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April 18th, 1939.

Rabbi Hillel Silver,
Chairman, United Palestine Appeal,
Jewish National Fund Offices,
New York.

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Now that my visit to America is over, I feel it my duty to give you my impressions of my activities there as a delegate to the United Palestine Appeal on behalf of the Keren Hayesod and the Zionist Executive.

Before beginning my impressions, I wish to state a few facts about the manner in which I came to make the trip to America. In the party to which I belong -- the Labour Party of Palestine -- there has been special importance attached to the visits of delegates from Palestine to the Diaspora. And of still greater importance do they consider these visits when the delegates are people who are personally engaged in labour there, and possess a vast knowledge and experience through their actual contact with the work and life in Eretz Israel.

It is for this reason that year by year we send out our members as delegates to every part of the world. This puts a great strain on us. Most of the delegates come from kvutzoth and moshavim where they are engaged in responsible work, and fulfill important public duties in Palestine. It is not easy for them to leave the country, especially under present circumstances. Yet all those who are given the task of being delegates, respond to the call of the Movement because they are aware of the seriousness of the times, and because of their concern for the opportunities which are slipping by, and the great danger which they feel is imminent if those opportunities are not grasped now.

It is this concern which we wish to transmit to the Diaspora and to ask the Jewish masses to work together with us in the urgent and serious task which faces us. The whole Zionist Movement is now convinced with the necessity of such delegates.

At the Conference of the Keren Kayemeth which took place last year at Antwerp, it was evident to all that the voice of Palestine, heard from someone actually participating in every phase of its life, is bound to have a greater influence

than all the usual propaganda speeches used by our Movement. All those present at the Conference urged that a big Yishub delegation should be appointed to different countries, especially to America. Then and there, members of the Executive, among them Rabbi Shlomo Goldman, came to me with the proposal that I should go to America.

In November, the meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee took place in London. There they discussed more definitely the question of the delegation. The proposal was supported by the representatives of all parties, and a definite resolution was taken on the matter. The American delegates wished to discuss with their members in America the size of the delegation, its composition, and the time of its arrival. But they too requested that I should go to America at the end of December, or the beginning of January, in order to enable me to participate in the Washington Conference.

I was naive enough to think that I would be the first of a great delegation which would come after me, and I accepted. On the 23rd of December I arrived in New York, and was met at the Dock by representatives of the United Palestine Appeal. I had had reason to believe that my coming was desired by these men, upon whom I had to rely. But what was my astonishment when Mr. Montor asked me at the time, how long I was going to stay in America. I did not know what to answer. In all my former visits to the Gewerkshafte, to Keren Kayemeth, I was used to struggling in order to shorten the time of my stay, and this time I was asked, as if it were a matter for me alone to decide, the duration of my stay! But Mr. Montor relieved me of the embarrassment of a reply by stating that I was to remain in America for two months. Personally, it was an agreeable surprise for me. "After two months, I shall be able to return home", I thought, while still wondering at such remarks. It was very funny. Very strange. Was it possible that there was no more than two months work in America? I asked for a detailed program of my activities. Such a program did not exist. All my requests were answered with "Washington". The appearance there was important. No appearance until Washington?

The Conference at Washington passed. At the Conference, delegates from various towns invited me to visit them. But in the United Palestine Appeal offices, there was no program. They did not know what to do with me. Mr. Montor, who at first declined, or made it very difficult for me to go to any meetings except those of the P.A., was very glad afterwards, when I was asked to attend different meetings.

During the two months when I was engaged on the U.P.A., I attended 64 meetings, 10 of them on behalf of the U.P.A. and all the rest meetings arranged by the Gewerkschaften, Poale Zion,

Keren Kayemeth, Zionist Organisation, Hebrew Teachers, etc. Most of the meetings were incidental, disorganised, as if they had to supply work for one unemployed...

A special chapter is my visit to the Landsmannschaften which were arranged by Mr. S. Goldstein of the U.P.A. How many insults did I get at these meetings! I was delegated to the meetings of these societies. Nobody accompanied me. The meetings were not held because of my visit, but at the time of the usual business meeting, the "delegate", whom neither the chairman, nor the public knew, made his appearance. At all these places, I was asked for credentials, and I had to wait behind the door until they finished their business...

