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NEW YORK CITY JULY 27, 1938

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August 1, 1938.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Mooselookmeguntic House Mooselookmeguntic, Maine

My dear Dr. Silver:

I can see the validity of your arguments against the UPA using its funds, or its credit, for the Palestine Pavilion. At a recent meeting, at which this matter was discussed, my own views were in large measure expressed along similar lines so far as the UPA, as UPA, is concerned .

As the matter stands now, the proposal has to do with the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth assuming the risks upon authorization from Jerusalem, and subject, of course, to the underwritings by the ZOA and the few individuals who have indicated a willingness to join the underwriting group. The chief disappointment in this entire project is due to the fact that, with very few exceptions, the non-Zionists have not responded so that the burden rests almost entirely upon the same organizations and the same people who are carrying all the other Zionist responsibilities.

In accordance with your suggestion, I am sending copies of your letter to the Chairmen of the Executive and the Administrative Committees of the UPA.

I hope that you are having a comfort-The temptation to me to able and pleasant vacation. follow your example is very strong, but I am trying to resist it in order to do some work which requires access to the libraries.

Cordially yours,

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August 19, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Nooselookneguntic Lodge Haines Landing, Maine

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am very anxious to meet you on Wednesday or Thursday to discuss several matters pertaining to the Emergency Fund of the United Palestine Appeal.

Please notify me by return mail time suitable for the appointment.

fry sincerely yours,

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Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

September 7, 1938 Mr. Leon Gellman Mizrachi Organization of America 1133 Broadway New York, N.Y. My dear Mr. Gellman: Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your telegram. I also received a cable from Rabbi Berlin, in Jerusalem. I can fully realize the difficulties with which the Mizrachi and its institutions are faced in Palestine. The crisis over there is being felt most keenly by every Zionist institution. As you now, the UPA, as such, has no authority to allocate funds outside of the agreement except through the mutual consent of the parties to the agreement - the ren Hayesod, the Keren Kayemeth and the others. If you can obtain their consent, the UPA will be most happy to make the additional allocation. If this cannot be achieved, Rabbi Berlin requests that the sum of three thousand pounds be advanced to the Mizrachi on its 1939 account. This, too, will require action on the part of the Administrative Committee of the UPA which will meet in the next few weeks at which time the request will be officially presented. With all good wishes. I remain Most cordially yours. AHS: BK

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
SOLOMON GOLDMAN
30 NORTH DEARBORN STREET
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September 22, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America held on Wednesday evening, September 14th, reports on the Palestine situation were presented by Margulies and myself. I also called upon Henry Montor for a brief resume of the Keren Hayesod Conference at Antwerp.

From these reports it was evident that the situation in Palestine is of such a nature as to require extraordinary action. At the same time we all realize that it is essential to unify our forces, which are now so greatly confused by competitive campaigns which draw attention away from the central functions of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth.

After a thorough discussion of what the Zionist forces might do to express themselves adequately and concretely for the time being and in the campaigns to be held in 1939, a resolution was adopted hat a conference of all Zionist forces be summoned for the purpose of adopting some action to which the Zionist groups would give not only lip service but actual aid. It was therefore suggested that, in addition to the United Palestine Appeal, Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth representatives, there be brought into the scope of this conference bodies like the Gewerkshaften and Hadassah, which are now raising funds for their own purposes but which ought to be made to feel an obligation for the special needs of the Jewish Agency.

During the discussion, reference was made to the agreements of various kinds delimiting the possibilities of action of the United Palestine Appeal. There was no intention, of course, to infringe upon these agreements, but a question arose as to what affect the present emergency might have not only upon the funds to be raised during the balance of the year in such cities as Chicago, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, etc., but upon the amount of money the United Palestine Appeal might expect from the new campaigns, which would probably be initiated in November and December for 1939.

At Antwerp Dr. Weizmann called us together to discuss the situation in America. He pleaded with us with an earnestness that made a deep impression upon everybody present that somehow we should take action

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that would enable America to provide its appropriate share of next year's budget. As you have noted, Kaplan presented a budget of \$5,000,000 for the Jewish Agency for the coming year. This is exclusive of the requirements of the Keren Kayemeth. If the United Palestine Appeal is to provide its share of the Jewish Agency budget it will mean the raising of at least twice the amount that was provided in 1938 for the Jewish Agency alone.

All of us in the Zionist Organization of America, and I particularly, want to place ourselves at the service of yourself and the United Palestine Appeal so that where defects in our fund-raising effort exist we may eliminate them through united Zionist action.

The resolution adopted by the Executive of the Zionist Organization of America felt that a conference of all the fund-raising agencies for Palestine might, under the impetus of the events in Palestine, create a new united front. At such a conference questions could be discussed that relate to the Joint Distribution Committee, the Welfare Funds and the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees. The latter subject was discussed by Dr. Wise, who is a member of the Committee and who reports that it is contemplated to launch a nation-wide drive that would appeal to the community at large and not only to Jews. The united action on the part of all Zionist faces willbe essential if the whole or overwhelming bulk of the money is not to go to agencies devoted to other purposes than Palestine upbuilding.

Please let me have your reaction to the resolutions adopted by the Executive of the Zionist Organization of America and also how the Z.O.A. may cooperate in any plans you have in mind for an intensification of interest in the United Palestine Appeal.

With best wishes to you and yours for Ketivah Vahatimah Tovah, I am,

Solomon Goldman

President

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September 23, 1938 Dr. Solomon Goldman, President Zionist Organization of America 30 North Dearborn Street Chicago, Ill. My dear Dr. Goldman: Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 22. There will be a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal next Wednesday evening, in New York, at which time the matters raised in your letter will be thoroughly discussed. I trust that you will be able to attend this meeting and participate in the discussion. If not, I will inform you of the transactions of the meeting and of its opinion with reference to the convoking of a conference of all Zionist groups. Sincerely yours, AHS: BK NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver September 23, 1938. Mr. Henry Montor Exec. Director, U. P. A. 111 Fifth Ave. New York City My dear Mr. Montor: I have your letter of September 16th. As you say, the suggestion you make is an unprecedented one. All of us are keenly aware of the emergency in Palesting. That emergency, of course, has several angles. One is defease, which certainly is imperative and immediate. The other is land purchase and colonization. I, for one, do not consider myself qualified to judge which of these needs is more imperative. Every time Iget a communication from Palestine, whether it be from K.K. or K.H., I feel that the plea in that particular communication is the most urgent. The whole situation is an emergency situation. I am willing to abide by the judgment of those in Palestine who are in a position to know. Why does not Ussishkin join with Kaplan in a joint recommendation? That would simplify matters for us here. You know our precedent that we need the consent of the K.K. as well as the K.H. I am willing to cable Ussishkin. This matter of the Emergency Fund seems to be extremely complicated. How many emergency funds are there? What is the relation of the Emergency Fund being raised now by the Labor group to this general Emergency Fund? What is the relation to it of the special Haganah Fund that has been raised during the past year and which, Iunderstand, has collected about \$50,000? The way in which the matter is being handled is chaotic It seems to me that perhaps the simplest way to meet the situation is to negotiate a loan with the National City Bank for the amount of \$150,000. I believe such an amount could be safely borrowed against the sum which is likely to come in to the U.P.A. between now and the end of the year. Of this

Mr. Henry Montor -2-September 22, 1938. amount, \$75,000. would be allocated to K.H. and K.K. respectively in the normal way, and each one would send its share, of course, ear-marked for the Emergency Fund. In that way, \$50,000. would be made immediately available for the Emergency Fund. This would obviate the difficulties in the way of your first suggestion. I trust that the international situation which has prompted Kaplan to send his cable may be cleared up by now sufficiently to remove the need for any special aftion at this time. In any event, I would ask that before taking any action you would please communicate with me. Sincerely yours, DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, President. IG: RB

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October 9th 19 38

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

Dear Rabbi:

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I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter received from Mr. Henry Montor, together with my reply. I believe they will be of interest to you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

George Greenspun

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Director

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For the Settlement in Palestine of Jews of Germany, Poland, Rumania and Other Lands

Mr. George Greenspun 160 North La Salle St. Chicago, Ill.

Dear Greenspun:

You will recall that many months ago I expressed dissatisfaction with your work. I believed that you were not making adequate visits to the communities in your territories and that your influence was not being felt in a substantial way either in increased funds for the United Palestine Appeal or in a new appreciation of the needs of Palestine.

I have carefully studied the record in the states in which you have traveled since you went to Chicago as the field director for the Midwestern area with central offices located in Chicago. The record discloses that, unlike any other section of the country, the Mid-West has not shown any appreciable increase in funds for the United Palestine Appeal. For the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin there has been a total increase as between 1938 and 1937 of some \$25,000. However Cleveland and one or two other major Welfare Funds in your area account for this increase.

When the Regional office was created in Chicago it was hoped that there would be closer contact between you and the communities, and that this contact would reflect itself in a more generous response and in closer friendships with the United Palestine Appeal among the communities as a whole. I do not find that the record justifies this hope.

In the early months of your activity in Chicago you were, of course, bound down by the United Palestine Appeal Conference held on April 21th. That is why I withheld sharp criticism, because I appreciated that wide activity on your part had been hampered. But I believe that sufficient time has passed to permit a final judgment on the nature and effectiveness of your work.

It is my observation that instead of pressing the claims of Palestine and of the United Palestine Appeal, you have consistently presented to the office the darkest side of the picture, and have hopelessly and helplessly yielded to what you characterize as anti-Zionist and anti-Palestine sentiment in the majority of the communities with which you came in contact. I am not underestimating the strong sentiment for the Joint Distribution Committee in your territory, but it is difficult to understand why this one sector of the country should, in comparison with every other section, show a failure to respond to that emotional generosity which has manifested itself for the United Palestine Appeal elsewhere, even if it is only in small percentages.

I do not know what factors are responsible for the waskness of your approach and for the attitude of desperation and defeat which prevades your contacts with the communities and your reports to this office. Perhaps after several years of continuous activity in the field you are tired and no longer have that unusual enthusiasm which was responsible for placing you in the Chicago office.

The Mid-West today is the most important single section in the country for the United Palestine Appeal. It is quite likely that the territory placed in your hands is too large and that it needs to be broken up, but even largeness of territory does not account for the poverty of results. You have not visited the same number of communities and with the same intensity as other fieldmen, some of whom have just as large a territory as you have. Today the cause of the United Palestine Appeal must be presented with greater vigor than ever before. It must be supported with a fund of knowledge and acquaintance with other factors in the Jewish scene. I regret to feel that this grasp of the situation has not been displayed by you.

