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REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF FEDERATIONS MEMPHIS TENNESSEE SUNDAY NIGHT
MARCH TWELFTH WILL YOU ACCEPT NO CAMPAIGN IN MEMPHIS AT THAT TIME
HENRY MONTOR.

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Among names which
Dr. Goldman privately mentioned as
fifth member of the Allocations
Committee are Henry Monsky of Omaha,
Monte M. Lemann of New Orleans,
Barney Balaban of Chicago, and
Edwin Baker of Cleveland.

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What do you think
of any of these names?

Cordially yours,

Montor

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have received an invitation from Minneapolis for you to open the Welfare Fund drive in that community on April 14th. Minneapolis has assumed a \$100,000 quota for the United Jewish Appeal. Is it possible for you to accept that date, or to suggest an alternate?

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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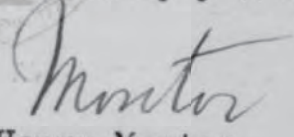
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Boston Welfare Fund, which has a quota of \$550,000 for the United Jewish Appeal, extends an invitation to you to open its campaign on Sunday, March 19th. Is it possible for you to accept this date? Or do you suggest an alternate?

Cordially yours,


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Executive Director

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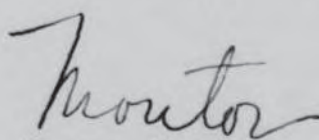
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Edward B. Hitchcock, personal agent of Mr. Masaryk, has rendered a bill for \$500 to cover Mr. Masaryk's engagement in Cleveland.

Would you be good enough to have the check for \$500 sent to us for inclusion in a payment we are making to Mr. Masaryk.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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You will recall that I spoke to you briefly on Monday night at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal to suggest the name of Abraham L. Liebovitz as an addition to the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Liebovitz has since been pressing very hard for this honor.

The status of Mr. Liebovitz is as follows: For many years he has been one of the few people who has stuck steadily to the United Palestine Appeal. He and his brothers are \$4,000 contributors to the United Palestine Appeal. He actually has performed the task of signing checks for the United Palestine Appeal during all these years, even though others have had the title of Treasurer and he only that of Associate Treasurer.

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Mr. Lamport, who has been virtually alone in defending the United Palestine Appeal's interests in the New York United Jewish Appeal, saw to it that Mr. Liebovitz was named as Co-Treasurer in the New York United Jewish Appeal campaign with Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf. Liebovitz is, of course, one of the few people who could have been named by the United Palestine Appeal for this post.

Secretary, Administrative Committee

Charles Ress

Mr. Liebovitz seems to be a very sensitive man who believes that he should be included in the Executive Committee in view of the fact that he has always been represented on the National Boards of the United Palestine Appeal and combined drives.

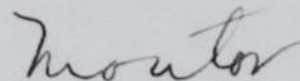
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Henry Montor

Mr. Lamport, as well as Mr. Liebovitz, has been urging that Mr. Liebovitz be named to the Executive Committee.

If you agree, the procedure would be that you either drop a note to Rabbi Wise to suggest that another name be added, or write to me to take this up with Coons.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky
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It seems that Van Paassen is making his own bookings these days and that the Jewish Welfare Board and the Zionist Organization of America must come to him for any dates they want to obtain.

Solomon Goldman
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Morris Rothenberg

Van Paassen, informed that there was a prospect of engagements in Cleveland, said that he did not have any other dates this Spring for Cleveland, and added that he was booked as a speaker at the Heights Temple on March 5th.

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Arthur M. Lampert

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Is this the information you wanted?

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

With further reference to the Texas
situation:

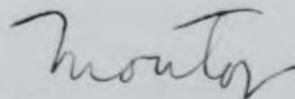
San Antonio wants to launch its emergency
campaign for the United Jewish Appeal, and will take
any date you can give in the latter part of March.

Fort Worth will adjust itself to the
same period.

Houston will then be in the midst of its
campaign and is very anxious to have you stimulate
them so that they can attain a goal which involves
\$75,000 for the United Jewish Appeal; and \$100,00
if they can possibly make it although the total
quota is \$106,000 for the time being.

El Paso is having a regional conference
on March 26th. Mr. Elias Krupp of El Paso assures
me that this is intended for the United Jewish Appeal,
and representatives from all the communities in that
area will be present.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have had long conversations with Jonah Goldstein with regard to the incorporation. Goldstein is a very charming and undoubtedly knowledgeable person but I am afraid he has characteristics which the layman frequently associates with all lawyers.

Incorporation is not in my line but is the province of a lawyer. Unfortunately Goldstein has virtually turned the whole problem back into my lap.

The suggestion he made originally was that there should be no amendment of the certificate of the United Jewish Appeal, Inc., which was officially incorporated in January 1935 to cover the 1934 and 1935 United Jewish Appeal in which the Joint Distribution Committee and the American Palestine Campaign (the Keren Hayesod) participated.

I called his attention to the fact that the tax exemption certificates of the Treasury Department provide that when there is a change in the status of an organization it must immediately report that fact to the Treasury Department. Judge Goldstein did not feel that there was any change in the method of operation or the beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal, Inc., and, therefore, did not believe it was necessary to emphasize the inclusion of new agencies.

But from my experience last year with the incorporation of the United Palestine Appeal and the lengthy process that was involved, I urged that this would not be satisfactory for the big givers to the United Jewish Appeal.

After my layman's persistence Judge Goldstein made the following suggestions:

(a) That we should write to the Treasury Department on the basis of the certificate of exemption granted to the United Jewish Appeal, Inc. on February 10, 1936 in accordance with the copy enclosed, stating that the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Coordinating Committee were the new agencies included in the United Jewish Appeal.

The Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal have individual certificates of exemption from the

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Treasury Department, but unfortunately the National Coordinating Committee does not have such a certificate, which will complicate the problem considerably. The National Coordinating Committee, I am informed, is now in the process of writing out affidavits for the securing of its certificate of exemption.

(b) Judge Goldstein thought kindly of my suggestion that we should get a Washington lawyer who would expedite action following the letter which we would send to the Treasury Department. I had in mind Max Rhoades who did so splendid a job for us on the United Palestine Appeal tax exemption.

(c) Judge Goldstein advised that the Directors of the United Jewish Appeal, Inc. be invited to resign on prepared forms, and that a meeting of the new Board of Directors, or rather Trustees, of the United Jewish Appeal, Inc., as designated at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal on February 6th, should be summoned in order officially to designate the Trustees at a board meeting.

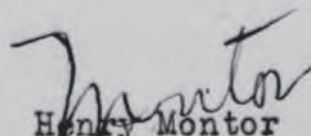
This morning I am meeting with Klein, Hinds & Finke, the accountants of the United Jewish Appeal, who are supposed to be tax exemption experts.

This whole problem is really not one for a layman. The difficulty exists because we trust to the generosity of some of our Jewish lawyer friends who really are very busy, and, regardless of the generosity of their natures, do not give the problem the time, the attention and the consideration that it deserves, and the kind of consideration they would give to a problem for whose solution they were being paid. In the long run it does not pay to get free service on such important items.

Attached herewith is a copy of the letter which Governor Lehman is sending out to the group of people expected at the meeting on March 5th. I think it is a very cold and unsatisfactory letter. Governor Lehman refuses to sign any other. I had prepared a statement which I thought was more calculated to bring people to New York City from Cleveland or San Francisco, but we have to accept whatever is offered in these circumstances.

It has been agreed that if we receive a number of responses from men saying that they will be in Florida on March 5th, arrangements will then be made for a meeting in Mr. Littleton's home in Palm Beach. I take it for granted that you are planning to be in New York on Sunday, March 5th. Is that correct?

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor

Executive Director

HM:FE

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

ON BEHALF OF

AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC.
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and
NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FUND, INC.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
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Committee in Formation

(TEMPORARY ADDRESS)

100 EAST 42d STREET
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February 9, 1939

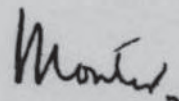
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter that was sent this week to a number of people in and around New York City, inviting them to a dinner to be held at the Hotel Commodore on Monday evening, February 20th. The purpose of this dinner is to present to those who will attend the need for voluntary speakers during the course of the campaign.

You will recall that you consented to have Rabbi Jonah B. Wise arrange for this meeting at his convenience. Do you believe it will be possible for you to attend?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice Chairman

HM:MMS

February 9, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I gave a check of \$500 to Mr. Masaryk last evening, before receiving your letter.

With reference to my trip to Texas - I notice that you now want me to make it the latter part of March. Would March 27 through the 30 be agreeable to the communities? If so, please schedule those four dates definitely. I should like to be back in Cleveland by the end of the week. As far as possible, I plan to fly.

I plan to attend the meeting called by Governor Lehman on Sunday, March 5. Governor Lehman's letter is not "hot" and on the basis of it, not many people will accept. The least he could have done was to have people reply to him personally rather than to his secretary.

Do you know of anyone in New York who could occupy my pulpit that morning?

Your invitation from Boston to open their Campaign on the 19th means that I would have to be out of my pulpit twice within one month. I have a wedding scheduled that afternoon which I am now trying to shift. You will hear from me later.

As far as the incorporation of the United Jewish Appeal is concerned, I am in no position to advise you. I would suggest that you rely on the legal advice of Jonah Goldstein.

I did not send a letter to Scranton, Pa. I have a long standing engagement to address the YMHA of that city on March 21 and I do not think it would fair of me to accept an invitation from another organization in that city.

I believe that Henry Monsky would be an acceptable fifth member to the Allocation Committee. Sound out the

Henry Montor

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the JDC people about him.

If I am going to Texas the end of March, it will be impossible for me to accept the invitation of Minneapolis for April 14. Furthermore, I have been there in the last few years a few times in connection with campaigns and I believe that someone else should go there.

Please send my secretary some letterheads of the UJA for use here.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Maybe I am given to too much anxiety but, as I
said in the enclosed letter to Rabbi Wise, I have a feeling
that the United Jewish Appeal has not yet got hold of the
imagination of the country. This can be done in one of two
ways: (1) Through field men; through contacts of leaders,
speakers, etc.; and (2) Through the utilization of all the
modern devices of publicity and promotion.

Treasurer

Arthur M. Lamport

Some of our field men are doing very good jobs.
Others are of that type who are frightened even by the
mention of five hundred dollars, so that they are not the
type to ask or to think in terms of the larger contributions
we need this year. It would seem obvious that the thing to
do is to dismiss those men not equipped for the job. In the
first place, however, it is not easy to replace even weak
persons and, in the second place, there are other restrictions
with which we are all too well acquainted.

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I do hope that you will urge upon Rabbi Wise that
he agree with you in "unleashing" the power that is inherent
in our publicity organization so that every time we want a
radio program, a publicity release or contact with public
forces, we do not have to go through a three-week filtering
process that is so enervating as to remove every incentive for
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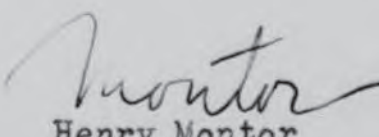
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February 10, 1939

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
35 East 62nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Wise:

This will acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your letter of February 8th in which you describe "The Message of Israel" hour for March 5, 11, 16 and 25.

Four such programs as you contemplate on "The Message of Israel" hour would be a valuable asset for the United Jewish Appeal.

I would like to urge upon Dr. Silver and yourself that whatever radio time can be obtained by the Publicity Department, either nationally or locally, should be utilized.

Early in the year a telegram was prepared by Dr. Silver and yourself addressed to the three national chains. In response to this wire they agreed to give us time. Thus far we have delayed accepting it, presumably on the ground that it was too early to begin stimulating the communities.

May I point out that scores of campaigns are now under way or are contemplated in the immediate future. It is true that the majority of these are not in the \$300,000 or \$400,000 class; nevertheless they are being given quotas two, three and four times what they were in 1938. They will need all the stimulation they can get. The same is true of the thirteen large cities.

I am frank to confess my own anxiety that the country is not yet saturated with the feeling that the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs is the overwhelming cause of 1939. It is my opinion that we have been too reticent and too hesitant, and that we have hedged our Publicity Department about with too many restriction.

I am one of those who believes that publicity is not fundamental to the success of a campaign. At the same time, however, it is apparent that unless we create an atmosphere of

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

emergency and of unprecedented mobilization of the Jewish community, we shall fail to convey that every Jew, regardless of his means, is expected to contribute, and that the contribution is expected to be of an extraordinary amount.

I take this means, therefore, of urging upon Dr. Silver and yourself that, within the confines of dignity, the bars be let down, so to speak, so that our Publicity Department might function with the normal fervor and dynamism that are characteristic of any first class, modern American publicity organization.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman



HM:FE

February 10, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Under date of February 3, you sent a letter to Dr. Abram Simon of Washington informing him of his election to the National Council of the United Palestine Appeal. The office should have known that Dr. Simon has been dead now for nearly a month. Such mistakes are serious. There ought to be a careful check-up of our official families with whom we correspond regularly so as to avoid making these painful mistakes.

It will not be possible for me to attend the meeting in New York on February 20, nor do I think that it is necessary for me to be there.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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February 10, 1936

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The United Jewish Appeal, Inc.,
100 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Sirs:

Reference is made to the evidence furnished by you for use in reconsidering the question of your exemption for Federal taxation.

The evidence submitted discloses that you were incorporated under the laws of the State of New York on January 31, 1935. Your purposes are to conduct campaigns and to raise funds for the relief and rehabilitation of Jews and the settlement of Jews in Palestine. Your incorporators represent The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Incorporated and the American Palestine Campaign for the Jewish Agency of Palestine. Your activities consist of conducting campaigns throughout the United States for the solicitation, raising, and collection of funds and the distribution of the funds raised to The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Incorporated, and the American Palestine Campaign, Incorporated. Your income is derived from contributions and it is used to promote your objects and for general maintenance and operating expenses.

Based on the facts presented it is held that you are entitled to exemption under the provisions of section 101(6) of the Revenue Act of 1934. You are not, therefore, required to file returns for 1935 and subsequent years so long as there is no change in your organization, your purposes or your method of operation.

Any changes in your form of organization or method of operation, as shown by the evidence submitted, must be immediately reported by you to the collector of internal revenue for your district in order that the effect of such changes upon your present exempt status may be determined.

Contributions to your organization by individual donors are deductible by such individuals in arriving at their taxable net income in the manner and to the extent provided by section 23(o) of the Revenue Act of 1934. The deductibility of contributions by corporations is governed by sections 102 and 107 of the Revenue Act of 1935.

A copy of this letter is being transmitted to the collector of internal revenue for your district. The question as to whether you are exempt from payment of the capital stock tax will be made the subject of a separate communication.

By direction of the Commissioner.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Chas. T. Russell
Deputy Commissioner

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February 10, 1939.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The New York Council of the United Palestine Appeal is giving a Tea for Lady Reading on February 15th. Herewith is a list of some of the J.D.C. people who have been invited and their responses.

If ever there was a boycott on anyone this seems to be it. What is involved in this case is not J.D.C. against U.P.A. but a social blunder Lady Reading is reputed to have committed in London against the Warburgs. Apparently everybody of that group has heard about it.

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FS
Enc.

P.S.--Since writing the above I am informed that the following have accepted the invitation to be present at the February 15th reception: Mrs. Marion R. Stern, Mrs. Roger W. Straus, Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, and Mrs. David Levy. Lady Reading had dinner with Mrs. Warburg Monday night. Apparently that accounts for the change.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am thinking in terms of 1940.

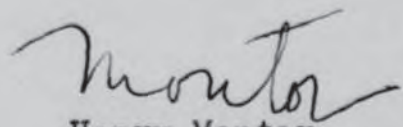
You will recall that the United Palestine Appeal annual conferences, held in Washington, have always started off on a bad foot because we have not had the Grand Ballroom of the hotel in which we have been located.

The Mayflower Hotel management informs me that the ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel is available for Saturday evening, January 6th, and all day Sunday, January 7th.

Would you authorize me to reserve the hotel and the specified dates? We must keep in mind the fact that it is the weekend following New Years; but it is the only weekend when the ballroom is free for the period we need it.

If we do not reserve these dates now, we will find that the Republicans, the Democrats, the D.A.R. or G.A.R. will have reserved it within the next few weeks.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

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The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

With further reference to Scranton, Pa., may I point out that you would not be expected in Scranton before May if the local committee actually accepted a quota for a large amount. Do you think then that this would interfere with your address to the Y.M.E.A. on March 21st?

May I suggest then that the letter to Dickstein as drafted should go with the exception of the fact that you will eliminate the part about your going to Scranton.

Stationery of the United Jewish Appeal is being forwarded to your secretary.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FW

C O P Y

HADASSAH

1860 Broadway New York

February 10, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

I am sorry to have to point to a correction in your friendly letter of February 7th. It is true that I said we would write to the chapters in those communities in which UJA campaigns are being held at this time, asking them to avoid any possible conflict with the larger campaign. We are deeply interested in the success of the campaign and know that our chapters are following the progress of the campaign with keen interest, and would not want to jeopardize the success of the campaign in any way. On the other hand, if I gave you the impression that we intended to "communicate to Hadassah chapters throughout the country, asking that Youth Aliyah campaigns in cities not included in the attached list should be postponed until after the UJA drive in that community has been completed", I gave you a very wrong impression.

In the first place, we do not, in this office, set the dates for local campaigns. They are set at the beginning of the fiscal year, October 1st, always taking into consideration the local situation. In the second place, our year is completed by September 30th. There can be no such thing as our postponing out fundraising effort until fall. In the fall, we start a new year and are forced to meet new quotas and new conditions and circumstances. In the third place, our Youth Aliyah campaigns do not follow the patterns of the UPA and JDC campaigns. They are not intensive, high-pressure efforts, condensed into a limited period of time, but on the whole are carried on over a long period through more or less continuous effort. Therefore, we could never undertake to categorically inform our chapters that there must be no Youth Aliyah efforts until after the UJA campaign is completed.

I can assure you that we will do everything in our power to avoid any friction, and that we will at all times take into consideration the larger fundraising efforts so as to conduct our affairs in such a way as to not endanger the success of the campaign.

If you think it necessary to discuss this matter further, we will call the meeting which we previously postponed for Mrs. Greenberg, you and me to confer.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Judith G. Epstein

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein
National President

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Dear Dr. Silver:

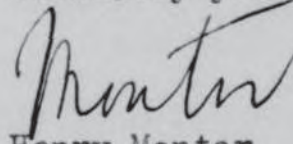
Attached herewith is a copy of a
letter dated February 10th from Mrs. Epstein,
President of Hadassah.

If ever a letter represented the
antithesis of a conversation, it is this one
from Mrs. Epstein.

We are certainly put in an embar-
rassing position with respect to the UJA whom
I had informed that the tracks had been cleared
for real cooperation.

This letter from Hadassah sounds as
though it had been written by the JNF.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

February 14, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I believe that it would be advisable to engage the Mayflower Hotel for January 6 and 7, 1940. It is conceivable, of course, that at some later time during the year we might find ourselves compelled to change the date. However, it is well to take an option on the Hotel.

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Charlotte, North Carolina. Please answer it and give the Chairman the information which he requires.

I am also enclosing a letter which I received from Dr. Prinz. I recall that we authorized an advance of a few hundred dollars to Dr. Prinz some time ago. Has he delivered addresses for the UPA since then to have justified that advance? Inasmuch as all speakers are now to be paid for by the UJA, I am wondering just how we can extend this help to Dr. Prinz - help which I would like to see him get.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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February 15, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland has arranged two fine meetings for Lady Erleigh, a very large luncheon at the Wade Park Manor, and a smaller reception in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. P. Halle, where she will meet the richer women of the city and where we will make an effort to get them to make much larger pledges to the Campaign than they did in previous years.

I understand that wires are being pulled by the Zionist District to have a mass meeting arranged for her in the evening. I would not advise it. This would seriously conflict with the meetings planned for noon and the afternoon. The Campaign Organization wishes to have her coming here completely identified with the purposes of the Campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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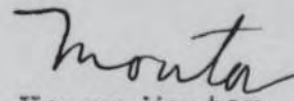
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In speaking to Rabbi Wise today he told me that he did not think Mr. Justice Brandeis is acceptable as the fifth member. He felt he was too closely identified with Palestine. He thought that perhaps one of the two present members of the United Palestine Appeal might wish to withdraw and become an alternate, and give a place to Justice Brandeis, but that a fifth member is still needed.

He felt that Mr. Monsky was not sufficiently well-known nationally to occupy the position of fifth member.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH

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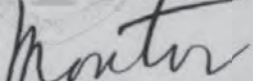
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a list showing what is being done regarding the resignations, nominations and notice of meeting of the Members and Board of Directors of the Corporation of the United Jewish Appeal.

HM:BC

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

P.S. The procedure sounds very complicated but what is involved in lay prose is this:

- 1) The present Corporation of the U.J.A., Inc. is being used for all the practical purposes of the U.J.A.
- 2) According to the By-Laws of the U.J.A., Inc. there are 14 Directors. The resignations have to be secured of all present Directors who are not among the 14 Directors approved at the last meeting of the Executive Meeting of the U.J.A.
- 3) An annual meeting of the U.J.A., Inc. will be held next week at which will be ratified all the decisions previously made with regard to the officers of the U.J.A.

That is the law.

PROCEDURE INVOLVING RESIGNATIONS AND NOMINATIONS
FOR CORPORATION ENTITLED UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

- 1) An invitation to the Class A and Class B Members of the Corporation entitled United Jewish Appeal, Inc. to attend the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, is being drafted by Joseph C. Hyman. These invitations will be sent out tomorrow.
- 2) Resignation forms have been prepared for Class A and Class B Members. Those resigning from Class A membership are David M. Bressler, Joseph C. Hyman, Alexander Kahn and Solomon Lowenstein. Those resigning from Class B membership are John L. Leibowitz, Charles Ress and Louis P. Rocker.
- 3) Nomination forms have been prepared substituting deceased members of Class A and Class B with their respective nominees. Class A replacement is James N. Rosenberg for Felix M. Warburg. Class B replacements are Abba Hillel Silver and Israel Goldstein for Harry L. Glucksman and Isidore D. Morrison.
- 4) A waiver of notice of the annual meeting for the year 1939 has been prepared which will require the signature of each member of the Corporation.
- 5) A covering letter will accompany the invitation to our people explaining what is involved.

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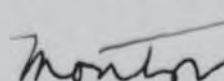
Lady Reading will arrive in Cleveland, from Chicago, at 7:42 A.M. on Thursday morning, February 23rd. She will go directly to the Wade Park Manor where, I am told, reservations have already been made for her, and where you will be able to reach her.

She will remain in Cleveland until 11:55 P.M., (when she will leave for Toronto) on the evening of the 24th.

