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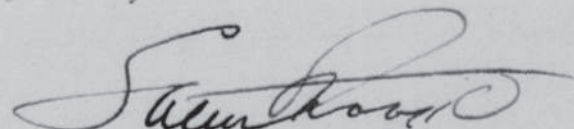
Dear Rabbi Silver:-

I did not have the opportunity to discuss the subject of our conversation further with Mrs. Warburg before she sailed for Europe.

I know that the family is opposed to any project which it is intended shall bear Mr. Warburg's name and concerning which funds are solicited. I think you may proceed to explore the situation with the view of determining whether a small group would be willing to establish and adequately to endow such a project. Then, before anything definitive is decided upon, the matter should again be submitted to Mrs. Warburg. I am sure you will see to it that no one whom you may approach will get the impression that the family has anything more than a passive interest in the matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Truly yours,



P.S.- I am glad you are lucky enough to be away from the heat of the City.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

HENRY ITTLESON  
ONE PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK

August 13, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In Mr. Ittleson's absence  
from the city, I am taking the liberty  
of acknowledging yours of the 9th inst.,  
which will be brought to Mr. Ittleson's  
attention on his return in October.

Very truly yours,

E.J.KIEFFER

Secretary to Mr. Ittleson

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

# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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August 17, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Mooselookmeguntic Lodge  
Haines Landing, Me.

Dear Dr. Silver:

During the past week, while handling the correspondence in Mr. Montor's absence, I have found that we have received cash remittances at a very encouraging rate.

I am attaching a copy of a letter from Mr. Henry Ittelson's secretary which we received in reply to your letter suggesting an interview at the end of August.

I am now in the midst of making arrangements for radio broadcasts for the High Holidays and would be very happy to receive any suggestions from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer F. Steinglass*

Meyer F. Steinglass

MFS:BC

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August 30, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am herewith sending you a clipping of the Jewish Morning Journal in which your message was published on Friday, August 12th.

I am also attaching a copy of your New Year's message which was mailed out today to the English-Jewish press throughout the country and which I intend to use for distribution to the New York press during the week of the High Holidays.

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer F. Steinglass*  
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September 1, 1938.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have just received a cable from Mr. Montor in which he asks that you be informed that "It is doubtful whether Dr. Weizmann will be able to come to America before November or December".

Have you had an opportunity to determine whether September 14th would be a suitable time for a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal? Incidentally, Mr. Lipsky will not return until September 18th.

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer F. Steinglass*  
Meyer F. Steinglass.

MFS:F

September 6, 1938

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

It will not be possible for me to come to New York on September 14. Inasmuch as Mr. Lipsky will also not be able to be there on that day, I suggest that no meeting be held on the 14th. In all probability I shall be in New York on October 7. I shall know definitely in a day or two. We might be able to set a meeting for that day.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

September 6, 1938

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

Please send me, by return mail,  
about six copies of the New Year message written  
by Rabbi Silver, as Chairman of the United  
Palestine Appeal, which is being sent out to  
various newspapers.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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September 7, 1938.

Miss Bessie Kline,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St. and Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Miss Kline:

In accordance with your request, I am here-  
with sending you six copies of Dr. Silver's New  
Year message in behalf of the United Palestine  
Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer F. Steinglass*  
Meyer F. Steinglass.

MFS:F

September 9, 1938

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

I do not know when Mr. Montor is expected back. I find that because I have been away from Cleveland through the summer, I will have to spend the next few weeks prior to the Holidays, when all Temple activities are inaugurated, at home and will not be able to go to New York. I will be in New York on October 7th. I could attend either an Executive or an Administrative meeting of the UPA any time in the afternoon. Please consult with Mr. Montor and let me know. Of course, if an emergency meeting is necessary, I could break away from Cleveland for an afternoon or evening. But I would not like to do it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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September 30, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are now in the process of assembling material for the Year Book of the United Palestine Appeal that is to be published next month in conjunction with the fifth annual presentation of "Night of Stars".

We earnestly hope that you will find the time within the next two weeks to prepare an article for publication in the Year Book. Such an article would be most effective in bringing to the general public a better understanding of the aims of the United Palestine Appeal in relation to the Jewish problem in Europe.

With kind appreciation of your cooperation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer F. Steinglass*  
Meyer F. Steinglass

MFS:MF

THE PEOPLES BANK AND SAVINGS COMPANY  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

WILLIAM J. SHRODER  
PRESIDENT

October 7, 1938

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

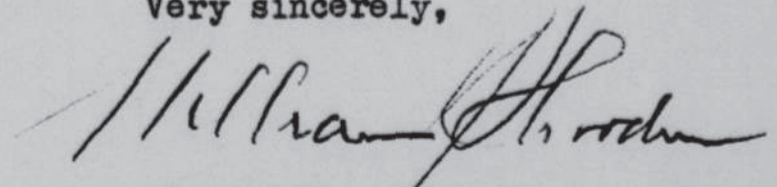
On October 2, I attended the Indiana-Kentucky Regional Conference of the Joint Distribution Committee held at Indianapolis. There were about 500 acceptances, at least 400 present, with practically every community in the area represented. The meeting developed some feeling that the J.D.C. needs were so great that it might be necessary for them to pull away from the welfare funds and hold independent campaigns. The point was made that they had received only 20 to 30% of the total funds raised by the welfare funds; that increased giving, based very largely on their work in meeting European needs were divided between them and other activities, and that the present system was not producing their minimum needs. It was estimated that from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 could be used next year on the basis of present known demands.

A great deal of this information was given in reply to inquiries from the floor, and after suggestions for increasing J.D.C. funds.

I was called on for some impromptu remarks which I emphasized I was giving in my dual capacity and interest in community organization and the J.D.C. The substance of what I said was, - that I felt increased giving for J.D.C. needs should be worked out within the frame work of the community organization, and that if a situation had developed whereby it was impossible for the J.D.C. to receive its minimum requirements within the present methods of operation of community organization, the problem of changing these methods was not unsolvable, and that the thinking should be devoted to this rather than to the idea of independent action.

I am reciting all of this so that you may have some sense of a growing feeling and of a problem which if not correctly handled will undo many of our efforts for proper community organization and, I believe, in the long run will be very costly to the recipients of community contributions. I am of the opinion that this vital question requires careful consideration at our next Board meeting being held at the Hotel Schenley, Pittsburgh, October 15 and 16. Your presence at Pittsburgh is urgently needed.

Very sincerely,

  
WILLIAM J. SHRODER

October 11, 1938

Mr. William J. Shroder, President  
The Peoples Bank and Savings Company  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Mr. Shroder:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of October 7 and for the information which you convey with reference to the sentiments expressed at the Indiana-Kentucky regional conference of the Joint Distribution Committee held on October 2. I have not been unaware of this attitude on the part of some of the spokesmen of the Joint Distribution Committee. I share with you the feeling that whatever increased funds the J.D.C. or the U.P.A. require for the future should be obtained within the framework of our existing welfare funds. This is not an impossible task and I shall be very happy to discuss it with our friends at our Board meeting in Pittsburgh this coming week-end - that is, if I get over my cold and if I am able to travel. I am dictating this letter from my bed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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October 17

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

The deadline for our Year Book is not far off and although you are no doubt occupied with many pressing matters I do hope that you will try to send me an article or message before the end of the week.

