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October 12, 1938

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

I notice in your Bulletin that Professor Mortimer J. Adler of Chicago is speaking at the opening meeting of the Temple Women's Association.

I wonder whether you know something of the story of Professor Adler, whom I have known for just twenty years, and for whose parents I believe I performed the wedding ceremony.

Professor Adler is not only avowedly the leader of the Thomist School in Chicago, but, whether deliberately or not, has succeeded in winning not a few Jewish young men from their Jewish faith and associations, and moved them to enter into the Roman Catholic Church. Dr. Adler claims that he is not himself a member of the church. Quite frankly, I don't believe that to be true, whatever he may say to the contrary.

I take it for granted that you could not have known what he stood for at the University of Chicago, and how malign there his influence in the matter of winning young Jews to the faith and practice of Rome.

Thinking aloud, I wonder whether it is our duty to give a hearing to one who, though a Jew, is exercising the influence that he is in smashing the loyalty of young Jews and in breaking the hearts of the homes from which they come.

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise

SSW:FE

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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

I need not tell you that we are working like Trojans in the matter that is before us. I wish you were here. But I know you cannot be, and that, alas, you are ill. We are working very hard in every direction. I rather think we shall make a good statement of the case tomorrow before the British Ambassador, who, of course, has been chosen chiefly as a sounding board; and that we shall present the case with some measure of adequacy before the State Department on Friday.

A group of senators, including your Senator Bulkley, will, I hope, present the case to the President, who may send for some of us in addition.

With warmest greeting, I am

Faithfully,

Stephen S. Wise

SSW:FE

"Let Every American Jew Measure His Gift in the Light of the Future He Is Creating For Jews in Palestine"

C O P Y

October 12, 1938

Hon. Myron C. Taylor
71 Broadway
New York

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I need not call your attention to the danger of the doors of Palestine being shut to the Jewish people. The British government may take such step, incredible and unforgivable though it be. I remind you of that which you know--that between forty and fifty thousand German refugees have found home and not merely refuge in Palestine within five years, and they have become enriching contributors to the life and economic welfare of the land. If that door were shut, it would mean more than the loss of the possibility of admission for a considerable number of refugees. It would mean ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~that the unhappy Jewish refugees would lose heart over the passing of one of their few remaining hopes. It would be an unutterable tragedy to my people and would almost be certain to foredoom your great work to failure.

I need hardly say to you that the British government ought to be reminded by you and Mr. Rublee that it would mean little to speak of British cooperation with our government in the matter of caring for refugees if the one door that means most and offers most and promises most were to be shut in the face of my grievously wronged people.

I know, dear Mr. Taylor, that you will do what you feel you can and ought to be done.

I am, with deepest gratitude for your leadership in the matter of the refugees,

Faithfully yours,


SSW

COPY

71 Broadway
New York.

October 13, 1938.

Dear Dr. Wise:

I have your letter of the 12th instant and have promptly sent a copy of the same to the Honorable George Rublee in London, for presentation to Lord Winterton, the British  Chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee for Political Refugees.

Personally I join with you in the hope that the doors of Palestine will not be closed to those who seek to enter through them.

With kind greetings, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

MYRON TAYLOR

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October 19, 1938

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Just this word in order to send
you copies of correspondence which I have had
with Mr. Taylor. Sometime when you are in
New York we will arrange to see him.

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise

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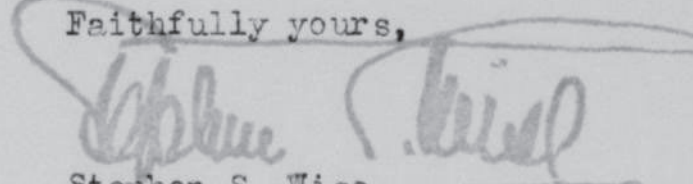
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal on Monday evening, January 23, 1939, at 8:30 P.M., at the office of the United Palestine Appeal, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

At that time we shall consider the United Jewish Appeal campaign and other matters affecting the United Palestine Appeal for 1939.

Faithfully yours,


Stephen S. Wise
Chairman,
Executive Committee

SSW:BCM

Law Offices of
Samuel B. Weinstein
Public Service Building
Portland, Oregon

February 1, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105th Street and Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am extremely loathe to burden you with this communication in light of my knowledge that you have been heavily laden with much more important tasks and responsibilities. However, the only extenuating circumstance that I can offer is the fact that I desire to aid in some small degree your effort for the coming year in the raising of funds for the United Jewish Appeal.

As you know Portland has established an agency for the collection of funds in a unified drive under the auspices of the Oregon Jewish Welfare Fund. I am a member of the Budget Committee, and it will be the duty of this Budget Committee to recommend allocations for the year 1939 out of the funds to be collected in our community.

