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January 27, 1938.

Mr. A. H. Friedland,  
10520 Tacoma Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Friedland:

When your wire arrived here with regard to Dr. Bernard Joseph, a visit by him to Cleveland had already been arranged with the Cleveland Zionist Society.

Dr. Joseph, who, as you know, is here as the representative of the Jewish Agency Executive, made a very profound impression at Washington with his sincerity and obvious acquaintance with the fundamental facts of the situation.

Why could not Dr. Joseph's visit to Cleveland be utilized, as you suggest, to bring together the three Zionist groups of Cleveland? Even though he has been promised to the Cleveland Zionist Society, the District and the other group could unite their forces to provide a meeting that would give everybody an opportunity to hear the visitor from Palestine. I assume that you will arrange this locally. The meeting scheduled in Cleveland is for Tuesday, February 15th.

It seems that conventions have been held too far from Cleveland so that I have not had the opportunity to see you in recent months. I hope that all is proceeding well with you.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:F



C O P Y

THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND  
126 North Wells Street  
Chicago, Ill.

January 27, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you for your letter of January 25th.

I think that if Mr. Greenspun could do another solid week's work here in trying to set up a neighborhood organization on the West Side, and also in endeavoring to secure additional personnel for our Trades Divisions, that would be sufficient, so far as his services to the current Jewish Welfare Fund campaign are concerned. It may take a little bit longer than a week, but I think a week of solid work can accomplish something.

As Mr. Greenspun has undoubtedly told you, he has a very difficult job here in getting some real activity out of the Zionist organization. I am inclined to believe that his efforts are also somewhat handicapped by the fact that the Histadruth is at the present time conducting a campaign for its funds in Chicago. As a matter of fact, I was asked only the other day, by a representative of the First National Bank, what the attitude of the First National Bank should be toward the Histadruth, since one of their customers, who is interested in that campaign, had approached the Bank for a contribution. I did not know that the Histadruth, or other Palestinian organizations, as a matter of policy, were going to non-Jews for funds.

I note that you sign your letter now as the Executive Director instead of Assistant to Dr. Wise. If this is an actual promotion, - my heartiest congratulations!

Very sincerely yours,

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH  
Secretary

SAG:X



January 31st, 1938

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith  
The Jewish Welfare Fund  
128 North Wells Street  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Mr. Greenspan will report to you upon his return to Chicago and cooperate with you to the fullest extent for as long a period as you think essential.

The relationship between the Histadruth campaign and that on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal was made very clear in a resolution adopted at the recent National Conference for Palestine at Washington, D.C. I enclose herewith a copy of the resolution which calls upon communities in accordance with the action of the World Zionist Congress and the Council of the Jewish Agency for Palestine not to conduct any fund-raising efforts for Palestine until after the obligations to the United Palestine Appeal shall have been fulfilled.

I think it is fair to say that no Jew owing allegiance either to the World Zionist Congress or to the Council of the Jewish Agency has a right to abstain from the fund-raising effort now being conducted by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago. To the same degree, disciplined Jews have a right to decline to participate in the Histadruth campaign inasmuch as it conflicts at this time with the Welfare Fund drive in which the United Palestine Appeal is a beneficiary.

It is very clear that the Histadruth campaign is conflicting very seriously with the best interests of the United Palestine Appeal and moreover with the traditions which accompanied the origin of the Histadruth drive some years ago. I refer, of course, to the solicitation being conducted among non-Jews.

Thank you for your congratulations on my new post.

Sincerely yours,

HM:BC  
Enc.

Henry Montor  
Executive Director



February 2, 1958

Hon. Samuel B. Finkel, Director  
American Friends of the Hebrew University  
10 East 40 Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Finkel:

In accordance with the cabled instructions we received from Mr. Ussishkin, we are enclosing herewith for the account of our Jerusalem office, our check in the amount of \$6,250.00 as our share of the appropriation made to the Hebrew University, a similar amount being appropriated from the Keren Hayesod.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein  
President

IG:MS  
Enc.

c.c. Dr. Wise  
Mr. Montor  
✓ Dr. Silver



RABBI SIMON GREENBERG  
2253 N. Fifty-Third St.  
Philadelphia, Penna.

February 8, 1938

Dear Dr. Silver:

I appreciate the action of the National Conference for Palestine in electing me an Honorary Vice-Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

Now, more than ever, the Jews of the world need Palestine, and Palestine needs us. I am sure that under your energetic and wise leadership the maximum will be achieved in rallying the Jewish community of America to support the United Palestine Appeal. Whatever will be within my power to do to help you in this work I will gladly do.



Sincerely yours,

SIMON GREENBERG

C O P Y



*Dr. Silver*

C O P Y

THE HUMBOLDT BOULEVARD TEMPLE

1908 Humboldt Boulevard

CHICAGO

February 14, 1938

Rabbi Abbe Hillel Silver, Chairman  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Doctor Silver:

I herewith accept with pleasure my  
appointment to membership on the National  
Council of the United Palestine Appeal.

I also wish to felicitate you as  
the Chief of the United Palestine Appeal. May  
God grant you the fullest measure of success.

With Zion's greetings,

Sincerely,

(Signed) David Graubart



C O P Y

JAMES DAVIS, INC.

1400 MILWAUKEE AVENUE

CHICAGO

February 15, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi,

I have your kind letter of the seventh instant, advising me that at the National Conference of Palestine, held in Washington on January 22nd, I was elected a member of the National Council.

Naturally, I have always had an interest in the Holy Land, and extended whatever little help I could, although not an avowed Zionist. I regret that I was not consulted in the matter before the election, as, for the reason that I have already assumed more burdens than I can carry, I would have been compelled to refuse such an election.

Now I am in a predicament, as I surely want to be of assistance to you in your great work, and at the same time, I find myself greatly handicapped, for the reason above stated.

