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September 16, 1938

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

My dear Jonah:

There are quite a few matters that have been accumulating during the summer with reference to our campaigns and I should like to have an opportunity of discussing them with you in the near future. Do you plan to be in this vicinity in the next few weeks? If not, when would be a convenient day for us to get together in New York? I could be in New York on October 6th and 7th.

I hope that you had a pleasant and restful summer. With all good wishes for a happy new year, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 EAST 62nd STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

September 19, 1938

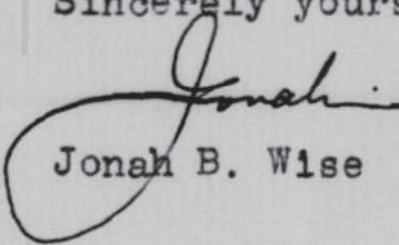
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Ab:

Thanks for your letter of September 16. I shall
be in New York right along. Let me know definitely
about your October 6 and 7 plans here, as I am
eager to see you.

Best wishes for the New Year from house to house.

Sincerely yours,



Jonah B. Wise

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September 22, 1938

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

My dear Jonah:

I received the enclosed letter this morning from Cincinnati. The Cincinnati group has taken upon itself to convoke a conference of the chairmen and representatives of welfare funds from Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati to discuss, among other things, the establishment of a pro rata division of the funds which are made available by welfare funds for overseas work. This subject, I assumed, was within the province of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal. I am surprised that such a conference is being called without first consulting either the JDC or the UPA. I believe that the practise of individual communities calling conferences on matters which concern and involve the country at large and on which national organizations should speak with authority, should be definitely discouraged.

I should like to have your opinion in this matter. I would suggest that a letter be sent to Mr. Max Hirsch, Chairman of the Budget Committee expressing the opposition of the JDC and the UPA to such a conference and, more particularly, to the procedure of calling such a conference without first receiving the advice of our respective organizations. I assume that the JDC was as little consulted in the matter as the UPA. As Chairman of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund invited to the conference, I sent the enclosed telegram declining the invitation. May I hear from you by wire?

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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September 22, 1938

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

My dear Jonah:

I will be in New York for a meeting on Wednesday, September 28, stopping at the Commodore Hotel. If you are free, I should like to meet with you sometime in the afternoon, say at two-thirty. We can meet either at the Commodore, in your study or at any other place convenient to you.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, THE TEMPLE= WUX NEWYORK NY 23 1128A
EAST 105 ST AT ANSEL RD=

RE YOUR LETTER 22 I WIRED TODAY TO MAX HIRSCH CINCINNATI
"RABBI SILVER COMMUNICATED WITH ME RELATIVE TO MEETING YOU
ARE PLANNING TO CONVENE FOR DISCUSSION OF DIVISION OF FUNDS
BETWEEN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE AND UNITED PALESTINE
APPEAL IN 1939. MY ASSOCIATE OFFICERS AND I OF JOINT
DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE CONCUR COMPLETELY IN RABBI SILVER'S
VIEWPOINT PER HIS TELEGRAM TO YOU OF 22 ON THIS SUBJECT.

I AM SORRY YOU LEFT OUR PLAN AND SCOPE COMMITTEE MEETING
'EMPTY HANDED'. THIS MEETING WAS NOT IN ANY SENSE CONVENED
TO CONSIDER OR MAKE DECISION ON JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
NATIONAL QUOTE FOR 1939. OUR QUOTA FOR NEXT YEAR CAN BE
ESTABLISHED ONLY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH OUR EUROPEAN
COLLEAGUES AND EXPERTS. IN VIEW OF RAPIDLY AND DAILY

CHANGING OF CONDITIONS AFFECTING OUR PEOPLE IN CENTRAL AND
EASTERN EUROPE, IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY INEFFECTUAL TO
CONSIDER AT THIS TIME AMOUNT TO BE REQUIRED NEXT YEAR."
REGARDS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS=

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RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 EAST 62ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 20th, 1938

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street & Ansel Road,
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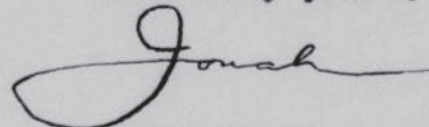
Dear Abe:

I have delayed writing you not because I do not feel under the deepest obligation to help meet our own problem but because I have simply no solution or plan to offer at the moment. The need for more money is so tremendous that I feel we should put that idea first and I know you agree with me in that feeling.

We are calling a meeting on the 13th of November of representatives of Welfare Funds and of the Joint Distribution Committee to discuss the raising of a much larger amount within the Welfare Fund structure. That meeting must undoubtedly concern itself with all the aspects of fund-raising and I feel will evolve some plan on which we can build. As soon as this is done, I shall communicate with you.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jonah", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jonah B. Wise.

