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1938-1939.

C O P Y

Mr. Isidor Coons
Joint Distribution Committee
100 East 42nd Street
New York City.

Dear Dor:

I am enclosing herewith memoranda of my expense and thank you for the invitation and the courtesy which you extended me.

I think a great deal of good came from having Mr. Frankel at the Meeting both for the opportunity which he had in meeting the leadership from some of the other Communities; and the impression that was made on him by Dr. Kahn and the others who submitted information and the budget for the J.D.C.

I understand from Dr. Wise whom we met at the station last evening that he plans to meet with Rabbi Silver and Will Shroder very soon to go into the question of the Agreement; and personally I should like to urge again the importance of consideration of the idea of getting 25 or 50 men of known-giving capacity throughout the country to head up the giving to the Overseas Agencies in the 1938 Campaign. I have the feeling that when you ask a man to join in making up a special national quota of a half-million or a million dollars, you have him thinking in different terms than when we approach him locally on the basis of our local limited goal. I am sure that men like Mr. Ittleson, N. L. Dauby, Leon Falk, Jr., Ed Kaufmann, Albert Lasker, Charles Rosenbloom, Henry Wineman, the Rosenwald and Warburg families and others in New York and elsewhere, can be asked to join in making up a National Pool which would act as the incentive to individuals and Communities throughout the country to do the heroic thing in giving this year especially because of the impending dangers of the European situation and the economic conditions here at home. A great impetus will be given to the success of our efforts not only in Welfare Fund cities but in the unorganized Communities as well.

Also I do not want you to feel that I intended to be critical of the publicity that comes out of your office but so long as you asked for it, I was only expressing a sentiment that I had already made known to you sometime ago, that the news releases were in my judgment largely a waste of oftentimes good material because of the uninteresting, stereotyped form in which they came through. The same material even if it were not boiled down to its more essential facts would be more readable in printed form.

At any rate, here are my good wishes for a very successful 1938 in which we hope to do our part.

With kind personal greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

January 24, 1938.



Greater New York Campaign

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD)
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (KEREN KAYEMETH)
EMERGENCY FUND (MIFAL BITZARON)
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For the Settlement in Palestine of Jews of Germany, Poland, Rumania, Austria and Other Lands

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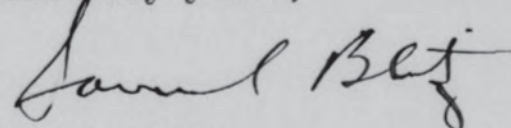
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As an illustration of some of our problems in New York, I beg to call your attention to the enclosed correspondence with Mr. Sidney Reisman who resigned from our Trades Council.

Mr. Reisman is General Manager of Bloomingdale's Department Store and has been of great help to us in the organization of various trades.

Sincerely yours,



Samuel Blitz
Campaign Director

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Enclosures

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

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August 20, 1938.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Mooselookmeguntic, Maine.

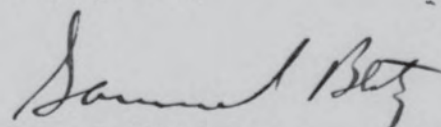
Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your instructions, a check for \$2500. payable to the President's Committee on Political Refugees, was sent to Mr. James M. Speers as requested by Mr. Warren, the executive secretary of the Committee. I have so informed Dr. Wise.

The Jewish Morning Journal has raised about \$5000. to-date. It will no doubt achieve greater results by inducing many New York synagogues to have appeals during the High Holidays. I have an appointment with Mr. Friedkin, the publisher, on Monday to discuss further plans and will keep you advised.

You may wish to reply to Mr. Samuel Fishman who is an active Zionist and helpful in the trade campaign of the U.P.A. If not, shall I write him that his letter will be called to your attention when you return from your vacation?

Sincerely yours,



Samuel Blitz
Campaign Director

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NLT RABBI SILVER TEMPEL=



CLEVE=

SITUATION HERE CAUSES HUGE UNEXPECTED EXPENDITURES STOP
WITHOUT POSSESSING SUBSTANTIAL SUM AT SEPTEMBER BEGINNING
WORK NEXT YEAR MANY COLONIZATION AND EDUCATION INSTITUTION OR
MIZRACHI JEOPARDIZED STOP BECAUSE UPA RESULTS EXCEEDING
EXPECTATIONS MAY REQUEST 3000 POUNDS BESIDES AMOUNT AGREEMENT
STOP EXPECT YOU RECOGNIZE OUR WORK AND DIFFICULTIES WILL
GRANT REQUEST STOP OTHERWISE REQUEST SAME SUM ACCOUNT NEXT
AGREEMENT WHICH WILL PERHAPS MADE MUTUAL BENEFIT COMMUNICATE
GELLMAN=

:MEIR BERLIN.