With warmest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) James Davis

JD'SN



Copy to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

February 18, 1938

Mr. Leon Gellman,  
Mizrachi Organization of America,  
1133 Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Gellman:

From publicity, literature and campaign activities, it has come to my observation that the Mizrachi Women's Organization is now in the midst of a \$50,000 Building Fund campaign.

Coming as it does at the very moment when the United Palestine Appeal in New York is organizing itself for enlarged results, such a competing drive can only be harmful in its effects, particularly when it is realized that the Mizrachi adherents are supposed to play an active and prominent part in our New York United Palestine Appeal campaign.

It seems to me that when the United Palestine Appeal entered into an agreement with the Mizrachi Organization, whereby the latter was to receive \$60,000 for its Palestine budget, it was intended that no competing activity should be undertaken by any part of the Mizrachi Organization, whether called Men's or Women's Organization.

I would appreciate your views in the matter as a basis for whatever comments I shall have to submit to the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal in connection with this subject.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM/GH



COPY  
HASHOMER HATZAIR  
305 Broadway  
N. Y. C.

February 23, 1938

National Board  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

We respectfully wish to submit the following:

For a long while we have been feeling that an injustice has been done to us by the United Palestine Appeal. Our movement has, for the past years, achieved recognition from all Zionist leaders as one of the most active organizations for Zionist education and for the raising of funds. For the past two years we have been petitioning the United Palestine Appeal for a just share of the funds allotted to all Zionist Organizations.

We have addressed ourselves on many occasions to the authorized persons on this matter and have received a reply that next year these allotments would be discontinued. They said that in the future all the money raised in America will be sent directly to Palestine. For this reason we have not petitioned a budget for the current year.

Much to our surprise, we have recently been informed that the U.P.A. has again accepted, as in previous years, the plan of allotting funds to parties in Zionism. We wish to ask: why this injustice to our organization? Why have we not been included in such a budget division?

No one can deny the fact that our accomplishments in this country do not warrant such a lack of consideration. We do not wish here to list these accomplishments; let it suffice to mention that the Zionist Congress has recognized us as a "Sonderverband". We are no doubt as large, if not larger, than at least one of the parties sharing in the allotment. Our circle of friends and sympathizers are quite extensive and through us many persons have become activated in Zionist work. Furthermore, our participation in Zionist fund-raising campaigns is comparable to that of other Zionist wings.

We would like to request that you rectify the situation and to allot to us for the current year a sum proportionate to our membership.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Yechiel Greenberg



February 25, 1938.

Mr. Yechiel Greenberg  
Hashomer Hatzair  
305 Broadway  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Greenberg:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 23rd, calling upon the United Palestine Appeal to make a subvention to the Hashomer Hatzair Organization for the year 1938.

We appreciate the part being played by the Hashomer Hatzair in the upbuilding of Palestine and in the stimulation of interest in Palestine in the United States. The funds now being made available by the United Palestine Appeal for Zionist educational activities in America cannot be increased.

We regret that this decision must be made. You must realize, however, that it is in the interest of Palestine that whatever allotments are made for educational activities should be distributed among the major organizations which carry the responsibility for this work.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM/RW



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ADDRESS STOP PLEASE SEND ME COPY YOUR TELEGRAM ACCEPTING  
REICHERT INVITATION STOP BEST WISHES=

I M GOLDEN...





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I.M. Golden  
Mills Tower, San Francisco  
California

March 3, 1936

Mr. Bernard Stone  
United Palestine Appeal  
416 West Eighth Street  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Stone:

Herewith find copy of night letter to Silver.

I supposed that you wrote Silver that Rabbi Reichert said that Emanu-El could not be used for public meetings, etc.

When I see you I'll tell you why the change of front. It's sufficient now to say that the better judgment of Judge Sloss had its influence.

As per our understanding, I called a meeting of a small committee - Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Kaufman, Dr. Weiss and Edward A. Zeisler - to act with me in the preliminaries. They authorized me to issue an invitation to local organizations to appoint representatives to meet for the purpose of arranging for the public meeting to be addressed by Rabbi Silver. It occurred to me it would be proper to ask Judge Sloss to join with me in issuing this call. Thence on, things took a different turn.

I regret to say that Rabbi Reichert was operated on for appendicitis yesterday. Newspapers say he is doing well.

I hope to be able to go to Los Angeles. Rabbi Silver, you and I can then sit down and talk things over.

All's well that ends well.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

I.M. GOLDEN



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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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March 3, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

WRHS



Your speaking Temple Emanu-El April sixth suits our plans Suggest you wire acceptance STOP Will see you probably Los Angeles STOP Hadassah Zionist B'Nai B'Rith officers would like to honor you with small informal dinner preceding your address STOP Please send me copy your telegram accepting Reichert invitation STOP Best wishes

I.M. Golden

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March 4, 1938

Mr. I. M. Golden,  
Mills Tower,  
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Golden:

I have this morning sent the following telegram  
to Rabbi Reichert:

GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR KIND INVITATION TO OCCUPY YOUR  
PULPIT ON APRIL SIXTH. I AM VERY PLEASED TO ACCEPT.  
LOOKING FORWARD WITH KEEN PLEASURE TO MEETING YOU IN  
SAN FRANCISCO. MOST CORDIALLY YOURS. ABBA

With reference to the informal dinner which  
you plan to arrange prior to the meeting in the evening -  
I will leave that entirely to your judgment. As I  
understand it, I am to have a luncheon meeting on  
April sixth. Would it not serve the purpose to  
arrange for the officers of the Hadassah, B'nai B'rith  
and Zionists to attend the luncheon?

