rothenberg as delegates  
Dr. Goldstein and Mr. Straus as alternates

It was voted that deputy members (in the event that the American delegates or alternates could not attend) should be designated by Dr. Wise, Dr. Goldstein, Mr. Lipsky, Mr. Rothenberg and Mr. Straus.

#### YOUTH ALIYAH FILM

Dr. Wise stated that the Hadassah had made a request for the Youth Aliyah film. Mr. Montor reported that the cost of the film was \$610.

It was voted that the Administrative Committee lend to the Hadassah forthwith the Youth Aliyah film, the decision as to the giving or the lending of the film to be left for confirmation to the Finance Committee.

#### TRI-STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Silverman brought up the question of the employment of Mr. Carmel to represent both the J. D. C. and the U. P. A. in connection with the work in the Tri-State, as suggested in the communication submitted by Mr. Bob Herman of the J. D. C.

It was voted to leave this matter for determination to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



INNER OFFICE COMMITTEE

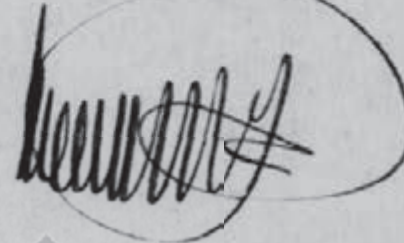
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FROM: MENDEL N. FISHER

Dr. Wise directs me to ask you to please  
be on time for the meeting of the Inner-Office Committee  
tomorrow at 12:00 sharp, as he must leave at 1:00 P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting are en-  
closed herewith.





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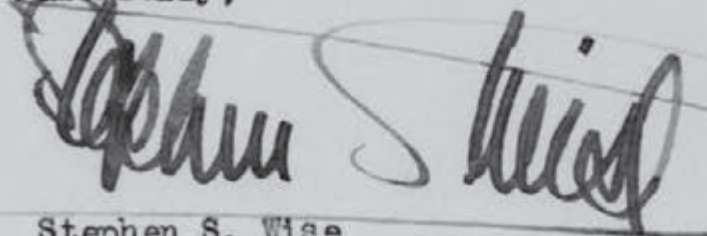
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter that I have just sent to Dr. Garber.

We must not have any misunderstanding about this matter. Whatever has been secured thus far should be remitted, but, as Mr. Rothenberg wrote you, in view of your campaign we do not want to do anything that will in any way interfere with the effort that is being made to raise your quota for the Welfare Fund.

Faithfully,



Stephen S. Wise  
National Chairman

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Dr. Wise's personal address is

40 West 68th St.  
New York, N. Y.

May 7, 1936

Dr. M. Garber  
10515 Carnegie Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Garber:

I have yours of the 4th, and I am, of course, anxious to clarify matters.

WRHS AMERICAN JEWISH V.S. In response to a request that we received from Mr. Ben Gurion and Dr. Weizmann, an appeal was issued to raise \$100,000. to \$150,000. We did not state in the appeal what the money was for, but I am sure you, as a good Zionist, fully understand what use is to be made of the money. Simultaneously the Labor Group issued an appeal to some of their friends, and apparently in their lists were included a number of our own Zionists. We called this fund, for lack of a better name, the Emergency Fund or Special Fund. In other words, the United Palestine Appeal, the Zionist Organization of America and the Labor Groups were all asking money for the same purpose. When Mr. Rothenberg and I sent out our wire, we did not know of Rubashow's and Goldie Meyer-son's telegram. You are quite right -- it is for the same fund.

When we issued our appeal we were also confronted with the problem of the United Palestine Appeal in various sections of the country, and particularly the Welfare Fund campaigns. It was our thought to confine our appeal to a select number of Zionists so as not to create any difficulties with the Welfare Funds, where money is collected for various needs, and are included in the one campaign.

Subsequently word was received from Rabbi Silver, and Mr. Rothenberg replied, setting out the facts. Actually the money is being collected through the United Palestine Appeal, which represents all groups,



Dr. M. Garber - 2 -

and transmissions are made to Palestine for this special purpose, earmarked by the United Palestine Appeal.

A special committee has also been set up to deal with the political situation, in which Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Rubashov are included.

In reply to your inquiry as to where the money should be sent, you may send it to the Labor Group or directly to me. If you send it to me, you may be assured that the Labor Committee will be advised thereof.

Finally, I should like to add that whatever funds you have received be remitted immediately; and, in view of the Welfare Fund campaign, Dr. Silver ought to be consulted so that whatever is being done harmonizes with the plans for the Welfare Fund Campaign.

Cleveland has allocated \$60,000. to the United Palestine Appeal, and all of us are most anxious to cooperate in the raising of the Cleveland quota in view of this fine allocation.

Faithfully,

Stephen S. Wise  
National Chairman

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May 8, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St. & Ansel Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver:

Your full letter has come, and I thank you for it. I can well understand that, in the light of your absence from Cleveland and your own great campaign, the others have to wait. How fine that you are going to close your campaign with McDonald!

I note what you say about the World Jewish Congress, and that you continue to believe the project unwise and doomed to futility. I regret this. I wish you could have seen eye to eye with those of us who feel that there must be a World Jewish Congress to deal with Jewish problems, and do many things and enter into many negotiations which the World Jewish Congress of the Jewish Agency cannot undertake.

I note, too, that you feel that you cannot write an article for the June issue of "Opinion" on the editorials which appeared in the "Christian Century". You are quite right. This is not an entirely new thing. The Christian Century has done it before. You may recall, Silver, its nasty comments on the Arab riots of 1929, for which, I am sorry to say, Kirby Page was in part responsible. I agree with you that its editors should be answered, not attacked, but I have really come to feel that Morrison is an incurable enemy of everything that is Jewish.

Thanks for what you write about the meetings in Indianapolis and Kansas City. Yes, the giving is on a larger scale, but not on an adequately generous one. We are certain to have at least twice as much as we got from the United Jewish Appeal of last year, and the Joint Distribution Committee will probably get two or three times as much. We would not have done as well in a united appeal, I am quite sure, despite the ceaseless croaking talk about unity.

Yours,

Stephen S. Wise  
National Chairman

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PS.

Let me supplement my telegram of a moment ago by saying to you that all the chairmen hope that, in view of the fact that Buffalo is only two or three hours from your city, you could and would manage it. I beg you will do it if you can.





MEMORANDUM

May 8, 1936.

TO: THE OFFICERS

FROM: THE CAMPAIGN DIRECTORS

re: Attached Minutes

Attached are copies of Minutes of the meetings of the Inner-Office Committee held on April 1st and April 16th.

Also attached is a copy of a memorandum of meeting held in response to a hurried call by the Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal on April 24th.





LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE INNER OFFICE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED  
PALESTINE APPEAL

April 1, 1936

AT THE ALDINE CLUB, 200 FIFTH AVENUE

PRESENT

Dr. Wise, Messrs. Samuel Blitz, Mendel Fisher, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Maurice Levin, Louis Lipsky, Henry Montor, Morris Rothenberg, Robert Silverman, and David Wertheim.

DR. WISE PRESIDING

APPEAL LETTER IN NEW YORK

The matter of sending out an appeal letter in New York was considered. After a discussion it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that Dr. Wise should send out such a letter, as he is doing to the key people of the country.

COMMITTEE OF LARGER GIFTS

Mr. Blitz advised the organization of a Special Gifts Committee. Mr. Levin suggested that, if several of the important men would go out and solicit contributions, a half million dollars could be raised. After a protracted discussion, it was voted that Mr. Levin be given authority to call a meeting of 150 of the prominent leaders for the purpose of organizing a Committee of Larger Gifts. Mr. Levin also stated that as soon as Mr. Strelzin returned, he would make an effort to secure a contribution of \$25,000. from him.

ADVERTISEMENT IN NEW YORK TIMES

It was voted to authorize the insertion of an advertisement in the New York Times, making a Passover appeal on behalf of the UPA.