Since the details of the United Jewish Appeal are not generally known in the community, I am desirous of being informed whether Hadassah, Youth Aliyah, Hebrew University, Histadruth and other Palestinian institutions are included in the United Jewish Appeal.

In other words, assuming that Portland allocates \$20,000.00 for the United Jewish Appeal, will the above named institutions be included in the allocation of funds from that particular allocation, or whether these institutions are separate and must be provided for by specific allocations from each locality.

We are very anxious to have this information at the earliest opportunity, and will thank you most sincerely for your attention to this matter.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

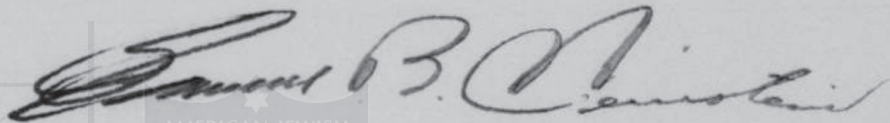
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February 1, 1939

May I extend to you the best wishes of your friends in Portland, who are following your leadership in the knowledge that you have consecrated your life to the cause of Israel in the most tragic time of its history. We pray that God will vouchsafe unto you strength to carry on this great cause.

With best personal regards and wishes for your continued health, I am

Most cordially yours,



W:b



JOE WEINGARTEN
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Feb. 4, 1939.



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

Dear Doctor:

I want to tell you how much both Mrs. Weingarten and I enjoyed meeting you. We do hope it will not be long before we will have a visit from you, to this part of the country.

Just got back a few days ago, and as yet have not gotten straightened out. However, I did have the pleasure of receiving Dr. Goldstein here, the day after I returned, and I am only sorry that he did not get to stay longer than a half-day with us. We had a fine luncheon and I must say he made a tremendously fine impression and in my opinion, helped the cause of Zionism greatly here in Houston.

It is my intention to find out just what concrete plans have been made for the campaign and will get in touch with you later. I do hope that the campaign will be a big success this year; God knows, we need it.

With very best regards from both Mrs. Weingarten and myself, I am

JW:B

Most cordially yours,

February 9, 1939

Mr. Samuel B. Weinstein
Public Service Building
Portland, Oregon

My dear Mr. Weinstein:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of February 1. I was happy to hear from you and I am pleased to know that you are already laying the groundwork for the United Jewish Appeal Campaign which must this year raise a tremendous sum of money calling for extreme sacrifice from all of us.

In answer to your specific inquiry, let me say that none of the organizations mentioned in your letter are beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal. The only organizations which are beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal are the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, the latter including the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish National Fund and the Mizrachi; also the National Coordinating Committee which takes care of the refugees at the port of entry in New York City and attempts to coordinate refugee work throughout the United States. The Hadassah organization carries on its own work, principally in behalf of the Youth Aliyah. The Hebrew University raises its own funds, and so does the Histadrut. Some Welfare Funds in the United States include some of these or all of these latter agencies.

In drafting your budget, however, your committee ought to bear in mind that as the Twenty Million Dollars which represents the minimum requirements of the three agencies, the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Coordinating Committee, is to be raised, communities this year will have to do at least three times as well as they did last year for these three agencies, as the Twenty Million Dollars represent about three times what these agencies actually raised in 1938. Whatever allocations, therefore, are to be made in any community to other causes

Mr. S. B. Weinstein

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ought to be determined with the view of first satisfying this emergency requirement of the United Jewish Appeal.

With all good wishes, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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March 31, 1939

M: M. Warburg
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York

Will be very pleased
at luncheon Sunday.



to be your guest
Kindest regards.

Abba Hillel Silver

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111 FIFTH AVENUE
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Dr. Wise's personal address is

40 West 68th St.
New York, N. Y.

March 31, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

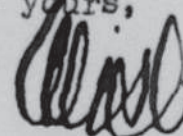
At a luncheon meeting held today Dr. Goldstein and I, with the concurrence of representatives of Hadassah, Mizrachi and Poale Zion, agreed that a letter should be sent to the leading Zionists of thirty or forty of the larger communities throughout the country.

We are making clear in the letters, as you will see, that there is no thought of a campaign, but that only the old Reliables are personally to be seen with a view to their taking part in this million dollar loan to the Jewish National Fund.

This letter is leaving here today, Friday afternoon, and I would be very grateful to you if immediately after the Sabbath you would wire or air-mail your reply so that we may, if possible, address the letter to the Zionist heads in twenty or thirty communities without delay.

We feel that the letter should be signed by Silver, Goldman, Lipsky Goldstein, Judith Epstein, Gellman and Wertheim, each of whom is head of one of the organizations or groups within Zionism. I have no such office, but both Mr. Szold and I, and perhaps even Judge Mack would be ready to add our names if it were desired.