It will give me great pleasure to see  
you in San Francisco. With all good wishes, permit  
me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 4, 1938

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith,  
Jewish Welfare Fund,  
128 North Wells St.  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

From time to time we receive requests from leading communities for speakers who, because of their outstanding experience in meeting communal problems can serve other cities in understanding their campaign responsibilities.

I am wondering if it might be possible for us to call upon you occasionally, as your schedule permits, to visit other communities launching Welfare Fund or other types of campaigns in which the United Palestine Appeal is included. I am sure that your sympathetic approach would be most valuable.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director



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March 5th, 1938

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Your letter of March 3rd received and perhaps the writer did err technically in some of the statements he made in his letter to you of March 2nd. However, the general gist of the letter will give Rabbi Jonah Wise sufficient information, and understanding the agreement between U.P.A. and J.D.C. I know he will not misconstrue any statements I may have made. I can assure you same was unintentional, as we, here in Lorain, are not interested definitely in what percentage the division is agreed upon, as long as the percentage is agreed to by the National Chairmen of both organizations.

I was somewhat surprised to note that you thought that Lorain is giving too much to Wider Scope. Please be advised that since the inception of Wider Scope by the B'nai Brith Lorain has always contributed \$5.00 per member and we have set this quota in our local lodge, however, have never exceeded the \$500.00 limit, regardless of having over 110 members in our local lodge, so you may now understand why the figure of \$500.00 has been set, regardless of the amount raised in Lorain Wider Scope will never receive more than \$500.00, unless the lodge grows beyond the limits which we now can see in this community.

May I at this time advise you that the B'nai Brith in Lorain is the most active Jewish organization in our community, having the largest membership, even exceeding our Temple, these members are vitally interested in B'nai Brith work and surely you can understand that to promote a drive and have the cooperation of the entire community an organization the size of this, who can readily raise its quota of \$500.00 by assessing each member \$5.00, which has been done in years past, must be satisfied.

You will note that we have five causes in our drive of which three are considered by us over-seas causes, namely, HIAS, J.D.C. and U.P.A. The writer does not believe that we will have any difficulty in raising, at least, \$2,000.00, which means that \$1,300.00 will be used for over-seas work. This is approximately 65% of the



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio

amount of money raised and we believe that in giving this proportion for over-seas work they are receiving their just quota.

Jacob Levin who is the Chairman of the committee in securing a speaker just 'phoned me to advise that the speaker which they had in mind would be unable to come on the date set for the opening of this drive and he will, no doubt, write you requesting your assistance along this line.

Trusting this letter explains some of the questions brought up in your letter of the 3rd, and thanking you for your kind interest in our local drive and with kind regards, I remain

EJG:PR

Sincerely yours,

*Edward J. Gould*





JOSEPH A. PRITCHARD  
JOHN RICHARD GOLDEN

## LAW OFFICES

I. M. GOLDEN

MILLS TOWER, SAN FRANCISCO

TELEPHONE DOUGLAS 5202

March 7, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your Airmail letter of the 7th has just come to hand and I am glad that you are going to be with us.

It is my present purpose to attend the conference at Los Angeles, at which time I will talk with you and Stone.

Now with reference to the informal dinner. Naturally Hadassah and our local Z.O.A. together with B'Nai B'rith want to note your presence here, and under the circumstances the only way in which it can be done by them is through the medium of an informal dinner. The luncheon is under the auspices of our local National Welfare Fund. Some of them of course will attend. The night meeting is under the auspices of Temple Emanu El, but they want you at some sort of an affair of their own.

Bear in mind you are the Chieftain of an organization. B'Nai B'rith wants to participate because they consider you one of them.

On the other hand, if it is going to be too strenuous for you we'll forego it. My <sup>notion</sup> ~~notation~~ was to have an informal dinner for which invitations would be extended only to the heads and board members of these groups, and also ~~perhaps~~ <sup>per</sup> to the board members of various Synagogues. No speeches at all from any one here, and as far as you are concerned we would not expect you to tax yourself. It would be up to you whether you would care to say just a word of greeting. I think a dinner of that sort would be very helpful to us and our organization work locally. If you feel you would prefer to relax at the hotel through the dinner hour we will understand. I leave it for you to decide what you want to do. My wife and I would like to have you for dinner, together ~~perhaps~~ with a few others, but I feel the other sort would be of benefit.

With our best wishes and looking forward to seeing you again,

Sincerely,

*I. M. Golden*

IMG:B

*Captain might want to be at that dinner, too.*



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 7, 1938

Dear Mr. Montor:

I should prefer not to be on any list of speakers.

However, should some particular situation arise where, in your judgment or in Dr. Silver's judgment, I can be of some peculiar value, I shall be glad to consider such situations and, in all probability, if I myself feel that I can render a service, agree to do the necessary speaking.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel A. Goldsmith  
Secretary

WRHS

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Copy to Dr.Silver

March 9, 1938

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith,  
Jewish Welfare Fund,  
128 North Wells Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Thank you for your letter of  
March 7th.

I know how terribly busy you  
are and will see to it that only situations  
of outstanding importance will be brought  
to your attention, in the hope that we may  
have the benefit of your help.

Sincerely yours,

HM/OH

Henry Mentor  
Executive Director



March 9, 1938

Judge I. M. Golden,  
Mills Tower,  
San Francisco, California.

My dear Judge Golden:

Let me thank you for your letter  
of March 7th.

If you feel that definite good can be  
obtained through the informal dinner on the evening  
of April 6th which you suggest, I am perfectly satisfied  
to have you proceed with the arrangements. I assume,  
of course, that there is no objection on the part either  
of the Welfare Fund or Temple Emanu El under whose auspices I am to  
speak in the evening. We will have to be through with the  
dinner in ample time for the meeting in the evening. Please let  
me know of the final disposition of this matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



## LAW OFFICES

I. M. GOLDEN

MILLS TOWER, SAN FRANCISCO

TELEPHONE DOUGLAS 5202

March 11, 1938.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Re your letter of the 9th:

Yesterday afternoon I met with a small group (Dr. Charles Weiss, President Z.O.A., San Francisco, Mrs. Bernard Kaufman, Acting President San Francisco Chapter Hadassah, in lieu of Mrs. Golden - Mrs. Golden is President but indisposed for the moment - Edward A. Zeisler, Secretary District Grand Lodge No. 4, B'nai B'rith, and Mrs. Henry Harris, former Vice-President National Hadassah).