Thus were my visits to these societies arranged.

Was it for meetings such as these that I had to leave Palestine in the year 1939? Was it really impossible to exploit my visit in any other way? In 1937 I was in America on behalf of the Gewerkschaften and in exactly the same space of time -- two and a half months -- I attended 98 meetings (this time 64), these arranged in order and systematically. Why was I a burden this time on the institution to which I was delegated by the highest authority of the Zionist Organisation?

Mr. Montor used to tell me that it was difficult to arrange meetings in Yiddish; one had to know English, he said. I know how important it is to know English in America, but I don't acknowledge the correctness of this decision. There are enough people in America who still understand Yiddish, especially in the big towns. In Chicago I spoke in Rabbi Shlomo Goldman's Synagogue before a public of 1,400 people. Rabbi Goldman afterwards translated my speech into English, and the public listened with deep interest. It was the same in many other places and these meetings before an American public were very successful. If Mr. Montor was right, the question occurs to me, why did they not exploit the presence in America of Lady Reading? She speaks English. In the one mass meeting that was arranged for her at Cooper Union in New York, she enthused the public, electrified all those who heard her. Why did they not arrange such meetings for her in other towns, and in New York? On this question, I received an answer from you, Rabbi Silver. When we met in Cleveland, I asked you these questions, and you answered "We don't need propaganda. We have too much propaganda."

Is this really the case? Too much Zionist propaganda in America? Are you in touch with the great masses? To whom do you speak at the meetings of the "United Drive"? To the masses? The banquets for the upper circles, those from whom you can get the largest amounts, -- do you think that from them only, and their money, will come our salvation?

At the same time you also told me that it was up to the leaders at Fifth Avenue to take care of propaganda. I do not remember if you mentioned names, but I knew whom you had in mind. They at Fifth Avenue should take care of Zionist propaganda, and you should take care of the Palestine Appeal. Can those two be divided? Is it possible to divide between Keren Kayemeth, Keren Hayesod and Zionism? And I am very much afraid of this division which exists in America, and which is bound to be intensified when you unite with the Joint.

The United Campaign will succeed this year, but what strength have we got in this United Appeal? What place is Zionism taking in it? The managers and directors of this Appeal are others. Those who are up to now have kept themselves apart from Zionism, and who understand the whole matter of Palestine as a "relief" to the unhappy refugees, and not more. This appeal has one slogan "Refugees, refugees, refugees!" Zionism, the redemption of the people of Israel in his own country, there is no sign of any of this in all this financial activity. The people of the Joint have the voice in this appeal, and not the Zionists.

It seems to me that in these circumstances, the Zionists had to value even more highly Zionist propaganda. Because we have something to say to these estranged Jews. In some places I had occasional talks with the people of the Welfare. I was convinced that my words had influence. They are estranged, they are far from us, they don't know anything. But when you tell them about the facts of Palestine, they understand, because they are people who are capable of understanding such facts. The United Palestine Appeal will succeed this year. The Appeal of the Gewerkschaften will succeed also, and the Haddassah Appeal too. In spite of this we, the Palestine delegates are not satisfied with all these results. We who see the needs of Palestine today are not satisfied, because all the money from all the appeals together is not enough to acquire land for settlement and for Haganah and for work. Palestine needs far greater sums.

Is it really impossible to obtain greater sums in America? It is possible! I take the liberty of saying it with certainty. I have been in America five times, and I have visited tens of towns, and met thousands of people, and I consider it possible. But for that you must free yourselves from the convention of routine. You must seek additional ways to get the necessary funds. It is possible to get a loan for the Keren Kayemeth; it is possible to get a greater national loan. But first you must free yourself from the fixed framework, and if necessary, from the shackles of the Joint. We will try to explain to them and to convince them that the loan which should be founded on a commercial basis, cannot disturb the campaign, and if they do not agree, we will leave them and continue our work without them. I do not think, however, that it would come to this. They will see it our way.