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OCTOBER 31 1938

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POLISH DEPORTATION FROM GERMANY HAS EXHAUSTED EVERY RESOURCE OF THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE. NO OTHER ORGANIZATION IS AVAILABLE FOR HELP IN THIS CRISIS. OVER THE SABBATH AND WEEK-END THE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE HAS SUPPLIED FOOD AND SHELTER FOR THOUSANDS OF DEPORTEES. WE CANNOT FACE SITUATION FOR ANOTHER DAY. OUR TREASURY IS EMPTY. CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS THE SITUATION BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT EVERY HOUR. YOU KNOW WHAT OUR DESERTION OF THESE PEOPLE WILL MEAN. THE SUDETEN EMERGENCY AND ABSOLUTE CRUMBLING OF ALL PROTECTION TO JEWS THROUGHOUT MUCH OF THE WORLD WITH SPECIAL ASSISTANCE WE HAVE HAD TO GIVE IN AUSTRIA AND TO REFUGEE COMMITTEES HERE AND EVERYWHERE HAS EXHAUSTED OUR TREASURY AND FORCES US TO ASK FOR A MILLION DOLLARS IN CASH IN ADDITION TO MONIES ALREADY SUBSCRIBED. WE ARE UNABLE TO RAISE CASH BY FURTHER BORROWING. WE MUST HAVE YOUR SUPPORT IN TWO WAYS. FIRST, PLEASE STRAIN EVERY EFFORT TO REMIT TO US PROMPTEST POSSIBLE MAXIMUM SUM AGAINST YOUR PRESENT 1938 ALLOTMENT. SECOND, AS WE MUST FIND ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FUNDS I CONSULTED RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, BY REASON OUR AGREEMENT IN WELFARE FUND CITIES THIS YEAR. HE APPROVES THIS REQUEST PROVIDED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1938 NATIONAL AGREEMENT NEW FUNDS ARE DIVIDED 60% JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE AND 40% UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. PLEASE WIRE EXTENT YOUR COMMUNITY HELP.

REGARDS.

JONAH B WISE
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN
100 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK CITY

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COPY OF TELEGRAM SENT TO COMMUNITY LEADERS BY J.D.C.
MONDAY, OCT. 31, 1938

ABE COHEN
COHEN FURNITURE CO.
UNIONTOWN, PA.

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CASH BY FURTHER BORROWING. WE MUST HAVE YOUR SUPPORT. PROCEED IM-
MEDIATELY AND WIRE ME COLLECT WHAT YOU ARE DOING.

JONAH B. WISE, 100 E. 42 ST. NEW YORK CITY

November 4, 1938

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

My dear Jonah:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of November 3rd. With reference to the "emergency Palestine appeal" to which Mr. Kaufmann refers, I should like to inform you that this was not an appeal for Palestine at all. When reports reached us of the threat to the Mandate and the Balfour Declaration, an emergency committee was quickly organized to arrange for a nation-wide protest and to intercede with the American Government in behalf of the Jewish Homeland. In this emergency committee, representatives of the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith, the Labor groups, the American Jewish Congress, and other national bodies participated. It was this emergency committee, you will recall, which planned for the sending of the tens of thousands of telegrams to Washington and it was this committee which decided to raise a special fund to cover the cost of the protest. Mr. Kaufmann was one of those who signed the telegram asking for money to help defray the expense. The United Palestine Appeal had nothing whatsoever to do with this matter. Incidentally, you may be interested to know that actually, only a few thousand dollars was raised from the country at large, the rest of the money being contributed by the Hadassah, the Zionist Organization of America and similar Zionist bodies. I am under the impression the American Jewish Committee likewise made a contribution.

I cannot, of course, entirely agree with the contents of your letter to Mr. Kaufmann. However, there is nothing to be gained in further pursuing the matter. I sent you a copy of the letter which I addressed to Mr. Kaufmann and which contains my version of the matter. I do not see that it facilitates our work of arriving at a common understanding for next year between the JDC and the UPA to inform people that the 60-40 Agreement "seems to stand in the way of energetic efforts toward an emergency appeal". Such energetic efforts have never been planned by us jointly and have never been made. And until they are planned and tried, it would be better to with-hold judgment. Somehow you overlooked the fact

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

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November 4, 1938

that the JDC didn't do so well in New York City this year where it was not "handicapped" by the 60-40 Agreement.

I shall be glad to meet with you at any time this coming week. If you can come to Cleveland, it would be a great accommodation to me. Please wire me what day is most convenient for you so that I will not book myself up with other engagements.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Night Day Letter

November 10, 1938

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

HAVE JUST SPOKEN TO CHARLESTON WEST VIRGINIA WHERE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AMATEAU QUOTED ME AS DECLARING IN A RECENT ADDRESS IN PITTSBURGH "THAT IN VIEW OF PRESENT PALESTINE SITUATION MONEY RAISED FOR UPA CANNOT BE USED". AMATEAU STATED ALSO "THAT UPA ALREADY HAS MUCH MONEY IDLE IN BANKS." CHAIRMAN OF CHARLESTON DRIVE CONFIRMED THESE STATEMENTS OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVE. THEY ARE OF COURSE PURE FABRICATIONS AND I AM AMAZED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JDC WOULD STOOP TO SUCH BLATANT FALSEHOODS.