On going over the situation, we rather sensed that you were not altogether in favor of a pre-meeting dinner, no matter how informal, and thought that you were right about it. It would be burdensome to you, and, besides, the seventy-five or more persons who would attend it would be uneasy about getting to the meeting. There would be quite a rush on the part of everyone to hurry away to be sure to get seats, for we anticipate a crowded house. So, the semi-public dinner has been called off. I shrewdly suspect you will not regret this.

Dr. Reichert, who is now in the hospital but happily recuperating from a recent appendicitis operation, wanted to invite you for dinner at his home. On the other hand, the Hadassahs and Zionists did not want to surrender you entirely. Mrs. Golden and I would have liked to ask you to come to our house, but, of course, Dr. Reichert having expressed his wish in advance, we would not stand in the way. Dr. Weiss thought, under the circumstances, he would like to have you for dinner preceding the meeting, at his own home. Mrs. Weiss would, of course, ask Dr. and Mrs. Reichert. On the other hand, you might prefer to take it easy at the hotel. Whatever you wish in this regard will be done.

If a reception - a sort of buffet supper - after the meeting could be arranged, at a club or hotel, where the executive heads of these Organizations and some others could have the pleasure of greeting you as their leader, would that be agreeable?



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver #2

Rabbi Reichert, as I understand, is an old-time friend and colleague. Dr. Weiss is President of our local Zionist Organization and will naturally invite a few of the Hadassah and Zionist leadership. From my own experiences I know how difficult it often is to handle these mixtures of social-organizational problems.

Will you please let me know whose dinner invitation, if any, you will accept; also whether you are agreeable to an after-meeting reception.

Rabbi Jonah Wise will be here on J.D.C. business next week. On the 15th inst. he speaks under the auspices of the Jewish National Welfare Fund, and on that same evening, upon invitation of Rabbi Reichert, he will occupy his pulpit.

I ask that you please give this your immediate attention.

IMG-C



Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dr. David M. Weiss".



March 15, 1938

Judge I. M. Golden,  
Mills Tower,  
San Francisco, California.

My dear Judge Golden:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 11. I think that you did wisely in calling off the informal dinner prior to my evening meeting. For the same reason you will also do wisely in not arranging any dinner for me at a private home prior to the meeting. I shall be going at a terrific pace all the time I am on the Coast. I have no objection to meeting friends and heads of organizations after the meeting at a club or at a hotel.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



March 17, 1938

Rabbi Silver's personal address is:  
The Temple, Ansel Rd. and E. 105 St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. George Greenspun,  
160 No. La Salle Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Greenspun:

I have just received the formal invitation for the Regional Conference in Chicago on April 24. In looking over the list of the executive committee, I find many familiar names of old time Zionists - which, of course, is good. But there should be many more names of non-Zionists. The prime purpose of my urging the establishment of regions throughout the country, as you will recall, was the cultivation of new people for our cause. Perhaps you have tried, and without success. But the effort should not be relaxed.

On the list of the executive committee, I find five people from Cleveland, all with the exception of one, long identified with the Zionist movement. There should be a few more non-Zionist names added. Will you also tell me why all the Zionists selected were of the Cleveland Zionist District and none of the Cleveland Zionist Society or of the Zionist group on the Heights? One should not use the Region as a vehicle for paying "kibud" to one's friends.

In drafting the program for the Regional Conference, please see that the program is made up largely of prominent laymen and, if possible, of some non-Zionists who have up to now not been prominently identified with the Palestine movement. It is of utmost importance that we use such a Conference to explore and to draw in new forces and new faces and not for a miniature Zionist convention.

Please keep me in touch with the progress of this Conference. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





RABBI MORRIS GOLDSTEIN  
STUDY: FILLMORE 4303

# Congregation Sherith Israel

ORGANIZED APRIL 13TH, 1850 - 5610

CALIFORNIA AND WEBSTER STREETS

San Francisco, Calif.,

March 23, 1938.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple, E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Colleague:

Upon my return to San Francisco from a trip East I learned that a meeting had been arranged for you to speak at Temple Emanu-El on the evening of April 6th. I do hope that occasion will provide an opportunity to encourage a stronger pro-Palestine sentiment in my community than now exists.

If there is anything I can do personally or as President of the San Francisco Jewish National Fund Council to assist, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Looking forward to seeing you, I remain,

Sincerely,

*Morris Goldstein*

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THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND

128 North Wells St.

Chicago

March 29, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I was astounded to read your letter of March 24th.

So far as I can judge, you are being given misleading information by your associates in the United Palestine Appeal office, or you are trying to drive a very poor bargain.

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March 30th,  
1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I hope you will forgive the delay in answering your letter of March 17th, which reached me during a siege of illness. I was confined to my bed with the Flu.

The Mid-West Regional Office was established in Chicago the latter part of February. You, more than anyone else, will realize that the creation of the Region was entirely based upon lists furnished by the National Office. The work would have been delayed far too long, had I relied solely on my personal contacts to try and obtain the people we all desire as members of the Mid-West Regional Organization. I was therefore dependant upon the lists submitted me by the New York Office, which contained the names of the present leadership in the various communities embracing the nine states of the Region.

