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December 4, 1936

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

My dear Dr. Wise:

I note that the National Conference for the 1937 U.P.A. Drive is scheduled for January 17, 1937. This happens to be the date of the convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in New Orleans. I assume that quite a number of Rabbis would like to attend both conventions and the conflict in dates would make that impossible. Is it possible to hold the Conference another Sunday early in 1937?

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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Dr. Wise's personal address is  
40 West 68th Street  
New York, N. Y.

December 11, 1936

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio:

Dear Silver:

Thank you for your letter regarding the National Conference. As you no doubt know, the Conference is now tentatively scheduled for January 24th, depending of course on the time of Dr. Weizmann's arrival here, so that it will not conflict with the Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. I sincerely hope that your attendance at the New Orleans Convention will not preclude your attendance at the United Palestine Appeal Conference.

With warmest greetings,

Yours,

*Stephen S. Wise*  
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Stephen S. Wise  
National Chairman

Dictated by Dr. Wise at his home,  
but mailed without his signature  
on account of illness.

SSW:E



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January 12th, 1937

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th Street and Ainsel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

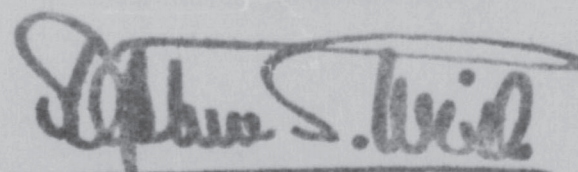
In connection with the forthcoming visit to the United States of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, we are arranging a National Conference for Palestine, to be held at Washington, D. C. on February 7th.

All of us feel that this will offer a unique opportunity to meet with the President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the World Zionist Organization so that we in America may have a better view of the situation in Palestine and of what is required of us in America to influence that situation. The visit of Dr. Weizmann to America at this time can be made to have a decisive effect insofar as American public opinion is related to the Royal Commission and its interpretation of British obligations in Palestine.

We have not yet perfected a final program for the conference, which will begin on Saturday night, February 6th, and continue until Sunday night, February 7th; but we are anxious that it shall be fully representative and that those who attend the conference shall be made fully aware of the responsible part which American Jewry can play in helping to decide the issues which today confront Jewish Palestine.

All of us join not only in inviting you to attend the conference, but to take an active part in its deliberations and to speak at such session and on such topic as we shall mutually agree upon in the next few weeks as the outlines of the program we must adopt become clearer. We are asking you to make definite arrangements to be with us at the conference and to share with us in planning and conducting it.

Faithfully yours,



Stephen S. Wise  
Chairman

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January 27, 1937.

Dear Friend:

As a member of the National Council of the United Palestine Appeal you are undoubtedly planning to attend the National Conference for Palestine to be held at the Hotel Mayflower, Washington, D.C. on Saturday evening, February 6th and Sunday, February 7th.

In addition to the distinguished guests whom we are expecting from abroad, the Conference will have the benefit of addresses by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace and United States Senators George Norris, William E. Borah, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. and William E. King.

The extraordinary importance of the National Conference derives from the necessity of demonstrating at this crucial hour the depth of American Jewry's concern with the future of Palestine. London and Jerusalem must hear the reverberations of our discussions and decisions.

It is imperative that every leader identified with the rebuilding of Palestine make manifest by his presence and his counsel the unity of American Jewry with respect to the safeguarding of the rights guaranteed in the Mandate of the League of Nations.

Please let me have your assurance that you will attend.

Faithfully yours,

*Elihu D. Stone*

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To DR. STEPHEN S. WISE

Street and No. UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

Place 111 FIFTH AVENUE - NEW YORK

BECAUSE OF MY ABSENCE FROM PULPIT TWO WEEKS AGO FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ABSENT  
MYSELF AGAIN THIS SUNDAY MORNING STOP AM PLANNING TO LEAVE BY PLANE SUNDAY  
AFTERNOON ARRIVING WASHINGTON FIVE OCLOCK IF YOU SCHEDULE MY ADDRESS FOR  
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*Sunday, February Seventh*  
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*Dear Friend:*

*Jewish Palestine is on the threshold of a new era. Its future and the destiny of hundreds of thousands who seek a place in the Jewish National Home are bound up, in large measure, with the influence that America will exercise.*

*The British Royal Commission is studying the Palestine situation. Whatever its findings, the voice of American Jewry will play a decisive role.*

*The National Conference for Palestine has made a definite place for itself in the calendar of the Jewish community. It is the representative forum for the expression of a united American Jewry's interest in the rebuilding of the Jewish homeland. Sponsored by the United Palestine Appeal and associated organizations, its function is not merely the sounding of a call for material support. It is the symbol of the sympathy and concern which Palestine Jewry can count upon in its valiant struggle to solidify Jewish rights in Palestine.*

*The leaders of American Jewry have a solemn obligation as well as a unique opportunity—through the National Conference for Palestine—to join in an impressive assembly whose discussions and decisions will have their effect in London and Jerusalem.*

*You can help determine the future of Palestine.*

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Saturday evening, February 6 - Sunday, February 7, 1937

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Rabbi A. H. Silver

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Please present this Credential to the Registration Clerk at the Conference Headquarters in the Mayflower Hotel immediately upon your arrival in Washington.