A H Silver

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W E S T E R N U N I O N

STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
November 12th, 1938

MR. ISIDOR COONS
NEW YORK CITY

KEENLY REGRET THAT THROUGH GARBLING AND MISCONSTRUCTION OF PERFECTLY HONEST AND HARMLESS STATEMENTS SUCH DIFFICULTY AND ILL WILL HAS BEEN CREATED THESE ARE THE FACTS IN DISCUSSING THE HOPELESSNESS OF THE POSITION OF THE JEWS IN EASTERN EUROPE THE COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT OFFER THEM ASYLUM WERE BEING MENTIONED AND I STATED THAT FROM REPORTS OF JTA ENGLAND HAD MODIFIED ITS STAND OF FULL RESTRICTION AND HAD ISSUED 5000 PERMITS FOR SIX MONTHS WHICH MEANT ONLY 10000 FOR THE WHOLE YEAR THE CONCLUSION WAS THEN DRAWN THAT PALESTINE WAS NOT THEREFORE TO ANSWER TO OUR PRESENT PRESSING PROBLEM I STATED THAT THIS CONCLUSION SEEMED CORRECT AND THAT SUCH EMINENT ZIONIST AS RABBI SILVER HAD PRACTICALLY STATED THE SAME IN HIS ADDRESS IN PITTSBURGH WHICH I HEARD FEW DAYS PRIOR THAT IN SUBSTANCE RABBI SILVER HAD STATED AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT ENGLANDS FAILURE TO KEEP FAITH WITH HER PROMISE TO THE JEWS WAS NOT A RECENT DEPARTURE DUE TO A CHANGE IN HER POLICY THAT IN FACT THE CONDUCT OF HER OFFICIALS SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE MANDATE HAD INDICATED THIS TREND THAT IT IS PAINFUL TO MANY OF US TO BE CONFRONTED WITH RESTRICTED JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE WHEN THE NEED FOR ASYLUM IS SO GREAT BUT THAT WE MUST REALIZE THAT EVEN UNDER THE MOST FAVORABLE CONDITIONS PALESTINE COULD NOT ACCOMMODATE ALL OF THE JEWS OF EASTERN EUROPE OR AS MANY OF THEM AS ARE SUFFERING FROM DISABILITY TO RELIEVE THE TREMENDOUS PRESSURE THIS IS ALL I SAID WITH REFERENCE TO

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RABBI SILVER RABBI SILVER WILL CONCEDE THAT WHILE MY STATEMENT OF WHAT I HEARD HIM SAY IS NOT VERBATIM AND I WAS NOT QUOTING HIM IT IS NEVERTHELESS CORRECT IN SUBSTANCE HIS INFORMANT APPARENTLY MIXED ANOTHER PART OF THE CONVERSATION WITH THE ABOVE STATEMENT CAUSING THE CONFUSION. THE QUESTION WAS RAISED THAT RESTRICTED IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE AND THE UNCERTAINTY OF ITS FUTURE STATUS NECESSARILY MUST MEAN RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES ON THE PART OF THE UPA ORGANIZATION WHY THEN WAS UPA REQUESTING AS MUCH OR MORE MONEY THAN HERETOFORE I SAID THAT I SUPPOSED THE UPA CONSIDERED IT DESIRABLE AND NECESSARY TO BE FINANCIALLY PREPARED AND FORTIFIED TO DRIVE ITS PROGRAM THROUGH AS CONDITIONS PERMITTED AND IF CONDITIONS WERE NOT PROPITIOUS THEN SURELY THE MONEY COULD BE KEPT IN BANK PENDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES MORE FAVORABLE FOR THEIR FULL UTILIZATION PLEASE ASSURE DR J B WISE AND RABBI SILVER THAT AS A NATIVE OF PALESTINE AND AS ONE WHOSE GRANDFATHER WAS RICHON LE ZION AND THE REVERED HEAD OF JUDAISM IN THE HOLY LAND I WOULD BE THE LAST PERSON TO CAST ASPERSIONS ON THE PALESTINE IDEAL ALSO THAT MY SENSE OF HONOR DOES NOT PERMIT ME TO MISQUOTE OR UTTER FALSEHOODS IN FUTURE YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT I SHALL AVOID ANY CONVERSATION OR REFERENCE TO PALESTINE OR UPA

ALBERT J AMATEAU

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RABBI JONAH B. WISE

35 EAST 62ND STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 14th, 1938

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

Dear Abe:

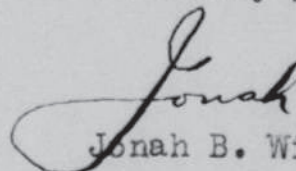
Immediately upon receipt of your telegram of November 10th relative to what our Mr. Albert Amateau was reported to have said in Charleston, West Virginia, I asked Mr. Isidor Coons to communicate in a direct way with Mr. Amateau and get his side of the story. I am attaching hereto a copy of Mr. Amateau's reply, precisely as it has been received by us. I call your especial attention to the last sentence which indicates Mr. Amateau's understanding that neither he nor any of our representatives are in the future to express opinions in public on the problems of Palestine.

We of the Joint Distribution Committee have thought for many years that the best interests of our cause are served by those in our organization confining themselves to the problems and appeal of the Joint Distribution Committee. It is necessarily difficult under remote control to at all times make effective our policy and program in this direction. I dare say, you have the same experience in the United Palestine Appeal.

In these dreadful and sorrowful days for our people everywhere none could deplore more than I the useless controversy in a public way between the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee or between any other agencies concerned with the problems.

With best regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Jonah B. Wise.

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IF AGREEABLE TO YOU MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY AFTERNOON
THREE THIRTY AT MR ITTLESONS OFFICE. WE SHALL PROBABLY ASK
FOUR OR FIVE OF OUR MEMBERS TO ATTEND=.

JONAH B WISE.

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Dec. 2, 1938

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
35 W. E. 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Will be pleased to meet with you and your
committee either Tuesday afternoon or
evening or Thursday afternoon. Please
wire time agreeable to you and how many
to be on the Committee. Kindest regards.

A. H. Silver

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DISCUSSIONS OF RECENT MEETING AND CONCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS IS
NOW READY TO MEET WITH YOU AT YOUR CONVENIENCE WHEN IS
EARLIEST YOU WILL BE ABLE MEET WITH US HERE=

JONAH B WISE.