Faithfully yours,



Stephen S. Wise

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April 4, 1939

Dr. Stephen S. Wise

40 W. 68th St.

N. Y.

At last meeting of Administrative Committee
UPA you undertook to consult Washington
with reference to Kirstein as 5th member
Allocations Committee. Please wire me what
you learned as it is necessary to make an
early decision

A. H. Silver

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

April 5, 1939

Dr. Stephen S. Wise
40 West 68th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 31. When I was in New York last Sunday to attend the meeting convoked by Governor Lehman, I was approached by some of the leaders of the Joint Distribution Committee, Mr. James Rosenberg particularly, who vehemently denounced us for the campaign which we had launched to raise a million dollar loan in the United States for the Jewish National Fund. They seem to be rather bitter about it and accused us of breach of faith. I had assumed that Dr. Goldstein, following the Administrative Committee meeting of the United Palestine Appeal on March 20, had contacted with the officers of the Joint Distribution Committee as we had agreed. Evidently that was not done. Mr. Rosenberg intimated that the Joint Distribution Committee would prefer to help us obtain a bank loan rather than have a country-wide activity initiated at this time for the sale of debentures, even if it were limited to a specific group and in a certain number of cities. The subject should be thoroughly discussed with the Joint Distribution Committee people before a letter such as you suggest is sent out to the leading Zionists of thirty or forty of the larger communities throughout the country.

I suppose, technically speaking, such an action would not be in violation of the spirit of our agreement with the Joint Distribution Committee, but I have a strong feeling that it would do violence to the ~~spirit~~ ^{letter} of our agreement and would create a terrific amount of hard feeling and prejudice our cordial relations in the future. During the next two months, most of the larger campaigns for the United Jewish Appeal are to be held. We are doing our utmost to focus the attention of all Zionists upon this Twenty Million Dollar Appeal. To divert the attention of our leading Zionists in thirty or forty of the larger cities where such campaigns are to be held, and to ask them to rally the heads of the different Zionist parties and groups in their respective communities to obtain loans for the Jewish National Fund is, to all intents and purposes, to set up a competitive activity to the Campaign.

May I remind you that the Jewish National Fund, in recognition of the preferential position which was given to it by the United Jewish Appeal in not including the Jewish National Fund income from traditional

Dr. Stephen S. Wise

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April 5, 1939

collections in the common treasury undertook, among other things "not to launch or conduct new activities or initiate special projects in 1939."

Very sincerely yours,

ahs:bk



THE ROOSEVELT

NEW ORLEANS

*I have already
acknowledged it.
Please return it*

EXECUTIVE OFFICES
SEYMOUR WEISS
PRESIDENT AND MANAGING DIRECTOR
THE ROOSEVELT AND HOTEL NEW ORLEANS

April
6th
1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
10311 Lake Shore Bl.
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed having had the pleasure of meeting you and having luncheon with you on Sunday.

As I told you, after your talk, I do not recall anything which impressed me more than the great demonstration of liberality displayed after our luncheon, as I do not think it could be exceeded anywhere in the world. I left the meeting with a lump in my throat and a real appreciation of the fact that I am a Jew, and that there are Jews in this country who are as liberal as those with whom I had the pleasure of being last Sunday.

The meeting instilled me with enough enthusiasm to make me talk about nothing else to each and every Jew with whom I have come in contact since my return.

→ I am grateful to you, Dr. Silver, for having asked me to your table and I sincerely hope that if I can serve you at any time, in any way, you will not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

Seymour Weiss
Seymour Weiss

SW:RB

April 7, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
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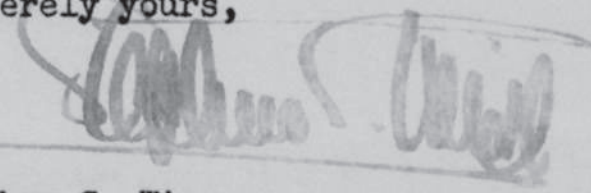
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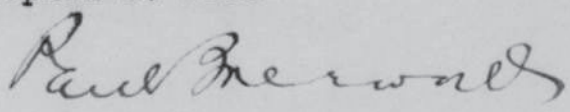
By appointment of the President, Messrs. Myron C. Taylor and George Rublee have for the past year been dealing with the problem of refugees out of Germany. Messrs. Taylor and Rublee have reported to the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, of which the undersigned are members. Such report brings to a focus a number of important problems, which require immediate and most earnest consideration.