As a result, the most influential persons known to me were chosen to form a temporary Executive Committee. A good many I know to be excellent and non-Zionist in their beliefs. To further strengthen the Committee as well as the Region, a Palestinian Conference was decided upon, with the hope of enlisting the services of the type of people you suggested in your letter. Of course, I was completely ignorant of the fact that there are two Zionist groups in Cleveland.

Your presence at the Conference would be the logical time to propound the ideas you have in mind in connection with the fund-raising activities for the United Palestine Appeal. With your leadership in back of us, I know we will be able to secure the new forces and new faces we all want.

Sincerely yours,

*George Greenspun*  
GEORGE GREENSPUN  
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## AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o Hotel Ambassador  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Doctor Silver:

As Mr. Stone has probably told you I have sent out invitations to a group of leaders in the State of Washington for a conference on U.P.A. work to be held Sunday, April 10, at 2 P.M. I have engaged quarters at the Olympic Hotel for this purpose which will also be your headquarters while in Seattle.

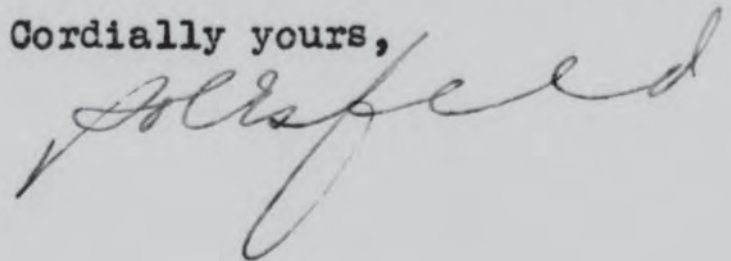
We are planning on having a huge mass meeting on Sunday night at the Temple Center to which we expect upwards of one thousand people in attendance. In addition to that I would like to have you address a meeting of our workers as our campaign starts the following day. The workers' meeting will be held during the morning probably at a breakfast also to be held in the hotel. I have received favorable response from the leaders throughout the state and I am sure that you will be able to effectively organize U. P. A. campaigns in other cities as a result of this conference.

I trust that this arrangement will meet with your approval and I would like to have you let me know at once when you will arrive in Seattle and by what form of transportation. Also let me know who will accompany you so that final arrangements for the reception can be made.

Anticipating the pleasure of seeing you soon, I am

Cordially yours,

SE-W





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Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of  
the manifesto issued by the World Zionist  
Executive in connection with the "On to  
Galilee" campaign.

Sincerely yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER  
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your letter of February 7 was received during my absence from the city and I wish to acknowledge it personally.

It is needless for me to state that I have accepted the appointment as member of the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal. I have also accepted the appointment as member of the Mid-West Region Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal.

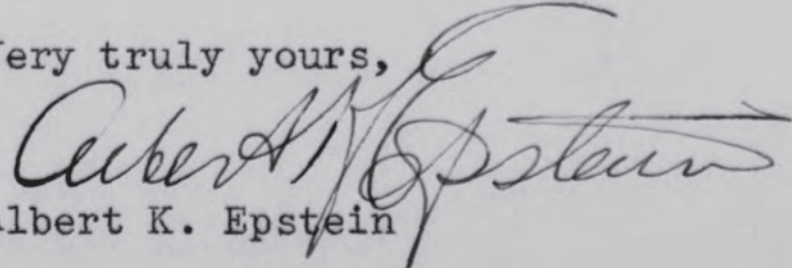
I should like to inform you that I have done all in my power to be active as a Zionist in the Welfare Fund Campaign in Chicago and that my division has raised its full quota. I believe it went over the top.

I would like to know when you will be in New York or in Cleveland as I am anxious to meet you personally and to discuss with you certain matters so as to obviate any possible misunderstanding which may arise in connection with some of my activities which are not within the periphery of the Zionist Organization and the United Palestine Appeal activities.

Dr. Silver, I appreciate the position in which you, as Chairman of the United Palestine appeal, find yourself in these precarious days. Logically, you are right in endeavoring to concentrate all efforts on the U.P.A. activities. I would, therefore, like to have an opportunity of discussing with you some of the important phases of Zionist activities which, unfortunately, do not come within the scope and purview of the United Palestine Appeal. I wish to make my position clear to you as it is my intention to cooperate with you to the best of my ability.

Thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,

  
Albert K. Epstein

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have just received a letter from Judge Golden.

I am very happy indeed that you were so successful on the Pacific Coast. I sent Mr. Montor the attached memorandum.

Sincerely yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER  
Executive Director

MONTOR  
Encl.



April 12, 1938.

MR. HENRY MONTOR

MR. MENDEL N. FISHER

I have just received a letter from Judge Golden and I am sure you will be interested in that paragraph in which he refers to Dr. Silver's visit to San Francisco:

"Silver has been in Los Angeles and in San Francisco and he "put it over" in great ~~shape~~ - a real knockout. I consider his visit a 100 per cent success. What more can anyone want? I am glad that I had my little part in it."

MNF:MR

WRHS





April 13, 1938

Judge I.M. Golden,  
Mills Tower,  
San Francisco, California.

My dear Friend:

I have just returned from my tour of the Pacific Coast in behalf of the United Palestine Appeal. I am most gratified at the warm reception which was everywhere extended to me and I am hoping that my visit will prove of some help to the cause of Palestine.

I should like you to know, my dear Judge Golden, how much I appreciated the many courtesies which you extended to me during my visit to your city. You and Mrs. Golden went out of your way to make my stay a pleasant one and I am deeply grateful.

Will you not also convey to Dr. and Mrs. Weitz in whose home the reception was held after the meeting, and whose address unfortunately I do not happen to have, my thanks for the hospitality which they extended to me and for the very pleasant evening I spent with them and their friends.