November 4, 1938

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

My dear Mr. Samuel Blitz:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send you a copy of the letter which he received from Mr. Samuel Schleimer. I am also enclosing a copy of his reply.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc. - 2

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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TU NEWYORK NY 16 1200P

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD=

RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM LAST NIGHT WE READY FOR MEETING AND
NOW TRYING FIND OUT WHO AVAILABLE FROM THE THREE GROUPS WHEN
CAN YOU BE NEWYORK SO CAN ARRANGE QUICKLY=

PAUL BAERWALD.

C O P Y

November 15, 1938

PAUL BAERWALD
120 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM. AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL I FEEL STRONGLY THAT BEFORE YOU PROCEED ANY FURTHER WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF A SPECIAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR RAISING FUNDS A MEETING SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BE CALLED OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JDC UPA AND COUNCIL OF FEDERATIONS TO DISCUSS THE ENTIRE SITUATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT AT THE JDC CONFERENCE SUNDAY A RESOLUTION TO CONVOKE SUCH A CONFERENCE WAS PASSED. SOME OF US STRONGLY FEEL THAT ANY APPEAL AT THIS TIME WHICH WOULD INCLUDE CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND HELP EXCEPTING UNDER AUSPICES OF TAYLOR COMMITTEE WOULD BE A GREAT MISTAKE. THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH MIGHT BE NETTED IMMEDIATELY WOULD BE A SORRY SUBSTITUTE FOR THE TENS OF MILLIONS WHICH THE TAYLOR COMMITTEE MAY YET BE PREPARED TO SECURE. HASTY ACTION AT THIS TIME MIGHT SERIOUSLY HURT THE LARGER UNDERTAKING WHICH MUST BE INITIATED IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON BEHALF OF MASS EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM GERMANY. WE MUST IN ANY EVENT DISCUSS THE MOST PRACTICAL STEPS FOR OBTAINING CONCERTED ACTION FROM THE ENTIRE AMERICAN PUBLIC BOTH JEWISH AND NONJEWISH ON BEHALF OF THE LARGER RESPONSIBILITY THAT ARISES OUT OF THE PRESENT SITUATION. THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL IS PROFOUNDLY INTERESTED AS YOU KNOW IN THE REFUGEE PROBLEM WHICH CAN NOT BE PROPERLY TREATED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PALESTINE. THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE JDC UPA AND COUNCIL SHOULD BE HELD IMMEDIATELY BEFORE FURTHER COMMITMENTS AND INVOLVEMENTS ARE MADE.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

November 16, 1938

Mr. Paul Baerwald
120 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

I CAN ARRANGE TO BE IN NEW YORK EITHER NEXT MONDAY OR TUESDAY OR BOTH
DAYS IF NECESSARY. KINDEST REGARDS

Abba Hillel Silver

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD= 1939 JAN 6 PM 4 29

TRIED TO REACH YOU BY TELEPHONE UNDERSTAND YOU FEEL STRONGLY
WE SHOULD ABANDON ORIGINAL IDEA CAMPAIGN COOPERATION OTHER
FAITHS STOP JAMES ROSENBERG AND I AND OTHERS WITH US RATHER
EMBARRASSED BECAUSE OF OUR PREVIOUS MANY CONFERENCES WITH
RITCHIE AND OTHER GROUP AND WE HAVE NEW INTIMATION THAT THEY
CONTINUE EVEN MORE ANXIOUS THAN BEFORE SOME FORM OF
ARRANGEMENT AND DESIRE OPPORTUNITY STANDING SHOULDER TO
SHOULDER WITH US STOP A FEW OF US INCLUDING ROSENBERG AND
MYSELF HAVE MEETING WITH RITCHIE MONDAY MORNING TEN OCLOCK WE
DONT WANT ONE UNITED CAMPAIGN BUT WE BELIEVE A FORMULA CAN BE
FOUND WITHOUT DIFFICULTY WHICH WILL SHOW THE COUNTRY THAT
THERE EXISTS COOPERATION STOP ROSENBERG AND I FEEL STRONGLY
THAT WE ARE BOUND TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER AND THAT THE
AGREEMENT WHICH WAS INITIALLED IN ITTLESONS OFFICE HAD
DEFINITELY IN VIEW THE IDEA=

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

:THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD=

REFERRING TO MY PREVIOUS TELEGRAM TO YOU I JUST FIND THAT
OUR MEETING WITH MR. RITCHIE IS WEDNESDAY. REGARDS.=

PAUL BAERWALD.

