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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE - NEW YORK CITY. Tel. Algonquin 4-2640

February 15th, 1938

Mr. Herman Neaderland, President Council of Jewish Organizations of Bensonhurst and Mapleton 7802 Bay Parkway Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mr. Neaderland:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 10th, enclosing copy of resolutions adopted by the Council of Jewish Organizations of Bensonhurst and Mapleton, favoring a combined campaign in Brooklyn on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee. I understand that copies of your resolutions were also submitted to Mr. Harold Jacobi, who is now away from the city.

Your interest in promoting Jewish untily is indeed commendable and it is to be regretted that all Jewish groups in Greater New York are not prepared to cooperate in the same spirit of harmony and good will. Permit me to assure you that the leaders of the United Palestine Appeal were always ready and are ready now to arrange for a combined drive with the Joint Distribution Committee in Greater New York. However, to conduct a combined drive in Brooklyn where a majority of contributors are supporters of the United Palestine Appeal and not to conduct a combined drive in Manhattan where the majority of contributors are supporters of the Joint Distribution Committee would, of course, be an unfair arrangement.

It is therefore to be hoped that in the future all efforts to effect a combined drive will be directed towards Greater New York as a whole, so that both of these great causes may benefit by such unity of action.

Assuring you of our deepappreciation for your devoted services to the cause of Palestine, I remain

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL BLITZ

CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

COUNCIL OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OF BENSONHURST & MAPLETON

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ZENITH SOCIETY, INC.

BENSONHURST ZIONIST DISTRICT

February 16th, 1938.

Mr. Samuel Blitz, Executive Director United Palestine Appeal 111 - 5th Avenue New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Blitz:

This will acknowledge your interesting letter of February fifteenth.

If you will please refer to our letter of the tenth you will note that our Council resolved that unity in Brooklyn transcends personal opinion.

We would very much regret to believe that the leadership of the two campaigns are either unable or unwilling to find common ground. Such leadership would be unworthy of the grave responsibilities which is theirs.

Our resolution referred to the campaign this year and not the future.

Our Council is built on harmony in our community. It took years of painstaking effort to build that up. We cannot allow that to be disturbed. Two simultaneous campaigns would create rancor and antagonism which must not be permitted.

That we hold the best wishes for the U.P.A. goes without saying. That you have the same regard for our Council is to be hoped.

Yours for the Unity of Israel.

Herman Neaderland, President Council of Jewish Organizations of Bensonhurst & Mapleton.

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February 16th, 1938

Rabbi Hillel Silver % Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For your information, we are enclosing herewith communications relating to the Council action for a unified U.P.A. and J.D.C. Campaign in Brooklyn.

Our Council is convinced that common ground for such a campaign exists and that the leaders of these campaigns should arrive at an equitable programme.

Yours for Unity in Israel.

Herman Neaderland, President Council of Jewish Organizations of Bensonhurst and Mapleton.

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BENSONHURST ZIONIST DISTRICT

February 10th, 1938

Mr. Samuel Blitz, Executive Director United Palestine Appeal 111 - 5th Avenue New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Blitz:

I am pleased to enclose herewith the text of the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Bensonhurst and Mapleton.

Through our Council, we have established a unity in our Community never before achieved. We consider it priceless in our local Jewish life. We wish to foster and strengthen it.

A divided campaign will create untold emberrassment and rancors. This we must avoid.

The answer is a united campaign in all of Brooklyn, so that both causes will benefit throughout the Borough.

our Brooklyn leadership must be wise and courageous, enough to find common ground.

These are days for a united Jewry.

Very respectfully yours,

Herman Neaderland, President Council of Jewish Organizations of Bensonhurst and Mapleton.

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE LEADERS OF THE 1938 U.P.A. & J.D.C. CAMPAIGN IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN
RESOLUTION ADOPTED FEBRUARY 9, 1938 BY THE COUNCIL
OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OF BENSONHURST & MAPLETON

The Council of Jewish Organizations of
Bensonhurst and Mapleton with headquarters at the
Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst at Bay Parkway and 79th Street, Brooklyn, is composed of the
following 28 constituent organizations, devoted
to religious, cultural, social and fraternal ad-

American Jewish Congress-Bensonhurst Division Bensonhurst Welfare League, K. of P. Beth Sholom Peoples Temple Bikur Cholim of Bath Beach Congregation Ahavath Achim Congregation Ahavath Chesed Congregation Bnai Itzchock Congregation Bnai Jacob Congregation Mogan David Congregation Nvay Sholom Congregation Sheari Tefilo Congregation Sons of Israel Congregation Tifereth Israel Congregation Tifereth Israel of Mapleton Congregation Tifereth Torah Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst Jewish Education Association-Ivriah Mapleton Park Hebrew Institute Old Age Relief Centre Senior Hadassah Tifereth Mizrachi of Bensonhurst West End Society Yeshiva of Bensonhurst Yeshiva Ohel Moshe Young Israel of Bensonhurst & Bath Beach Young Israel of Mapleton Park Zenith Society Zionist Bensonhurst District.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Bensonhurst & Mapleton, it was

RESOLVED: that Jewish unity transcends any problem facing Brooklyn Jewry, and

IT IS URGED that the Brooklyn Borough Chairman of the TWO CAMPAIGNS: the U.P.A. and the J.D.C. definitely decide on a JOINT CAMPAIGN in this Borough.

THE COUNCIL fully appreciates the urgent needs that necessitates the campaigns and because A UNITED JEWRY joins BOTH THE EFFORTS AND THE RESOURCES OF OUR PEOPLE, a UNITED CAMPAIGN, on a basis that recognized the traditional needs of both U.P.A. and J.D.C. must be agreed upon.

