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MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

NATHAN SWEEDLER  
JUSTICE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
194 CROWN STREET, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

January 14th, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I just heard of your election as the  
National Chairman for 1938 of the United Palestine  
Appeal.

Personally, and as Chairman for the Borough  
of Brooklyn, I take this means of extending to you my  
heartiest congratulations. I also wish to assure you  
that I shall do everything possible to help make your  
administration a successful one. If there is anything  
you want me to do, please do not hesitate to call upon  
me.

With warm personal regards, and looking  
forward to greeting you at the National Conference in  
Washington, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Nathan Sweedler*



January 17, 1938

Mr. Bernard Stone,  
416 West 8th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Stone:

I have received a letter from Dr. Berkowitz, of Portland, in which he writes that he was considerably upset that I was not scheduled to remain over through Saturday night for their campaign dinner. I wrote him that I will stay over for the dinner. My program for Portland, therefore, is as follows:

I arrive Thursday evening, April 7. On the 8th there is a luncheon with local leaders and in the evening I speak in Dr. Berkowitz' Temple. On the evening of April 9th, I address the campaign organization. I will not speak in any other synagogues during my visit to Portland and I would not like to have any other engagements made for me.

Mr. Montor was in Cleveland yesterday and we talked over my tour on the Coast. I note from the schedule which you sent me that the motion picture dinner is on for Tuesday evening, April 5th. I assume that the motion picture people mean to cooperate whole-heartedly in this event. If there is considerable opposition which might make a fiasco of the affair, I will count upon you not to arrange such a meeting. It is better to have no dinner than a "flop".

With reference to the dinners in the private homes, I shall want to receive an invitation from these homes before long.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



January 17, 1938

Judge Nathan Sweedler,  
194 Crown Street,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Judge Sweedler:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of January 14th and for your words of congratulations. I am particularly grateful to you for your offer of service in our great cause. I know of the outstanding services which you have rendered the United Palestine Appeal in the past and I shall be most happy to turn to you for counsel and for help.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



January 18, 1938

Mr. Bernard Stone,  
416 West 8th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

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*Please  
return to  
Dr. Silver*

*W Pa*

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise  
Free Synagogue  
40 West 68th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Wise:

I am writing the following lines most reluctantly, but I feel that they must be written.

I attended the United Palestine Appeal Conference in Washington last week end and was happy to see the enthusiasm manifested. I was, however, shocked by the address of Mr. Ittamar Ben Avi. I remember particularly two points, which I deeply resented.

1 - The speaker compared the present Arab-Jewish situation in Palestine with the White-Indian situation in the American colonies. This parallel is untrue and unjust. That was the parallel which the Communists presented to their audiences at the time of the disturbances in Palestine in 1936.

2 - The speaker said in substance - I do not remember the exact language - that trouble in Palestine had the advantage of lowering prices of land for the Jews. I do not think that any more vicious and damaging statement could be made by a Jew. We would have denounced it if made by an enemy.

If this is the sort of propaganda that Mr. Ben Avi is carrying on for the Jewish National Fund, I tremble. It will certainly do serious injury. If we, who are devoting ourselves to the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine, cannot do so on high, and the highest, ethical grounds, we will not be able to achieve it. We should and we must be above reproach both in our conduct and in our utterances.

I deemed it my duty to bring this to your attention, so that you, who are in a position to do so, may take proper measures to prevent a repetition of such untrue and dangerous statements.

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph Schlossberg*

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HARRY R. RICHMOND, RABBI  
TEMPLE EMANU-EL  
WICHITA, KANSAS

7. 6. 4th. 8.

Dr. A. H. Silver

The Temple

Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Kindly accept my heartfelt congratulations upon  
your election as National Chairman of the U. P. C. for 1934.  
May your chairmanship be crowned with the success the  
cause eminently deserves. And if I can be of any  
help to you, command me.

This honorable offer is a change of policy and prin-  
ciple. For when Prof. Klausner of the Hebrew Union College,  
some time ago to help him in the southwest I declined,  
I similarly refused Dr. Gluck of the M. J. O. when he asked me  
recently for similar services. Why I offer my services now,  
when they are neither sought nor wanted, I don't know. Per-  
haps it is the effect of your address of acceptance, which I  
just received at reading; perhaps, it is the serious  
flight of our people; perhaps it is due to my recent large  
of the anxiety and distress of the southwest. But  
whatever the cause, I am very glad to see, at your service.

My limitations you know. I know them well  
better. I can only add:

Yours sincerely

Harry Richmond



C O P Y

Law Offices Of  
Gottlieb and Schwartz  
231 S. La Salle Street  
Chicago, Illinois

February 7, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi:

I regret that I was out of the city when your telegram was received. I cannot accept the post of honorary vice-chairman of the United Palestine Appeal. I would write you at length explaining my position in this matter as I have hertofore done to Dr. Wise, but it would merely be reiterating sentiments often expressed to the United Palestine Appeal.

I appreciate the feeling and the earnestness which animate you and your associates but I cannot join with you.

Very truly yours,

U.S. SCHWARTZ




Feb. 9, 1938

HENRY MONTOR  
NEW YORK

IF SILVER AVAILABLE ONLY FOR BEGINNING OF APRIL THEN HE SHOULD ATTEND  
CONFERENCE. PROGRAM REQUIRES HIM TO SPEAK ON THE EVENING OF APRIL FOURTH.  
REST OF PROGRAM STILL INDEFINITE. FIRST MEETING OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
TO BE HELD TOMORROW. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE TO COME LATER IN THE MONTH OR  
EARLY IN MAY THEN HE SHOULD NOT BOTHER WITH CONFERENCE. LATER VISIT  
WOULD BE MUCH MORE PRODUCTIVE OF REAL RESULTS IN EVERY WAY

BERNARD STONE





C O P Y

February 10, 1938

Memo to Henry Montor  
From Bernard Stone

I am going to meet Mendel B. Silberberg tomorrow at 11:30, at which time I will discuss with him the possibility of having some kind of a gathering with the leaders of the motion picture industry. In this connection, I want to call your attention to something that happened two or three years ago, which you should, I think, discuss with Silver.

Some years ago, Silver delivered an address in which he criticized the Jews in the motion picture industry very severely, on the ground that they constituted a menace to the position of the Jew. I think it was during the time when there was a purity campaign in progress, aiming at cleaning up the movie industry.

At that time, Louis B. Mayer indignantly showed clippings of Silver's speech to various people in the city, and made it clear that he resented the speech, very much. While this matter has now considerably died down, it would be helpful, when Silver is here, to have him tactfully compliment the Jews in the motion picture industry on their generosity, and their contributions to Jewish life, in general.

It would help me if I knew that such remarks would be incorporated, by Silver, in his talk. I understand that this must be tactfully handled, and I am therefore telling you about this in advance.

BERNARD STONE

BS:f



Feb. 13, 1938

WISE  
ZIONISTS

IDELSON GENERAL MANAGER LEVANT FAIR RECEIVED LETTER FROM  
HIGH COMMISSIONER ASSURING COOPERATION GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS  
IN ESTABLISHING PALESTINE EXHIBIT NEW YORK AND WISHING  
ENTERPRISE EVERY SUCCESS STOP IDELSON PROCEEDING AMERICA TODAY

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February 14, 1938

Rabbi Harry R. Richmond,  
Temple Emanu-El,  
Wichita, Kansas.

My dear Rabbi Richmond:

It was indeed very thoughtful of  
you to send me congratulations on the occasion  
of my election to the chairmanship of the United  
Palestine Appeal. I need not tell you that I  
deeply appreciate your kindness.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





HERBERT BARALL, President

# Temple Israel

ABRAHAM SHUSTERMAN, Rabbi

Sixteenth and Rockford Streets

Tulsa, Oklahoma



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February 15, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to acknowledge your letter regarding my election to the National Council for Palestine. I assure you that I am happy to serve our people in every way possible and that it is a special privilege to serve under your direction.

Recently I launched a U.P.A.-J.D.C. campaign in Fort Smith. If in the course of the 1938 campaign you feel that I can render service in any other city of the southwest, please feel at liberty to call on me.

You may recall that, during your visit in Tulsa, I told you about my D.D. aspirations. My thesis on revelation has been accepted and, having satisfied all the other requirements, I will have to take an hour examination in my major which is "Jewish Theological Expressions from the Rise of Hassidism to the End of the Nineteenth Century." That is my major interest for the time being. I am in the process of reading everything I can lay my hands on--Dibnow, Klausner, Horodetski, Bernfeld, Rabinowitz, Rawidowicz, Zitron, etc. etc. If God is merciful and the Faculty lenient I may emerge from the year's activities a "Doctor of Divinity." As the new chairman of UPA your prayers should be a bit more efficacious than mine; so between Pesach and Shab'oth you might urge an





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impartial universe to show me a little favoritism.

Lillian ( and all Tulsa) joins me in sending our  
warmest regards,

Sincerely,

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February 15, 1938

Memo to Henry Montor  
From Bernard Stone

Subject: Dr. Silver's visit to the coast.

I enclose herewith copies of the replies which I received today to the telegram which I sent you yesterday.