With all good wishes for a successful campaign and for a happy Yom Tov, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



## MEMORANDUM

*Date*

*To*

April 13, 1938

*From*

JNF STAFF

*Subject*

MENDEL N. FISHER

We have received a request from Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal that we ask every member of the Jewish National Fund Staff for their 1938 contribution to the United Palestine Appeal.

In addition to our own contributions to the Jewish National Fund, all of us ought to participate by contributing to the 1938 campaign since the United Palestine Appeal includes in addition to the Jewish National Fund, the Keren Hayesod and the Mifal Bitzaron.

We would like to have every member of the staff contribute. All the other staffs in the Zionist movement have been appealed to and it is naturally our desire to contribute the maximum on behalf of the Jewish National Fund staff. Will you please indicate on the attached blank the contribution that you wish to make?

Will you be good enough to give this matter your immediate attention.



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Euclid Ave. Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith is a memorandum that I am circulating among the members of the Jewish National Fund staff asking them to contribute to the 1938 U.P.A. campaign.

I shall turn over the report to Mr. Montor.

In addition to the contributions that some of the members of the Jewish National Fund staff are to make to the U.P.A., you know that they also make individual contributions to the Jewish National Fund from time to time.

In addition to the office staffs, I have also communicated with a few members of our field staff and have asked them to make their contributions to the U.P.A. campaign.

Cordially yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER  
Executive Director

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April 15, 1938

Mr. Albert K. Epstein,  
5 South Wabash Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Epstein:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 8. I am happy to know that you have accepted membership on the National Council of the United Palestine Appeal and also of the Mid-West Region Exective Committee.

You say you would like to see me and talk over certain matters. Of course I shall be delighted to see you. I am not planning to be in Chicago in the near future, but if you happen to be in Cleveland at any time, please come in to see me. I shall be very happy to talk over with you any matter of interest to our Movement.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio



April 18, 1938

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher, Executive Director,  
Jewish National Fund of America,  
111 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mendel:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 14. I am happy that you are circularizing the members of the JNF staff in behalf of the UPA campaign. It is not so much the amounts that I am interested in but the wholesome effect which it will have both on the workers in our campaigns and on the country at large. It will be a fine demonstration of loyalty and of sincerity. I have found through the years that quite a number of Zionists had been for so long in the habit of asking others to give to Palestine that they have forgotten to give themselves.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHE:BK



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April 25, 1938.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your letter of the 13th came when I was  
out of town. On its receipt I telephoned to Mrs.  
Weiss, telling her how much you appreciated her  
hospitality. She was pleased to get the message.

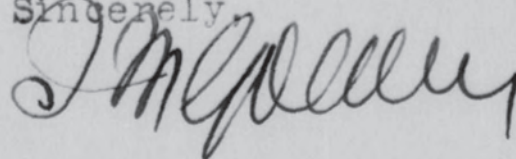
Briefly, your visit to California was a  
complete success. To use the language of the street,  
it was a "knockout". It has already <sup>done</sup> and will continue  
to do us a deal of good. If only it could be repeated -  
say, at least once every couple of years or so.

It was good to see you again.

With all good wishes, in which Mrs. Golden  
heartily joins,

IMG-C

Sincerely,





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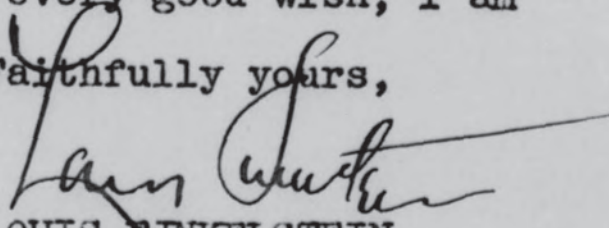
Dear Doctor Silver:

I have just learned that the dinner to be given in your honor by the United Palestine Appeal will occur on Tuesday evening, May 3d. I deeply regret that the United Palestine Appeal chose that night for the dinner because the Seminary will then be holding a Conference on the History of Religion. The lecture on that particular evening will be "Types of Judaism in the Hellenistic Age" by Professor Erwin R. Goodenough, and it will naturally be necessary for me to be at the Seminary on that occasion.

I am indeed sorry that I will not be able to attend the dinner, as I should very much like to see you.

Looking forward to the pleasure of being with you on some other occasion, and with every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours,

  
LOUIS FINKELSTEIN

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April 26, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Chairman, U. P. A.  
E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in informing you  
that we began our drive for funds, in which the U.P.A.  
will participate, last Sunday evening. So far, we  
have over \$1100 pledged.

We shall continue until all have had  
the opportunity to contribute.

A little later our committee will meet  
to allocate the funds at which time you will hear from  
us with a check.

You will be glad to know that our  
people seem to realize the necessity of assisting  
in the grave problems presented in the Jewish sit-  
uation abroad.

Sincerely,

Chairman

*Jacob Fein*



FOR DR. SILVER

April 26, 1938

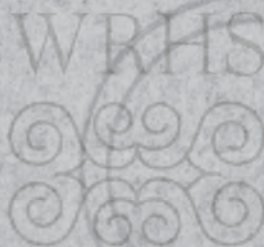
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MR. FISHER

You have received on Friday our monthly account with  
the U.P.A.

Attached herewith is a check for the sum of \$22,427.19  
due to the U.P.A. for the month of March.

MMF:MR  
encl.





MEMORANDUM

May 2, 1938

TO Mr. Henry Montor  
FROM Dr. Israel Goldstein  
SUBJECT Harrisburg, Pa.

The following is a brief report of my visit to Harrisburg on last Tuesday evening.

There was a meeting of over a hundred workers. It was reported that they were just about going over the top in their \$34,000 quota. To me privately it was reported that they had already gone over the top and were hopeful of raising \$40,000. The arrangement, as you know, is that whatever is raised above the quota goes entirely for overseas. In the overseas portion, however, they may include in this additional allotment some money for the Yeshiboth.