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Accordingly, I have come/the decision that it is not fair to the United Palestine Appeal that so important a part of the country should be left in the hands of one who, for whatever reasons, is not equipped to deal with the problems of organization and of education.

Knowing that you have served the United Palestine Appeal for a number of years, it is difficult for me to come to this decision. It would be easier to permit matters to slide and to hope that luck will bring about a change. But when I think of the greater requirements of Palestine I do not believe that I can take the easier course of permitting matters to slide.

In justice to yourself, therefore, and in justice to the United Palestine Appeal I am hereby informing you that the United Palestine Appeal must dispense with your services as of December 31, 1938. I am giving you this notice far in advance so that you may have adequate time to adjust yourself to whatever other activities which may attract you.

Please let me know how soon I may make arrangement for the coverage of your territory.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor Executive Director



October 9th, 1938

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

Dear Montor:

I want to acknowledge your letter written October 3rd, which reached me on October 8th. May I say that it was rather amazing to receive, after fourteen years of pioneer service in the field, traveling from coast to coast, contacting and organizing people, which today have become the very foundation upon which the U.P.A. is built, the nucleus of the permanent records in the National Office. Your judgment has been passed and your decision reached that my services are no longer required. This has not been a fair judgment however, because it is only based on a period covering a mere six months.

On January 2nd of this year I was loaned to the Chicago Welfare Fund campaign, staying with it until the end of February. On March 1st, the Regional Office was established. In order to organize the region quickly, which had been dormant for thirteen years, a Regional Conference was called. Preparation occupied my full time until the end of April. August was eliminated for vacations, leaving me less than six months to thoroughly cover the field.

A great number of communities which I have visited are either now holding or finishing their campaigns. Notwithstanding that fact, you have based your judgment on your present records, which are only partially complete. When the year is ended, you will find that the Mid-West region will show a much larger increase than anyone dared hope.

Thank you for informing me that my salary will be continued until December 31st, 1938. This will never repay me for uprooting my family, moving a thousand miles, and now moving back again, after such a short period. The financial loss involved, in addition to the loss of business and social contacts is not your concern, of course. I hope therefore, you will send my successor to Chicago as soon as possible, so that I may take advantage of whatever time there is left.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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"MIZORIENT"

October 27, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman United Palestine Appeal

My dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith is a detailed account of the Palestine budget for the new year, submitted to us by the World Mizrachi. This includes also a statement of the contribution expected of American Mizrachi, which has become the only important avenue of Mizrachi income in the world. I deem it necessary to make the following comments:

I. The present grave situation in Eretz Yisrael has increased the needs of the entire Yishuv, of which the religious element is a significant part. It is, therefore, obvious that in considering the increased budget for the entire Yishuv, equal consideration must be given to the religious section which labors and suffers together with all parts of the settlement. It must be borne in mind that Mizrachi, as an integral part of the Zionist movement, carries an important share of the general Zionist burden, in addition to its special religious and cultural activities.

2. Mizrachi of America, has, during the three years of its association with the United Palestine Appeal, demonstrated its readiness to serve the interests of Zionism in its entirety, even at the expense of its specific interests as an independent Zionist group. We have given up our own campaign in order to create a united front in raising funds for Palestine.

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that the U.P.A. in America adequately provides for all elements of the Yishuv, just as it is supported in this land by every element in American Jewish life.

Permit me at this time to express to you the gratitude of our administration for the justice of your personal attitude and the understanding and cooperation you have evidenced, in an effort to unite all Zionist groups. We trust that this cooperative attitude will persist.

sincere y yours

LEON GELLMAN President





AMERICAN MIZRACHI CONTRIBUTION TO MIZRACHI PALESTINE BUDGET FOR 1939

		GENERAL BUDGET	AMERICA'S CONTRIBUTION
I.	EDUCATION		
(a)	Kindergardens Elementary Schools Teachers' Seminary for Boys Teachers' Seminary for Girls Talpioth "Re-al" Schule Tachkemoni High School Beth Sefer Limlacha (Trade School Talmudical evening courses for orthodox workers		
	Maintenance of elementary schools not subsidized by the general education budget of the Agency	on	
	Subsidies for youth clubs, Bnai Akiba, with branches in every large city	\$ 35,000	\$ 28,000
(b)	Mizrachi Yeshivoth	CAN IEWISH	
(0)	Yeshiva Chaklait - a school for the training of Yeshiva students in agricultural work.	13,500	10,800
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(a)	Hatzofeh - Hebrew religious daily		
(b)	Mosad Rabbi Kook - (Fund for publication of national religious periodicals and books)		
(c)	Text books for schools	18,000	14,400
II.	LABOR AND COLONIZATION		
(a)	Hapoel Hamizrachi Activities		
	Labor Bureaus Unemployment Fund Meshek Hapoaloth Mixed Farming for Girls Loans Cooperatives Recreation rooms for workers (m)		
	Recreation rooms for workers (f) Sick Fund	49, 500	70 000
		48,500	38,800
(b)	Financial Aid to Middle Class	25,000	20,000
	Forward	\$140,000	\$112,000

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		GENERAL BUDGET	AMERICA'S CONTRIBUTION
	Balance Brought Forward	\$140,000	\$112,000
IV.	SCHOOL BUILDINGS	37,500	30,000
٧.	RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES Subventions for Synagogues, Mikvohs, Maintenance of Shochtim, Rabbis		
	Sifre-Torahs, Prayers Books,	16,000	12,800
VI.	ORGANIZATION		
	Administration expenses for World Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi	36,250	29,000
	Tribala	\$229,750	\$183,800
VII.	ALLOTNENT FOR LARGE YESHIVAS IN JERUSALEM, ETC.	37,500	Not Participating
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November 7,1938 Mr. George Greenspun United Palestine Appeal 160 N. La Salle Street Chicago, Ill. Dear Mr. Greenspun: If you feel that your position personally will be improved by submitting a resignation instead of being released from the services of the United Palestine Appeal, I shall be glad to accede to your wishes and accept your resignation from the staff of the United Palestine Appeal as of December 31,1938. You ask that special consideration be given to the fact that you have been with the United Palestine Appeal a number of years. I assume you have reference to your employment not only with the United Palestine Appeal but with the American Palestine Campaign, the Allied Jewish Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal in various years. What ever may be my views as to the obligations owed by an organization to those who have served it a certain number of years, I must point out that there is no provision at the present moment for speccial grants such as you suggest. The officers of the United Palestine Appeal would have to vote any such special action. This will be discussed. However, I do feel that there is justice in your comment that the United Palestine Appeal out to cooperate in anabling your family to return to New York. The United Palestine Appeal will therefore grant you 600 for the latter item. As you will recall, you were given three months notice of intentions of the United Palestine Appeal with regard to your services. You ask that a man take your place not latter than November 15th. I am trying to make arrangements accordingly. Sincerely yours, Henry Montor Executive Director

November 7, 1938 Mr. Leon Gellman, President Mizrachi Organization of America 1133 Broadway New York, N.Y. My dear Mr. Gellman: Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of October 27. I shall be very happy to refer your letter and request to the forthcoming meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal. With all god wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

Novem ber 8th

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

I want to acknowledge your letter dated November 7th with thanks, also which to express my appreciation for the grant of \$600.to enable me to return my family to New York.

Your understanding in connection with my resignation as of December 31,1938 is entirely satisfactory.

When I received your letter of October 3rd, which stated that I would have three months notice, I felt that I should take advantage of that period and return to New York as soon as possible, so that I could renew old contacts for the securof a new position. Six weeks will have passed since that time if I am to be relieved of my official duties on November 15th.

I fully agree with what you say regarding my long service in the field of fund raising for Palestine. My affiliation with the organization dates back to the Keren Hayesod Campaign and continues through the various years since that time to the present United Palestine Appeal.

Will you therefore, be good enough to kindly present my case to the officials of the United Palestine Appeal and ask for a special grant in lieu of fourteen years of service I have faithfully rendered the cause. This will enable me to carry on for a period of readjustment which confronts me now.

Thanking you again, Iam

Verytruly yours,

George Greenspun

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

As a result of my visit at your study on Sinday October23rd. I wrote Mr. Montor on October 31st, copy enclosed. Copies of Mr. Montors reply November 7th and my answer November 8th, are also enclosed.

Everything seems to be satisfactory between Mr. Montor and my self with the exception of one item. That is the request of a special grant in lieu of fourteen years of faithful service to the organization.

We spoke of this matter during my visit with you. Mr. Montor states that the officers of the United Palestine Appeal would have to vote any such special action. He also states that it will be discussed. You can understand that any finacial consideration would tide me over a period of readjustment which be necessary until I find another position.

I hope that you will give this matter you sincere consideration. With deep appreciation for your efforts in my behalf, and awaiting any early reply, I am

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Faithfully yours

George Greenspun.

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

Dear Montor:

Being only twenty-seven miles from Cleveland last Sunday, I thought it only right for me to pay a visit to Rabbi Silver, who is, after all, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal. I wanted to justify my actions and prove that there were things that had not been fully considered in the judgment that had been passed upon me. Rabbi Silver made it clear to me before my leave-taking, that he will not interfere with your decision, nor will he allow anyone else to do so. This heaves the entire matter up to you.

We both know that campaigns for 1939 should now be in preparation. In view of this I feel it imperative that you plan to send the gentleman whom you have selected in my place, not later than November 15th. I have made certain commitments in the field which I fully intend to keep. I do not, however, plan to make any further trips other than to fulfill engagements where I have definitely been scheduled.

May I make this clear. I do not wish to make an issue of what has happened nor do I wish to stir up resentment in my behalf. It will only hurt the cause and I sincerely do not wish to do so. I have never held a job through political attachments or personal friendships. My positions were always held by virtue of my ability, record of accomplishment and loyalty and devotion to the task at hand. Throughout twenty-eight years in national field work, I have never had the occasion to be dismissed from a position.

This record means something to me and I do not intend to mar it by being fired. If you have not liked my work nor the way I have conducted myself, I am perfectly willing to resign and you may have my formal resignation whenever you require it.

Of course, I expect a financial settlement in lieu of the fourteen years of service I have faithfully rendered. You must take into consideration that my family has to again be moved back to New York.

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December 6, 1938

ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN NEW YORK, N.Y.

IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET MIZRACHI GROUP THURSDAY MORNING. ONLY TIME AVAILABLE TO ME DINNER HOUR.