It is my intention to visit these points and to go over all of the arrangements in detail, in good time, before Dr. Silver's visit.

I want once more, to draw your attention to the crowded nature of the schedule, and also to the fact that in order to make it, it will be necessary for Dr. Silver to travel by air from place to place. Let us pray that no storms or other obstacles prevent the fulfillment of the schedule.

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Subject: Conversation with Walter S. Hilborn

Mr. Hilborn is treasurer of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council and a law partner of Joseph P. Loeb. He contributed \$150 per year to the Welfare Fund, but is one of the cleverest politicians in the city of Los Angeles. He is cordially disliked by most of his colleagues and co-workers. Nevertheless, he is quite a power in the affairs of the Council and it is very necessary to keep on the best of terms with him.

I spent about one hour with him yesterday. In the course of the conversation he spoke about the "unfortunate" motion picture speech of Dr. Silver, and about the "unwise" interference of Dr. Stephen S. Wise in California politics, by coming out in Support of Upton Sinclair, when he was running for Governor of the state of California. He also criticized severely, the other campaigns for Palestine - the Gewerkschaften, the Hadassah, etc.

I suggested that he should take up the matter of the other campaigns for Palestine not included in the UPA with the local leaders of those campaigns, and propose to them that they enter the Welfare Fund. It being understood, of course, that this would require the Welfare Fund to increase its quota and raise a larger sum than before. He, on the otherhand, said that he favored the deduction from the UPA allotment of the sum obtained for these other Palestine funds. We had a long argument about this. I felt it necessary to convince him, inasmuch as he is the chairman of the allocations committee. But the matter was left in abeyance for later discussion.

He also discussed with me the demands of the Ort and read me a letter he had received from Lurie on the subject.

Mr. Hilborn agreed to serve as a member of the committee of Los Angeles unit, UPA. I had to ask him, because otherwise he might become an active enemy.

He also drew my attention to a pamphlet which is being circulated all over the country. It is a reprint of a speech made by James Marshall, at the recent conference, in which he attacks the Zionists in Palestine for their nationalism.

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Subject: Visit of Jonah B. Wise

Mr. Nathan today informed me that he received a letter from the JDC in New York,



relative to Dr. Jonah Wise's visit to the coast on March 11, 12 and 13.

It has already been arranged that on Friday evening, March 11th, Dr. Wise will speak at Magnin's Temple.

The JDC desire that during Dr. Wise's visit an opportunity be created by the Welfare Fund to have him meet with the large donors and the motion picture group. Also that a conference be arranged between Dr. Wise and the various leaders of Jewish communities in Southern California.

Nathan tells me that it is almost impossible to arrange for a motion picture gathering during a weekend. However, this will be taken up with Mendel B. Silberberg. He believes that Mr. Platt of JDC, who is coming to Los Angeles on Saturday, will have to get up the Southern California conference, but he doubts whether it will be possible to get much of a gathering together on Sunday morning to hear Dr. Wise before he leaves the city.

At any rate, the question will be discussed with Judge Hollzer, Rabbi Magnin and myself, at a luncheon which I have arranged at the Athletic Club, tomorrow, and to which we are inviting Mendel B. Silberberg, in order to talk over Dr. Silver's program for Los Angeles. I will inform you of the outcome of the luncheon and all that transpires, tomorrow afternoon.

Reuben B. Resnik is arriving in the city tomorrow, and I hope that by the end of the week we will have the details of Dr. Silver's visit in Los Angeles more or less settled.





Feb.16,1938

MEMORANDUM FROM BERNARD STONE

TO: HENRY MONTOR

Subject: Luncheon meeting with Judge Hollzer, Rabbi Magnin, etc.

I have just returned from today's luncheon at the Athletic Club, at which were present Judge Harry A.Hollzer, Rabbi Edgar F.Magnin, Judge Isaac Pacht, Mendel B.Silberberg, and by Judge Hollzer's invitation, Reuben B.Resnick of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds (who, by the way, finds it difficult to cloak his anti-UPA bias).

A long discussion took place, on the way to fill up Dr.Silver's schedule while in this city. Mendel Silberberg again brought up the question of the speech, but after further discussion, undertook to try to make arrangements for a dinner with the motion picture group, on the evening of Tuesday, April 5th. I will, of course, check up on developments in this matter, but I believe that the affair will be a profitable and useful gathering.

Thus, Dr.Silver will be busy on the 4th at the large mass meeting at which he will make a speech - it being the closing session of the Welfare Funds' Regional Conference; and on the 5th he will have the motion picture gathering.

I then brought up the question of a gathering with Dr.Silver on Sunday, April 3rd, for the purpose of setting up the Los Angeles unit of the UPA. Mendel Silberberg took the field against the establishment of any such unit, on the grounds that there should be no partisan unit for any of the beneficiaries of the Welfare Fund. He said that all propaganda needed for Palestine could be secured by arrangement with the Jewish Community Council. I want to record my keen disappointment, at this time, at the fact that at the first whisper of opposition, both Magnin and Hollzer went over to the opposing side. Both these gentlemen are honorary national vice-chairmen of the UPA. "These be thy gods."

I feel that it may be necessary for us to defer the formal launching of the Los Angeles unit, until Dr.Silver has the opportunity to discuss the matter personally, with Silberberg, Hollzer and Magnin. They agreed to meet with Dr.Silver on this matter when he comes to the city.

Perhaps later on I may try to arrange a function for Sunday, April 3rd at somebody's home, at which Dr.Silver may be able to meet with some of the leading Zionists and other down town stalwarts of the Welfare Fund and the Jewish Community Council.

Mr.P.F.Warburg is to be entertained at a luncheon to-morrow at the Biltmore Hotel, and doubtless will do some propaganda work for the J.D.C. There seems to be a constant flow of visitors from the East, in the interests of the J.D.C., every few weeks.

I have wired you Dr.Silver's itinerary, as it stands now, You will observe that it is extremely strenuous, involving for example - leaving



his Los Angeles hotel at 7 o'clock in the morning in order to make the 8 o'clock plane for San Francisco. If he misses that plane, he will not be able to keep his luncheon engagement in San Francisco. You will notice that he will leave the luncheon in Oakland on the 7th, in order to make the 3:10 plane from Oakland airport for Portland, where he will arrive at 7:46 P.M., the same evening. I assume that it will take him at least an hour to travel to his hotel in Portland, and for that reason, I am awaiting your advice regarding any evening engagement on the 7th.





Simon, Koenigsbarger & Young

Woodward Bldg.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Feb. 16, 1938

Thank you very much for your letter of February 7, 1938, advising me, among other things, that at the National Conference for Palestine, held in Washington on January 22 and 23, 1938, I was elected a member of the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal. Be assured that I will continue to cooperate and render my assistance in this laudable cause.

Without flattery I must say that I was indeed most pleased to make your personal acquaintance. The organization is to be congratulated upon your election as National Chairman. My reason for making this statement is that in the discussion had with you, your fairness to other causes was so noticeable that it struck a note that I have heretofore maintained has been lacking.

I cannot subscribe to any view which has for its basis the furtherance of any particular cause at the expense of other activities which speak for themselves as going good work. It would be impossible, in my opinion, to ever obtain sufficient money from our country to entirely alleviate the situation abroad. We must build the best we can with the tools at our command. The most important step forward is to recognize the efforts being made by other laudable causes; to be tolerant with their views and to aid such of them as we know are trying to do a much needed job, even though to do so may slightly lessen for the time being our collections.

To go forward in any particular cause means that we must coordinate ourselves with other activities. As I sense the situation, in order to approach peace with our Christian neighbors, we must first secure harmony among ourselves. While it is true that this harmony cannot, from a practical standpoint, be secured at an expense which is too heavy to absorb, yet we should be able to reason this thing out. Your attitude and approach, as I understood it from the few minutes which you were so kind enough to spare to our group, brought me to the conclusion that the United Palestine Appeal has selected the right person for this all important position.

I am particularly glad that you are not a New Yorker because I feel that the sooner we make up our minds to the effect that this is a job for our entire country and therefore not revolving around New York as an axis with the rest of the country acting as suburbs to be considered only from a standpoint of how much the suburbs can produce, the sooner we are going to obtain the full cooperation which is essential to the success of our project.

This business of foreign relief is no longer a temporary thing to be considered approximately onemonth a year at the time a drive is put on. It is apparently with us to stay for a great many years and requires care in the plans of organization and the maintenance thereof.

I wish you every success in your huge undertaking and offer my assistance and counsel wherever it can be used. I feel confident that under your guidance, while the going may be heavy for a time and the money results may not be what others may expect them to be, yet with firmness and fairness, both of which qualities you possess, the ultimate result will be highly satisfactory and the ends to be attained will be reached.

Morris Simon



BULLETIN TO MEMBER AGENCIES OF COUNCIL

Subject: - JDC and UPA in 1938 Campaigns in Welfare Fund Cities.

We are enclosing, for your information, copy of the agreement entered into on February 8th between the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal including a supplementary memorandum and a list of cities conducting welfare funds that are members of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds that are included in agreement for 1938.