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Day Letter

Dec. 2, 1938

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
35 East 62nd St.
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WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE EITHER TUESDAY AFTERNOON
OR EVENING OR THURSDAY AFTERNOON. PLEASE WIRE ~~THE~~ TIME AGREEABLE TO YOU
AND HOW MANY ARE TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

GENERAL AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

135 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET

CHICAGO

Max Epstein
Chairman of the Board

December 10, 1938

Dr. Jonah E. Wise
100 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Wise:

Have your telegram regarding the Campaign. We have had several meetings, a notable one yesterday at which Albert Lasker was present and spoke.

You may know I have taken the Chairmanship of the "Special Gifts" Division. We are already at work and have about \$250,000 contributed. Our big event will be during Christmas week. We haven't completed plans as to who will speak, but for your information we are making our quota two million dollars. I can't promise or guarantee we will ever reach that goal, but we are going to do the best we can.

From Mr. Lasker I have the allocations of how you are going to distribute the money collected nationally, and my only comment is that too much of it is going to the U.P.A.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Max Epstein

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RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 EAST 62nd STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 13, 1938

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

Dear Ab:

The Joint Distribution Committee board received the report of the committee on the twenty-million dollar national campaign and unanimously approved of it. We are pleased with this action, although the committee, as we told you, had power to act.

It is highly important that we get going early, and I am conferring with Mr. Montor and Mr. Coons in general on plans. I feel, however, that we should have a personal conference very soon as it will be necessary to make proper announcements and to discuss those officials who will be responsible for the raising of the money.

I think also that it will be of the utmost importance to know the names of the persons who are to be on the committee on allocations, as those gentlemen will undoubtedly influence contributions very decidedly. I advised the Joint Distribution Committee board that the funds collected would be distributed to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the National Coordinating Committee Fund, Inc., the Keren Hayesod, the Keren Kayemeth and Mizrachi--the last three to be reached through the general allocation to the UPA.

We have assurance that such men as Mr. Lasker of Chicago and Governor Lehman of New York, Mr. Ittleson also of New York, and a number of others will throw themselves into this project as they have never done before. I am convinced that there is a possibility of raising more than twenty million dollars. Just for your consideration I would suggest, however, that the fund be not known as a Twenty-million Dollar Fund, but that it be known as the Redemption of Israel Fund or whatever name we can think of, such as The American Relief Fund. If you have a few ideas for a name we can get together on them, but for reasons which may be cogent to a lot of persons I think that we should not mention the twenty million dollars on any letterhead. It can easily be stated in personal communication.

We shall allocate to each community a sufficient amount in proportion to the twenty million dollar fund in keeping with our general practice of allocation, which is of course to step up the amount asked. We shall ask Mr. Montor and Mr. Coons to attend to that this morning and send you a report.

I believe it important that we divide the country into strategic localities where we can hold zone meetings representing large and small communities, as for instance, San Francisco can invite the whole Pacific Coast from Vancouver,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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December 13, 1938

B. C. to San Diego. At such a meeting it is possible to bring out promises of aid from communities in very respectable amounts in view of the competitive spirit and also in view of the fact that people, when confronted with one another, become a little more bold and brave.

I am inclined to think that I can begin the job in Florida early in January, as I expect to go there for a short rest.

We can, in conference, divide up the country, as I feel it will be a saving of time and a very special emphasis on cooperation if we do not overlap in our visits.

I shall send you copies of all communications which I send in relation to the campaign, and even many personal ones, since I frequently use a personal letter and approach for the purpose.

We can arrange for regular conferences in New York and in Cleveland, so that it will not be always necessary for you to come here, and I feel we should have stated time for meeting. It often happens that there is nothing of major importance to discuss, but such meetings are valuable in order to keep a clear head and to be alert to every problem that presents itself.

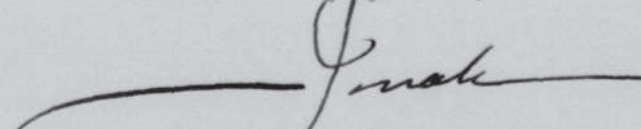
I am sending you a copy of a letter from Mr. Lasker to Mr. Henry Littleton, which I think you will find interesting and on which I think we should act as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

I am also enclosing copies of my correspondence with Mr. Max Epstein.

I trust this random letter will be informative, and you can expect to hear from me frequently.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Jonah Z. Wise

JBW:HF

December 11, 1938

Dear Mr. Epstein:

I wish to thank you for your letter of December 10. I received it just as I was in attendance at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the action of the sub-committee to which you refer in your letter.

I am happy to know that you have taken over the chairmanship of the Special Gifts Division. I do not believe that any gift given now can be anything but an earnest of intention to support the cause to the limit. I believe that we should tell people that this is an entirely different form of giving, and that it means a lien on one's income and capital which cannot be liquidated until this problem is met. We cannot put it too emphatically and we cannot put it too strongly.

I am quite sure that if you need a speaker for your meeting that Rabbi Silver would be only too willing to come, and I can assure you that he can put the case of the JDC and of the National Coordinating Committee as cogently as I can that of Palestine; and you have no quibble with the way I put it last year, I am sure.

I think you will reach your goal. There are enough Jews in Chicago who have never given and there are enough who have only given conscience money to make two million dollars possible, especially when men like yourself put the stamp of approval on this appeal and are willing to go out with their hats in their hands and beg for help for their brethren.

As to the allocation: I consider it eminently fair. I daresay you are quite at liberty to think that too much is going to the UPA, but I am under the impression that if the UPA can continue to take the number of persons to Palestine which it now absorbs, or can reasonably increase that number, or can keep those there who are already there and prevent their wandering about the world because of lack of support, then it deserves our support.