Silver

December 7, 1938 Mr. Paul J. Gaiser, President Dayton Zionist District 310 Keith Building Dayton, Ohio My dear Mr. Gaiser: Let me thank you for your kind letter of December 5. I forwarded your suggestion and list of names to our headquarters, in New York City. I am sure the matter will be attended to. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND 128 North Wells St. Chicago

December 7, 1958.

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you for the information concerning Mr. Samuel A. Antonow, We shall try to trace him. In such instances, if you have the Chicago address, it would be very helpful. However, I am quite sure that we shall be able to find Mr. Antonow. AMERICAN DEWISH

With respect to our drive, we have been thinking in terms of raising about \$1,500,000 for refugee work. A good deal of the money will have to be spent locally, and the rest of it, of course, will be devoted to various national organizations. The U.P.A., you will recall, has been advised that they will participate in the next drive. We are having pre-liminary meetings for the purpose of sounding out the raising of this sum of money at this time.

The distribution of funds, in my judgment and in the judgment of most of the members of the Board, will have to wait until a later time. Whereas we may give some money to meet the emergency needs of the J.D.C. and some routine needs on the part of the U.P.A., the actual distribution will depend upon many factors, such as —

- (1) The degree to which further emergencies are created in Europe, and the extent to which further help is needed in countries of refuge, that is, the countries surrounding the German Reich.
- (2) The raising of funds for refugee resettlement, which may include Jews and non-Jews, both in the money raising and among the beneficiaries. For example, the special fund as is from time to time mentioned in the press and as is being sponsored by the President and Mr. Taylor.
- (3) The opportunities that may or may not be opened during the year 1939 either in Palestine or elsewhere.

I understand that the U.P.A., the J.D.C. and some representatives of the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds have been meeting in New York and will soon be ready to make recommendations to the various communities concerning a distribution of funds. In order that

December 7, 1938. -2-Mr. Henry Monter there shall be no misunderstanding, I would like you to know now that so far as our community is concerned, the National Council's representatives do not represent us directly, and any recommendations in which they concur have only an advisory effect so far as we are concerned. We have had correspondence in the past concerning this matter, and I would like to make it clear at this point what our position is. I know that you understand it, but I think it ought to be a matter of record. Finally, whatever campaign we have, even though we may start gathering some money this month, will be a 1939 campaign for 1939. We have had considerable misunderstanding in our community and with national agencies concerning the time period covered in our drives. We have made actual payments in each of the years 1936, 1937 and 1938 to various national organizations, notably the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. The programs of these organisations have in no wise suffered through the fact that in order to meet certain local exigencies in our own community we have announced these campaigns as paying for obligations of our community to these national agencies for precedent years. Nor have the contributions made to the national organizations, again notably the J.D.C. and U.P.A., been less generous than they otherwise would have been on the part of our community, nor have they been less generous in comparison with contributions made by either Welfare Funds or independent campaigns in cities that might possibly be compared with Chicago, - cities such as Philadelphia and New York. We have resolved, by formal action of our Board of Directors, to amounce that the coming campaign is a 1939 campaign for contributors and a 1939 campaign for beneficiary organizations in order to olear up the entire situation at one blow. I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Silver in Cleveland for his information. I am similarly sending copies to Mr. Joseph C. Hyman of the J.D.C., and to Mr. Harry L. Lurie of the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Very sincerely yours, SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH Secretary SAGEK

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I see no reason why I should not share with you the thought with which I left our meeting with the J.D.C. this morning. I said to Lipsky on the way out that considering how the situation looked two months ago, and even as recently as two weeks ago, the agreement arrived at this morning marks a substantial progress for us.

I am sure that your firm but tactful handling of the situation at various successive points had a great deal to do with the satisfactory outcome. The respect and admiration of the J.D.C. people for the way in which you have handled these difficult and delicate questions was apparent even before Rosenberg said it in so many words.

Cordially yours,

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN,

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Copy for your information

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Chairman Executive Committee- United Palestine Appeal 40 West 60 th Street New York City

Dear Dr. Wise:

Pursuant to the resolution recently passed by the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, whereby an employee in the service of the organization for five or more years may have the privilege of a hearing by the Executive Committee with reference to the termination of employment, may I request said privilege of appearing at your next executive meeting.

Faithfully yours,

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George Greenspun

DECEMBER 14th, 1938

TO:

Dr. A.H. Silver

FROM:

Dr. Goldstein

Montor has sent me a lenghthy memorandum of his conference with Coons, Hyman, and Jonah B. Wise.

It occurs to me that there may be some value in having on our side the same kind of representatives that the JDC had on its side in all these conversations and negotiations. The ideal way, of course, would be if you could be present personally. Whenever that, however, is not possible, on e of the co-chairmen ought to be designated in your absence.

Our experience in the negotiations of last week indicated, I believe, that those who were present on the UPA side in addition to yourself made a few worthwhile contributions to the discussion. Montor, of course, is extremely able, alert, byal, and vigilant but two or three heads are better than one.

P.S. I took occasion in my talk at Baltimore last night before the JNF Council to stress the UPA. IN the newspaper account it registered in only one paragraph. I call it to your attention because while it is my consistent policy to do that, it is not always the impression which reaches yu.

intentionally, of course, conveys a misimpression.

I sould like to compare the article with the material that was sent but infortunately I have no copy of that material. May I therefore request you to send me a copy from your files.

Mr. Bakstansky offered to put me on the mailing list. If this entails no inconvenience I should appreciate it very much. You have a fine publication which compares very well with similar publications in other lands.

Sincerely yours.

DR. BRABL GOIDSE BIN

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December 27, 1938.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing the letter which I believe meets what you have in mind and which I propose to submit to our Board of Directors meeting this Thursday night, as there is a provision in the last minutes of our Board that our agreement with the U.P.A. be ratified finally by our Board.

If you have any corrections to suggest in the enclosed letter which is to serve as our official communication to you, please let me hear from you before Thursday evening either by letter or by wire.

The enclosed letter is to be considered as a tentative draft subject to your further suggestions and to the approval of the Board.

U.P.A. relations have been subject to discussion many times at our meetings of the Board and of our Administrative Committee, and that when I come to the meetings of the U.P.A. I come usually bound by the decisions of our responsible bodies, even if once in a while my personal view may not be in the same direction.

I was considerably pained at the last meeting particularly at Mr. Montor's remarks charging bad faith. Mr. Montor knows that the J.N.F. has made many substantial sacrifices in order to abide by its agreement and that in many other cases where irritations happened, they happened in spite of instructions to the contrary from the J.N.F. office.

Now, reverting to the subject of the communication, I should like to summarize the discussion of our Administrative Committee this afternoon, The following points were brought out:

which

- 1) It was made clear by all that the J.N.F. program is undertaken by independent organizations not included in the U.P.A., such as Hadassah, the Labor group, B'nai B'rith and the other fraternal orders who would not be affected in any manner by the restrictions proposed.
- 2) With reference to the Roosevelt Golden Book, two points were made:
- a) That a reasonable amount of time must be allowed to complete the action. In some communities the action is culminating in some function during the month of January which brings to a close months of preparation and investment of considerable sums of money. It was felt that there should be no interference with these closing efforts.
- b) In view of the letter notifying President Roosevelt of this action and the acceptance of it on his behalf, it was felt that consideration should be given to the possibility of the adverse political effect of stultifying this effort at the point where it has not yet had a chance to succeed. This point is being brought to your attention because it was felt that you would be as zealous as any one of us in wishing to avoid any unpleasant impressions that might ensue from a premature stoppage of this effort, and that therefore your judgment in the matter would be acceptable.
- 3) The question of the definition of intensification came up. It was felt that your memo could not have meant the prohibition of normal progress but rather the prohibition of something which would take on the aspects of a campaign such as happened two years ago when we had the tree campaign. Dealing, for example, with the question of boxes, it was felt that there could be no objection to an intensive pursuit of that kind of activity and it was recalled that you yourself suggested the intensification of that kind of activity.

I have taken the trouble to go into all these details because it is impossible to anticipate all the things that may come up and therefore the more of these things we discuss frankly before, the less will be likelihood of later misunderstanding and friction.

I do not suppose that any one of us can be so far-sighted as to anticipate every possible point but I do believe that with mutual confidence and good will such as I know exists we can straighten out whatever points of difficulty may arise in the future, - both for the sake of J.D.C. relations, and what is even more important, for the sake of our own good relations.

Sincerely yours,

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN,

President.

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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND . . III FIFTH AVENUE MEMORANDUM Date December 27, 1938. DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER To CC: MR. HENRY MONTOR DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN From In re: United Campaign Subject Mr. Montor requested a reaction to his letter of December 13th, to you, in which he discussed the United Appeal. I have the following observations to make: 1) A unified office. While there can be no difference of opinion on the need of the unified office for the purpose of conducting an efficient and effective campaign, I take it that we are going to continue also our own U.P.A. office. 2) Contacts. I assume that the U.P.A. and the J.D.C. will reserve the right to keep in touch with their respective key people in various parts of the country. That means that we of the U.P.A. shall have the right to send out specific Palestine material to our people and keep in touch with our forces, so that they be not lost to us for the future.

5) Staff. It occurs to me that it might be well to have in each region a junior field representative to assist the senior director. In that way, the communities can be covered extensively and intensively.

4) State Conferences. In addition to the measures that Mr. Montor has in mind, and on which he is expert, it might be worth considering the planning of as many as 40 state conferences, so that every element of Jewish life is reached. This, of course, is to follow upon the initial national conference for the United Campaign.

5) New York. If the Federation is to be the chief instrument in the New York campaign, we must be sure that the UPA machinery has an important place in the general conduct of the campaign. We need it for more than one reason.

In the first place, from the standpoint of the campaign, it should be obvious that our constituency, the people who have been accustomed to responding to the UPA appeal, may not respond to the Federation personnel as well as they would to our own UPA personnel.

In the second place, the Federation personnel which is responsible for the regular Federation drives may not get the best results just because they will be identified and associated in the minds of people with another campaign. It is important to maintain the UPA front for the sake of the results of the campaign.

In the third place, we have to bear in mind the possibility that after 1939 we may have to revert to the status quo ante. Previous experiences should make us cautious. We must therefore maintain intact as far as

possible our own staff and our own machinery, even though it may entail what might seem superficially a slight unwarranted expenditure,

P.S.- With reference to Montor's memo of December 25rd, the suggestion for naming Montor as an Executive Vice-chairman should, in my opinion, be submitted to the U.P.A. Executive. The suggestions regarding the J.N.F. are being treated in a special letter to you.





