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1938-1939.

July 8, 1938

TO: DR. SILVER

FROM: MR. MONTOR

The following is a translation of a letter received from Mr. Eleazar Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, for the information of the officers of the United Palestine Appeal, dated June 16, 1938:

"It often seems to me that from a distance you in America have a clearer and more comprehensive picture of what is happening in Palestine than we ourselves, particularly when no radical changes occur. When I wrote to you last I described the signs of a recovery in the economic sphere. In the past few weeks these evidences have multiplied. Until the beginning of this week the Government had already distributed 600 certificates for capitalists. The import of capital into the country continues to grow and during the past two months deposits in all the large banks have also increased. The market value of our securities is also rising, while the purchase of land, the buying of houses and of groves is on the upward swing. We in the Jewish Agency are using our utmost resources in order to stimulate and expand this development. We have sent a number of representatives to various countries to organize capitalist immigration, to spread accurate economic information and to solidify the economic ties between the diaspora and Palestine. Some of them have been dispatched for the specific purpose of providing information on industrial possibilities in the country. A number of other representatives have been sent out in cooperation with the land acquisition agencies, the Keren Keyemeth and the PLDC and it is their task to provide information on agricultural development, particularly for middle class groups. A special messenger was sent to Poland for the purpose of discussing problems involved in

the matter of transfer. He will also visit Czechoslovakia and Hungary for the same purpose. We are doing whatever is possible to mobilize private capital to lend its strength for the upbuilding of Palestine at this time. To my regret, however, I must confess that the beginnings of revival have not yet been noticeable in the ranks of laborers and among the petty middle class groups in Palestine, the artisan, the small merchant, etc. It must be added that the plight of the mass groups has in recent months become more serious.

"The period between May and the end of July is the so-called "dead period" in the orange plantations. This is accentuating the unemployment problem by several thousand workers. There are two processes to be observed in the country today: on the one hand that of a sound economic activity, actually of revival, and the circles which are bound up with these activities continue a normal existence; on the other side, one observes wide-spread unemployment, lack of income, need and semi-hunger.

"The position of the Jewish Agency, under these circumstances, will undoubtedly be obvious to you. All our efforts to compel the Government to provide active assistance have until now been proved fruitless, and willy nilly all those in need turn with their needs to the Jewish Agency.

"The Loan which we recently obtained in London gave us an opportunity of accomplishing much, but this much is little in comparison with the demands put before us and the desperate need which obtains. I can cite one example. In recent months we have contributed to the local unemployment fund three to four thousand pounds a month and now we are called upon to double this sum. Aside from this, groups which did not have such funds have now been calling upon us for similar assistance.

It must be remembered that we have no allocations or budget for such distribution and shrinkages in our usual requirements. But we are making these allotments because we are compelled to do so by the inescapable needs and in the hope that these difficult times will not continue for long and that future income will make good these payments, and the deficit that is piling up. Naturally, need leads to embittering, and the charges and indictments against the Jewish Agency constantly multiply.

"It is my hope that these troubled months will not continue for long, but if they do, I must admit that I cannot see how we can pull through without grave consequences. Frequently the situation is such that one dares not reflect upon the immediate future. You can therefore easily realize the interest and concern with which we follow every report from you and from our people working in other countries.

"I was very glad to note the estimate that this year the income will be greater than in the previous year. Unfortunately, the income from America for the time being, during the past few months is not particularly great. The normal and extraordinary income accruing amounting to £25,000 in April and £35,000 in May. From this the Jewish Agency obtains only a part. The expenses of the Jewish Agency are now approximately at the rate of £40,000 a month, aside from payments on account of the loan.

"Aside by ~~the~~ side with the economic need, we are in duress because of the political situation involving extraordinary expenditures in connection with this political situation and particularly in connection with security. Unfortunately, we are not aided in these various fields of need by the share accruing to the Emergency Fund through the Keren Kayemeth. There is little that I have to report about the political

situation which is dominated by the hearings now being held by the technical commission. At Least until now the commission has refused to consider any problem which is not directly related to that of partition. In examining the subject of partition, they enter into the slightest details as though partition were a reality to be counted with in the next few months. They take their tasks seriously, and in the hearings display a keen understanding of the testimony. It is difficult, however, to prophesy what their findings will be.