I believe that an article such as the New Year message which you prepared could be a most effective means of stimulating the readers of the Year Book to a greater devotion to the United Palestine Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer F. Steinglass*  
Meyer F. Steinglass.

MFS:EH

October 18, 1938

Mr. David Surdut  
515 Avenue I  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Surdut:

Let me thank you for your kindness in writing to me about Mr. Nathan D. Kaplan whom I know very well and whose record of service to our common cause is known by all friends of Palestine. I have known, for some time, of the plight of Mr. Kaplan and we have discussed it once or twice. Whether the suggestion which you make in your letter is one that the UPA can act upon I shall learn before long, when I present the subject at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

Again thanking you for your thoughtfulness in bringing this matter to my attention, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 24, 1938

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

I am enclosing herewith a brief  
message to be used in the Year Book.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 3, 1938

Mr. Samuel Schleimer, President  
Gotham Credit Corporation  
Five Columbus Circle  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Schleimer:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 1st with reference to Mr. Sidney Marcus. You clearly realize, of course, that as National Chairman, heavily burdened not alone with the responsibilities of the United Palestine Appeal but also with my other work in the community and elsewhere, I cannot supervise nor involve myself in the detailed administrative work of the UPA, and especially of an independent UPA campaign organization such as the New York City organization is. In all such matters, we are forced to depend upon the good judgment and sense of responsibility of the director who, in the last analysis, is held responsible for the success of the campaign in his community. There has been a growing dis-satisfaction at national headquarters with the results of the UPA campaign in Brooklyn, and from what you write me, Mr. Blitz is evidently endeavoring to recast his organization for next year. I should hesitate to undertake to advise him as regards the choice of the personnel of his campaign organization. However, because you wrote to me, I shall convey the contents of your letter to Mr. Blitz in the very near future when I shall be in New York again.

Thanking you for the services which you have rendered our great cause, and with all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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COLUMBUS, OHIO

KAUFMANN'S LETTER BASED ON COMPLETE IGNORANCE OF THE FACTS IN THE SITUATION. HE DREW HASTY AND UNWARRANTED CONCLUSIONS AND SO DID YOU. LETTER FOLLOWS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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November 5, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Ansell Road & 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am most distressed by a letter received from the Joint Distribution Committee in which it is stated that the United Palestine Appeal has taken the position that of the monies collected for the emergency use of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal must receive 40%. I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I have sent to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise.

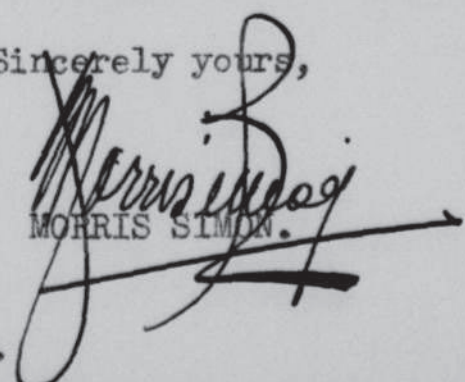
I truly believe that a terrible mistake is being made by the United Palestine Appeal in its position. I cannot bring myself to the conclusion that you, whom I look upon as the soul of fairness and honor, can possibly personally subscribe to this demand. I do not have to tell you of the horrors at present confronting the Jews in Europe and the need for all funds available to alleviate in a small way the situation.

With the immigration to Palestine limited to a few thousand Jews a year, what foundation is there to warrant the United Palestine Appeal in asking for 40% of the funds collected on the plea of an emergency. Ideology is one thing. To those who believe in the Nationalist Movement I have tried to take a tolerant view even though I do not subscribe thereto but truly I am at a loss to understand how they can put either of the foregoing ahead of the needs of six million suffering Jews in Central and Eastern Europe.

An attitude such as this, to my mind, is going to create more ill will toward the Zionist Movement and the United Palestine Appeal than anything that has ever been done. It is the personification of the expression: "Erst komme ich". I make this statement, as you know, as a wholly non-partisan Jew. I do not favor the Joint Distribution Committee over the United Palestine Appeal and I say this without fear of contradiction.

I am hopeful that in the interests of the United Palestine Appeal and for its ultimate benefit, some immediate action will be taken to change what appears to be the laying of the foundation for proper criticism which for years will confront those desirous of aiding the United Palestine Appeal and will be used against it in its solicitation for funds in the future.

Sincerely yours,

  
MORRIS SIMON.

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November 5, 1938.

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise,  
100 East 42nd Street,  
New York City.

My dear Rabbi Wise:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 4th advising of the response obtained to your telegram for emergency relief.

To tell you that I am surprised and distressed at the contents of your letter is putting it mildly. How in the name of justice, fairness or decency can the United Palestine Appeal demand 40% of the contributions which are made at this time under a plea for Emergency Relief Funds.

As you are aware, I am wholly non-partisan when it comes to seeking aid for the Joint Distribution Committee or the United Palestine Appeal. I have always maintained that position and our community knows it.

I am sickened at heart by this move and shall have no hesitancy in so expressing my views if this position is to be maintained.

I am writing a letter to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver today as per the enclosed copy and am transmitting to him a copy of this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

MORRIS SIMON.

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DAY LETTER

November 6, 1938

Mr. Morris Simon

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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

November 7, 1938

Mr. Edwin J. Schanfarber  
150 Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Mr. Schanfarber:

By the time this letter reaches you, you will have received a letter from our National Headquarters, signed by me, which gives the facts in the matter of the special J.D.C. emergency campaign, a misunderstanding of which caused you to wire me as you did. Two days before your wire arrived, I received a letter from Mr. Kaufmann, of Washington. I can do no better than to supplement the letter which you will receive from New York, and which has been sent to a group of leaders throughout the United States, with a copy of my reply to Mr. Kaufmann.

Let me assure you, my dear Mr. Schanfarber, that my interest in the work which the J.D.C. is doing is quite as keen as my interest in the work which the U.P.A. is doing. I am not a "departmentalized" Jew. Nor am I so partisan in my loyalties as to lose sight of the total sad and tragic picture confronting world Jewry today. I regret that some of the leaders of the J.D.C. are failing to envisage the problem of over-seas relief in its totality and the problem of raising funds for over-seas relief as a unified effort. In the last few weeks, the Executive of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds found it necessary to discourage a growing sentiment among some of the leaders of the J.D.C. to raise its funds next year independently, outside of the framework of the Jewish Welfare Funds, an act which would have disrupted welfare funds in the United States and destroyed the splendid work which has been going on for some years to unify our communal lives and our philanthropic efforts. The same leaders are behind an effort to defeat any agreement between the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. for next year, or are suggesting such a reduced ratio as would make an agreement impossible.

I shall continue to work in the future as I have in the past, for frank and friendly cooperation. With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.