We beg to invite you to attend an informal meeting, which, because of its private character, will be held, upon his kind invitation, at the home of James N. Rosenberg, 27 West 67th Street, New York, on Saturday evening, April 15th, at 5 o'clock, when opportunity will be given for full discussion of these problems. There will be a brief interruption for sandwich supper at 7 o'clock.

We are glad to be able to say that Governor Lehman is to be present at the meeting. We enclose a list of those invited, and have indicated by an asterisk those who have accepted. As soon as we have your acceptance, we will send to you for your personal information the strictly confidential material, which is to be considered at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,


Stephen S. Wise


Paul Baerwald

P.S. Please reply by wire to Paul Baerwald, 120 Broadway, New York.

April 11, 1939

Mr. Seymour Weiss
The Roosevelt
New Orleans, La.

My dear Mr. Weiss:

I was delighted to receive your letter of April 6th. It was a great pleasure for me to see you in New York and I am happy that you enjoyed the meeting. It was, in every sense, an extraordinarily heartening gathering which should be an inspiration to the entire country.

I am grateful to you for your kind offer of assistance in the enormous task which confronts us at this time to raise adequate funds for our unfortunate brothers abroad. I am sure that you can do a great deal in your own community of New Orleans and throughout the South. I know that our headquarters will keep in touch with you.

With all good wishes and hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the near future again, I remain

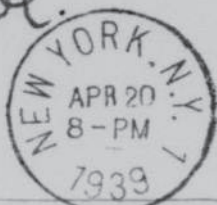
Most cordially yours,

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Rabbi A. Silver

Cleveland, Ohio



Dear Rabbi Silver:

During the next days you will get New Facts which I think is a very good information. I believe you are interested in this subject.

Sincerely yours,
Isidor Warburg

April 21, 1939

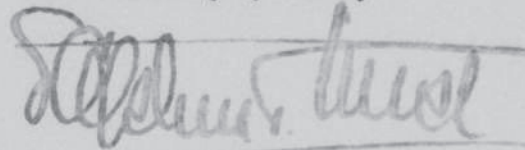
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Dear Rabbi Silver:

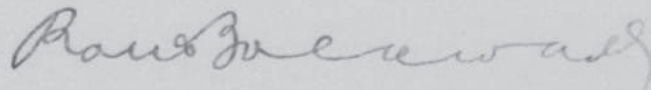
You will recall that you were invited by us under date of April 7th to a meeting at the home of Mr. James N. Rosenberg on Saturday, April 15th, to consider the Rublee report. You could not at that time attend. It was agreed by the gathering to have a further meeting, which is to take place on Saturday, April 29th, at 4 o'clock sharp, at the Trustees' Room, Federation Building, 71 West 47th Street, New York.

We hope you will come to the meeting on April 29th and will so advise "The Secretary, Room 514, 125 Park Avenue, New York City". Upon receipt of your acceptance, we will send to you, for your personal information, the confidential material which was made available to those who attended the first meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen S. Wise



Paul Baerwald

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April 28, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Many thanks for your note of
April 21st, which I have not seen up to
this day because of my absence from town,
chiefly on behalf of the UJA.

I understand about Nathan
Kaplan and that we ought not move further
in the making up of a purse for him.

With appreciation of your note,
I am,

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise

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May 10th, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver,

The enclosed is the only report of individual giving that the New York campaign of the United Jewish Appeal has compiled.

It is sent to you as a confidential document. Many of the givers requested our assurance that their gifts would be treated anonymously. As yet, we do not plan to make any announcement of gifts, even where we have permission to do so. We may, of course, change our minds later.

If you believe the summaries on the first page have value for you, you can, of course, use them in any way you wish. Please return the list after it has served your purpose.

We send you this report as of May 6th, which lists only gifts of \$1,000. or more, as a report of progress. There is some good giving in this list of contributors; there are some disappointments, and there is some sad giving indeed.

I do hope you will not generalize as to the campaign outlook based on this preliminary study of first results. My experience has taught me that first gifts are, on the whole, the easy gifts, and undoubtedly the more generous ones. I do not believe that we shall be able to maintain the same ratio.

All group gifts are listed at their minimum values. We have made substantial discounts from the figures pledged to us as a minimum by the trade unions or chests. Accordingly, it is our belief that our estimates will prove reasonably conservative.

I do not know any intelligent way in which I could make even a faint guess as to what New York's ultimate figure will be. I only know that a

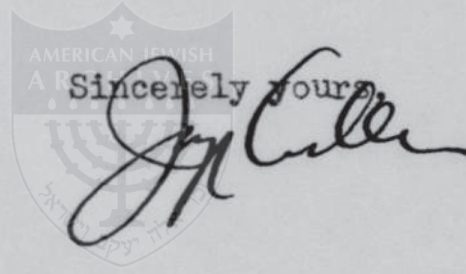
group of men and women have been working at a gruelling pace of 12 to 15 hours a day, 7 days a week, week in and week out, in an effort to organize in minute detail a plan that will sufficiently dramatize itself in individual cases where it seeks an important gift and still have enough strength and impact left to undertake a far-flung mass effort.

