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Rabbi Irving Reichert
San Francisco, Cal.

Mar. 4, 1938

Greatly appreciate your kind invitation
to occupy your pulpit April 6. I am very
pleased to accept. Am looking forward
with pleasure to meeting you in San. Fran.
most cordially
Abba Hillel Silver

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST ANSEL ROAD CLEVE=
LOOKING FORWARD EAGERLY TO WELCOMING YOU TO SANFRANCISCO
APRIL SIXTH. WILL YOU OCCUPY MY PULPIT THAT EVENING
AT A SPECIAL GATHERING IN YOUR HONOR TO ENABLE MY
CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY TO HEAR YOUR MESSAGE. CORDIAL
GREETINGS=

IRVING.

The Congregation Emanu-El
Arguello Boulevard and Luke Street
San Francisco

IRVING FREDERICK REICHERT
RABBI

March 10, 1938

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

Dear Abba:

I am dictating this brief note from my bed in Mount Zion Hospital, where I am convalescing from an appendectomy, to acknowledge your telegram accepting my invitation for April 6th. I am happy that you have accepted and I promise you a turnout that will fill the building to capacity.

My original invitation would have been accompanied with an invitation from Madeleine and me for dinner at our home, but the Zionists begged me to give them the pleasure of having you as their dinner guest. While I am sure you would have had a better dinner at our house, it seems to be a point of prestige with them so I yielded with as few growls as is possible to a man of my irascible temperament.

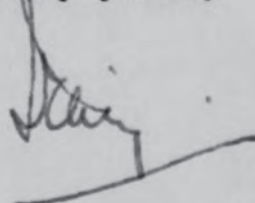
I cannot tell you how sorry I am that you are only spending one day in San Francisco. If you change your plans and can give us an extra day or two, please let me know. You will need a bit of relaxation to vary the strenuousness of your swing around the country.

I plan to be in Los Angeles for the Regional Conference, which I know you will attend on April 2, 3, and 4, and I hope that we will see a great deal of each other there.

If there are any special arrangements you would like me to make in connection with your San Francisco visit, or if there is anything at all that I can do for you while you are here to make your stay pleasant, I will be greatly vexed if you don't command me.

Madeleine joins me with warm greetings to you and Virginia.

Sincerely yours,



IFR:BL

March 14, 1938

Rabbi Irving Frederick Reichert,
Congregation Emanu-El,
Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Irving:

I was sorry to hear that you had undergone an appendectomy but I was cheered to learn that you are fast recovering. I am sure that by the time I get out to the Coast you will be in tip-top shape and that we will be able to hve some pleasant hours together.

Please convey my warmest greetings to Madeleine. I wish that Virginia could come along to the Coast with me. Unfortunately her father has been very seriously ill and she has been spending most of the time in Wheeling.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT
1938

UNDER THE JOINT AUSPICES OF ALL NEW LONDON JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS
for
THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
and
THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

March 23, 1938

My dear fellow Jews:

In behalf of the New London United Jewish Appeal, I wish to advise you we are proceeding successfully with our joint campaign for the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee. Please ignore any notices and rumors to the contrary. If you have already made your contribution, I wish to thank you. If you have not yet done so, I urge you to do so at once. There will be absolutely no other campaign for funds this year.

I am sure you will be interested to know the plan by which the proceeds of our joint campaign will be distributed.

1. In the first place any individual has the right to designate how his contribution shall be divided. Thus, if Mr. A. gives \$100 and states that he wishes \$75 to go to the J.D.C. and \$25 to the U.P.A., and Mr. B. gives \$50 and wishes \$40 to go to the U.P.A. and \$10 to the J.D.C., these wishes will be followed.
2. Up to the sum of \$3,000, the average of the last two years for the separate campaigns will be followed. The amounts which New London Jews have given to the separate campaigns in past years is the surest index we have to the wishes of the community in regard to this campaign. Roughly the average is about 60-40 in favor of the U.P.A.
3. The entire amount over \$3,000 will be allocated to the J.D.C. Our objective is \$4,000.

I think you will agree with me that for an initial attempt to consolidate the fund-raising activities of this community, the above plan is practical, equitable and fair. Your generous cooperation will attest to your faith in your chairman and committee, and will bespeak your resentment against any attempt on the part of any outside group to dictate our local policies.