For a large popular activity, Zionist propaganda is needed on a much broader scale than now exists. A big delegation is needed which will be spread to every corner of America. English and Yiddish speakers from Palestine should come to each town and to every place where Jews are to be found, and appeal for the great effort essential in this serious and critical moment in the fate of our work.

While making this call for financial aid, large scale propaganda should be carried on. These two cannot be separated. They are not matters for two individual departments, as Zionism is not separated from Keren Kayemeth - land purchase; Keren Hayesod - settlement. It is for this reason that I consider so important the different financial campaigns in America. The activity of the Gewerkschaften is very important in America, not only because of the sums they raise, but because they bring the Zionist ideal to the masses. To those masses who were estranged before to Zionism and to nationalism. The activity of Hadassah, which brings closer the American women to the work in Palestine, is very important. The activity of the League of Chalutzim is very important too, as are all those groups which bring the voice of Palestine to the masses. Because Palestine will not be built by individuals. Only by the masses of our people, rich and poor. Please let all those help who can and will bring funds for Palestine, even if they work outside the United Palestine Appeal. Let them work, and let us hope that they succeed. Let us not be confined by narrow boundaries. Let us take a broader view. Palestine needs space and breadth of vision.

I am very sorry that I was not made use of as much as I should have been during my recent visit. I know that Mr. Montor valued my appearance at the meetings. He expressed this in his letters and to me more than once. What I have written is not caused by any sense of personal grievance, but is an appeal for a change of attitude and of values in Zionist work in America. A big delegation to America is the requirement of the hour, and I hope that it will be able to work under better circumstances than I experienced.

I hope that you will give serious consideration to my suggestions which are made only with a view to overcoming certain shortcomings which have come to my attention.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Baratz
Joseph Baratz.

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September 27th, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In Mr. Montor's absence from the city, but nevertheless at his behest, I am writing to relay to you a request made by Mrs. Rose Jacobs which she wished to have transmitted to you.

There are at present in this country a Mrs. Cass of Palestine and an American by the name of Mr. Zaifert, both of whom have been doing a considerable amount of work for the Gmilleth Chesed in Tel Aviv. It is Mrs. Jacobs' belief that what they have been doing is good, and she feels that you ought to meet with them so that they may give you a first hand accounting with respect to their plans. Mrs. Jacobs therefore asks that we secure an appointment, and says that both Mrs. Cass and Mr. Zaifert would endeavor to meet your best convenience.

If you will be good enough to let me know what kind of appointment you can give them, I shall be glad to follow through. If you prefer to communicate with Mrs. Jacobs, her address is 201 West 77th Street, New York City.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I

am

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Behrman
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Miss Sarah Behrman
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Behrman:

In reply to your letter of September 27,
I do not know when I will be in New York next so
that I cannot set any time for meeting Mrs. Cass
and Mr. Zaifert concerning whom you wrote to me.
I would suggest that you make an appointment for
them with Mr. Montor who will then write me
about what they have in mind.

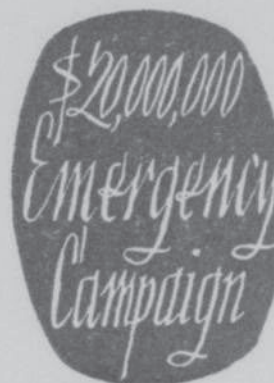
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am glad to advise you that arrangements for this year's "Night of Stars" are proceeding satisfactorily and that the advance sale of tickets indicates a complete sell-out.

However, I must report that we will suffer a substantial loss in the sale of advertising for our Year Book due to the fact that the "Palestine Book", published by the Palestine Pavilion, has obtained many advertisements from our annual advertisers who were under the impression that they were buying space in our Year Book. We therefore must make certain that the Palestine Pavilion does not issue any publication next year for the purpose of soliciting advertising.