We are pleased to note that these two organizations have established a basis for cooperation and that this is in accordance with the resolution passed at the Cincinnati Assembly of the Council in January, requesting that "a working agreement be established for the year 1938 that would make it possible to conduct non-competitive campaigns in welfare fund cities at a time when it is urgently necessary that the welfare funds be in a position to make a unified appeal to their communities."

The agreement for 1938 is substantially similar to the one made in 1937. The agencies to be covered by the ratio of funds are specifically mentioned. The two organizations have "agreed to cooperate fully in effectuating in welfare fund cities this agreement with respect to the distribution of funds for overseas purposes and have made arrangements to give practical effect to the agreement."

The supplemental memorandum concerns the National Coordinating Committee for German Refugees. This Committee is planning to undertake its own fund raising efforts this year. Its program of work is carried on and its funds are expended within the United States, and it is therefore to be classified as a national rather than an overseas program.

Feb. 14, 1938

William J. Shroder  
President



February 18, 1938

Mr. Morris Simon,  
Woodward Bldg.,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Simon:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 16. I appreciated it tremendously. I am so completely in agreement with what you say that I feel encouraged and strengthened after having read your letter. Your good wishes and your generous offer of cooperation will help greatly.

With all good wishes and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future again, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
111 FIFTH AVENUE

# MEMORANDUM

*Date* February 18, 1938

*To* Dr. Abba H. Silver

*From* Henry Montor

*Subject*

So that you may be kept informed of the various plans being discussed, and with some of the problems that you will have to deal with during your visit to the coast, I am attaching herewith a copy of a memorandum from Bernard Stone.

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

COPY OF LETTER FROM

Z. SWETT  
9 Board of Trade Building  
Portland, Oregon

February 18, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter of the 7th inst. advising of my election as a member of the National Council for Palestine is at hand. While it may not call for an acknowledgement or acceptance, - - I accept it with appreciation.

At this moment, Portland, under the auspices of the Oregon Jewish Welfare Fund is launching the 1938 fund raising campaign for local and overseas' needs.

Mr. Platt, representing the J.D.C., is here. He participated in our first meeting held February 16. Rabbi Jonah B. Wise is expected here March 17.

A NORTH WESTERN CONFERENCE of the J.D.C. is to be held in Portland, March 20. The program, as at present outlined, is for the Campaign to start Monday Morning, April 11th following your address at Temple Beth Israel Friday night April 8th, and other talks by you Saturday if possible and agreeable to you. This was arranged by wire, in compliance with request by wire from Bernard Stone, Los Angeles.

We pray that you will allow nothing to interfere with your itinerary to deprive Portland of your presence.

Our Budget Committee will meet during the coming week IT IS IMPERATIVE that we be advised by wire upon receipt of this whether or not the agreement arrived at for 1937, between the U.P.A. and J.D.C. is binding for 1938 as to the 60% and 40% allocations which definitely excluded appropriations to UNIVERSITY, HADASSAH or ANY other PALESTINE FUND-RAISING INSTITUTION.

Appreciating your prompt reply and assuring you of our co-operation, in which my colleague, Mr. J. Lauterstein, joins me, I am,

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Z. Swett



February 19, 1938

Memo to Rabbi Silver  
From Bernard Stone

Subject: Visit on Pacific Coast

I have just received from Mr. Montor, an excerpt from your letter to him, dated February 15th, relative to your forthcoming visit to the Pacific Coast.

In this letter you say that I should keep in touch with you concerning the progress of the arrangements for the trip. It is for this reason that I am sending you this memorandum.

The Los Angeles campaign will not start until about a month after your visit, and it seems quite unlikely that it will be possible to make arrangements for actual fund raising, until the end of April or the beginning of May. Therefore, your visit to Los Angeles, will be valuable from the propaganda standpoint, but it cannot result in money being raised on the spot. At the present time, the arrangements for your visit are as follows:-

My assumption is that you will arrive in Los Angeles on Sunday morning, April third.

Judge Harry A. Hollzer, chairman of the Jewish Community Council, of which the Welfare Fund is really a sub-committee, has undertaken to arrange for you to be at a tea in a private home, late in the afternoon on Sunday, at which you will meet some important and wealthy Jews from down town. You will also be entertained later at a dinner, at which you will meet a further number of wealthy people. Tea  
Dinner

On Monday morning, I anticipate arranging a breakfast at your hotel, or perhaps at a private home, where you will meet some of the well known Zionists of the community. Monday evening you are to be the speaker of the evening at the closing session of the Regional Conference of Welfare Funds. This Conference which commences on Saturday, April 2nd, will conduct sessions throughout Sunday and Monday, and for that reason, local leaders desire that no public function be held which will divert attention from the Conference. Hence, we cannot arrange a large affair, Zionist or otherwise. Reg. Conf.

On <sup>Monday</sup> ~~Sunday~~, Judge Hollzer will arrange for you to have dinner at another private home, and meet additional wealthy Jews, before you go to address the Conference session. Dinner

May I add that the people you will meet in private homes are mostly of the type that rarely attend public gatherings - they are the givers - not the "machers."

On Tuesday evening you will be the guest at a dinner which Mendel B. Silberberg is arranging for the motion picture group. This affair will probably be held at the Hillcrest Country Club, and will be a very important gathering, as this particular group raises from 60 percent to two-thirds of the total amount of money in the campaign, and are in a position to increase the amount they now give. Banquet

During the sessions of the Conference, there will be an opportunity for you to meet people who will come to the Conference from other parts of the western area, and from communities which you are unlikely to visit, now or later.

On Tuesday afternoon, I would like you to meet some of the youth leaders of the community. So much for Los Angeles.....

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Unfortunately the schedule which I have drawn up in response to instructions from Mr. Montor, involves some very strenuous travelling, all by plane.

To keep an appointment on Wednesday, April 6th, in San Francisco, it will be necessary for you to make the 8 o'clock plane from Los Angeles. That means that you have to leave for the Airport at 7 A.M. I pray for good weather, and I assume that you are ready to make such sacrifices as to get up very early. In San Francisco, there will probably be another meeting in the evening besides the luncheon, at which I hope to secure attendance not only from San Francisco, but from Oakland, Sacramento and Reno, Nevada, as well as other communities in the northern part of California. *Luncheon Evening*

I expect to be in San Francisco, Oakland and Reno in the next few days, when I will go over the arrangements in detail.

On Thursday, April 7th, the Oakland Welfare Fund will arrange a luncheon for you. They are very anxious that you stay for the evening, but I regret to say that it will be impossible for you to do this, inasmuch as your schedule requires you to leave Oakland airport at 3:10 P.M., the same day, for Portland, where you will arrive at 7:46 P.M., on Thursday. When I am in Portland, I will discuss the arrangements for your visit in that city. *Luncheon*

It would not be reasonable to arrange for a dinner engagement in Portland on Thursday evening, because I doubt if you could get to your hotel before 9 P.M. Arrangements have been made for you to speak in the Temple in Portland on Friday evening, and to meet with the Welfare Fund leaders on Saturday. I will go into these arrangements with the local leaders, including Rabbi Berkowitz, when I get to Portland, within the next week or so. *Temple luncheon*

The last day of your stay on the coast is April 10th, when you will be in Seattle, and which city I am asking to arrange a luncheon and maybe an evening meeting, so that people from all cities in the state can be present, at one or both of these gatherings. I expect also, to visit Seattle shortly, and will make arrangements when I am there.

In addition, acting on instructions from Mr. Montor, I am in communication with Denver and Salt Lake City, in order to arrange a visit by you, to those cities enroute to the coast. I will keep the office and you informed as to the outcome of these communications. *X*

I have been in close contact with Rabbi Magnin, as well as the other leaders in the Los Angeles community. I will also get in touch with Rabbi Reichert in San Francisco (I do not know if you are aware that the latter has taken a strong anti-Zionist attitude, all the way through). I will also contact Rabbi Berkowitz and other leaders in the various cities.

If there is any particular thing that I can do for you in regard to your visit to the coast, please let me know, and I will endeavor to make arrangements for you.

Please note that my address is 416 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles, California.

Kind regards  
*R. S.*



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

AHS.

February 21, 1938

Mr. Z. Swett  
9 Board of Trade Building  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Swett:

Dr. Silver has asked me to send you the enclosed material. This includes the analysis of the 1938 \$4,500,000 quota of the United Palestine Appeal and a copy of the agreement between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal for Welfare Fund communities. Attached to the agreement is a list of the cities affected by it including Portland. You are correct in believing that the agreement is binding in its nature as between the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Dr. Silver is arranging his plans in such a manner as to be with you in Portland in accordance with the schedule which has been arranged by Mr. Bernard Stone, our West Coast Director.

I would appreciate word from you as to the results of your budget committee meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:FE



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2. SWETT  
9 BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING  
PORTLAND, OREGON

AGREEMENT BETWEEN JDC AND UPA FOR WELFARE FUND COMMUNITIES DURING  
1938 PROVIDES THAT 60% GOES TO JDC AND 40% TO UPA EXCLUSIVE OF ANY  
APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY HADASSAH OR ANY OTHER  
PALESTINE FUND-RAISING INSTITUTION. PLANNING SEE YOU PORTLAND

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

DAY LETTER

February 21, 1938







# Chancellor Hotel

POWELL AND POST STREETS

AT UNION SQUARE

TELEPHONE DOUGLAS 2004

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Feb. 22

Dear Dr. Silver

I have just had an interview with Rabbi Reichert with whom I have been acquainted since his Bronx days. He told me he regarded you as one of his dearest friends & wants to do all in his power to make your visit to SF as pleasant as possible. I told him I would like to have an evening mass meeting for you in his Temple on April 6<sup>th</sup> on which day you will address a luncheon of the Welfare Fund. He replied that he regretted that the Trustees of the Temple have a policy which prevented the use of the building for such a purpose.