Yours for a successful campaign

Sabbi Samuel S. Ruderman
General Chairman

Mr. H. Montor,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

28th March, 1938.

Dear Montor,

I have to apologize for not having answered before your letter of the 16th inst., but during the last few weeks we were so occupied with the Austrian tragedy that I was unable to answer your letter more fully and to supplement my cable of the 17th inst.

(1)
It is because I was able to settle the question of the participation of the Jewish Agency in the new Palestine scheme of the Council for German Jewry with Mr. Kaplan and with the Executive of the Jewish Agency, that no further action is necessary in Jerusalem on the part of the United Palestine Appeal. The Executive have agreed to contribute £25,000 in cash to a new Palestine scheme of £122,000 for 1938 which we have submitted to the Council, while the Keren Kayemeth, as in 1937, will again provide £25,000 in land for the settlement of German Jews in Palestine.

2)
The new scheme is now being considered by the Council and is likely to be decided upon in one of the next meetings of the Council, possibly as soon as April 4th. Our new scheme which to a certain degree already takes into account the Austrian situation, provides for the emigration from Germany to Palestine in the course of the next 6-9 months of 1,200 chalutsim and chalutsoth as settlers or trainees, a large portion of whom it is hoped to provide with

students' certificates under the immigration category B which also applies for young people aged between 18 and 25 who go to Palestine to receive agricultural or manual training in one of the educational institutes recognised by the Government. Institutions thus recognised by the Government are: Technion, Ben Shemen, etc. as well as a number of agricultural settlements, such as En Charod, Beth Alpha, Dagania, Mishmar Haemek.

Apart from our scheme, we hope to be able to provide for the emigration from Germany and Austria to Palestine during the coming schedule period of 500 - 1,000 young people (aged between 15 and 17) under this category B, under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah.

3.)

The financing of our £122,000 scheme to which the Jewish Agency, as mentioned above, is prepared to contribute £25,000, will this year (for the first time) be shared by the German Jews themselves who have agreed to contribute to our scheme an appreciable amount, roughly £40,000, out of a foreign currency fund which has been created in Berlin with the consent of the German authorities and out of which the Reichsvertretung is entitled to make grants of up to £70 per head to emigrants without means to all countries. We hope that the British Section of the Council for German Jewry will provide the balance, after it has become clear during the last few days that Anglo-Jewry under the auspices of the Council will make a fresh financial effort which will probably aim at bringing the £760,000 raised so far up to a million. A decision on the new drive in England is due during the next few days, and I shall keep you informed of the developments.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

Dr. Martin Rosenblueth.

Inenclose three copies of this letter
for our friends over-there.

March 29, 1938

MEMORANDUM

TO Dr. Stephen S. Wise - Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
FROM Judge Morris Rothenberg

It will not be possible for me to attend tonight's meeting of the Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America because I shall be speaking at the opening function of the United Palestine Appeal campaign in Stamford, Connecticut.

I think the Executive Committee should give thought to the situation created by the action of the Secretary of State in reference to the refugee problem. Assuming that there will be favorable response from the governments which the Secretary of State addressed on the subject, much larger funds than will be available under the present program of the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee will be needed, and efforts in the direction of obtaining them will undoubtedly be made.

It may be that a new fund, superseding the existing Funds for overseas purposes, will be proposed. Or, it may be that the existing organizations will increase their present national quotas.

Both from the point of view of settlement work now going on in Palestine and the larger place which Palestine must occupy in any program on refugee settlement to be undertaken, it is not too early to give thought to this entire problem. We must be alert to the situation to protect the Palestine interest and to the possibility of the United Palestine Appeal being relegated to a subordinate position in any new fund-raising effort that may be made.

Possibly a joint meeting of the Zionist Organization of America and the United Palestine Appeal executive committees should be called to consider this subject.

MR. SB

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Max Rhoads
Helen Sherry Rhoads
Woodward Building
Washington, D.C.

Robert E. Greene
Associate

April 4, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The enclosed copy of my letter and telegram
to Sam Blitz is self-explanatory.