ORGANIZATION OF "MOVIE" INDUSTRY

Dr. Wise mentioned that we were not receiving very much money from the Theater and Moving Picture Industry. Mr. Rothenberg stated that an effort is being made along these lines in Los Angeles. Mr. Levin said that he would invite Eddie Cantor to dinner on Thursday, April 2nd, at which the following will be present:- Dr. Wise, Messrs. Blitz, Fisher, Dr. Goldstein, Messrs. Lipsky, Montor, Rothenberg, Silverman. This meeting will be for the purpose of getting Eddie Cantor to organize his division of the campaign.

EDITORIAL

The draft prepared by Mr. Montor, dealing with the question of parity with the JDC, was submitted, and it was voted to publish this as an editorial in the New Palestine.



April 1, 1936 continued

### LARGER GIFTS

The following people agreed to call on a list of large prospects after Mr. Blitz prepares such a list:- Dr. Wise, Dr. Goldstein, Messrs. Levin, Lipsky and Rothenberg:

### LETTER FROM MR. KATZ OF CHICAGO

A communication from Mr. Katz of Chicago, requesting that Mr. Rothenberg come to Chicago for the purpose of discussing the UPA allocation, was read. Mr. Rothenberg was requested by the Committee to represent the UPA in Chicago. He said he would give the matter his consideration. Final action will be taken later.

### REQUEST OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

Mr. Rothenberg reported that he has been approached by the "American Friends of the Hebrew University", asking that the UPA or the Keren Hayesod contribute the sum of \$12,500. to the Hebrew University this year. The JDC has already appropriated a similar amount, and Judge Mack recommended that this be done. Mr. Rothenberg stated that it would be a mistake for us to refuse this request. It was voted that this request be communicated to the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem, after which action should be taken.

### EINSTEIN DINNER

Mr. Blitz suggested that Professor Albert Einstein be the guest of honor at the big New York Dinner. Mr. Levin stated that he would approach Professor Einstein on the matter.

### AMERICAN REPRESENTATION OF BRITISH COUNCIL FOR GERMAN JEWRY

Dr. Wise reiterated the statement that he would under no circumstances serve as one of the American representatives.

Dr. Goldstein read the following resolution adopted by the Administrative Committee of the Jewish National Fund, urging that one of the representatives be a Keren Kayemeth designee:-

"RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMMITTEE OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND, HELD TUESDAY  
EVENING, MARCH 10th, 1936.

In view of the parity relationship as between the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayesod, upon which the United Palestine Appeal agreement is based, the Administrative Committee of the Keren Kayemeth urges:

That in the representation of the United Palestine Appeal on the Central Council for German Jewry there be a Jewish National Fund representative."

After a discussion it was decided to submit the choosing of the American representatives to the Administrative Committee.



April 1, 1936

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SUBSIDIES

A report of the Committee, which had met at Mr. Straus' office for the purpose of determining subsidies for the regions, was adopted, and it was voted to grant St. Louis and the Seaboard Region a subsidy. The matter of Chicago and Boston regions was left for later determination.

Respectfully submitted,





LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE INNER OFFICE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

April 16, 1936

AT THE ALDINE CLUB, 200 FIFTH AVENUE

PRESENT

Dr. Wise, Messrs. Samuel Blitz, Mendel Fisher, Abraham Liebowitz, Louis Lipsky, Henry Monter, Morris Rothenberg, Michael Schapp, Robert Silverman, Mrs. William Dick Sporberg, and Mr. Nathan Straus, Mr. Maurice Levin.

DR. WISE PRESIDING

NEW YORK CAMPAIGN

The matter of the New York Campaign was the business of the meeting. Mr. Blitz, New York Director, stated that, while we are successful in getting contributions from the masses, the larger donors were not being covered. He stated that he thought that the Chairmen of the campaign ought to devote their time to this special purpose. He read a list of larger contributors, including some of the outstanding Jews in New York, who have as yet not been approached.

Mr. Levin expressed indignation at the fact that we are accepting smaller contributions, and stated that there are at least a hundred people in New York City who should contribute in large figures. He stated that he thought \$2,000,000. would not be too much to be raised for the UPA. Mr. Levin stated that he would give \$50,000. if a group of large donors could be gotten to give their share.

Mr. Schapp stated that the UPA and the JDC were greatly confused in the mind of the public, and that the matter ought to be clarified.

Mr. Levin was unanimously named Chairman of the Special Gifts Committee and he stated that he would be glad to serve. He announced that he was planning a meeting of a couple of hundred prominent Jews in the city for the purpose of organizing a Special Gifts Committee.

CONTRIBUTION TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

Mr. Nathan Straus reported that Mr. Roger Straus was greatly incensed that the appropriation of \$12,500. to the Hebrew University was not made. After a discussion, Mr. Lipsky, as Chairman of the APC, said that he would call a meeting of the American Palestine Committee to consider the matter. Mr. Rothenberg stated that he would turn over the correspondence from Roger Straus to Mr. Lipsky, who would take up the matter with Mr. Straus.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. WARBURG AND JDC

Mr. Lipsky said that it was urgent that we have a meeting with the JDC, but that no meeting could be held unless Dr. Wise would consent to be present. Mr. Straus urged that such a meeting be held soon, and stated that Mr. Warburg was only too anxious to meet with us.



Meeting of April 16th

continued

Mrs. Spurborg suggested that Mr. Straus should speak to Jonah Wise about his position with reference to the UPA.

Dr. Wise agreed to be on the Committee to meet with Mr. Warburg, but stated that he would speak his mind frankly at the meeting.

It was voted to arrange a meeting with Mr. Warburg and his committee.

#### TELEGRAM FROM MR. KATZ OF CHICAGO

A telegram from Mr. Katz of Chicago, urging that Mr. Rothenberg proceed immediately to Chicago for the purpose of appearing before the Budget Committee, was read. Dr. Wise urged Mr. Rothenberg to go to Chicago. Mr. Rothenberg said that he had several pressing engagements, but that he would make every effort to comply with the request of the Chairman.

#### NEW YORK DINNER

Dr. Wise announced that Secretary Ickes had accepted as speaker at the New York Dinner.

Mr. Straus suggested that the program be limited at this dinner to the following as speakers in addition to Secretary Ickes:- Professor Einstein (if he accepts), Dr. Wise to make the appeal, and Mr. Levin to act as toastmaster.

#### SECOND APPEAL LETTER

It was the consensus of opinion that a follow-up letter go out in the name of Dr. Wise.

Respectfully submitted,



MEMORANDUM

INFORMAL MEETING AT THE OFFICES OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

April 24, 1936

PRESENT

Dr. Wise, Messrs. Mendel Fisher, Abraham Goldberg, Louis Lipsky, Morris Rothenberg, Robert Silverman, David Wertheim.

Dr. Wise reported his conversation with Ben Gurion on the telephone, and the cable received from Dr. Weizmann urging that \$150,000. be raised for the emergency existing in Palestine. Dr. Weizmann thought that \$100,000. should immediately be sent by the U. P. A., which should be paid back out of funds raised for this Emergency.

Mr. Rothenberg strongly objected to the procedure, stating that there is a joint arrangement between the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth, and no money can be sent by the U. P. A. without the consent of these two bodies.

Mr. Fisher, speaking on behalf of the Keren Kayemeth, stated that he has no authority to agree to any such proposal unless he has the consent of the Jewish National Fund.

Dr. Wise said that he would take the responsibility of sending \$50,000. immediately. Mr. Silverman stated that the U. P. A. will comply with the instructions of the Chairman.

It was decided that Dr. Wise call Dr. Goldstein on the phone, and explain to him the necessity for the Keren Kayemeth to consent to the decision.

It was also decided at this conference to insert a one-page advertisement in the New York Times, issue of April 27th.

It was also the sense of the meeting that public meeting of all Zionists groups be held on Sunday evening, April 26th, at the Astor Hotel, at which meeting funds are to be raised for the Special Emergency Fund.