Mr. Garner (your records will probably show his first name)

~~Mr. Hershkovitz~~ presided at this workers' rally. I did not speak at the rally but at the public meeting which followed it. There were several other people present. The attendance would have been much larger had it not been for the fact that two night before they had Rabbi Karshush, the "Lampighter", speaking at a mass meeting for the JDC. At the public meeting Rabbi Gelb presided and introduced me.

I took occasion in the course of the evening to speak to some of the leaders there and to point out to them how immensely unfair they were both toward the JDC and UPA in allotting the meager amount of \$6,000 out of a \$34,000 budget. I resented on behalf of the JDC and UPA the fact that they had such a distorted idea of relative needs as to be satisfied with \$2,400 for the UPA and \$3,000 for the JDC, while at the same time allotting \$1,700 for Yeshiboth. I did not urge that they should have reduced the amount to the Yeshiboth, but that they should have made increases in the UPA and JDC allotments.

Their answer with regard to the Yeshiboth was that a Rabbi Silber, who had been in the community for a number of years, had virtually forced the community to give large sums of money to the Yeshivoth. Their justification for the seeming disproportion was that the amount beyond the quota would go entirely for overseas. I pointed out, of course, that when they started the campaign they had no reason to expect that they would exceed the quota, and that, therefore, this is no justification.

I stated to them that I would recommend to the UPA that they arrange together with the JDC to conduct their own joint campaign in Harrisburg next year, which I felt confident would produce at least \$15,000, and that even if we produced no more than we are getting this year we would have to do this as a matter of dignity and principle.

They urged that the issue be not raised at this time but I served notice that it would be raised immediately immediately after the campaign in preparation for next year.



Something really ought to be done about it, not only for the sake of the state in Harrisburg but as a precedent to throw the "fear of God" into the hearts of other communities which are similarly "using" the JDC and UFA to carry ~~through~~ their local campaigns.

It should be stated that the Zionists' position in Harrisburg is relatively weak and in the opinion of the Zionists, the Zionists alone could probably not raise any more money than they are getting this year. Our hope, therefore, lies in a joint campaign with the JDC.

Mr. Fishman, Executive Director of the Community Center there, is a good Zionist and very helpful. He is the "works" behind the campaign and has worked out a campaign technique that it might be well worth while your having a chat with Mr. Fishman the next time he comes to New York to find out just how he does it. I am sure that we can learn from these smaller communities methods of procedure that can be suggested to other communities.

Enclosed you will find their campaign card.

(Copies to Dr. Silver, Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky)

WRHS





May 9, 1938

Mr. Jacob Fein, Chairman,  
United Jewish Appeal of Palm Beach County,  
324 Clematis Street,  
West Palm Beach, Florida.

My dear Mr. Fein:

Please pardon the delay in acknowledging  
your kind letter of April 26. I have been away from the  
city most of the time.

I am happy to know that your community  
is now engaged in its campaign for overseas relief and  
that the United Palestine Appeal is participating in it.  
I hope that you will raise the maximum sum possible in  
your community as the needs are so great today. I shall  
be very happy to hear from you concerning the final  
outcome of your campaign.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

ABBA HILLEL SILVER,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



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May 20, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Rd. at 105 St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I heard from Mr. Montor last night that you have gone over the top in your campaign that has just been concluded.

There has been so much adverse publicity about the Cleveland relief situation that this news I am sure will be received with gratification throughout the land. I know that you have had a very, very difficult time but thanks to your leadership, you have gone over the top notwithstanding the terrible recession from which your community has suffered.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, 154 FRONT STREET, WORCESTER, MASS.

May 21, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find copies of editorials which appeared in our local papers regarding our current United Jewish Appeal. I thought you would like to see them.

Very truly yours,

Joseph Goldberg  
Chairman

JG:L  
Encl.

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN



May 27, 1938

Mr. Joseph Goldberg, Chairman  
1938 United Jewish Appeal,  
401 Slater Building,  
Worcester, Mass.

My dear Mr. Goldberg:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me copies of the editorials which appeared in your local press in connection with the United Palestine Appeal. I read them with great interest. They are splendid and I am sure that they must have contributed greatly to the effectiveness of your campaign.

By the way, how did you fare in your campaign?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio



May 27, 1938

Mr. Leon Gellman,  
c/o Mizrahi Organization of America,  
1133 Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Gellman:

First let me thank you for having undertaken to visit a number of leading orthodox Jews who have not contributed to the United Palestine Appeal in 1938 or in previous years. I trust that your pressure will bring results.

May I call your attention to what I regard as a disservice being rendered to the United Palestine Appeal by the Mizrahi Organization.

At your recent annual convention in Atlantic City, a resolution was adopted calling upon American Jewry to raise \$25,000 during the next two years for the maintenance in Palestine of HaZofeh. In the editorial which appears in the May, 1938 issue of the "Jewish Outlook", you make mention of this resolution, even though you add that the fund is to raised "without undue publicity and fanfare."

Either the United Palestine Appeal represents the whole of the Mizrahi Organization's fund-raising efforts or it does not. If it does not, that should be understood before agreements are signed constituting the United Palestine Appeal. I appreciate how you and others in Mizrahi may feel with regard to the necessity of raising additional money for your Mizrahi publication in Palestine but unless we can truthfully say to all contributors that they are fulfilling their obligation to Mizrahi when they give to the United Palestine Appeal, we prejudice our right to include the Mizrahi and injure the United Palestine Appeal.

On Tuesday of last week a meeting was called in the home of a Borough Park leader and Rabbi Meyer Berlin attended for the purpose of raising money for HaZofeh. This was in the midst of the United Palestine Appeal campaign in Borough Park. You informed me that the amount raised was small but it is not the amount involved but the principle which is at stake.