In any event, the amount they receive is below the usual proportion, though we were putting the matter on a percentage basis. However, I must say that the time has come when we must concern ourselves very definitely with the whole problem and those who are opposed to Zionism will have to abate their opinions until such time as we have more elbow room for the argument. At present we are far too besieged to have any liberty in this respect.

Support of Palestine at this time, however, is not support of political Zionism, and I don't think can ever be interpreted as such. Palestine is now a unit of

Mr. Max Epstein

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December 13, 1938

a British mandate. Partition has been indefinitely postponed, and the question of political Zionism is probably a remote one.

However, when it comes to a question of the division of the funds, you must remember that you have to compare each individual share with twenty million, not with nine-and-a-half million, because the allocations committee which we hope will be able to meet the problem with justice, if not with satisfaction, to all will certainly meet the needs as they arise and in no sense the demands as they are put by persons with ambitions for any one organization.

May I gently also state that in the last Chicago campaign the Joint Distribution Committee was forced to accept a 60-40 division after I had personally arranged for one much more favorable to our organization. I doubt very much if a local division of funds in Chicago could have reached anything like so favorable a result.

I also call your attention to the fact that the National Coordinating Committee is on a dollar basis receiving practically as much as the the United Palestine Appeal.

I am sure that above all we must concern ourselves with a statesmanlike view of the problem as a major catastrophe in which Palestine is established as a refugee country which compares with the United States in past hospitality and in possibilities.

I shall send you an editorial written by my father in 1863, in which he advocates the colonization of Palestine, and my father was by no means a Zionist. This was written in the American Israelite of April 17, 1863.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise

Mr. Max Epstein
General American Transportation Corporation
135 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

JBW:HF

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 EAST 62ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 16th, 1938

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

Dear Abe:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter which I wish you would revise and return to me as promptly as possible to be sent out to the large mailing list of the national organizations in advance of, as the letter indicates, the statement which I feel we should make ready for the press and for the leaders. I shall send you a copy of a suggested statement in a few days. I would have done so sooner but I have not had the opportunity to give the matter as much time as I feel it deserves.

Will you kindly let me have at your earliest convenience a full list of individuals who are serving on the national campaign committee together with suggested officers. I am enclosing a list which I think should be used. It is of the utmost importance that we appoint our Allocations Committee promptly. I am under the impression that in addition to Mr. Ittleston who has already accepted, we will wish to nominate one of the following three: Mr. Albert D. Lasker, Mr. Lessing Rosenwald or Mr. Paul Baerwald. Of course, we shall make the decision promptly and you should also so that we can send out to the country the complete personnel.

A good deal will rest and hinge on what the prospects are for raising large sums in New York City. I think the prospects are good. We have contacted a number of potential large givers and all seem to feel that the time has come for doing things in a big way. I should think that that would be the case in most instances and I am under the impression that with energetic stimulation, we can produce results which will at least provide a fund for the simplest and most trying needs of the situation.

You will note that I have listed Mr. Albert D. Lasker, Mr. Joseph Willen and Mr. Samuel Leidesdorf as participants in the negotiations. These gentlemen were not present at the joint meetings but I think it well to have their imprimatur on the agreement. Mr. Leidesdorf and Mr. Willen are very important in New York.

It will be necessary for us to come to an arrangement on the subject of meetings throughout the country. I feel that we should give the utmost in personal visits as early as possible in the year. I would suggest that we call a national emergency meeting as early in the year as we can conveniently do so prior to the beginning of campaigns. Naturally many persons are away in the early winter but I believe such an emergency meeting held in February would bring out a large attendance and would have big results. At such a meeting we should be prepared to present the most stimulating program of plans for the present situation. We are continually being asked what there is to do and what can be done. I think that there can be an honest and clear presentation which will make those who are attending realize that their dollars are being used to do what they wish them to do and that that form of information can and should be communicated to the country.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

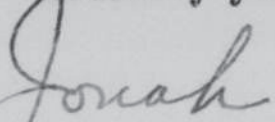
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December 16th, 1938

It is most important that we agree on a name for the joint campaign and the earlier we do it the better.

I hope to meet with you on Wednesday at 10:00 A. M. in my study, 35 East 62nd Street, New York City.

Cordially yours,

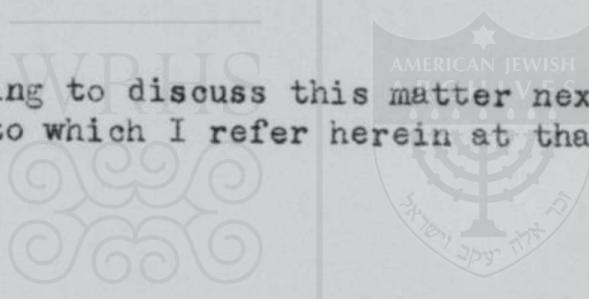


Jonah B. Wise.

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P. S. In view of our planning to discuss this matter next Wednesday, we can talk about the list to which I refer herein at that time.



January 5, 1939

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

My dear Jonah:

I should like to call your attention to a situation which, if not cleared up at once, will lead to considerable delay and embarrassment in our work during the year.