The Chairman also authorized the Campaign Directors, Mr. Silverman and Mr. Fisher, to send out immediately telegrams to a number of key people in the country, also to all Zionist districts in the country, as well as to all U. P. A. committees, asking their support for the Emergency Fund as well as their intensification of interest in the campaign. Mr. Rothenberg suggested that we should not wire to Welfare Fund cities in connection with this effort.



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May 11, 1936

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

My dear Dr. Wise:

Upon the receipt of the telegram from you for the Emergency Fund, I consulted Mr. Samuel Goldhamer, Secretary of the Cleveland Welfare Federation, as to whether there was a balance left on last year's account to the credit of the U.P.A. He said that there was and that he would forward some money in a few days to New York. I understand that he has since sent \$6,000 of which the U.P.A. is to receive its proportionate share on last year's percentage basis. Have you already received the money?

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



May 11, 1966

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,  
United Palestine Appeal,  
111 Fifth Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Wise:

I received your telegram about Buffalo.  
I would like to know something more about it.  
Is it a United Campaign and are we receiving parity?  
What kind of meeting do they plan to arrange? It  
would, perhaps, be advisable to have the Buffalo  
people write to me directly before I decide one  
way or another.

With all good wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BX



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May 12,  
1936

Dr. A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:-

We in Buffalo, who have taken the responsibility of sponsoring the United Jewish Campaign for Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation, were delighted to learn from Rabbi Joseph Fink that you will come to Buffalo and address the opening dinner of our drive on Tuesday, June 2nd, in the Statler Ballroom. The dinner will begin about seven o'clock, but of course we hope it will be our privilege to have you arrive in Buffalo as early as possible during the day so that we may spend some time with you.

As Rabbi Fink told you, our quota is \$50,000.00, which is to be divided on the basis of 55% to J. D. C., and 45% to U. P. A., after the payment of small allotments to Hebrew University at Jerusalem, American Jewish Congress, American Jewish Committee, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Jewish Statistical Agency, Wider Scope Fund and B'Nai Brith.

Of course, we will take care of your expenses, and if it is customary for you to receive an honorarium, will you please advise me and we will be happy to make arrangements for the same.

Again assuring you that your many friends and admirers in Buffalo will be delighted to have you here, and awaiting written word from you, and with kindest personal regards, I remain

Faithfully yours,

*Alfred M. Saperston*

Chairman

AMS-P

United Jewish Campaign



Indianapolis  
May 20, 1936

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise,  
35 East 62nd Street,  
New York, New York.

Dear Rabbi Wise,

Last night we had a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund, for the purpose of apportioning our budget. On account of the lack of unity between the two overseas groups - the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal - the result of our meeting was such that instead of having unity and harmony, I am of the opinion the death knell has been sounded for our Jewish Welfare Fund of Indianapolis.

I am not going to give you the details, and I will not tell you of the division, but I want you to know that due to the fact that there is no unity between the two major organizations, we are being effected locally. I am of the opinion that what has happened here in Indianapolis will also happen in many other communities. It certainly is a sad commentary when Jews the world over are faced with serious problems, that at least here in this country, where we are in position to render efficient service, that due to the factions set-up, it is going to effect very seriously those who are in need.

As the result of last night's meeting, unless the thing can be patched up, I am of the opinion that campaigns for any sort of funds will be failures in the future, here in Indianapolis.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. A. Goodman

P.S.

I am writing this same letter to Dr. Stephen S. Wise.



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REAL SILK HOSIERY MILLS  
INDIANAPOLIS  
INDIANA

May 20, 1936

Dr. Stephen S. Wise  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Wise:

Last night we had a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund, for the purpose of apportioning our budget. On account of the lack of unity between the two overseas groups - the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee - the result of our meeting was such that instead of having unity and harmony, I am of the opinion the death knell has been sounded for our Jewish Welfare Fund of Indianapolis.

I am not going to give you the details, and I will not tell you of the division, but I want you to know that due to the fact that there is no unity between the two major organizations, we are being effected locally. I am of the opinion that what has happened here in Indianapolis will also happen in many other communities. It certainly is a sad commentary when Jews the world over are faced with serious problems, that at least here in this country, where we are in position to render efficient service, that due to the factions set-up, it is going to effect very seriously those who are in need.

As the result of last night's meeting, unless the thing can be patched up, I am of the opinion that campaigns for any sort of funds will be failures in the future, in Indianapolis.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Goodman

P.S. I am sending this same letter to Rabbi Jonah Wise.



C O P Y

Indianapolis, Indiana

May 21st, 1936

Dr. Stephen S. Wise  
111 Fifth Avenue, Suite 703  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Doctor:

I have your letter of the 12th and want to thank you for your kind letter on the success of the 1936 Jewish Welfare Campaign. It is true during the campaign, all the groups in Indianapolis worked amicably together, but I believe I can modestly ~~this~~ say this was due to the tact and diplomacy which we were compelled to use during the campaign, which was made imperative on account of the unnecessary conflict between your organization and the J.D.C. In previous campaigns, we have always received cooperation from National Organizations which assisted us greatly in putting over our drives, but this year, the entire effort has been put forth not on the basis of the needs of the various organizations but on the basis of demanding parity in the division of funds, and as some of your representatives here have stated to me personally, it was not the matter of the money involved but rather the principle that the UPA demand parity because they would not want to occupy an inferior position. It is a shame that such an attitude should be adopted, when there is such great suffering in the world.

I think Jews of German extraction feel kindly toward the fine work that is being done in the upbuilding of Palestine, but I think they also feel pride and prestige have no place in the raising of funds but that the greater needs, should be the guide as to how funds are allocated.

Last night our Board of Directors met in what was a stormy session and which I am afraid means the doom of the Indianapolis Welfare Fund, because a schism was created which I am afraid will take a long time, if ever, to heal, and if I may write plainly, the cause of this schism can be laid at the door of the Palestine group. The funds were finally allocated on the basis of 60% to the JDC and 40% to Palestine, plus an additional amount to Palestine of some of their other organizations. The slogan of the Indianapolis Welfare Fund had been in the past "Unity in the Community", but that slogan is now in the discard.

I have always admired you personally, Dr. Wise, as a fine gentleman, a marvelous orator and one whom we should be able to look to as a spokesman for our people, but I am afraid you have wandered far afield from what I think, as a conservative, should be the proper path. With my very best regards, I am,

Yours,

(Signed) J. M. Bloch  
President  
JEWISH WELFARE FUND



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May 22nd, 1936

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

My dear Friend :

I interpret your silence as consent.

We have proceeded with our publicity for the June 2nd  
meeting, and we look forward eagerly to the pleasure  
of your visit to Buffalo. The quota is \$50,000.00.  
Please let me know the hour of your arrival.

With kind personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,





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May 22, 1936.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Judge Joseph A. Padway, who put over such a fine campaign for the United Palestine Appeal in Milwaukee, is to be in Cleveland on May 27th, 28th, and 29th. We have received word that Judge Padway is very anxious to meet you during his stay in Cleveland. Will you be good enough to inform me if you will be in Cleveland on these days.

Dr. Wise read your telegram to us. We were all very, very happy to hear that you have been successful in putting over the biggest campaign that Cleveland has had in many years. It speaks well for your wonderful leadership. We have already sent you our congratulations.

We also want to thank you for accepting the Buffalo engagement.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Mendel N. Fisher,  
Campaign Director.

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# Temple Beth El

151 Richmond Avenue  
Buffalo, N. Y.

REUBEN J. MAGIL  
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May 24, 1936

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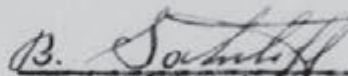
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I understand that you will be  
in Buffalo on June 2d to speak at the opening  
of the J.D.C. and U.P.A. Drive here.

I have a matter I would like  
very much to discuss with you and I am writing  
to ask if you could spare me a few moments,  
that is all that will be necessary. The time  
and place to be at your own convenience.