That will give her two days in your city, with not very much to do. She has asked whether it would be possible to have a car available for her to take her to places of unusual interest such as for instance, a good museum, if you have one. She would also be glad to meet with a small group or groups of persons in Cleveland who might be stimulated to give larger contributions. And, of course, I must leave the social side of her program to you.

I would not ask you to tell me what you think you can do to meet her wishes, had she not asked me to let her know.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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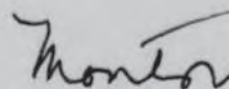
All speakers used in campaigns except for educational lectures that the United Palestine Appeal may arrange for from time to time are paid for by the United Jewish Appeal.

If you wish to authorize an advance to Dr. Prinz by the United Palestine Appeal, the money will be turned over to him.

I don't know how you feel about it, but perhaps you might wish to authorize me, in my capacity in the United Jewish Appeal, to make an advance.

I might point out that Dr. Prinz's situation is such that these advances will be asked for from time to time.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

NEW YORK COUNCIL TEA - Feb. 15th

JDC people invited

Abner Bregman - (accepted)
Edward M.M. Warburg (declined)

Mrs. Richard Bernhard (Mrs. Lehman's daughter) - (will try)
Mrs. Sidney Borg (declined)
Mrs. Daniel Guggenheim (declined)
Mrs. Frederick M. Heimerdinger (declined)
Mrs. Arthur Lehman (declined)
Mrs. Eli J. Kahn (former Mrs. Sulzberger) (accepted)
Mrs. Samuel A. Lewisohn (declined)
Mrs. Richard Percy Limburg (declined)
Mrs. Marion Stern (declined)
Mrs. Joseph Stroock (accepted)
Mrs. Roger W. Straus (declined)
Mrs. Felix M. Warburg (not heard from as yet)
Mrs. Milton Wyle (accepted)



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

ON BEHALF OF

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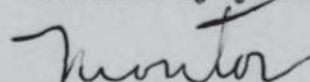
Dear Dr. Silver:

I understand that you have agreed to the proposal of Rabbi Wise that he/you interchange on the Message of Israel hours during the month of March in order to present the story of the United Jewish Appeal without directly asking for funds.

It would be most helpful if we could have texts of the planned addresses as long in advance as possible for distribution to every single paper in the United States.

In view of the fact that you will be in Texas in the latter part of March, I think that it would be best if you had the evenings of March 11th and 18th instead of the 11th and 25th. Is this agreeable to you? It is to Rabbi Wise.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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HM:BC

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SYMBOLS

DL = Day Letter

NM = Night Message

NL = Night Letter

LC = Deferred Cable

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

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=PROGRAM FOR TEXAS AS FOLLOWS: ELPASO MARCH 26 SANANTONIO

MARCH 28 FORTWORTH MARCH 29TH HOUSTON MARCH 30.

KINDLY APPROVE SO THAT WE MAY GO FORWARD WITH PLANS=

MONITOR.

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The Temple,
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Announcement

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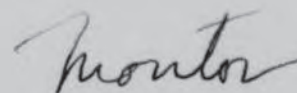
Dear Dr. Silver:

I think you will be interested to know that the New York people are not planning, at this moment, at least, to have any part in the March 5th meeting at Governor Lehman's home.

However, if the response to the Lehman invitation seems favorable, that is if at least twenty-five or thirty-five good people indicate that they will be present, New York will have invitations sent out to its big prospective givers.

The reason Willen gives for not having sent out invitations at this time is that most of his people are in Florida, but if it is held he will see to it that ^{some of} the New Yorkers are present to give it the proper background.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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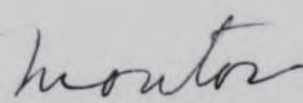
Executive Director

Henry Montor

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of the cable which I received from Bakstansky, Secretary of the English Zionist Federation and Secretary of the Council for German Jewry, in response to my inquiry as to the meaning of the \$300,000,000 corporation announced in connection with the liquidation of the Evian Committee. I had inquired how the United Jewish Appeal campaign for \$20,000,000 would be affected by the corporation to which reference has been made in the newspapers.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

C O P Y

CABLE FROM LONDON - FEB. 16, 1939

MONITOR ZIONISTS
NEWYORK

WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE PROPOSED CORPORATION STOP EVIAN
COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED GENERAL PLAN IMMIGRATION SETTLEMENT DETAILS
PRESS STOP LINDER LEAVING FOR AMERICA SATURDAY CONSULT HIM FULLER
INFORMATION

BAKSTANSKY



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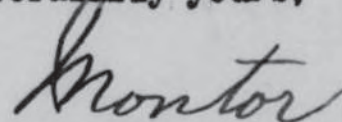
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Has Cleveland given consideration as yet to its 1939 quota for the United Jewish Appeal? As you know, Cleveland and Detroit are being thought of in terms of \$600,000 each for the United Jewish Appeal.

The Detroit Budget Committee has already agreed to \$530,000 as a quota for the United Jewish Appeal, with the possibility that this amount may be increased later.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG

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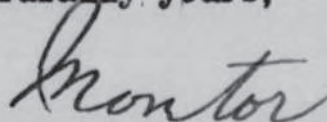
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Could you send a telegram addressed to Rabbi Wise in connection with the dinner being given on Monday night (February 20th) at the Hotel Commodore, for the purpose of informing about a hundred people whom we are trying to get as speakers in the New York and national campaign of the purposes of the United Jewish Appeal. The invitations that were sent out for the dinner were in the names of Rabbi Wise and yourself.

In your telegram could you speak of the need of the cooperation of those gathered at the dinner and refer to the fact that you have asked Morris Rothenberg to speak for you.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG

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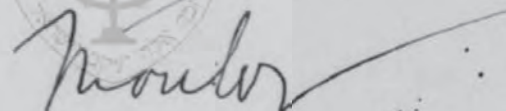
Henry Montor

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I ask you to be good enough
to advise me whether you mailed the letter
to Mr. Henry Monsky, draft of which I sent
you in my letter of February 10th.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

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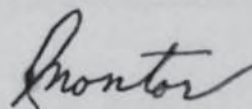
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to you and Rabbi Wise by Professor Joseph P. Chamberlain. I do not know what this serving of notice is intended to mean.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH

Encl.

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NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
for AID to REFUGEES and EMIGRANTS COMING from GERMANY
165 West 46th Street
New York City

February 15, 1939

Dr. Jonah B. Wise
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairmen
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Wise and Dr. Silver:

I have been instructed by the executive committee of the National Coordinating Committee to write the Chairmen of the forthcoming United Appeal to point out that when the request was made on behalf of the Coordinating Committee for two million dollars, this figure was based on the continuing of the care of the persons affected by the German situation, and did not include those affected by Eastern Europe.

The situation in Italy and in south eastern Europe has become similar to that in Germany and, from all the information I can gather, is likely to increase in volume and importance. The executive committee of the National Coordinating Committee voted to assume the same responsibility for the refugees from south eastern and eastern Europe as it had been carrying for the refugees from Greater Germany.

The executive committee noted the many requests for aid from people in this country in respect to prospective refugees from south eastern Europe and eastern Europe and felt that it would be unwise to set up a new organization to care for these refugees whose needs are very similar to those coming from Germany. It was felt also that the appeal for funds would be more difficult if the eastern and south eastern European refugees were not included in the work of the Coordinating Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Joseph P. Chamberlain

February 17, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to the Message of Israel broadcast -
I have definitely scheduled the evenings of March 11 and 18
for my broadcasts.

With reference to Dr. Prinz - I would suggest that the
advance be made to him by the UPA with a clear statement to
him that the UPA no longer pays for speakers, that all honoraria
come from the UJA and that hereafter we would not be in a position
to make any such advances.

With reference to my trip to Texas - I cannot be away
from Cleveland on March 26. I have two important weddings
scheduled on that day. Besides, I am to be away from my
pulpit the week before, March 19, in Boston. I would therefore
suggest that you re-arrange your plans so as to begin on
March 28 and go through April 2.

Have you any suggestions for speakers to occupy my
pulpit on March 5 and March 19?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a letter which
has come here for you in connection with Habimah.
I assume you will want to answer it personally.



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Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Joseph Willen went to see the Governor on Saturday and convinced him that March 5th was much too early for the meeting which had been called for that date. As a result the meeting has been changed to the afternoon of April 2nd. I must say we are placed in a very embarrassing position as a result of the hegemony exercised by the New York campaign.

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Arthur M. Lampert

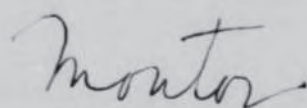
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Cordially yours,



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HM:EH

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1939 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

February 20, 1939

Previous Pledges	\$969,408.73
Additional Pledges February 20, 1939	<u>24,372.16</u>
	<u>993,780.89</u>

Previous Cash Received	272,279.56
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Cash received February 20, 1939

<u>CITY AND STATE</u>	<u>COMMUNITY OR INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Montgomery, Alabama	Jewish Federation	\$1,750.00
Sumter, South Carolina	" Welfare Fund	750.00
Fall River, Massachusetts	United Jewish Appeal	5,000.00
Saratoga Springs, New York	Jewish Emergency Relief Fund	1,200.00
Plattsburg, New York	United Jewish Relief Fund	300.00
Lubbock, Texas	" " Appeal	339.50
Glasgow, Montana	Mr. Rubin Sinclair	25.00
Manning, South Carolina	Senator & Mrs. T.H. Stukes	2.00
Manning, South Carolina	Mr. W. C. Coffee	.50
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania	Mrs. Eugene Grab	5.00
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Gettysburg, Pennsylvania	Mr. Irving Bierer	5.00
Petersburg, Indiana	Miss Ruth Smith	1.00
Petersburg, Indiana	Mrs. I. Moseson	5.00
Whitmire, South Carolina	United Jewish Appeal	100.00
Rapid City, South Dakota	" " "	145.00
Dalton, Georgia	" " "	10.00
West Point, Georgia	" " "	78.00
Huron, South Dakota	Messrs. A. & H. Garber	50.00
East Schodack, New York	Congregation Agadath Achim	<u>81.50</u>
		<u>9,865.50</u>
		\$282,145.06

COPY

February 20, 1939.

My dear Mr. Gould:

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 Menes. Some day we shall yet celebrate a new Purim, but today 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 Rinsky
Treasurer

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Addenda to the Protocol of the Sub-Committee of the American Keren Kayesod and the Jewish National Fund of America, which was authorized to negotiate and complete the U.P.A. agreement for 1939.

It was agreed at the meeting held on Thursday afternoon, December 29, 1938

That the appropriation of the Mizrachi Palestine Fund for the year 1939 be increased from \$60,000 to \$90,000, with the understanding that the Mizrachi Organization be required to provide the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Palestine with an accounting and a full report on the expenditures involved, and further, that copies of these reports also be supplied to the U.P.A. for its information.

SERVICE CHARGES:

It was agreed that the service charges for 1939 be paid to the Z.O.A., the Mizrachi and the Poale Zion-Zeire Zion on the same basis as for 1938, to wit: Z.O.A. \$54,000, Mizrachi \$9,200, Poale Zion \$9,200.

It was also subsequently agreed that, in view of the fact that the Hashomer Hatzair is a legally recognized Zionist Organization of the World Zionist Congress, and in view of the fact that in the year 1938 promises and assurances had been given to the Hashomer Hatzair that in the agreement of 1939 its legal status would be recognized by the U.P.A., an appropriation of \$1,200 be made for Hashomer Hatzair as its service charge to the U.P.A. for 1939, it being understood that Hashomer Hatzair shall give full cooperation and support, through its periodicals and its propaganda, to the activities of the U.P.A.

(Sgd) Israel Goldstein
Pres.
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

(sgd) Louis Lipsky
Chairman
Keren Hayesod

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ON BEHALF OF

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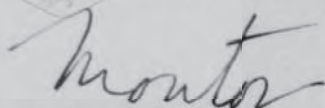
February 20, 1939.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter
that has come here addressed to you. This, of
course, involves office management.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice Chairman

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UNITED OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICA

LOCAL 16

239 FOURTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

February 16, 1939.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Under date of February 6th, we wrote the following letter to the Joint Distribution Committee and to the United Palestine Appeal.

"We understand that the majority of your office and clerical employees are about to be transferred into a new organization called the United Jewish Appeal.

"On behalf of these employees who are members of our Union, we request an appointment for the purpose of arriving at an agreement covering the conditions of employment in the new organization. Since the United Jewish Appeal is to be set up shortly, we request the appointment as soon as possible.

"Please let us hear from you."

We are deeply appreciative of the need for the fullest cooperation between the Agency and its employees if the great public-spirited work of the United Jewish Appeal is to meet with the success so necessary to the victims of persecution in other lands. We are sure that you will agree with us that that cooperation is possible only when there is mutual understanding and a satisfactory method for handling all personnel problems.

We trust that you will give the above the immediate consideration it merits and we should like an opportunity to meet with a committee designated by you to discuss it more fully. May we expect an early reply?

Very truly yours,

MORRIS YANOFF

Representative

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NO.16

February 20, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I did send the letter to Mr. Henry
Monsky, the draft of which you sent me on
February 10.

With reference to Cleveland's quota -
as soon as Mr. Goldhamer returns from his vacation
in Florida, the place to which all good social workers
seem to go, we will take up the matter of our local
campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 20, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

You wrote me about telephoning
Mr. Benjamin D. Rudolph of Syracuse, N.Y. When
is their campaign beginning?

I will try to contact with Mr. Luntz
of Canton in a day or two.

With reference to the letter you
received from Tulsa Community Council in connection
with the Habimah Players - there must be some mistake.
I did not make any application to the Council for the
Habimah Players. I wrote to Mr. Julius Livingston,
personally, as I did to a few others throughout the
country, asking them for their personal contribution
to a fund which would make it possible for the
Habimah Players to come to the United States. Mr.
Livingston must have "passed the buck" to the
Community Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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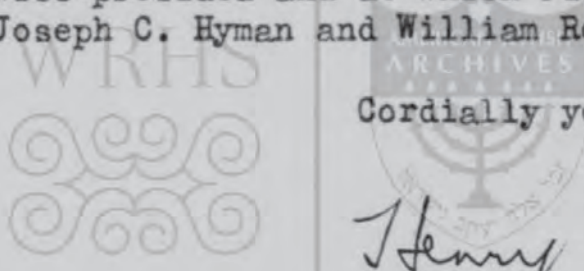
Henry Montor

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

There is being sent to you under separate cover a copy of the Speakers Manual which was distributed last night at the meeting for speakers at which Rabbi Jonah Wise presided and at which Judge Rothenberg, Joseph C. Hyman and William Rosenwald spoke.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

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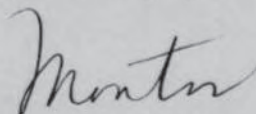
Dear Dr. Silver:

You are scheduled to address the Forum of
the Y.M.H.A. in Scranton on March 22nd.

Scranton is being asked to accept a quota
of \$40,000 which will probably be considered an
enormous sum by the community leaders.

It has been suggested by the community that
it would be a remarkable stimulus for the cam-
paign if they could have a dinner meeting at the
Hotel Casey on March 22nd for the campaign com-
mittee and the larger donors. Could you accept
such an arrangement or meet with a few of the
people at lunch or in the afternoon?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BC

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

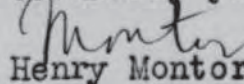
The campaign in Syracuse is scheduled to open during April. The quota suggested by the U.J.A. is \$60,000. This has been tentatively accepted. Asher Markson is the Chairman of the campaign. The other officers of the campaign have not yet been definitely determined.

Mr. Hiram Weisberg, who is the most influential leader in the community and most anxious for the success of the campaign, says that he will give \$5,000 and that he wants three or four others to join with him. He believes that Mr. Rudolph is one of those to give \$5,000. Thus, if you could telephone Rudolph to say that he can stimulate the entire community by announcing \$5,000 and thus challenge the others to give a similar amount it will serve the purpose that Weisberg has in mind.

In connection with the speaker in your pulpit on March 19th, what do you think of Reinhold Herz who has made a good impression in a number of communities which he has visited? He is a young man as indicated in the enclosed biographical sketch. What do you think of Jonah J. Goldstein, former General Sessions judge of New York City? Let me know at your earliest convenience so that I can make final arrangements with either of these, or do you prefer some one else?

In view of the fact that you are to speak on the Message of Israel hour on March 11th and 18th, you will probably have to be in New York City on the evening of March 18th, which is a Saturday, instead of having the broadcast from Cleveland since you will be in Boston on the 19th. Is all this correct?

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BC
Enc.

February 22, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to the communication received from the United Office and Professional Workers of America, I would suggest that it be referred to the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for action.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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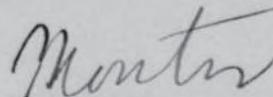
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a daily report sheet for February 20th showing definite pledges received from communities as of that date and cash on account.

The first distribution of funds of the U.J.A. nationally was made with checks distributed as follows:

\$150,000 to the Joint Distribution Committee, 75,000 to the United Palestine Appeal, and -- 60,000 to the National Coordinating Committee.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BC
Enc.

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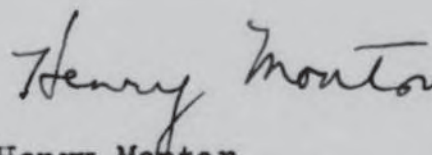
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Would there be any point at all
in my coming to Cleveland to present the
budgets and the needs of the agencies embraced
in the United Jewish Appeal?

I know that even the suggestion
to come to your constituency sounds arrogant,
on my part, but I wanted you to know that in
the event I can be of any use, I am available.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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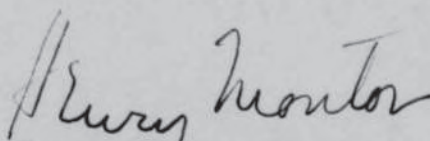
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Shall a letter be sent from this office to you formally as Chairman of the Cleveland campaign, or to someone else as Chairman of the Budget Committee making formal application for an allotment of \$600,000 to the United Jewish Appeal?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:FE

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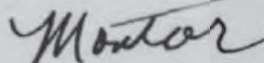
February 24, 1939.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am informed by the secretary for the committee, Miss Land, that the tour of Habima to the United States is planned for the spring. Thus far they have raised in pledged the sum of \$22,025 toward their goal of \$30,000. They have collected in cash approximately \$14,000 but are not going after the uncollected pledges very diligently until after the quota of \$30,000 has been attained.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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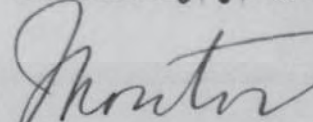
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I understand that Harrisburg, Pa., which
has a \$50,000 quota, has invited you to open its
campaign on April 16th.

Are you giving them that date or any
other date?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG

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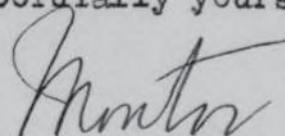
February 27, 1939.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Is it possible for you to know at this time whether you are going by plane or train to Scranton where you are speaking at the Y.M.H.A. Forum on March 22nd? Would it be possible for you to decide now exactly what train or plane you will take? This would be helpful in connection with a little dinner that is being planned in Scranton to stimulate the 1939 United Jewish Appeal drive. Scranton has a quota of \$40,000 for 1939 as against the sum of \$15,500 which was raised for the three constituent organizations in 1938. If the dinner could start a little earlier than such functions generally do, it might be possible to have a big gifts function at that very dinner, and on the basis of the pledges then made, set the goal for the campaign as a whole.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice Chairman

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I met on Thursday, February 23rd at the Hadassah office with Mrs. S. J. Rosensohn and Mrs. David de Sola Pool to discuss the relationship of the Youth Aliyah campaign to the United Jewish Appeal.

They informed me that Mrs. Epstein did not feel that she had the right to assume from our conversation at the Hadassah Conference some weeks ago what she indicated was our impression following the conversation. Furthermore, Mrs. Epstein had authorized them to say that the Hadassah had the right to repudiate Mrs. Epstein's statements if through some mischance she had given us the impression that Hadassah had agreed to discontinue Youth Aliyah campaigns in that it would help United Jewish Appeal campaigns in the offing.

I inquired of the ladies whether they did not think all Zionists owed primary allegiance to the Jewish Agency for Palestine and its funds. I called attention to the letter from Mr. Eliezer Kaplan in which all Zionists were urged to give first consideration to the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth which in the United States are embraced within the United Palestine Appeal. The ladies do not feel that they owe any particular allegiance to the Jewish Agency in fund-raising matters.

If you have ever reasoned with Hadassah women, as I know you have, you can appreciate how futile I felt after a half hour of such a conversation in which Hadassah says that only within the Youth Aliyah lies the difference between disaster and triumph in Palestine. The Hadassah women insist that their Chapters never conduct "campaigns" but that they do sponsor year-round fund-raising efforts. Furthermore, they saw no reason why they should go out of their way for the United Jewish Appeal since they do not receive any funds from the campaign.

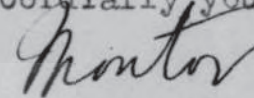
Before I left the office the only assurances I could receive were:

(1) That a general letter might possibly be written to the Hadassah Chapters asking them to cooperate as much as possible with the United Jewish Appeal (although they emphasized that they had no authority as to when or how to conduct campaigns for Youth Aliyah); and

(2) That they would be prepared to receive letters from me on specific questions in communities involving relationships between the United Jewish Appeal and Youth Aliyah.

The Hadassah women seem to feel that the United Palestine Appeal is making their life miserable while the J. D. C. people are cooperating most splendidly with the Youth Aliyah campaign. They refuse to believe that this is a problem affecting the entire United Jewish Appeal. I am afraid that insofar as Hadassah is concerned, I must give it up as a hopeless task and hope for the best.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:F



February 27, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I will take up the matter of the Cleveland allocation to the UJA in a day or two with Mr. Goldhamer who has just returned from Mexico. If I feel that there is any need for you to come to Cleveland, I shall of course notify you then.

I was pleased to see the responses to Governor Lehman's invitation. I hope that nothing happens at the last moment to force another postponement.

I don't think that there is anything you can do about the Order Sons of Zion effort to complete their Kfar Bnai Zion project. I assume that their appeal is limited to their own members. You will recall that in the agreement with the JNF it was stipulated that projects already initiated by organizations shall be allowed to continue.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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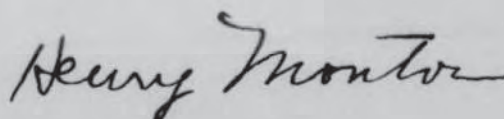
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Indianapolis is very happy to have you as speaker for its Big Gifts Dinner which will be the money-raising event on April 12th or 13th. Or have you another date that you could give them?

