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AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

November 17th, 1938

Office of the Regional Vice-Chairman
JULIUS LIVINGSTON
Suite 717, Commercial Building
Tulsa, Okla.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver: --

I know it is hard for you to find cause for rejoicing in such troubled times, yet I am sure you will be happy to hear that we have already gone over the top in our 1938 campaign budget, and have raised over \$41,000 on a budget of \$40,100, and we hope to raise considerable more before our campaign closes.

This is the first year Tulsa has federated and we formed our Tulsa Jewish Community Touncil, of which Mr. G. Fenster of Tulsa is President. Within a short time you will receive a check from him giving the results of our campaign and the amount you will receive. Approximately 40% of the contributions have been in cash, and we expect little, if any shrinkage, as we were very particular about this phase of our pledges. The U. P. A. has been allotted \$7000.00, which is the same amount allotted the J. D. C., and I want you to know that as Chairman of our budget committee I will do all in my power to increase our allottment to the U. P. A. with any surplus we may have.

My purpose in writing you this letter, dear Rabbi, is to ask a favor of you. I appreciate what a busy man you are and the drain on your time, yet I wonder if you could spare us a little time again this year. I am sure the message you gave us last year still rings in the ears of our fellow Jews here and was responsible to a large degree for the success we have had in our campaign.

Next Wednesday evening, November 23rd, we are holding a dinner at 6:30 to conclude our campaign. All members of the Tulsa Jewish Community Council will be present, as well as the workers, and we expect approximately 200 people. What we want you to do is this:

Can you arrange to have a 10 minute talk made to the City of Tulsa on a record or transcription and send it to me so we can run it off as the feature attraction of this dinner. In your talk you could congratulate Tulsa upon our campaign, mentioning the fine work of Albert Finston, general Chairman, and Nathan Appleman, Co-chairman, and the workers as a whole. The campaign was run under the auspices of the Tulsa Jewish Community Council, and this was the first year we organized this

November 25, 1938

Mr. Julius Livingston 717 Commercial Building Tulsa, Okla.

My dear Mr. Livingston:

I regret more than I can tell you that the letter reached me too late for me to comply with your request to send you a record or a transcription of a talk to be run off at your concluding meeting. I have been away from Cleveland most of the last ten days in connection with the United Palestine Appeal. I am delighted to know that your Campaign has been so successful and I want to congratulate you, your general Chairman, Mr. Albert Finston, Mr. Nathan Appleman, Co-chairman and all the workers who have had a hand in this magnificent achievement.

I am, however, a little disturbed over the fact that of a total budget of more than \$40,000, the UPA and the JDC together will receive no more than \$14,000. In view of the desperate emergency which exists for overseas relief and in view of the fact that the appeal which was responsible for the success of your Drive as well as of all welfare fund drives. is the overseas needs, do you not think that the allocation does less than justice both the UPA and to the JDC? I have had occasion to point this out to other communities. It seems to me that in these critical times, the right of way should be given to these primary needs and that at least fifty to sixty percent of the total raised should be allocated to them. We have been seriously concerned, at headquarters, with this tendency on the part of many communities to raise large sums of money principally on the overseas plea and then to give these agencies the short end of the stick. Perhaps it is not too late for your welfare fund to rectify the situation.

I recall with delight my last visit to your community and I hope that good fortune will favor me some day with revisiting it. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE CENTRAL OFFICE: JERUSALEM, PALESTINE AMERICAN OFFICE: MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS 111 FIFTH AVENUE LOUIS LIPSKY **NEW YORK** December 9, 1938. Dr. A. H. Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio My dear Dr. Silver: Mr. A. Baratz of the Habimah Theatre of Palestine, who is here with a view to organizing a Spring Season for the Hebrew players he represents, has made substantial progress. The Theatre Guild has offered to become the sponsor of the Habimah Season. It is prepared to put a theatre at the disposal of the Company, and to manage all its affairs. A very favorable contract has been prepared and signed. This brings the proposal to have the Habimah players come to the United States to a definite climax. In order to organize a Committee of Sponsors for the enterprise, you are cordially invited to attend a small meeting of friends of the Habimah Theatre, which will be held at the Hotel Astor, Broadway and 44th Street, New York, N.Y., on Wednesday evening, December 14th, at 8:30 o'clock. The meeting-place will be designated on the Bulletin Board. Your acceptance of this invitation will be greatly appreciated. Very cordially yours, Tous Listy LL/RW