In a community where drives cannot begin and end in a month, this means six cruel months of the most exhausting work, for with the plan evolved and strategies developed, the months will be spent by everyone in one kind of job: day by day attention to infinite details, whether in the soliciting of individual funds, or the development and follow-up of groups.

Our results to date are most encouraging. I am quite sure that when the campaign figures are unfolded, you will feel that your colleagues in New York have not failed you.

With kindest regards,

JW.s



May 18, 1939

Mr. J. Willens
United Jewish Appeal
200 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Willens:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me the report of individual giving of the New York City Campaign which I am returning herewith. It makes interesting reading. As you say, some of the gifts are good, and others are sad disappointments. But that, I am sure, is true of almost every campaign in almost every city.

I know of the large number of meetings which you have arranged throughout the city, and being chairman of our local campaign in Cleveland, I can fully realize the amount of labor which must have gone into the planning and organization of these meetings. I hope that they will bring results. I would be interested to know what your total contributions are as of today counting all reported.

We are by way of concluding our campaign here in Cleveland. Our goal was \$800,000. Last night, we registered \$785,000. We are raising, this year, nearly a half million dollars more than last year.

I am hoping that it will be possible for you to attend the next meeting of the Executive of the United Jewish Appeal which will probably be held early next month and which will be the last one until Fall.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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I shall not be able to sign this letter because I am hurrying off to meetings, and it will go to you without my personal signature. But the matter is very urgent and therefore I must take it up in this way.

The Committee made up of a number of representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee, and some representatives -- Mr. Baerwald and myself -- of the President's Advisory Committee have reached the decision to go ahead in the creating of an organization which is to act as a temporary agency, pending the establishment of its larger agencies, which are really to deal with the problem of mass emigration from Germany. Five Jews are to be named, and five non-Jews. The Jewish members are to be you and Mr. Baerwald, and the other members, representing, as it were, the Joint Distribution Committee, are to be Louis Strauss, Lessing Rosenwald; the name of the third representative escapes me. It may be Mr. Ittleston or Mr. Stroock or probably Judge Proskauer.

The second question is of funds with which to start the work. It is believed it is hoped that the initiating fund is to be \$1,000,000, of which America is to supply half. Mr. Baerwald put it that the simplest way would be to take the funds from the United Jewish Appeal, though he did not think that any of it should be charged to the Coordinating Committee. I do not quite know why, seeing that the Coordinating Committee deals solely with refugees, and whatever fund would be allotted from the United Jewish Appeal funds would ultimately be used for German refugees in one way or another.

It will be necessary, then, for you and me to make a formal statement with respect to the matter. Mr. Baerwald added,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

as I think I told you over the telephone, that Mr. Ittleson did not feel that any additional appeals could be made at this time. Am I not right in saying that it is your judgment, in which I concur, that the funds ought not to be taken from the United Jewish Appeal, and that this money should be raised separately? I hesitated in this matter on one ground, namely, this machinery that is to be established may find itself under the necessity of dealing solely -- in any event largely -- with immigration to Palestine. If it be true that we are to be permitted to have twenty-five to thirty-five thousand refugees enter into Palestine this year including the ten thousand quota, then any machinery that may be set up in connection with the German refugees will have to deal largely if not exclusively with Palestine. We know that British Guiana is a far-off thing; and Mr. Brandeis and others think it not even a fair dream.

In the circumstances I hesitate a little, I confess, to be too firm in withholding funds, the use of which in the nature of things may ultimately lead to the facilitating of immigration into Palestine.

If you cannot write tomorrow, Friday, to Mr. Baerwald or to me, would you be good enough to telephone to me Monday morning (Trafalgar 7-4050) between 10:00 and 12:00 Daylight Saving Time.

I think in order that we may stay on the inside and have a hand in the establishing of things, it would be well for you to accept the appointment to that Committee. I would have done so but I felt that you as the head of the United Palestine Appeal should be THE member of the Committee, representing, as it were, Zionist interests and Palestine hopes.

With cordial greeting and trusting that you are fully recovered from your recent illness, I am

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise
S.S.
Stephen S. Wise

SSW:FE

Dictated by Dr. Wise but signed for him after he had left the office.

May 26, 1939

Dr. Stephen S. Wise
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 25th and the information which it contains with reference to the agency which is being established to carry out the Rublee recommendations. I am afraid that I shall not be able to serve on that committee. I am not at all persuaded that the plan is a wise one.