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My dear Dr. Silver:

Cleveland, Ohio

I have Mr. Montor's memorandum to you of December 23rd, in which the last two paragraphs refer to the J.N.F. and deal with the points mentioned by you in your telephone conversation of last Friday.

The matter was submitted by me at a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the J.N.F. which was held this afternoon. As a result of that meeting, I am able to state the following:

1) The traditional collections of the J.N.F. will be considered outside the U.P.A.-J.D.C. pool.

2) In consideration of the exclusion of the J.N.F. traditional collections from the J.D.C.-U.P.A. pool, the J.N.F. agrees,-

a) That it will not launch or conduct new activities or initiate special projects in 1939 unless it be with the consent of the U.P.A. administration.

b) As for the question of intensification this term will have to be more clearly defined and a memorandum drawn up in order to clarify exactly what is meant.

c) That it will refrain from such special publicity, conferences, etc., centering around fund raising projects which would give the effort the aspect of a campaign.

3) It should be stated that some of our present activities which are coming to a close in the very near future should be permitted to terminate within a reasonable time limit as obviously it is not feasible to cancel a function which is to be held in January, for which preparations have been made for months

and in which substantial investments of money have been made. I refer particularly to the Roosevelt Golden Book action. We believe that the Chairman of the U.P.A., together with the President of the J.N.F. can agree as to what would be a reasonable time limitation.

Sincerely yours,

DR.ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, President:



IG:RB

December 28, 1938 Dr. Israel Goldstein, President Jewish National Fund of America 111 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. My dear Dr. Goldstein: Let me thank you for your communication of December 27. I should like to make one or two observations. First, under 2a you state "That it will not launch or conduct new activities or initiate special projects in 1939 unless it be with the consent of the UPA administration." The UPA being bound by its agreement with the JDC will be in no position to give any such consent so that the proviso should be eliminated. As regards the meaning of the word "intensification" its meaning is very simple, the idea being that the JNF will not step up any of its customary activities under one excuse or another in such a way that it will, to all intents and purposes. be a special campaign without actually being called one. Mr. Fisher and his co-workers in the JNF office fully understand what is implied by this provision. The danger lies in an effort to circumvent the plain meaning and purpose of this agreement by some "pilpul" ... It is to be understood that the same provision against intensification of effort for the JNF shall apply also to the JNF activities of the Hadassah, the Labor Group, the B'nai B'rith and other fraternal orders. Otherwise new projects will be launched for the JNF under the egis of one or another of these organizations which would be a clear violation of the spirit of our agreement with the JDC. As far as the Roosevelt Golden Book is concerned, the whole matter should be liquidated as close to the first of the year as possible. In such communities like Chicago, where the 1939 campaign for the JDC and UPA is already on, it should be liquidated at once. A definite date, say the fifteenth of January, should be set for the rest of the country and the

Dr. Goldstein -2-December 28, 1938 communities should so be notified. I do not believe that the size of the Golden Book will in any way affect its political significance. I agree with you fully that this agreement will have value only if it is predicated on a whole-hearted and enthusiastic compliance and not as something accepted under duress by the JNF. You realize of course, and I am sure that your co-workers must realize, that the exclusion of the traditional collections of the JNF from the UPA-JDC pool which I succeeded in obtaining is "gift from heaven" for the JNF. It was neither expected and if you will recall the sentiment at our Administrative Committee meeting last week, it was even opposed by some. The JDC met us handsomely on this issue. The JNF can do no less. Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland. Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

From the enclosed copy of a portion of a letter I received from Mr. Eldar Markson, dealing with Mr. Potash, you may feel, as I do, that situations of this kind require a bit of extra consideration.

I wonder whether you would not consider it advisable to get the reaction of a few of us, such as Lipsky, Rothenberg, Wise and myself, who know something about campaigns and who have had an opportunity of observing many of the men in their territories, so as to supplement your own impressions.

Regarding Mr. Potash, I can speak from firsthand knowledge based on my observations over a period of several years. The number of times that I have been in Boston I have observed the high regard in which he is held and the fine personal relations which obtain between him and the community. For a number of years, he worked for the J.D.C. Then he worked for the J.N.F. and subsequently for the U.P.A. It seems to me that we can hardly expect to encourage the best type of men, or the best kind of loyalty, if people are going to be dealt with summarily.

Mr. Markson's letter makes a very strong impression upon me not only because of what it contains but also because of the fact that the writer of it is one of our best people in Boston who sets a high personal example in all the campaigns, and who is highly respected by all elements in the community. Even if I knew nothing of Mr. Potash personally, Mr. Markson's representations would carry great weight with me.

Perhaps it is not fair to you to trouble you with details of personnel, at a time when you are engaged in laying the broad foundations of our campaign. I trust however that you will give your consideration to this problem.

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EXCERPTS FROM MR. MARKSON'S LETTER

I had occasion to learn over the weekend that Mr. Potash has already done some preliminary work in several communities in Maine, and that the prospects are good for successful drives in cities like Portland and Lewiston.

I know what obstacles the greater part of Maine has offered in the past and I am convinced that the campaigns would suffer if any of the efforts Mr. Potash already made were disturbed by changes in personnel.

I am familiar with the state of Maine and New Hampshire. For many years it has been badly disorganized and the gradual improvement it is showing is due to painstaking labors on the part of the man who has succeeded in cultivating the worthwhile people in these states for our cause.

As a businessman, I certainly would not make any such radical changes in my organization without sufficient reason. I cannot understand why we do not sometime follow good business practices in our Zionist movement.

I know, for example, that Mr. Potash has been largely responsible for increased Zionist sentiment and organization in New Hampshire which was badly lacking in that state. This must mean increased financial results. I recently met the chairman for U.P.A. in New Hampshire and he was very outspoken about the efforts of Mr. Potash in his state.

I am convinced that I am voicing the sentiments of most Zionists here, and I urge you, therefore, not to take any action which will definitely have their disapproval. Zionists in New England know Mr. Potash not merely as an employee of U.P.A. or of J.N.F., but as a life-long Zionist who has served the cause most unselfishly and often at great sacrifice to himself.

Zionists must not be ungrateful to our devoted workers if we want to win friends for our cause.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have just received a special delivery letter from Mr. Ismach setting forth a series of circumstances with which no doubt you are familiar.

When any active and important unit in the J.N.F. constituency tells me that its position is seriously imperilled it is naturally my duty as the President of the J.N.F. to do my utmost in order to avoid losing a devoted and effective unit of Zionist service.

Obviously, you hold the key to the disposition of this difficult problem; first, because the J.N.F. has pledged to the U.P.A. to heed its protests, and second, because the J.N.F. would not want to get into a controversy with a local Welfare Fund, of which in this instance you happen to be the Chairman.

Not being personally familiar with the local situation, I am in no position to express an opinion as to whether the contemplated holding of the J.N.F. affair will seriously interfere with the Welfare Fund.

We have had a number of situations in the country where Welfare Funds raised objections and we instructed our J.N.F. Councils to heed the objections. There are a number of other situations where the Welfare Fund leaders who expressed misgivings at the beginning were persuaded that their misgivings were not well founded and thereupon have waived their objections.

I sincerely hope that upon reconsidering this entire question, and in view of the fact that the Roosevelt Golden Book action will probably come to a close very soon in accordance with our pending understandings, you will withdraw your objections in this particular instance and permit the J.N.F. Council of Cleveland to bring this project to a decent culmination.

Sincerely yours,

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

President

Or Silve December 30, 1938 Dr. Israel Goldstein 270 W. 89th St. New York City Dear Dr. Goldstein: Thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of a letter which you addressed to Dr. Silver on December 28th with regard to Philip Potash, based on a letter which you received from Mr. Eldar Markson of Boston. To set your mind at rest immediately may I point out that Mr. Potash was placed within the 1939 campaign before the avalanche of letters stimulated by Mr. Potash flooded this office. In other words, it was not because of pressure from outside sources that Mr. Potash is on the payroll of the united campaign of 1939. I should, however, like to deal with the problem in principle. First I should like to point out that the number of letters and telegrams which came into this office with regard to Mr. Potash within one week's time were probably more than all the communications we received from Mr. Potash's territory in the number of years he has been working for the United Palestine Appeal. I had conceived the impression that the people with whom Mr. Potash dealt could not write English, since I very rarely heard from them in regard to campaign matters. I have always taken the position that I am with the United Palestine Appeal as long as my merit for the job warrants it. I should imagine that any self-respecting human being would take the same position with regard to a job within such an organization as the United Palestine Appeal. Mr. Potash somehow conceived the impression that he was not to be used in 1939 and thereupon engaged in a type of activity which, to my mind, does the utmost harm to the United Palestine Appeal. Mr. Potash, in writing to Dr. Wise, said that it was contemplated that he was to be fired because he was interested in the American Jewish Congress. To others he has made it appear that I have a personal grudge against him. To still others he has used the argument that seemed most adapted to meet his needs.

Dr. Israel Goldstein

It is certainly far from my intention to suggest even by inference that the officers of the United Palestine Appeal ought not to pass upon the ability of the Executive Director to determine the fitness of the men working with him, but I do not think it is conducive to a proper discipline to encourage the type of campaign which Mr. Potash conducted for himself. If the Executive Director, in this case Henry Montor, is incompetent in his judgment of men it is the solemn obligation of the officers of the United Palestine Appeal to dismiss him summarily. You may be sure that no letter would be written to any national chairmen by myself in such an event. I have too high a regard for my own abilities to permit myself to be associated with an organization that apparently is not interested in availing itself of them.

You and scores of other men associated with the United Palestine Appeal, who have received letters as a result of Mr. Potash's stimulation are not acquainted with the daily record. You do not know that in community after community Mr. Potash received sums for the United Palestine Appeal that were absolutely negligible although the communities were of sizeable importance. There were many communities which Mr. Potash failed to visit although he received memos, instructions and appeals week after week to visit these communities. It is notorious that Mr. Potash during the past year has been more interested in acquiring a bright sheen on the base of his trousers than in circulating his territory.

I conceive it to be my duty, sitting in this office, to make sure that every man is raising a maximum of funds for the United Palestine Appeal. Perhaps Mr. Potash is a more devoted Zionist than I am, although I have not yet seen the measuring rod which determines the extent of a man's devotion to Palestine, but I do know that there are men on the field staff of the United Palestine Appeal who have done a better job than Mr. Potash. Mr. Potash has not even been able to conform to the standard practices of field directors of the United Palestine Appeal. He is remiss in reports; knows little or cares less about sending in the names of the people with whom he has established contacts; frequently we find it impossible to get the names of the officers of campaigns which he is supposed to have set up. He has the type of mind which is satisfied with a \$50 contribution when a man should be giving \$1,000.