Cordially yours,

BS:JH

  
President



May 24th  
1936

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Mr. J. M. Bloch,  
The Gibson Company  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Bloch:

I am receipt of your letter of the 21st and  
I am distressed by what you tell me.

I thought that after Rabbi Silver spoke in  
your community it would not be necessary for us  
to rehearse all of the arguments why Palestine  
ought to receive an equal share in the funds to be  
distributed for overseas needs. I say this not  
because we are asking as a matter of principle for  
equality, but rather because Palestine is entitled  
to parity for what it is doing and has already done  
to cope with the problem of the refugees.

My associates and I are deeply interested in  
maintaining Jewish unity in the land, and we have  
used every influence in bringing about this unity.  
It is not our fault that after all these years of  
constructive achievement in Palestine, there are  
still some men in your community, as there are in  
other communities, who refuse to recognize the reality  
of the Jewish position.

Palestine took care of 40,000 refugees in the  
course of the last few years, and as you know, the Bri-  
tishers who visited our country announced, upon their  
return to England, that they were planning to provide  
for the settlement of at least 50,000 German refugees.  
The major part of the funds raised in this country for  
Palestine are now being used not for Palestine itself,  
but for the refugees. I cannot really understand why  
there should be so much difficulty in your community  
about a matter that can be settled amicably. I surmise  
that, notwithstanding all the arguments in favor of  
Palestine an effort is being made on the part of some  
men to reduce Palestine to a position of inferiority.



Mr. J. M. Bloch

May 24, 1936.

This I regret, my dear Mr. Bloch, because I feel, as you do, that unity of effort is most important at this moment when our people are struggling for survival, particularly in such lands as Nazi Germany, Poland, and other lands.

It cannot be argued that the needs of JDC are any greater than those of the UPA, just as it cannot be said that mind is more important than body, or body more important than mind. In the same way it cannot be argued that relief is more important than ~~constructive~~ solution of the Jewish question. Both are important, and both activities compliment each other.

The UPA must have \$3,500,000. and more if we are really to cope with the problem of Jewish homelessness. The JDC is asking for a like amount. We have presented to your community our budgetary figures, and after an objective analysis you must come to the conclusion that there is no justification for giving Palestine one cent less than the \$0. it is asking. In other words, we are entitled to parity. I am distressed by the thought that you are having so much difficulty in your community, but I am sure that if you could prevail upon your associates to do what Cleveland, Detroit, and other cities have done, - to give us parity - you would not have this unnecessary discord.

I beg you for the sake of this unity that we sorely need, more than ever before, to bring the groups together and, as President of the Welfare Fund, insist upon a proper adjustment of this whole matter.

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise.  
Chairman



May 24th  
1936

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

My dear Jack:

I cannot quite understand what happened at your meeting. I read yours of the 20th, but it is not altogether clear to me why there should have been so much difficulty.

If the UPA had gone to Indianapolis and asked for 60% or 75%, as the JDC has done in many communities, there might be some slight suspicion that we were at fault, but as you know, we have no quarrel with the JDC and its work. I am just as much interested as anyone else in providing relief for Germany Jewry, but neither my associates nor myself will consent to placing Palestine in an inferior position just because there are a few of the JDC leaders who still hate Zionism and Palestine. You should know that better than I. All you have to do is read the letter that you alone have received. The complaint as to what has happened in Indianapolis ought to go to the JDC and not to us.

We sent Silver to Indianapolis despite the fact that he did not wish to go unless equality was given to the UPA. We made it clear in all of the communications that we have sent to your city, that Palestine does not wish any more than it is entitled to, and that in the distribution of funds there must be an understanding and appreciation of what we are doing, not for Zionists, but for Jews, some of whom are not even sympathetic to our cause, but whom we are settling in Palestine.

There ought not to be any difficulty between these two major organizations. There would not be if some of the men who ought to work for Jewish unity did not work to disrupt American Jewry by their damnable attitude. They will not recognize that Palestine has absorbed 40,000 German refugees, and we have a right to expect that in the settlement of these refugees, the burden must not fall upon one group or another, but must be a common responsibility of all Jews.

I agree with you it is a tragic commentary that now after forty years of Zionism struggle, there are these silly debates. The trouble is not ours, dear Jack, but



Mr . J . A . Goodman

May 24, 1936.

it is the fault of those who are stubborn and prejudiced, and who are willing to disrupt a community rather than give Palestine its due and just share of the funds raised in the community .

If we came to Indianapolis, as I said in the beginning of my letter, and insisted on priorities, as we might have the right to do, the blame might be placed at our door, but all we asked you in Indianapolis was to give us an equal share to that given the JDC. We cannot and will not apologize for our attitude, and if a few of the so-called JDC men persist in their attitude of ignoring Palestine despite all that is being done by us to provide a really constructive solution to the Jewish question, then I say to you that it is our business as Zionists who understand the situation, to fight, because in so doing, we are fighting for a just cause.

We have received parity in communities like Cleveland, Detroit, and other cities where our men stood up and fought, but in other communities where we are not so strong, we have been taken advantage of. All you have to do is study the communities where negotiations have been carried on, and you will see that the UFA has made every effort to maintain a united front despite the fact that we had the right to lose our patience because of some of the things that at least a few of the JDC leaders have been broadcasting from one end of the country to the other.

With best wishes to Sarah.

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise  
Chairman

SSW:IR

P.S. I want to thank you for the fine battle you have put up for parity. I learned with satisfaction that you and Efroyason were among those who stood up for parity.



May 26, 1936

Mr. B. Schiloff, President,  
Temple Beth El,  
151 Richmond Ave.,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Schiloff:

Let me thank you for your letter of May 24.  
I shall be pleased to see you at the Statler Hotel  
on the afternoon of June 2. Please telephone me  
before you come.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



May 26, 1936

Alfred M. Saperston, Chairman,  
United Jewish Campaign,  
Liberty Bank Building,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Saperston:

I shall make every effort to be with you  
on Tuesday, June 2.

Among the organizations included in your  
United Welfare Fund Campaign, I find no mention of  
the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League of which Mr.  
Samuel Untermyer is President, and I am Vice-President.  
This League as you well know, is the organization which  
carries on in a very quiet and effective way the Boycott  
against Nazi imports in the United States. Most cities  
where united welfare fund campaigns are held are including  
this Fund. Cleveland and Detroit have included it for  
\$5000. I would deeply appreciate if you allocate a sum  
of money for the tremendously important work of this  
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May 27, 1936

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

Dear Dr Silver:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 26th. We are looking forward to your visit here on June 2nd. I am enclosing a copy of one piece of literature that has been sent out as well as a copy of the formal invitation. If you will let me know what time you will arrive in Buffalo on Tuesday, I will, of course, meet you.

The organizations that were included in our quota were decided upon at a meeting held several months ago. Unfortunately the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League was not suggested by anyone as a recipient and hence not included. It is too late to change our quota so far as the \$50,000. is concerned but I wish to assure you if we exceed our quota, which I hope we will do, we will then make arrangements to distribute the surplus to the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League and several other worthy organizations that have brought their causes to our attention in the last few days.

I want to congratulate you on the splendid success on the drive you just had in Cleveland. Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, I am

Very cordially yours,

*Alfred W. Saperston*

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May 27, 1936

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

Dear Silver:

These amazing letters have just come from Indianapolis. I hardly know what to do. The office has prepared letters which I have signed and sent, copies of which I enclose. Don't you think you ought to write to them? I am not even now concerned about the extra 10%, hard as it is to lose that. But I am concerned about the charge that we are responsible for the destruction of the community and the smashing of the Welfare Fund. Please take whatever action is necessary in the premises. Drop a line to two or three of the main figures like Block and Jack Goodman and possibly Charlie Summers, brother-in-law of Waldheim. You helped them most in their campaign -- your word ought to be most effective.

Heartfelt congratulations on your personal triumph in putting over the Cleveland campaign. What a job it must have been!