Indianapolis is being asked to take a quota of \$100,000.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 27, 1939

Mr. Leon Gellman
Mizrachi
1133 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Gellman:

In the "Jewish Morning Journal" of February 21st reference was made to a conference which was held in Cleveland, Ohio where it was decided that the sum of \$25,000 would be raised during the next six months by the Hapoel Hamizrachi in the middlewest.

Will you confirm the authenticity of this news report. If it is correct, may I ask under what circumstances this group, which is part of the Mizrachi Organization, undertakes to raise funds apart from the United Palestine Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

What do you think of the value of having
the enclosed material printed in a pamphlet to be
sent out as a piece of stimulation literature on
the United Palestine Appeal?



Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Montor'.

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM: F
ENCL.

February 28, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I was interested in studying the list which you sent me giving the quotas assigned to the various communities and the quotas which they accepted tentatively or definitely. In order to have a true picture of the situation, as it were, I would appreciate it if you would let me know what the quotas assigned to all Jewish communities in the United States total up to. This would give me an idea of how closely we will approximate our Twenty Million Dollar goal.

It will of course be impossible for me to accept the invitation of Harrisburg for April 16 inasmuch as I am to be in Detroit for a UJA meeting on that day. I have not heard from them as to any other dates.

With reference to Scranton, the likelihood is that I will arrive early in the afternoon of March 22nd so that the big donors' dinner can be held earlier. I am assuming, of course, that all this is being done with the consent of the YMHA of Scranton.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 28, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Mr. Abe Luntz was in my study, this morning, at my invitation. We discussed the Canton situation. He told me that Canton, this year, must raise a substantial sum of money for a new building for their Jewish Center. The present one has been condemned as a fire trap. He felt that the quota assigned for Canton, of \$32,000, would be very difficult, if not impossible to reach, in view of this special task which confronts the community.

I suggested to him that he have a group of the wealthier Jews of the city, say ten or fifteen in number, meet immediately and that we would send someone in to sit down with that group and explain to them the needs of the UJA and persuade them to make special contributions for overseas relief now, over and above what they will make to the general campaign, inclusive of the UJA, which is scheduled for the latter part of April. In that group would be a few people such as Mr. Livingston, Mr. Erlanger and Mr. Luntz who can each give \$5,000. The meeting would be arranged to meet the convenience of the man whom headquarters could send out. Inasmuch as I have been to Canton frequently, it would perhaps be more helpful if someone else could go there. Could Jonah Wise go there for such a meeting; or can you suggest someone else?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky
*Chairman, Administrative
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Joseph Willen has been asking for an opportunity to meet with you. He would like to discuss the New York campaign and give you an opportunity to know him better. He seems most concerned about the latter phase of it.

Solomon Goldman
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What do you think of the idea of inviting him to present a report at the next meeting of the Administrative or Executive Committee of the UPA on the progress of the New York campaign? He says he would like to know the Zionist and Palestine group more intimately.

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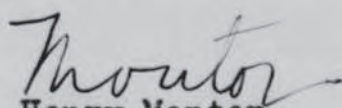
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342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Committee in Formation

March 1, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a proposed note to be sent to
Mr. Edward J. Gould, Chairman of the Lorain, Ohio
campaign. Could you let me know if you send off this
letter or something similar?



Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Montor".

Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BJ
Encl.

March 1, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

The date of April 12 for Indianapolis will be all right. Please have them send me an official invitation indicating the nature of their meeting. As a matter of procedure, I think it is always desirable to have an invitation come directly from the community to me over and above any request which you may get in the office.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA

111 Fifth Avenue

New York

March 2, 1939

Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Montor:

Before Mr. Lipsky left for Europe he prepared the addenda to the protocol of the Sub-Committee of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth, which negotiated and completed the U.P.A. agreement for 1939.

The document has been signed by both Dr. Goldstein and Mr. Lipsky, and it includes the decision made that the sum of \$1,200 be made available for the Hashomer Hatzair as its service charge to the U.P.A. for 1939.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Mendel N. Fisher
Executive Director

March 3, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I believe the best time to schedule an Administrative Committee meeting of the UPA would be Monday Evening, March 20. I shall be in Boston the night before and I am to remain East to address meetings in Scranton and Allentown on the 21st and 22nd. I could thus give the day of Monday, March 20th for meetings in New York.

I should be very happy to meet with Mr. Joseph Willen on that day. Perhaps he would like to come up to the Commodore Hotel sometime in the afternoon. It would also be a good thing to invite him to the meeting in the evening.

As far as electing Mr. Kirstein as the fifth member of the Allocation Committee - I think that, too, can wait until the 20th. I am glad to know that Justice Brandeis has this high opinion of him. I may have occasion to sound him out when I am in Boston on the evening of March 19th.

Rabbi Goldstein phoned me yesterday and said that he had received a cable from London, signed by Weizmann, Lipsky and others, urging a million dollar loan for the JNF. He asked me whether the UPA would authorize such a loan. I told him that first of all the request from London should come direct to the UPA so that we have a definite proposition to act upon. This loan, I assume, would be paid back by the UPA out of the allotments which would normally be made to the JNF out of the income of this year's Campaign.

I do not think there is any value in going to Canton for a preliminary meeting. If Rabbi Wise is ready to go there, please notify Mr. Luntz by telegram and he will arrange the meeting.

I notice that Mr. Baratz is now on a tour for the Gewertschaften Campaign. Is the UPA paying the bill? Just what arrangement did we make - or rather - what arrangement was made for us concerning Mr. Baratz?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dr. Silver

March 3, 1939

Professor Joseph P. Chamberlain,
National Coordinating Committee for Aid to Refugees and
Emigrants Coming from Germany,
165 West 46th Street,
New York City.

Dear Professor Chamberlain:

In response to your letter of February 15th, I am not in a position to say whether the conclusions of the National Coordinating Committee as to the probabilities of raising more money by including refugee service to Eastern and Southeastern Europeans is a good one or not.

Be that as it may, we are now in the midst of a campaign which has definitely undertake to raise a definite amount. I am quite sure it will not hurt the campaign to include reference to these people.

The United Jewish Appeal, as you know, has no desire to interfere with the legitimate extension of the work of any of its constituent organizations. It is not in a position to criticize any enlargement of the program. If sufficient funds are on hand to meet enlarged programs for the three organizations, these funds will have to be distributed by the Allocations Committee which is quite separate and distinct from the Campaign Committee.

I have not consulted Dr. Silver in the matter but I am fairly sure he feels the same way about it.

Sincerely yours,

JBW:LG

Jonah B. Wise.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

M E M O R A N D U M

March 6, 1939

TO: IDA SAXON
FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached herewith is a copy of the letter from Mendel N. Fisher, dated March 2nd, and the original of the protocol authorizing the allotment by the U.P.A. to other organizations of funds raised in the 1939 U.P.A. campaign.

Would you please make out a check for \$1,200 to the Hashomer Hatzair and count this item not as a service charge but as an allotment since the money is to be spent in Palestine.

BC

cc: DR. SILVER

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19 Union Square
New York City

Dear Mr. Wolinsky:

I take the liberty of addressing you on behalf of a very serious matter and hope that you will give my call your earnest attention.

You are, no doubt, aware of the catastrophic situation of the Jews in Germany and other countries. We have all been filled with horror and protest against the inhuman Nazi atrocities. But mere protest will not solve the serious problem before us, - how to rescue a large number of refugees and provide them with a home and a more secure future.

Palestine has received over 40,000 Jews from Germany and today stands ready to absorb much greater numbers of refugees. The Palestine settlements received hundreds of boys and girls and are eager to accept thousands more.

In order to carry out this program effectively and to prepare the ground in Palestine for the homeless exiles, great financial aid is needed immediately.

I have been appointed a member of the National Campaign Committee to aid in this great cause. I am asking for your assistance and co-operation. I know that you will not refuse this urgent appeal. May I also add, that I shall consider it a personal favor, for which I thank you in advance.

Anticipating your immediate response, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Ben Lubinsky

P.S. Please make your checks payable to the Pioneer Palestine Campaign.

Dr. Silver

March 6, 1939.

Dr. Israel Goldstein

Mr. Henry Mentor

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum from one of the United Jewish Appeal field men, referring to the National Fund solicitation for amounts of \$6.00.



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 2, 1939.

To: Mr. M. Robert Herman
From: Maurice Klatch
Subject: Lorain, Ohio

I am attaching hereto for your information a copy of a letter being sent to the entire Lorain community soliciting funds for Palestine. Altho the amount asked is not a great deal, it will react very seriously when these same people are solicited for the Lorain campaign.

After the Lorain campaign is over we do not care what is done, but I feel that such a form of soliciting at this particular time will have very harmful effects upon the Lorain Federation campaign.

There are practically no very wealthy Jews in Lorain and the success of the campaign will depend upon good coverage for moderate amounts, and it is just these people upon whom the Federation must depend for the success of its drive, who will cut down very substantially on their Federation contribution because of contributing to the Palestine fund.

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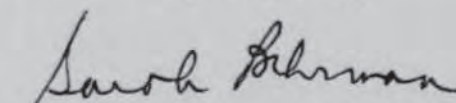
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am told that before he left on his tour Mr. Montor sent you an article which he received from Julian Meltzer, it being understood that if you approved, it was to be duplicated and sent out to the members of the National Council of the United Palestine Appeal.

May I ask you to please let me know whether the article is to be distributed - and if it is, may I please have the copy submitted to you by Mr. Montor? Thank you!

Cordially yours,


Sarah Behrman

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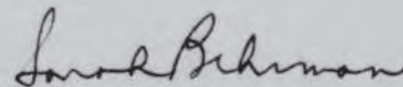
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith you will find
a letter addressed to you by Mr. Joe Wein-
garten of Houston, with a check for \$25 from
him for the Committee of American Sponsors.

I know that its eventual destina-
tion is 111 Fifth Avenue, but I am told that
it is to be sent on to you for your attention.

Cordially yours,



Sarah Behrman

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Before he left New York, Mr. Montor asked me to ascertain whether Dr. Joachim Prinz would be able to speak from your pulpit on Sunday, April 2nd, and to let you know.

I am therefore writing you now to tell you that Dr. Prinz accepts the invitation, with thanks.

Will you please let us know when you think Dr. Prinz ought to arrive in Cleveland? I ask the question since I know nothing of the details regarding the engagement.

Sincerely yours,

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

March 7, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am returning herewith the article, "An
Outline History of Jewish Colonization", by
Julian L. Meltzer.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

WRHS




AHS:BK
Enc.

M E M O R A N D U M

March 7, 1939

T O : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a statement of income and
expenditures of the United Jewish Appeal as of
February 28, 1939.

HM:BJ
Encl.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.
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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

February 28th, 1939

Contributions:

National	\$409,621.17	
Junior Division	1,136.27	
Total Contributions		\$410,757.44

Expenditures:

General Office	\$ 9,976.44	
Publicity	4,089.73	
Speakers Bureau	634.13	
Field Staff		
Payroll	\$4,399.93	
Per Diem	740.50	
Traveling	418.36	
Miscellaneous Expenses	162.54	
	5,721.33	20,421.63
Excess of Income over Expenditures		\$390,335.81

Special Appropriations:

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee	\$150,000.00	
United Palestine Appeal	75,000.00	
National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc.	60,000.00	285,000.00
Excess of Income over Expenditures and Transfers		\$105,335.81

National City Bank - General Fund Account	\$ 54,185.81	
National City Bank - Administration Fund Account	50,000.00	
Petty Cash	500.00	
Postage Fund	300.00	
Advances - Revolving Funds	350.00	\$105,335.81

A copy of the one happy family
MEMORANDUM *Montor*

March 7, 1939

TO: MR. HENRY MONTOR
FROM: MR. ISIDOR COONS
SUBJECT: U.J.A. PUBLICITY

By virtue of that which I interpret as the fundamental publicity policy of the Joint Distribution Committee, I have been compelled to either disapprove or refer recent releases submitted by Mr. Steinglass. This constitutes no reflection on the enterprise or abilities of Mr. Steinglass or his associates. I recognize that such action on my part as the official representative of J.D.C. policy in the day to day work and program of the U.J.A. might even tend to delay the progress of the publicity program, and assuredly circumscribe the opportunities in certain directions.

The J.D.C. publicity concept is so diametrically different from the publicity concept of the U.P.A., for example, that they seem to be irreconcilable. This difference obviously makes it difficult to hit upon a common ground or base for U.J.A. publicity. It was with this thought in mind that we discussed during the earlier stages of campaign preparation the advisability of the J.D.C. and U.P.A. respectively having their own educational programs with such tie-up as possible to reflect the importance of the U.J.A. as the common fund-raising instrument. This tends to leave "pallid" opportunities for U.J.A. publicity, but I must confess that I cannot find the formula for improvement.

I am prompted to write this specific memorandum on the general problem of U.J.A. publicity because Mr. Steinglass asked me to approve letters asking:

1. A letter of endorsement from President Roosevelt.
2. Letters of endorsements from Senators, Governors, Mayors, and other public officials.

It was necessary for me to refer both to the officers of the J.D.C. for approval because, in my opinion, these involve fundamentals of J.D.C. policy of such importance to the J.D.C. that I would not assume personal responsibility for passing on them alone.

I must repeat that I find nothing wrong with Mr. Steinglass' seeking approval for releases of this type, which may and undoubtedly do have great publicity value, but which may not be in conformity with the established J.D.C. policy to which I refer.

For the specific type of publicity releases to which I have referred, however, I feel that I should express my personal opinion.

The officers of the U.P.A. in preliminary conversations on arrangements for the U.J.A. expressed themselves quite definitely against any formal tie-up for a completely united front and common national fund-raising appeal with the Christian agencies. These Christian agencies are conducting their own Protestant and Catholic national campaigns respectively. The U.J.A. is officially not conducting

TO: MR. HENRY MONTOR

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a national non-sectarian campaign. Have we a right to ask Christian leaders in public and political life to endorse a technically Jewish campaign in competition, so to speak, with exclusive Christian campaigns? Or should we ask the officers of the Protestant and Catholic Refugee Committees to join us in securing an endorsement for all three campaigns?

I do not minimize the importance of publicity, even though I have been critical of the amount and type we have been receiving within the limitations that I have been a party to imposing. I think also that we have spent too much time and attention on the fundamental policies of publicity, which undoubtedly should be defined by the national chairmen and co-chairmen or be in the hands of a special campaign publicity committee.

When I return, I shall be very happy to consider this matter further to the end of improving a difficult situation. During my absence, I shall have to insist that Mr. Belth represent me in all matters relating to publicity.

Copies of this are being sent to officers of the J.D.C.; Co-Chairmen representing the J.D.C. in the U.J.A.; Mr. Belth and Mr. Steinglass. Additional copies are attached for such distribution as you care to make of them.

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(Nashville, Tenn.)

March 8, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
THE TEMPLE
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In discussing the forthcoming campaign with the people in Nashville, I was told that their hopes of success were bound up with getting a personality who would challenge every member of the community by his very presence. They are most anxious to have you and are prepared to adjust themselves to any date you may have free, although it is traditional in this community to start a campaign on a Sunday.

Nashville has a quota of \$50,000, having accepted the United Jewish Appeal quota of \$35,000, as against \$12,500 contributed last year. Considering that this money must come from a community of some 2500 people, it is apparent that an unusual amount of stimulation must be provided. In years gone by cities like Buffalo and Rochester were expected to raise the sums that Nashville is now called upon to give, and communities like Atlanta are taking quotas similar to those which Pittsburgh and St. Louis had in 1938 or 1937.

I wired you yesterday that the Atlanta people are most earnest in wanting you to open the campaign on April 18th or 19th or a week thereafter. If you accept the Atlanta invitation, and if you could spend another day in this area, the visit to Nashville would be most worthwhile. One comes through Nashville on the way back to Cleveland.

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\$20,000,000 is the Goal for 1939

In all the cities I have visited thus far, I hear the same refrain: if only we could have Dr. Silver, we would not be hesitant about accepting the larger quota! I realize how physically impossible it is for you to accept all or even most of these invitations, which in most instances are prayerful hopes. Unfortunately, there are no acceptable substitutes. The communities do, of course, get someone else but they take these others as inevitable fate and not with great spirit.

What has struck me particularly about Atlanta and Nashville is that the spirit for the campaign comes from Zionists or from those most deeply interested in Palestine. And yet these communities would undoubtedly be claimed by Mr. Ittelson as JDC towns.

Another thing that has struck me is that actually the wealth of some of these communities has not been tapped. That does not mean that some of these Jews are willing to give, but men known to have incomes of \$100,000 and more make contributions of \$50 or \$100. It is amazing how many such people there are in each community one studies and analyzes.

With kindest regards, I am



Cordially yours,

Montor

"Give Today --- Tomorrow May Be Too Late"

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Last Friday morning Coons said he wanted to meet with me before I left for a tour and before he left for the same, both going to different communities. I thought we would go over individual cities and study special pressures that had to be applied (as I have been doing alone and with Robert Herman in the past few weeks).

But it seems that what he wanted was to make a "record" and so he dictated to a stenographer certain observations on the progress of the campaign. By indirection and blatantly he inferred or said that the UPA forces were this and that.

I was completely nonplussed by this martinet approach and this bureaucratic dictating for the record (to be sent to the JDC officers). But even though I felt absurd in engaging in this polite verbal duel, I assumed that my function required me to be equally stuffy and to comment on Mr. Coons' observations. Attached herewith are both testaments.

I might say, though, that the atmosphere in the office is far better than these encyclicals would indicate. With the exception of Coons, who still has a special case of Palestine acidity, everybody, whether formerly JDC or UPA, is working with spirit and consideration.

This will probably reach you after I have left New York, to return on March 16th. While Coons and I are away, Herman will be in charge.

HM:BC
Enc.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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March 10, 1939

Committee in Formation

Dear Dr. Silver:

As I ride across the flatlands of Arkansas to Omaha, I begin to appreciate the enormous contribution you have been making to the success of campaigns: doing it year after year.

This is just a note of recapitulation. According to our New Orleans phone conversation, you are prepared for: Nashville, Tenn. on April 25th (\$35,000 for UJA); Atlanta, Ga. on April 26th (\$90,000 asked for UJA); Richmond, Va. on April 27th (\$75,000 for UJA). Further word with regard to these will be coming from the office.

I know that you have a heavy schedule: from what I can see the heaviest ever. But even then I do hope you can go through with San Antonio, El Paso and Fort Worth, Texas, involving something like \$75,000 or \$100,000 for the UJA. Could something be done in Allentown along the lines of what is planned for Scranton on March 22nd--that is, with the consent of the local people, of course. I shall try to get someone for April 2nd: perhaps Lowenthal or Ludwig Lore, the Foreign Editor of the New York Post.

Getting around to these communities is valuable for me: it gives me a better insight into local conditions in addition to giving me a relationship to the various leaders with whom hitherto I have had to communicate solely on the basis of mail.

But anything away from that old moth-eaten martinet Coons is good. I pity poor Steinglass, a fellow with imagination and ideas, who has been reduced to a hack, waiting weeks before a cheesy publicity item is OKed. And then Coons complains!

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor

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March 10th, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith you will find our check in the sum of \$30.11, of which \$25 is to paid to your secretary for her services during the month of February and \$5.11 in repayment for telegrams sent out by you from Cleveland.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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March 15, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

If you can get me Mr. Marvin Lowenthal for April 2nd, that would be entirely satisfactory. Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

I had a great deal of difficulty getting a speaker to occupy my pulpit for next Sunday when I am to open the Boston Campaign. I finally obtained the services of Hubertus Lowenstein at an honorarium of \$200.

My schedule also calls for my being away from my pulpit on Sunday, April 30, when I am scheduled to open the campaign in St. Louis. I will need a speaker for that Sunday morning. It is almost impossible to obtain anyone in Cleveland who would be able adequately to fill the Temple pulpit. Can you suggest someone also for April 30th? If not, I shall have to engage someone through one of the lecture bureaus and send the bill to the United Jewish Appeal.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 16, 1939.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

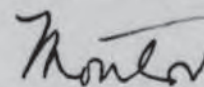
I am informed that on March 10th, during my absence from the city, the office of the United Jewish Appeal addressed a letter to you informing you that Mr. Ludwig Lore had accepted an invitation extended to him to speak from your pulpit on Sunday morning, April 2nd. Does your letter of March 15th mean that you do not want Lore and that you prefer Marvin Lowenthal, or does it mean that you did not receive the letter of March 10th offering Lore.

In the event that you are ready to accept Ludwig Lore for the April 2nd meeting, we would then approach Marvin Lowenthal for April 30th.

I should appreciate hearing from you in respect to these dates at your earliest convenience.

Will you please be kind enough to fill in the attached blank giving us the details regarding the April 2nd date.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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a. H. Silver

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

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342 MADISON AVENUE
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March 17, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It occurs to me that it may be most valuable in the Ohio area, particularly in the vicinity of Cleveland, if a meeting could be arranged in your home or in your study within the next few weeks for the purpose of impressing upon leaders of the campaign and upon potential contributors in nearby towns the extraordinary importance of the United Jewish Appeal.

In other words, the meeting that you would call in Cleveland would be a replica within a smaller area of the Lehman meeting. What date would be suitable to you for such a meeting if you feel that the idea is advisable?

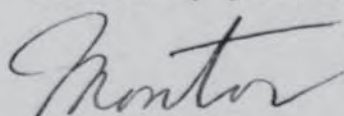
I am informed that the situation in Steubenville, Ohio is, as it has been for the past few years, complicated by the fact that Mone Anathan declines to take a proper part in the campaign. They have selected someone for the chairmanship who is not particularly aggressive nor influential.

Steubenville has been asked for a quota of \$12,000 but because of the local situation \$3,000 or \$5,000 is set aside for Yeshivoh.

Could you telephone Mr. Anathan and urge him: (a) to take a personal interest in the campaign instead of assigning it to someone in his department store; (b) to accept the chairmanship of the Initial Gifts Committee and to invite the leading potential contributors to a function which he will sponsor to insure their large giving, and (c) to lend his support that a quota of \$12,000 for the United Jewish Appeal will be assured.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM/b

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March 17, 1939

Mrs. David de Sola Pool
Hadassah
1860 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Pool:

Thank you for your letter of March 16th with regard to the relationship between Hadassah and the United Jewish Appeal. It is more than ever essential that the resources of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth be enlarged so that the opportunities for land-purchase may be utilized and that the needs of immigration may be satisfied as well as the general economic development of the country maintained.

The work of the Youth Aliyah has the deep sympathy of all of us and yet it must be remembered that the extent to which the children can be integrated into the life in Palestine is dependent upon the number of colonies already established and the amount of land which can be placed at the disposal of settlement.