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1939 JAN 6 PM 4 29

OF REACHING SOME ARRANGEMENT IF FEASIBLE STOP JONAH IS AWAY
AND WE HERE DONT KNOW AND CANNOT QUITE UNDERSTAND JUST WHY
HE AND YOU HAVE SEEMINGLY ABANDONED WHAT SEEMED TO US A
GENERAL UNDERSTANDING STOP ANXIOUS TO HEAR FROM YOU CAN BE
REACHED AT MY HOUSE 9 EAST 88 STREET BY TELEGRAM BUT NOT BY
TELEPHONE TONIGHT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. REGARDS=

:PAUL BAERWALD.

9 88.

January 9, 1939

Mr. Paul Baerwald
9 East 88th Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Baerwald:

Let me thank you for both your telegrams. I am sorry that you did not succeed in reaching me by telephone.

I thought that the matter of the relationship between our United Campaign and that of the other groups had been definitely disposed of. On the day of our last joint conference in Mr. Ittelson's office, Rabbi Jonah Wise and I had lunch with Mr. Rosenberg at which time we discussed the matter at great length. At my first conference with Rabbi Jonah Wise on December 22, Rabbi Wise and I, charged with implementing and carrying out our joint agreement, had a further discussion of the matter in the presence of Mr. Coons and Mr. Montor, the directors of the campaign. It was our feeling that it would be a great mistake to include the non-Jewish refugee committees within the United Campaign. We would be unable to allocate out of the Twenty Million Dollar Fund a sufficient amount to these non-Jewish agencies which would be regarded in the eyes of the non-Jewish world as fair. To announce our Campaign as a non-sectarian campaign inclusive of these Christian refugee organizations and then to give them, as we would have to, a relatively small appropriation, would be readily seized upon by our enemies as "another example of Jewish sharp dealings". To give them a substantial appropriation would not be warranted by the non-Jewish monies which would be contributed to such a joint campaign based on the actual experience of the campaign efforts of these Christian refugee organizations up until now.

It was therefore our thought that this Twenty Million Dollar campaign should be a Jewish campaign and its appeal should be directed to the Jews of America from whom a sum of twenty million dollars, in this unprecedented emergency, is not an excessive amount to ask. If non-Jews, out of their sympathy with the plight of our unfortunate people in Europe wish to contribute, their contributions would, of course, be

Mr. Baerwald

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January 9, 1939

be greatly welcomed.

It was suggested by me, and my understanding was that it had been warmly approved by Rabbi Wise, that our United Campaign, out of its own funds, should, as a gesture of good will, make a contribution to the Christian refugee organizations - say a sum of Fifty or a Hundred Thousand Dollars. Such a contribution, we believed, would be very much welcomed by these non-Jewish refugee organizations and would, moreover, be applauded by the entire press of the nation as an act of generosity and all-embracing sympathy on the part of Jews who, in spite of their own desperate needs, are yet ready to give of their substance to take care of non-Jewish sufferers. Such an arrangement would redound also to the benefit of our own Campaign for it would create tremendous good will for it throughout the country.

It is in this way, my dear Mr. Baerwald, that we interpreted the thought of our joint committee which provided that arrangements, if feasible, should be worked out by our group in connection with the Christian refugee committees. It is my thought that it was a wise decision.

I am also of the opinion, with which I am confident you will concur, that all future contacts with these non-Jewish refugee organizations involving our United Campaign, should now be made officially by the officers of the United Campaign, and that the national chairmen of the United Campaign or their representatives should from now on be responsible for whatever conferences or negotiations may be deemed advisable.