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November 7, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Ansell Road and 105th Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your telegram of yesterday and your explanatory letter, which I received this morning, in answer to my air mail communication of November 5th. I am terribly sorry that I cannot concur in the reasoning set forth.

If an emergency heretofore presented itself requiring the raising of immediate funds actually needed for Palestine to meet such situation and if the Joint Distribution Committee had insisted upon sharing in the same, I would have been among the first to have resented such demands and would have used my efforts to prevent such action.

If such emergency did exist, why did the United Palestine Appeal fail to proceed with the necessary campaigns to meet it? Are we willing to admit that such emergency was neglected because of the insistence of the Joint Distribution Committee for a portion of the funds collected? If so, proper criticism awaits us.

Frankly, while I am not as familiar with the Palestine situation as you and many others are, yet I have no knowledge of the existence of any actual emergency during the past year. That Palestinian activities are always desirous of securing additional funds is well known through the various continuous requests upon American Jewry for trees, hospital funds and many other items.

The fact remains that an emergency does exist at this time in Central and Eastern Europe, and, in my humble opinion, the mere fact that the Joint Distribution Committee indicated that they wanted to share in previous funds does not offer an excuse for the United Palestine Appeal to demand a portion of the present funds to be raised wholly upon the basis of the existing emergency, which emergency situation cannot be denied.

Your reference to the agreement entered into between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal is observed. Am I to understand that the view is being taken that such agreement is so sacred that it cannot be changed to meet an emergency situation? Certainly from a legal standpoint the present emergency was not in contemplation when the agreement was made and therefore there should be no difficulty from that angle.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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November 7, 1938.

I note your statement that no request was made of you to waive the sixty-forty agreement but that Rabbi Wise, in fact, took it for granted that it would be observed and that whatever adjustments had to be made could be made after the end of the year, the Joint Distribution Committee meanwhile having full use of the funds.

If Rabbi Wise took such a position I must respectfully disagree with his action in this regard. I am firmly of the belief that the United Palestine Appeal is not entitled to share in funds to be raised on the plea of the existing emergency in Central and Eastern Europe, except to such extent, if any, that such emergency relief causes extra burdens upon it.

That American Jewry have heretofore not contributed sufficient for both causes is a well settled fact. However, with the immigration to Palestine limited as it is at present, I am unable to subscribe to the statement that it is the chief place of refuge for persecuted Jews.

My position, heretofore taken, that it is unfair, improper and unwise for the United Palestine Appeal to demand any portion of the emergency funds at present solicited, and that in so doing its interests in the future are going to be seriously jeopardized, is unchanged.

With my kindest regards and assuring you that my position is predicated wholly without prejudice, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

MOERIS SIMON

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November 10, 1938

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing to you because I know of your interest in Palestine, as well as for broad human reasons.

Present conditions in Palestine have increased the number of people of the so-called middle class who are desperately in need of help, not in the form of charity, but in the form of free loans to enable them to overcome emergencies. They are respectable and responsible people who do not want charity.

The Free Loan Fund of the American People's Relief for Palestine has already helped a thousand of these people. Among them a great many who have been saved from despair and enabled to earn their own livelihood.

The demands on our Free Loan Fund are enormous. More and more people must be helped in this constructive manner.

I therefore invite you most cordially and most earnestly to join me and a group of other friends of Palestine in a Committee for strengthening this work for humanity, and for the Jewish National Home. I shall be glad to furnish additional information, as well as endorsements which this work has received from the highest quarters.

Won't you please let me hear from you promptly?

Very sincerely yours,

David Surdut  
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P.S. After sending a copy of above letter to Justice Brandeis, he contributed to the Free Loan Fund the sum of \$500., through the Palestine Endowment Fund, as a yearly membership.

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November 12, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
East 105th & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 7th which I have heretofore been unable to answer due to Court engagements.

Upon receipt of your letter, I telegraphed you as follows:

"Letter received. Am engaged in court trial. There will be some delay in fully answering. In meantime, however, please do not view my various letters to you as a personal criticism which I am fearful has been the impression created. This was furthest from my mind. Your outstanding work for Jews and my knowledge of your desires to be helpful and fair to all would preclude any personal criticism from me. My only interest is to endeavor to secure harmony and to prevent errors being made which will tend to lessen such status. Be assured of my whole hearted respect and if I have unintentionally hurt you I ask your forgiveness."

I carefully read the copy of your letter to Mr. E. I. Kaufmann in answer to his letter to you and could sense throughout the same your resentment and apparent personal hurt. I make no defense for Ed Kaufmann, who has no knowledge of my writing this letter to you, but I feel confident that, if it were not for the extreme pressure under which he has been working, coupled with the fact that he has been quite ill, he would have never written a letter which would have in any manner been even considered offensive. I truly believe that if his letter was in any manner unkind personally, it was wholly unintentional.

I have known Eddie for a great many years, have represented him as counsel, and consider him one of my closest friends. He has a heart which is bigger than his body and usually is most considerate of the feelings of others.

In his effort to try to bring before you the importance of his well-considered views he may have erred in his method of approach. He has been tremendously upset by reason of the European situation. He has done much traveling in connection therewith against the advice of his physician and I can truthfully say that all of his waking moments have been given to the problem, to practically the complete exclusion of his personal interests which, as you know, are varied and scattered throughout the United States. Actually he left for Florida today for a few weeks of much needed rest.

November 12, 1938.

The letter from New York, to which you refer in the opening paragraph of your letter, has not reached me as yet. However, I assume it will come along in due course or possibly it may have been lost in the mail.

I need no assurances that your interest in the work of the Joint Distribution Committee is quite as keen as your interest in the activities of the United Palestine Appeal. You and I discussed this some time ago when you were in Washington and the reaction which I obtained from your attitude and statements gave me that impression completely.

I note your statement of the action taken by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds with regard to discouraging a growing sentiment among some of the leaders of the Joint Distribution Committee to raise its funds next year independently. I know something of this as it was the subject of a discussion at Ed Kaufmann's house at a dinner recently given by him to those leaders of the United Palestine Appeal who were in Washington and to which dinner he was kind enough to invite me.

At that time I expressed my views for what they were worth to the effect that I was opposed to any independent drives for any of the activities. I do not see anything to be gained by quarreling among ourselves. This is no time for it.

With regard to the division to be made between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal for next year, I can but repeat what I stated openly on the floor of the Plan & Scope Committee meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee in New York several weeks ago to the effect that the question of the division between the two bodies, in my mind, was not of first importance but that the prime factor was how to get a substantial increase in the total contributions. I expressed my views rather fully in connection with this in my letter to you of September 29th.

The concluding statement in your letter that you shall continue to work in the future as you have in the past for frank and friendly co-operation is splendid and your position is heartily concurred in by me. I have tried to be non-partisan and frank in my statements and I likewise hope to be always able to maintain this attitude.

I have friends in both organizations who are most sincere in the positions which they take. I do not always subscribe to their views or, frankly, the ideology supporting the same but I respect the same and will not permit my disagreement to alter my attitude of non-partisanship since I am not certain that they are wrong and I am wholly correct.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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November 12, 1938.