The great influence which Hadassah wields nationally and in each community is understood and valued by the officers of the United Jewish Appeal who know what a great contribution Hadassah can make to the success of the \$20,000,000 campaign.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

HM:BC

Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

Harry Silver

March 17, 1939

Mr. David Wertheim
275 Seventh Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Wertheim:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which I have sent to Mr. Hamlin. I am sure that you will want this for your information when you discuss the matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Harry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BJ
Encl.

March 17, 1939

Mr. Isaac Hamlin
331 West 24th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter sent to the General Dental Supply Co. of New York on March 6th, by a man named Lubinsky, on behalf of the Pioneer Palestine Campaign. It is to me a source of the deepest distress that at this period, when New York City is prepared to raise between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000 for the United Jewish Appeal, any other campaign for Palestine should now be initiated or conducted.

You know how great a sum Palestine expects this year as a result of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs. It would be regrettable indeed if any element of the community did not participate wholeheartedly in seeing to it that no obstacle was placed in the way of raising maximum sums for the United Palestine Appeal and for all the agencies embraced within the United Jewish Appeal.

May I strongly urge that you, as National Director of the Gewerkschaften Campaign, should postpone your fund-raising activities in New York City until after the United Jewish Appeal drive is out of the way? May I have your assurance in this respect?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Monter
Executive Vice-Chairman

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March 20, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your check for \$18.25
to reimburse us for the charge made by you against
our Airlines account, in connection with your trip
from Cleveland to Chicago.

Proper record has been made of this re-
fund.

Cordially yours,

Alex Rothenberg
Alex Rothenberg

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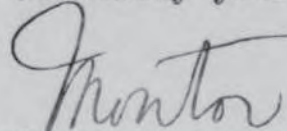
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Erie, Pa., which has accepted a quota of \$10,000 for the United Jewish Appeal this year is most ~~anxious~~ to have you as the speaker for the Special Gifts dinner which will lay the foundations for a successful campaign. The date would depend upon you.

I would not ordinarily submit to you a request of this kind except that Erie is within a hundred miles of Cleveland and you might be able to make the trip to and back within the same day. What date can you possibly give them, if at all?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BC

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March 21, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

One of the important problems facing us in the Spring campaigns is not only to help the local communities raise their total quotas but to make sure that the allotments asked for the United Jewish Appeal are given to us or at least approximated. Thus, a Welfare Fund may raise an extraordinary sum in comparison with its previous total and yet the United Jewish Appeal may not get the benefit of this extraordinary increase.

We have found it advantageous, therefore, to stress in every community the importance not of the total quota but of the quota for the United Jewish Appeal, emphasizing that quota not only to the community as a whole but particularly to the campaign chairman and the chairman of the budget committee.

In connection with visits you are to make to various communities in the next few weeks, may I indicate herewith the quota asked by the United Jewish Appeal as such and urge that an opportunity be made to discuss this quota with the community chairman and budget committee chairman.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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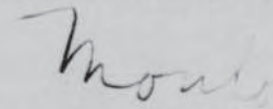
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Atlanta has been obliged to change its campaign date to April 19th. If it is impossible for you to rearrange the schedule for your visit to Atlanta, Nashville and Richmond, the tour would have to be given up. However, I am most anxious to have Nashville go through with its plans for its campaign opening on April 25th.

Would you be good enough to let me know by wire immediately whether it will be possible for you to keep the Nashville engagement and whether it will be agreeable to you to visit Atlanta *on April 19th*

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BEF

March 23rd 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor

I note that you assigned to San Antonio a quota of \$35,000 and that they accepted a quota of \$11,750. Is this a supplementary quota or is this the entire quota which they undertook to raise? If so, why?

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Is Colonel Patterson a suitable speaker for the Cleveland Zionist Society and would he be available for April 13? What would be his honorarium? Are there any other attractive speakers for Zionist platforms available - other than the old war horses?

March 23, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

We had a good meeting, last evening, in Scranton, attended by the leading citizens of that community. Mr. Herman of the UJA was also present. I feel confident that Scranton will accept the Forty Thousand Dollar quota although many of them were under the enthusiastic impression that they had done so marvelously last year. I had to disillusion them. Furthermore, that community has been in the practice of raising its funds in cash, either because they don't trust each other, or because some of them are afraid that contributions spread over a period of a year might interfere with numerous other Jewish solicitations which go on from one end of the year to the other. Both Mr. Herman and I made a strong point in ~~mentioning~~ that if a large sum of money is to be raised in Scranton, it cannot be raised on a cash basis.

I was in the office of the UJA Tuesday morning and spent some time there with Rabbi Jonah Wise. The office seems to be well organized and functioning properly.

Both Wise and I feel that the speeches which we broadcast this month on the Message of Israel Hour in behalf of the Refugees should be printed - all four lectures in one booklet and also the four lectures separately. There has been quite a demand for them from all parts of the country and I feel that they would prove helpful in the Campaign.

I should like to know something about the program for the meeting convoked by Governor Lehman on April 2nd. Who is to speak and who is to make the direct appeal. It should be impressed upon those who are arranging the meeting that Palestine is not to be shunted off the scene in the presentation of the case on April 2nd.

I strongly urged upon Rabbi Wise that the out of town guests be entertained at luncheon, either at the home of Governor Lehman or somewhere else. That much courtesy should be shown to them.

March 23, 1939

In connection with your Long Distance call of yesterday, I believe that it is a mistake to interrupt the normal money-raising procedure in American Jewish communities by bombarding them with hysterical telegrams for an immediate remittance of funds. In the case of those communities where the campaigns have already been held, it is quite legitimate for us to urge them to send on the funds as rapidly as possible. However, in the case of those communities who have not yet held their campaigns or are now in the process of organizing them, it simply confounds their work and might even interfere with the success of the campaigns. If the JDC requires immediate funds, there is always the possibility of borrowing.

And now one final matter: Rabbi Wise mentioned to me in a vein of criticism that a tour on the Pacific Coast has been arranged by you for Rabbi Brickner without his knowledge. He felt that being in the office each day, any such major lecture tour should be discussed with him. I told him that I knew nothing about it and that I was as much surprised as he was. Mr. Herman was called in and he gave us the history of how this tour was built up. I still feel, however, that the national chairman ought to be consulted when a major project involving the sending of one man to a number of communities on the Pacific Coast is being considered. I understand that practically none of the cities on the Pacific Coast had asked for Rabbi Brickner. We might have been able to make some other suggestions which would have served the interest of the campaign better. Please keep that in mind for future occasions and take us a little more into your confidence, especially Rabbi Wise, who is on hand in your office almost daily.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I am enclosing a letter which I received from Mr. E. J. Gould of Lorain. If the amount which Lorain plans to give to the UJA, between \$3,000 and \$3500 is the amount which was allocated to Lorain, please send them thanks and appreciation in my name.

I do not believe that it is worthwhile to invite Mr. Sam Gross to the Governor Lehman meeting. *of Cleveland*

Mr. Goldhamer suggested that Mr. Julius Tuteur be invited to the Lehman meeting. Mr. Goldhamer also took up the question of the chain stores in Cleveland owned by Jews. In the past, these stores refused to contribute locally on the pretext that their organizations were contributing through national headquarters. In most instances this was not the case. I would suggest that our headquarters take the matter up with these national chair stores and adopt some policy.

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR REFUGEES
AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

March 23, 1939

Mr. Henry Montor
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Montor:

As I told your secretary, Miss Cohen, I would like you to help me get Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver as the principal speaker at the testimonial dinner which the Restaurant, Cafeteria and Allied Trades Division of the United Jewish Appeal is giving to Mr. A. F. Wechsler.

The dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 7th, at the Waldorf-Astoria. The guests will pay \$5. to cover the cost of the dinner and we rely on the appeal which will be made at this occasion for funds. A restaurant committee of the most influential people in this industry will work to bring the most important restaurant owners and their dealers to this dinner to pay honor to Mr. Wechsler and to assure a successful appeal.

The committee, consisting of Dr. G.A. and William Lowenstein, Meyer Cohen, Isidore Silver and others, insist on having Rabbi Silver speak and make the appeal on this occasion. It is needless for me to tell you that I am personally interested in showing Mr. Wechsler our good will and cooperation. I will appreciate it therefore if you will use your influence with Rabbi Silver and get him to accept this invitation. You will also receive a formal request to secure Dr. Silver from Dr. Schwartz, head of our Speakers' Department.

Confident of your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Samuel Goldstein

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March 24, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 23rd.

As Herman has told me, the meeting in Scranton was of the utmost importance in order to give the leaders an understanding of the greater amount that was required of them and of the more effective method of getting money through year-round payment.

Steinglass is now preparing for publication the series of speeches over the "Message of Israel" hour. This will be made available to thousands of people who have requested copies and for general campaign purposes. This, of course, involves a large outlay.

There is to be a meeting on Sunday evening, March 26th, at the home of Mr. Ittelson for the purpose of preparing the program for next Sunday.

Rabbi Wise is meeting with Governor Lehman tomorrow afternoon to suggest that he be host to a luncheon on Sunday about which you spoke.

As I understand from Rabbi Wise, it is planned that the meeting be handled almost entirely by Ittelson and Lasker, with Governor Lehman making some introductory remarks. Apparently the intention is to stress the money side of the meeting. However, I will have fuller details after the meeting on Sunday night.

The technique of campaigning for funds is not the same for all communities. Allowances must be made for the procedure

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

March 24, 1939

and the temperament of major cities but different devices must be utilized for other and smaller communities. Thus, I feel that the telegram to the communities asking for cash and binding the Czechoslovakian situation to the United Jewish Appeal is most important. In the first place, a number of communities which have had campaigns hold on to their money until they get what they call a very big sum to send on to headquarters. Every cent counts whether it is for the JDC or UPA. In the second place, in many communities the receipt of a written telegram asking for money is most valuable in stimulating the collection of outstanding pledges. Another valuable aspect of these urgent telegrams is that they persuade members of budget committees, who are in doubt about the quota for the United Jewish Appeal or who are hesitating about holding a campaign, to take immediate action.

Our field men are in touch with most of the communities, and when they find indifference it is not because the local leaders are convinced that a campaign two or three months from now will be more advantageous but because in general they like to postpone the idea of an energetic campaign. Letters are very useful but a plethora of them becomes less and less effective. The UJA has not over-emphasized the use of telegrams so that a message of this kind is certain to bring a response.

Rabbi Brickner offered his services to the United Jewish Appeal for the latter part of April. Since the Speakers Bureau is always in need of speakers, we accepted his offer. Seattle and Portland were particularly anxious to have him. Since he is to be on the coast we have offered addresses by him to a number of the other communities.

It is always difficult to demarcate between the daily routine of speaking and campaign arrangements and the larger measures of policy. The tempo of the campaign throughout the country is now reaching an accelerated stage, and discussion of whether one speaker or another should go here or elsewhere is not always possible with the Chairmen, particularly since I have always taken it for granted that the man most acceptable to the community is acceptable to the officers of the UJA. The communities are bombarding us every day with requests for speakers. Every one of them asks for you first, and being told that you cannot accept, we scurry around frantically for someone who will, to some extent at least, meet the secondary wishes of the community. Thus, for example, Omaha was most anxious to have you address the initial gifts dinner but when you were in New York you turned this down.

Attached hereto is a copy of the letter which I have sent to Mr. Gould of Lorain on your behalf.

If Mr. Goldhamer will send me the list of chain stores in Cleveland which have national headquarters in New York, I shall see the national officers.

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BG

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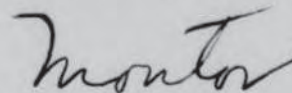
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Galveston, Texas is opening its campaign on Thursday evening, March 30th. You are to be in Fort Worth that same night. I am suggesting to the Galveston people the possibility of your addressing their gathering by telephone some time during the evening.

I am informing you of this in the event that the Galveston people or this office communicates with you in regard to this suggestion.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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HM:BC

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Mr. Edward J. Gould
3553 Broadway
Lorain, Ohio

Dear Mr. Gould:

Thank you for your letter of March 20th informing me of the results of the opening function of the Lorain Welfare Fund drive. I realize the great amount of effort you and your colleagues must have invested in order to obtain the results which you report.

Each community, I am sure, is endeavoring to raise a maximum sum for the \$20,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal. However, if our national quota, whose inadequacy has been emphasized particularly by the events of recent weeks, is to be achieved, there will be required of each community in America an unprecedented exertion of effort and an unparalleled scale of generosity.

It is the hope of the officers of the United Jewish Appeal that the campaign in Lorain will be so successful as to permit allotment to the United Jewish Appeal of a minimum of \$5,000. Last year there was provided to the agencies within the United Jewish Appeal a sum in excess of \$1,700. Understanding the extraordinary increases that must be registered if the \$20,000,000 quota is to be attained, communities throughout the nation have adopted goals for the United Jewish Appeal three, five and even ten times as great as they were in the previous year.

What help can the national office of the United Jewish Appeal extend to you to make possible your own determination that a maximum sum shall be raised?

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

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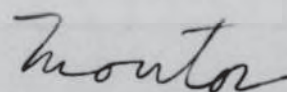
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

The New York campaign asks whether you could address a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on June 7th. It is part of the Restaurant Division drive in the form of a dinner in honor of A. F. Wechsler.

What shall I say to them on your behalf?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a proposed letter to
Emanuel Gratenstein of New Haven, Conn. Would you
be good enough to sign it and inform me if you do so?

Cordially yours

Henry Montor
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Executive Vice-Chairman

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Please reply to Rabbi Silver
to
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Mone Anathan
Hub Department Store
Market and Fifth Streets
Steubenville, Ohio

My dear Friend:

It is a long time since I have had the pleasure of seeing you. I have not, nevertheless, forgotten our pleasant contacts in past years.

As you probably know, I am national co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. In view of the tragic events which have overtaken so many of our people in Germany and elsewhere in Europe, we are endeavoring to raise, this year, the sum of Twenty Million Dollars in the United States to take care, if only in part, of the terrible tragedy which has occurred. The nation is responding magnificently. From all parts of the country, where campaigns have already been held, there have been splendid results. The City of Chicago which last year raised some six hundred thousand dollars for this cause, just completed its 1939 campaign with a sum of nearly two million dollars.

New York City is opening its campaign on April 2. Governor Lehman has called a conference of the leading Jews at his home on that day. New York City has accepted a quota of ten million dollars, and we are confident that the amount will be raised. We have on hand three gifts, in New York City, of a quarter of a million dollars each.

Your own City of Steubenville has been allocated a quota of twelve thousand dollars for the United Jewish Appeal. I am hoping that this amount will not only be reached, but exceeded. The success will depend in your community, as such success depends in every community, upon the right kind of leadership. I know of your standing in Steubenville and I am hoping that you will take a personal interest in the campaign, that you will accept the chairmanship of the Initial Gifts Committee and invite the leading contributors in your community to some function which you might sponsor to make sure of their proper giving, and that in all other ways you will give your support to this important work.

Mr. Anathan

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The Jews of the world have not been confronted with such a situation in hundreds of years and the challenge to the remaining Jewish communities who can still be on the giving end, instead of on the receiving end in this dire emergency, is clear.

May I hear from you at your convenience concerning this matter?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



C O P Y

Los Angeles
March 24th, 1939

M E M O R A N D U M

FROM: Mr. Coons
TO: Mr. Montor and Miss Rubenstein
SUBJECT: Hadassah

The letter which Mr. Montor addressed to Mrs. David de Sola Pool on March 17th is a lovely letter, but the fact remains that Hadassah is not cooperating. They raised \$54,000 here in advance of the Welfare Fund campaign. They take the cream off wherever they can. As Mrs. Epstein said in a speech here, they must now enlist the aid of men because of the greater need. "Hadassah tends to its business and other agencies should tend to theirs." (almost her words.) Mrs. Epstein was quite willing (in her speech) that Hadassah women should also work in Welfare Fund campaigns (after their effort). Swell that Jewish women should be allowed to do this in their home communities especially after they have drained off the money from women's circles and used up all their own energy and enthusiasm in getting it.

It's a little early to thank Hadassah for their cooperation to the United Jewish Appeal.

I.C.

cc Mr. Joseph C. Hyman
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

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Collect

March 24, 1939

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

CANNOT GO TO ATLANTA ON APRIL 19 WILL KEEP THE ENGAGEMENT FOR NASHVILLE
ON APRIL 25 WHAT ABOUT RICHMOND CAN'T RICHMOND TAKE APRIL 26?

SILVER

Sat. morning, March 25th

Dear Dr. Silver:



I feel keenly that we need stimulation. A personal letter from you would be most helpful to the key leaders throughout the country--17,000 of them in big and little city.

Enclosed herewith is a draft I prepared this morning in the quiet of my home. I hope it is satisfactory or offers the basis for something you can do. But in view of the swing on which you now are I am wondering ~~what~~ whether you will possibly have the time. I am even wondering whether this letter will manage to reach you between airplane trips. I am most anxious that a letter from you (not a joint signature, remember--but only your own) go out by the end of next week at the latest.

I can foresee your objections: (a) the letter is too long; (b) too many people will get it.

I hope these answers can meet your objections:

(a) a letter that is not on regular campaign stationery and that has the personal stamp will be read. Particularly when it will be marked confidential. I think we cannot too often reiterate the bare facts that are the foundation of the UJA. People are inclined to think they know all about it but they need reminders---particularly to relate the events to the campaign of the UJA. Of course, there might be objections to the literary style or the contents as such. You are the only judge of that.

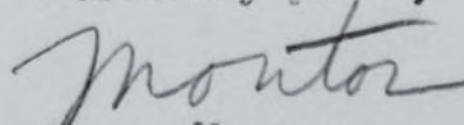
Incidentally, should the return address be Cleveland or New York? If it is Cleveland, it will mean that your secretary will constantly have to forward correspondence.   The chronological line of the letter might be better if the return address is Cleveland. But that depends on whether you want the inevitable trouble.

(b) the more people who prodded about the UJA, whether in small communities or in Welfare Fund towns, the more the chance of our ultimate success. The only thing these people have had was a printed statement by Rabbi Wise and yourself on the technique of the campaign--and nothing about the situation itself. You have not sent anything to the country in a personal way except for occasional letters to individuals. I think it important for the UJA that you as its National Chairman communicate with the country's leaders on occasions that cannot be called too frequent. Furthermore, I believe it essential that something specific and hopeful be said about the Palestine situation. Rumblings have come to us--why go on in Palestine, etc. etc.?

Best wishes for a trip that is not too arduous. But Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso and Fort Worth are not pleasure trips.

Hoping that you will agree with me as to the need for speed in getting out this letter, won't you telegraph me at the UJA, saying it's OK to go ahead, either with or without indicated corrections and changes. I made a copy for myself. Could you also indicate whether you think Cleveland or New York is the better return address.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor

DRAFT OF A LETTER BY DR. SILVER TO RE
SENT TO UJA KEY LIST (17,000)

(to be sent out on A.H. Silver per
sonal and not campaign station-
ery)

Dear.....

Confidential

Resistance and not despair ~~is~~ must be the keynote of action by Jews today! Recognizing that we are in the midst of a struggle in which our tenacity and our assurance of survival are important physically and morally, we can only resolve to go forward with new courage after each seeming defeat. If we are to be of any value to ourselves and to the millions of other Jews who are enabled to survive solely because they believe in us and wait for our support, we must be strong in will and determined in action: as individual Jews and as communities.

In this letter, whose length I trust you will forgive because of ~~what I feel is the importance~~ of its contents, I want to take counsel with you on the paramount importance of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs ^{in relation to} struggle for our survival. Psychologically, the unification of all elements in American Jewry in this \$20,000,000 campaign is of incalculable value; financially, it should mean a better foundation for the infinitely larger resources that are needed this year by the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Coordinating Committee.

International diplomacy may be shaken by Hitler's acts of aggression. For the Jewish people this lawlessness means the destruction of constant-ly new communities. Within two weeks hundreds of thousands of Jews in Czechoslovakia and thousands in Memel have been placed in the shadow of the Colossus of Hate. Despair grips our people. The suicides are uncountable. The economic dislocation and the mental confusion that Hitler brings is still ~~in~~ unimaginable though we have seen and heard innumerable descriptions for over five years. We do not know where Hitler will strike next. Plans that we make for the financial provision of a great number of his victims are blasted by the ruthlessness of his spread.

There is a danger that because of the broad picture involved we may not see the details of the problem that faces us insofar as the United Jewish Appeal is concerned.

There are today under Hitler's destroying wings some 850,000 Jews: in Germany, Austria and what was formerly Czechoslovakia. A majority of that number are still in the age of creativity, having a zest for life and the capacity to contribute richly to any land that will accept them. The search for lands that will permanently absorb them still goes on. Thousands continue to go to Palestine and thousands come to America. Small numbers are admitted elsewhere. The burdensome expropriation that followed the pogroms of last November has left the German Jewish community seriously weakened--notably in Austria. The need for support of those in Germany until they can emigrate is urgent. At the same time various schemes for their rehabilitation and maintenance outside Germany are being evolved, the extent of their effectiveness depending on the funds available. Refugee camps are being established in England, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, France. Retraining farms and centers are being enlarged so that the emigrants can be adapted to new occupations. If men and women take their own lives and those of their children, it is because they yield to despair; because the aid which they expect from us does not come fast enough. Every time we read an item in our newspapers describing the tragic death of a Hitler victim it reminds us that we might possibly have shared in giving him hope.

Poland is one of the most important areas of support affected by the United Jewish Appeal. In a community of over 3,100,000 Jews economic destitution is causing wider ravages. Those who think boundaries are barriers to Hitlerism are not aware of the intensification of anti-Semitism that has occurred in Poland in recent years. The drive to rid Poland of its "superfluous population" has taken on new energy. No responsible leader even thinks of encouraging that forced emigration of the Jews. They must remain until only physical violence removes them. But if

we are convinced that the ^{stability} ~~sanctity~~ of world Jewry and the sanctity of Jewish rights must be preserved in the lands in which Jews live, we must do our share to enable the Jews to survive in Poland. By so doing we can not only save Jewish lives but make a distinct contribution to the survival of democracy, which is the only ~~barx~~ wall between the Jewish people and disaster. The Joint Distribution Committee, through support of institutions of self-help in Poland, can make it possible to avert the disintegration of one of the largest Jewish units in the world. Surely no one--even those of us living as far away as the United States--believes that the disruption of the ancient Jewish community in Poland would be without its effects on our own destiny.

The snows of the Alps carry the footprints of thousands of wandering Jews who have once again taken up their trek. They are part of the 15,000 ordered expelled from Italy because they entered after 1919. The anti-Semitic laws which ~~went into effect~~ ^{went into effect} month have deprived some twenty thousand Jews of their ~~citizenship~~ ^{citizenship} and all Italian Jews of their status as citizens.