COPY ALBERT D. LASKER 919 N. Michigan Avenue Chicago December 10, 1938 Mr. Henry Ittleson, Sr. 1 Park Avenue New York, N. Y. My dear Henry: We have our meeting yesterday. I enclose herein a short article which appeared on the front page of our evening paper. I do not know how it got in as we do not use publicity on our drives here though this time I imagine they will. I reviewed my talk with you and Mr. Rosenberg with both Mr. Epsteinaand Mr. Goldsmith and attach hereto copy of a memorandum which I gave both these gentlemen: . Mr. Goldsmith's judgment of what the community will do and how it will do it is the best of all the men because he is the one who really orients it. He is listening as I dictate this to you and he feels: (1) that our community will raise \$2,000,000.00 (2) that he, Mr. Epstein and I will be able to get the committee, after the money is raised, to allocate as per the memorandum attached. However, it is only fair to say that if we do raise our \$2,000,000.00. New York should raise \$10,000,000.00 for New York has five times the Jewish population we have and surely ten times the wealth. If the whole committee should only raise \$15,000,000.00 and we raise \$2,000,000.00 we would only release \$1,500.00 to you. In other words we deeply appreciate all the work you men are so sacrificially doing and we will go along with you but we will only give you the total money raised on the assurance that whole committee is raising \$20,000,000.00 If the whole committee raises less then we will hold our over-subscriptions for use here. We had about sixty men at the meeting which I addressed yesterday. It was agreed no money was to be collected. Only those who were leaving the city volunteered -- the rest we are giving time to think it over. As I was leaving I said I would give \$75,000.00 but if the \$2,000,000.00 is raised then I will increase my subscription to \$100,000.00. The Florsheim family gave \$50,000.00 and Modie Spiegel gave \$30,000.00 In total, from 6 or 7 men we got \$235,000.00 Over fifty men present have not committed themselves but out of the crowd Mr. Goldsmith, who is an infallible barometer, says the community will raise the money. This should be most heartening to you, Mr. Rosenberg and others as it is to me.

Henry Ittleson, Sr. - page two

Let me suggest that you keep in close touch with Mr. Goldsmith because the success of our committee depends on him in my judgment and he should be closely informed as to everything you are doing.

I am leaving for the West Coast and will be back January 7. After two or three weeks rest I expect to come to New York for the sole purpose of joining with the rest of you in this work.

My warmest greetings to you.

Sincerely, Albert

ADL s encl.

P. S. While I am in Los Angeles my address will be:

Beverly Hills Hotel

1201 Sunset Blvd.

Beverly Hills

California

I will be there until January 2 or 3. If you want me to contact anyone in Los Angeles regarding the drive and explain the situation and what you are doing to them I shall be glad to do so. If you want to, suggest to the people that if they want me to address a preliminary meeting I would be glad to do so. If there is anyone out there that you wish me to contact please communicate with me.

A. D. L.

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AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Office of the Regional Vice-Chairman JULIUS LIVINGSTON Suite 717, Commercial Building Tulsa, Okla.

Council and federated our charities. Also, in your talk we would expect you to spur on the workers and Jews of Tulsa to continue in their efforts to ease in a small degree the great suffering of our fellow Jews abroad.

You can appreciate the effect this record will have when I announce, dear Rabbi, that even though you could not be with us this year you sent is your personal greetings, and then run it off. We would like to have two copies of it so we can present one copy to Mr. Finston and one to Mr. Appleman. We will be very happy to pay for the cost of same, and I only hope you can find time to do this for us.

When you realize Tulsa has only about 350 Jewish families, of which approximately 295 are givers, you can see we have really done a fine job, and I am looking forward to doing a great deal more in the future.

If you can send the srecord to me will appreciate you advising me by return mail, and if possible would like to have it by Tuesday evening.

With very best wishes, and hoping to hear we may have this personal greeting from you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Julius Livingsten

JCL:G

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### PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND

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January 11, 1939.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very happy to be able to inform you that at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palestine Foundation Fund held on December 21. 1938 you were unanimously elected a National hairman for the year 1939.

In that capacity, you are ipso facto a member of the Administrative Committee of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) for the ensuing year.