I must repeat what I have said from the beginning of the current situation and that is that I believe an error is being made in attempting to force a division of emergency funds. I have given this same information to the Joint Distribution Committee. If the leaders in the activities conclude that I am wrong and they should follow the suggested division of the emergency funds on the basis of sixty-forty, only time will determine the correctness of the position taken.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

MORRIS SIMON.

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Sheffield

December 20, 1938

Dr. Stephen S. Wise  
Pres. American Jewish Congress  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wise:

No descendant of the Jewish race, regardless of his religious affiliation or belief, can fail to be horrified by the immense tragedy that has befallen his people in recent days. Nor can he fail to realize that the hopes he planted on the lofty structure of so-called civilization has turned out to be only a wishful dream, a mirage, which led him astray and dragged him into the abyss of the present indescribable misery. The German Jew in particular is now well aware of the fact, that his boast of being a "German" did not save his neck from perdition in his "Fatherland."

However, it is just this calamity, which is at present focussing the sympathetic attention of the more tolerant fellowmen of the world, that should prove his salvation in the future. This is the psychologic moment, when Jewry should use all its ingenuity to re-establish a homeland for its downtrodden brethren. I fear, that the Jewish leaders are following a short-sighted policy, in imagining that the distribution of the persecuted German Jews over the four corners of the earth will cure the underlying evil of anti-Semitism. Quite the contrary. It will subdivide the anti-Semitism and transfer it from one land to half a dozen or more countries, which sooner or later will become centers of persecution, either immediately of the Jews who emigrated there or ultimately of their descendants. Be it remembered that every country (including our beloved United States) is seething with anti-Semitism, requiring only a few economically disturbing elements to set it to a wide spread conflagration.

It is entirely immaterial, where they are going to be settled, whether in Palestine, Northern Rhodesia, Guiana or some other fertile unpopulated district: but once and for all the Jews must cease to be a minority race. The question of financing the emigration of the Jews to a homeland of their own should not come into consideration at all. The Jewish people, charitable since the very beginning of their existence, will find ways and means to raise the necessary millions. And for a purpose of this kind, the rich and poor alike, will be only too happy to contribute their share towards it. It seems so ridiculous for the Jewish leaders to bargain with cruel Germany about the confiscation of the remnants of their property. Let Germany keep the "blood money." The rest of the Jewish nation will gladly supply the means for their removal from the pit of Hell.

2 -- Dr. Stephen S. Wise, December 20, 1938

To my knowledge many Jews refuse to contribute money, merely to alleviate the suffering of the Jews. They are tired of being approached every few weeks or months for a few shekels, to feed and clothe their downtrodden refugees -- serving only to enrich the countries they are driven to. They are highly disappointed ~~having, for~~ fifty years, spent fortunes on futile expectations of a permanent homeland in Palestine, amidst the hate and destruction on the part of the Arabs. They wish to see the Jewish race definitely free in a home of their own and if need be, protect it with armaments, instead of "assimilating", crouching, begging, and praying -- as they have vainly done for over two-thousand years.

Are our present old leaders equal to the enormous responsibility of re-establishing a genuine Jewish Homeland? If not, let them turn over the duty to younger men and women, with a more enterprising spirit, greater energy and wider vision.

With high esteem and personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Herman B. Sheffield, M. D.

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ELIHU D. STONE

December 23, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am glad that an amicable agreement has been reached between the U. P. A. and the J. D. C., and I hope that our people will respond generously to the appeal of the United Jewish Campaign. I understand that, in view of these joint arrangements, a shifting of the personnel in the field may take place.

As Chairman of the U. P. A. in New England, to which position I have been re-elected last month at a conference of New England representatives of the U. P. A. held at the Statler Hotel, I feel that it is my duty to acquaint you with the situation in the New England territory embracing the following states: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. This territory is traditionally Zionist. It is imperative that the field man engaged in the raising of funds in which Palestine is concerned should be one who has been identified with our Cause; otherwise the effectiveness of the effort might be impaired. Accordingly, I respectfully suggest that in considering the personnel for field work that this principle should be observed.

Of course, occasionally a representative of the other Agency might cooperate, but the man assigned to this territory as an Executive Director should be one affiliated with our Movement. In this connection, I would like to call your attention to the fact that for several years Mr. Philip Potash of Boston worked in this territory. During the last year Mr. Potash directed the U. P. A. activities in the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. In addition to this, he took care of the interests of the J. N. F. in the entire New England territory.

Mr. Potash's record is known to the office. He has progressively increased the income for the U. P. A. in the places where he operated and in general established fine and cordial relationships with the leaders in the various communities in New England. Mr. Potash is about to complete a campaign in the state of Rhode Island, and I am glad to say that the campaign was most successful. I understand that an amount of \$45,000 has been raised this year in the state of Rhode Island, where the campaign is still in

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - 2 - 12/23/38

progress, as compared to a total amount of \$11,000 received in the year 1937.

I am convinced that in the interest of the Campaign, Mr. Potash should be continued in his present position. Mr. Potash has already worked out plans for other communities in the territory, and in some the Campaign preparations are already under way. Certainly it is not in the interest of the Campaign to disturb these efforts.

I will appreciate very much if you will communicate with Mr. Henry Montor with reference to this matter. I am sending Mr. Montor a copy of this letter.

Mr. Potash has been a Zionist all his life and is devoted to our Cause.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for happiness and success, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Elihu D. Stone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E".

ELIHU D. STONE, Chairman U. P. A.  
for New England

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December 23, 1938.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
111 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

It gave me much joy to read the letter signed by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and you with regard to the joint efforts to be expended in the raising of funds and a common sense practical procedure to be followed in the matter of the allocation thereof.

For a number of years past I have believed and have expressed myself to the effect that some arrangement similar to that apparently concluded would be of great value in helping toward the solidification of American Jewry on points which have heretofore been the cause of numerous controversies.

I sincerely congratulate all those who had a part in this splendid step forward.

Wishing you a most Happy and Healthful New Year, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

MORRIS SIMON

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for sending me advice as to the agreement for the allocation of funds between the U.P.A., the J. D. C., and the National Coordinating Committee.

It is a great source of satisfaction to me, as I know it is to you and all interested, that you were successful in reaching an understanding on this important matter. Not only is it of value in Welfare Fund cities as a means of maintaining harmony and good will, but of even greater importance, your agreement marks the constantly increasing tendency, ~~to grow~~, - for unity and harmony among all groups in the country toward common objections.

May I congratulate you and those who assisted you in this splendid accomplishment.

Sincerely yours,

*Maurice J. Sievers*  
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December 29, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
105th & Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just written you a word of appreciation for your splendid accomplishment in reaching an agreement on the allocation of funds.

Now that this is settled, I would like to reopen the question as to the advisability of joint action by four or five principal cities in this region on the problem of budgeting national agencies.