According to the terms of the agreement reached by us, the details for effectuating the agreement were left to you and me. I am in the habit, when charged with responsibility, to assume it and exercise it in full and I am sure that you feel the same way about it. Nevertheless it seems that the very things which we discussed and agreed upon at our last conference in your study have been subject to discussion, revision and delay on the part of some of your confreres in the JDC. Thus we agreed on the name for the Campaign and yet such has been the opposition to that agreement that the public statement about our Campaign which was to be issued to the press has been delayed almost ten days with no break in the deadlock in sight.

We agreed also, after a thorough discussion, about Christian participation in the Campaign. We decided it would not be wise or helpful, that instead, a good-will token gift should be made by the United Campaign to the Christian agencies working in the field. And yet the matter is constantly being thrust forward by interested individuals speaking for the JDC, thereby delaying the progress of our Campaign still further.

I think it would facilitate our work if many of the well-intentioned individuals on your side would be advised to depend upon the judgment and experience of the man whom they have selected and charged with the responsibility of leadership, i.e., yourself.

With all good wishes and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in Washington, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

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WE TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN INFORMING YOU THAT YOU HAVE BEEN NAMED A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS THE GREAT EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN FOR 1939 EMBRACING THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL AND NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE FUND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL WHICH PRESENTS AMERICAN JEWRY WITH THE GREATEST CHALLENGE IN ITS HISTORY THE FIRST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY NIGHT FEBRUARY SIXTH AT 830 PM AT THE TEMPORARY OFFICE OF THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL 100 EAST 42 STREET NEWYORKCITY KINDLY ADVISE US BY WIRE WHETHER YOU ACCEPT MEMBERSHIP ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND WHETHER WE MAY EXPECT YOU AT THE FIRST MEETING=

ABBA HILLEL SILVER JONAH B WISE NATL CHAIRMEN UNITED JEWISH APPEAL 100 EAST 42 STREET .

February 8, 1939

Mr. Franklin Dunham
National Broadcasting Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza

Dear Mr. Dunham:

Following up our conversation at luncheon the other day, "The Message of Israel" plans the following program for the month of March:

The music will be, as heretofore, by the Choir of the Central Synagogue. The speakers and their approximate subjects are to be as follows:

March 5th - Rabbi Jonah B. Wise:
THE ETHICS OF AID TO REFUGEES
March 11th - Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver:
THE MORALS OF AID TO REFUGEES
March 18th - Rabbi Jonah B. Wise:
NEW LIVES FOR OLD
'Can Man be Reborn'
MARCH 25th - Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver:
AMERICAN ISRAEL - A Spiritual
Background to our Democracy

I am sending a copy of this letter to Rabbi Silver to be checked, and I am under the impression that he will undertake the obligation of broadcasting with the understanding that it is to be done from Cleveland. I shall, of course, broadcast from New York. The service will be held in New York.

You understand that in all four of these addresses, Rabbi Silver and I wish to emphasize the moral obligation of the Jews of America, and of all persons in America, to meet the brutal impact of Nazism both in its own land and on the widely scattered refugee. I shall speak of the part which is being played by Palestine by American immigration and by general American help to the cause. We shall not solicit money directly but I would like to arouse interest and sympathy to the conscience of our listeners.

Will you please let me know whether this type of program is acceptable to you as I mean to begin the publicity necessary to its success.

Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise

JBW:GG

cc-Rabbi Silver
Mr. Coons
Mr. Montor
United Jewish Appeal

February 14, 1939

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

My dear Jonah:

You have undoubtedly read about the resignation of Justice Brandeis. I am wondering whether we could persuade him to be the fifth member of our Allocation Committee. I believe that his name would lend tremendous prestige to our work. Let me have your judgment in the matter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 E. 62ND ST. • *New York, N. Y.*

February 16, 1939

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

Dear Ab:

I shall consult the other members of the
Committee here on the matter of having Justice
Brandeis as the fifth member of our Allocation
Committee.

Best wishes.



Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise

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February 20, 1939

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
United Jewish Appeal Dinner
Hotel Commodore
New York, N.Y.

I REGRET DEEPLY THAT I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING. I HAVE REQUESTED JUDGE ROTHENBERG TO REPRESENT THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL. PLEASE CONVEY TO THOSE ASSEMBLED MY PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR THEIR INTEREST AND MY CONFIDENT HOPE THAT THEIR VALUABLE COOPERATION IN OUR FORTHCOMING CAMPAIGN will go far to insure success to the most pressing undertaking of american JEWRY.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 E. 62ND ST. • New York, N. Y.

February 21, 1939

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

Dear Ab:

In regard to the radio program, the broadcast is from seven to seven-thirty Eastern Standard Time, and is broadcast from Central Synagogue over the blue net-work of the National Broadcasting Company. Your station in Cleveland is WHK.

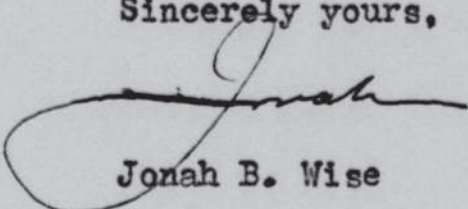
If you will be at your station at seven o'clock the religious service and music will be broadcast and you will be scheduled to speak for a period of fifteen minutes. If your sermon is longer than fifteen minutes you had better let us know the Saturday afternoon you speak in order that we may re-arrange the music and ritual.

According to Mr. Montor you are to speak on the 11th and 18th. If it is more convenient for you to speak on the 11th and 25th, you may let me know in ample time. The general idea is the ethical and moral responsibility as Jews and Americans toward the problem of relief and reconstruction of our brethren abroad. I know you understand the project and there is no necessity for my going into details.