I wish you could find it possible to attend the "Night of Stars" this year. It will be a novel and relaxing experience for you to be in the audience instead of on the platform. Please let me know whether you can come so that we may reserve place for you in the official box.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
Director

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Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
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Dear Mr. Montor:

I believe that in order to avoid any possible misunderstanding I ought to confirm in writing the information which I requested from you on behalf of the Allocations Committee, as follows:

1. Complete Detailed audits for the last three years
for the Jewish Agency
Complete Detailed audits for the last three years
for the Keren Hayesod
Complete Detailed audits for the last three years
for the Keren Kayemeth
Complete Detailed audits for the last three years
for the Zionist Organization of America.

You will remember that in our conversation I recognized that the audits for the first three mentioned organizations will not have been completed as of September 30, 1939, but they probably are available for the period ending September 30, 1938, so that we undoubtedly can get the complete detailed audits for the years ending September 30, 1936, 1937, and 1938. In addition, we will want whatever audited figures are available for interim periods. It is possible that there may be some audit as of March 1939 for the six months period. If so, we would like to obtain this information.

2. In addition thereto, we requested detailed budgets for all of the above mentioned organizations for the period September 30th, 1938, to October 1st, 1939. I requested the same information for the period September 30, 1939 to October 1, 1940, as adopted in August in Geneva. In the case of the Zionist Organization of America we would like to have the budgets for both years, as officially adopted.

3. Since I assume the audit for the year ending September 30, 1939 is not at the moment available, I would like to secure a specific statement from you with regard to the Jewish Agency, the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth reciting the loans made by these organizations during that year and the amount repaid on earlier loans by each of these organizations during the same period. I suggest that you break down these loans giving the amount of the loan originally incurred, to whom, the amount

still unpaid, the annual principal payment which must be paid each year and the annual amount due for interest.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours cordially
(signed) James H. Becker



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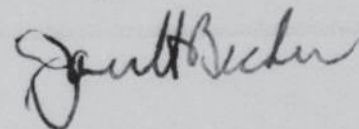
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of the Minutes of the Meeting of the
Allocations Committee which was held on
Monday, October 30th.

I believe I have covered
the important points which were taken up at
this meeting, but in case you feel that I have
omitted or have stated anything incorrectly
please advise me.

regards, I am

With kindest personal

Yours cordially,



JHB:ELC

November 28, 1939

The Honorable Louis D. Brandeis
Florence Court, West
Washington, D.C.

My dear Friend:

6 The United Palestine Appeal will hold its Annual Conference in Washington on January 5th and 6th, 1940. It is our hope to report a very successful year of achievement. Dr. Chaim Weizmann is planning to arrive in the United States in time to attend this Conference. It is our intention to invite some outstanding representatives of our government to attend some of the sessions of the Conference.

The principal session will be held on Sunday noon, January 6th. It would give us all great pleasure if you would grace the occasion by attending the luncheon and occupy a place at the Speakers Table. We will not call upon you to speak unless you wish to. I believe that at this critical time in the history of our movement, your presence at this important rally which will bring together more than a thousand delegates from all parts of the country, would be a great stimulus and inspiration.

With all good wishes, and trusting that you are well, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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December 12, 1939

Mr. Paul Baerwald
120 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD DESIGNATE THE TIME FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE. THE YEAR IS FAST DRAWING TO A CLOSE. PLANS SHOULD GO FORWARD FOR NEXT YEAR. THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL HOLDS ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY. DEFINITE PLANS SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED AT THAT TIME. I AM FREE TO COME TO NEW YORK MONDAY EVENING THE EIGHTEENTH OR THURSDAY EVENING THE TWENTY-FIRST. KINDEST REGARDS

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

WESTERN UNION

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December 12 1939

Paul Baerwald
120 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD DESIGNATE THE TIME FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE. THE YEAR IS FAST DRAWING TO A CLOSE. PLANS SHOULD GO FORWARD FOR NEXT YEAR. THE UPA HOLDS ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY. DEFINITE PLANS SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED AT THAT TIME. I AM FREE TO COME TO NEW YORK MONDAY EVENING THE EIGHTEENTH OR THURSDAY EVENING THE TWENTY-FIRST. KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

1049A

DLR THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND AMSEL RD CLEVE=

THANKS FOR GIVING ME YOUR DATES HOPE TO WIRE YOU LATER
IN DAY JUST WHAT CAN BE ARRANGED REGARDS=

PAUL BAERWALD.