You will recall that sometime ago we attempted to call a meeting to consider this matter, but postponed it pending the adoption of the agreement between you and the JDC. Those of us in Cincinnati who raised the question were not primarily interested even at that time in the budgeting of allocations to these two organizations.

We were seeking, rather, to find some basis for orderly budgeting and systematic allocating to the other national agencies by Welfare Funds. There seems little likelihood that the other agencies will follow your example in determining nationally a ratio for allocations between themselves. Nor do we feel that at present anything can be gained by any attempt on the part of Welfare Funds of the country to reach such a formula with a national scope.

We do feel, however, that if the leaders in four or five of the larger cities of this region devoted themselves over a period of time to a study of this problem, that we might succeed in working out a practical basis for determining relative ratios of allocations between these cities for all or certain groups of the national agencies. If successful, such a plan would spread to other cities and other regions and finally perhaps become national in scope.

Would you be good enough to let me know if this matter interests you, and if so, whether you would be willing to participate in such an effort?

Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Maurice Sievers*

MJS:CG

DR. H. B. SHEFFIELD  
127 WEST 87TH STREET  
NEW YORK

January 4, 1939

Rev. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Like Rabbi Stephen S. Wise you will undoubtedly exert a great deal of influence in formulating the policies of the Jewish Congress, I therefore, take the liberty of enclosing a copy of a letter which I wrote on December 20, for your kind perusal. If we fail on this occasion to accomplish something worthwhile in re-establishing the Jewish race as a living nation I hardly think you will accomplish anything, when the enthusiasm of the Jews and Gentiles alike, has fallen asleep -- as is so often the case with movements of that character.

Very sincerely yours,

*Herman B. Sheffield*

Herman B. Sheffield, M. D.  
Founder of the Z. B.T.  
Fraternity.



HERBERT BARALL, President

# Temple Israel

ABRAHAM SHUSTERMAN D.D., Rabbi

Sixteenth and Rockford Streets

Tulsa, Oklahoma



SOL JACOBS, Sec. & Treas.

1-23-34

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I Enclose a check for \$12.<sup>50</sup>, being an amount voluntarily contributed by members of a local Church and turned over to me for a Jewish cause. I have written in the name of U. P. H. I took the liberty of thanking the church in the name of the Appeal.

Sorry I couldn't make the Washington and Cincinnati conventions. If I did not signify my desire to be on the National Council for Palestine, please overlook it. I want to be on it and hope you will consider me as such.

This has been a busy year; within our Congregation and in the Jewish and general communities we have achieved many fine things. We are praying for light in the larger world.

Regards,

Alv  
our delegation to the U.A.H.C. has spoken glowingly of your address.

January 25, 1939

Dr. Abraham Shusterman  
Temple Israel  
Sixteenth and Rockford Streets  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

My dear Shusterman:

Thank you so much for your kind letter and for the enclosed check. I am forwarding it this day to our headquarters in New York. It was a lovely gesture on the part of your local church to have made this contribution to a Jewish cause.

I am sorry that you did not attend either the Washington or the Cincinnati conventions. Both were very interesting and helpful.

Of course we shall be very happy to include your name on the National Council for Palestine.

With all good wishes for continued well-being and success, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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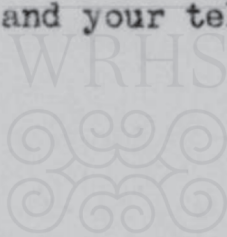
Mrs. Archibald Silverman  
210 Blackstone Blvd.  
Providence, Rhode Island

My dear Mrs. Silverman:

I received your wire. I reread the letter which I wrote you and I am forced to come to the conclusion that your telegram was an hysterical outburst. I would suggest that you reread both my letter and your telegram.

Sincerely yours,

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February 2, 1939

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass  
United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

I am enclosing herewith a brief  
statement on the passing of Judge Lewis.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 3, 1939

Dr. Herman B. Sheffield  
127 West 87th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Sheffield:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter of January 4. I have been away from Cleveland a great deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I was interested to read the letter which you sent to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. I am not a member of the Jewish Congress and never have been. I am therefore in no position to influence its policies.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

# 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

111 FIFTH AVE. CABLE ADDRESS—PALFUND NEW YORK CITY

February 3, 1939.

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Dr. Abram Simon,  
3722 Harrison Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Simon:

It is with genuine satisfaction that I inform you on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal that you have been elected a member of the National Council for Palestine which is composed of Jewish leaders throughout the nation who in their communities have rendered service to the cause of organized Jewish life and particularly to the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine.

I did not receive a reply to my letter of January 6th in which I informed you that it was my intention to present your name for election to membership on the Council. I assume, therefore, that you are willing to accept.

The fund-raising activities of the United Palestine Appeal for 1939 are embraced in the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs, which has set for itself a minimum quota of \$20,000,000 to meet the needs of the United Palestine Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee and National Coordinating Committee Fund. If that sum is to be raised there will be required an intensification of effort in every community and a new standard of generosity for every contributor.

As I had occasion to point out at the National Conference for Palestine held in Washington on January 14th and 15th, Jewry today has one heart and one heartache. To express the sympathy which wells up in American Jewry and to ease the sorrow which has engulfed our people, each of us is faced with a challenge of the gravest import.

In Palestine the Jewish community is giving a demonstration not only of its heroic courage, but its capacity for sacrifice on behalf of the whole Jewish people. Palestine Jewry, with the spirit of the ancient Maccabees, is holding its ground against all odds so that our sorely pressed people may find in the Jewish homeland a foothold for the survival of a maximum number.

Today Jews are entering Palestine at the rate of 1,400 a month - the great majority from Germany. Inevitably heavy obligations fall upon the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund for the maintenance of existing enterprises

in Palestine and for the extension of all the activities which make possible the absorption of additional immigration.

You, as a member of the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal, can make an outstanding contribution to the success of the 1939 United Jewish Appeal by prevailing upon your community to accept a quota commensurate with the national goal and to see to it that every Jew who is called upon makes the sacrifice that is warranted by his means and by the scope of the problem which we are attempting to meet.

During the year we shall send you from time to time literature and other material detailing the progress in Palestine made possible with the aid of the United Palestine Appeal.

Very cordially yours,

*Abba Hillel Silver*

Abba Hillel Silver  
National Chairman

AHS:BCM

WRHS



*My Dear Rabbi Silver: -*

*to you !!*

*Sad indeed to have to return this letter  
Sorry you did not have time to come up  
to see me when calling at Shoreham with Mrs Silver.*

*With Regards*

*Mrs Abramson*

February 5, 1939

Mr. Maurice J. Sievers, Secretary  
Jewish Community Council  
S. E. Cor. Central Parkway and Fifteenth Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Mr. Sievers:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter of December 29th. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

There is considerable merit, in my judgment, to the suggestion which you make that four or five principal cities in this region should meet to discuss the problem of budgeting national agencies. As a preliminary, don't you think it would be helpful if the secretaries or executive directors of the welfare funds of these communities would first get together, and on the basis of their definite and detailed knowledge of all that is involved, work out a plan which could then be submitted to the respective welfare funds or to a conference of laymen representing these welfare funds? You, Sobeloff of Detroit, Goldhamer of Cleveland, and two or three other executives might well do this job which would be helpful to other communities throughout the United States.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

C O P Y

ALEX SCHULMAN  
Akron, Ohio

February 8, 1939

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of the 3rd, which only reached me at my home last night, informing me of my appointment as a member of the National Council for Palestine.