I was the one who saw to it that he was included in the 1939 campaign. I do not claim credit for this, since I do not think he is the most valuable man on the staff for the 1939 campaign. It was the slobbery emotionalism of which more Jews are capable than not, that is more responsible than my intelligence and my rationality. Is it not this basis which has been responsible for the retention within many Jewish organizations of men and women who would do better either in old age homes or on the Social Security rolls of the United States government?

It would be the easiest thing for me, and certainly most convenient for my peace of mind, to see to it that every crackpot that has ever been on the payroll of the United Palestine Appeal should be retained. Then no letters would be written, no coffee-house gossip would be circulated, no attacks upon my personal integrity would be made. But it just happens that I am insulated

-3-Dr. Israel Goldstein against this type of stupidity that characterizes unfortunately probably not only Zionist life but organized life in general. I have preferred to render what I thought was a service to the United Palestine Appeal. From time to time I compromise with the emotions of officers of the United Palestine Appeal. However, there is a certain limit beyond which my self-respect cannot go. As I have said time and again, the United Palestine Appeal always has my resignation at its disposal. It has only to fill in the date when necessary. Sincerely yours, Henry Montor Executive Director HM: EH

December 30, 1938 Dr. Israel Goldstein, President Jewish National Fund of America 111 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. My dear Dr. Goldstein: I have received your letter of December 29. I regret that I cannot give my endorsement to the launching of a special appeal in behalf of the Roosevelt Golden Book in the City of Cleveland, as it is a clear violation of the agreement between the UPA and the JDC and between those organizations and the local Jewish Welfare Fund. There has already been considerable criticism about this project in Cleveland. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Let me thank you for yours of December 28th.

I had hoped that I might hear from you before the meeting on December 28th, at which the Committee representing the K.H. and the Committee representing the K.K. met to draw up the U.P.A. agreement for 1939. Mr. Lipsky, who presided at that meeting, will no doubt communicate to you the points which were agreed upon.

With regard to your suggestion in connection with the termination of the Roosevelt Golden Book action, I believe that the end of January should be the time limit, in view of the fact that in a number of communities arrangements have been made already for some time past to have the culmination of this action in the course of the month of January, in some cases toward the end of January. There are other communities where a culmination of the effort has been arranged for various dates after January, but we shall instruct all our peoplethat January 31st must be the dead-line.

When do you expect to be in New York next? I hope it will be soon and that by the time you get here it will be possible to crystalize all of the points which have not as yet been definitely settled, as I am just as eager as you are to have a communication issued to our key people throughout the country informing them exactly what are the limitations on the J.N.F. activities for the year 1939.

Cordially yours.

Dr. Israel Goldstein,

President.

January 5, 1939 Dr. Israel Goldstein, President Jewish National Fund of America 111 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. My dear Dr. Goldstein: Let me thank you for your kind letter of January 4. I do not plan to be in New York before the Washington Conference so that it will not be possible for us to discuss the JNF matter again. In fact, I do not know what there is to be discussed. I thought I made the position quite clear both in my telephone conversation with you and in my letter of December 28. I require a clear statement in writing from the JNF accepting the conditions under which the JDC will consent to exclude the customary JNF activities from the pooled funds of the United Campaign. The Campaign is rapidly getting under way and I would appreciate it if you would send me such a statement immediately so that it can be made a matter of record both with the JDC and with the UPA. With best wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

DR. ISRAFL GOLDSTEIN

In re: TRADITIONAL COLLECTIONS OF THE J.N.F.

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January 17, 1939. MR. MONTOR CC: DR. SILVER DR. GOLDSTEIN I have the following observations to make in connection with your letter of January 10th, in addition to those I made to you orally: 1- Governor Lehman would be the best possible person to send out the invitation for the meeting of the larger givers. 2- The name suggested "For Refugees and Overseas Needs" does not bring in any U.P.A. connotation. 3- In item #13, they speak of an agreement, etc. Mr. Rosenberg's memorandum cannot be the basis of any agreement. Some legal document ought to be drawn up setting up all of the terms in language that would be very clear. Mr. Rosenberg's memorandum is only the wasis of an agreement. 4- I agree with Judge Rothenberg's observations made at the meeting the other day. In addition, it seems to me that there are too many Honorary Chairmen. 5- If Dr. Dunner is to be available for the 1939 campaign, there is no reason why we could not put in a few of our own speakers, such as Van Paassen; Ludwig Lewisohn, Maurice Samuel. 6- I do not see any mention in the memorandum, unless I overlooked it, that a budget is being prepared for the campaign. It is important that we should know what the campaign will cost us. 7- From the point of view of the U.P.A., the assignment of territory in which there is no mention of the field men ought to be reviewed. There is no good reason for the U.P.A. men, who have handled certain territory for many, many years to have been assigned to other territory. It does not make good sense, nor will it bring about the best possible results for the campaign. Having heard your own explanation of this matter, I feel that it meets in part the objection I have in mind. At the same time, you might perhaps review the situation with some additional caution in your own mind. IG:RB

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January 19, 1939 Dr. Israel Goldstein, President Jewish National Fund of America 111 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. My dear Dr. Goldstein: I have just returned home from the Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations as well as from Birmingham, Alabama, where I opened their United Jewish Appeal Campaign. I find your letter with reference to the JNF, a copy of which you showed me in Washington. Before I send your letter to the JDC, the following matters should be cleared up because I am quite sure that Mr. Coons and Mr. Hyman will raise these subjects. It is not clear from your Memo of January 13th, that you will not carry on large scale activities for the Golden Book even though the title, "The Roosevelt Golden Book", will be abandoned at the end of this month. There should also be a more specific definition of the Sefer Hayeled. Ten Dollars is quite a contribution for small collections. The definition of "General Collections" is very loose. You can raise almost any kind of money under such a heading. A more serious problem is created by the term "Nachloth". This problem has already been raised in Waterbury, Connecticut. There, separate allocations are being made to the United Jewish Appeal and to the Connecticut Forest of the Jewish National Fund. I am persuaded that the JDC will claim this type of money for the United Jewish Appeal. Just as serious a problem is raised by the Leon Blum Colony. If activity for this Colony is to be conducted on the same scale with the lavish publicity as in 1938, it will be a definite interference with the United Campaign and will evoke resentment from our partners.

Dr. Israel Goldstein -2-January 19, 1939 Furthermore, your letter of January 17th states that the JNF Will refrain from such special publicity or conferences centering around special fund-raising projects as would give those projects the aspect of a special campaign." Does that mean that you will carry on special publicity or conferences centering around the traditional collections of the JNF as would give those projects the aspect of a special campaign? I raise these questions with you, my dear Dr. Goldstein, because I know that they will be raised by the JDC, and I would suggest that you send me a revised letter which will meet the objects which may be raised. I repeat what I wrote you in an earlier letter - that the JDC has made a handsome gesture to us in allowing the JNF traditional collections to remain outside of the pooled funds. No one expected it. We and the JNF can do no less in meeting them in a whole-hearted spirit of cooperation and in living up to the full spirit, not to say the letter, of our agreement. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours. AHS: BK

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January 25, 1939

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Your message on behalf of the officers and coworkers of the United Palestine Appeal contributed to the memorable week-end of greetings and felicitations which have poured in upon me. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you for your greeting.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein.

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January 25, 1939.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Ben Gurion, before leaving, mentioned to a group consisting of Dr. Wise, Mr. Lipsky, Judge Rothenberg and Mr. Szold that he had spoken to you about the strong possibility of land sale restrictions in Palestine in the immediate future and the necessity therefore of making large sums available to the Keren Kayemeth for immediate land purchases in areas which are available for purchase.

Ben Gurion spoke of a loan of several million dollars, to be secured from American Jews on K.K. credit. Ben Gurion told us that your reaction was favorable provided, of course, it could be done in a way which would not interfere with the campaign.

I should like to have your advice before I proceed to discuss this matter any further.

In the meantime, as you probably know, we took a few minutes at the last meeting of the U.P.A. Executive to discuss the possibility of having the U.P.A. make a loan on its credit and advance that amount to the J.N.F. against its receipts from the U.P.A. for 1939. Obviously, this amount will be relatively small in comparison with what Ben Gurion has in mind. It might be worth while doing it even though the amount is limited.

It is, however, the first of the suggestions which has substantial value and I should like to hear from you before testing the response of others who may be in a position to help us carry it through.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein.

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

Dear Abba:

I want to thank you heartily for the splendid talk you gave our people.

Of course, some of them had a good cry which was very important, because they came to me later on and told me that they were deeply moved by what you said and that we would easily get the \$2,000,000. All we needed was to have you come back once or twice again, and they would go out and get another \$2,000,000.

I am sorry I couldn't see more of you while you were with us. As a matter of fact, I was yanked away to another meeting to work on a problem which our Community Fund has with the Catholic Charities of Chicago, and then to a maelstrom of conferences, meetings, etc. You know, of course, what it is to be in the midst of a campaign and to have to carry other jobs at the same time.

I appreciate more than I can tell you what you did for us. Won't you please let me have a statement of your expense in coming to us?

Very sincerely yours,

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH

Secretary



P.S. Mr. Max Epstein wanted me to express to you his regrets at not being at the meeting. He is sick at the moment and is confined to bed at the Drake Hotel.

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January 27, 1939.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Chairman, United Palestine Appeal The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am rushing off to Texas where I hope to be useful to the U.J.A. as well as the J.N.F., but I want to reply to your letter of January 19th before leaving.

You may recall that at Washington we agreed that the letter which was to be sent to the J.D.C. was to be the brief general one and not the detailed specifications.

specifications, may I say that we could go on for weeks writing letters back and forth inquiring about the clarification of detailed points. The general lines, I believe, are fairly clear. When special difficulties arise, such as the one in Waterbury, I think they can be worked out by mutual greement since we all realize that we want to serve the larger ends. Mr. Montor, for example, proposed something to me today in connection with the Waterbury matter which seemed to me to be reasonable. I asked him to work it out with Fisher and I am sure that a solution can be found. Likewise, with some of the other problems arising.