[I may say that this policy was apparently in abeyance a few months ago when a mass meeting was held in the Temple under Welfare Fund auspices on the occasion of Reichert's return from Palestine at which he made a violent attack on our work in Erez Israel. This attack roused great resentment

"Comfort without Extravagance"



among Zionists & had assiah circles] Reckert  
then went on to explain to me that he is a strong  
Anti-Zionist (that is his own description of himself)  
that he resents the use of UJA funds for nationalistic  
& political purposes & that he intends to resist it  
by every means in his power & to urge his views on the  
members of his Congregation. Any money that the S.F.  
Welfare Fund gives to the UJA is given solely to be used for  
purely philanthropic purposes. He tried in vain to  
draw me into an argument on the subject. Know-  
ing that such an argument would be useless I  
refused to be drawn.

I talked to Judge Golden who has undertaken  
to arrange the mass meeting probably in the Opera  
House which can hold 3000 people.  
Doubtless many non-Jews will attend. The  
gathering will thus be of a Community wide  
Character & many will come from Oakland  
& other nearby Communities.

The S.F. campaign will be held from ~~April 25~~  
April 25 to May 6 & it is not intended to  
utilize your visit for direct fundraising  
but for ~~state~~ stimulation & propaganda  
in preparation for the Campaign.

Kind regards

Bernard Stone



February 22, 1938

Rabbi Abraham Shusterman,  
Temple Israel,  
Sixteenth and Rockford Streets,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma;

My dear Shusterman:

Thank you so much for your letter of February 15. I am happy to learn that you are now engaged in writing your Doctor's Thesis. Your subject seems most attractive. I am sure that you will pass through your ordeal with the Faculty of the Hebrew Union College unscathed.

Please convey my best wishes to Lillian and to all my friends in Tulsa. With all good wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Day Letter

Feb. 23, 1938

Bernard Stone  
Chancellor Hotel  
San Francisco, Cal.

Have been a member of Cleveland Lodge for many years.  
Have frequently addressed B'nai B'rith conventions.  
Am scheduled to address District Convention in  
Denver this year in June. Also served for  
some years as member of Commission of Hillel  
Foundation.

A. H. Silver



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

PLEASE WIRE ME CHANCELLOR HOTEL SANFRANCISCO IF YOU  
ARE MEMBER OF B'NAI B'RITH AND IF SO WHAT LODGE SUCH  
MEMBERSHIP WOULD IMMEASURABLY INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR  
TRIP ESPECIALLY IN CITIES LIKE LOSANGELES SANFRANCISCO=  
BERNARD STONE.



TEL. 1068 P. O. B. 835

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י.י. יהודה אטור ג' צה"כ  
אח ואין בצבא  
קאמ'ר פ"ל גשמי  
לצ"ר ס'ט'ן ווייז  
ע.ל.



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 28, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FROM BERNARD STONE

PORTLAND, ORE.

The officers of the Oregon Welfare Fund Campaign are:

S. Mason Ehrman, Chairman Welfare Fund  
Green Hills, Portland, Ore.  
Allen Meier, Meier Frank Co. Campaign Chairman  
Portland, Ore.  
Sam Bissinger, Benson Hotel, Treasurer  
Portland, Ore.  
Aaron Frank, Meier Frank Co.,  
Portland, Ore.

The last named is the power behind the throne and the largest giver. He is Jonah Wise's brother-in-law.

Big gifts are to be raised privately at a function with Jonah Wise who is to be here from March 17th - 20th. On March 20 a conference of the JDC is to be held in Portland to which are to be invited leaders from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

The campaign will realize more than last year and my guess is that our share should reach \$15,000.

The arrangements for Dr. Silver's visit are, on arrival at the airport on Thursday evening, April 7th, he is to be met by Rabbi Berkowitz who desires that Dr. Silver stay with him at his home.

On Friday noon there is to be a luncheon at which Dr. Silver will make a plea which will be principally directed to the formation of a UPA unit with non-Zionist participation to arrange for a Northwestern Regional UPA Conference in the Fall.

On Friday evening a joint service will be held in the Temple at which Dr. Silver will deliver his chief address in the city for the campaign which will start on April 10th.

On Saturday (if Dr. Silver wishes to do so) he is to speak at the regular service in Rabbi Kleinman's synagogue (conservative and orthodox worshippers) also for the campaign. If Dr. Silver would prefer to leave this function out then I think he could proceed on Saturday morning to Tacoma and speak there at a function for the Tacoma Welfare Fund. Rabbi Treiger has written to me from Tacoma protesting against being left out of Dr. Silver's tour. I will be in Tacoma late this afternoon and will write you further about this to-morrow.

Rabbi Sidney, President of the Portland Zionist District asked me to request Dr. Silver to mention casually in his Portland address that his visit to Portland is a result of the request which Sidney made to him in Washington, D.C. recently. My impression is that Dr. Silver's Portland visit will be an outstanding success.

During my visit here I conferred with Rabbi Berkowitz, Rabbi Sidney, Sam



Weinstein, Zeke Swett, Mrs. Isaac Swett and many others. Zeke Swett told me that his recent letter to you asking for a wire relative to the JDC was prompted by the impression conveyed by Platt of the JDC that our 40% was to include other Palestinian funds as well as the UPA.

It was agreed that early in the Fall, I was to visit Portland to work on a UPA Northwestern Conference.

I also conferred with Mrs. Avis Shulman, wife of a Chicago Reform Rabbi, whom I also saw in Los Angeles. She has been on the Coast for nearly two months in the interests of the JNF. She complains that the JNF Head Office has badly mismanaged her tour. She is young, good looking, charming, a good speaker and well informed on Palestine and has made a very good impression in all the places she has visited. She has helped to spread goodwill not only for the JNF but also for Palestine generally. She went to Seattle last night. I warned her against fund-raising in Welfare Fund cities. She says she is careful and that she wrote to Mendel Fisher on the danger of upsetting the UPA and its relationship with the Welfare Funds by the policy which is being pursued by the JNF national headquarters.

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February 28, 1938

Mr. Bernard Stone,  
416 W. 8th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Stone:

Rabbi Silver requested me to send you  
the enclosed copy of a letter which he sent to  
Rabbi Kleinman.

I regret that letter was not sent sooner  
but we just received your address.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

DLR THE TEMPLE EAST 105 AND ANSEL RD=

HAVE REQUESTED JUDGE GOLDEN SANFRANCISCO WHO IS IN CHARGE  
OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR VISIT TO ANSWER YOUR TELEGRAM  
DIRECTLY=

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Bernard Stone  
416 West 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
L.A., Cal.

March 2, 1938

Have received invitation from Rabbi Reinert  
to occupy his pulpit on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Does that  
fit in with your plans for my visit?  
Please wire

A. H. Selver



March 7, 1938

Memo to Rabbi Silver  
From Bernard Stone

Subject: Visit to Los Angeles

I have just returned from an hour's conference with Mendel B. Silberberg, to whose office I was accompanied by Herman A. Bachrack. Mr. Silberberg had expressed the desire to see me, and Bachrack made the appointment for this morning.

Silberberg began by telling me that on Thursday, February 24th, he had luncheon with Louis B. Mayer, and that the luncheon lasted from quarter to one to five o'clock, and was entirely devoted to the discussion of the proposal made by Mr. Silberberg, that Mayer give his support to the dinner of the motion picture group for you on April fifth. Present at the luncheon besides Silberberg and Mayer was Sam Ungerleider, now of New York, but formerly of Cleveland, who knows you very well.

The first reaction from Mr. Mayer was a bitterly hostile one. He finds it hard to forgive the attack on the motion picture executives contained in the editorial that was printed in the Jewish Daily Bulletin. There was a good deal of argument; Mr. Mayer said he would arrange a counter-affair, just to keep people away - he did not want people to listen to you. But, as the talk proceeded, Ungerleider sided with Mr. Silberberg, and finally it ended up by Mr. Mayer saying "I suppose you will keep after me until I yield."

From this Mr. Silberberg felt that the thing was settled, but that he would have to, of course, pay another visit to Mr. Mayer in order to clinch it.

Mr. Silberberg requested me to write to you today, by airmail and to ask you to be kind enough to write a short note to Mr. Mayer, in which you notify him of your coming to Los Angeles, and that during your visit in this city, you hope to have the opportunity to meet him personally and have a chat with him, alone. Both Mr. Silberberg and I are certain that if you do this, you will make a friend of Louis B. Mayer, which will be of very great value to the United Palestine Appeal.