I received your previous letter of January 6th to which I could not reply as I was out of the city and did not return until about two weeks later, at which time it was too late to acknowledge your first letter.

At the present time I am acting in the capacity of Regional Vice Chairman for the Ohio Region of American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and am just wondering whether this will in any way conflict with the work to be done for your National Council for Palestine. If not, I shall be only too happy to serve in any way possible and will do all I can to assist in your work.

Would you be kind enough to enlighten me on this point?

In the meantime you may rest assured that I appreciate the honor conferred upon me and shall await your further instructions.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Alex Schulman

# UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

ON BEHALF OF

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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National Chairmen

342 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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February 28, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I should greatly appreciate it if you would arrange to furnish me with an advance copy of the address which you are scheduled to deliver on the "Message to Israel" hour, on Saturday evening, March 11th. I also hope that you will try to follow the same procedure with your second address on this series which is scheduled for Saturday evening, March 18th.

Your cooperation in this matter would greatly facilitate the work of the publicity department in making available to the newspapers complete reports on the series in which you and Rabbi Wise will be the speakers.

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer F. Steinglass*  
Meyer F. Steinglass  
Director of Publicity

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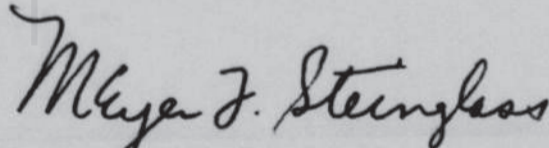
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the suggestion of Mr. Montor, I am submitting for approval the attached letter which is to be sent out to rabbis who have joined the Rabbinical Council of the campaign.

I should like to take this opportunity to remind you that I should greatly appreciate it if you would send me an advance copy of the address which you are to deliver next Saturday evening on the "Message of Israel" hour.

Sincerely yours,



Meyer F. Steinglass  
Director of Publicity

MFS:FW  
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March 8, 1939

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass, Director of Publicity,  
United Jewish Appeal for Refugees  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

The letter which you propose to send to the members of the Rabbinical Council is entirely satisfactory.

I have just returned from Baltimore and I do not know when I will be able to write the address which I am to broadcast on the "Message of Israel" hour Saturday evening. If I get it out in time, I will mail it to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BK

March 10, 1939

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass, Director of Publicity  
United Jewish Appeal for Refugees  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the address  
which I am to broadcast tomorrow evening on the "Message  
of Israel Hour."

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

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

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Rabbi Jonah B. Wise  
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March 11, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The publicity department arranged with the B'nai B'rith Magazine to publish several special articles on the United Jewish Appeal. As the first article the editors requested a discussion of how and why the U. J. A. was established in the form of a feature under your signature. Since this article must be mailed to the B'nai B'rith magazine on Monday, I have taken the liberty of preparing the enclosed article in the hope that it may meet with your approval.

I realize that it is most unusual to ask you to do an article at such short notice. But, in view of the fact that the April issue of the magazine goes to press early next week, it may be possible for you to give this matter your immediate consideration. I know only too well how great is the pressure under which you are working these days. If you will be able to approve or revise the enclosed article and return it to me air mail special delivery tomorrow, I shall deeply appreciate it.

Please forgive this unreasonable request.

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer F. Steinglass*  
Meyer F. Steinglass,  
Director of Publicity.

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MEYER F. STEINGLASS  
342 MADISON AVENUE  
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MARCH 13, 1939

DO NOT WISH TO HAVE ARTICLE WHICH YOU SENT ME GO INTO B'NAI B'RITH MAGAZINE OVER MY SIGNATURE. HAVE CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO HAVE ARTICLES WRITTEN BY OTHERS SIGNED BY ME.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

*S*

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National Chairmen

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March 13, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for sending me the text of your radio address of last Saturday night. Unfortunately it did not arrive at this office until this morning. I believe that it would make a most effective article for distribution among the general press, as well as the English-Jewish weeklies. With your consent, I should very much like to prepare the text for publication in this form and submit it to you for final approval.

I understand that you will be in New York on Monday, March 20th. Would it be possible for you to speak from New York City on a radio program over the Columbia Broadcasting System on Tuesday evening, March 21st, when Professor Einstein will deliver a radio message to the country on the United Jewish Appeal? The program is scheduled to begin at 10.45 P.M. in the New York studios of the Columbia Broadcasting chain.

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer F. Steinglass*  
Meyer F. Steinglass  
Director of Publicity

MFS:FW

March 14, 1939

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass, Director of Publicity  
United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of March 13th. If you feel that the address which I broadcast last Saturday night should be distributed among the general press and to the English-Jewish weeklies, it is agreeable to me. The final and exact copy of the address is in the hands of Miss Elsa Wise, secretary to Rabbi Jonah Wise, in New York. Please use that one and not the one which I sent you.

I should very much like to speak on the program with Professor Einstein as you suggest. Unfortunately I am scheduled to be in Allentown, Pa. on the evening of the 21st. If necessary, I could broadcast from Allentown. Use your own judgment in the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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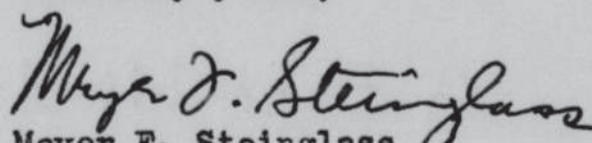
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is the draft of a form letter to be sent to the national Jewish organizations urging them to place themselves on record in support of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs. This text has already been approved by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise. As soon as we receive your consent, the letter will be mailed out.

I hope that the text of your second radio address on the "Message of Israel" series has already been mailed out to me.

Sincerely yours,

  
Meyer F. Steinglass  
Director of Publicity

MFS:FW  
encls

March 17, 1939

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass, Director of Publicity  
United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

I approve of the enclosed draft of the letter to be sent out to the national Jewish organizations. I would suggest that some mention be made of the new crisis which confronts us because of the recent developments in Czecho-Slovakia. This would make the letter a little more timely.

Generally speaking, your publicity ought to be "stepped up" a bit. While I do not favor excessive emotionalism in all publicity, there is such a thing as under-playing the tragedy of the emergencies which are responsible for the campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi Jonah B. Wise  
National Chairmen

342 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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March 21, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for the suggestion in your letter of March 17th to include a reference to the situation in Czecho-Slovakia in the letter that is to be sent out to the national Jewish organizations. Such a reference has already been inserted in the original copy.

In view of the fact that you feel a statement should be issued by the United Jewish Appeal on the new crisis in Central Europe, I am taking the liberty of drawing up such a statement on the basis of your radio address of last Saturday. A copy will be mailed to you for your approval within the next day or two.