Hungary, within the orbit of Hitler politically, has adopted his slogans racially. A self-admitted Jew-baiting government is now passing numerous clausus legislation designed to remove sixty thousand Jews from their occupations. Thus does Hungary join the European countries using the Jewish people as mountains of human bones on which to climb to heights of political advantage.

The government of King Carol in Rumania, striving to gain the support of anti-Semitic elements, outdoes its political opponents in the fervor of its regulations against Jews. The new economic agreement between the Nazis and Rumania foreshadows a far broader front of cooperation. It cannot too often be remembered that where Hitler goes there goes his complete arsenal of despoliation and destruction of the Jewish people.

There are over five million Jews in Central and Eastern Europe. Over them hangs the shadow of slow or swift strangulation. There is enough energy and talent within that mass to hold fast for a long time---until the shadow dissipates, as eventually it must--if we in America will help them hold their ground. For our sakes as well as for theirs.

The recent conferences in London have stirred many questions. Misconceptions have arisen which must be cleared up--for the sake of facts and especially in the interests of the United Jewish Appeal which embraces the United Palestine Appeal among its beneficiaries.

For weeks Jewish and Arab representatives met with the British Government to consider Palestine problems. No agreement resulted. The Government has indicated that it will impose its own policy for the future. An impending announcement was withheld because of the shock of the Czechoslovakian events which undoubtedly gave Great Britain new cause to remember how much the Jews are devoted to their cause and how ~~much~~ much they can be counted upon to aid in its defense. The pressure exercised from America, by Christian and Jew, has also had an effect in impressing British statesmen with the fact that the civilized world wonders how England can possibly think of closing the doors of Palestine to the Jews when they are being forced out of other lands at an ever-increasing tempo.

But whatever the decision that may be imposed by Great Britain--now or in the future--the facts of steady Palestine growth cannot be changed. There are today in the Jewish homeland over 500,000 Jews. They constitute more than a third of the settled population. They are so inextricably bound up with every facet of the country's life that no decree can diminish their strength. The Jewish young men and women of Palestine have for three years defended the land against the terrorist and the saboteur. They have demonstrated bravery under fire and capacity to carry on with their daily constructive tasks despite obstructions. They have built more colonies than in any similar period. They have found new water re-

sources, enlarging the area of colonization. Jews, as citizens of Palestine, have the legal and moral right to bear arms. They will resist injustice as they have resisted injury. We Jews in America and elsewhere ought to be proud of our people who have ~~administered~~ shown what it is to exercise all the prerogatives of free citizens of a native land in defense of the best interests of that land.

Immigration goes on. Economic life advances. The possibilities for land purchase are unprecedented. If we are as free with our financial support as the Jews of Palestine have been with their lives as well as their money no arbitrary decree can prevent a continuous influx of Jews into Palestine and their steady development of the country. Whatever British policy may be this year, the legal rate of immigration will not be less than it has been in the past two years. In the meantime, Jews have an opportunity to ^{immediately} buy thousands of dunams of land--the only possible basis on which great settlement plans ~~can be~~ built. There is not a Jew today, witnessing the ~~Great Expulsion~~ of our time in Europe, who does not regret that we did ~~not~~ have the vision twenty and ten years ago to buy more land, to build more colonies, to pour more manpower into Palestine. The opportunities are not lost. They beckon. With the aid of the United Jewish Appeal we can make a substantial contribution to the saving permanently of large number of Jews in Europe and of building a reservoir of strength in Palestine for the other Jews who continue to hope for the chance at the free life the Jewish homeland provides.

The Jews of Palestine have given Jews everywhere an example they should cherish. When menaced by force, they have reacted with courage. When threatened with delimitation of their rights they stood up strongly to preserve them against all foes. If that comparatively small community in Palestine could resist Arab violence for three years, encouraged as it was by the empires of Mussolini and Hitler, and still grow and prosper, the millions of Jews elsewhere have every right to be strong and

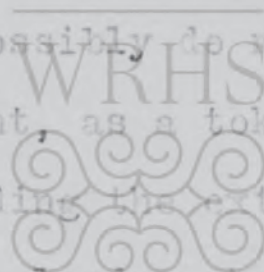
hopeful. But there are some among us who have greater capacity for resistance. We must share our resources with the others.

I beg of you to see to it that your 1939 campaign for the United Jewish Appeal, whether held now or in the coming months, should not be on the level of a routine philanthropic effort--requiring a little more energy perhaps but not nothing more.

You as a community leader have a definite obligation--in terms of personal service and of contribution. If you will give yourself even more devotedly than in the past to the planning and conduct of the campaign the community will emulate your example. Moreover, all standards of generosity in the past have no bearing on what is demanded of us today. I have been surprised to note certain instances in which contributors of \$100 in 1938 are giving \$150 this year and those of \$500 are giving \$600 or \$700. There may be occasions in which a contributor gave the maximum last year and cannot possibly do more in 1939. But that is an exception. All the rest of us ought, as a token of our leadership and of our special capacity for understanding the extent of the problem, give without regard to past records. Every leader should realize that an extraordinary enlargement of his own giving means more than the dollars from himself. It means that thousands of additional dollars are added to the campaign total since the entire community is stimulated to contribute on a similar scale of sacrificial generosity.

In those communities in which campaigns have been concluded, collections should be spurred. There are, of course, established procedures for the regular collection and remittance of funds to the United Jewish Appeal. But every Jew who can should make available as quickly as possible the full extent of his support.

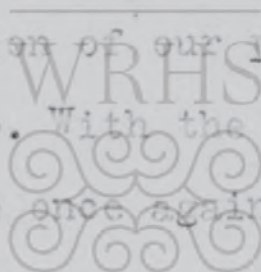
The United Jewish Appeal is far more than an instrument of assistance to others. It is a weapon of defense for ourselves. Surely no one any longer thinks in the provincial terms that what happens in the world at large does not affect us here. In Europe is our first line of defense.



I want you to know that every time I see the name of a campaign officer I feel a deep sense of satisfaction to know that ~~my~~ associates and I have another soldier in the ranks standing by our side in a phalanx to resist the tide that rises to sweep the world but which, with our herculean efforts and by the natural course of the world, will ultimately be abated.

In acknowledgement of that solidarity will you not give me the great pleasure of writing to me personally at the above address of ~~thax~~ ~~xtatx~~ your own observations on the Jewish situation and particularly with regard to what you personally have done within the framework of your own community on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs. I have written in the same vein to several others in the community but I would appreciate a personal statement from you.

May the coming Passover holidays ~~tm~~ mark the beginning of a new epoch for the redemption of our people. Israel escaped from bondage thousands of years ago. With the help of God and ourselves we can bring about that deliverance once again.



Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

LAWRENCE HAT COMPANY, INC.
62 WEST 39th STREET
NEW YORK CITY

March 25, 1939

Mr. Henry Ittleson
200 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Sir:

I regret very much that I am unable to accept membership on the Citizens' Committee to sponsor the \$20,000,000 emergency United Jewish Appeal for refugees. I am at present engaged in a strenuous drive for membership to the Zionist Organization of America and I feel that I will not be in a position to give the proper amount of time to your committee. I am sure you will agree that the work I am doing at present is very important.

I can assure you that should you call on me at some other time, I will be glad to cooperate.

Yours very truly
(signed) Morris A. Stock

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March 27, 1939

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Dear Dr. Silver:

There is one date for which I would like to make a special plea and that is Thursday evening, June 15, 1939, Atlantic City.

Atlantic City has been a special problem for us because the Federation there has for many years past used the United Jewish Appeal agencies to further its own interests exclusively. After terrific pressure the Federation group agreed to sponsor a supplementary campaign for the United Jewish Appeal exclusively this Spring. The Federation President does not think that more than \$15,000 can be raised. I am convinced that far more can be done and to do that we will have to have our maximum pressure which, of course, is yourself. I would regard it as a personal favor if you could accept the June 15th engagement.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
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*When in
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March 27, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I regret that I cannot accept the invitation to address the meeting at the Waldorf Astoria on June 7.

With reference to the list of people from Cleveland invited to the Lehman dinner - Mr. Hiram Rivitz wrote me this morning as follows:

"I wish it were possible for me to attend Gov. Lehman's meeting on April 2nd. I have been under the weather since the latter part of January. I went to Florida for the month of February, hoping to get rid of a bad bronchial infection, but I came back with the same trouble and have been going to the doctor taking tests, and after considerable investigation they located the germ, and I am now taking injections and am only able to come to the office for a few hours each day - but I am getting better, but still very weak, and the doctor advises me not to leave until I have taken sufficient injections to indicate definite recovery, which will take about another month to prove the value of this procedure, - and I am afraid that I will have to remain in Cleveland for another month or so.

"I was invited to attend the meeting. I have no doubt that this was probably due to your recommendation, and I would certainly have been glad to be numbered among those present because I realize how serious the situation is becoming for all of us, - not only for those abroad, but for those who live in "God's country" as well."

Mr. Samuel H. Halle, Mr. Richard Kohn and Mr. Richman are not coming. Mr. S. D. Wise is still out of the country.

I have signed and mailed the letter to Mr. Emanuel Gratenstein of New Haven, Conn.

Mr. Montor

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March 27, 1939

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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March 27, 1939

Henry Montor
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Please procure Col. Patterson for Cleveland
Zionist Society for Thurs. April 13.
What is his honorarium & Please wire

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~~letter~~ for Nashville satisfactory

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AM INFORMED BY NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION WHICH HANDLING PATTERSON
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THEY SUGGEST ROBERT BRISCOE, JEWISH MEMBER IRISH PARLIAMENT.

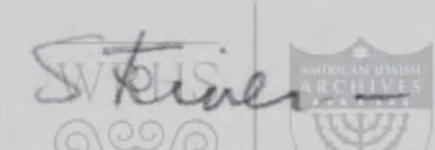
HOWEVER, BRISCOE NOT AVAILABLE BEFORE APRIL 18TH=

:MONTOR.

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March 28, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am most anxious that you meet with Michael Hollander of Newark. It is intended that he be the chairman of the campaign, or at least Chairman of Initial Gifts.

Mr. Hollander has expressed the desire to meet with you since he is notified that you will be in town. I told him that I will telephone him this week-end since you are expected in New York. Would it be possible for you to be in New York on Saturday so that I could inform Mr. Hollander as soon as possible to reserve some time that day for us?

I understand that you are the only man who can persuade him to take the chairmanship. Newark is the toughest community in the country, as you know.

Could you wire me with regard to this Hollander date? I understand that he is not expecting to be at the Governor Lehman meeting this Sunday.

Cordially yours,

HM:BC
Air-Mail-Special
El Paso, Texas

Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

cc: Dr. Silver, Cleveland.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Rabbi Wise felt that statements that should go forth to the key men from time to time should come individually from you and from him except for formal printed material. He believes that on the basis of experience, and in this I agree with him, that recipients of letters are more inclined to reply and appreciate correspondence if they feel they are being addressed by a person instead of by a campaign institution.

Accordingly, the material is going out as follows: A covering letter as per the attached is being sent out to the 17,000 people on our key list. There is also being sent in the form of a statement instead of making the letter seem far too long, the material which is herewith enclosed.

Rabbi Wise is planning to send out a statement of his own in the near future under his own signature in the same way. Aside from the fact that Rabbi Wise believes that each Chairman should individually send out material to the key list because of the value of personal contact, he did not indicate that he would wish to sign the particular statement involved because of references to Palestine.

The reports from Texas have been most enthusiastic and it is evident that your trip was very worth while in terms of more dollars coming into the U.J.A.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

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COPY: JUDGE ROTHENBERG

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111 Fifth Avenue

N.Y.C.

March 30, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
342 Madison Ave.
New York City

Attention: Mr. Montor

My dear Dr. Silver:

We were, as you know, very anxious to have you address the Jewish National Fund Conference in Chicago, as Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, because we felt that the United Jewish Appeal should have a place upon our agenda.

In view of your inability to come, we should like to have Judge Morris Rothenberg as one of the Co-Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal.

I trust that this suggestion meets with your approval.

Sincerely yours

Dr. Israel Goldstein,
President

bc

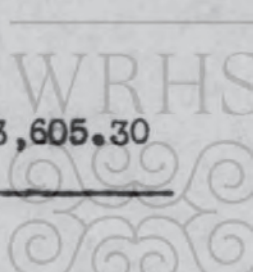

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To: Mr. Isidor Coons
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	\$414,072.93	\$1,512,603.63	\$1,926,676.76
<u>COLLECTIONS</u>	 183,605.30	 100,218.71	283,824.01
<u>UNPAID BALANCE</u>	\$230,467.63		\$1,642,852.75

cc: Dr. Silver

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March 31st, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The President's Advisory Committee
for Political Refugees has again approached
Dr. Wise, a member the Committee, for a con-
tribution from the United Palestine Appeal.

In 1938 the United Palestine Appeal
contributed \$4,000 to the President's Ad-
visory Committee. Dr. Wise suggests a pay-
ment of \$2,000 this year. You know my views
about the efficacy of the President's Advis-
ory Committee and its relationship to Palestine,
but I suppose it is "just one of those things".

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Committee

HM. SB

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April 1, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a telegram from Rabbi Gold. When in Dallas, he spoke to me about the possibility of National Headquarters giving him more important assignments in connection with the Campaign. He seems to feel that he is very successful in such work, and on the basis of his work in the smaller communities in Texas, his confidence seems to be justified.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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April 3, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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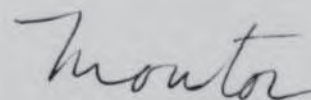
Dear Dr. Silver:

I have just been informed by the Long Island campaign committee that they are planning an island-wide rally for the week of April 17th or the week of April 24th, depending upon your convenience.

About 1,500 people are expected and an appeal for funds is to be made on the spot.

Is there a moment's time that you could fit in during a week-night in either of these weeks?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BC

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will find attached herewith a copy of a biographic sketch and mats of Dr. Emil Bernard Cohn, who has been booked as the speaker for the meeting of the Cleveland Zionist Society on Thursday evening, April 13th.

Dr. Cohn's subject will be "The Jewish Idea in Democracy".

Will you please have your secretary fill in the attached blank and return it to this office so that we may be able to give the details to Dr. Cohn?

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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April 5, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to Atlantic City - I am to be in Washington attending the sessions of the Central Conference of American Rabbis during the week of June 13th. I have a Paper to read before the Conference on the 14th.

I would make an effort to go to Atlantic City providing the Atlantic City community actually makes a real effort to launch a large and successful supplementary campaign for the United Jewish Appeal. I do not wish to go to Atlantic City for a few thousand dollar project which someone else can do quite as well as myself. I should like the invitation to come from the Atlantic City people with an indication of what they actually plan to do and what preparations they plan to make for such a campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

April 5, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

The following names of New Yorkers have been suggested to me as those of wealthy people who should not be overlooked in the New York solicitation:

Dr. Max Einhorn - this gentleman gave a wing to the Lennox Hill Hospital.

Mr. Max Yankauer - of the Mill Factors Corporation.

Mr. Milton Steiner - Riverdale

Aaron Davis - Bandana Handkerchief Corporation.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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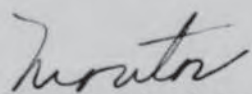
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

There have been many responses to the letter which you sent out to the list of key leaders of the United Jewish Appeal. Formal acknowledgments are being sent to most of those who acknowledged your letter. Would you want to have copies of all the communications, which will probably total several hundred eventually?

In the meantime, I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Morris Stone, Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of St. Louis. It raises a problem about which I can give no advice. Do you wish to answer this directly?

Cordially yours,


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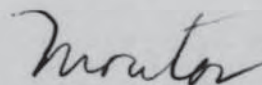
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from
Ralph F. Bass, President of the New England
Zionist Region. Will you answer him
directly and send me a copy for our files.

Attached also is another copy of a letter
from Mr. Bass in answer to your general
letter to the key list.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
New England Zionist Region
600 Washington Street
Boston, Mass.

April 3, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi:

In reply to your letter of March 31st, I think you are familiar with the situation in Boston, and our quota this year is \$621,000 as against \$175,000 last year.

The Zionist effort this year is very strong and our boys are doing everything in their power to insure the success of the campaign.

Please be assured that we will do all we can to see that our interests are protected and a front of solidarity is presented to the other agencies.

This is in answer to your request asking me to write to you.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) RALPH F. BASS
President.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 6th, 1939

Mr. Morris Margulies
Building

Dear Mr. Margulies:

I have seen a copy of a letter which Mr. Morris A. Stock of New York City sent to Mr. Henry Attleson in response to the latter's invitation to join the Citizen's Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

I assume that Mr. Stock is not a man of outstanding intelligence with respect to our work or he would not have answered Mr. Attleson in the way that he did. But I do feel that the Zionist Organization of America in New York City and elsewhere must leave no step untaken in order to impress upon the Zionists that they owe a definite obligation to the United Jewish Appeal.

Will you not communicate with Mr. Stock and see to it that the error he made is remedied.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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National Chairman

Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Dr. Silver:

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Stephen S. Wise
Chairman,
Executive Committee

I was visited the other day by Mr. Zev Fishershein, Secretary of a delegation of the Agudath Israel Labor Organization which has come from Palestine, and by a Rabbi Samuel Grene- man of New York City, who is a member of the Administrative Com- mittee in the United States.

Louis Lipsky
Chairman, Administrative
Committee

Mr. Fishershein, who recently came to the United States, was accompanied by Mr. Meier Karelitz, chief of the dele- gation, who was not at the office, however.

Solomon Goldman
Israel Goldstein
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In very polite phraseology the United Palestine Ap- peal was asked to include the Poale Agudath Israel in its campaign. There was a subtle intimation that if the Poale Agudath Israel were not included, it would cause friction since the Poale Agudath Israel would have to go throughout the country and announce that they were not included in the United Palestine Appeal.

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I told Rabbi Greneman, who was the spokesman in English that:(a.) the United Palestine Appeal was the fund-raising instrument specifically for the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth, except for an allotment to the Zionist Organization and the Mizrachi, and (b.) that no allotment could be made by the United Palestine Appeal without the approval of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth in Palestine.

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Without committing the United Palestine Appeal I indicated that perhaps the administration of the Poale Agudath might want to conduct its own campaign among its own members and sympathizers in the same way as the Poale Zion does for Gewerkschaften.

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Charles Ress

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Henry Montor

It is apparent that the delegation came to the United

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Palestine Appeal only after every attempt had been made to raise money in various synagogues and the latter, with traditional hospitality, had invited the delegation to apply to the United Palestine Appeal. No contributions were forthcoming from these zealous Orthodox Jews.

I suggested to the delegation that if they wanted formal and official action they should submit a written application to the United Palestine Appeal, stating what they want from the United Palestine Appeal.

Rabbi Greneman indicated that they were anxious to get \$30,000 in the United States.

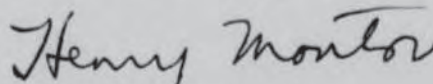
I pointed out that the Jews of America would ask why the Agudath Israel was not included in the purposes of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth. They would have to be told that the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth are most anxious to make available their facilities but that the Agudath Israel had rejected participation therein.

The Agudath Israel people are therefore in the highly moral position of refusing on strictly religious grounds to participate in the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth in Palestine on the one hand and of demanding funds from the American agencies of these two institutions, on the other.

I shall forward the application of the Agudath Israel when it is received.

I did not give them any hope for inclusion in the United Palestine Appeal. I felt it was better to reject than to commit the United Palestine Appeal to affirmative action which can always be taken by the Administrative Committee.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for the note with regard to Rabbi H. Raphael Gold of Dallas, Texas. I believe that one of the reasons he has not been used has to do with some of his past activities. However, our Texas people are being reminded about Rabbi Gold's availability.

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
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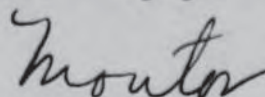
The meeting which you will address in Indianapolis on April 12th will take place at the Broadmoor Country Club at 6:00 P.M. It is, as you know, a Special Gifts Dinner at which funds will be raised. The meeting will be informal. Mr. Louis J. Borinstein, whose address is 201 South East Street, and Mr. Gustave A. Efroymsen, whose address is Real Silk Mills, Indianapolis, will be hosts.

With reference to your trip to Nashville, I should appreciate knowing how you plan to travel, and when you expect to arrive. If you travel by train, you may leave Cleveland at 3:05 P.M. on the "Big Four", and arrive in Cincinnati at 8:50 P.M. There is a train on the L & N leaving Cincinnati at 10:40 P.M. which brings you into Nashville at 7:05 A.M. This will give you time to rest before the luncheon which the community has planned for the noon hour. There is also, as you know, a general evening meeting which will probably be preceded by a small dinner for a few big givers.

Should you prefer to fly, the only plane which will bring you to Nashville in time for the luncheon meeting is one which leaves Cleveland at 5:30 in the evening via American Air Lines, and arrives in Nashville at 8:57 P.M.

Would you kindly let me know whether you prefer to go by plane or by train.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

For the sake of the records, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter which I received from Dr. Stephen Wise and my reply.

I inquired of Dr. Stephen Wise whether he had consulted Washington about Kirstein. He replied that "Washington strongly approves Kirstein". I wired Dr. Goldman for his approval and have received it. I have accordingly written to Mr. Ittelson informing him that the two members of the Committee representing the UPA will vote in favor of Mr. Kirstein and suggested to him that he write a letter in the name of the four present members of the Allocations Committee inviting Mr. Kirstein to join the Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc. - 2

CC: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

April 6, 1939.

MR. HENRY MONTOR

MR. MENDEL H. FISHER

In re: Your Memorandum of March 27th

I wish to deal with that portion of your memorandum of March 27th, addressed to Dr. Goldstein that pertains to the JNF.

We ought not to bear the burden of responsibility for the number of difficulties you have enumerated in your communication, which have no direct relation to the JNF.

1- With reference to the Chicago Conference, it is taken for granted that the JDC has a right to hold conferences all over the United States. The JDC is a part of the UJA and while it is the opinion of many of us that the UJA as an entity ought to be strengthened, the JDC people not wishing to obliterate their organization, but on the contrary, wishing to strengthen all that the JDC represents, have called a series of regional conferences throughout the United States. To this problem you did not address yourself in your memorandum.

Shall the Zionists remove themselves from the scene at a time when the JDC is doing its best to strengthen its forces? It seems to me that all of us ought to feel grateful for the fact that the JNF is calling a conference at which the Zionists can have an opportunity of doing for the Palestine sentiment exactly what the JDC is doing for their business by calling its conferences. The conference, as we have stated more than once, will not announce any financial goals. It will be a conference to strengthen the sentiment of our workers and to give them some light and leading with regard to their activity, in view of the UJA limitations. You know, of course, that Weizmann and Ussishkin will broadcast messages to the conference. These messages will, as in the past, have an invigorating effect upon Zionists throughout the country. If you think that the holding of such a conference is unwise, you are entitled to your opinion, but I doubt if many among us will share it.