With reference to taking a half million dollars from the United Jewish Appeal to help finance this agency - I would strongly advise against it. Certainly we ought to do nothing without authorization from the Executive of the Jewish Agency in Palestine. What would be involved is the taking of one hundred fifty thousand to two hundred thousand dollars of money that would go to Palestine directly, to finance a project which only indirectly may benefit Palestine, *and* concerning which the World Zionist Organization, to my best knowledge, has not been consulted.

I think that you ought to know that a concerted effort is being made to get from the United Jewish Appeal an additional allocation of from five hundred thousand to a million dollars for the National Co-Ordinating Committee. A meeting has already been held on that score and pressures are already being applied by the same gentlemen who are now asking for a half million dollars for the Rublee project. At this rate, I am afraid that Palestine will get the short end of the bargain. From all present indications, the twenty million dollars will not be raised. New York City is not likely to raise more than five or six million dollars. After campaign expenses are deducted, there will probably be left from four to four and a half million dollars to be divided between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, over and above the nine and a half million dollars already allocated. If from this sum the National Co-Ordinating Committee is to receive from five hundred thousand to a million dollars, and the Rublee project another half million dollars, you can readily see what little additional money over and above the two and a half million dollars ear-marked for the United Palestine Appeal, will be available for Palestine.

It should also be borne in mind that we have put, this year, one hundred fifty thousand dollars of funds which should have gone to Palestine, into the Palestine Pavilion in New York. I doubt whether any substantial part of that money will ever be repaid. It seems to me that at this time,

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when Palestine is clamoring for more and more funds, and when efforts are being made and will have to be made by us to raise additional funds outside of those raised in the united national campaign, we ought not to vote away Palestinian funds for any projects outside of Palestine however worthy they may be.

Also, it seems to me that the creation of a corporation to provide for the transfer of the assets of German Jews and their settlement in other countries ought not to be financed out of the funds of the United Jewish Appeal, which was constituted at the time when no such plan was envisaged. I recall that Mr. Baerwald, himself, at one of the meetings stated that whenever such a corporation for the resettlement of refugees will have to be formed, special funds will have to be found outside of the funds required to carry on the customary activities of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal. The real trouble is that the few men who are now concerning themselves with the Rublee project are also involved in other large scale money-raising projects and that they do not wish to be put to the additional labor and embarrassment of raising another half million dollars. The easiest way out, of course, is to dip into the till of the United Jewish Appeal. But the easiest way will prove, as far as Palestine is concerned, a very expensive way.

From a strictly legal point of view, I do not see how the Allocations Committee will have the right to vote any sums of money to any such project. The request will have to go to the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal. As far as the United Palestine Appeal is concerned, the matter will have to be referred, in the last analysis, to the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth in Jerusalem.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

May 29, 1939

~~How.~~
~~Attorney General~~ David T. Wilentz
131 State Street
Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Wilentz:

The first report that has come to me on the progress of the campaign in Perth Amboy under your leadership indicates that a splendid start has been made in impressing upon the community the new standards of generosity required.

It was a source of regret to me that you and your colleagues could not see your way clear toward the adoption of a quota of \$35,000, but felt instead that you should aim for \$25,000.

In view of the results that were forthcoming at the parlor meeting held in your home it is evident that the stimulation you are providing is evoking the type of response made necessary for the \$20,000,000 campaign.

I am sure that even though your official goal is \$25,000, you will endeavor to raise every cent possible until at least \$35,000 is obtained.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

AHS:BG

May 31, 1939

Hon. David T. Wilentz
131 State Street
Perth Amboy, N.J.

My dear Mr. Wilentz:

The first report that has come to me on the progress of the campaign in Perth Amboy under your leadership indicates that a splendid start has been made in impressing upon the community the new standards of generosity required.

It was a source of regret to me that you and your colleagues could not see your way clear toward the adoption of a quota of \$35,000, but felt instead that you should aim for \$25,000.

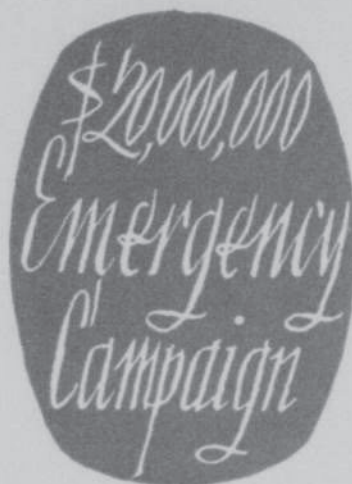
In view of the results that were forthcoming at the parlor meeting held in your home it is evident that the stimulation you are providing is evoking the type of response made necessary for the \$20,000,000 campaign.