Moreover, Silberberg asks that I ask you to write to him (Silberberg) a longer letter concerning your attitude to the motion picture executives and the industry as a whole - its support of pro-Palestine activities for our people; their activities in overseas relief; etc. With this letter, Silberberg will be able to clinch matters when he visits Mr. Mayer again.

I know it is very disagreeable to have to ask you to write letters of this kind, although it is in no sense an apology nor a retraction of what you have said before, nevertheless, it is necessary that the letters be written, and I am asking you to write ~~them~~

After this matter was settled, Mr. Silberberg turned to another subject. He said that Mr. Platt of the JDC had received a telegram from New York headquarters of JDC (it would not surprise me to find that this came as a result of a report sent in by Platt) in which the Welfare Fund leaders here were asked to arrange a motion picture dinner for Jonah Wise; a luncheon with the big givers on the Saturday of his visit; and an out of town conference on Sunday afternoon. The Welfare Fund leaders, I was informed, by Mr. Silberberg, replied that they cannot ask for two motion picture dinners, inasmuch as one is being arranged for you on the fifth of April. They cannot call a conference from out of town, because three weeks later, the Welfare Fund Regional Conference is being held, and it is impossible to call people to such gatherings, twice in one month. And the Saturday luncheon for business men could be called, but would not attract the right people, because Saturday is a bad day for such affairs.



Memo to Rabbi Silver  
From Bernard Stone

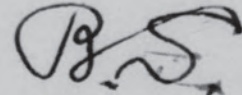
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It seems that this reply was passed on by Platt, and resulted in a wire from Baerwald of New York, Calling Wise's visit to Los Angeles off, although the JDC have thought better of it since and Wise will be here on Friday. Judge Hollzer is anxious not to offend Jonah Wise, and Silberberg therefore asked me if it were not possible to divide honors so that Wise speak to the motion picture group and you speak to the down town business men. I replied that this was inadmissible inasmuch as for several years past, the motion picture group had never heard a UPA speaker, but always speakers from the Ort, American Jewish Committee, Anti-Nazi, Anti-Defamation organizations and the JDC, and that the time has now come to give the UPA its chance; upon this we insist.

However, I took the liberty of promising on your behalf, that in your addresses both to the down town group and the motion picture group, you would not confine yourself exclusively to Palestine, which would be your major topic, but would also commend the work of the JDC, etc. This satisfied Silberberg, who is on the Plan and Scope Committee of the JDC, completely.

Now, when you write the two letters that I asked for, please send them both airmail, and please, if you can do so, immediately. Also please send copies of these communications to me.

It is too bad in my judgment, that the motion picture group, which has at its disposal, such large sums of money, has been exposed, over a long period of time, to anti-Palestinian ideas and addresses, and has had no opportunity of hearing a first class speaker of international repute, such as yourself. This must not happen again now.



P.S. It would be a gracious gesture on your part, to send a line of thanks to Herman A. Bachrack, 1009 Haas Building, Los Angeles, for his cooperation with me in the Silberberg matter.



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*March*  
~~April~~ 9, 1938

Bernard Stone,  
416 W. 8th Street,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

I DO NOT INSIST ON CALLING OFF DINNER BUT I CANNOT SEND ANY LETTERS SUCH AS YOU SUGGEST

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=  
:THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

DUPLICATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN PLANS. COMPLETE PROGRAM STANDS WITH ADDITION OF ANOTHER SPEECH TO BE MADE ON SATURDAY NIGHT AT OPENING DINNER. YOUR ACCEPTANCE WOULD BE HELPFUL=

BERNARD STONE.

*Ga 0150*

*Ke 444P 453 PB. Kx mel*



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

DUPLICATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM

MEETING ON SATURDAY NIGHT APRIL SECOND. SEVEN PM OPENING  
SESSION OF REGIONAL CONFERENCE. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL  
OVER WEST. GROUP WILL NUMBER WELL OVER ONE THOUSAND. OTHER  
PARTICIPANTS ON PROGRAM INCLUDE LOUIS B MAYER, POSSIBLY  
JUDGE M C SLOSS OF SANFRANCISCO. MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT  
APRIL FOURTH AT WILSHIRE BLVD. TEMPLE WITH ABOUT THREE  
THOUSAND IN ATTENDANCE. CLIMACTIC CLOSING SESSION OF  
CONFERENCE DESIGNED TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN WELFARE FUND  
CAMPAIGNS ALL OVER THE WEST. IT WILL BE TREMENDOUSLY  
EFFECTIVE TO THE CAUSE IN WHICH WE ARE INTERESTED TO HAVE  
YOU ACCEPT BOTH INVITATIONS. ALSO DINNER BEING ARRANGED FOR  
YOU AT PRIVATE HOME WITH LARGE DONORS ON SUNDAY NIGHT  
AND ON MONDAY NIGHT. TUESDAY NOON WELFARE FUND LUNCHEON  
IN LONGBEACH. PLEASE WIRE REPLY IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTING  
ENGAGEMENTS=

REUBEN B RESNIK BERNARD STONE.

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Bernard Stone  
416 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Received telegram from Judge Hallzer suggesting  
2 major public meetings, the first opening  
dinner Regional Conference Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Why the change in plans?

A. H. Silver

WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

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Bernard Stone  
Los Angeles, Cal.

REGRET CANNOT SEND EITHER OF THE LETTERS WHICH YOU REQUEST. SUGGEST YOU CALL OFF MOVING PICTURE LUNCHEON. HAVE JONAH WISE ADDRESS SUCH A MEETING. PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME THE NATURE OF MEETINGS ON SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY NIGHT.

A H SILVER.

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

TEMPLE=

FULLY UNDERSTAND AND SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR REACTION TO WRITING LETTERS SUGGESTED BY SILVERBERG, NEVERTHELESS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO OUR CAUSE THAT YOU ADDRESS MOTION PICTURE GROUP. LETTER TO MAYER SIMPLY GREETING FROM CHAIRMAN TO HIM AS ONE OF NATIONAL VICECHAIRMEN. LETTER TO SILBERBERG TO BE MERELY SIMILAR TO ONE YOU SENT TO NATIONAL OFFICE RELATING TO MOVIE INDUSTRY. MOTION PICTURE GROUP CONTRIBUTES APPROXIMATELY SIXTY PERCENT OF LOCAL

CAMPAIGN. QUOTA FOR THIS YEAR CONSIDERABLY INCREASED AND SUCCESS DEPENDS GREATLY ON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THIS GROUP WHICH ACTS INDEPENDENTLY HOLDING THEIR OWN OPENING DINNER AND OTHER CAMPAIGN FUNCTION. PALESTINE HAS NEVER BEEN FEATURED AT THEIR GATHERINGS WITH RESULT THAT THEY HAVE ONESIDED AND DISTORTED VIEW OF JEWISH REHABILITATION.

THE LEADERS ARE NONZIONIST AND THEREFORE THE UPA IS PLACED IN A PRECARIOUS POSITION. WE HAVE NEVER BEFORE HAD SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECTIFY THIS CONDITION WITH THIS IMPORTANT FINANCIAL GROUP AS WE NOW HAVE THROUGH YOUR PRESENCE AND=



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*March*

~~April~~ 10, 1938

Bernard Stone,  
416 W. 8th St.,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

PUBLIC MEETINGS WHICH YOU ARRANGED SATURDAY NIGHT APRIL SECOND AND MONDAY NIGHT APRIL FOURTH SATISFACTORY. MONTOR HAS ALREADY WRITTEN LONG BEACH PEOPLE I CANNOT ACCEPT THEIR INVITATION. IF LUNCHEON WITH MOTION PEOPLE GROUP IS OFF WILL LEAVE FOR SAN FRANCISCO APRIL FIFTH

ABBA HILLEL SILVER.



## MEMORANDUM

Date March 10, 1938

To Mr. Henry Montor

From Mr. Meyer Steinglass

Subject

The Columbia Broadcasting System has definitely assigned to us the period from 10 to 10:30 P.M. on Thursday evening, April 14th for our Pass-over broadcast.

The Columbia people are very anxious to cut down the speaking part of the program to a few minutes and devote practically all of it to Friedrich Schorr and the choir.

Miss Allen of the C.B.S. believes that a ten minute talk by Dr. Silver would be too long. As an alternative she suggests that Dr. Silver come to New York and act as narrator for the program and instead of one long talk, break up his remarks into two five minute sermonettes during the course of the program.

Friedrich Schorr proposes to sing part of Ernest Block's Sacred Service which would be appropriate in view of the fact that Passover begins on Friday evening and therefore incorporates the regular Sabbath prayers. Mr. Schorr said that he could fit his selections into any time that we may assign to him.

Instead of a narrative or the conventional opening, it occurs to me that it may be very effective if we begin our program with a phrase something like: "And the hand of God reached down to the children of Israel" -- which would be followed immediately by a choral selection on that theme.

After this first number we could then inform the radio audience that the broadcast is being given by the UPA on the occasion of Passover, etc., etc.

The device of using single thematic lines from the Haggadah to knit the whole program together in a skeleton narrative would not only be dramatically impressive, but would also very effectively convey the whole spirit of Passover. These key lines would of course be selected so as to synchronize with the music they introduce.