With heartiest greetings,

Yours,

Stephen S. Wise  
National Chairman



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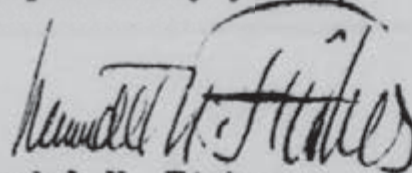
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June 2, 1936

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND  
THE INNER OFFICE COMMITTEE:

I am directed by Dr. Wise to send  
you a copy of the minutes of the last meeting  
of the Administrative Committee and the Inner  
Office Committee, held on May 26th, 1936, at the  
office of the United Palestine Appeal.

Respectfully yours,



Mendel N. Fisher  
Campaign Director.



MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND  
INNER OFFICE COMMITTEE

Held - TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1936, AT 12 O'CLOCK

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

Dr. Wise presiding.  
Messrs. Samuel Blitz, Mendel Fisher, Leon Gellman, Dr. Israel Goldstein,  
Mrs. Rose Jacobs, Dr. Harris Levine, Abraham Liebovitz, Dr. G.A.  
Lowenstein, Henry Montor, Isidore Morrison, Louis Rinsky, Morris  
Rothenberg, Louis Segal, Robert Silverman, Nathan Straus and David  
Wertheim.

Mr. Rothenberg convened the meeting, stating that he had been asked  
by Dr. Wise to proceed until Dr. Wise's arrival.

MAJOR PROCTER

Mr. Rothenberg reported that the Zionist Organization of America was  
giving a luncheon in honor of Major Procter.

Mr. Montor reported that arrangements had been made to meet Major  
Procter who was arriving from Europe. Mr. Rothenberg stated that he would be  
on hand to meet him.

How to utilize Major Procter's services for the benefit of the campaign  
was left to the next meeting of the Inner Office Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Straus reported that an audit of the United Palestine Appeal for  
January, February, and March, 1936, had been submitted, and that he had also  
received an audited report from the Jewish National Fund for the same period,  
which is in the hands of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Straus also submitted a Financial report as of May 26, as per  
copy attached.

On recommendation of Mr. Blitz, a motion was made and seconded that  
the opinion of the Finance Committee be ascertained on the method of recording  
cash receipts and pledges both for the New York Campaign and the National  
campaign.

NEWARK CAMPAIGN

Mr. Rothenberg reported on the breakfast meeting in Newark which was  
held on Sunday morning, May 24th, which was addressed by Honorable James G.  
McDonald and himself. He stated that \$30,000. was raised, and that they  
expect to raise \$50,000. to \$60,000. in this campaign.

MR. Rothenberg turned over the chair to Dr. Wise upon his arrival at this time.



COMMUNICATION FROM HASHOMER HATZAIR

Mr. Rothenberg read a communication from Hashomer Hatzair, requesting that an appropriation be made to that organization.

Mr. Rimsky made a motion that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for their recommendation.

A protracted discussion followed as to whether the Finance Committee ought to decide this question as a matter of policy.

It was voted to refer this matter to a special committee who should meet with a committee of the Hashomer Hatzair, and report back to the Administrative Committee.

APPROPRIATIONS

Dr. Goldstein suggested that, since there is a large balance on hand, there ought to be another distribution made as between the American Palestine Campaign and the Jewish National Fund.

Mr. Straus stated that Mr. Rocker requested that no financial matters be discussed since the Finance Committee would have a report available at the next meeting.

It was moved that the Finance Committee be authorized to make available \$25,000. each to the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth after a meeting of the Finance Committee is held. ADOPTED.

INCORPORATION OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

Mr. Silverman called attention to the fact that the United Palestine Appeal is not incorporated. It was reported that the old United Palestine Appeal is incorporated, and at Dr. Wise's request, Mr. Morris Rothenberg was asked to make arrangements for the incorporation of the United Palestine Appeal of 1936.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

A telegram from Rabbi Lichter, addressed to Dr. Goldstein, requesting the U.P.A. to send immediately someone to take charge of Western Pennsylvania, was read.

Mr. Silverman stated that he took the matter up with the Finance Committee, and suggested that Mr. Carmel be sent to Pittsburgh. He stated that the Joint Distribution Committee had agreed on Mr. Carmel who was to be the representative of both the J.D.C. and the U.P.A.

Mr. Rothenberg said that he did not think it was necessary to employ additional field men at this time; that in his judgment some member of the present staff (whether National or New York) could be assigned to the task in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Rothenberg further stated that he was surprised that this had not already been done and that so long a time was permitted to elapse without complying with the request from Pittsburgh that a field man be assigned to the territory in question.



It was voted by a majority that the Campaign Directors be instructed to make available one of the members of the UPA staff for that territory.

REPRINTING OF SECRETARY ICKES' SPEECH

Dr. Wise suggested the reprinting of Secretary Ickes' speech made on Sunday night, May 24th, at the Hotel Astor, in a pamphlet, in which also should be included the address that Secretary Ickes made before the Palestine Conference in Washington. It was suggested that five to ten thousand well printed copies of this address be made available in addition to several thousand inexpensive copies.

It was voted to make a reprint, and the details to be left for determination to Mr. Montor.

LETTER TO DR. WEIZMANN RE COMMITMENTS

Dr. Wise submitted a copy of a letter that Dr. Goldstein as Co-Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal sent to Dr. Weizmann as of May 20th, 1936, in response to a cable received from Kaplan, Landauer and Rosenbleuth on March 20th, 1936, which communication is to be made part of the record.





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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

From January 1, 1936 to May 26, 1936  
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Raised - National.....\$.672,736.04  
Raised - Greater New York.....395,176.35

TOTAL RAISED .....\$1,067,912.39

Cash Received - National.....\$ 117,169.67  
Cash Received - Greater New York.....232,763.35

TOTAL CASH INCOME ..... \$ 349,933.02

Still to be collected - National.....\$ 555,566.37  
Still to be collected - New York .....162,413.00

TOTAL UNCOLLECTED ..... \$ 717,979.37

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

National Expenses.....\$ 58,738.63  
Greater New York.....43,564.70  
Advances to Fieldmen.....2,025.00  
Special Appropriations.....4,416.88  
(As per decision Administrative Committee)  
Allocations Paid.....139,250.00  
To Palestine...(Remitted-Special.Fund)..25,000.00

TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS..... \$ 272,995.21

BALANCE IN BANK ..... 76,937.81

ALLOTTED TO CONSTITUENT ORGANIZATIONS

American Palestine Campaign.....\$ 50,000.00  
Jewish National Fund.....50,000.00  
Zionist Organization of America.....25,000.00  
Mizrachi Organization.....9,750.00  
United Zionist Socialist Party.....4,500.00  
  
\$139,250.00



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INNER OFFICE COMMITTEE  
HELD JUNE 2, 1936 at 12 NOON  
AT THE OFFICES OF THE U.P.A., 111 FIFTH AVENUE

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PRESENT

Dr. Wise presiding  
Messrs. Samuel Blitz, Mendel N. Fisher, Dr. Israel Goldstein,  
Abraham Liebovitz, Henry Montor, Morris Rothenberg and Robert  
Silverman.

HASHOMER HATZAIR

The communication from the Hashomer Hatzair requesting a subsidy was considered, and it was voted that Dr. Wise write them that the question of subsidies could not be reopened now.

PHILADELPHIA CAMPAIGN

The Philadelphia situation and letters bearing on the Philadelphia problem were discussed, after which it was voted that Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mr. Morris Rothenberg be asked to meet with the Philadelphia leaders for the purpose of discussing the entire problem.

Mr. Rothenberg stated that he would also communicate with Dr. Billikopf asking his opinion on the situation.

MAJOR PROCTER

The question of how to utilize Major Procter's services for the campaign was discussed. Mr. Rothenberg stated that Major Procter does not accept any remuneration. He wants only his expenses.

Dr. Wise suggested that he and Mr. Rothenberg discuss with Major Procter at the luncheon meeting on Wednesday the possibility of utilizing his services.