I am sure that even though your official goal is \$25,000, you will endeavor to raise every cent possible until at least \$35,000 is obtained.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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June 1st, 1939

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

Dear Rabbi Silver,

This is just to tell you that I heard your speech at the Edison today and it was the one great address on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal that I have so far listened to in New York. It was the first time I had heard you addressing a group and I can now understand and join in the genuine wide-spread enthusiasm as to your fine ability to make men understand and feel.

May I reiterate what I told you in the few minutes we were together: the task of putting together a permanent body devoted to overseas problems which will continue to sustain the newly aroused decent standards for overseas relief is a vital objective for the United Jewish Appeal of New York, whether conceived on behalf of a unified group of agencies, or in their individual capacities.

I should like again to say, for the sake of accuracy, that Federation at no time assumed responsibility for the conduct of this drive. The Federation Board of Trustees merely approved the lending to the United Jewish Appeal of the largest section of its permanent Business Men's Council personnel; there was no kind of obligation, moral or otherwise, on the part of the Board to do so.

It is true that the most active workers and substantial contributors to the present campaign are men and women who are active on the Board of Trustees of Federation or one of its constituent agencies, but that is a normal expectancy since they are, on the whole, the wealthiest and most influential in New York.

I do hope that one of these days you and I will have an opportunity for the kind of informal chat that will surely help me in a more thorough understanding of many of the problems we are trying to solve in this campaign.

With kindest personal greetings,

Sincerely yours,

S. Willer

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SZOLD & BRANDWEN
30 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 13, 1939

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
40 West 68th Street,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Wise:-

I attended a hurriedly called meeting of the smaller committee yesterday at Mr. Ittelson's office. Reports were made that pressure was increasing for the formation of the million dollar charitable foundation (which would not in itself undertake any settlement schemes); and that Baerwald and Linder in London rather expected that British Jewry would not put up more than \$200,000. of the million dollars. It was decided to call a meeting of the larger conference committee for Saturday, June 17th. You no doubt have received notice of this meeting.

I write to you particularly concerning the questions of the attitude of the Zionist representatives on the United Jewish Appeal or more particularly perhaps of the Zionist representatives on the Allocations Committee. The general feeling at the smaller committee yesterday was that a \$1,000,000. foundation would have to be formed and the money supplied by Jews in order to remove any doubt which might be engendered in the mind of the President as to the desire of the Jews to go forward with the solution of the problems for which the Evian Committee was appointed. The objections in principle to the results to the whole Rublee Commission remain. The safeguards originally set down in the Proskauer memorandum are to be continued. But it was felt that a condition not a theory confronts the Jews; and they cannot take the responsibility of thwarting any further developments. Under these circumstances, as I understand it, the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal is to be approached to appropriate \$1,000,000. from the United Jewish Appeal campaign funds, the entire money to be used if necessary for the purpose of establishing the proposed foundation.

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I understand that the proceeds of the campaign up to \$9,500,000. are definitely allocated as between J.D.C., U.P.A. and Coordinating Committee; that any net funds over \$9,500,000. are subject to allocation to either J.D.C. or U.P.A. or both by the Allocations Committee; that the Allocations Committee consists of Mr. Ettelson and another J.D.C. man, Dr. Sol Goldman, and Dr. Silver, and a fifth man to be appointed by the four; that there is every reasonable prospect that there will be some millions of dollars over \$9,500,000. to be allocated; that Dr. Silver has taken the position that in general he is personally opposed to the allocation of any monies to the proposed foundation which he regards as a third entity, neither U.P.A. nor J.D.C., and that if funds otherwise allocable to U.P.A. are asked for the new corporation all he, Silver, could do would be to forward the request to the Jewish Agency for their instructions.

The J.D.C. representatives might possibly put up the entire million dollars. They state, however, that the operations of the new foundation are to carry out general Jewish refugee work; that this work is that for which the campaign was to raise funds; that the foundation would be merely an instrumentality for refugee work which would be carried on; that Palestine is not only to be not excluded from the sphere of the foundation's activities, but it is intimated is to be included pro rata; that funds from the campaign would thus go to the corporation from J.D.C. and U.P.A. pro rata and that the Zionists would be taking a most unreasonable attitude if they attempt to refuse to permit any of the funds of the campaign to be used for the purpose of establishing the foundation.

I write you because I think you and Dr. Silver and Dr. Goldman and others active in the campaign will shortly be faced with this problem. You and Dr. Silver no doubt will attend the meeting on Saturday and may have to take a position at that time.