Mr. Blitz asked me some little time ago to get
Bulkley to address the Biltmore banquet in your hon-
or, and it afforded me an unusual amount of pleasure
to promptly do so. Bulkley has been an extremely
busy man, otherwise I would have gotten a decision
from him at once, for aside from his personal admir-
ation for you, I know him very well.

I was delighted when you accented the U.P.A.
Chairmanship, and know that we may anticipate a great
success under your inspiring leadership.

Both Mrs. Rhoads and I will try to make a spec-
ial trip to hear you at the Biltmore dinner.

With warmest personal regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Max Rhoads

ENC:
MR: MVA

Copy for Rabbi Silver.

April 4, 1938

Mr. Samuel Blitz,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York.

Dear Sam:

I herewith enclose confirmatory copy of my telegram regarding Bulkley's acceptance.

He has been terribly crowded ever since I originally extended the invitation to him at your request. What with the legislative situation and other things that have been tying him up, he was in a frame of mind where he was obliged to neglect even the most important things on his desk. In the present instance, it was hard to get a decision out of him, despite his great personal admiration for Rabbi Silver and my own long friendly acquaintance with him in connection with various matters. You have no idea what some of the Senators are up against these days. They procrastinate about making advance commitments. Bulkley's problem is particularly difficult because he is a member of the Finance Committee, which is involved with new tax legislation. However, I kept on his trail until I finally got his favorable decision, although this required repeated contact.

He said he would not let anything prevent him from attending, unless something of the greatest legislative urgency develops. However, he agreed with me that he could, if necessary, leave on a late train that would get him to New York in time for the speaking. This would enable him to have most, if not all of the afternoon in Washington. Hence, it is quite unlikely that anything would interfere with his attendance.

I am happy to have the opportunity to do this not only for the U.P.A., but as a slight token of my personal esteem

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for Rabbi Silver. If we can possibly get away from the office, we shall try to come up for the banquet, and perhaps join the Senator, whom I have known for a long time in connection with various matters, on the train trip.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Cordially,

MAX RHODE

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April 4, 1938

Mr. Samuel Blitz,
United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York.

PLEASE ADVISE BULKLEY ACCEPTS SEND ME TWO OR THREE COPIES SPEECH MATERIAL
FOR HIM STOP HE PROMISED TRY AUTHORIZE RELEASE WITHIN ABOUT WEEK AFTER HE
GETS MATERIAL FROM ME AND I WILL FOLLOW UP STOP HE WILL ADD SOME OF HIS OWN
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The Temple
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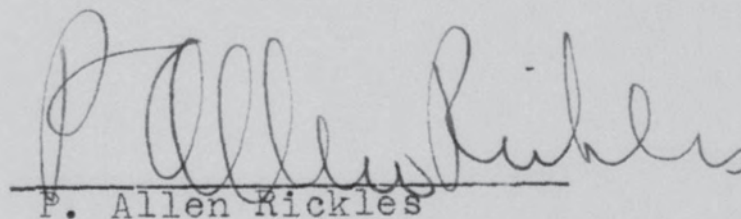
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Just today I happened to be concerned as to whether you could properly celebrate your Seder, so I called our friend Mr. Alhadeff to find out whether he had sent the fish. He assured me that it had gone forward Monday morning, so that you would have it in time for the Passover. In fact, Mr. Alhadeff considered it an honor and pleasure to be able to send it to you.

The thrill of your visit to Seattle is still lingering with our community and is being evidenced by increased contributions to the Federation Fund.

With best wishes for a very pleasant Pesach holiday and with warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


P. Allen Rickles

PAR:H

April 13, 1938

Rabbi Irving Reichert,
Temple Emanu-El,
Arguello Blvd. and Lake St.,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Irving:

I returned home yesterday from my tour of the Pacific Coast and I am beginning to pick up the threads of my work here.

I want to tell you how much I appreciated the many courtesies and warm hospitality which you and Madeleine extended to me in your city. It was a great joy to me to be in your home and in your pulpit. My trip to the Coast turned out to be a real Yom Tov and you and your people in no slight measure contributed to it. My only hope is that my visit will be of some help to the causes in whose behalf I traveled.

I hope that your child is now fully recovered from the operation. Please convey my fondest greetings to Madeleine in which Virginia joins me most warmly.

Thanks again and a happy Pesach to you and yours.