"As to the security situation, I can only underline the strengthening of our self-defense network and our participation in the general defense of the country.

"May I close with this query: when can we hope for an increase of this monthly remittance on account of the current campaign?

"With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Eleazar Kaplan

July 25, 1938

~~Mr~~ Jonah B. Wise
35 West 62nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Jonah:

Thanks for your letter of July 21st. I am very anxious to have first hand information. On our way to Maine we will stop off in New York and possibly you, Helen, Lillian and I can have dinner. I will let you know a few days in advance.

I have inquired from Joe Hyman and Dor Coons regarding the amount of money the J. D. C. will raise for 1938. It has been approximated we will raise three million, six or seven hundred thousand dollars net for the year. This amount is quite an increase over 1936 and 1937, but truly inadequate. During the year that Julius Rosenwald gave a million dollars we did raise ten million. Jewish conditions then are not comparable to what they are today. To recite the difference would be telling you things you already know and would make this a book, rather than a letter.

The thinking mass of Jews are at a loss to understand why Jewish money and Jewish brains aren't mobilized to help their fellow Jews. Some believe it is due to an antiquated vehicle which is employing the same method today as was used twenty years ago. Personally, I am of the opinion that Welfare Funds are our undoing.

Many of us are of the opinion that relief is not necessary except for children and old people,-- that a great share of the money we raise should be loaned on a long time basis to those who find it necessary to leave because of unbearable conditions and are without means to start a new life in the country where they are admitted.

We are going through a time, the worst in Jewish history. One-half of the World's Jewish population live in fear and are in danger of losing their rights and properties. Their plight is too horrible to describe. Rich Jews are smug, giving only what they must and then only a part of what they can afford. I cannot applaud contributions, no matter what the size may be, if

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it is a fifth of what should be given and I do not stand in awe of the \$5,000.00 contribution when it honestly should be \$50,000.00. When rich Jews have incomes beyond their ability to spend, they should be made to see that they must give in proportion to that income and they must help carry the load of their less fortunate fellow Jews.

I have learned the amounts that some of our rich men have been giving and I am shocked, ashamed and saddened by this information.

We should have an out and out overseas combined drive and it should be for \$25,000,000.00. This drive should be free of any welfare drives,--it must be completely separate. The details should be left with our best professional brains,-- if we haven't sufficient, then we should employ more. The advertising and dramatization should be left to them and some advertising firm like Lord and Thomas. The campaign should take place all over the country simultaneously and before the campaign is started we should try to have at least one million dollars contribution. Billikopf got that amount once, -- may be it can be gotten again.

Now, I know, Jonah, it is easy for me or anyone else to tell what the other men should give, but I do know also that if we don't ask and don't plan that we will continue to receive around four million dollars, which is as nothing compared with the need.

Our great difficulty, I know, will be cutting ourselves loose from the Welfare Funds, but we just must do that if we are going to be fair and I believe that once the various communities know the facts they will accept a single overseas drive. We will have to do a lot of talking and a lot of consulting, but we should permit nothing to stop us from having the drive or reaching our objective.

This entire thing may seem fantastic in view of the difficulties we have had and are still having, but I know we can do it if we try.

I hope you are having a pleasant summer.

With warm regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

EIE/H

(Signed) E. I. KAUFMANN

201 West 77" Street
New York, September 5, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In a few weeks I shall be leaving for Palestine. I am anxious to have a talk with you on "affairs of state" and wonder if and when you will be in New York during September. If you expect to be here, I should like to arrange for an appointment.