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I give you my own view. I regretted the Evian Committee and the several steps that have resulted therefrom. The Committee, the Rublee negotiations, the Myron Taylor interest and the interest of the President of the United States, however, are facts. It is a fact that you personally have been a member of the President's Committee and have participated in its activities. If I had to decide, on the basis of the information now at my disposal, I would not withhold consent as a member of the Allocations Committee to the allocation of a million dollars to the proposed foundation from U.J.A. funds which are subject to disposition by the Allocations Committee. I would have it made perfectly clear that the proposed foundation is to operate in Palestine; that its funds would be used in Palestine on the same ratio on which agreement has already been reached between J.D.C. and U.P.A. This means, of course, that the net proceeds of the proposed campaign up to \$9,500,000. would not be touched but would be distributed in accordance with the contract.

I have not seen the document which provides for the powers of the Allocations Committee. I should be surprised, however, if the Allocations Committee did not have the power to appropriate the first million dollars raised - over the \$9,500,000. already specifically provided for - to the J.D.C. on the understanding that the J.D.C. would use the \$1,000,000 thus appropriated for the proposed foundation which would then exclude Palestine from the sphere of its activities.

Sincerely yours,

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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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June 15, 1939

Dear Dr. Silver:

This letter has come to me from Robert Szold, and I know you will wish to see it.

In the near future four or five of us will have to sit down and consider very carefully what we are to do in the matter of that Corporation. Perhaps you will be in town on Saturday afternoon for the meeting.

If it be true that you are to leave in the near future for London, ought we not have a meeting of the Executive or Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal before you sail? If you will be in town on Sunday, Sunday evening would suit me very nicely, but no other part of the day on Sunday because I must go to Saratoga for an address on Sunday morning. I could manage some time Monday or Tuesday, assuming that you will leave on Wednesday. I am sure the others, Dr. Goldman, Dr. Goldstein and Judge Rothenberg, will make every effort to be present.

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise

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Dictated by Dr. Wise but signed for him after he had left for Boston.

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June 16, 1939

Dr. Stephen S. Wise
40 West 68th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of June 15th. I shall arrive in New York on Monday morning and will remain in the city until Wednesday when we are sailing for Europe. I shall be free to attend a conference either on Monday evening or Tuesday evening.

If you think that another meeting of the Executive of the UPA is necessary, please call it. You will recall, however, that the UPA Executive discussed the matter of the corporation rather fully at its meeting on June 1st. Perhaps an informal conference of Goldman, Goldstein, Rothenberg, Szold, yourself, and myself, would be adequate. Please wire me the time of the conference so that I will make no other engagements.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

[Undated]

Dear Friend:

The projected investment loan of \$1,000,000 for the Keren Kayemeth grows out of the recent London-Palestine Conference. The leaders such as Weizmann, Ussishkin, Ben Gurion made all of us realize verbally or by cable the supreme necessity of getting additional areas in Palestine before it is too late. Fortunately land is available in every sense, especially at strategic points where it becomes possible to consolidate land possessions in order to safeguard frontiers, particularly on the North; and thus bring us closer to friendlier neighbors.

The accompanying letter, which you must hold in confidence, will show you that immensely valuable tracts are being offered by owners, who may soon be compelled by different pressures to withdraw their land from sale.

Exactly \$2,600,000 will be needed for the purchase of valuable lands. The American allocation from this fund is \$1,000,000. As soon as Dr. Goldstein, President of the American Keren Kayemeth, received urgent cables from London during the Palestine Conference he began an action which has resulted in securing nearly one-fourth of the needed American quota of \$1,000,000 -- \$100,000 being an outright gift in part, and in part a loan from Hadassah.

Three-quarters of the million must still be gotten, and we wish to make unmistakably clear to you that this money is not asked for as a gift, but as an investment, as a loan to the American Keren Kayemeth. We would not under any circumstances ask for gifts now because of the current appeal of the United Jewish Appeal, which requires and will have the fullest public and private support from every one of us.

Quietly and without even the semblance of a campaign, you, as the leader of your community, acting in conjunction with the heads of the different Zionist parties and groups in your city, must turn to the old Zionist Reliables and get their cooperation. But it must be made clear that this is not a gift, but a loan and investment which takes the form of a serial note issue for five years - 1940 to 1945, paying 4% interest, and amortizing 20% annually, secured above all as a first charge by the constantly increasing annual income of the American Jewish National Fund.

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Need I remind you, dear friend, that nothing could be more immediately necessary than the securing of the funds for this million dollar loan for land purchase in Palestine. It is not unlikely that political conditions may alter in the near future the opportunity for securing through and for the Keren Kayemeth, which remain inalienably the possession of the whole Jewish people.

We are

Faithfully yours,

SOLOMON GOLDMAN
ABBA HILLEL SILVER
LOUIS LIPSKY
ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
JUDITH EPSTEIN
LEON GELLMAN
DAVID WERTHEIM

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