Most cordially,

AHS: BK

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April 14, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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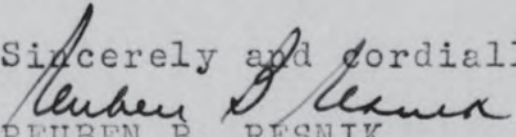
Dear Dr. Silver:

I presume that you have already received from Mr. J. P. Loeb the official thanks of the Conference for your participation in it. I need hardly tell you that your contribution to our program did much toward stimulating interest throughout the west in the Council activities in general and more particularly, in the coming welfare fund campaign. I have no doubt that the fund-raising efforts this year, in spite of business conditions, will be more productive than ever before.

I hope that your stay in California and throughout the west as well, was pleasant, and that you feel that your trip was worthwhile. I look forward to the opportunity of seeing you again in the near future.

With renewed thanks for your assistance, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely and cordially,


REUBEN B. RESNIK
Field Representative

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April 14, 1938

Mr. Max Rhoades,
Woodward Building,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Rhoades:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 4 and for the enclosures. I am happy to know that Senator Bulkley will attend the meeting in New York City. He is a good man and I would like to get him actively identified with our cause.

I have just returned from the Pacific Coast where I addressed the principal communities in behalf of the United Palestine Appeal. The reception and response were all that one can ask. It was a delightful experience.

I do hope that it will be possible for you and Mrs. Rhoades to attend the meeting at the Biltmore. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Rabbi Samuel Rosinger
Congregation Temple Emanuel
Beaumont, Texas

Apr. 18, 38

Dear Calvergne: These three checks are sent
to you by very small community of 600 souls
as a telling evidence of the support Texas
is giving you as the head of the N.P.A.
I hope that next fall you will come
down to our far-flung State and honor
us by your visit. Of the National Fund
\$500 goes to the Hallel project and
\$700 to Nachlas Texas.

With kindest regards and
 fervent prayers for the success of your
labors in behalf of Israel
Cordially
Samuel Rosinger

April 18, 1938

Mr. P. Allen Rickles,
Robbins & Rickles,
2107 Northern Life Tower,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Friend:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 13. I should like to set your mind at rest. Mr. Alhadeff's fish arrived, a fitting symbol of the generosity and good will of your entire community. We never had better fish on a Yom Tov.

I am just beginning to get from under the vast amount of work which accumulated here during my absence and more than once my mind went back to the pleasant days which I spent on the Coast and in your community and to the many charming acquaintances and friends which I made there.

I want to thank you personally for the many courtesies which you extended to me. I trust that you will follow through the fine work which you initiated. Our Regional Director, Mr. Bernard Stone will, I am sure, be in constant touch with you.

With all good wishes for a happy Holiday, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BX

April 18, 1938

Mr. Reuben B. Resnik,
610 Temple Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Resnik:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 14. I appreciate greatly what you say about the contribution which my presence on the Pacific Coast has made towards the stimulation of interest in our Overseas campaigns. I am very happy if I have been of some service. I enjoyed my visit to Los Angeles tremendously and I am grateful to you for the many courtesies which you extended to me during my visit. I thought that the Conference was eminently successful and the interest displayed by the delegates was quite remarkable.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Robert E. Greene
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April 19, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I received your telegram yesterday regarding Hamilton Fish for May 8th. I immediately tried to get in touch with Fish, but found he was out of the city, and with the cooperation of his office, I am now trying to reach him, and hope to have an answer for you by tomorrow or Thursday.

Unless he has some very important conflicting engagement, I am sure I shall be able to get his acceptance.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Max Rhoads

MR:MVA

April 20, 1938

Judge Morris Rothenberg,
55 Liberty Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Judge Rothenberg:

We are somewhat at a loss in knowing how to approach Mrs. Felix Warburg this year for her contribution to the United Palestine Appeal. I know that in previous years contact was usually made with Mr. Warburg through you. I would greatly appreciate it if you would undertake the mission again this year.

The campaigns in the country, as I size them up at the present time, are developing quite satisfactorily. Higher quotas are generally being set and obtained.

I had a very enjoyable time on the Pacific Coast. I found a very earnest and cooperative spirit in the communities which I visited and a great desire to be informed and to be guided.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MERCANTILE DISCOUNT CORPORATION

110 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET

CHICAGO

A.H. ROSENBERG
VICE PRESIDENT

April 25th
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road and East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for sending the wire. Upon its receipt, it was read aloud to the morning session, which was then in progress.