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10514 EUCLID AVE.
GARFIELD 5044

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Form 18

J 161 21= ZR NEWYORK NY 13 805P
RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=
246 E 105TH ST=

1939 DEC 13 PM 9 33

UNDERSTAND MEETING ARRANGED MONDAY AFTERNOON DECEMBER
EIGHTEENTH WITH REPRESENTATIVES WELFARE FUND COMMUNITIES
DESIGNATED BY COUNCIL TOGETHER WITH OUR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES
REGARDS=

PAUL BAERWALD.

WRHS



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,RXK42 14=PLFZ NEWYORK NY 20 1247P

1939 DEC 20 PM 1 11

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD=

THANKS YOUR TELEGRAM HOPE WIRING YOU NOT LATER THAN TOMORROW
DEFINITE DATE KIND REGARDS=

PAUL BAERWALD.



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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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December 20, 1939

Mr. Paul Baerwald
120 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR UNDERSTANDING LAST MONDAY A COMMITTEE OF THREE OF THE UPA WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET A SIMILAR COMMITTEE OF THE JDC AND OF THE COUNCIL OF FEDERATIONS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AT YOUR CONVENIENCE SOME DAY NEXT WEEK. WE SUGGEST THE AFTERNOON OR EVENING OF TUESDAY OR THURSDAY. PLEASE WIRE REPLY. KINDEST REGARDS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
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December 21, 1939

Samuel Blitz
UJA
200 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

WRHS



REPLYING YOUR WIRE I CONSENT TO EXECUTION OF LEASE BY UJA FOR PREMISES 261 FIFTH AVENUE OR ELSEWHERE FOR NEW YORK CITY CAMPAIGN

Abba Hillel Silver

(collect)

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L25 21=LY NEWYORK NY 21 1156A

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL ROAD=

OUR COMMITTEE GLAD MEET YOU AND COMMITTEE TUESDAY DECEMBER TWENTY
SIXTH EIGHT PM HOPE THIS IS CONVENIENT AT 342 MADISOM AVENUE=

PAUL BAERWALD.

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Samuel Blitz
200 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

REGRET CANNOT AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF NEW LEASE UNTIL THERE IS DEFINITE AGREEMENT FOR UJA CAMPAIGN 1940. WILL PROBABLY KNOW BY NEXT TUESDAY. KINDEST REGARDS

A H Silver

(Collect)

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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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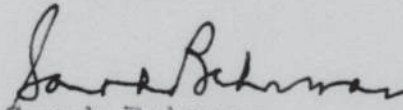
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with the request of
Mr. Emanuel Neumann, I am sending you herewith
a copy of a biographic sketch and a photograph
of him for your use in connection with his
visit to your city.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Sarah Behrman

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER= 2 EAST 105 ST

PLEASE FORWARD THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

WEDNESDAY EVENING IS QUITE POSSIBLE. WILL LET YOU KNOW
DEFINITELY TUESDAY MORNING. REGARDS=

PAUL BAERWALD.

THERE IS NO DEPENDABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR WESTERN UNION TIME

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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KHW232 19 4 EXTRA=DUPLICATE OF TELEPHONED TELEGRAM= NI

RABBI ABBE HILLEL SILVER=

NEWYORK NY 31 1149A

DLR 246 EAST 105 ST CLEVE=

WEDNESDAY EVENING IS ACCEPTABLE TO US WE WILL NOTIFY
COUNCIL OF FEDERATIONS HAPPY NEW YEAR=

PAUL BAERWALD.

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HW227 14= TU NEWYORK NY 16 611P

1940 JAN 16 PM 6 41

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER= 2 E 105 ST

THE TENPLE EAST 105 ST & ANSET RD CLEVE=

DISCUSSIONS OUR NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE CONTINUING. WILL BE
IN POSITION GIVE YOU DECISION END WEEK=

:PAUL BAERWALD.