I do not believe that it is necessary to mention that Dr. Silver's talk should be more in the nature of a Passover sermon rather than an address on Palestine or the UPA.

In view of the fact that we have worked with Professor Binder in the past on these programs, it may be the better part of expediency and wisdom to arrange for the Free Synagogue Choir to participate this year again.

MTS.





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March 17, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman,  
United Palestine Appeal  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi:

Your letter of February 7th has just come to my attention because of my absence from the city for the past month.

I hasten to accept the membership in the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal and will do my utmost to raise funds for your organization.

For your information, I might state that our Federation at Erie is planning its 1938 fund raising campaign within the next few weeks.

Very truly yours,

*Melton Schaffner*



Alfred Shemanski  
1502 Third Avenue  
Seattle

March 17, 1938.

My dear Dr. Silver:

Our Community is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to your visit to our City on April 10th.

Mrs. Shemanski and I will be very happy if you will have dinner with us at our home on that evening.

I will be very pleased to hear from you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Alfred Shemanski*

AS vr

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



LEON SLOSS, JR.

ONE SANSOME STREET

SAN FRANCISCO

March 18, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
105 Street & Ansel Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

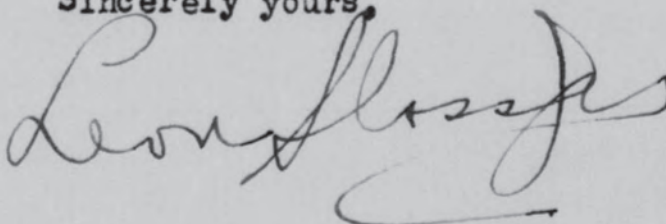
During the past year some of us have been giving serious consideration to the matter of Welfare Fund budgeting for national agencies, and means of exerting influence on the financing and planning of those agencies.

It occurred to me that it would be exceedingly helpful if a few of us sat down to discuss this matter, and I am therefore asking if you would plan to discuss this problem. This private session will be held at the time of the Western States Regional Conference, and I am calling it for Monday, April 4, at three o'clock in one of the private rooms of the Ambassador Hotel. I shall inform you of further details at the time of the Conference.

The meeting will not be listed on the program and only a small group is being invited. Would you be good enough to drop me a note telling me that you will be present?

With kindest personal regards, and looking forward to seeing you, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leon Sloss, Jr.", with a long, sweeping underline.



March 21, 1938

Mr. Alfred Shemanski,  
1502 Third Avenue,  
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Shemanski:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 17 and for the invitation which you extend to me to have dinner at your home on Sunday evening, April 10. I shall be most happy to be with you.

I am looking forward with real pleasure to my visit to your community. It is many years now since I visited there and then only for a very brief time. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 21, 1938.

TO: HENRY MONTOR

FROM: BERNARD STONE

Re: Dr. Silver's Visit to Portland.

Rabbi Berkowitz who wrote to Dr. Silver and to me urging that Dr. Silver address a dinner on Saturday evening, April 9th, in Portland wired me on the 17th and I have just received the text as follows:

"At strategy Committee meeting today it was decided to concentrate on Friday night and omit Saturday night Kick Off Dinner. This will give Silver all day Saturday free as requested."



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

MILWAUKEE JEWISH WELFARE FUND

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March 22, 1938.

Mr. Henry Montor  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Henry:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 17th inst. advising of your conference with Dr. Wilver relating to him being the speaker at the opening of your campaign and appreciate your personal efforts toward procuring him as such speaker.

In order there be no misunderstanding and to eliminate any confusion of mind as to the percentage of allocation locally determined upon, wish to again state that J.D.C. is to receive \$25,000 out of the local campaign and U.P.A. is to receive \$25,000; that for the local campaign purposes the United Palestine Appeal locally consists of Keren Hayesod, Keren Kayemeth, Mizrachi, Pioneer Women, Geewekshaften, Hadassah and Hebrew University.

This arrangement was entered into and agreed upon by the leading representatives of both of the dominant groups; that it was based upon the precedent of the 1937 local overseas campaign and that it was arrived at prior to the agreement entered into between J.D.C. and U.P.A. calling upon welfare fund committees for a 60-40 division or arrangement.

It is my understanding several meetings of the various constituent organizations of United Palestine Appeal and other Zionist organizations were held prior to the determination of allocation so that these organizations were in agreement to accept of the amount or percentage above set forth.

Inasmuch as the local campaign is the first venture in the field of welfare fund raising the inclusion of other agencies for local U.P.A. purposes only was deemed expeditious and logical. I did not partake in any of these elimination discussions as I was naturally not invited to attend such preliminary meetings but it is my understanding such division had always been in contemplation.

Personally, I sincerely hope it will make no difference in obtaining the acceptance of Dr. Silver as our principal campaign speaker.

I am not sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Silver as I do not gather a request for the same in your letter. There is a possibility the date for the opening of the campaign will be changed to June. A meeting for that purpose is being called for tomorrow and I shall immediately inform both you and Dr. Silver if any change is to be made.

With kindest personal regards, remain

Very truly yours,

NATHAN

Nathan M. Stein

MNS:RR



JOSEPH SHEMANSKI

PORTLAND, OREGON

March 23, 1938.

My dear Doctor Silver:

Portland Jewry is looking forward to the pleasure of having you with us on April 7th, 8th and 9th. It would give Mrs. Shemanski and me great pleasure if you could accept a dinner invitation at our home for Saturday evening, April 9th, or any other evening if it is preferable to you.

I do hope that I receive an affirmative answer from you by return mail, if possible.

With kindest greetings from Mrs. Shemanski and me to you and your family, I am,

Cordially,

*Joseph Shemanski*

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



March 25, 1938

Mr. Joseph Shemanski,  
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Mr. Shemanski:

Let me thank you for your kind note and for the invitation which you extend to me to have dinner at your home on Saturday evening, April 9. I shall of course be very delighted to be with you provided I can get away in time to catch a train for Seattle which will bring me into Seattle Sunday morning. I suppose that that will be possible.

With all good wishes and looking forward with great pleasure to meeting you and Mrs. Shemanski, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 25, 1938

C O N F I D E N T I A L

TO: HENRY MONTOR

FROM: BERNARD STONE

It has come to my attention that Mr. Leon Sloss Jr. of San Francisco has written confidentially to a number of leaders in various cities, inviting them to a private meeting to be held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, April 4th, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. A discussion will be held on the Budgeting of Welfare Funds for national organizations and how to develop a means of influencing the policies and the financing of the budgets of such national organizations.

I do not know to whom invitations have been sent. It is unquestionable that an effort is being made to initiate something far reaching. I am endeavoring to find out how many people have been invited, and who they were. If I am successful, will keep you informed.

Please notify Dr. Silver about this, it may develop into something of great importance.



This letter was sent to the following:

Messrs Isadore Soboloff, Mr Harry Greenstein, H Joseph Hyman, Maurice Sievers,  
Samuel Gerson, Maurice Taylor, and Kurt Peiser.

Mr Maurice Sievers  
15th St & Central Parkway  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Maurice:

I am writing this letter to you with the request that whatever action you or your officers may take in the matter, it shall be on your own initiative.

At the meeting of the Plan and Scope Committee of the J.D.C. held in St. Louis in January, there was current a considerable amount of misgiving as to the ability of the Overseas agencies to achieve their increased goals for 1938. The unsettled conditions in business were already reflecting themselves in the approach of our leaders to the task which they had before them. At the close of the Conference, after the 1938 budget had been reviewed for those present, suggestions as to ways and means of raising the funds were asked for and in speaking to this question, I recalled the occurrence in Philadelphia, late in 1925, when the late Julius Rosenwald arose before the Assembly on Foreign Relief, and offered personally to give a million dollars if the rest of Jewry throughout the country would raise the other nine millions to complete the goal of the Allied Jewish Campaign of that year.

Some years had elapsed in the raising of funds for Foreign Relief and a general apathy had set in; only such a proposal as Mr. Rosenwald's, could have shocked the country into the action which resulted in the projection of successful Campaigns everywhere. I related this incident and followed with the suggestion that while we may not have other "Rosenwalds" today, there should be 25 or 50 Jews of wealth in this country who could be interested to contribute to a national "Pool", the sum of a million or a million and a half dollars of the nine and a half million dollars which the J.D.C. and U.P.A. had set as their objective for 1938.



Mr Maurice Sievers  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Each of these 25 or 50 men would be called upon to make his contribution not on the basis of the size of his own local Welfare Fund Appeal, but rather in terms of the million and a half dollar "Pool". This would not only set the pace for the entire country's giving but it would establish also a new level of giving in the respective communities where these individuals resided and to whose credit their contributions would be applied.

While the feeling of uncertainty regarding business has been intensified with the downward spiral up to this time, we have on the other hand the situation overseas which is impressing itself deeply in the consciousness of Jewry everywhere today, and seems to be producing a sentiment that however bad business may be here, the situation of our people Overseas is one that calls for extraordinary sacrifice and the doubling of every energy and resource that American Jewry can offer to the solution of the problems with which we are now confronted.