It will be necessary to bring this matter before the next meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal. May I have an explanation from you which I might incorporate into my statement on the subject?

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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June 6, 1938

Mr. Sol Esfeld  
205 Smith Tower Bldg.  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Esfeld:

My attention has been called to the fact that Seattle will have raised approximately \$55,000 before the campaign is concluded. In view of the extraordinary needs of both the United Palestine Appeal and Joint Distribution Committee, may I ask you to take the initiative in urging upon the officers of the Seattle Welfare Fund the allocation to the United Palestine Appeal and Joint Distribution Committee of the total sum above the \$50,000 which was the original goal. No injustice will be done to the other agencies to which the allocations are probably greater than in previous years, and the needs of the two major agencies of American Jewry to meet the overseas situation will be met as adequately as the situation demands.

I am delighted to know of the splendid success which you have had in your campaign, and I know that much of it is due to the outstanding leadership which you gave to it.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RB



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, 154 FRONT STREET, WORCESTER, MASS.

June 7, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the  
27th and in reply to same wish to advise you that  
our Campaign, when it closes in the near future,  
will be a most successful one.

Last year we raised about \$14,000. - this year,  
from present indications, we will raise around  
\$24,000., an increase of about \$10,000. over  
last year.

We feel very much elated by this successful cul-  
mination and I know that it will gladden your  
heart also.

Most sincerely yours,

JG:L

*Joseph Goldberg*  
Joseph Goldberg - Chairman

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MEMORANDUM

June 10, 1938

TO Mr. H. MONTOR

FROM S. ELIASH

I am deeply gratified every time an interest is taken in the Yiddish publicity. Such an interest is welcome even though it involves criticism.

As you know, about a year ago, a committee was even appointed on Yiddish publicity, which included representatives of Mizrachi and the Poale-Zion. At that time I submitted to the committee several scrap books containing such a multitude of publicity items which virtually astounded the committee.

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In/Yddish press, as well as in other circles concerned with this phase of activity, it has been conceded time and again that I succeed in having published in the Yiddish papers publicity for the United Palestine Appeal more than by other Jewish organizations, local and national combined.

I succeed in getting loads of publicity, accompanied by photographs, even for local functions.

In addition, my publicity is released to the Yiddish papers throughout the country. From time to time I have articles on the various nom de plumes published both in the New York as well as the provincial Yiddish press.

Since the time ~~that~~ the above committee has conducted such a thorough investigation on publicity, I did not consider it necessary to accumulate any more clippings in the belief that all doubts as to the effectiveness of my Yiddish publicity have been removed.

The attached clippings have been gathered from newspapers that were lying around in the office. However, while these embrace only a brief period, they will, I believe, indicate the extent of my Yiddish publicity. These clippings do not include items in the provincial press. On the average Yiddish publicity items appear daily--since on some days one issue carries two and three publicity items.

Regarding the Joint Distribution Committee, they have arranged for the insertion of a large story once a week, during a period of four weeks, on Saturday or Sunday. Thus, they do not release even one item in the middle of the week. Aside from this, they publish large advertisements in the Yiddish as well as in the English press.



The Yiddish publicity of the J.D.C. is done by two publicity men aided by a Yiddish stenographer. Nevertheless, I shall undertake, if necessary, to prove that I succeed in getting into the Yiddish press more publicity in one month than the J.D.C. in the course of an entire year.





M E M O R A N D U M

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Dr. Israel Goldstein

June 22, 1938

Miss Ingrid Warburg, the niece of Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, telephoned me this morning to say that she is somewhat disturbed at the way in which we have handled the matter of the proposed Warburg colony, and that the presence of Dr. Hexter is militating against a favorable reaction by Mrs. Warburg. She said a number of other things in that connection which can better be conveyed to you orally.

She was inclined to believe, however, that Mrs. Warburg would be willing to talk this matter over with you. She hopes, however, that it can be arranged that instead of Dr. Hexter being present at the conversation, Mr. Stroock should be present, who is more sympathetic to what we have in mind.

Not knowing just what you wrote to Mrs. Warburg, I do not know exactly how these items fit into the situation.

My advice is, however, (which Ingrid shares), that when you come to New York to see Mrs. Warburg, you arrange to have a talk with Ingrid first, so that the best possible approach can be devised.



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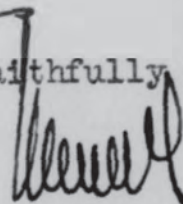
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Euclid Ave. Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am sure you will be moved just as I was when the members of our office staff and this does not include any of the Executives or field representatives, made the contribution of \$50.00 to the United Palestine Appeal campaign. I have already turned over to the U.P.A. office \$40.10 and the balance will be paid by the staff before long. This contribution came in response to your request that all the members of the staff should participate in the 1938 campaign.

With kindest regards, I am

Faithfully yours,



MNF:SS

MENDEL N. FISHER  
Executive Director



June 28, 1938

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher, Executive Director  
Jewish National Fund of America  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mendel:

I was delighted to receive your note this morning telling me of the splendid contribution which the members of the office staff of the JNF made to the UPA. Please extend to them my appreciation for their fine act. I wish all Zionists - and particularly some of our so-called Zionist leaders - would do as well.

With all good wishes and hoping to see you at the Convention, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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July 1st, 1938

Miss Bessie Klein  
% Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Klein:

Some time ago Dr. Silver received the daily cash sheets of the Greater New York Campaign, sample copy of which is herewith attached.

Would you be kind enough to return these cash sheets to me so that I may complete the records in our office?

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*Herta Engler*

Secretary to Mr. Blitz

HEE:

*The Goal for American Jewry in 1938: \$4,500,000*



July 5, 1938

Miss Herta Engler  
C/o United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Engler:

Under separate cover, I am returning  
to you the daily cash sheets of the Greater New York  
Campaign which you requested.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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