PITTSBURGH CAMPAIGN

Dr. Wise called attention to the fact that no U.P.A. representative had been designated to speak at the opening meeting of the Pittsburgh Campaign. The Chairman said he would communicate with Mr. Neaman regarding the matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

It was voted that the next meeting of the Administrative Committee be held on Thursday, June 11th, at 4 P.M. at the offices of the U.P.A.

INNER OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING

It was voted not to hold the meeting of the Inner Office Committee on Tuesday, June 9th.

COUNCIL FOR GERMAN JEWRY

Attention was called to the fact that the U.P.A. has not advised



the Council for German Jewry of the appointment of the U.P.A. representatives on the Council.

It was voted that Dr. Wise cable to London advising them of the election of the U.P.A. representatives.

#### FURTHER FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Dr. Wise inquired whether it would be worth while to get in touch with two or three big money raisers, and discuss the problem of raising larger sums for the U.P.A.

Dr. Goldstein suggested that, in communities where the U.P.A. campaigns were out of the way, the J.N.F. approach could be well utilized. The Campaign Directors were requested to submit a list of such cities at the next meeting.

After a protracted discussion of the whole problem it was voted, that a luncheon meeting be called for Tuesday, June 9th, of influential business men for the purpose of organizing a Special Gifts Committee.

It was voted that, in inviting these men, it should be clearly stated that no funds would be solicited.

Dr. Goldstein suggested that we utilize Major Procter for the luncheon, and it was voted to invite him as a speaker.

In response to Dr. Goldstein's inquiry as to whether the New York Campaign was completed, Mr. Blitz stated that there was still one big function to be held on June 22nd, in honor of Carl Laemmle.

#### MR. WARBURG'S CONTRIBUTION

Dr. Wise suggested that Dr. Goldstein and Mr. Rothenberg see Mr. Warburg for the purpose of obtaining his contribution. Dr. Goldstein stated that it would not be good policy for him to call on Mr. Warburg. Mr. Rothenberg reported that he had seen Mr. Warburg who stated that he would make a contribution. However his last word from Mr. Warburg was that he is not ready to make his contribution at present. Dr. Wise asked Mr. Rothenberg if he would not see Mr. Warburg and make an effort to secure his contribution before Tuesday's luncheon.

#### NIGHT OF STARS

Mr. Blitz reported that the Joint Distribution Committee wrote to Mr. Straus claiming an interest in the Night of Stars, and that Mr. Straus, replied to the JDC that the Night of Stars is strictly a UPA undertaking, and that the Night of Stars is incorporated, and under this incorporation all proceeds from the "Night of Stars" must be utilized for the work in Palestine only.

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



# COPY

From: NATHAN STRAUS  
66 WEST 23rd STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

June 3, 1936.

Dear Mr. Lipsky:

While it is not possible to discuss all the pros and cons of a World Jewish Congress in a letter, I do feel that I should answer a few points raised in your letter of May 29th.

I have not made up my mind in any haste about the World Jewish Congress. I have expressed my opposition over the last two years in discussing the matter with Dr. Wise and others. If you will recall, you and I discussed the proposed Congress in an extended talk at your office some months ago when I listened carefully to your views.

Moreover, I have never opposed democratic organization in Jewish life or elsewhere, more specifically the maintenance of the American Jewish Congress. In fact, I have been rather emphatic in refusing to be drawn into discussions for or against the American Jewish Congress.

However, it is a fact that my conviction of the harm a World Jewish Congress might do has been very much strengthened by reason of recent events. A so-called "World Jewish Congress" held at this time would tend to alienate our friends, among Jew and Gentile alike, arouse additional suspicion among our enemies and strengthen Arab solidarity.

Moreover, I am not unaware of the history of attempts made at Lucerne and elsewhere to link up the Zionist movement with the Congress scheme. However, information which I have received from reliable sources in London indicate that Dr. Weizmann does not regard the Zionist Organization as involved in the World Jewish Congress. He has stated within the last few days, I am told, that any members of the Zionist Organization who may attend the Congress will be doing so as individuals, and not as representatives of the Zionist Organization; and Dr. Weizmann has, in fact, made the additional statement that he does not intend to be present at the Congress, or to have anything whatsoever to do with it. It would therefore seem that my attitude is shared by many representative Zionists, including those at the head of the movement.

The Anglo-American group of representative Jews constitute, if any group can constitute such a thing, true spokesmen for the Jewish people. A "Congress" cannot conceivably accomplish anything which this group cannot accomplish. Surely you do not seriously believe that greater heed will be given to unimportant individuals airing their oratory from the platform of the so-called "World Jewish Congress" than will be accorded to the men constituting the group referred to above.



COPY

QUARTZ NATHAN STRAUS  
100 WEST 42ND STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

Let me repeat that I do not believe that the life and condition of one Jew in Germany, Poland or elsewhere will be improved by reason of the holding of a World Jewish Congress. I do not believe that the holding of a World Jewish Congress can help put one additional Jew in Palestine, or increase by one jot the safety or happiness of one Jewish family already established there. On the other hand, I think it is extremely probable that a great deal of harm will be done by statements of unimportant and irresponsible individuals whose oratory will carry a certain weight because spoken from a platform which is alleged to be representative of World Jewry by reason of its title, "World Jewish Congress."

It is the ultimate tragedy of our people that in every hour of crisis, petty squabbles divide our sorely needed strength. Does it not seem to you indeed sad that, when leaders like Sir Herbert Samuel, Felix Warburg and others of their calibre, are ready and willing to assume the burdens of leadership, we should devote ourselves, not to upholding their efforts, but instead to fruitless internal dissension?

Faithfully yours,  
(Signed) Nathan Straus



Mr. Louis Lipsky,  
386 Fourth Avenue,  
New York City.



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WILL NOT ATTEND WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AS I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF WORLD JEWISH  
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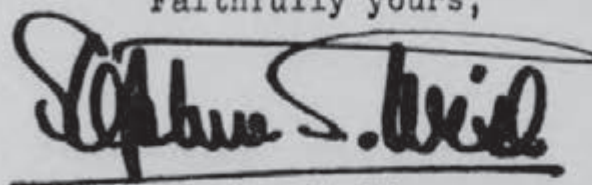
Dear Friend:

It gives me great pleasure to send you herewith a report covering the expenditures in Palestine during the past three and one-half years of the agencies which receive their funds from America through the United Palestine Appeal.

From this comprehensive report, we are able to see in small outline the tremendous accomplishments registered by the Jewish people in the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine during the past fifteen years. The Jewish Agency, the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth have penetrated into every phase of life and wherever these organizations have acted, they have fructified the land and made room for additional tens of thousands of men, women and children.

It should give each of us who has participated in the United Palestine Appeal this year and in Palestine fund-raising in previous years, a great sense of pride and satisfaction that we have had a share in this momentous undertaking of recreating for the Jewish people a home where their national and spiritual life is being regenerated.

Faithfully yours,



Stephen S. Wise  
National Chairman

ssw/rd



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
111 FIFTH AVENUE

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* **June 5, 1936**

*To* **The United Palestine Appeal Officers**

*From* **Silverman-Fisher**

*Subject*

Attached hereto you will find copy of a cablegram which  
has just been received from London.

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JUNE 5, 1936

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ALTERNATES ATTEND ALL MEETINGS COUNCIL THEREFORE PROPOSE  
IN ADDITION YOUR MEMBERS AND DEPUTIES YOU EMPOWER WEIZMANN  
APPOINT LONDON ALTERNATES TOO





GREATER NEW YORK CAMPAIGN

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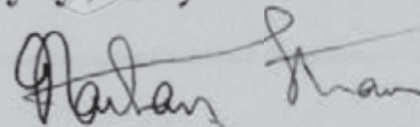
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am very much interested in your letter addressed to Mr. Rothenberg, as President of the Zionist Organization of America, protesting against the attempt to identify the Zionist Organization of America with the proposed World Jewish Congress. I have expressed myself in no uncertain terms on the same subject. The attached letter which I wrote only the other day to Mr. Lipsky will, I think, interest you.