The suggestion met with immediate approval among those assembled at St. Louis and there was an assurance from the officers of the J.D.C. that it would be considered seriously. While I am advised that consideration is being given to the plan at New York Headquarters, I feel that if the suggestion is seconded by your leadership in Cincinnati and the communal leaders in other cities to whom I am writing, it will tend to bring quicker action on the part of the J.D.C. and U.P.A. officers and prove of immediate benefit to us in our Spring Campaigns. If your community decides to act in the matter along the lines here suggested, I should appreciate being advised of the action and having a copy of your communications to the J.D.C. and U.P.A.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

March 25, 1938



March 28, 1938

Mr. Leon Sloss, Jr.,  
1 Sansome Street,  
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Sloss:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 16. If my crowded schedule in San Francisco will permit, I will be happy to attend the meeting which you are planning on Monday afternoon, April 4.

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

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



JOSEPH SHEMANSKI

PORTLAND, OREGON

March 29, 1938.

My dear Dr. Silver:

It was indeed a pleasure to Mrs. Shemanski and to me to receive your note this morning accepting dinner invitation at our home for Saturday evening April 9th.

The train for Seattle leaves Portland at 11.30 p.m. arriving in Seattle at 6.45 A.M. the following morning.

We are looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you in Portland, and I assure you it will be a great pleasure to us to have you at our home even if for only a short time.

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph Shemanski.*

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
C/o The Temple,  
E. 105 at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.



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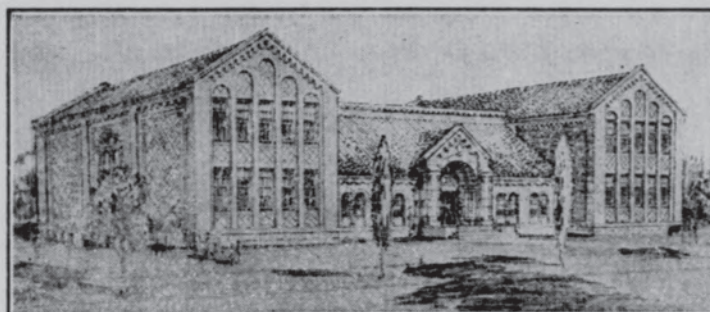
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Rabbi Hillel Silver,  
Ambassador Hotel,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have learned from Mr. Sol Esfeld of your coming visit to our community. It will be indeed a distinct privilege and rare pleasure to have you in our midst.

I have asked Mr. Esfeld whether it would be possible for you to address our student body on the day of your arrival, April 10th, about noon time. Mr. Esfeld promised the fullest cooperation in the attempt to make this possible. However, he advised me to communicate with you personally, as he feels unable to say with any certainty whether or not you will find it possible to address this assembly in addition to all other meetings on that great day in our Jewish community.

May I ask of you my dear Rabbi to let us know immediately as we are eager to make all necessary arrangements befitting such a great event in the life of our school. May I also add that as far as Mr. Esfeld can see there is no obstacle in the way, as he will make all arrangements in accordance with your reply.

Awaiting your immediate answer and the greatest anticipation to meet you personally, we remain,

Devotedly yours,

*H. Tavis*

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March 31, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

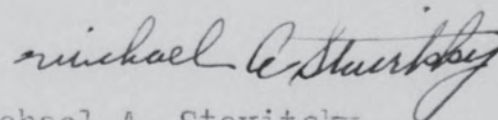
I have your letter of March 28th. In answer thereto, I wish to thank you for your offer to help. I appreciate it more than words can say.

We have given the matter of your coming a great deal of study and have decided that we should like to have a dinner, limited only to big givers, on Monday evening, May 2nd, and would appreciate it greatly if you could come. We have given up the luncheon idea because we are afraid that it would be too rushed and would not produce the desired result.

Please let me know as soon as you can whether this is agreeable to you as we want to begin working at once to make this a resultful dinner.

With kindest greetings, I remain

Cordially yours,



Michael A. Stavitsky  
President

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April 1, 1938

Mr. Z. Swett,  
Portland, Ore.

Dear Mr. Swett:

As a member of the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal you are, of course, watching the developments in Palestine and the efforts being made to increase the absorptive capacity of the Jewish homeland to receive the thousands and tens of thousands who need the shelter and the opportunity it can provide.

During the month of March, 1938 there entered into Palestine over twenty-seven hundred Jewish immigrants, a record unequalled in any other country of the world. There is solace in this fact for every one who watches the continually narrowing area in which Jews are permitted to live as free and equal human beings. 2700

An international action was initiated by Secretary of State Hull when he announced that invitations were extended to twenty-nine governments to join a committee to consider the placement of refugees from Austria and Germany. Mr. Hull's noble and historic appeal accentuated the desperate need of great numbers of Jews for new lands of migration.

When the intergovernmental committee meets to review the world situation in the light of possibilities for Jewish settlement, attention will, of course, have to be concentrated on Palestine. The extent of pressure which Jews can bring to bear for opening far wider the doors of Palestine to absorb our stricken people will depend upon the funds available to settle those without means and those who need assistance. The agency for the raising of such funds in the United States is the United Palestine Appeal. We cannot, we dare not fail to measure up to that generosity which is implicitly expected of the Jewish people in Secretary Hull's announcement.

The word "emergency" is often loosely used, so that when we speak of times such as these we are at a loss to describe the essential character of the incredible situation with which we are faced. I do not think it possible that leaders in Jewish communities anywhere will not recognize how much more earnest and vigorous their fund-raising efforts this year must be, how much more responsibility they must assume in arousing the sluggish and indifferent members of our people here in America.

*"Let Every American Jew Measure His Gift in the Light of the Future He Is Creating For Jews in Palestine"*



I am glad to report that in the great majority of some two hundred campaigns that have already been initiated since January 1st, there are marked increases in giving by individuals and by communities. There is an awareness of what Dr. Weizmann meant when he recently said "Give today and give generously; for to-morrow may be too late." I trust that in your community you are doing all in your power to create an appreciation of what Palestine means in meeting, on a large and permanent scale, the intensified problem of Jewish homelessness in Europe.

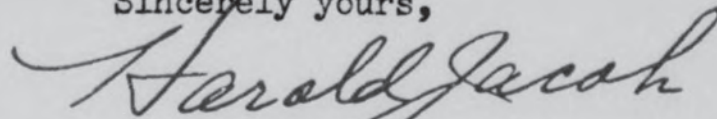
Under separate cover I am having sent to you a number of pieces which describe various phases of the growth of Palestine, a growth which makes possible the entry into the country of twenty-seven hundred Jews in a single month, a growth on whose foundations tens and hundreds of thousands of other Jews can be settled in Palestine, if you and I help raise the funds.

I should like to emphasize that the pamphlets which you will receive have all been prepared, edited, printed and published in Palestine, thus giving employment to many people in the one land which they may now call their own. This literature has entailed a very negligible cost, even though it would be welcomed in any event because of the picture it gives of progress and because of its usefulness for enlarging the employment opportunities in Palestine.

My plan is to present to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, our National Chairman, a picture of the steps being taken throughout the nation to assure to the United Palestine Appeal the large sums that we need to make room for the prospective immigrants who need our help. Will you not send me word as to local conditions and prospects which I may convey in my report to Dr. Silver?

May the forthcoming Passover holiday be joyous for you. May all American Jewry, through enlarging the funds of the United Palestine Appeal, help make it joyous for our people overseas.

Sincerely yours,



Harold Jacob  
National Co-Chairman

HJ/GH



April 5, 1938

Mr. Michael A. Stavitsky, President,  
The Conference of Jewish Charities of Newark, N.J.,  
24 Branford Place,  
Newark, N.J.

My dear Mr. Stavitsky:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of March 31 and your telegram of today's date. Your letter to Rabbi Silver arrived after he had left Cleveland for the Pacific Coast where he is making a tour of the principal cities in behalf of the United Palestine Appeal and where he will remain for about ten days. I forwarded your telegram to him to day.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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Michael H. Stavlisky - Collect -  
Newark, N.J.

April 7, 1938

Regrt Rabbi Silver on Pacific Coast. Will.  
return April 11<sup>th</sup>. Your previous telegram  
and letter acknowledged Tuesday.

Bessie Kline  
sincerely



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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

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ESSEX COUNTY JEWRY ANXIOUS YOU ATTEND INITIAL GIFTS DINNER  
MONDAY MAY SECOND SIX OCLOCK TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN STOP WE ARE  
MINDFUL OF OBLIGATION PLACED UPON US BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS  
ABROAD STOP WANT TO EXCEED HUNDRED THOUSAND QUOTA BY  
SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT STOP PLEASE HELP US BY WIRING YOUR  
ACCEPTANCE OUR EXPENSE=

MICHAEL A STAVITSKY 60 PARK PLACE.



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PLEASE CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE INVITATION INITIAL GIFTS MEETING

NEWARK MONDAY MAY SECOND SIX OCLOCK=

MICHAEL A STAVITSKY.



April 13, 1938

Mr. Alfred Shemanski,  
1502 Third Avenue,  
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Shemanski:

As I review in my mind the pleasant days spent on the Pacific Coast in connection with my mission, the lovely evening spent in your home stands out most pleasantly. I want to thank you and your dear wife for the gracious hospitality which you extended to me during my visit in Seattle and I hope that Mrs. Silver and I may have the good fortune of welcoming you someday in our home.