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

1940 JAN 15 PM 10 48

THE TEMPLE ANSEL RD CLVD OHIO=

WE STRONGLY URGE THAT JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY BE INCLUDED IN
1940 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL IN INTEREST OF THE VERY PURPOSE AND
OBJECTIVES OF SUCH COMBINED CAMPAIGN FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE
PARTICULARLY IF OTHER THAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE UNITED
PALESTINE APPEAL AND NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE ARE INCLUDED.
PLEASE BE GOOD ENOUGH PRESENT THIS APPEAL TO NEXT JOINT MEETING
AND TO COOPERATIE TOWARDS SUCH END=

GEORGE BACKER PRES JACOB BLAUSTEIN CHAIRMAN HAROLD
GUINZBURG VICECHAIRMAN.

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2.500

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989P

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36000
15000

31 1/4

2 1/120

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3.125

31 1/4

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3.175

31 3/4

3.330

175 / 2 = 87.500
600000

6.825 = 68 1/4

3.175 = 31 3/4

6.800 = 68 -
3.200 = 32 -

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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January 16, 1940

Mr. Paul Baerwald
120 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM. THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT FOUR-THIRTY TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THE NINETEEN FORTY CAMPAIGN. IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU BY THEN WE WILL ASSUME THAT THERE WILL BE NO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL IN NINETEEN FORTY AND OUR COMMITTEE WILL TAKE ACTION ACCORDINGLY. KINDEST REGARDS

Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal

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1940 JAN 17 PM 8 10

ZR NEWYORK NY 17 714P
RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
EAST 105 ST AND ANSEL RD CLVD
RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE. YOUR PEREMPTORY WORDING DOES NOT HELP
ME VERY MUCH PERSONALLY. I TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE
AN AFTERNOON MEETING. REGARDS

PAUL BAERWALD..



TELEPHONED
825-P
1/17/40
Del. in am

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NA1065 109 NT 3 EXTRA=NEWYORK NY 26

JAN 26 PM 10 30

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE EAST 105TH ST AND ANSEL ROAD CLEVE=

WE EMPHATICALLY PROTEST AGAINST YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL EXCLUDING ORT, WHILE NEGOTIATIONS FOR OUR INCLUSION WERE STILL PENDING. WE FEEL THAT GOOD FAITH REQUIRED THAT YOU NOTIFY US OF YOUR DECISION BEFORE MAKING ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. IN VIEW OF JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE'S AGREEMENT TO RECOMMEND ORT'S INCLUSION, WE FEEL THAT WE WERE ENTITLED TO NOTICE OF ANY DECISION. WE KNOW FROM PAST EXPERIENCE THAT USE OF NAME UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CONVEYS IMPRESSION TO DONORS THAT WE ARE INCLUDED, THEREBY UNNECESSARILY INCREASING OUR DIFFICULTIES SHOULD A SEPARATE CAMPAIGN BE FORCED UPON US. IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION WE REPEAT OUR DEMAND FOR AN IMMEDIATE CONFERENCE=

LOUIS B BOUDIN CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE BOARD
AMERICAN ORT FEDERATION.

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American Ort Federation

CREATING A NEW OCCUPATIONAL EXISTENCE FOR THE REFUGEES AND MASSES OF EUROPEAN JEWS THROUGH THE VAST NETWORK OF TRADE SCHOOLS—FARM COLONIES—INDUSTRIAL WORKSHOPS AND FACTORIES COMPRISING THE ORT EMPIRE

212 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONE: ASHLAND 4-7454

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February 2, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Louis B. Boudin, Chairman of the Board of ORT, has just returned from the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and I want to transmit to you his report on the present status of the proposed inclusion of ORT in the United Jewish Appeal.

Negotiations reached the point where the J.D.C. agreed to recommend inclusion of ORT in the U.J.A. with a substantial allocation. But to date, ORT has not been included in the U.J.A., and will be compelled to undertake an independent campaign for 1940.