Cordially yours,



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

ENCL.



June 11, 1936

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

My dear Mr. Straus:

Let me thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of the letter which you sent to Mr. Louis Lipsky concerning the World Jewish Congress. I read it with the greatest of interest.

I am interested in learning the outcome of the Executive Meeting which was called for yesterday to consider the letter which I sent to Mr. Rothenberg.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



June 15, 1936

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

My dear Dr. Wise:

Let me thank you for your letter of June 12.  
I shall be very pleased to serve as a special  
representative of the U.P.A. on the Council for German  
Jewry. I trust that you will be able to attend the  
meetings yourself. My address in Europe will be:  
C/o American Express Co., Paris, France, should your  
office wish to communicate with me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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ONE-ELEVEN FIFTH AVENUE  
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August 26, 1936

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

Dear Rabbi Silver;

For purposes of record it is essential for us to have a complete list of rabbis throughout the country. It is sometimes necessary for us to communicate with them with respect to our work and we should like to be in a position to write them.

I have been informed that it might be possible for you to secure and send on to us a list of the members of the Central Conference.

May I ask you to please be good enough to do what you can to secure such list and send it to us at the earliest possible moment.

With many thanks in anticipation, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Robert Silverman*  
Robert Silverman  
Campaign Director

RS:CDG



August 31, 1936

Mr. Robert Silverman, Campaign Director,  
United Palestine Appeal,  
111 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Silverman:

In answer to your letter of August 26  
to Rabbi Silver, permit me to state that there is  
a complete list of members of the Central Conference  
in the Central Conference Yearbook, a copy of which  
you may receive by writing to

Rabbi Isaac E. Marcuson  
204 Buford Place  
Macon, Ga.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

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Leaders of American Jewry Designated as Honorary Vice-Chairmen of United Palestine Appeal, Aiming to Settle Jews of Germany and Other Lands in Palestine.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise Declares Palestine Only Home for Homeless Jews

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Many of the outstanding leaders of American Jewry were named yesterday as Honorary Vice-Chairmen of the United Palestine Appeal, which is engaged in a nationwide effort to raise \$3,500,000 for the settlement in Palestine of a maximum number of the Jews of Germany, Poland and other lands.

The announcement of the designation of the officers was made by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, National Chairman of the fund-raising effort, which is the American instrument of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, recognized in the League of Nations Mandate as the supreme authority in the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home.

The National Co-chairmen are Dr. Israel Goldstein, Maurice Levin, Judge William M. Lewis, Louis Lipsky, Morris Rothenberg and Dr. A.H. Silver. Nathan Straus is Treasurer.

The list of Honorary Vice-Chairmen of the United Palestine Appeal follows:

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Declares Palestine Rebuilding Requires Primary Support

Declaring that the rebuilding of Palestine required the primary attention of American Jewry if their sympathy for Jews abroad was to achieve concrete results, Dr. Stephen S. Wise said that "America surely has become conscious of the truth that there is no home for homeless Jews except Palestine."

Urging nationwide support for the \$3,500,000 fund-raising effort of the United Palestine Appeal, Dr. Wise said:

"The United Palestine Appeal is a union of efforts of all American Jews in behalf of the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine. This differs from previous efforts chiefly in that American Jewry has become conscious of the truth that there is no home for homeless Jews except Palestine.

"Other lands and countries must be explored before immigration to them can be undertaken. Palestine invites and is prepared to welcome them.

"The United Palestine Appeal is primarily an appeal for funds. But it is very much more than that. It is above all an appeal and summons to American Jews to bestir themselves and to give the maximum of their strength and substance in order to re-establish in Palestine a Jewish National Home.

"Glorious things have been done by the young Jewish pioneer workers in Palestine in order to make possible an increasing settlement of self-supporting Jewish immigrants. England, under the mandate of the League of Nations, is guardian of the gateway of Palestine. That gate will be opened as widely as Jews will insist that it shall be opened. But the Jewish insistence must not limit itself to speeches but must take the form of increasing the economic absorptive capacity of the land for Jewish immigration.

"Every worthwhile gift for Palestine upbuilding from American Jews can be converted into a certificate of admission for a Jewish pilgrim and pioneer. Palestine, which has already welcomed more than 30,000 exiles from Naziland within three years, will make place for tens of thousands of additional exiles, involuntary or voluntary, from the Nazi Reich, and the other lands, provided we facilitate their admission and make their settlement in Palestine economically possible.

"Jewish settlers in Palestine, once they are there, ask little or nothing of us. Jews on their way to Palestine need much, if not everything, economically prostrate as nearly all of them are. But we need most from Palestine, namely, the high and holy privilege of taking our full part as citizens of the foremost democracy on earth, in the upbuilding of that Jewish National Homeland. Many centuries ago Judaea foreshadowed the democratic way of life, which has greatly blessed mankind by all it was and gave to man of inspired leading and divine light, which shall again bless mankind by all it may again become of inspiration and enlightenment through Jewish resettlement and self consecration to the highest collective needs of the human race."



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### *To the Jews of America:*

THE Jewish people have often been called upon to face periods of depression, persecution and organized race and religious hatred. Throughout the long history of their suffering they have maintained themselves with courage and fortitude, at times have overcome hostility and prejudice, and often seemed to have entered into a new era of peace, equality and mutual understanding with the peoples among whom they lived.

But at no time have so many heavy clouds lowered upon the House of Israel as in the past decade when it was thought the spirit of democracy and intellectual freedom would destroy the walls of race prejudice and religious bigotry. Once more it becomes necessary for the ancient race to rally in defense of their hard-won rights; to rebuild their ruined positions; through united effort to endeavor to recover the ground that has been lost in a large part of the civilized world; to take vigorous steps to make appeal for justice and fair play; and through their own consolidated strength to give organized support to those Jewries that face appalling political and economic difficulties which they are unable, through self-help, to overcome.

At the end of the last World War, seemingly fought to make the world safe for democracy and to assure freedom for the smaller nationalities, in which Jews gave in full measure of their lives and property in defense of the lands of their birth, it was fondly anticipated that the Jewish people, too, would reap the benefits of victory, and that their equal status as citizens in all lands would be recognized and assured.

Today, eighteen years after the signing of the Versailles Treaty, a wave of unprecedented anti-Semitism floods the larger part of Europe, and its rever-



berations are echoed throughout the world. Tyrannies and dictatorships of Governments and peoples control the destinies of many nations, and under these tyrannies the lot of the Jews is lower than the lowest. Their rights are trampled under foot with ruthless disregard of justice and humanity. They are hurled back to the fringe of the economic life which they have helped to create in the lands of their birth. A doctrine of hate and extermination is being preached by what was formerly one of the leading civilized countries in the world. Three million Jews have become the helpless victims of an uncontrolled anti-Semitism among the Polish people, whose Government pursues a policy of economic discrimination which renders the position of the Jews, both economically and politically, utterly untenable.

Jewish achievements in Palestine, under the Mandate, have transformed that land of desolation into a land that promises to become not only the haven for the victims of persecution, but also the National Homeland of the Jewish people. But even that Land of Promise encounters difficulties arising out of a recession of a generous promise on the part of the Mandatory Government, which has gradually washed away in large part the great pledge of the Balfour Declaration and the wartime covenants of the British Government.