Of course, we are all vitally interested in the success of the UJA and our loyalty and our devotion to the UJA must be taken for granted just as the loyalty of the JDC group. Each of us is ready and willing to contribute according to his ability and his means. It should not be necessary for us to proclaim that every minute of the day. The JNF has emphasized in all of its literature and in our appeal to the workers that they give all that is within their power to help the UJA. As the beneficiaries of this campaign we are vitally interested in its success. If some of our JDC friends do not understand that we are as deeply interested as they are it is our business to make that very clear to them. I am sure that you will, and that they will recognize that the Zionist forces in this country are doing all that there can be expected of them to help the campaign. Let me quote a statement that the JNF sent out to all of our committees, urging support for the UJA:

April 6, 1939.

"SUPPORT UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

"Insofar as the larger gifts' efforts are concerned, the needs of the Jewish National Fund are incorporated in that nationwide campaign that will be carried on in 1939 under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs. It goes without saying that the duty of active participation in and contribution to the United Jewish Appeal in all communities is an obligation incumbent upon all of us. The attainment by the United Jewish Appeal of its \$20,000,000 goal is a task which merits our enthusiastic and unstinted cooperation, both because of its general program of Relief and Rehabilitation and because of the special stake of the JNF in its proceeds."

I think it would be in order for you, who are so solicitous about the best possible relations between the UJA and ourselves, that you convey to your colleagues in the UJA this pertinent information. Surely, the JDC group must know that the JNF did not come into existence yesterday and cannot be removed from the scene today or tomorrow. Our integrity in the agreement is assured and we are endeavoring to live up to the agreement.

In connection with the Chicago Conference, Dr. Goldstein invited Dr. Silver several weeks ago to address the Conference, and to use his address, or a portion of it, for the purpose of saying to the JNF workers whatever he thinks should be said in impressing the UJA upon them. Dr. Silver found it impossible to accept the invitation. Thereupon we decided to invite one of the Co-Chairmen of the UJA to come to our Chicago Conference for the purpose of talking about the UJA and stimulating the interest of our people in it. Dr. Goldstein has written Dr. Silver suggesting that Judge Rothenberg be designated for that purpose. Perhaps this point, too, might be brought to the attention of your colleagues in the UJA.

2- We agreed in January to cancel the Roosevelt Golden Book action. That was done although at a great price to us. Here was a project that was announced nationally at the Zionist Convention. Dr. Wise and others participated in that action. And just when we were at the height of our activity we had to give up the effort. Our publicity has been modified in accordance with the understandings arrived at. Though we have irritated any number of JNF people in the land, who do not seem to share our judgment that certain activities must be abandoned because of the agreement, we have strictly adhered to the memorandum of agreement which was submitted to Dr. Silver.

If the activity of the JNF within these agreed limitations still offers some conflict or irritation, there is, I am afraid, nothing to be done about it. Perhaps the very existence of the JNF as a living organization is the chief irritation. Perhaps the only condition which will afford you surcease from worry would be the disappearance of the JNF altogether. That solution is not feasible. It would therefore be advisable, it seems to me, that you should recognize that as long as the JNF is a functioning organization there is bound to be a modicum of occasional conflict and irritation no matter how strictly the JNF adheres to the limitations imposed upon it. It should be realized, however, that as long as those irritations and conflicts are minor the thing to do is to accept them as inevitable instead of making an issue of every little incident that arises.

3- We in the UJA must think just as the JDC is thinking, not in terms of today only but tomorrow as well. We have a long experience in fund-raising and it would

be short-sighted policy if we failed to plan for the coming years. Our loyalty to the UJA does not prevent us from planning ahead. It would be suicidal for us as Zionists if, because we are in this campaign, we fail in our responsibility to prepare for the coming years. This would be as calamitous to the UJA as it would to its constituent organizations. We have already learned from the past that it is easy to dismantle but most difficult to reconstruct.

The JDC knows very well that the JNF is not an organization for today alone. We have a program and a purpose. The JNF must give the Zionists that exercise which they require in order to remain articulate. We can carry on our program effectively without creating irritations if only both sides knew exactly what is involved. The JDC was aware when it entered into the campaign that we would carry on our traditional activities. We also have a propaganda work to do and alas, this propaganda from the direct UJA point of view has already been weakened since we entered into the campaign because all of us are busy with the UJA. It must therefore be left to the JNF and to the Zionist organizations to vigorously carry on the propaganda to make American Jewry Palestine-conscious.

There is a dangerous tendency in Jewish life, in the effort that is being made to completely centralize all fund-raising efforts. From the point of view of many of these people the JNF is a nuisance and not an instrument for Palestine land redemption. No matter what we do, they become irritated. When a button is sold it is a challenge to their American patriotism, so they say. There is a fear psychosis and it is not therefore the campaign aspect alone that troubles them but the very existence of the JNF as an agency for fund-raising. To us, the JNF represents a Zionist tradition. There are hundreds of poor people who can play no part in any large campaign, but who can carry on the day to day activities of the JNF. Must we deprive them of that right?

When this campaign is concluded, you must be prepared for the criticism that will be hurled at us that we have not done our share. Our people cannot be the largest contributors and so some who will wish to be unfair will tell us that the UJA has not been as effective as they thought it would be. With all our hearts we hope that the UJA will truly solidify our ranks, but on the other hand, must we, and can we, leave to those who are so insistent that the JNF activities should be completely restricted the determination of our program and our objectives? The JDC has decided for itself what is best for its interests and we, too, must decide for ourselves what is best from the Zionist point of view.

4- You raised the important question about allocating the balance of the funds that are to be made available outside of the nine and a half million. That is a very crucial question. We are all concerned that the UJA should receive its due share of the additional funds that the allocating committee is to apportion. It is my humble judgment that there will be a number of factors that will determine that issue, one of the most important of which will be our own inherent strength. If the allocating committee is to be fair and just, as I am sure it will be, then Palestine will naturally receive a very substantial sum, just as the JDC will. We will also have to show to this committee that the UJA is a living organization, that it has tremendous power and strength in the country. The JNF can play its part in building that strength up. We must demonstrate to the country not only our readiness to support the UJA but, like the JDC, that we have a powerful organization that pulsates and that is prepared to assume its obligations as a Palestine agency. We ought to therefore encourage the JNF and the K.H. to be as strong as possible.

April 6, 1939.

5- In your memorandum you inquire whether we cannot utilize our Conference as a great rally for the UJA. The answer is, of course, an affirmative one. It was planned from the beginning to devote a portion of the Conference to a discussion of our participation in the campaign. On the agenda for the round-table conferences will be the UJA and all its ramifications. We have invited Judge Rothenberg to speak for the UJA.

6- I do not think it is fair to Dr. Goldstein, who, you will admit, is rendering effective and devoted service to the UJA as such, that these complaints should be coming up time after time, and meeting after meeting. A person with less patience than Dr. Goldstein would have "blown up" long ago. It seems to me that even the fact that you take the complaint against the JNF as your spring-board for your entire memorandum, covering observations on many phases of the work and many groups and parties, and that your whole memorandum is addressed to Dr. Goldstein and copies of it sent to the other Co-Chairmen, even though only one phase of the memorandum pertains particularly to the JNF, is manifestly unfair and unjustified.

In making these observations, I did so with the same sincerity of purpose that prompted you to write your confidential statement to Dr. Goldstein and to the other Co-Chairmen, and with the same deep interest and concern not only in the work of the JNF, but also in the best interests of our movement as a whole. To recapitulate, we must do everything within our power to strengthen every arm of our movement. The JNF by virtue of its experience, its history, its tradition and its organization can be of tremendous help in bringing about these objectives.

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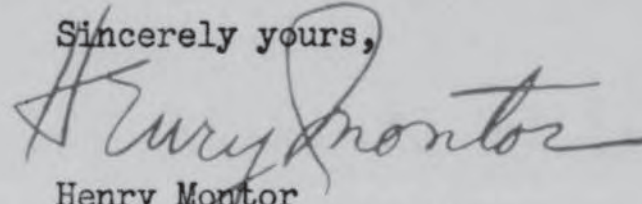
Dear Dr. Silver:

The attached confidential resumé of the position of the Jews of Italy is so complete, even though concise, that I thought you would wish to have it for background information.

The material was prepared for the Council for German Jewry in England by Dr. Cecil Roth, the noted historian, and has been made available to us by courtesy of that body.

If you are interested in this material I shall be glad to see to it that similar digests of the position of various Jewish communities are sent to you from time to time.

Sincerely yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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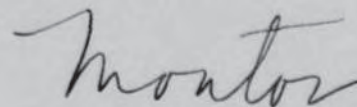
Dear Dr. Silver:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of today in which I asked you to be kind enough to telephone Mr. Michael Hollander, 143 East Kinney Street, Newark, N. J., whose telephone number is Mitchell 2-0100. The community wants him as Chairman of the 1939 drive. He is disinclined to accept largely, I think, because the amount of the increase he says he can afford to give is not very great. He contributed \$3,000 last year and says he cannot give more than \$5,000 this year. He thinks, therefore, that someone else ought to be Chairman.

Will you not telephone him and urge him to accept the pleadings of the other community leaders to take the Chairmanship of the drive.

A meeting for the organization of the campaign, the selection of the Chairman and Initial Gifts will be held on Wednesday evening. It is important that Mr. Hollander consent to be appointed before then.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:FE

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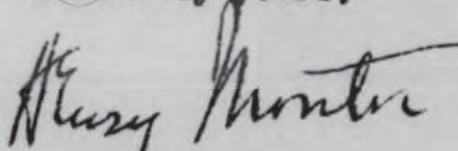
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Dear Friend:

Attached herewith are the

minutes of the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal.

Sincerely yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to Dr. Wise's request for an allocation from the UPA to the President's Advisory Committee - you will recall that there was considerable unwillingness on the part of the members of the Administrative Committee to vote an additional sum to this Committee inasmuch as its service to Palestine is nil. However, the matter should again be presented to the Administrative Committee for action.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 7, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I did not know that I was scheduled to address two meetings in Nashville. My correspondence with Dr. Julius Mark was on the basis of one meeting, either a noon or an evening meeting. He suggested a noon meeting as fitting in better with the local situation. I suggested an evening meeting as that would make traveling by air to Nashville easier, leaving Cleveland by plane at noon and arriving in Nashville at 3:18 in the afternoon. Judging from your letter, they have arranged a meeting both at noon and in the evening, and a dinner gathering for a small number of givers in between. This is really too much. I should like to know definitely that I am to speak either at noon or in the evening. There is no point in addressing two meetings in a small community on the same day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ahs:bk

April 7, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I telephoned Mr. Michael Hollander as you requested and asked him to assume chairmanship of the Newark Campaign. He said that he was not entirely well enough to undertake the responsibility; nor was he in a position to give it the financial leadership which should go with the office of the chairman. He expressed his great interest in the campaign. He said that he would, in the next few days, consult with Mr. Stavitsky and the proper arrangements would be made to insure a successful campaign in Newark. He said that we need have no worry, that the community is aroused, and that they will do a very creditable job. I requested him to keep in touch with me and he said that he would be delighted to do so.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which Rabbi Wise received from Miss Razovsky, and a memorandum from me to Rabbi Wise following the telephone conversation I had with Mr. Gellman.

Keeping track of intramural Zionist activities really stumps me.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

165 West 46th St.
New York City

March 30, 1939

Dr. Jonah B. Wise
35 East 62nd St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wise:

Would you be good enough to call a meeting of some of the officials of the Mizrachi Organization.

They have made a request that a sum of money be granted them in order that they might carry on activities in immigration, employment, educational adjustment of the emigres, etc. They insist that if the National Coordinating Committee does not allocate any funds for this purpose, they will be obliged to go out on a drive of their own.

We believe it is very essential that a meeting be called by you to discuss this matter further with them. Please!

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cecilia Razovsky
Executive Director

April 7, 1939

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

Henry Montor

I today discussed with Leon Gellman, President of the Mizrahi Organization of America, the letter addressed to you on March 30th by the National Coordinating Committee. Mr. Gellman told me the following:

A group of Orthodox organizations in New York City including the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, Young Israel, Mizrahi Organization of America and Shomrei Hadath feel that the Orthodox refugees are not being adequately considered by the National Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Gellman told me that the Orthodox group states that Orthodox refugees are asked to come to the Committee offices on Saturday, and their particular psychology as pious Jews is not taken into consideration in placement and advice.

What this Orthodox group wants is that the National Coordinating Committee, to whose attention this situation has been called for many months, should set up some department which would recognize the fact that among the refugees are those who abide by traditional Judaism. Mr. Gellman states that many Orthodox Jews who have been offended by the attitude of someone in the National Coordinating Committee have come to one of the four organizations which are Orthodox to register the complaint.

It was on this basis that the four organizations sent a letter to the National Coordinating Committee asking that either special provision be made for Orthodox refugees or that these four duly constituted Orthodox bodies be given the means wherewith to provide for Orthodox refugees in their own manner.

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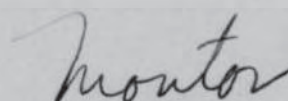
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your note with respect to Atlantic City. I shall inform the Atlantic City people that you are prepared to accept the invitation for the 15th of June if instead of trying to protect their pocketbooks which have not been touched for several decades they will permit the United Jewish Appeal to conduct a real campaign.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Wise has again been pressing for an allotment of \$2,500 to the President's Advisory Committee. He has been pressed by the Treasurer of the Committee which seems to be low in funds.

In view of your own expressed opposition to further grants to the Advisory Committee, what shall be done? Dr. Wise is most anxious about this.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.
342 MADISON AVENUE

MEMORANDUM

Date April 7, 1939

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Subject Proposed letter to Sol Brachman of Fort Worth, Texas

Attached herewith is a draft of a letter to Sol Brachman of Fort Worth. Could you send this or something like it and let me have a copy?

HM:BJ
Encl.

"Give Today --- Tomorrow May Be Too Late"

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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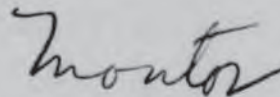
Dear Dr. Silver:

Somehow or other Judge Jonah J. Goldstein had got the idea that he should be the United Palestine Appeal candidate as Honorary Secretary of the United Jewish Appeal alongside Joseph C. Hyman. He had spoken to Blitz in regard to the matter and then he called me. I explained to him that at first the UPA had agreed to the post of Honorary Secretary with the understanding that someone like Ludwig Lewisohn was to represent the UPA, and Hyman the JDC. Failing that, we had been prepared to accept Mr. Hyman as the sole Honorary Secretary with the understanding that his functions would be honorary. Mr. Hyman declined. Since then we have forgotten the matter. I do not know why Judge Goldstein had resurrected it except perhaps under the stimulus of Mr. Hyman.

I explained to Judge Goldstein that a matter of this kind could not be decided except by the Administrative Committee of the UPA to whom I would submit it at its next meeting.

Have you any special thought in the matter?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

RABBI SAMUEL HOROWITZ
Temple B'nai Jeshurun
Leavenworth, Kansas

April 7, 1939

Mr. Leo Adler
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Adler:

In accordance with my promise over the phone last night, am rendering you a report about Atchison. Last September when I came here, my colleague, Baruch Braunstein, then S. W. regional director U.P.A., asked me to speak for U.P.A. in Atchison. I offered to do it if a meeting were arranged and my expenses defrayed. The key-man, Mr. Deutsch, tried to arrange a meeting, but without success. Later he suggested making use of Mr. & Mrs. Callot's silver wedding celebration. I brought the "LAND OF PROMISE" film and showed it, but could not make the appeal because the hosts deemed it out of place. I merely made some general remarks about it. Meanwhile about the end of October, Rabbi David Shapiro, then a J.N.F. representative, now at Green Bay, Wis. (my former post), visited here, and would have covered Atchison, but I felt that it wasn't fair to Braunstein and the U.P.A.'s expenses. Hence, I offered to take care of it myself, agreeing upon 2/3 for U.P.A. and 1/3 for J.N.F. Finally about the end of November I succeeded in having a meeting arranged and spoke. The group pledged \$200 (2/3 U.P.A. and 1/3 J.N.F.). There was a delay in raising the money, because of difficulties among themselves. Finally I was told by phone that only individual solicitation by an outsider can money be collected. Atchison being too close to my community I could hardly go there as a collector. But since we had invited Rev. Mintz here, a J.N.F. representative, I waited, and promised to take him to Atchison to finish what I had started in September. We went out Monday and Tuesday, March 27th and 28th and collected about \$100. My total expenses (about \$10-11, for about 6 trips) were being defrayed by U.P.A.-J.N.F.

Now, you can judge for yourself, that this collection had nothing to do with the 1939 United Jewish Appeal, but belonged to 1938 U.P.A.-J.N.F. Furthermore, the U.P.A.-J.N.F. went to a considerable expense and efforts since Sept. 1938; besides, Rabbi Shapiro, a former J.N.F. representative, would have collected this money last October-November 1938 anyway. Furthermore, most of the money was given to buy land in Palestine for refugees, and for trees, etc. Had the U.J.A. (which did not exist then) or J.D.C. approached me, I would have been willing, and still willing, to travel for them; but it was the U.P.A.-J.N.F. that sponsored my visits. I noticed that the smaller unorganized towns are out of the way and are only reached by J.N.F.

I therefore think in all fairness to the efforts and expenses of U.P.A.-J.N.F., that this collection belongs to them for 1938. Next fall or winter I am willing to visit Atchison for other towns in this state and in nearby states for the cause, if my expenses were defrayed. I do hope that you will get together with UPA-JNF and solve this matter in the fairest manner, as I have tried to explain. Please do not hesitate to call on me for the cause.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) Samuel Horowitz

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

DAVID E. HARLEM

Symes Bldg.
Denver, Colo.

April 8, 1939

Mr. Sam L. Meyer
Fort Collins
Colo.

My dear Mr. Meyer:

I am in receipt of a copy of letter sent to you by Jonah B. Wise, National Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, from which I note the sum received from your community is but \$25.00. Surely, this is not the amount that Fort Collins Jewry contributed to the Joint Distribution Committee, and, if it is, it looks like you probably need a little help.

Can we, in most unpretentious manner, offer you our services at a little gathering that you might arrange, and at which gathering we might succeed in raising a sum more nearly representative of the fine Jewish folk who live in your community.

I shall be pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely,

DAVID E. HARLEM

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

DAVID E. HARLEM

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April 8, 1939

Dr. Jonah B. Wise
100 E. 42nd Street
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

Yours of April sixth at hand, regarding Sam Meyer,
of Fort Collins, and my letter to him is herewith
enclosed.

Yours very truly,

(signed)

DAVID E. HARLEM

MEMORANDUM

JERUSALEM
APRIL 9, 1939

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ZIONISTS
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DECIDED POSTPONE ACTIONS COMMITTEE PLEASE INFORM HADASSAH
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NEW YORK UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
200 Madison Avenue
New York City

April 10, 1939

Mr. Henry Montor
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

Re your memo of April 6th, I am attaching herewith a list of some of the larger contributions made at Governor Lehman's meeting on April 2nd, indicating also the comparative amounts which they gave in 1938. I believe this will give you the information that you need.

I would use this very discreetly because these people may not like to have these amounts announced. We have promised that there would be no publicity given to these gifts.

In addition to the out of town names which I sent you, Mr. Barney Balaban stated he would divide his \$10,000 as follows: \$5,000 for New York and \$5,000 for Chicago; and the contribution of Carl and Philip Leff for \$5,000 will be divided: \$4,000 for New York and \$1,000 for Cleveland.

Thank you also for the list of names sent you by Dr. Silver. We have already gotten \$2,000 from Dr. Max Einhorn, and \$4,000 from Mr. Aaron Davis. Mr. Max Yankauer and Mr. Milton Steiner are also included on our list of prospects although we have not yet received any money from them.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Herman Sanders
Director

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Mrs. Dorothy Schiff Backer	\$5,000.	\$25,000.
Samuel J. Bloomingdale	2,500.	20,000.
Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Bittenwieser	2,500.	10,000.
Mrs. Daniel Guggenheim and Family	10,000.	250,000.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ittleson	35,000.	150,000.
Mrs. Edouard Jonas	1,500.	10,000.
Allan Lehman	2,000.	25,000.
Mrs. Arthur Lehman	6,000.	25,000.
Mrs. David M. Levy and family	40,000.	250,000.
Lucius Littauer	5,000.	25,000.
Carl M. Loeb	2,000.	15,000.
New York Merchandise Company	2,000.	10,000.
Benjamin Rosenthal	1,250.	10,000.
Mrs. Moritz Rosenthal	1,000.	10,000.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rothschild	2,500.	10,000.
Leon Lowenstein	1,000.	20,000.
David L. Podell	1,250.	10,000.
Elias Reiss	500.	12,000.
John M. Schiff	4,500.	25,000.
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis L. Strauss	2,000.	10,000.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stroock	2,000.	15,000.
Mr. and Mrs. Sol M. Stroock	1,800.	11,500.
Mrs. Felix M. Warburg	25,000.	50,000.
Sons of Mrs. Felix M. Warburg	15,000.	50,000.



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April 1, 1939

Henry Montor
N.Y.

Would be pleased to see Mr. Hollander
either Sunday morning or early Sunday
evening at Commodore Hotel.

A. H. Silver

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April 11, 1939

Henry Montor
U.P.A.
New York

Impossible for me to go to Omaha
13th or 15th

Silver

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

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WEIL BROTHERS
Montgomery, Ala.

April 11, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter I have addressed to Governor Lehman today. I believe it will be well worth your while to carefully read it, and I hope you will give it your serious consideration.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

WRHS

(signed)

AMERICAN JEWISH
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ADOLPH WEIL

P.S. - Please let me have your reaction to the enclosed letter.

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WEIL BROTHERS
Montgomery, Ala.

April 11, 1939

Governor Herbert H. Lehman
Albany
New York

Dear Governor Lehman:

I beg to refer you to your letter of March 16th, which called me to New York. The letter set forth what, apparently, were the prime reason for the invitation. Later, a letter from Mr. Ittleson and a telegram from you hinted that an expression of my own individual, financial responsibility would probably be called for.

I could, - and would, - have gladly sent along a financial response without all the inconvenience and expense of leaving my business and my family to make the long trip to New York, but I was moved, and I am sure most others were also, by the prospect of discussing the subjects set forth in your letter, as well as other important matters of a Jewish nature in this country.