With all good wishes and hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future, perhaps at the Baltimore Conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

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Jan. 19, 1939

JACOB BLAUSTEIN
BALTIMORE MARYLAND

REGRET THAT IT WILL NOT ARRIVE IN BALTIMORE UNTIL SUNDAY EVENING THANK
YOU FOR YOUR ~~XX~~ INVITATION

A H SILVER

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

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Jacob Blaustein
American Bldg.
Baltimore, Md.

Jan. 19, 1939

Regret that I will not arrive in Baltimore
until Sunday evening. Thank you
for your invitation.

A. H. Silver

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1039 JAN 19 AM 3 23

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE ANSEL ROAD AND 105 ST CLEVE=

TAKE PLEASURE INVITING YOU TO MY HOME FOR COCKTAIL HOUR
SATURDAY NIGHT WITH GROUP FROM COUNCIL JEWISH FEDERATIONS
IN ORDER GEORGE BACKER PRESIDENT JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY
MAY INFORM YOU OF IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN WORK OF THAT
ORGANIZATION. IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLOSE, ABOUT TEN THIRTY PM,
OF GENERAL SESSION MEETING, GUESTS WILL MEET IN ROOM
THIRTEEN NINE SOUTHERN HOTEL, WHERE COMMITTEE WILL HANDLE
TRANSPORTATION TO MY HOME. PLEASE WIRE WHETHER YOU WILL
BE PRESENT=

JACOB BLAUSTEIN AMERICAN BUILDING BALTIMORE.

MEMORANDUM

Date January 26, 1939

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Samuel Blitz

Subject

The following arrangements have been completed with Federation for the participation of the UPA staff in the Greater New York Campaign:

1. I have been named Co-Director of the combined drive and will be in charge of all borough campaigns. The other two major departments of the campaign, trades and special gifts, will be directed by Federation personnel.

2. Mr. Samuel Goldstein will be director in charge of the following trades: Lighting Fixtures, Paper and Twine, Paper Boxes, Restaurants, Hotel Supplies, Printers and Stationers, Laundries.

3. Mr. Isidor Kadis will be assistant to the director designated by Federation in the following trades: Amusements, Lawyers, Millinery.

4. Mr. Michael Sanders will be assistant to the director designated by Federation for Special Gifts.

5. Dr. Louis J. Schwefel will be director in charge of the Bronx.

6. Mr. Morris Zeldin will be co-director with the director designated by Federation for the Borough of Brooklyn. Mr. Sidney Marcus and Mr. Ben Zion Pecker will be assistants to the directors in Brooklyn.

7. Mr. David Hirsch will be co-director with the director designated by Federation for Long Island.

8. Mr. Harold Imber was assigned to the Industrial Division which will be in charge of Mr. Jerome Levy, Greater New York Campaign Director of the JDC.

9. Mr. Louis Lerner and Mr. Leo Wolfson will assist the director designated by Federation in Organizations and Synagogues.

10. Mr. S. Eliash has been assigned to the Publicity Department.

11. Mrs. Estelle Liebers has been named Co-Director with the Director designated by Federation in the Women's Division. Miss Anne Balser has been assigned to women's organizations.

These assignments will enable members of the UPA staff to participate in practically every department of the campaign and will afford them an opportunity to become acquainted with Federation leaders and Federation campaign technique. I, therefore, believe that the arrangements for the participation of the UPA staff in the Greater New York Campaign are very satisfactory.

WERNER VON CLEMM
NEW YORK, N.Y.

565 Fifth Avenue
February 8, 1939.

United Jewish Appeal for Refugees & Overseas Needs,
Reverend Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

I am wondering whether you would care to use your influence in getting the pros and cons of the enclosed correspondence before a forum which would look at the matter dispassionately -- in other words, take as much the side of the people whose feelings are outraged by recent happenings in Germany, as the side of those who are the sufferers from sanctions and boycotts, measures which -- in my opinion -- are any bit as evil as the situation which we wish to combat.

I feel it is time that something be done to consider the German emigrant as well as the American producer and trader who does not wish to be eliminated from the Central European market.