The meeting last night was a good one and on the whole we will make excellent progress.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Jonah B. Wise

JBW:GG

February 22, 1939

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

My dear Jonah:

Mr. Montor writes me that Mr. Joseph Willen went to see the Governor and convinced him that March 5 was much too early for the meeting which was called for that date, and as a result, the meeting has been changed to the afternoon of April 2. Inasmuch as the purpose of that meeting was primarily not in behalf of the New York City Campaign, but of the rest of the country, I am wondering why Mr. Willen did not take the trouble to consult me as co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal before he went to see the Governor. I am wondering whether you were consulted about this matter. I can readily understand that Mr. Willen has an interest in the matter because of the New York Campaign. I can also understand that there must be some valid reasons for postponing the meeting. What I cannot understand, is why the gentleman did not take the trouble to consult the national officers before assuming the responsibility of going to the Governor and making such a request.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 28, 1939

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
35 E. 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jonah:

I am scheduled to speak on the Message of Israel Hour on March 12 and 19. On March 19, I am to open the campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, in Boston. I am wondering whether arrangements should not be made now for me to broadcast my message from a station in Boston. Please let me know of these arrangements when made.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

HAS:BK

March 1, 1939

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
35 E. 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jonah:

Please disregard my letter of yesterday
regarding the broadcast in Boston.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 E. 62ND ST. • New York, N. Y.

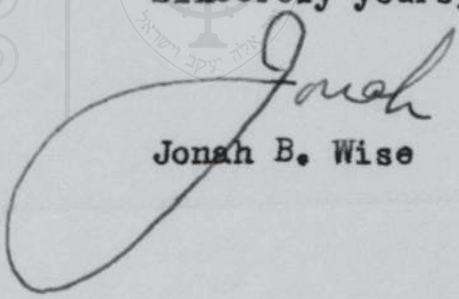
March 7, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Ab:

Thanks for your kind telegram about my address.
Personally, whenever I listen to myself speak,
I feel that I am not getting any place with what
I have to say. I am glad, however, that you
were kind enough to speak well of it.

Sincerely yours,



Jonah B. Wise

JBW:LG

March 12, 1939

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
35 E. 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jonah:

I am enclosing herewith the manuscript which represents the final draft of the address which I delivered last evening. In printing the address, please use this manuscript.

The announcer, last evening, at the close of the broadcast, stated that you would speak next Saturday. Is this correct? If not, the correction should be made. Please notify me at once as I must know when to prepare the address.

I would be glad to receive any letters which will come in as a result of the broadcast.

Please send me some copies of the address when printed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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DR. JONAH B. WISE
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
National Chairmen

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Committee in Formation

April , 1939

Mr. John Doe,
1 Main Street,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Friend:

You will be happy to know that the United Jewish Appeal has secured as members of the Allocations Committee the good offices of the following gentlemen:

Mr. Louis Kirstein, Boston
Rabbi Solomon Goldman, Chicago
Henry Ittleson, New York
Albert D. Lasker, Chicago
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland

It is needless for me to assure you that all of us concerned with the tremendous problem are delighted that these men have assumed this responsibility. There can be no doubt of the far-sighted judgment of this Committee and I, for one, feel that it will stimulate giving when it is known that the monies in excess of the pre-arranged allotments are to be at the complete disposal of so competent a group.

The task assumed by these gentlemen is a very heavy one. It will undoubtedly involve a great deal of careful study of the details, of the finances and of the activities of the three organizations involved. I am sure that we owe these men our thanks for their self-sacrifice. I want you to know of their acceptance of this important position in order that you can advise all those who are concerned with our problem that the monies will be in the hands of such well qualified trustees.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

JBW:LG

Jonah B. Wise
National Chairman.

April 13, 1939

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

My dear Jonah:

From a few sources I have been hearing that the New York Campaign does not seem to be moving along as well as we had expected and that Mr. Willen, himself, seems to be of the opinion that we must reconcile ourselves to a fifty or sixty percent of the goal set for New York City.

I had thought that the New York meeting which was in many ways so heartening, almost insured the complete success of the Ten Million Dollar drive in New York City and that the Federation machinery would carry through the campaign to a complete success. What is wrong? We who represent the national leadership of the United Jewish Appeal have been content to allow the City of New York full autonomy in the conduct of its Campaign, but clearly we cannot stand idly by and see the national campaign wrecked through the failure of New York City. Ought we not to get together before it is too late, to examine the reasons why the New York Campaign is not moving along as well as it should? Perhaps something can still be done about it. I understand that New York City has not yet attained even two million dollars in spite of the three million dollars which was announced at the Harmonie Club meeting.

I am coming to New York on April 27. Ought we not to get together with three or four of the leaders of the New York campaign on that day and make a frank and thorough canvass of the situation?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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

ON BEHALF OF
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Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
National Chairmen

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 14, 1939

Committee in Formation

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Ab:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter which I have drafted and which will be sent to the list of our leaders throughout the country. Inasmuch as you are a member of the Committee, I thought it best to sign the letter alone as you may feel some diffidence in putting your signature to the sentiments expressed.