Mr. Warburg's luncheon was very gracious and the addresses interesting but, to all intents and purposes, the motive was to prevail upon our visitors to so contribute as to impress and influence some New Yorkers who, it was stated, might be more liberal in the way of contributions.

At the general meeting which opened up at three o'clock, it was plainly apparent from the several addresses that this was the opening of the New York campaign and that there would be no consideration of all the different subjects that we had so hoped to hear discussed. They were not even listed on the program. We were told, and the program also set forth, that after a buffet supper questions could be asked and answered by representatives of the J.D.C., some of whom had just returned from foreign countries. At the supper only a few remained -- nearly one half of whom were ladies.

"The drive had gone over" -- a great success. But what of all of us who had been drawn to New York by the prospect of discussing with you and others of our leaders, national (as well as foreign) Jewish matters? What have we to bring back to our parts of the country? The numbers answering your call from all over the country is indicative of how seriously we are all concerned, and an expression of how quickly we were ready to respond, -- but after such a disappointment, how many do you now think could be encouraged to again answer such a call?

May I trouble you to continue a little farther with regard to our Jewish activities? We, living away from New York, blindly and trustingly follow our leaders, most of whom are in New York, and no questions asked -- we have been subjected to their words and actions for us, without our being consulted -- we give of our time and our wherewithal in support of the numerous institutions they set up -- surely we want to continue to do so. But, I am equally sure, however, that the time is soon coming when if our activities in the future are to be successful, more coordination and cooperation with us on the part of our leaders will have to be established. In their feverish and untiring devotion to our burdens, complete reliance has been placed upon sympathetic hearts -- but the head is also attached to the purse strings. We must be placed in a position to impart information to all those giving their financial and personal assistance.

May I offer the suggestion that the Chairman of each community be advised in full detail in what activities, and how monies have been used. Place them in position to answer such questions as: how much was used in Poland, and for what purposes; how much was used in moving refugees from German territories; how many refugees were moved and to what countries; what amounts were sent for care of refugees to England, Switzerland and other countries; what amounts were used for investigation of possible settlement of refugees in this country; what for different uses in this country, etc., etc. At the end of its fiscal year the J.D.C. leaders must have in their hands a statement of income and disbursements in detail, just as any commercial corporation and, in my opinion there is a good reason why that information should be sent in detail throughout the country.

May I call also your attention to the following? We were told at the meeting in New York that our leaders had agreed among themselves that money available in this drive for the J.D.C. and the U.P.A., would be divided on a sixty/forty basis. Dr. Silver stated to me that it was quite all right if those opposed to Zionism wished only to give the J.D.C. and explained that such gifts would be offset by appropriating to the U.P.A., the full amount of an undesignated contribution. In other words, the desire of one to confine his donation to where he wishes it should go, is nullified -- this is done without his consent and also without the knowledge of most of those who contribute. Dr. Silver does not believe that many cases of this kind will arise, but I feel that I can say that here in the South there are a great many anti-Zionists, and please do not believe that I bring this up because I, personally, am not a Zionist. I bring it up because of the spirit of fair play and because it cannot be afforded to shake the confidence of the people. Such actions will destroy the probability of real financial support in the future.

I am sorry if I have consumed too much of your valuable time, and in writing so long to determine whether or not this letter should be sent, I have tried to find some way that you would consider it not a criticism but in reality a statement of facts and a plea for unity in the future.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) ADOLPH WEIL.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

THE MEYER STORE
FORT COLLINS, COLO.

April 11, 1939

Mr. David E. Harlem
Symes Building
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Harlem:

Answering your letter of April 6th, in which you state that the Jewish people of Fort Collins have contributed only \$25.00 to date.

Upon investigation I find that in January a Mr. Shapiro was here and held a meeting at one of the Jewish people's home and collected about \$80.00 and same was sent direct to New York and was acknowledged by the office, altho, I was not present at that meeting.

May I suggest that you appoint Mr. Oscar Tittman to act as chairman of this community as he is better able to meet with the Jewish people here and I know he will do a good job.

I am enclosing check of \$10.00 as my personal contribution.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) SAM L. MEYER.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

THE MEYER STORE

Fort Collins, Colo.

April 11, 1939

Dr. Jonah B. Wise
100 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Wise:

In answer to your letter of April 6th with reference to our little towns contributions in which you stated that the committee only received \$25.00 from Ft. Collins to date.

Upon investigation I find that a Mr. Shapiro, who was here sometime in January held a meeting with some of the Jewish people and collected about \$80.00 and same was forwarded and acknowledged by your office, so I was told, altho I was not present at that meeting.

Only yesterday I sent my personal contribution to Mr. David Harlan of Denver and he will no doubt forward same with others.

I wish I were able to do a hundred times as much, as we all realize the necessity and the need of all the help that we can give to those unfortunates abroad.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) SAM L. MEYER

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MEMORANDUM

April 11, 1939

TO: Mr. Henry Montor
FROM: Mr. Isidor Coons
SUBJECT: Hadassah

Officers of the J.D.C. have suggested to me that Dr. Silver would be interested in having a copy of my memorandum to you dated March 24 on the subject of Hadassah's lack of cooperation with the U.J.A.

If you agree with them, you may wish to send the attached copy to Dr. Silver.



Dr. Silver

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

April 11, 1939

TO: RECORDS DEPARTMENT

FROM: LEO S. ADLER

SUBJECT: ATCHISON, KANSAS

On March 27th while in Leavenworth I learned from Mr. Edward Winning that a Rabbi had been in Leavenworth the previous day (Winnig forgot his name), and that was going to Atchison with Rabbi Horowitz of Leavenworth, in behalf of the refugee situation. As it was impossible for me to go to Atchison on that day as I had to return to Kansas City for a plane to Wichita, I immediately telephoned to Mr. Harry Berkson in Atchison, advising him that no one was authorized by the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs to solicit any funds in Atchison, and that I was the only accredited representative in that territory. Berkson advised, however, that Rabbi Horowitz and the other Rabbi whose name is Mintz had already called on him. In arranging my itinerary I found that it would be possible for me to be in Atchison on April 6th and on the previous evening telephoned to Mr. Deutsch, our chairman in Atchison (he was out of town on March 27th) to arrange a meeting. I immediately telephoned Horowitz and learned that Mintz represents the J.N.F. and that he Horowitz acted as he did solely because he had promised Baruch Braunstein last Fall that "some day" he would go over to Atchison to solicit funds for the J.N.F. He could give me no details but promised to forward a written report which, I understand, has already been received in this office.

Regards,

LSA

April 11, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I received your telegram regarding the mass meeting which is to open the New York Campaign during the week of May 1st. I should like to know a little more about the nature and purpose of the meeting before I make up my mind.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 11, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

It is quite impossible for me to address a campaign meeting for the people in Long Island. The remainder of my program for the month of April is just over-loaded with engagements, as you well know, and I am right in the midst of our work in connection with the Cleveland Campaign.

The matter of the Honorary Chairmanship for which Judge Goldstein is angling should be taken up at the next meeting of the Administrative Committee. You know my feeling in the matter. It is a nice gesture to make to have Mr. Joseph C. Hyman as Honorary Secretary inasmuch as that position does not involve any duties or power in the Campaign.

If you think that it is necessary to hold an Administrative Committee meeting soon, I would suggest Thursday, April 27th. I would then be on my way back from Richmond and I could spend a day in New York.

I have already written to you about Dr. Wise's request for an allocation to the President's Advisory Committee. The subject should come up before the Administrative Committee on the 27th. If the matter is so urgent that it cannot wait until that time, then I would advise that you convoke a meeting of the Executive Committee to act on the matter. However, in my judgment, it would be better to wait until the full Administrative Committee can act on the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 12, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

A meeting of the Administrative
Committee of the United Palestine Appeal will be
held on Thursday evening, April 27th, at 8:30 P.M.
at the offices of the United Palestine Appeal,
111 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Your presence is earnestly
requested.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Lipsky

Louis Lipsky
Chairman
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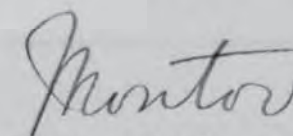
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a treasurer's report of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York as of April 7th. The report came to my hands by sheer accident as you will observe from the list of people to whom the report was sent.

You may be interested in my note to Willen.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Enc.

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JOE WILLEN

HENRY MONTOR

Dear Joe:

I do not have a persecution complex but I do have an inquiring mind and it asks questions when it discovers that treasurer's reports of the Greater New York campaign are being sent to a list of people including Mr. Isidor Coons for the Joint Distribution Committee.

I would appreciate your courtesy if a copy of the treasurer's report could be sent to the national headquarters of the United Jewish Appeal at 342 Madison Avenue or, if it is preferred that these reports be sent directly to the constituent agencies, it would be helpful if a copy were sent to me at the United Palestine Appeal, 111 Fifth Avenue.

I know that you are doing your best and that you can take care of all the tag ends. That is why I am sure you will appreciate my calling your attention to this oversight.

BC

cc: Dr. Silver

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342 MADISON AVENUE
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April 12 (en route to Atlanta)
(Atlanta-Biltmore)

Dear Dr. Silver:

Although the country as a whole seems to be progressing satisfactorily, with virtually every community, big and little, geared to do a record-breaking job, New York does not seem to be coming up to expectations.

Mr. Lamport, who may have telephoned to you before you receive this letter, reported on a meeting of the New York UJA Executive Committee on Tuesday afternoon. Willen told the Committee that they should prepare for failure: that \$10,000,000 or even \$8,000,000 was impossible of achievement and that if five or six million were raised, it would be a miracle. Apparently he offered no constructive program that would avert such a failure.

What can and should be done in the matter? There is certainly no point in complaining for the sake of establishing a record. But I do believe it is not yet too late to rescue the campaign. That is where the national leadership must take a hand. With things going well, New York had a perfect right to say to the national officers that it should have as much autonomy as any other community, whether it be Cleveland or San Francisco. But now things look bad, on Willen's own admission, it is essential to examine the reasons why they are bad and to attempt to remedy them. Otherwise, the United Jewish Appeal will suffer an irreparable loss, not alone in this year's proceeds but in the effect on the entire country for coming years.

These things are clear to me:

First, the Federation machinery, whatever its merits, has too many other irons in the fire. Willen himself spends a great deal of time with the Greater New York Fund. That is an important institution with which Jews should concern themselves and one in which Willen personally must be involved since Federation receives a substantial sum from the campaign. But Willen, no matter how competent he may be, cannot serve two or three campaigns at the same time and do justice to the United Jewish Appeal. In addition to the Greater New York Fund, Willen is involved in the American Jewish Committee drive--which has taken an awful lot of money from New Yorkers. But it is not Willen alone who is concerned. The personnel and the leadership which the Federation said it was making available to the UJA are tied up to

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a large extent in the Greater New York drive. The Federation group is working on two premises: (a) that good will in New York demands that the Jews contribute in unusual measure of money and time to the Greater New York Fund as a means of offsetting anti-Semitism; and (b) that since anti-Semitism is increasing in the United States, large sums must be raised for the American Jewish Committee to combat it. These premises make hard sledding for the United Jewish Appeal drive.

Second, the Federation machinery--though large--is not necessarily competent. I know how you felt about the competence of the New York United Palestine Appeal. Except for the number of men working with the Federation group, a number of whom are quite effective, I do not see that the difference is staggering. What the New York campaign lacks is a sense of unity in its various parts and a feeling that a "crusade" is under way. That feeling is not communicated either to the workers or the volunteers by the leadership. It derives solely from the events which lead people spontaneously to ally themselves with the United Jewish Appeal. Considering the fact that the New York UJA ostensibly has at its disposal the foremost names in New York Jewry, it is amazing that more progress has not been registered. The Women's Division, however, under the leadership of Mrs. David Levy is doing a splendid job. I hope it isn't discouraged by the attitude of Willen.

You will recall my disappointment after the Harmonie Club meeting. I sensed that it had been a flop and said so--even though over \$3,000,000 was announced. As you will see from the financial report I sent you, New York has not even attained \$2,000,000 as yet---and some of the best cream has already been removed. Willen is a persuasive talker--but what with all his other worries and his seeming incapacity to win the cooperation of all groupings, I am not convinced that the talk stands for money.

It may be said: Do nothing and say nothing now--because a controversy might upset the campaign and spoil all prospects! The Federation people undertook the job and they must be given a chance to work out the campaign in their own way!

But I believe that the Federation has had ample time to prove (a) the extent of its preoccupation with the campaign and (b) the effectiveness of its approach. Prestige for one side and ill-will for the other must play no part--but we cannot afford to let the campaign go any further without some word of counsel that the campaign must be tightened, that people should direct it who have only this one concern, that every section of the community must be reached and reasons not devised why any particular segment should not be touched, that this silly insistence that Palestine cannot be mentioned except vaguely as a refugee home must be abandoned, that the technique established in every other city in the country be given a chance in New York too. You remember that you have been insisting upon that for a year. It has not been done in New York--even though Federation has complete and contemptuous charge.

Do you think it would be advisable for you, on behalf of yourself and JB Wise, to ask for a meeting with the New York UJA committee on April 27th--or is a meeting of the Executive Committee of the UJA in the afternoon of that day preferable. If you think something along these lines should be done, you can phone or wire me at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., through Sunday night. I am addressing various meetings for the campaign during the period.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Monte

April 12, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I suppose that before very long, the Allocations Committee will be called into session. The question will sooner or later arise about how the funds over and above the nine and a half million dollars are to be appropriated. I am sure that the JDC will come fully prepared on the basis of data prepared by experts to present its claims; and so will the National Co-ordinating Committee. It is important that we have ready when the time comes, a carefully prepared statement of all our needs so that we are not forced to scurry around at the last minute for data. We ought to have a full and detailed plan worked out considerably in advance of such a meeting, and our headquarters in Jerusalem ought, immediately, to be contacted with for help in drafting this statement of our budgetary needs.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

The Goal For 1938: \$4,500,000

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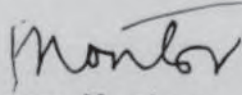
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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have arranged with Dr. Emil Cohn that he make the 11:55 P.M. train out of New York tonight, arriving in Cleveland at 12:40 P.M. tomorrow. I understand that he is to proceed to the Wade Manor Hotel, where reservations have been made for him. Undoubtedly you will contact him there.

The United Palestine Appeal has advanced the sum of \$35 to Dr. Cohn to pay for his transportation to Cleveland and other expenses. Since this is not a United Palestine Appeal engagement, I take it that you will arrange to have the Cleveland Zionist Society take care of the costs involved, which means that the United Palestine Appeal will be reimbursed in the sum of \$35, and Dr. Cohn will receive the amount due him for transportation, expenses and fee, after deducting \$35.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I have seen the Palestine Pavilion. Although the interior fittings have not yet been completed I think it can be said already that it will be an impressive addition to the World's Fair and a source of pride to all Jews interested in creating better sentiment for Palestine.

In view of the fact that the United Palestine Appeal is the fund-raising agency for Palestine upbuilding I think it important that somehow or other the name "United Palestine Appeal" be identified to the thousands of visitors who will see the Palestine Pavilion. Accordingly I am planning with your approval to arrange for the installation of a self-running motion picture machine in one of the halls of the Pavilion on which will be placed a shortened edition of the "Land of Promise" or similar film footage which will have interspersed from time to time reference to and slogans of the United Palestine Appeal as the agency through which American Jews make possible the rebuilding of the Jewish Homeland.

The cost of the machine itself will be about \$400 or \$500. Union regulations require that there be someone in the neighborhood for an emergency even though it is an automatic machine which requires no attendant. I think that the weekly cost to meet this union requirement will be approximately \$25 to \$30 for the period of the Fair. My own belief is that this is a very worthwhile investment. I trust that you will agree with me.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor, Executive Director

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

April 12, 1939

TO: M. Robert Herman

FROM: Henry Montor

SUBJECT: Atchison, Kansas

I have seen the note from Rabbi Samuel Horowitz to Leo Adler with regard to Atchison. I think you will agree that the original report was quite unfair.

It is inevitable that when two organizations unify their efforts there should be tag ends overlapping from the past. It is clear that no harm was done or meant, except that we became too easily excited.

From Rabbi Horowitz's letter it is clear that the Atchison money is definitely 1938.

HM:BG



Dr. Silver

THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH CHARITIES
OF ATLANTIC CITY
138 South Virginia Avenue
Atlantic City, N.J.

April 12, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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

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

With anticipation of your acceptance, I am

Cordially yours,

(signed) HARRY CASSMAN
President.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

DAVID E. HARLEM

Symes Bldg.
Denver, Colo.

April 12, 1939

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
100 E. 42nd St.
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wise:

I enclose letter and check which is self-explanatory.

I have written to Mr. Tittman and will follow through
with him from here.

Yours very truly,

(signed) DAVID E. HARLEM

Mr. Monitor

April 12, 1939

Mr. Herman Sanders

Mr. Isidor Coons

Jewish National Fund Appeal

At a meeting of the Board of Temple Israel, Lawrence, New York, of which I am a member, the minutes of a previous meeting at which I was unable to be present, recorded that the J.N.F. had made a direct appeal for a contribution and that the Board allotted \$100.00 for this purpose.

Inasmuch as the J.N.F. is a constituent agency of the U.P.A. in its fund-raising and thereby a partner in the United Jewish Appeal, I suggest that the New York City Campaign make a demand upon the J.N.F. for this contribution and any similar contributions that might have been secured in Greater New York through this type of appeal.

The U.J.A. agreement for this year provides that the J.N.F. be permitted to raise funds in its traditional way, such as flag days, box collections, etc. but a direct appeal to the congregations does not come within the purview of traditional collections.

IC:JB

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April 13, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I just returned from Indianapolis. The meeting was tremendously successful. They raised, last night, \$98,500 to their total goal of \$123,000. They are very confident of a substantial over-subscription.

I have written to Rabbi Jonah Wise asking for a conference with him and with some of the leaders of the New York Campaign in connection with the subject which you brought to my attention in your letter of April 12.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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I. SAMUELS & SON
106 EAST LONG AVENUE
NEW CASTLE, PA.

April 13, 1939

United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

As a contributor, and as a worker in the Drive, there is a little information I would like to have. I would like to have a list of all of the Paid Workers employed by the United Jewish Appeal, and the annual salary of each one.

Thanking you for this information, I remain

Very truly yours

(Signed) Alec Samuels

AS:MN

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

ON BEHALF OF
AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC.
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342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 14, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Montor sent you the following wire on
April 12:

"LUNCHEON IN NASHVILLE ON APRIL 25 CAN-
CELLED BUT WOULD LIKE YOU TO AGREE TO
BROADCAST FROM 4:30 TO 4:45. PLEASE
WIRE CONFIRMATION"

Will you please be good enough to let us
know your decision since Nashville is anxious
to be notified.

Cordially yours,

Beatrice Cohen
Beatrice Cohen
Secretary to Mr. Montor

BC:BJ

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April 17, 1939

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to Governor Lehman by Adolph Weill of Montgomery with a covering letter from yourself. I assume you must have had some discussion with him at the New York meeting on April 2nd and would, therefore, wish to answer him directly.

Aside from the fact that Weil is probably adamant in his attitude to Palestine I hold with him completely as to the unsatisfactory character of the Harmonie Club meeting. Another triumph for New York Federation efficiency!

I realize how senseless--and irritating--it is to refer any more to the Jewish National Fund. But I thought you might want to see an exchange of memos in regard to the Jewish National Fund, initiated by Isidor Coons. I have found in several cities that the Jewish National Fund is still pressing Zionist districts, etc. to make direct "Golden Book" inscriptions.

In Atlanta, Ga. Hadassah just got through raising \$18,000 for Youth Aliyah. It "lends a hand" too for the Welfare Fund, but the gifts are mere pin points in comparison to what they gave to youth aliyah.

But that is life!

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

April 17, 1939

TO: Mr. Montor

FROM: Mr. Coons

SUBJECT: Atchison, Kansas - Jewish National Fund
Correspondence attached

The amount of money involved is unimportant. The principle involved is, in my opinion, of the utmost importance as it affects vitally the agreement among the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc. in the United Jewish Appeal.

As I see it, regardless of any other consideration as to when the money was planned to be raised, the money was actually raised by a Jewish National Fund representative in March, 1939 and, therefore, must be secured for the United Jewish Appeal. If you do not believe that this ruling is valid, I shall initiate steps immediately for a revision of the agreement made in good faith to the effect that monies received by the Joint Distribution Committee on and after January 1st, 1939 from campaigns that were arranged for the Joint Distribution Committee during the latter part of 1938 but held after January 1st, 1939 are to be considered as part of the United Jewish Appeal fund and instead will insist that these monies be refunded to the Joint Distribution Committee.

The daily misunderstandings as to the status of the Jewish National Fund in relation to the United Jewish Appeal are becoming increasingly irritating to me and disturbing to the Joint Distribution Committee. It is particularly distressing to note in the letter from Rabbi Samuel Horowitz of Leavenworth in connection with the Atchison situation that "I noticed that the smaller unorganized towns are out of the way and are only reached by Jewish National Fund." This rather definitely suggests that the Jewish National Fund, through its own machinery, is undertaking to cover small towns for collections not to be regarded as "traditional collections" provided for in the agreement.

In a set-up such as we have in the United Jewish Appeal it will be tragic indeed if all of the included organizations could not operate in absolute good faith. It is assumed that each agency which is represented in the United Jewish Appeal will adhere without pressure to the agreement to which it is a signatory. That is the issue involved. Personally, I have not the stomach to be a policeman in this campaign and to try to track down each and every dollar that might come into the treasury of the United Palestine Appeal, the Jewish National Fund or the Mizrachi. Nor would I expect you to follow this type of procedure with the Joint Distribution Committee or the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc.

I can say to you in good faith, tantamount to a guarantee, that every penny received by either the Joint Distribution Committee or the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc. to which this campaign is entitled by virtue of its agreement will be reported to the United Jewish Appeal and made available to the United Jewish Appeal for our own treasury. We expect the same from the United Palestine Appeal which, as we understand it, includes the Keren Hayesod, Keren Kayemeth and the Mizrachi.

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In order that this issue may be sustained until it is decided for future understanding and procedures during the remainder of the year, I am formally asking the Joint Distribution Committee to earmark and retain contributions in the sum of \$350 received from any source direct to its own office as an off-set to this \$175 contribution to the Jewish National Fund from the proceeds of an appeal conducted in Atchison, Kansas. I do this on the basis that the agreement provides that out of the first \$9,500,000 the Joint Distribution Committee is to receive \$5,000,000 in relation to the \$2,500,000 for the United Palestine Appeal which, of course is a ratio of two to one. I am also asking the National Coordinating Committee to withhold \$140 which is in the ratio of \$2,000,000 out of the first \$9,500,000 in relation to \$2,500,000 for the United Palestine Appeal.