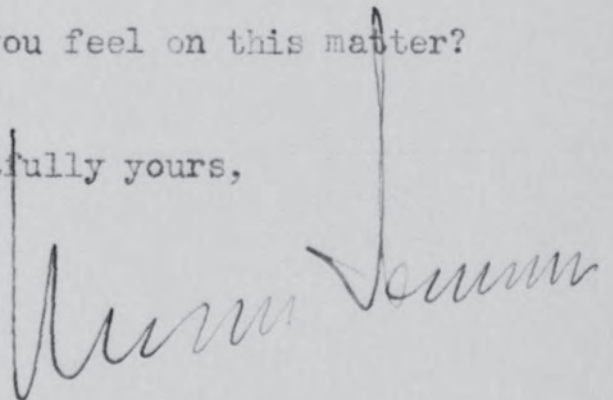
My job happens to be one to liquidate funds locked up in Germany and belonging to American citizens. You of course know that there is no possibility of getting money out of Germany -- whether the owner be Protestant, Catholic or Jew -- except through the sale of German merchandise in foreign markets.

This condition would prevail even if the German government to which the present one is successor, would be in power.

The worthy German emigrant deserves to find a champion who will treat his case from the standpoint of REASON. There has been too much SENTIMENT thrown into the controversy by both sides, with the net result that the would-be emigrant (as well as the American investor) has been the sufferer.

Would you let me hear from you how you feel on this matter?

Respectfully yours,



Thirty-first Annual Order Day

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February 15, 1939

Dear Member:

On March 26th, we will observe the thirty-first annual "Order Day" at a festive Dinner in the Hotel Astor.

You will be glad, no doubt, to learn that we have been fortunate in securing the active cooperation of Mr. Robert Szold, the distinguished Zionist leader and former President of the Zionist Organization of America, as chairman of the dinner which we hope will create a high record in Bnai Zion achievements for Eretz Israel.

But the observance of Order Day cannot, at this crucial time in the annals of our people, remain a mere celebration. As you will note in the enclosed descriptive leaflet, we have a task to perform! The completion of our Kfar Bnai Zion project is our answer to the challenge of this moment!

Of course I shall be delighted to be able to greet you personally around our festive Order Day table. However, should you, because of distance or other reasons, be prevented from being with us, I urge upon you as well as upon all our Chaverim and friends, not to deny yourself the privilege of taking part in this historic enterprise. You can do so by contributing or raising the minimum of \$10.00 as your share toward our Kfar Bnai Zion \$100,000 project.

Please give us your encouragement by "Your Answer", buttressed by an act that will help us place our Palestine Colony at the disposal of those who need it most urgently--the refugees from the lands of oppression!

With Zion's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Harris J. Levine,
Nasi

Encl.

Dedicated to: Jewish National Fund Land Acquisition for Refugee Settlement
K'FAR B'NAI ZION \$100,000 PROJECT

A MEMO
FROM

Samuel Blitz

To _____

Isn't this a campaign?



YOUR ANSWER

DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE, *Nasi*
ORDER SONS OF ZION
303 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

As my answer to the call of the National Conference of the Order Sons of Zion Camps, I hereby enclose check in the amount of \$....., towards the \$30,000 balance needed to complete the \$100,000 fund for Kfar Bnai Zion for the settlement of refugees in Palestine.

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We Have Resolved

"THAT the Order Sons of Zion allocate its Jewish National Fund land area in Palestine, known as 'Kfar Bnai Zion' purchased as national property at the cost of \$100,000 (of which \$70,000 has already been raised by the Order) for the settlement of refugees.

"THAT the Camps of the Order Sons of Zion and all members thereof be called upon to complete the \$100,000 fund by raising the needed balance of \$30,000 up to Order Day, March 26th, 1939.

"THAT each member of the Order is called upon to assume personal responsibility for contributing or raising a sum not less than \$10.00 each towards this purpose."

(NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ORDER SONS OF ZION CAMPS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 1938, HOTEL ASTOR, NEW YORK.)

הנהלת המרכז



Whence Shall Come My Help?

HIS PROBLEM?

The forlorn and bewildered figure that stands on top of the globe and has on his lips the question "Whence shall come my help?" is not a figment of an artist's imagination.

The headlines and bylines on the front pages of your daily newspaper, and your contact with what is going on in the world today, have made it terrifyingly clear.

Our fellow-Jews in Nazi Germany and in the other lands of oppression face the "Wohin" question as a stark and pressing reality. After their immediate relief needs will have been satisfied, they will still face the alternative of Exile or Extinction. Exile or Emigration has its solution in one method only: *Land Upon Which to Find a Haven and Establish a Home.*

Can we leave him, the lonely and forlorn refugee, on the spot where he now stands?