I am also preparing a memorandum on the general publicity situation in order that you may have a clear idea of some of the problems with which I have been confronted in recent weeks.

In accordance with your suggestion on the telephone today, I have already communicated with our printers to arrange for the publication in pamphlet form of the "Message of Israel" series on the refugee problem.

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer F. Steinglass*  
Meyer F. Steinglass  
Director of Publicity

MFS:FW

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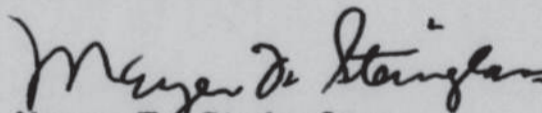
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The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have been informed by our printer that publication of the series of the four radio talks will involve the expenditure of \$435.00 for 15,000 copies. This price has been based on a format of the enclosed dummy.

If you believe that both the price and the form are satisfactory, I shall proceed immediately to have the radio talks printed.

Sincerely yours,

  
Meyer F. Steinglass  
Director of Publicity

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March 27, 1939

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass, Director of Publicity  
United Jewish Appeal for Refugees  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

Thank you for your letter of March 24. Both the format and the cost seem to be satisfactory. I would suggest that arrangements be made also for the printing of quantities of the addresses separately, in the format of Professor Einstein's radio address.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 29, 1939

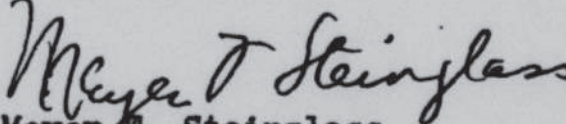
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with your suggestions in your letter of March 27th, I am having the four speeches on the "Message of Israel" hour set up for publication.

Within the next few days I hope to submit proofs to you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Meyer F. Steinglass  
Director of Publicity

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March 31, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

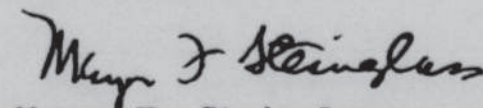
I am herewith enclosing a complete set of the first rough proofs of the radio series.

This material has been set up in a form to make possible the printing of the speeches in group and in individual leaflets.

The booklet containing the entire series will, of course, include a table of contents and an explanatory note concerning the United Jewish Appeal. Provision has been made for an appropriate foreword for the separate printed copies of the speeches.

I hope that you will find an opportunity to read these proofs and return them to us with your revisions within the next few days.

Sincerely yours,

  
Meyer F. Steinglass  
Director of Publicity

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April 5, 1939

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass, Director of Publicity  
United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

I have looked through the proofs which you sent me, hastily. They seem to be all right. I assume that you have had somebody in your office read the proofs carefully.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 6, 1939

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I make several suggestions regarding the text  
of your second radio address?

I refer you to the second and third paragraphs on  
page eleven. The second paragraph refers to the fact that  
Great Britain has "announced its own plan for Palestine."  
Since the British government made a last minute change in its  
decision to issue a definite program of policy with regard to  
Palestine, I should like to suggest that some notice be taken  
of this situation in the text.

With regard to the third paragraph on page eleven,  
I have just been informed by Rabbi Wise that references to  
"the wrong-headed and bankrupt British foreign policy" and the  
reference to "terrorism and lawlessness" aroused considerable  
protest in Canada. Please do not misunderstand me when I say  
that there may be good reason to change these phrases today.  
I do not wish to imply that such a change should be made  
simply because the Anglophiles of Canada demand it, but because  
in recent days the stiffening of the British backbone may just-  
ify a more kindly attitude.

I shall appreciate hearing from you soon with regard  
to these suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer F. Steinglass*  
Meyer F. Steinglass  
Director of Publicity

MFS:FW

P.S. I am enclosing a proof of the cover for the leaflet of radio  
speeches, together with a copy of a notice which will be printed  
on the inside of the front cover.

April 7, 1939

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass  
United Jewish Appeal for Refugees  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of April 6th. I understand the reasons which prompted you to write to me suggesting that I make certain changes in the text. You must understand, however, that these addresses were delivered on a certain date with reference to historical events which were at that time transpiring. That certain situations have slightly changed since does not warrant a revision of statements which were perfectly valid at the time they were made. The British Government, itself, has now indicated by its own position that its policy of appeasement had been "wrong-headed and bankrupt." Terrorism and lawlessness are still proceeding apace in Palestine and it seems very likely that the contemplated restriction on immigration into Palestine will be even more rigid than contemplated in the original plan.

I therefore do not think that the radio broadcasts should be altered. It would perhaps solve your difficulties by appending at the close of each broadcast the date when it was delivered.

The word "tentative" might be inserted in the phrase "announced its own plan for Palestine". The phrase should read "announced its own tentative plan for Palestine".

I would also suggest that you change the "Rabbi" on the cover of the leaflet to "Dr." both in the case of Rabbi Wise and myself.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

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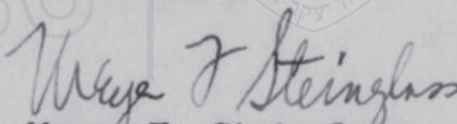
April 11, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is to inform you that I have taken  
careful note of your observations in your letter of  
April 7th regarding suggested changes in the publica-  
tion of the radio speeches.

Sincerely yours,

  
Meyer F. Steinglass  
Director of Publicity

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April 19, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am herewith sending you two copies of the  
booklet of radio speeches which has just come off  
the press.

Would you care to have us send you a quantity  
of these booklets? Individual reprints of the  
radio addresses will follow in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer F. Steinglass*

Meyer F. Steinglass  
Director of Publicity

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April 20, 1939

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass  
United Jewish Appeal for Refugees  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

I received the booklet of the radio speeches. They look very attractive. I would appreciate it if you would send me a dozen of these booklets and a larger quantity of the individual reprints of my two addresses when they are ready.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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342 MADISON AVENUE  
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April 24, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am herewith enclosing two revised copies of the booklet of radio speeches. Several dozen copies are also being sent to you under separate cover.

We were able to revise all the booklets except a very small number which had been mailed out before you phoned me.

With many thanks for calling this matter to my attention, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Meyer F. Steinglass*  
Meyer F. Steinglass,  
Director of Publicity.

MFS:FW

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

April 24, 1939

Secretary  
Room 514  
125 Park Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I regret very much that I shall not be able to attend the meeting on April 29th. I cannot get away from Cleveland on that day.

I would appreciate it, however, if you would send me the material which was made available to those who attended the first meeting. Mr. Ittelson had provided me with the material available up to the first meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 27, 1939

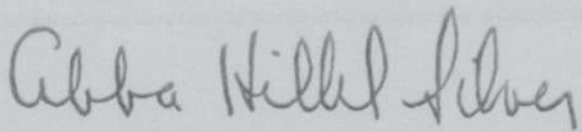
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Dear Friend:

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs on Thursday, May 4th, at 4:00 P.M., Daylight Saving Time, at the United Jewish Appeal office, 342 Madison Avenue, Room 2000, relating to the progress of the campaign.