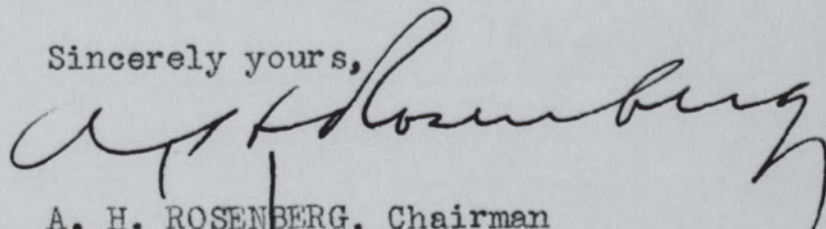
The Conference to my mind, was a complete success. Of the several hundred delegates present, over three hundred were from out of town, representing over one hundred communities in the region. It was conducted on a dignified plane, and proved of wide interest to everyone that attended.

Mr. Montor's paper which opened the sessions, was not only well written and splendidly delivered, but the theme itself was more than excellent, and the discussion it invoked was very helpful to all the delegates present.

On the whole, the reactions and comments received at the close of the day, and the promises and pledges to carry out our program and see to it that the campaigns will be of a higher standard than ever before, made me feel that we had awakened a renewed enthusiasm in the hearts of all.

The Conference for Palestine was completely worthwhile and gives us added zeal in carrying on the work for the U.P.A.

Sincerely yours,



A. H. ROSENBERG, Chairman
Mid-West Region, Executive Committee
United Palestine Appeal

AHR:ALK

April 27, 1938

Mr. A. H. Rosenberg,
Mercantile Discount Corporation,
110 South Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Rosenberg:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and in reporting on the Conference. I am delighted to know that it was so completely successful. I was in New York yesterday attending an Executive Committee meeting and Mr. Montor reported in a similar vein. Let me congratulate you and all those who worked with you for the success of the Conference and of the Region. I sense throughout the country a remarkable awakening of interest in Palestine, particularly among those who up to the present time have not been identified with the movement. That augurs well for our future.

With all good wishes to you and to the cause with which you are now so actively leading, permit me to remain

Very cordially,

AHS:BK

The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

April 27, 1938

Rabbi Samuel Rosinger,
Congregation Temple Emanuel,
Beaumont, Texas:

My dear Rabbi Rosinger:

Let me thank you for your gracious note of April 18 and especially for the very generous contribution from the community of Beaumont to the United Palestine Appeal, the Jewish National Fund and the Hebrew University. I am forwarding these checks today to New York. You will undoubtedly receive an acknowledgement from our office.

I need not tell you that I am delighted with the response of your good people to the needs of Jewish life at this grave hour in our history. I want to thank particularly yourself for the inspiring leadership which you are giving to your community. I do hope that fortune will favor me next year and that I may be able to visit some of the communities in Texas as I have recently visited Jewish communities on the Pacific Coast.

With all good wishes to you and to your people,
permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

The Goal For 1938: \$4,500,000

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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June 3, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

The United Palestine Appeal sustained a very grave loss in the death last week of Elias Preiss. He was truly a pillar of the New York campaign, taking his responsibilities not merely as a contributor but as a worker and organizer most seriously.

The friends of Mr. Preiss are arranging a memorial service on June 21st. All of us feel that it would be a great tribute to his memory and to the service other workers are rendering to the United Palestine Appeal if you would join with us to deliver the memorial address on June 21st. It is a mark of respect and affection which I feel confident will be helpful to the United Palestine Appeal far outside the boundaries of Preiss' friends.

Sincerely yours,

Louis P. Rucker

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June 6, 1938

Mr. Louis P. Rucker
United Palestine Appeal
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New York City

My dear Mr. Rucker:

I was greatly saddened by the passing of Elias Preiss. I know that the United Palestine Appeal has sustained a great loss in his passing, and I wish that I could participate with you in the memorial service which you are arranging on June 21st. Unfortunately, I shall be in Denver on that day in connection with the B'nai B'rith convention, where I am scheduled to speak.

With best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:RB