With all good wishes and thanking you again for the courtesies which you extended to me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



April 13, 1938

Mr. Joseph Shemanski,  
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Friend:

From my trip to the Pacific Coast I took back many pleasant memories, not the least of which is the very enjoyable evening which I spent in your home where I was privileged to enjoy the gracious hospitality which you and Mrs. Shemanski extended to me. I want to thank you for a most pleasant evening. I hope that in the not too distant future we shall have the good fortune to meet again, perhaps here in Cleveland in my home.

With best wishes to you and Mrs.  
Shemanski, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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April 15, 1938

Mr. Bernard Stone,  
416 W. 8th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Stone:

Rabbi Silver has asked me to send you  
the enclosed letter from Rabbi Abramson and his  
answer.

With best wishes, I remain  
Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



BERNARD STONE  
802 Commercial Exchange Bldg.  
416 West Eighth Street  
Los Angeles, California

April 18, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On my return from Seattle I plunged into the work of the office and also the various matters connected with the preparation for the launching of the Los Angeles campaign on May 4. This is the first opportunity I have had to write and tell you how very much your visit to the Coast has heartened all the friends of Palestine, and what a joy and inspiration your visit has been to me, personally.

It is too bad that you could not have remained here for a longer period and visited many other communities. I feel certain that the people here, have gained a lasting inspiration from your visit, and that you have spurred them on to their utmost endeavors.

I would like to thank you also, for the splendid results which are already manifesting themselves in many quarters - thanks to your presence.

I earnestly hope that it will be possible to have you participate in the Denver campaign when you visit that community in June.

I trust that you found your family well on your return, and that you may be with us again, in the not too far distant future.

With kind regards and best wishes for the Passover season, I am,

Gratefully and sincerely,

*Bernard Stone*  
Bernard Stone

BS:F



April 19, 1938

Mr. Max A. Silver,  
Hudson Bay Fur Co.,  
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Silver:

This morning your beautiful gifts arrived and my boys were delighted with them. I need not tell you that I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. Daniel who is ten, and Raphael who is eight, were thrilled with the moccasins, the totem pole and the picture postal cards.

It was a great pleasure to have met you, to have visited your very interesting store and generally to have seen your lovely city.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





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April 23, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was pleased indeed to hear that the things that were forwarded to you proved pleasing to your boys.

Be assured that it was an equally great pleasure to us to meet and to see you again, and I trust that it will not be another long lapse of 15 years before our paths cross again.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

MAS:Y

Max A. Silver



Copy to Dr. Silver

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

110 S. 4th  
Waco, Texas

April 29, 1938

Mr. Henry Montor  
Executive Director  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Montor:

As Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal for Waco and Central Texas, I want to extend the thanks of this community to the United Palestine Appeal for their wonderful assistance to our 1938 campaign. I know that the greatest single help that has been rendered us this year was furnished by your office when you sent Dr. Baruch Braunstein to address our opening meeting which was held at our local Institute on Monday morning, April 25th.

We opened the Campaign with a breakfast Monday morning and after some remarks from a few of our local leaders, Dr. Braunstein delivered the most wonderful address to our workers that I have heard in a number of years.

I want you to know that we appreciate the cooperation furnished by your New York office in sending men of this type to our community for the purpose of instilling the proper enthusiasm into our campaigns.

While our campaign is only four days old and we have a large amount of work to do, I think that I can safely say to you that our 1938 contribution will show at least a 50% increase over our 1937 contribution. Please do not accept this letter as a commitment on the part of this community, for, as stated above, the campaign is young, but I am anxious to convey to you the full appreciation of the wonderful cooperation you are giving us.

Yours very friendly,

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

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LAW OFFICES OF  
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April 30th, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

First let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in telegraphing the Chairmen of the pending United Jewish Appeal campaign, which was duly received and read to those attending the Special Gifts Committee Banquet held on Thursday night, April 28th, at the Woodmont Country Club.

It is a great pleasure to be able to advise you that the pledges and contributions made at the Banquet totaled approximately \$56,500.

You no doubt are aware of the fact that we set a quota for Washington this year of \$100,000. Last year our goal was \$80,000. It is sincerely hoped that we may be able to obtain the amount which we have undertaken to raise.

With kind personal regards of the writer, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

  
MORRIS SIMON

MS/mw



May 2, 1938

Mr. Morris Simon,  
Simon, Koenigsberger & Young,  
340 Woodward Building,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Simon:

I was delighted to receive your letter of April 30 and learn of the remarkable progress which you are making in your campaign. The success of your opening meeting certainly augurs well for your campaign. It is good to know how loyally the Jews of America are responding to the needs of our brothers overseas.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



*To Bulletin Apr. 29*

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

ELIHU D. STONE  
Attorney at Law  
80 Federal Street  
Boston

*Dr. Silver*

May 9, 1938

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

Dear Doctor Silver:

It was, indeed, good to hear your voice on the radio giving eloquent utterance to the feelings, thoughts and aspirations of the Jewish people. You may be sure that I was with you in New York in spirit.

The Campaign in Boston is about to close. We have done fairly well. Of course, we should have done a good deal better in view of the Jewish tragedy.

Sometime ago I promised you in Washington that I would give some of my time to the Campaign. I am ready to take assignments anywhere in the interest of the Campaign for ten or twelve days. I have been active throughout New England and have endeavored to do my small part for the purpose of cooperating.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Elihu D. Stone



May 20, 1938

Dr. Abram Simon,  
Washington Hebrew Congregation,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Simon:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the statement which you made to the Jewish community in Washington on the occasion of the successful completion of the campaign in your community. The tribute which you pay to your people is altogether deserving. I am confident that much of the success of the campaign is due to your splendid leadership. It is an unusual achievement which you have registered in Washington and your community has every reason to be proud of it.

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Simon, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. You will be happy to learn that we just completed our campaign here in Cleveland. Our goal was \$328,000. We have already reached \$345,000.



June 28, 1938

Mr. S. Schwartz  
Haboker  
Sansur Building  
Ben Yehudah Street  
Jerusalem, Palestine

My dear Friend:

Please pardon the long delay in acknowledging your kind letter and your very warm words of congratulations on the occasion of my election to the national chairmanship of the United Palestine Appeal. I was very happy to receive both your letter and your congratulations. I have been traveling a great deal during the past few months in connection with the fund-raising activities of the United Palestine Appeal. The response, in spite of the economic depression in the country, has been fairly satisfactory. I hope that by the end of the year we shall have raised a sum substantially greater than that which was raised last year.

We have all been perturbed about the continued disturbances in Palestine. I trust that there will be some let-up before long.

With all good wishes for a very pleasant summer, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



[1938?]

ABRAM SIMON, Ph. D., D.H.L.  
RABBI  
Washington Hebrew Congregation  
Washington, D. C.

MY JEWISH BRETHREN IN WASHINGTON

Joy supreme animated my heart last evening when the good news was announced that we Jews in Washington had exceeded our quota. Think of it! 3500 Jews in a Jewish population of 15,000 contributed an average of thirty dollars a piece. In our wildest moments of ecstatic expectancy I never believed that a Jewish cause could win so great a spiritual and philanthropic triumph! My heart goes out in compliment, not only to all the officers who led the Campaign, not only to the thousands who made their contribution big or small, but also and especially to the hundreds of men and women, young and old, who day by day and for weeks, solicited these glorious gifts. To all who contributed either of time or money or leadership, I present my heartfelt compliments.

Through the long period of more than three decades of residence in the Capital of the Nation, I have never seen such an exhibition of superb generosity and exaltation of the spirit. When I think how often in all these years I have heard Jewish men and women berate their own city and its inhabitants, and compared them disparagingly with the presumed superior generosity or social standing or mental outlook of their brethren in other large centers of population, I can only say to my people today, "You need not discountenance your efforts or your people from now on. You have added inches to the moral and spiritual stature of Jews in our city. You have set an example of noble giving which your people may well envy. You have not only said to your brethren across the Atlantic that you are stretching out golden hands in practical cooperation, but you have also said to your non-Jewish brethren in this city, "in equal proportion and in equal generosity, we will come to the rescue of the Community Chest." We cannot go back on our great forward step. Hence, with an overflowing heart of gratitude to my brethren here, and with sincerest congratulations upon this triumph which in itself must be pleasing to our Almighty God, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Abram Simon*



[1938?]

Dear Dr. Silver:

Kindly accept my heartiest congratulations upon your election as national chairman of the U.P.A. for 1938. May your chairmanship be crowned with the success the cause eminently deserves. And if I can be of any help to you, command me.

This honorable office is a change of policy and principle. For when Prof. Klausner of St. Louis asked me some time ago to help him in the southwest, I declined. Similarly I refused Dr. N.Z.O. when he asked me recently for similar services. Why I offer my services now, when they are neither sought nor wanted, I don't know. Perhaps it is the effect of your address of acceptance which I just concluded reading; perhaps it is the ~~service~~ serious plight of our people; perhaps it is due to my knowledge of the aridity and of the southwest. But whatever the reason, I am, my dear sir, at your service.

My limitations you know. I know them even better. I can only add:

Yours sincerely,