OUR PROBLEM

From what has occurred up to now, it is perfectly clear that the rescue of the Jewish victims of oppression, depends solely on the measure of self-help that we, their fellow-Jews, will be able to muster and provide for them.

Palestine, the Jewish National Home that has since the advent of Hitlerism absorbed nearly 200,000 refugees, stands ready today to admit within the current year another 100,000 men, women and children.

OUR PROBLEM it is to make room for as many of the refugees as will find their way into the Jewish National Home. That, primarily, means enabling the Jewish National Fund to provide the land, nationally redeemed and owned, upon which they will find shelter and rebuild their lives.

This problem, clearly and urgently, is the immediate concern of every thinking and feeling man and woman.

OUR ANSWER

What we, as members of the Order Sons of Zion, can and should do was considered at a National Conference of our Camps.

In face of the emergency, we decided to *complete now* what we undertook to do several years ago—the acquisition, through the Jewish National Fund, at the cost of \$100,000, of a tract of land in Palestine upon which 1,000 families are to be settled in what is to be known as Kfar Bnai Zion, the settlement of the Order Sons of Zion!

Kfar Bnai Zion is to be thrown open, as soon as possible, for the settlement of the refugees. To make available this area of salvation, the sum of \$30,000 is needed. Our specific answer, then, as members of the Order, is to raise, between now and Order Day, March 26, 1939, the needed balance.

If every member will contribute or raise at least \$10.00 our Bnai Zion settlement will rise in the Valley of Beisan, as a haven and a home for refugee families.

Will you help your Order give *Our Answer*?

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Feb. 23

Paul Baerwald
9 E. 88th St.
New York, N. Y.

Regret deeply previous engagement makes
it impossible for me to attend dinner
Monday evening. Kindest regards.

Abba Willes Silver

American Ort Federation

CREATING A NEW OCCUPATIONAL EXISTENCE FOR THE REFUGEES AND MASSES OF EUROPEAN JEWS THROUGH THE VAST NETWORK OF TRADE SCHOOLS — FARM COLONIES — INDUSTRIAL WORKSHOPS AND FACTORIES COMPRISING THE ORT EMPIRE.

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

March 24th, 1939.

212 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
TELEPHONE: ASHLAND 4-7454

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Since accepting the presidency of the ORT, I have given added time and thought to the general overseas problem and I am now taking occasion to communicate with you on the subject. Because the situation is of such transcending importance, I urge you to respond promptly.

I have a feeling that it is not necessary to rehearse the details with you so in attaching a complete explanation of ORT's program, expenditures and current requirements, it is in the hope that certain of the facts may receive serious consideration by your committee as a whole.

Your community is contributing generously to the overseas needs. It is obvious therefore, that you recognize a special responsibility in the present dilemma. Facts, therefore, are necessary because the task at hand must be dealt with realistically. It is your right to know what the funds are being used for and to what extent the basic situation is being improved through these expenditures.

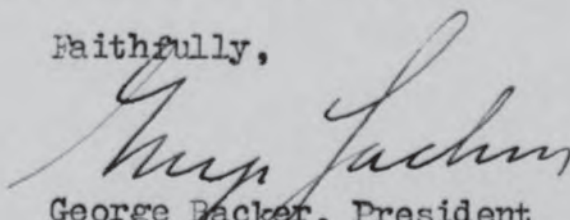
There is no longer any need to discuss the degradations and indignities being inflicted on the Jews. We all know precisely what is going on. You and I are much more interested in what is being done about it and just how ORT is attempting to do its part.

Confident that thinking leaders are eager to know more about the functional activities in Europe, we have prepared a summary of the ORT program in as compact form as the topic would permit, with supporting figures covering the activities and current budget. Although it comes to you in inexpensive form, I believe you will find it an intensely absorbing human document because every figure and every word in it has a deep significance in terms of reconstructed Jewish lives, in the midst of disaster and chaos.

To keep faith with the mounting needs, as reflected in the American ORT quota of \$1,257,000 (which has been completely budgeted) we formally request a minimum allocation of 10% of your total overseas disbursements for 1939. Any substantial deviation from this percentage will hamper our efforts here and work untold hardship on countless Jews, in the helpless categories in Europe, seeking permanent and self-respecting emancipation.

With kindest greetings and an abiding hope,

Faithfully,


George Backer, President
AMERICAN ORT FEDERATION.