Regarding the Leon Blum Colony, we have no more control over the Labor group than we have over Hadassah. They are sovereign bodies who do their work in their own way. As a matter of fact, we of the J.N.F. office had a good many grievances and complaints with regard to some of the things that were done in connection with the Leon Blum Dinner. For example, Ussishkin's name did not figure at all in those arrangements. You can imagine how we felt in relation to the head of our movement.

I cite that in order to indicate that when it comes to the activities of other organizations who have a tangent relationship with the J.N.F. we can give no guarantees for them. We can only give assurances regarding

-2-January 29, 1939. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver those matters which we are in a position to control. Regarding the question of conferences, we certainly intend to hold a J.N.F. conference in the very near future, for the purpose of giving our workers direction and guidance with reference to the work for the year in order to serve the very aim that you have in mind, namely, the avoidance of irritations and conflicts. At this conference we shall, of course, stress the traditional collections. At this conference, we should like to have you present to address it. We should also like to have someone from the J.D.C. part of the U.J.A. to speak to our people. But by all means we are decided to have a conference in order to consolidate our ranks and to prevent the J.N.F. constituency from melting away. Cordially yours, DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN. President. IG:RB

January 31, 1939 Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith, Secretary Jewish Welfare Fund 128 North Wells St. Chicago, Ill. My dear Sam: Thank you so much for your letter. I enjoyed my visit with your group tremendously. You have perfected a remarkably fine organization and the interest and enthusiasm of the men and women was a joy to behold. I am confident that you will reach your goal. My traveling expenses amounted to \$21.00. Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

Dr. Silver UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL III FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y. Law Offices of GOLDSTEIN AND GOLDMAN Joseph Goldstein 718-720 Union Trust Bldg. Manuel D. Goldman Rochester, N.Y. February 3, 1939 Mr. Henry Montor c/o United Palestine Appeal 111 Fifth Avenue New York. New York Dear Henry: The JDC has asked Rochester to act as host for a JDC Regional Conference to be held April 16th. In view of the new arrangement between the three major fund raising agencies, I am wondering whether your program contemplated a unification of these three agencies insofar as Regional Conferences are concerned or whether it is going to be your policy to hold them independently as you have done in the past. I imagine that you appreciate that in communities like ours there is always a feeling that so far as possible there should be a combination of various fund raising groups for the purpose of evoiding what many consider duplication and too time consuming. However, I have learned that while we may think one way about these things, that there may be very sound reasons why this highest theoretical efficiency cannot be attained. I am writing to you personally and not as a representative of the local Welfare Fund and would appreciate any comment that you may want to make about this and also as to whether there is any possibility of making the contemplated JDC Regional Conferences a unified Conference under the sponsorship of the new Joint Committee. With kindest personal regards, I am Sincerely yours, (signed) Joe

February 7, 1939 Joseph Goldstein, Esq. 718 Union Trust Building Rochester, N. Y. Dear Joe: The question which you raised in your letter of February 3rd/exhaustively discussed at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal last night. Dr. Silver presented the argument very strongly that the communities are fed up with a multiplicity of conferences emphasizing individual organizations such as the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal without giving the new central organization, the United Jewish Appeal, a chance to be seen and felt by the communities. Dr. Silver and all those associated with the United Palestine Appeal feel very keenly that the success of the United Jewish Appeal in 1939 depends upon a subordination of all the constituent agencies to the primary importance of the United Jewish Appeal. Since you have written to me personally may I make a personal suggestion in turn - that you communicate with the Joint Distribution Committee office and suggest that the meeting contemplated to be held on April 16th should be one for the United Jewish Appeal as such. With kindest regards, I am Cordially yours. Henry Montor Executive Director HM: EH

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Chairman, United Palestine Appeal The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr.Silver:

You may recall that I spoke to you about the National J.N.F. Conference which we wish to hold in Chicago in the near future. This Conference is to be devoted exclusively to a discussion of J.N.F. traditional activities. Originally. we wanted to hold it in March but upon reconsideration I felt that we ought to wait a bit longer until the U.J.A. campaign gets under way nationally, and is out of the way in Chicago. For that reason, we have decided to hold our Conference on Saturday evening, April 15th and Sunday, April 16th, in Chicago.

It is clear from the letters that we are receiving from our people throughout the country that the entire J.N.F. situation, in the light of our limitations, needs to be clarified for our workers, and I believe that as a result of the Conference there will be less confusion and less likelihood of things happening in the local communities which we do not wish to happen.

As a result of the discussion at the last U.J.A. meeting, when the J.D.C. turned down the suggestion to limit its regional conferences, we need have no hesitation whatsoever about ours.

I am very, very eager to have you address our Conference on behalf of the U.J.A.

We regret very much that you were not able to be with us at our Annual Assembly in New York, last November, when we invited you and we look forward to your being able to be with us this time.

Cordially yours,

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

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co Ar Siling THESE ACRES OF JEWISH FREEDOM COPY OF FORM LETTER February 20, 1939 My dear Mr. Rothbardt: The arch foe of our people has thrown another challenge in our face. As the British-Jewish-Arab conference on Palestine opened in St. James Palace, London, the spokesman of Nazism told the world press: Not a Jewish State, not a home nor even a refuge, but a "reservation", under police supervision, should be established in a distant part of the globe, for us the descendants of the Kings and Prophets of Israel and of the Maccabees. Haman, the chancellor of ancient Persia, embarked on his anti-Jewish campaign because Mordecai -- so the Megilah tells us -- refused to bow to him. Attempting recently to justify his campaign of extermination against us, the modern Haman revealed that the reason for his wrath is the fact that when the madness of Nazism first appeared, the Jews laughed at it ... Haman's defeat we celebrate on Purim by annually manifesting our generous impulses through observing the tradition of Shalach Monos. Some day we shall yet celebrate a new Purim, but to-day the maintenance of our dignity and freedom rests in our hands. WE CAN ACHIEVE MUCH by pushing forward the upbuilding of Eretz Israel. On the advent of Purim, we urge you to again mark the occasion -- by sending your Purim gift for Palestine Land Redemption. In anticipation, we enclose a booklet containing receipts in the amount of \$6.00 which you may raise among your friends or contribute yourself. In this decisive hour, please help the Keren Kayemeth to acquire more acres of our land upon which Jewish life may grow in dignity and freedom. With Zion's Greetings, Sincerely yours, (Signed) LOUIS RIMSKY, Treasurer

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

MEMORANDUM

Date

February 23, 1939

To

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher

Copy to Dr.Silver

From

Dr. Israel Goldstein

Subject

Re. Visit to Norfolk

February 22,1939- Noon: A luncheon was held for United Jewish Appeal purposes. It was attended by a very representative group, representing all the elements in the community, including a number of persons who are to be active in the campaign. In addition to giving them a general picture of the needs which the UJA was intended to serve, stressing, of course Palestine, Inindicated that Norfolk's share in the 20 million dollar campaign must be not less than \$30,000. I used as one of the arguments, a comparative table showing what other communities, approximately the size of Norfolk, and smaller than Norfolk, referring particularly to my recent experience in Beaumont and Houston, have done.

Norfolk claims to have 6500 Jews; Houston claims to have 10,000 Jews; yet Houston has accepted a quota which will yield the UJA about \$70,000. while Norfolk is being asked to take only \$30,000. for the UJA. Beaumont, with a population of less than 1000 Jews; one-sixth the size of Norfolk, has actually raised about \$10,000. for the UJA. These facts seemed to make an impression. Some of the leaders were agreeable to the recommendation that they assume the quota asked for by the UJA. Others still felt that they have no right to assume it in the light of the fact that last year they only raised about \$13,000. for these causes. They promised, however, to take the matter up and give it very careful consideration. Mr.David Friedman presided at the luncheon.

In the evening, there was a meeting under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund Council in cooperation with all local organizations, held in the High School auditorium, attended by 1000 persons. The chairman of the meeting was Rabbi Paul Reich. A Golden Book certificate, on behalf of the community as a whole, was presented to Rabbi Louis D. Mendoza for his valiant and valued services to the cause of Palestine and to the civic and cultural life of the community, as well as for his outstanding part in bringing about goodwill and understanding between Jew and Christian. Dr. Mendoza, in accepting the Golden Book inscription, pledged himself to continue his work for the cause of Palestine and for the benefit of the community as a whole.

I expressed appreciation on behalf of the Jewish National Fund administration, and proceeded to discuss the place of the JNF as the cornerstone of our building in the Jewish National Home.

The name of Mr.David Friedman, the JNF Chairman of the Region, and President of the Zionist District, and of Dr. Harry Sutelan, JNF Chairman

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of the Norfolk Council, should be mentioned.

Preceding the meeting, there was a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Altschul, where we had present several of the community leaders, including Mr. and Mrs. Mussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Masbach, where again I urged the adoption of the \$30,000. UJA quota.

The chief difficulty in Norfolk seems to be that the top-givers are not giving enough. The largest contribution they expect will be \$1,000. In other communities a contribution coming from persons of the wealth of those who are expected to give \$1,000. would easily give two and three times as much. If the \$30,000. quota is to be realized, it can be done only if five or six of the top-givers will raise the standard of their giving. Perhaps that ought to be borne in mind in connection with the next contact with the community.

c.c. Dr.Silver



JEWISH NATIONAL FUND 111 FIFTH AVENUE

MEMORANDUM

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Mr. Henry Montor

Date February 24, 1939

From

To

Mr. Mendel N.Fisher

Subject

I give you a copy of Dr. Goldstein's memorandum on his visit to Norfolk, which covers both the UJA as well as the JNF. You will see from this memorandum that Dr. Goldstein spent the major part of his time in the interests of the UJA.

MNF:M Enc.

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

On March 17th, I have to be in Boston for Hadassah in the afternoon, and for the ZOA-UPA in the evening.

I could come to you for one of the following dates: April 27th, April 28th, May 2nd, or May 5th. I am really eager to respond to your invitation, and trust that one of these dates may be deemed satisfactory.

Cordially fours,

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

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February 28, 1939.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Our Board of Directors, at its meeting last week, fixed the date of April 15th and 16th for the National J.N.F. Conference, to be held in Chicago.

I believe that I spoke to you and wrote you previously about our plans for a Conference. Since we have been unable to persuade the J.D.C. to reduce or eliminate its conferences, which are being held frequently and in all parts of the country. I am sure that the holding of the J.N.F.Conference should not meet with any objection on their part, especially since it will not be used for announcing any financial goals or for initiating any new special money-raising campaigns.

Our workers throughout the country want this Conference and need it in order to receive guidance and clarification first, with regard to the limitations on the J.N.T. activity in the light of the U.J.A. and second, with regard to the general situation in connection with land purchasing opportunities in Palestine for the present, and for the immediate future.