*It therefore becomes imperatively necessary for the Jewish people with dignity, vigor and determination to present their demands for the recognition of their inalienable rights, their claim for justice and equality, to the enlightened public opinion of the world; to unite in defense of their rights and to endeavor, through cooperative efforts, to readjust and reconstruct Jewish life within the economic structures of the nations of which they are a part.*

When the Great War came to its destined end, and the air was full of expectancy, and the feeling was keen that a new day was dawning, the various organized Jewries of the world sent their delegations to Versailles to present the cause of the Jewish people to the assembled nations. Under the influence of the democratic masses of American Jewry, the American Jewish Congress was convened, a program of demands was agreed to by all elements, and a distinguished delegation represented American Jewry at Versailles, headed by Judge Julian W. Mack and the late Louis Marshall. Delegations were present representing British Jewry, the Jews of France, the Jews of Poland, etc., and, as a result of their efforts, the rights of the Jewish people as a minority group, in those lands in which minority groups were recognized, were assured, and agreements were entered into and pledges were made by the reconstituted nationalities. The Balfour Declaration was incorporated in the Treaty of Peace,



the Mandate for Palestine was issued to Great Britain, and the historic right of the Jewish people to build their Homeland there was recognized.

With the adjournment of the Peace Conference there remained in existence over a period of years and until this day, a remnant of the Committee of Jewish Delegations representing to a large extent those Jewries sorely afflicted by persecution, to whom some of the Jewries of Western lands gave their full cooperation in defense of those rights achieved at Versailles.

But the Committee of Jewish Delegations has been unable to win the united support and cooperation of important Jewish communities, who continued their efforts independently and to the detriment of the unity and interests of the Jewish position, and sought in devious ways to achieve their purposes, but not in the way of unity of effort and program. An effective defense of the Jewish position becomes impossible without the creation and maintenance of a united Jewish front.

*It is therefore of the greatest importance to renew and strengthen the international representation of the whole Jewish people for the defense of their rights. In order that such a representation may be once more established with authority and with the backing of the whole Jewish people, various important Jewries and organizations, including the American Jewish Congress, have decided that the time has come for the summoning of the World Jewish Congress. A great deal of time has been lost in the preparations for such an all-inclusive Congress, and in paving the way to unity of action. But the grave situation that has developed in Jewish life, especially since the passing of the Nuremberg laws in Germany, the intensification of the policy of economic discrimination against the Jews of Poland, and the spread of the spirit of anti-Semitism throughout Europe, make the calling of an emergency World Jewish Congress an imperative necessity of the moment.*

The American Jewish Congress, acting as the organizing agency in the United States for the proposed World Jewish Congress, addresses itself to the organized Jews of America and to all Jewish national organizations, and invites their cooperation in the election of a delegation to represent American Jewry at a session of the World Jewish Congress to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in August, 1936.

The scope of the Congress is indicated by the tentative program promulgated.

First: *It is proposed to have submitted at the World Jewish Congress a comprehensive review of the political status of the Jews the world over,*



*and the proposal is to be made that an executive body be set up, representative of the organized Jewries of the world, for the defense of the civil, political and economic rights of the Jews.*

*Second: It is proposed to have submitted to the World Jewish Congress a review of the economic conditions under which the Jews throughout the world live and subsist, and the proposal is to be made for the setting up of an economic institute to gather the facts with regard to the economic life of the Jewish people, and to cooperate in the reconstruction of the economic life of Jews in any country in which their existence is threatened through discrimination and inequality.*

*Third: It is proposed to consider the problem of Jewish emigration in all its phases, through a review to be submitted of all Jewish activities in connection with Jewish wanderings, and it is proposed to set up an institute for the regulation and coordination of all Jewish immigration agencies.*

The American Jewish Congress submits this appeal to the Jewish community of America. It suggests that the defense and reconstruction of Jewish life cannot be undertaken from the local point of view of each Jewish community. Disregard of the interrelated interests leads to ineffectiveness and the reduction of the Jewish problem to the aspect of elementary charity or philanthropy. It is not possible for such Jewish communities as may be living under more favored conditions to avoid or evade the consequences of denial of Jewish right in any land. The deprivation of right, the depression of any Jews to a position of inferiority, the spread of poverty and social disintegration, are matters that affect the conditions and interests of Jews the world over.

We call upon the Jews of America to rally to the support of the World Jewish Congress, and urge their participation in the National Electoral Conference to be convened in Washington, D. C. on June 13th, 14th, 1936, at which the delegates to the World Jewish Congress will be elected. Through organized self-help and a vigorous defense of our rights we shall vindicate the traditions and ideals of our ancestors, and achieve our rightful position among the peoples of the world.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

*Stephen S. Wise*

President

*Isis Lipson*

Vice-President

April 6, 1936



[undated]

### QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Are you in favor of the convening of a World Jewish Congress at this time?
2. Do you believe the Jews in your community are sufficiently informed of the significance of a Jewish congress to take intelligent action upon it?
3. Do you believe that the present plans for preparing a World Jewish Congress within the next few months are adequate?
4. Do you think that a World Jewish Congress should be held without the participation of major Jewish organizations in this and in other countries?
5. Do you think the convening of a World Jewish Congress at this time will have a favorable effect on world public opinion?
6. Do you think the convening of a World Jewish Congress at this time will have a favorable effect on American public opinion?
7. Do you think that representatives to a World Jewish Congress from countries having dictatorships or semi-dictatorships will be able to participate freely in the deliberations without jeopardizing their respective Jewish communities?
8. Do you believe in the value of a World Jewish Congress held without general democratic elections?
9. Do you think that a World Jewish Congress at this time will help the Zionist cause in the United States?
10. Do you think that a World Jewish Congress at this time will help the World Zionist Organization?
11. Do you think that a World Jewish Congress at this time will affect favorably the existence of the Jewish Agency?

Additional Remarks:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
10311 LAKE SHORE BOULEVARD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

April 24, 1936

We JUST LEARNED THROUGH GEORGE OPPENHEIMER OF HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH YOU AND TO PUT IT MILDLY WE ARE CHAGRINED AND HUMILIATED THAT NO OFFICIAL INVITATION HAS BEEN SENT TO YOU TO BE OUR GUEST AND SPEAKER WEDNESDAY THE 29TH. I MR. EHRLICH HAVE BEEN ABSENT FROM THE CITY DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS BUT BEFORE I LEFT I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE U. P. A. HAD DEFINITELY ARRANGED THE ENGAGEMENT AND ASSUMED THAT MR. OPPENHEIMER WAS ALSO IN DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH YOU. THE PEISERS, GENERAL CHAIRMAN, OF THE CAMPAIGN INFORMED OPPENHEIMER OF HIS INVITATION TO YOU TO STAY AT HIS HOME AND OPPENHEIMER ASSUMED THAT AN INVITATION FROM THE PEISERS WAS BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL. INVITATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MAILED AND MANY ACCEPTANCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT. WE ARE SENDING YOU AIR-MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY A LETTER IN FURTHER EXPLANATION. IF YOU DO NOT COME DOCTOR OUR WHOLE PLAN WILL BE UPSET AND THE CAMPAIGN BADLY INJURED. WE APPEAL TO YOU TO OVERLOOK OUR APPARENT NEGLIGENCE AND IN THE NAME OF CHARITY FORGIVE OUR THOUGHTLESSNESS. WE WILL TRY TO MAKE UP BY THE WARMTH OF OUR HOSPITALITY ANY SEEMING COLDNESS OF OUR ACTIONS. A TELEGRAM ADVISING OF YOUR COMING WILL PLEASE US MORE THAN WORDS CAN TELL YOU AND WE CANNOT MEASURE THE DISAPPOINTMENT THAT WILL FOLLOW IF YOU DO NOT COME.

LOUIS H. EHRLICH, PRESIDENT  
SIEG. HARZFELD, HONORARY PRESIDENT  
JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION OF GREATER  
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ZIONISTS NEW YORK

Jews in Palestine have again been subjected to barbarous attacks Yishub behaving admirable despite trying provocation mourn loss of victims but determined continue undeterred with rebouled energy great task of rebuilding our national home where Jews may live as of right and without fear of molestation appeal to American Jewry to share undaunted but calm courage of Yishub and to strengthen their efforts by contributing generously UPA funds and by providing 150000 dollars for immediate requirements of Executive Jewish Agency only by extension of Jewish colonization and increased immigration can we be assured of ultimate achievement of peace in Palestine

WEIZMANN