SUCH A UNITED CAMPAIGN will further the greatest heritage of our people - A UNITED JEWRY for the welfare of ALL JEWS everywhere.

UNFIL SUCH UNITY is affected the COUNCIL OF JEWISH ORGANIZA-TIONS OF BENSONHURST AND MAPLETON must take cognizance of the traditional status of the U.P.A. in our community.

> Herman Neaderland, President Council of Jewish Organizations of Bensonhurst and Mapleton.

February 25, 1938. Rabbi David W. Pearlman Temple Beth-El Strawberry Hill and Prospect St. Stamford, Conn. Dear Rabbi Pearlman: In order that our campaign information may be complete, would you be kind enough to have your office fill in and return the attached information blank? I observe that the campaign will open officially during the week of April 18th, and that a meeting of organizations will be held on March 29th. Dr. Silver, to whom your letter of February 20th was forwarded, appreciates your kindness in keeping him informed of the progress of your campaign. Sincerely yours. Henry Montor Executive Director HM/RW

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

III FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Law Offices of LOUIS S. POSNER

170 Broadway, New York

February 26, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very happy to accept the appointment
as one of the three representatives of the United Palestine
Appeal on the Executive Committee of Palestine Exhibits. I
believe I am already on the Committee of the latter, and feel
the intended Pavilion will afford opportunity for splended
significance. Am pleased that my two friends Eisner and
Palitz have been appointed.

Sincerely yours,

Louis S. Posner

III FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Long Beach, Calif.

March 1, 1938.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Being a member of the program committee of the Western States Regional Conference which is scheduled to meet April first, second and third in Los angeles. I found that you are scheduled to be one of the speakers on the program.

In view of the fact that the United Jewry of Long Beach intends to inaugurate its annual campaign for raising funds some time during the month of April, I wish to take advantage of the opportunity while you are visiting Los Angeles, which is so near to Long Beach, and ask you to please open our drive in this city any evening which may be convenient to you.

I sincerely hope that you will see fit to accept this invitation as I know that your presence in this city would awaken the Jewish community to respond warmly and contribute liberally to the great cause which effects us all.

May I hear from you if possible by return mail in order that I may make arrangements for this occasion.

Sincerely,

UNITED JEWRY OF LONG BEACH

(Signed) Nathan Nagel President

March 7, 1938. Mr. Nathan Nagel, President United Jewry of Long Beach 614 Jergins Trust Bldg. Long Beach, California Dear Mr. Nagel: Dr. Silver is appreciative of the kind invitation which you extend in your letter of March 1st, to have him visit Long Beach during his trip on the Coast. Dr. Silver, in addition to his duties as National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, is Chairman of the Cleveland Welfare Fund Campaign. Aside from preparations for that fund-raising effort, he can spend only a brief time on the Coast, in view of impending Passover services. The schedule is already very crowded, requiring Dr. Silver to travel from city to city by plate. It is for these reasons that it is truly impossible for Dr. Silver to accept your invitation even though he would very much like to be with you, for all of us know that under your leadership, the Long Beach community has made increasing progress in the stabilization of its fundraising efforts. I am communicating with Mr. Bernard Stone, our West Coast Director, to explain the situation to him. Sincerely yours. Henry Montor Executive Director HM/RW

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
HIT FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

TEMPLE EMANUEL
2100 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Ala.

March 7, 1938

Dr. Abbs H. Silver National Chairman United Jewish Appeal 111 Fifth Avenue New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

I just returned to the city after an absence of four weeks and found your letter of February 7, informing me that I was elected a member of the National Council for Palestine by the Conference held in Washington.

I accept the appointment with pleasure, and as in the past will gladly cooperate in the rebuilding of the Holy Land where our persecuted brethren may find a haven of security and freedom.

With fraternal regards,

Yours sincerely

MORRIS NEWFIELD

CC: DR. SILVER

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL III FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y. PHILLIPS AND NIZER 1501 Broadway New York March 15, 1938. Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg, Joint Distribution Committee, 100 East 42nd Street, New York, N. Y. My dear Mr. Warburg: This is to confirm the tentative appointment of yourself and Mr. Troper with our Committee at my office, Saturday, March 19th at 12:00 A.M. The obstacles to a joint drive between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal in Greater New York, are old and well-established. They grow in importance as our gaze concentrates upon them and considerations of bookkeeping blur the vision. Statesmanship sometimes requires the sweeping aside of so-called "practical considerations" and the acceptance of a money rish in the service of the ideal of unity. My personal opinion is that a 60-40 division for Greater New York, based upon national precedent, is a sufficient approximation of the equities to make objection on either side seem picayune. I intend, therefore, to urge such an arrangement upon the authorities of the United Palestine Appeal and I hope that you will make similar earnest recommendation to the Executives of the Joint Distribution Committee. I am very hopeful that the result will be in-creased funds for both causes, and I am certain that in any event we will have rendered a great service to our people. Accept my kindest personal regards and forward them to Mr. Troper. Sincerely yours, LOUIS NIZER LN:AV

March 24, 1938 Miss Rebecca G. Oppenheimer, Council of Roumanian Jess of America, Flatiron Building, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. My dear Miss Oppenheimer: Let me thank you for your kind note of March 15 and for your kind offer of cooperation which I deeply appreciate. I am forwarding your letter and its enclosure to Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Director of the United Palestine Appeal, who will, I am sure, get in touch with you. With all good wishes, I remain Most cardially yours, AHS: BK