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Paul Baerwald
120 Broadway
N.Y.

April 11 1939

Regret deeply my inability to get away
from Cleveland April 15th

Abba Hillel Silver

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THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH CHARITIES
OF ATLANTIC CITY
138 SOUTH VIRGINIA AVENUE
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

April 12, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Federation of Jewish Charities is conducting an emergency campaign among its larger contributors exclusively for the United Jewish Appeal. The initial contributors are being called to a dinner meeting on June 15, 1939. It is most important that we have at this meeting one who can inspire the giving of contributions which the campaign warrants. We intend to have only one speaker, and our Committee feels that, if possible for you to do it, it is most important and desirable that you be the speaker.

I trust that you will find it possible to be present and await your response.

With anticipation of your acceptance, I am,

Cordially yours,

HARRY CASSMAN
President

April 17, 1939

Mr. Harry Cassman, President
The Federation of Jewish Charities of Atlantic City
138 South Virginia Avenue
Atlantic City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Cassman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter and for your invitation to attend a meeting of the larger contributors to the United Jewish Appeal which you plan for June 15. I should, of course, like to be of service, but you realize, I am sure, that I am compelled to be in many cities in connection with our campaigns and I allot my time to those communities where I feel I can be helpful in producing the greatest results.

Frankly, Atlantic City has not been a banner city in recent years for reasons which I do not know. If you feel that you are ready to make a determined effort to get your large and important Jewish community to become aware of its responsibility in this grave hour, and to give in keeping with the needs and with what other communities are doing, I shall be very happy to come to you and to help you. If, however, it is to address just another meeting and to raise just a few thousand dollars, I feel that I can invest my time more profitably for the United Jewish Appeal in some other community.

I write frankly to you because I feel that you would want me to. There should be considerable preliminary cultivation of the major givers before the meeting on June 15.

Please give me your frank reactions to the Atlantic City situation. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Please reply to Rabbi Silver
at
The Temple
Ansel Road and E. 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

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NEW ENGLAND ZIONIST REGION
600 Washington Street
Boston, Mass.

April 21, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

For the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the New England Zionist Region we are to issue a Convention Book and I would consider it a pleasure and privilege to insert a message from you.

Would you therefore at your earliest convenience send a message to the New England Zionist Region.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Ralph F. Bass
President



April 21, 1939

Mr. George Backer
295 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Backer:

I received the enclosed letter from Dr. Hermann Budzislowski, the editor of the well-known "Die Neue Weltbühne". The letter is self-explanatory. I am wondering whether something can be done to insure the continued publication of this valuable magazine. Perhaps you can sound out some of your friends in New York. Dr. Budzislowski is in need of a loan which he hopes to repay. The loan is not large. Even if it is never repaid, the help given to this magazine would, in my judgment, be well justified. I should, myself, be very happy to raise part of this fund. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.

P.S. As you note, Dr. Budzislowski requests that his communication be kept confidential.

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GEORGE BACKER
270 BROADWAY

April 24th, 1939

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have your note
enclosing Dr. Budzislowski's appeal.
I will take it up here and let you
know the decision of the group.

Sincerely yours,

George Backer

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Samuel. Blitz
200 Madison

New York, N.Y.

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Have succeeded in re-arranging my program
so as to attend luncheon, Theatrical Divisions.
June, 1st. Please write me fuller details.
Abba Hillel Silver

WRHS



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.
342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Mr. Selig
Mr. Montor
May 23, 1939

Mr. S. Bert Jacobson

Mr. Isidor Coons

Apparent over-selling of Resettlement Division in Michigan small towns

I attach hereto a copy of a field report of Mr. E. G. Voorsanger, a member of the United Jewish Appeal field staff. This report requires no interpretation on my part. Obviously this type of fund-raising for settling Jews in small towns is having a serious effect upon the possibilities of the United Jewish Appeal campaigns in small towns in Michigan and in Wisconsin and other sections of the country.

It seems to me that the point involved is that the National Coordinating Committee must have some type of standard fund-raising in communities of this size in order that the communities raise sufficient money to provide for any real or potential refugees but not of such magnitude as to have funds dormant for long periods of time, especially where no refugees are in the communities themselves.