We are very eager to have you address the Conference on behalf of the U.P.A.-U.J.A. Any time Saturday evening, April 15th, or during Sunday, April 16th that will be convenient to you would be agreeable to us.

May we have your early reply?

Sincerely yours,

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN,

President.

IG:RB

March 1, 1939 Dr. Israel Goldstein, President Jewish National Fund of America 111 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. My dear Dr. Goldstein: I wish I could comply with your request to attend the National Conference of the Jewish National Fund which you are convoking in Chicago on April 15 and 16. I must be in my own pulpit the morning of the 16, and in Detroit for a United Jewish Appeal meeting that evening. I therefore will not be able to attend the Conference, in Chicago. As to the advisability of holding such conferences - I have stopped giving advice. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

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March 5, 1939.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr.Silver:

I have cabled London as per your advice, and hope that the cable will reach them before any of the AmericanZionists take the boat home. To review what I said, we have a two-fold job, - to raise at least a million dollars for the Keren Kayemeth by means of a debenture issue. Toward this end we have already taken initial steps in the way of investigations regarding SEC exemption, the fixing of terms, etc. Our Board has agreed to proceed with a debenture issue for one million dollars, for a term of five years, at 4% interest, ammortisable 20% a year, and guaranteed by the income of the JNF in America.

In view of the fact, however, that it will take a little time before this project can be realized, and in view of the immediate need for funds, a loan executed by the UPA, and made available to the JNF, would meet the immediate need referred to by Dr. Weizmann, Mr. Ussishkin, Dr. Wise, Mr. Lipsky, Mr. Szold and Mrs. Jacobs. When I telephoned you, I hoped that you might consent immediately in view of the fact that the cables referred to had all the signatories necessary, including Wise and Lipsky. At a former meeting of the UPA Executive, the idea of having the UPA apply for a loan for the benefit of the JNF seemed agreeable.

If we should not hear in reply to our cable, due to the fact that Dr. Wise and perhaps Mr. Lipskywere scheduled to leave on Saturday, perhaps you would give the authorization anyhow.

, The UPA loan could be repaid in one of two ways, either by the subsequent UPA income creditable to the JNF, or out of the proceeds of the JNF debenture issue.

With regard to the debenture issue, we are going to sound out a few people who are close to us, and whose subscriptions

would in no way conflict with their UJA contributions. If their response is affirmative, we can then proceed to enlarge the approach.

While your suggestion to wait for the return of Wise and the others is sound, I think we should however utilize these cables which have come for the purpose of getting a test response from a small group.

Sincerely yours,

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN,

Israel Goldstein

President.



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ABRAHAM SPICEHANDLER ELIHU D. STONE SIGMUND THAU Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Pursuant to your wire,-

"MONTOR EN TOUR PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH LAMPORT TO CONSUMMATE LOAN WHICH I AUTHORIZE LETTER FOLLOWS"

I communicated with Mr. Lamport this morning. He will proceed to do whatever needs to be done in connection with negotiating the loan. No doubt, you have received a copy of the cable signed Wise, Lipsky, as follows:

"UPA SILVER- LARGE KAYEMETH FUNDS ESSENTIAL PURCHASE IMPORTANT LAND STOP URGE UPA EVERY-THING POSSIBLE MAKING IMMEDIATE FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH LOANS BANKS OR OTHERWISE"

Apparently, a copy of the cable to Wise which could not reach him at the hotel in London was forwarded to the Queen Mary and he may have communicated with Lipsky.

The point you make about the need of calling a meeting to authorize this action officially is, I believe, a very valid point. It will probably take at least a day or two before Lamport gets definite word from the banks as to the amount and terms of the Loan. Then, as is customary in matters of this kind, the bank will probably require a resolution from our Executive Committee. When we reach that point, which I hope will be in a few days, a meeting of the Executive could be called to adopt a resolution. By that time, Dr. Wise, the Chairman of the Executive, will be here. If

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J.N.F. 373,688 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver -2-March 7, 1939. you are planning to be in New York in the next few days, or if you deem it worth while to come in for this special purpose, it would of course be advisable to call that meeting at the time when you can be here. Cordially yours, DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN, President. IG:RB

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March 9, 1939.

Dr.Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road at E. 105th St.
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My dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Lamport informed me yesterday that his expectations with regard to the UPA loan did not materialize owing to a number of factors, but he is hopeful that in another ten days or two weeks the matter may be taken up again.

It seems that he would be able to get a small amount similar to the previous amount borrowed by the UPA, but he thought it was worth waiting another ten days in the hope that a much larger amount might be secured.

In the meantime, of course, the UPA Executive can meet and adopt all the necessary resolutions so that if, when, and as the loan is available there need be no delay.

Mr. Lamport's report was a terrible disappointment to me because he was so certain a week ago that there would be no difficulties whatsoever.

We are therefore doing whatever we can to secure from as few people as possible as large sums as possible, and as quickly as possible. By the time you receive this letter you may have already noticed the splendid announcement that Hadassah is making \$100,000. available out of its reserve funds, - \$75,000. in the form of a five year loan and \$25,000. as an outright gift to the JNF.

At a meeting of a small group of Zionist Baale-Batim, held on Tuesday afternoon, there was about \$100,000. pledged in the form of a loan.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein,

President.





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San Francisco, Calif.,

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

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to inform you that I have just now been named to undertake the work of Chairman for the 1939 Appeal of the Jewish National Welfare Fund of San Francisco. As you know, our task this year is of unprecedented proportions. Therefore, should any suggestion or recommendation occur to you - as Co-Chairman of the U. J. A. - which might be of help to us, I would greatly appreciate receiving it.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

MG: M

Monis Joeste

March 23, 1939 Rabbi Morris Goldstein Congregation Sherith Israel California and Western Streets San Francisco, California My dear Rabbi Goldstein: I am delighted to learn that you have accepted the chairmanship of the 1939 Ap eal of the Jewish National Welfare Fund of Can Francisco. I know that you will do a splendid job and I wish you every success. The response throughout the country has been most gratifying and communities are rising most creditably to the challenge of the hour. If there is anything that you want us to do in the way of helping you in your great and important task, please feel free to communicate with us. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

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March 27, 1939.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

We are completing all the necessary preliminaries in connection with the million dollar JNF loan, which we have undertaken upon receipt of the cables from London. There are a good many difficult details that had to be straightened out.

In the meantime, as you know, we have also tested out the possibilities of this loan with an initial group or two. The response is on the whole fairly encouraging and we have thus far raised \$130,000. from individuals, and, as you know, \$100,000. from Hadassah, and \$7,000. from Junior Hadassah.

Now, we have to push this effort forward vigorously and quickly in order to realize our goal in the next four or five weeks. It cannot wait longer.

Dr. Wise suggested that a few of us ought to get together to talk over the plan which must be pursued from this point on. As Dr. Wise properly indicated at a meeting of the UPA Administrative Committee, this is not a responsibility for one or two men, or even for one or two institutions in Zionist life. It is a responsibility of the American Zionist leadership as a whole. This letter is therefore being addressed to Dr. Wise, Mr. Lipsky, Mr. Szold, Judge Rothenberg, Dr. Goldman, Mr. Wertheim, Mr. Gellman, Mrs. Epstein in addition to yourself.

We must have a meeting to consult with one another and to formulate in common what needs to be done.

We shall meet at the Hotel Astor on Friday, March 31st, at 12:30 P.M., for lunch. Please let us have the benefit of your presence and counsel.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein,

President.

March 27, 1939 Rabbi Solomon Goldman 633 Waveland Chicago, Ill. My dear Rabbi Goldman: I have received from Mr. William Rosenwald, for transmission to you, a member of the Allocation Committee representing the United Palestine Appeal, the enclosed statement from the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc. The statement is self-explanatory. Lacking its fifth member, the Allocation Committee is as yet not formally constituted, so that no action can be taken on the request contained in the enclosed memorandum. Furthermore. the first nine and a half million dollars, already ear-marked, have not yet been raised so that there are no funds available for any additional allocation to the National Coordinating Committee at this time. However, when the Allocation Committee is finally constituted and this request is presented, we will then be in a position to discuss it. Personally, I feel that every consideration should be given to this request of the National Coordinating Committee. Under the terms of the agreement, the Committee is entitled to receive an additional allocation of five hundred thousand dollars on a majority vote of the Allocation Committee. Thereafter, additional funds can be voted only upon unanimous agreement of all the five members. The work of this Committee is so urgent and so vital that I would be strongly inclined to approve, when the time comes, the request of at least the first half million dollars of additional allocation. With best wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours, AHS: BK Enc.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

TELEPHONE Wabash 1285

March 31, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver United Jewish Appeal, Inc. 342 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you kindly for transmitting to me the statement of the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc. It unquestionably makes a good case for additional allocations.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely your

Office of the President

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April 2, 1939 Dr. Israel Goldstein, President Jewish National Fund of America 111 Fifth Ave. New York, N.Y. My dear Dr. Goldstein: I am sorry that I could not attend the meeting which you called for Friday noon, March 31st. At that time I was on my way back home from Texas. With all good wishes, I remain OCO Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

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SOLOMON GOLDMAN.

Please send me a list of the names of the individuals, and the amounts they have loaned todate.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Jonah

Jonah B. Wise

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April 13th, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have a copy of your letter of April 5th, addressed to Dr. Wise, in which you convey Mr. Rosenberg's conversation with you about the J.N.F. loan.

I do not wish to go into the merits of this question because I believe that it was adequately discussed at the last meeting of the UPA Administrative Committee. I only wish to give you information which apparently you did not have when you stated your impression that no effort was made to contact officers of the JDC as agreed at the meeting of the Administrative Committee.

AMERICAN JEWISH

I wish to inform you that on the day following that meeting I telephoned Mr. Rosenberg's office to make an appointment with him, but was informed that he would not be back for about ten days. Upon his return, I telephoned again and left my name, but there was no response. A day or two later, I met Rabbi Jonah Wise and mentioned this matter, whereupon he said that he would like to arrange an appointment between me and Mr. Ittleson. Not having heard from Rabbi Wise subsequently, I wrote him reminding him of his desire to arrange this appointment.