With regards to Mrs. Silver,



sincerely,



H. J. L. Silver

September 9, 1938

Mrs. Rose G. Jacobs
201 West 77th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Jacobs:

I plan to be in New York on October 7.
Is that too late? I should like to come to New
York earlier but I have been away most of the
summer and I feel that the month of September,
so crowded with congregational activities, ought
to be reserved for my work here.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

September 20th, 1938.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It may well be that I shall
leave America on October 6th and thus
be denied the opportunity of a talk
with you. I am told that there is to
be a U.P.A. meeting at the end of the
month and so I hope that there will still
be a chance for a chat.

with regards

Cordially yours,

E. Jacobs
Mrs. Edward Jacobs.

September 22, 1938

Mrs. Edward Jacobs
201 West 77th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Jacobs:

I will be in New York on
Wednesday, September 28, stopping at
the Commodore Hotel. I hope to be free
by five o'clock in the afternoon and I
will be most happy to see you if it is
convenient at that time at the Commodore
Hotel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

September 27, 1938

Dr. Joseph S. Kornfeld
1148 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Kornfeld:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I shall be in New York tomorrow and will bring to the attention of the Director of the United Palestine Appeal, Mr. Montor, the contents of your letter. Perhaps opportunities will be found during the year to use your fine services in behalf of Palestine.

With all good wishes for a very happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 2, 1938.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received a telegram from Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, asking me to assist in raising a million dollar emergency fund for the purpose of feeding and clothing the Polish Jews, who have been deported from Germany, and for the Sudeten Jews, who are without homes since Germany took over the Sudetenland.

I was shocked to learn that if this emergency fund of a million dollars is raised that the U.P.A. will insist upon the carrying out of their agreement with the J.D.C., which means that the U.P.A. will receive four hundred thousand of the million.

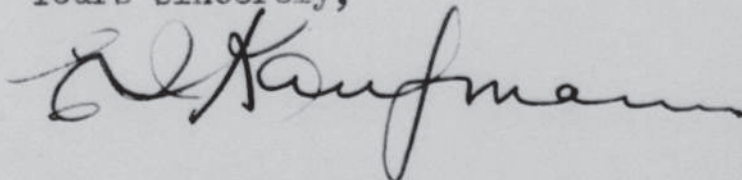
When an emergency arose in Palestine I was one of the signers of a telegram which was sent all over the United States asking for funds to take care of the emergency, and I was chosen as treasurer of the fund. I would have been just as shocked if the J.D.C. had demanded a 60% division of the money so raised.

Insistence on the part of the U.P.A. that the J.D.C. live up to their agreement will affect future giving and I feel positive will place the U.P.A. in a bad position when consideration is given overseas allocations. Personally, I have no wish to insist that the J.D.C. break their agreement, nor am I insisting that the U.P.A. give up their right to 40% of all funds raised, whether for emergency or not. However, if the J.D.C. either through their desire or the insistence upon your part, requires that the emergency fund be split 60 - 40, I shall write letters of explanation to all Jewish communities protesting, and ask my friends to do the same thing. There comes a time when one must consider equities, even in relief and rehabilitation work, and I think that time has arrived. I, for one, think that the trapped Jew in Germany is in greater need than the rescued Jew in Palestine.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, and if you both insist, as campaign heads of the J.D.C. and U.P.A., that a division be made, then I shall start, and I am sure my friends will join me in an independent relief drive.

With assurances of my high esteem and good wishes,
I am,

Yours sincerely,



EIK/H

C O P Y

November 3, 1938

Mr. Edmund I. Kaufmann
Homer Building
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Kaufmann:

I was rather surprised at the tone of your letter and I am inclined to believe that had you first ascertained the facts, you would not have written to me the way you did. Frankly, I resent greatly being put in the position of one who is not deeply concerned with the plight of my fellow Jews in Eastern and Central Europe, and who needs to be reminded of his responsibility towards them. I believe that I have done as much as you, and perhaps a little more than most in raising money in the United States during the last twenty years for the J.D.C. Again, no purpose is served by the sort of threats contained in your letter about sending communications of protest broadcast throughout the United States, or of launching independent relief drives. Such threats do not impress me, and upon second thought, I am sure you would not have made them.