Moreover it seems to me that when funds of this magnitude are raised in small towns, there can be no further necessity for the raising of additional funds until a substantial portion of the money is used for the purposes for which they were raised. If the latter would obtain, the National Coordinating Committee could practically solve its financing of resettlement in small communities with one fund-raising effort which seems to have been effective already.

Obviously my major concern is and must be the effect which this situation is having on the United Jewish Appeal of which the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc. is itself a beneficiary. I am convinced that the United Jewish Appeal cannot correct or undertake to correct the situation that is inherent in the functioning of the National Coordinating Committee itself. In my opinion this situation becomes definitely of national importance in the relationship of the National Coordinating Committee to the United Jewish Appeal this year and on that basis, it will require the establishment of a definite policy to be followed by our respective organizations.

It seems to me that it is futile to consider a problem of this type in Los Angeles one day, and the small towns of Wisconsin the next, and the small towns of Michigan the following day and so on through Iowa, Virginia and other communities. You know that I am not exaggerating because in each instance I have brought these incidents to your direct attention. Casual letters from the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc. will not tend to solve the problem.

I urge upon you, therefore, to arrange for an early meeting of the officers of the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc. to meet with the officers and with me of the United Jewish Appeal for the serious consideration of this problem and what is to be done about it.

I am sending a copy of this memorandum to Mr. Rosenwald and I am attaching copies for you to distribute to such other officers of the National Coordinating Committee and the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc. as you see fit. Please advise me what is being done.

LC:LG
ENC.

May 18, 1939

MEMORANDUM

From: E. C. Voorsanger

TO: Mr. Robert Herman

Subject: Michigan Re-settlement Division
National Coordinating Committee.

On my visit to Muskegon May 17 I discovered that the Michigan Re-settlement Division operating from Detroit, has, in my judgement, done irreparable harm to the United Jewish Appeal because of the over-emphasis which they have placed on re-settlement and the disproportionate amount of money which they have had pledged in these towns. Rabbi Aaron Cohen and Leo A. Rosen both of Muskegon, concur in this opinion.

It appears that in December after a Detroit meeting, Rabbi Leo Franklin came to Muskegon and acting under orders of Detroit, urged this community to pledge a large amount of money for re-settlement work. The same job was done in Traverse City and South Haven. The amounts pledged in these towns are as follows:

Muskegon \$7,200
Traverse City (7 families only) \$1,400
South Haven \$1,000

At the present time in Muskegon there are only two refugee families and in both instances the men are employed and in one case the wife also. So far this community has spent around \$1,000 on the whole problem. There is no question that this ill advised act on the part of the Michigan Re-settlement office has bankrupted these towns as far as giving to the over-sea situation is concerned.

Traverse City, I am informed, either has or is expecting one refugee. South Haven has none.

As stated in Muskegon and South Haven reports, these communities absolutely refuse the United Jewish appeal at the present time because they feel that since they have pledged the largest amount of money in their history, that their full duty is done. Although I have made arrangements with both communities for appeals in the fall, I am very much concerned as to whether we can get the men in these communities to pledge additional amounts and also whether the scheme arrived at of diverting funds from the refugee treasury into the United Jewish Appeal treasury will work out satisfactorily. There are cases in Muskegon of men that in the past did not give more than \$40 or \$50 for the J.D.C. and U.F.A. appeals who in this instance, gave \$250 and \$300 because of the situation as it is today. Again there is confusion in their minds (and I do not blame this on Detroit headquarters) as to the difference between the appeals. I consider this condition even worse than the one I described in Wisconsin.

In discussing this matter with the Muskegon committee they agreed that too much money had been pledged and that if they could get an agreement from their donors, that in the fall when we held our appeal, that the money could be diverted. However, before all this can be accomplished ~~xxxxxx~~ the New York office of the Coordinating

Committee must correct the Michigan situation.

I recommend that they write a letter similar to that which was written to Ben Glass of Wisconsin but include in the letter the thought that a splendid job has been done but that the needs of the U.J.A. must be considered. The only good by-product of the whole thing is that towns like Muskegon and South Haven which had not been good givers, have awakened to the fact that they can do a decent job. It is important that copies of whatever correspondence go out from our office or the Coordinating Committee on this subject be sent to Rabbi Aaron Cohen, who is very much in favor of diverting the funds to us and to Mr. Leo A. Rosen, our Chairman in Muskegon. Kindly advise me in this matter!

ECV.