I met Mr. Rosenberg at the Governor Lehmann meeting, at which you were present, and tried to take him a side but he was preoccupied with other matters. On the following day I called him at his office, was not able to reach him, and left a number. Then he called me and did not find me in. Following that, which brings the story up to yesterday, I called him and we arranged a breakfart appointment for next Tuesday. The only opportunity I have had so far to make reference to this matter, even briefly, was in my minute's chat with Rabbi Jonah Wise. He seemed to be satisfied though he wanted to be sure that Mr. Ittleson should feel satisfied. Needless to say, I am looking forward eagerly to Mr. Ittleson's response to the suggestion for an appointment in order to talk this matter over.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President

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April 15, 1939

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President Jewish National Fund

Chicago, Ill.

AMERICAN JEWISH

I SEND WARMEST GREETINGS TO YOU AND TO THE DELEGATES ATTENDING THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND CONFERENCE. I TRUST THAT YOUR DELIBERATIONS WILL BE MOST FRUITFUL AND WILL SERVE AS A STIMULATION TO THE TWENTY MILLION DOLLAR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL IN WHICH THE M JEWISH NATIONAL FUND HAS A GREAT AND VITAL INTEREST. IF THE TWENTY MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN IS ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL THERE WILL BE LARGE SUMS OF MONEY AVAILABLE FOR THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND TO CARRY ON ITS ALL IMPORTANT PROGRAM OF ACQUIRING MORE LAND IN PALESTINE FOR JEWISH SETTLEMENT. WITH ZIONIST GREETINGS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Excerpts from Dr. Goldstein's Address
Delivered at the Jewish National Fund Conference, Chicago, Ill.
April 15, 1939

We are here to consider also another problem which has a specific relation to our work and our income, namely, the United Jewish Appeal. Through our partnership with the Keren Hayesod in the United Palestine Appeal, we have come into this year's union of fund raising agencies which bears the name of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs. We should feel proud of the magnificent leadership of Dr. Silver in the United Palestine Appeal and in the United Jewish Appeal. Our stake in the United Jewish Appeal is a sizable one. Its success will mean our success; therefore, our responsibility toward the United Jewish Appeal is a two-fold one; first, as Jews who are obliged to give their utmost support towards the fund which provides for the manifold needs of the refugees, and secondly, as Zionists whose special objective, the upbuilding of Eretz Israel, will derive its major support this year from this fund.

At the same time, the Jewish National Fund is by agreement with the United Jewish Appeal, at liberty to conduct its normal traditional efforts whose proceeds will accrue to the United Palestine Appeal alone. Therefore, there devolves upon us the obligation to use the opportunity in such a way as not to interfere with or impair the United Jewish Appeal. This is a matter requiring clarification. We trust the Conference will succeed in clarifying it.

U.S. Jews Urged **ToAidPalestine Land Purchase**

Chicago Conference Issues Call for 'Unprecedented Generosity' to Refugees

From the Herald Tribune Bureau CHICAGO, April 16.—Delegates to the National Conference of Palestine Land Redemption, representing Zionist organizations and Jewish National Fund Councils in thirty-eight states, concluded a twoday meeting here today by calling upon Jews throughout the nation to support a fund campaign for the acquisition of new land areas in Palestine.

Speakers told the conference that the development of a Jewish national home in Palestine must become "an integral part of the world of tomorrow in any settlement of the issues which figure in the pres-ent world struggle."

whch closed with The conference, which closed with a dinner for 1,200 persons tonight, pledged "fullest co-operation and support" to the \$20,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal for co-operation and refugees and overseas needs, estab-lished as a channel of unified action on the part of American Jewry "to promote urgently needed extension of immigration and settlement activities in Palestine, to provide relief and rehabilitation in central and eastern European lands, and to lend a helping hand to the refugees as they plod their weary way in exile." "Unprecedented Generosity" Urged

A resoluton adopted by the con-ference said "the unparalleled crisis confronting more than 6,000,000 confronting more than 6,000,000 Jews in central and eastern Europe calls for the mobilization of all the resources of American Jewry in resources of American Jewry in united effort of unprecedented generosity.

Emphasis was placed on the need to acquire new land areas in Palestine for the establishment of agricultural settlements. The hope was expressed that extension of land holdings would result in increased safety for settlers from attacks by Arab terrorists.

Louis Lipsky, American member of the World Zionist governing body, assailed British policy "as the most discouraging factor in connection.

discouraging factor in connection with the building of the Jewish national home. British Policy Assailed, "The Jewish pioneers," he

Jewish life and to bear the greater bur-the defense of Jewish life operty. The government itden of and property. The government is self tackles the problem of main-taining law and order without vigor or fixed purpose. It has made ap-integral violence an integral peasement of administrative policy. It has status to criminal violence. It has part of given status to criminal violence. The rights of Jews have been made subordinate to the alleged fears of Arabs.' He warned the conference that reports from London indicated that

Great Britain was on the verge of issuing a declaration of policy liquidating its mandate, renouncing the Balfour Declaration and setting up an independent state with pera Aral majority. manent

"All of us are appreciative of the difficulties in which England now finds itself," Mr. Lipsky continued, "but it cannot be expected that the Jews in Palestine, or Jews the world over will give England as appreciate." over, will give England co-operation in carrying out what is in effect a confession of political and moral bankruptcy. That accommodation bankruptcy. That a we cannot give them. Cites Increase in Refugees "In the face of Jewish conditions in Europe, the army of Jewish ref-ugees increasing with every Fascist

advance, plans that mean the closing of the door of Palestine to Jewish immigration and the crystalization of the Jewish national home tion of the Jewish national home lead to the frustration of all hope. Nor will the Jews of Palestine consent to their dominance by the Arabs of Palestine.'
Dr. Israel Goldst Goldstein, president

the Jewish National Fund of America, told the conference that the Zionist approach to the Jewish prob-lem was a synthesis of idealism and realism. He said that of 240 Jewish settlements in Palestine 140 are on land inalienably owned by the Jew-ish National Fund. In the last year, he added, the Jewish National Fund acquired more land in Palestine than any single year since 1929. Dr. H. Raphael Gold, president Dr. H. Raphael Gold, president of the Jewish National Fund Council of Texas, advanced a proposal that a 10 per cent levy be made against

a 10 per cent levy be made against communal Jewish wealth throughout the world to pay for Palestine land purchases. This tithe, he explained, could be levied if Jewish institutions declared their readiness to hypothecate 10 per cent of their property equities as a loan collateral for land acquisition.

The conference cheered a message of greeting from President Roosevelt, who expressed once again his sympathetic interest in the progress of the Jewish national home in Pales-

tine.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE LAND REDEMPTION WILLIAM Z. SPIEGELIAM, Press happesontable LA SALLE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FOR RELEASE: MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1939

RESOLUTION ON UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

- WHEREAS, the recent catastrophic events of Central Europe have immeasurably worsened the sorrowful plight of hundreds of thousands of Jews in Germany, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Hungary and Italy, and greatly increased the numbers of refugees that are wandering without home and hope on the highways of Europe, a nd
- WHEREAS, PALESTINE HAS Given a permanent home and new life to tens of thousands of victims of cruel oppression and has even in times of internal stress proven its capacity to receive large numbers of homeless Jews from the distress centers in Europe, and
- WHEREAS, the unparalleled crisis confronting more than 6,000,000

 Jews in Central and Eastern Europe calls for the mobilization of all the resources of American Jewry in united effort of unprecedented generosity,
- BE IT RESOLVED: that the representatives gathered at this Conference hereby pledge their fullest cooperation and support to the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs which has been established as a channel of unified action on the part of American Jewry to promote the urgently needed extention of immigration and settlement activities in Palostine, to provide relief and rehabilitation in Central and Eastern European lands, and to lend a helping hand to the refugees as they plod their weary way in exile.
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that we dedicate ourselves unstintingly and with unmeasured service to the campaign of the United Jowish Appeal in order that we may express in concrete terms our devotion and loyalty to the upbuilding of Palestine, and to the development of the Jewish National Home which will be provided for in the funds raised by the United Palestine Appeal from this great combined nationwide drive.

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President

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April 19, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks for your message to the Jewish National Fund conference. I was very sorry that you were not present, because if you had been present, you would have been gratified, I believe, by the prominent attention that was given to the United Jewish Appeal; not only in the resolutions but in the two addresses which I delivered, one on Saturday night, in the opening remarks, and one in my presidential report on Sunday morning.

In addition, we devoted a great amount of our agenda at the round-table conferences Sunday at luncheon, to the discussion of United Jewish Appeal relations, not only to clarifying the situation, but issuing instructions to our people for utmost cooperation.

Attached to this letter are resolutions bearing on this subject, also an excerpt from my address, and a copy of the Herald-Tribune publicity.

If anything more could have been done than was done in this direction, I should like to have your suggestions as to what else might have been done.

When you have an opportunity of talking things over in general with our Joint Distribution Committee friends, it might be well for them to know about these things. I should much rather that it come through you than through me.

Now, with reference to the loan, I had breakfast yesterday morning with Mr.James N.Rosenberg at his invitation. It is apparent that those who criticize and object do not have all the facts before them. While Mr.Rosenberg did not say it in so many words, I got the impression that he felt considerably persuaded. He made one suggestion which I think is good, and I wish you would act upon it, namely, that this matter should be talked over by you and Wise, or by you alone with Ittleson, Lasker, and Jonah Wise.

I could be there if you so desire. The purpose of such a discussion would be for you to say to the other gentlemen

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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that since we heard that there was some criticism among them to the Jewish National Fund loan, we feel that we ought to clear up any misunderstandings which may exist. I believe that if the facts were presented to them, they would understand and withdraw their criticism.

- 1 The emergency nature of the situation as indicated in the cables from our leaders which compelled us to proceed immediately with this action.
- 2 The fact that we are going about it very quietly, without any publicity, and by approaching only very limited groups of people.
- 3 That those who are making the loans are not in any sense doing it at the expense of their contributions to the United Jewish Appeal.
- 4 That the Jewish National Fund is doing everything in its power as indicated by the conference proceedings, to make the Jewish National Fund workers realize their primary responsibility to the United Jewish Appeal.

I have a request from Jonah Wise, as per the enclosed. My own feeling is that we should not send any such list as he requests, not because I am afraid to send him any such list, but because I believe it is a bad precedent and impingement upon our dignity. It is one thing to discuss these things in a conversation. It is quite another thing to send lists. I should like to have the benefit of your judgment on this particular request. S.S. Wise believes the lists should not be sent.

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. Israel Goldstein

President

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P.S. As Jonah Wise is waiting to hear from me, will you please wire me your suggestion on that point.

c.c. Dr. Solomon Goldman
Mr. Louis Lipsky
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Abba Hillel Silver.

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