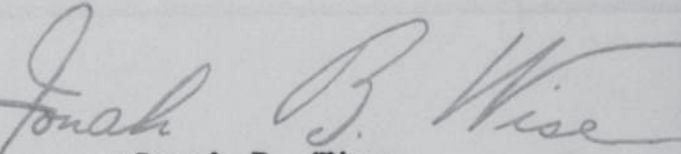
We hope that you will be able to attend and give us the benefit of your presence and counsel.

Sincerely yours,



Abba Hillel Silver

National Chairmen



Jonah B. Wise

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May 7, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have a very peculiar request to make of you. I am sure, however, that you will understand the spirit which prompts it.

This year you, as chairman of the United Jewish Campaign, might be interested to learn that I have been instrumental in raising large sums of money in small communities by going out into these various towns and delivering the talk of the evening, as it were, and compelling, of course, only through moral and spiritual persuasion, the individuals present to make maximum contributions. I hope you will forgive this apparent and manifest display of vanity. I do so because of a very important reason. I have, perhaps, been instrumental personally in raising some \$40,000 and you will believe me when I state that this work has been done entirely gratis. It has meant going into different communities night after night, and it has been a labor of love.

All this information is being given to you because I have a rather ambitious plan for the summer. I am very anxious to get to Palestine and see the land with my own eyes. I know it very well from the many books, and pamphlets, and endless articles that I have read on the subject. I wonder if it would be possible as a purely business venture for you and the board of directors of the Jewish Campaign to sponsor a third-class trip for me to Palestine this coming summer, so that during the coming year I might even be of greater use and further benefit to our great common cause.

I am still a Rabbi in a small community, although I have had several opportunities to go to larger and better paying centers and, if I may tell you further, I give away a good deal of my money including, of course, the United Jewish Campaign. I know that you will understand the motive of my

*"Separate not thyself from the Congregation"*

- Hillel the Prince

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May 7, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - page two

writing to you. I am most anxious to get to the Holy Land and come back to America and serve the cause all the better. If you think this might be possible from the point of view of a business investment, I shall, of course, be most grateful. However, if you think it is not within the sphere of your influence, I shall by no means feel offended and will continue to serve with all the energy I can command.

Hoping that the Campaign for the \$20,000,000 will be a genuine success so that you will thus add another laurel to your distinguished record of Jewish service, I am

Cordially yours,

*Joseph S. Shubow*  
Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow

P.S. To be specific, I mean to ask for permission to go in the capacity of a sort of United Palestine Appeal investigator and observer with a view to bringing back a report for the benefit of different Jewish communities and the Campaign as such.

*Rabbi*

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June 3, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A few weeks ago I wrote you a note about a prospective trip to Palestine. Apparently you have not yet seen it or I would have received an acknowledgment.

I know you are exceedingly pressed for time as chairman of the Campaign, and I also noticed that you are to give an important address at the Central Conference of American Rabbis, but I am confident that you will find a moment to reply to my letter.

Very sincerely yours,

*Joseph S. Shubow*  
Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow

JSS:LW

June 12, 1939

Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow  
Temple Bnai Moshe  
96 Chestnut Hill Avenue  
Brighton, Mass.

My dear Shubow:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your letter. I have not only been busy most of the time, but I have been ill part of the time.

I wish I could give you a definite answer about the possibility of your going to Palestine under the sponsorship of the United Palestine Appeal. It would have been a simpler matter to decide if the United Palestine Appeal were this year an independent body raising its own funds. As it is, such a proposition as you present would have to be approved by the Executive of the United Jewish Appeal and I am rather dubious about the outcome. I would, however, suggest that you write to Mr. Henry Montor, Director of the United Palestine Appeal, or have a personal talk with him.

With all good wishes and hoping that you will have a fine summer, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

[undated]

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GOTHAM CREDIT CORPORATION

5 Columbus Circle  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Dear Dir Silver,

I want to call your attention to a contemplated action affecting the United Palestine Appeal in Flatbush and its neighboring communities in Brooklyn, which in my opinion will be greatly detrimental to our cause. I understand that Rabbi Harry Halpern, the 1938 UPA chairman in our section has written to you regarding this matter and my letter is intended as supplementing his.

Briefly, the situation is as follows: Mr. Sidney Marcus has been the UPA director in Flatbush, Brooklyn and its neighboring communities for the past two years and has in our opinion done a good job under prevailing conditions and circumstances. In 1938, he raised approximately fifty percent more than the year before and in 1937, when he was new and unfamiliar with the people he raised more than the previous year. In fact, during the past two years Mr. Marcus has raised more in our section than had been raised for quite some time in a like number of years previously. I mention this, not to justify the amounts raised, for I believe them to be pitifully small and wholly inadequate, but merely to indicate that the fault is not that of Mr. Marcus, but rather of the organization and the manner in which the campaign has been conducted. In fact, the rest of Brooklyn has done even worse.

About two weeks ago, Mr. Marcus was notified by the office that his services will no longer be required after December 31, 1938. This notice was given without in anywise consulting the UPA Committee of the section. We immediately communicated with Mr. Samuel Blitz and called to see him. Among those present were Dr. Harry Halpern, the 1938 chairman of our committee, Concilman Albert D. Schanzer, a former UPA chairman, Samuel Berson, the chairman of our District and a member of the Finance Committee of the ZOA, Mr. Kipnis, the chairman of the Manhattan Beach District and of its UPA Committee, Mr. Taischoff, the chairman of the East Flatbush UPA Committee and also the undersigned who served as the UPA chairman of Flatbush for a number of years prior to Dr. Halpern and who only recently was elected as the chairman of the UPA Committee of our Flatbush District for the coming year.

We all pointed out to Mr. Blitz that it would be a grave mistake to let Mr. Marcus go without at least knowing whom we would have in his place. That it takes time and effort for a new man to become acquainted with the people in the section and that any change is bound to result in loss, at least at the beginning. We also pointed out to him that the unsatisfactory results in Brooklyn were mainly attributable to the loose and ineffective organization and not to the director in charge. It seems that

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no plans are formulated by the office for an aggressive campaign, but each director is left to his own devices as to how and what means he should resort to in order to raise funds for our cause. This, we pointed out to Mr. Blitz, was the real fault and that the discharge of Mr. Marcus, who in our opinion is one of the best men we have in Brooklyn, would not remedy the situation but rather make a poor one, worse.

Mr. Blitz, however, insisted that the UPA Administration was dissatisfied with what is accomplished in Brooklyn and that, therefore, Mr. Marcus being the youngest man in the point of view of service would have to go.

As the one charged with the responsibility for the 1939 results of the campaign in our district, I am much concerned with the action of Mr. Blitz, for I am convinced that the discharge of Mr. Marcus and his replacement by some unknown person will greatly impede our efforts in the coming campaign at a time when we least could afford it. I, therefore, would urge you to communicate with Mr. Blitz and advise the reconsideration of this matter.

Assuring you of my sincere and devoted loyalty to our cause, I am

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Sincerely yours,

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(Signed) S. Schleimer