The facts of the matter are these. As early as last March, when the Austrian tragedy broke upon the Jewish world, I wrote to Rabbi Jonah Wise and urged upon him a united emergency drive for additional sums of money over and above the budgets announced by the J.D.C. and the U.P.A., realizing then, that our funds would be inadequate to meet the situation either in Europe or in Palestine. For reasons best known to themselves, the J.D.C. did not wish to proceed with such an emergency drive at that time.

Previous to the Evian Conference, summoned by President Roosevelt, I again raised this question with Rabbi Jonah Wise, and with the same results. Within the past few weeks, I wrote two official communications to Rabbi Wise inviting the J.D.C. to an immediate conference with the U.P.A. looking towards the formation of immediate plans for launching our 1939 campaigns on a truly emergency basis - asking the country to give fifteen or twenty millions of dollars and organize a different type of campaign which would insure some

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All through these months, while waiting for a decision from the J.D.C., the representatives of the U.P.A., both here and in Jerusalem were pressing for an emergency campaign to supplement the 1938 income in view of the desperate defense needs and expenditures of the Yishub in Palestine, and of the shattered economic life of the country as a result of the two years of rioting and of the sharp curtailment of immigration. I insisted that nothing be done by the U.P.A. in the way of launching an emergency campaign without the J.D.C. We had agreed last year, and to my best recollection, at the request of the J.D.C. representatives, that if any emergency campaign were held in 1938 either by the J.D.C. or the U.P.A., that the extra funds would be divided on the same basis as the regular funds - Forty-Sixty.

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Perhaps the wording of the telegram was not clear and has given rise to an unfortunate misunderstanding. I now recall that in Pittsburgh, the night before last, Mr. Rosenbloom mentioned the telegram which he had received from Rabbi Wise and which left him somewhat in the dark. I am communicating with Rabbi Wise and I am requesting him to send you a confirmation of the statements which I have made in this letter.

Cleveland

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In the future, my dear Mr. Kaufmann, I wish that you would attribute at least the same sense of Jewish loyalty and Jewish responsibility to me that I have always attributed to you. I am not unmindful of the distinguished services which you have rendered our common causes in recent years, and it is because of that, particularly, that I was hurt in receiving such a communication from you.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

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ED KAUFMANN.

November 11, 1938

Mr. Edmund I. Kaufmann
Homer Building
Washington, D.C.

My dear Friend:

I need not tell you that I deeply appreciated your kind letter of November 5. I am so completely in agreement with you on so many things that I am anxious to see that no unfortunate misunderstanding arises which would put us on opposite sides of causes which are dear to both of us.

I do hope that I shall have the pleasure before long of sitting down with you and talking over many things which need to be talked over. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

HAROLD JACOBI
350 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y.

November 15, 1938

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

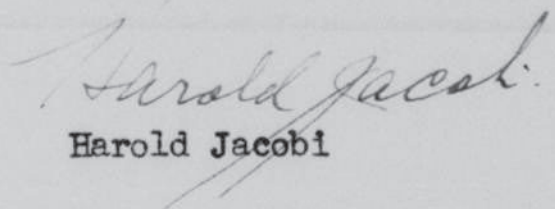
My dear Dr. Silver:

I am very anxious that an appropriate place be found on the program of the U. P. A. Conference to be held on January 15th in Washington, for the Palestine Pavilion.

May I therefore ask you to please let me know if a place can be made on the program so that I may arrange for a speaker to address the Conference on the importance of the Pavilion and Zionist and non-Zionist cooperation in the undertaking.

I shall appreciate an early reply.

Sincerely yours,


Harold Jacobi

HJ:nz

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December 22, 1938

Dr. Abba Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sorry that I shall be unable to attend the meeting of the United Palestine Appeal in Washington, however much I had planned to go. Please permit me to express my opinion.