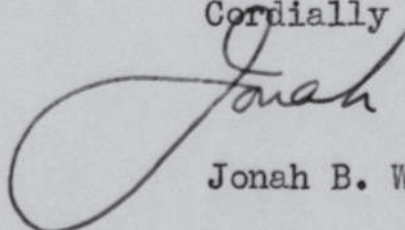
In regard to the Greater New York campaign, I wish to tell you that I am by no means in agreement with the idea that it is not going along well. The initial gifts have started the kind of giving which is unknown in the history of giving here whether for Federation or any other cause. Yesterday we had a meeting of some forty or fifty of the most prominent men in New York at the home of Mr. Henry Ittleson. At that meeting every possible big giver was assigned to an individual for the purpose of bringing him to another meeting where we hope to secure his subscription. I was pleased to see at this meeting people whom we have never been able to interest, including Percy Straus and a number of other persons.

The Women's Division has enrolled 2,500 workers which is far in excess of anything that has ever been done by any organization in New York. The Trades Division has extended far beyond any Federation Trade program and we are busy with luncheons, dinners and other types of meetings.

I don't know where you got your information about the New York City campaign but I am quite sure that from the mechanical standpoint the work is being done in a way far better than it has ever been attempted in this community. I shall, of course, be happy to see you on April 27th and by that time you may have fairly competent news about the progress of the campaign here. If you will let me know the source of your information about Mr. Willen, I shall be very happy to talk to the gentlemen you suggest. I realize that it is entirely possible that Mr. Willen may have told some people in a more pessimistic mood that 50% or 60% of the goal was all that could be realized but from what I see here, 50% is already assured and 60% is now within sight - and the campaign is hardly under way.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Jonah B. Wise

JBW:LG

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P. S. Please wire me at 342 Madison Avenue that the drafted letter regarding the Allocations Committee meets with your approval. It will be mailed out as soon as I hear from you.

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April 19, 1939

Rabbi Jonah Wise
342 Madison Ave
New York, N. Y.

The letter which you plan to send out concerning the allocations committee is entirely satisfactory. Kindest regards.

A. H. Silver

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April 20, 1939

Dr. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

You will be happy to know that the United Jewish Appeal has secured as members of the Allocations Committee the good offices of the following gentlemen:

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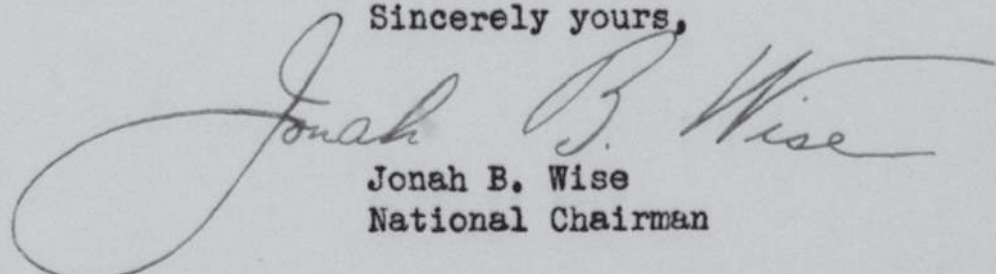
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and officers

It is needless for me to assure you that all of us concerned with the tremendous problem are delighted that these men have assumed this responsibility. There can be no doubt of the far-sighted judgment of this Committee and I, for one, feel that it will stimulate giving when it is known that the monies in excess of the pre-arranged allotments are to be at the complete disposal of so competent a group.

The task assumed by these gentlemen is a very heavy one. It will undoubtedly involve a great deal of careful study of the details, of the finances and of the activities of the three organizations involved. I am sure that we owe these men our thanks for their self-sacrifice. I want you to know of their acceptance of this important position in order that you can advise all those who are concerned with our problem that the monies will be in the hands of such well qualified trustees.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Jonah B. Wise
National Chairman

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

April 21, 1939

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

My dear Jonah:

Dr. Rustan Vambéry, an eminent Hungarian figure, son of the famous Arminius Vambéry, non-Aryan, but of Jewish extraction, was in to see me. He has been addressing important meetings throughout the United States. I suggested that he call to see you in New York. I feel that you would be happy to meet him. He may prove of some help to us in our campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 21, 1939

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

My dear Jonah:

I would appreciate it if you would
send me the "fan mail" which came in following
my two addresses on the Message of Israel Hour.
I should like to look through them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 27, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

All the letters which came in requesting copies of your sermons on the "Message of Israel" were answered by the United Jewish Appeal office. I have asked them to forward your letters to you, so you ought to receive them within a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Elsa Wise

Secretary

May 3, 1939

Mr. Leon Nelson
1128 Mutual Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Leon:

You will be happy to know that we are being tremendously helped and encouraged by the participation of every community leader in the United States, in the work of the United Jewish Appeal. All of them, including my own self, are reconciled to the Palestine situation as it means at least temporary relief for thousands of our miserably persecuted, homeless, and wretched brethren. It took me a long time to get around to forgiving our Zionist friends but I daresay all of us, if we have not done so by now, will do so by tomorrow - at least to the extent of helping the present Palestine problem.

I do not think I need emphasize to you what a terrible calamity it is if any one person of the slightest prominence stands outside and does not take full share in the program of today. We Jews are damned and cursed by individuals who are fully protected by the police and laws of libel and personal injury can cripple all our community endeavors. I have one or two persons here that I would like to turn over to you for a sound beating.

I understand that Beck is coming to Richmond and I would love to see her. Just in passing - I can hear Roscoe roaring like a Bull of Bashan against people who do not do their share.

Please let me know what is going on in Richmond as I am eager to have all the information possible. I am working very hard and as you know, I hate work like the devil hates holy water.

With kindest regards to you and your wife, I am

Sincerely yours,

JB:SB

Jonah B. Wise

CC: Mr. William B. Thalheimer, Richmond, Va.
Mr. Isidor Coons
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver ✓