Stephen S. Wise

Chairman



March 31, 1937

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

My dear Dr. Wise:

Let me acknowledge your letter of March 21st in which you ask me to address some meetings towards the end of May in New York. As you undoubtedly know, the annual Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis begins, this year, on Tuesday, May 25th. As I am President of the Alumni Association of the Hebrew Union College, I shall have to attend the sessions. Your letter suggests the two days of May 25th and 26th. It would be possible for me to give the New York Campaign Organization Monday, May 24th and perhaps Tuesday, May 25th, but I must be in Columbus for the Conference on the 26th. I am accepting these engagements tentatively, contingent upon the matter concerning which I wrote to you a few days ago, a reply to which you sent me on March 25th.

I ask no praise either from you or from anyone else in the U.P.A. organization. But in official Zionist publications and at an official Zionist gathering, I expect the same recognition to be taken of my services rendered to the Campaign or to a meeting which I addressed in behalf of the Zionist cause as is accorded to you or to the other leaders in the work. I ask for no more and no less.

Last year, The New York Campaign Organization invited me to open its campaign. I believe that I delivered three addresses. *The* ~~Your~~ skillful publicity bureau timed its publicity in such a way and in such a matter that a letter of Dr. Weizman to the campaign was released on the very day of my meeting. Tagged on to that release, somewhere in an obscure corner, was the fact that I delivered the opening address of the campaign. Had that happened to you, you would have raised the roof off the U.P.A. headquarters. I said nothing about it. But I refuse to be subjected to that kind of handling indefinitely.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I do not think that your letter of March 31st is entirely fair to me. After all, I cannot control the actions of this great organization and its multifarious activities.

Please believe me when I say that I am deeply anxious to have you cooperate fully with the United Palestine Appeal. We need the help that you can give us and the counsel and the leadership. It would certainly be valuable if you would arrange to be with us regularly when we have meetings of the national chairmen at which we discuss methods of procedure affecting the campaign.

I should like to recall to you that it was I who invited you to the United Palestine Appeal Conference at Washington. I had felt that your presence and your ~~speech~~ would provide splendid stimulus, but you could not attend.

You can make a very great contribution to the campaign if you ~~would~~ undertake during the early part of April or May ~~go~~ on a trans-continental tour, visiting ten or fifteen of the biggest cities in the United States. We could dramatize that tour and make it of great value for all our work on behalf of Palestine. Can you do it?

I note what you say with regard to May 24th and 25th for New York City. The New York Campaign is so arranged that functions are of a sectional character. The result is that the individual functions do not and cannot receive the publicity not merely that the speaker wishes, but that the United Palestine Appeal itself needs for its work.

"LET EVERY AMERICAN JEW MEASURE HIS GIFT IN THE LIGHT OF THE  
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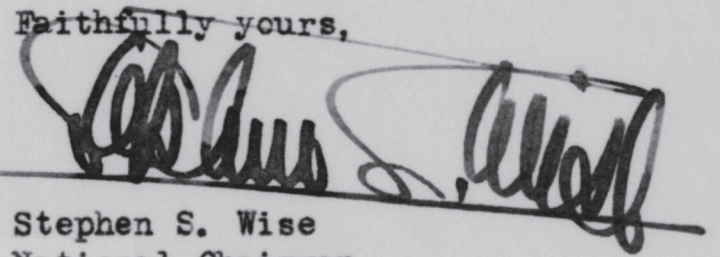
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You have been in public work long enough to know that it is not always the things that we want to get publicity for that do get the proper publicity. Insofar as I am concerned, I shall see to it that adequate recognition is given to everything you do for the United Palestine Appeal.

With best personal wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,



SSW:BCM

Stephen S. Wise  
National Chairman





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Dear Friend:

It is good to know that we may expect you at the National Conference for Palestine, to be held at the Hotel Mayflower, Washington, D. C. on Saturday evening, February 6th and Sunday, February 7th.

Every one who has followed the events in Palestine and who has also kept informed on the worsening position of Jews in Europe must recognize the special position occupied by American Jewry in determining, in large measure, the extent to which homeless Jews shall be able to find homes in Palestine.

The National Conference will be not merely a source of renewed vigor for ourselves but a message of consolation and strength to our people abroad.

Enclosed is a delegate's credential for the Conference. Please register as you arrive so that our Conference activities may be planned with the knowledge of your presence.

Faithfully yours,

*Stephen S. Wise*

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