Copies of this memo are being sent to the officers of the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc.

(signed) Isidor Coons

Enc.

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

April 17, 1939

TO: Mr. Rosner

FROM: Mr. Coons

SUBJECT: Atchison, Kansas - Jewish National Fund
Correspondence attached

Based upon the attached memorandum which I have addressed to Mr. Henry Montor, you will please earmark and retain the sum of \$350 which may be received from any source by the Joint Distribution Committee ~~direct to your office~~ as an off-set to the ~~\$175~~ contribution to the Jewish National Fund from the proceeds of an appeal conducted in Atchison.

I shall advise you when this \$350 is to be released to the treasury of the United Jewish Appeal.

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

April 17, 1939

TO: Mr. S. Bert Jacobson

FROM: Mr. Isidor Coons

SUBJECT: Atchison, Kansas - Jewish National Fund
Correspondence attached

Based upon the attached memorandum which I have addressed to Mr. Henry Montor, you will please earmark and retain the sum of \$140 which may be received from any source by the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc. direct to your office as an off-set to the \$175 contribution to the Jewish National Fund from the proceeds of an appeal conducted in Atchison.

I shall advise you when this \$140 is to be released to the treasury of the United Jewish Appeal.



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April 17th, 1939

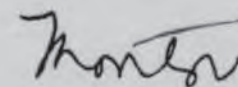
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

For our own information and guidance,
will you please let me know what the knowing
audience thought of Dr. Emil Bernhard Cohn, so
that we may know how he is to be booked in the
future?

I am sorry that we had to send him
almost without money to Cleveland, but we had as-
sumed that his transportation and other expenses
would be taken care of by the Zionist Organization
of America. At the last moment we had to scrape
together what we could and give it to him. You,
undoubtedly, took care of his return fare and fee.
Which means that the Cleveland Zionist Society owes
the United Palestine Appeal \$35 advanced to him for
his trip to Cleveland and incidentals.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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April 17, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

The matter of the installation of a motion picture machine for the United Palestine Appeal in the Palestine Pavilion should be taken up at the next meeting of the Administrative Committee. We should not make any financial commitments without its approval.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 19, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I received from Rabbi Jonah B. Wise in reply to the one I sent him. He seems to feel that the New York Campaign is advancing satisfactorily.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

April 19, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Dr. Cohn made a very good impression upon the audience of close on to six hundred which heard him under the auspices of the Cleveland Zionist Society. He speaks with spirit, and considering the short time that he has been speaking English, he does remarkably well. His address was a bit too philosophical. He labors, along with nearly everyone else coming out of Germany, under the heavy Germanic metaphysical approach to everything under the sun. I called his attention to it and he is likely to make his addresses less abstract. I should also wish him to speak more about Palestine and Zionism and less on the contrast between Judaism and Christianity, etc. He conducted a very interesting question period after his address.

The Cleveland Zionist Society paid Dr. Cohn an honorarium of \$100 and also took care of his hotel expenses. He remained here over the week-end. I have asked Mr. I. Evans, treasurer of the Cleveland Zionist Society, to send you a check for \$35 which you advanced him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 19, 1939

Mr. Alex Samuels
106 East Long Avenue
New Eastle, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Samuels:

Your letter of April 13 asking for a list of paid workers employed by the United Jewish Appeal and the annual salaries of each one has been brought to my attention. I shall be pleased to submit your letter for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. In the meantime, I am sending a copy of it to Rabbis Abba Hillel Silver and Jonah B. Wise, National Chairmen, so that they may be advised of your request.

I might say to you that this is the first request for this type of information received since the United Jewish Appeal came into being. The Jewish community of America as a whole seems to have complete confidence in the leadership of the campaign, as represented by the officers whose names appear on this stationery, and none of whom are on the payroll of the United Jewish Appeal. I can say to you that the budget for the United Jewish Appeal for 1939 contemplates that the cost will not exceed 2%. If this can be realized it will be a remarkable achievement.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Isidor Coons
Executive Vice-Chairman

IC:JB
(Blind) cc to Rabbis Abba Hillel Silver
Jonah B. Wise
Mr. Henry Montor
Mr. Joseph C. Hyman

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342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 24, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Hotel Commodore
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is the following material
which will be of interest to you:

- (a) A memorandum from Isidor Coons to myself
with respect to Jewish National Fund acti-
vity in Fort Collins, Colorado and accom-
panying data;
- (b) A memorandum from Isidor Coons to myself
on Hadassah and Youth Aliyah;
- (c) A memorandum from Coons to myself on
Atchison, Kansas and attached material; and
- (d) A memorandum of acknowledgment from myself
to Coons.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Vice Chairman

HM:EH
Encls.

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342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 18th, 1939

To Mr. Henry Montor

From Mr. Isidor Coons

Subject Jewish National Fund - Fort Collins, Colorado

Please note carefully the attached correspondence in which Mr. Sam L. Meyer advises us that \$80.00 was raised in Fort Collins and sent to New York. As Rabbi David Shapiro, to whom he refers, represents or represented the Jewish National Fund in January, Mr. Meyer apparently thinks that this money was raised for the United Jewish Appeal - and we believe that it was remitted to the Jewish National Fund.

This memorandum ties in very definitely with our experience in Atchison, Kansas.

Unless you, as representing the United Palestine Appeal in the United Jewish Appeal, will take steps to arrange with the Jewish National Fund to remit to us all monies properly due the United Jewish Appeal of which the Jewish National Fund is a constituent member, I must confess that I know of no way of solving this matter.

It is not at all my intention or purpose to try to track down every penny, as I indicated in my memorandum on Atchison, but the agreement was signed in good faith, and the officers of the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc., respectively, who are parties to this agreement, recognize fully that the Jewish National Fund is a member of the United Palestine Appeal and that all funds received by any agency included in the United Palestine Appeal must find their way to the common treasury. I mean, of course, that it is definitely and unequivocally understood by, at least, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc., that funds raised or received on a strictly 1939 fund-raising basis after January 1st, 1939 belong to the United Jewish Appeal. I just as definitely mean that we do not take into consideration any commitments made in 1938 for funds to be raised in 1939 for any of the agencies.

As I indicated in my memorandum on Atchison, I have not the slightest doubt that the Jewish National Fund representatives are undertaking to cover small communities throughout the country which they believe will not be reached by the United Jewish Appeal. I know that you personally cannot be a party to such an arrangement but as the representative of the United Palestine Appeal, including the Jewish National Fund, in the United Jewish Appeal, I can see no alternative except that you take cognizance of this fact, investigate it and represent officially the United Jewish Appeal, first, to ascertain what is being done in this direction and, secondly, to insist that all funds so raised to date or in the future be automatically remitted to the treasury of the United Jewish Appeal.

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You and I cannot fool ourselves. If the Jewish National Fund is permitted to conduct fundraising campaigns in communities on the assumption that we will not cover them, then it is perfectly obvious that the United Jewish Appeal will not have an opportunity of raising an additional penny in this type of small community. Our field representatives are definitely charged this year to cover every community, regardless of size, and I, for one, will not permit our field men to go into any community under false pretenses.

I am sending copies of this memorandum again to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, Mr. William Rosenwald and Mr. Joseph C. Hyman.

(SIGNED) Isidor Coons

IC:LG

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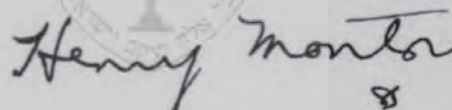
Henry Montor

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of
a cable which came to you, which I assume
can be discussed at the meeting of the
Administrative Committee of the United Pal-
estine Appeal on Thursday night.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 24, 1939

Mr. Isidor Coons

Mr. Henry Montor

This will acknowledge your memoranda of April 18th with respect to Fort Collins and of April 21st with respect to Hadassah and Youth Aliyah.

The Jewish National Fund, in accordance with the understanding constituting the United Jewish Appeal, is to engage in its traditional collections, but is not to undertake fund-raising campaigns as we understand such campaigns. On that basis we shall find, I am sure, complete readiness on the part of the Jewish National Fund to credit all the funds it raises through campaigns of the kind described to the United Jewish Appeal. I am taking this matter up with Mr. Mendel Fisher, Executive Director of the Jewish National Fund, and expect no difficulties in the settlement of this problem.

I have undertaken on several occasions, as has Dr. Silver, to discuss with Hadassah the question of cooperation with the United Jewish Appeal. I regret to say that the cooperation does not always take the form which we should like.

I note that you have requested the Joint Distribution Committee office to withhold funds intended for the United Jewish Appeal until the matter of the Jewish National Fund has been settled. I believe that your action is unjustified.

Our correspondence and our field representatives cover a great deal of territory, but despite the hundreds and thousands of communities with which we are in almost constant contact reports of alleged duplication or overlapping by the Jewish National Fund are restricted to the two or three cases which you have brought to my attention - all of them not totalling more than several hundred dollars. I agree with you, of course, that it is the principle and not so much the money involved that is important. On the other hand I think you will agree that by and large the principle itself has been very rigidly respected by the Jewish National Fund. If there are cases where some accident has occurred this will undoubtedly be remedied by the Jewish National Fund.

I can understand that you should be just as keenly concerned as I that all funds intended for the United Jewish Appeal, from whatever source, shall be brought into the treasury of the United Jewish Appeal.

If the only memos that have been written on the subject of alleged irregularities have come from you to me it is not because I have not had warrant to write such memos.

I might with even greater cogency point out that the effort of the Joint Distribution Committee to raise supplementary funds outside of the United Jewish Appeal is not strictly according to Hoyle. My understanding is that the Joint Distribution Committee is appealing to various Landsmannschaften and communities and individuals stating that for every dollar made available for a specific town in Europe to which

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that individual or organization is affiliated the Joint Distribution Committee will make available a similar amount from its funds. In New York City particularly this appeal is having its effect, although the appeal itself is not restricted to Greater New York.

At least Hadassah tries as much as possible to do its campaigning before Welfare Fund drives; even when Hadassah is part of a Welfare Fund campaign it contributes manpower, or rather womanpower, to a far greater extent than probably any section of the community. I might with equal right ask you to see to it that Ort should eliminate itself from Welfare Fund drives because in the past the Joint Distribution Committee has made substantial allotments to Ort, and because at present one of the leading officers of the Joint Distribution Committee is the chairman of Ort, which is asking ten percent of overseas allocations in 1939.

As serious as any of the other observations I have made is one with respect to the National Coordinating Committee, which is raising hundreds of thousands of dollars throughout the country outside the channels of the United Jewish Appeal. I do not have reference to the amounts that are being obtained locally for the maintenance of refugees. I have in mind the large sums that are being taken from local Welfare Funds for regional service activities that should actually be part of the functions of the National Coordinating Committee. As far as I can see all that the National Coordinating Committee does with the funds it receives from the United Jewish Appeal is to maintain offices in New York City to be administered by the Council of Jewish Women, and for other purposes. Wherever money for servicing or investigation is required outside of New York City funds outside the scope of the United Jewish Appeal are asked for and obtained.

I am confident that few of those who participated in the original negotiations for the United Jewish Appeal were aware of the fact that the National Coordinating Committee should have been called the New York Coordinating Committee, insofar as expenditure of funds is concerned. From correspondence we have had in New York and from complaints that have come to me personally outside of New York I find that the National Coordinating Committee is one of our greatest handicaps instead of one of our greatest assets not because its purposes are not most significant but because some of its accomplishments merit less than universal commendation.

Naturally, the expenditures or activities of the agencies comprised within the United Jewish Appeal are not the concern of the United Jewish Appeal except insofar as their various activities help or hinder fund-raising of the United Jewish Appeal. If there is one organization within the United Jewish Appeal which might be said to be engaged in separate fund-raising activities on a large scale it is the National Coordinating Committee.

If I have not written memos to you in the past on these various items it is because I think that both of us must recognize two fundamentals: (a) that the \$20,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal requires maximum energy on our part, that local campaigns are initiated and that maximum sums are provided to the United Jewish Appeal; and (b) that, inevitably, in a country as large as the United States and with a Jewish community as unorganized and complicated as ours, certain overlapping will occur and certain groups within the community will fail to recognize that all other fund-raising efforts should be subordinated to the three agencies embraced in the United Jewish Appeal. One of the great assets of the United Jewish Appeal has been to overcome some of the apathy of the American Jewish community to a large-scale campaign such as the one in which we are now engaged.

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From the reports you have in your possession as to the progress of the campaign throughout the country you will agree, I think, that neither the enthusiasm nor the amounts being raised this year would have been at all possible without some unified effort such as is represented in the United Jewish Appeal. If things are not perfect it is not because you and I are not trying to make them so; but if they are not perfect it is more attributable to a generally imperfect world. I say this in all earnestness and not facetiousness, for otherwise we shall be engaged constantly in minor efforts when we should be concentrating on the major tasks.

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April 25, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am wondering whether our Speakers' Bureau is not over-doing it somewhat in some communities -- sending too many people for too many meetings in one community. Thus, for example, in St. Louis: Mr. Ittelson was there for a meeting, then Paul Muni and Rabbi Magnin for another meeting, and next Sunday, Rabbi Jonah Wise and I are to go there for another meeting. Why was it not enough to schedule either Rabbi Wise or myself to address the Sunday evening meeting rather than sending both national chairmen? A somewhat similar situation, I understand, has developed in Detroit, where Jonah Wise, Lasker and I were crowded in in a few days. Is it that communities ask for so many speakers, or that we "feed" them?

Please send no mail to me from now on through Thursday as I shall be in Nashville and Richmond the next two days. I plan to arrive in New York sometime Thursday morning.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.
342 MADISON AVENUE

MEMORANDUM

Date April 25, 1939

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Subject

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum to Mr. Coons from Mr. Hyman together with a copy of a memorandum from myself to Mr. Hyman.

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April 25, 1939

To Mr. Joseph C. Hyman

from Mr. Henry Montor

Your memorandum of April 20th to Mr. Coons

Mr. Coons has been kind enough to show me the memorandum dated April 20th which you addressed to him. I had not been aware that Mr. Coons had questioned the propriety of the communication which I sent to a number of key leaders with regard to the situation in Italy.

You raise a very important point. I disagree completely with your point of view. The United Jewish Appeal is a fund-raising body and, as such, must keep its clientele informed of all phases of the work with the aim in mind of stimulating larger contributions to the United Jewish Appeal. The object of the 1939 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal is to create that sense of urgency and of emergency which will impel all communities throughout the country to raise far larger sums for the agencies embraced within the United Jewish Appeal.

Apparently you are under the illusion that when I am in the office at 342 Madison Avenue I am thinking only of and working solely for Palestine or the United Palestine Appeal. Nothing could be further from the fact. As Executive Vice-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal I regard myself as a spokesman and an advocate of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs in all its phases. When I visit communities I do not speak solely or even in the main of Palestine but of all the causes and activities embraced within the United Jewish Appeal.

I know that you will appreciate the spirit in which I observe that unfortunately there has not yet been a sufficient realization by all factors concerned of the paramount necessity of making the United Jewish Appeal the important institution in 1939 instead of any of the participating agencies.

Conducting a campaign is a pure act of salesmanship and, as such, requires all the devices, dignified and honest, of effective salesmanship.

To say that the United Jewish Appeal cannot talk about any of the work which the United Jewish Appeal helps to further is to make the conduct of the campaign impossible. There are certain relations which I have established with leaders throughout the country. The strengthening of those relations means a strengthening of the interests of the campaign. It is my view that sending these people material, whether it be on Palestine, on Italy, on England or America is part of our general program to create wider interest in and broader support of the United Jewish Appeal from which the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc. benefit.

Until such time as superior officers of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs decide otherwise, I shall continue to believe that the United Jewish Appeal is the agency raising funds for the furtherance of three major purposes; relief and rehabilitation for the Jews of and in Europe, settlement in Palestine and adjustment of refugees in the United States.

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M E M O R A N D U M

April 20, 1939

From: Mr. Joseph C. Hyman

To: Mr. Isidor Coons

Subject: The recent communication from Mr. Montor enclosing a memorandum on Italy.

I have read with close interest your memorandum to Mr. Montor with respect to his recent letter sending out a statement by Mr. Roth, concerning the situation of the Jews in Italy. I note also that Mr. Montor advises the community leaders that he can secure similar monographs on other Jewish communities.

I deem it quite inadvisable for Mr. Montor to do this. The J.D.C. has not only been closely in touch with the Jewish communities in Italy: it has extended direct assistance to the committees there; it has stimulated the establishment of the necessary organizations; it is giving fair amounts for essential work there. Moreover, very largely through the personal intercession and discussions of representatives of our European Office with important American personalities, who took up this whole problem in authoritative channels, the deportation order for aliens was, for the time being, suspended. I cite these facts because, while they are known to the officers of the Joint Distribution Committee, they are not within the knowledge of Mr. Montor. They could scarcely be. In similar fashion, the J.D.C., directly or through committees, is in touch with all of the Jewish communities in Europe to which refugees have fled.

We are in the process of working out the establishment of a Jewish Central Committee in Hungary. We are negotiating with respect to appropriate committees in Roumania. We are planning new types of organizational structure in Poland. We are closer to the requirements within Germany itself and the countries of refuge on the Continent, as well as in South America, than is any other agency. Obviously, if any well-founded information is to be sent to Jewish leaders throughout this country with respect to the problems in Eastern and Central Europe with which we have been dealing, and in which we are now definitely engaged, it should be within the province of the Joint Distribution Committee to send out any such appropriate memoranda. It has been our job and continues to be our job.

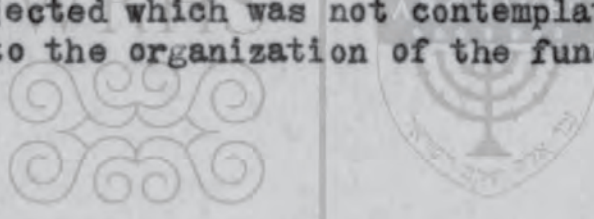
Moreover, for the United Jewish Appeal to send out to the people throughout this country a memorandum addressed by a distinguished writer in England to the Council for German Jewry raises the question naturally as to where the J.D.C. comes into the situation. The British Jews, through the Council, have given much less support and, consequently, less emphasis to the requirements on the Continent than J.D.C. has. In fact, they have looked to J.D.C. to do this.

We have, in our office, material gained from very many sources with respect to the problems in Palestine. As a matter of comity between our respective organizations, we would not undertake to send out to the communities memoranda with respect to the work of reconstruction in Palestine or with respect to the needs there. We feel that that is a matter properly within the province of the United Palestine Appeal or the Jewish Agency.

It is quite obvious that there are a great many questions affecting not only procedure, but policy, in relation to the actual service rendered in foreign countries that can best be explained by the agencies involved in the active work. If the program of assistance in Palestine is to be presented in any aspect, it is only proper that the United Palestine Appeal should assume the responsibility for the expose in question. If, on the other hand, the problems of the Jewish communities in Eastern and Central Europe are to be described, it would seem highly desirable that the J.D.C., which, after all is in closer touch with all of the situations in these countries, should be the agency to present the necessary explanations.

In no event should the United Jewish Appeal, as a fund-raising body, in my opinion, undertake to send out material which, directly or even indirectly, impinges upon the actual program of activities and problems of the constituent bodies without consulting them. Thus, I cannot conceive that the United Jewish Appeal would undertake to send out an article on the refugee situation in the United States without being assured by the National Coordinating Committee Fund that from the viewpoint of its policy and activity, the sending out of such an article is desirable, and that the National Coordinating Committee itself did not have in mind issuing such a statement or sending out such a memorandum to no matter how select or restricted a list.

I can understand Mr. Montor's desire to find material that will prove of interest to the communities, but I am quite clear that we shall have to take the position with the United Jewish Appeal that it should not send out memoranda of this kind. The J.D.C. is still in business. In the field of its activities it would be undesirable to permit anything to be injected which was not contemplated at all in arriving at the agreement with respect to the organization of the fund-raising machinery.



MEMORANDUM

April 30, 1939.

MR. HENRY MONTOR

CC: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Date

To

From

MR. MENDEL N. FISHER

Subject

I received this morning a copy of a letter that Rabbi Samuel Horowitz sent to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, as the National Chairmen of the U.J.A. Copies of this letter ought to be circulated among all the members of the committee that originally received Mr. Coon's memorandum. It proves conclusively what I stated to you,-- that the small sum of \$100. which was collected for the J.N.F. was collected for pledges from a J.N.F. effort made in 1938, and not in lieu of the U.J.A. campaign.

A great deal of this was made in Mr. Coon's memorandum to you because Mr. Coon did not have all the facts. It is only a small matter and we ought not to make a fuss about it.



MNF:RB

May 1, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I should like to have a general idea of what you intend to put on the film which is to be exhibited at the Palestine Pavilion of the Fair.

Please make a note of the matters which we would like to bring up at the next meeting of the Executive of the United Jewish Appeal. I hope that you will succeed in getting Mr. Willens to the meeting. I think that our Committee would get a far better picture of what is actually being done in New York than from any indirect source.

The enclosed letter from Mr. Borinstein indicates that the Indianapolis Campaign has gone over the top.

Allentown writes me that they have already raised \$25,800 towards a goal of \$27,500.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Mr. John Doe
1 Main Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Doe:

I am very anxious to have you join me on Sunday, March 5th, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, at my apartment, 820 Park Avenue, New York City. Since the recent happenings in Europe there are matters of great importance which we have before us. I should like the opportunity of discussing these with you and a few other leaders of the country as a whole, at a private meeting. In this emergency your counsel will be of great help.

Will you please advise my secretary, Miss Carolin A. Flexner, at 1 William Street, New York City, whether I may count on your presence.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you, I remain

Sincerely yours

Herbert H. Lehman

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Los Angeles
March 24th, 1939

M E M O R A N D U M

FROM: Mr. Coons
TO: Mr. Montor and Miss Rubenstein
SUBJECT: Hadassah

The letter which Mr. Montor addressed to Mrs. David de Sola Pool on March 17th is a lovely letter, but the fact remains that Hadassah is not cooperating. They raised \$54,000 here in advance of the Welfare Fund campaign. They take the cream off wherever they can. As Mrs. Epstein said in a speech here, they must now enlist the aid of men because of the greater need. "Hadassah tends to its business and other agencies should tend to theirs." (almost her words.) Mrs. Epstein was quite willing (in her speech) that Hadassah women should also work in Welfare Fund campaigns (after their effort). Swell that Jewish women should be allowed to do this in their home communities especially after they have drained off the money from women's circles and used up all their own energy and enthusiasm in getting it.

It's a little early to thank Hadassah for their cooperation to the United Jewish Appeal.

I.C.

cc Mr. Joseph C. Hyman
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

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