Sincerely yours,

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Louis Lipsky, Chairman Board of Directors

Charles Ress

Charles Ress

Secretary

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

III FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 20, 1939.

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith 128 North Wells Street Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Dr. Silver has asked me to acknowledge your letter of January 17th with which you enclosed a check for \$11,616 representing a distribution to the United Palestine Appeal from the campaign conducted by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago in 1937. Our records show that we have received a total of \$181,616. thus far.

Basing ourselves on the formula that the officers of the Welfare Fund adopted, there is still due to the United Palestine Appeal a substantial sum representing the difference between \$204,435, the mount which Chicago undertook to contribute to the United Palestine Appeal, and the figure quoted above as received on account of 1937.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Lamport National Treasurer

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February 1st, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I take pleasure in inviting you to attend a reception in honor of the Marchioness of Reading which will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 4 P.M. at the Ambassador Hotel, Park Avenue and 51st Street.

lady Reading has been one of the foremost leaders in Great Britain in the movement for the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine. In her capacity as Chairman of the British section of the Palestine Foundation Fund, Lady Reading has exercised an important influence in the councils of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and in all vital problems affecting the progress of the development of the Jewish Homeland.

Hoping you will join us in welcoming our distinguished visitor and awaiting your reply, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Lamport

Acting Chairman

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February 7, 1939. Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith, Secretary, Jewish Welfare Fund. 128 North Wells Street. Chicago, Illinois. Dear Mr. Goldsmith: On behalf of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver I herewith acknowledge the receipt of a check for \$78,950 which is being turned over to the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Meeds which is the fund-raising instrument in 1939 of the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee, and the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc. The funds will be apportioned by the United Jewish Appeal in accordance with the agreement constituting that body. Sincerely yours,

> Arthur M. Lamport National Treasurer

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MORRIS MARGULIES.

March 7, 1939 Mr. Arthur M. Lamport 44 Pine Street New York, N.Y. My dear Mr. Lamport: I have received a cable signed by Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky stating that large Jewish National Funds are essential to purchase important land and urging that the United Palestine Appeal should do everything possible to make such immediate funds available through a loan or otherwise. Dr. Goldstein received a similar cable signed also by Dr. Weizmann and Mr. Ussishkin. I wired Dr. Goldstein, last evening, my consent to such a loan and I hope that you will proceed to consummate it as rapidly as possible in order to enable this land purchase to go through. The loan should be paid back by the Jewish National Fund income from the United Palestine Appeal (United Jewish Appeal) in 1939. I should be very happy to hear from you as to the success of your negotiations for this loan. With all good wishes, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK

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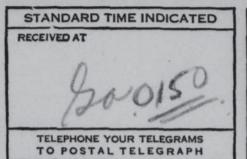
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SPECIAL MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF KEREN HAYESOD WILL BE HELD TOMORROW MARCH SEVENTEENTH AT THREE PM AT KEREN HAYESOD OFFICE 111 FIFTH AVENUE TO DISCUSS SITUATION AFFECTING PALESTINE PAVILLION NECESSITATING IMMEDIATE KEREN HAYESOD ACTION IMPERATIVE YOU ATTEND

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April 13, 1939 Rabbi Burton E. Levinson The Temple Erie, Pa. My dear Rabbi Levinson: Thank you for your kind letter of April 12 and for bringing to my attention the situation in Oil City, Pa. I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to headquarters and I am sure that they will take action. I am delighted to know of the keen interest which you are taking in the United Jewish Appeal and of the generous offer of your services in the future. With all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, AHS: BK

It is with deepest sorrow that friends of Judge Lewis, who but yesterday counselled with him concerning problems of Jewish life and planned with him programs and projects in behalf of our people, must now write of his death. How greatly we shall miss him! - his calm, reasoned judgment, his ripe experience, his genial affability, and the example of his unselfish, undeviating and sacrificial service to a great cause.

His was a gentle spirit, quiet in manner though firm in conviction. He made friends for our movement by the radiant friendliness of his life and by his tolerant humanity. He was never a doctrinaire nor a relentless partisan. Always, he sought to reconcile differences for the sake of the greater objectives.

He leaves behind him a blessed memory. His name will be numbered among the faithful builders of Zion and the heralds of our renaissance.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, National Chairman United Palestine Appeal.