I am unalterably opposed to the granting of allotments from the United Palestine Appeal to the various Zionist organizations. The pretext that they receive this money for propaganda is all too self-evident. I am a Zionist, heart and soul, but Zionism cannot grow merely because there will be a coffer from which to be fed. Utica has not had a Zionist District until recently, yet it has done a major piece of work in the United Palestine Appeal. I am enclosing a statement of last year. This year's statement is even better. Furthermore, our Jewish people have just raised extra money to save 50 children by Youth Aliyah. This sum alone is \$18,000., more than our combined United Jewish Appeal.

I am also opposed to the United Palestine Appeal making an agreement with the J.D.C. in which Palestine becomes of secondary importance. I know for a fact that all my friends who are leading the drives in this area are very much provoked and we will absolutely refuse to abide by any decision which relegates Palestine to a secondary position. I tell it to you because we want our leaders to march in front of us and not step in line with assimilationists and people to whom Palestine means nothing. An agreement made by United Palestine Appeal should be ratified by the various local groups, otherwise, I cannot see how you can hold us responsible to your agreement. Let us be very practical about it. I have refused consistently

GIVE! YOUR GIFT MEANS LIFE.

"SAVE OUR PEOPLE"

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Wishing you a successful conference, I am,

Cordially yours,



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th and Ansel Road
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

Carrying out the instructions of the meeting at which you, Rabbi Wise, Mr. Coons and Mr. Montor were present on December 22nd to discuss plans for the 1939 unified campaign, I am attaching hereto the official agreement which is to be initialed by you and Rabbi Wise.

Will you please initial the original and return it in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope. I shall then give it to Rabbi Wise for initialing on his return from Florida and will have it placed among the records of the 1939 unified campaign. The extra copy which I am enclosing is for your personal files.

Sincerely yours

Julia Rubenstein
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Jonah B. Wise was here --- Jim Rosenberg is here
now --- and from both of them I learned the details
of the New York J.D.C. and U.P.A. meeting.

They have a deep sense of admiration for your ability
and they felt that without it it would have been
difficult.

I place myself entirely at your service. Be good
enough to let me know how I can be of help.

With heartfelt greetings and assurance of my high
esteem, I am

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) E. I. Kaufmann

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New York, N.Y.
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you ever so much for your kind letter of recent date, assuring me that you will speak to Mr. Robert Herman about me. Having no other lecture engagements for the rest of the season, I should be very happy if Mr. Herman would use me during the entire period of the campaign. If you don't expect to see him soon, will you be good enough to drop him a line to that effect. I am sure that would have great weight. It is needless to say that you would place me under the greatest obligation and I should be most grateful to you.

With best wishes for a happy Passover and with kindest regards, I remain



Sincerely yours,

Joseph S. Kornfeld

Copy for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓

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April 8, 1939.

Mr. Henry Ittleson
1 Park Avenue,
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My dear Mr. Ittleson:

It seems to me needless to tell you I am anxious to serve the United Jewish Appeal in any way I can and if I can be helpful by becoming a member of the committee I am glad to accept the appointment.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Louis E. Kirstein

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ATION FOR COMING TO DALLAS TO SUPPLY
THE INSPIRATION THAT HELPED US suc-
CESSFULLY COMPLETE OUR CAMPAIGN.

I PERSONALLY AND ALL DALLAS
JEWRY ARE INDEBTED TO YOU.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leslie L. Jacobs", written over a faint background watermark.

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DR. ABBA H. SILVER,
THE TEMPLE,
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

April 17, 1939

Mr. Leslie L. Jacobs
Pollock Paper & Box Company
Dallas, Texas

My dear Mr. Jacobs:

I was delighted to receive your note and to learn that your campaign has been completely successful. If I have in any way contributed to that success, I am more than repaid.

I enjoyed being with you tremendously.
With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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April 21, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th & Ansel Road
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Dear Dr. Silver:

We are enclosing herewith check for \$15.00 to cover the expenses you incurred in Detroit. We have not deducted for the air travel, as we would find it more expedient to do so when the invoice is sent us by TWA. At that time we will advise you just what the charges are for the trip from Buffalo to Erie.

Very truly yours,

A. Keller

AK:FW
Enc.

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