The reason, as explained at the General Assembly, is that the U.J.A. feels that the inclusion of ORT would not increase the sum total of funds to be raised by the U.J.A., and therefore the net result would be a diminution in the shares to be received by the agencies comprising the U.J.A. Indeed, regret was expressed that the merit and importance of ORT's work had to be made secondary to the test whether or not including ORT would be "profitable" to the U.J.A.

I am writing you at this time to say, believing in the work of ORT as all forward looking Jewish leaders do, you will make your own allocation to ORT from your budget for overseas relief. I know you will support the U.J.A., to the utmost, as we all must, but I ask you to bear in mind that ORT is not a participant in, or a beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal in any way whatsoever, and that it seeks your generous support in 1940 as an indispensable part of the overseas refugee program.

Cordially yours,

George Backer

George Backer,
President,

AMERICAN ORT FEDERATION.

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AMERICAN ORT FEDERATION

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Dear Mr.....

Mr. Louis B. Boudin, Chairman of the Board of Ort, has just returned from the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and I want to transmit to you his report on the present status of the proposed inclusion of Ort in the United Jewish Appeal.

Negotiations reached the point where the J.D.C. agreed to recommend inclusion of Ort in the U.J.A. with a substantial allocation. But to date, Ort has not been included in the U.J.A., and will be compelled to undertake an independent campaign for 1940.

The reason, as explained at the General Assembly, is that the U.J.A. feels that the inclusion of Ort would not increase the sum total of funds to be raised by the U.J.A., and therefore the net result would be a diminution in the shares to be received by the agencies comprising the U.J.A. Indeed, regret was expressed that the merit and importance of Ort's work had to be made secondary to the test whether or not including Ort would be "profitable" to the U.J.A.

I am writing you at this time to say, believing in the work of Ort as all forward looking Jewish leaders do, you will make your own allocation to Ort from your budget for overseas relief. I know you will support the U.J.A., to the utmost, as we all must, but I ask you to bear in mind that Ort is not a participant in, or a beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal in any way whatsoever, and that it seeks your generous support in 1940 as an indispensable part of the overseas refugee program.

Cordially yours

George Backer
President
AMERICAN ORT FEDERATION

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WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE YOU BEFORE THURSDAY MEETING.

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February 9, 1940

Mr. George Backer
New York Post
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Backer:

I owe you an apology for not keeping my appointment with you last evening. I am deeply chagrined. I was delayed at an important conference of the United Palestine Appeal and arrived much too late to meet you. I hope that you will forgive me. I do not get to New York very often, and when I do, they pile up a terrific amount of work for me.

I did have dinner with Mr. Landau, however, and we talked over the interests of the JTA. I hope that some satisfactory solution can be found.

Incidentally, I would like to call your attention to an error which was made in a letter which was sent out over your signature from the ORT. In this letter it is said: "Negotiations reached a point where the JDC agreed to recommend inclusion of ORT in the UJA with a substantial allocation." At the Executive Meeting of the UJA, last evening, I asked Mr. Hyman of the JDC and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise whether that was the case, and both stated categorically that at no time did the JDC agree to recommend the inclusion of ORT in the UJA. I call your attention to this fact because the UPA has, by implication, been put in the position of being the one organization which was thwarting the inclusion of the ORT in a united campaign. A formal letter explaining the position both of the JDC and of the UPA is being send to Mr. Sidney Hollander, president of the Council of Welfare Federations.

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

Most cordially yours,

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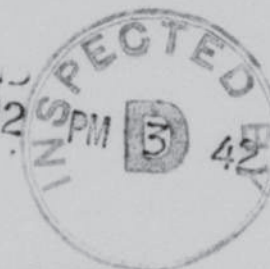
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Attention of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

Dear Sirs:

I have your letter of February 13th, and I am glad to accept the position as Co-Chairman. You are undertaking a difficult task as National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal for 1940 and you are entitled to the support of all those who understand the situation and of the many others who need to be educated for the good of their own souls to concern themselves with these situations.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) Paul Baewald

9 EAST 88TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

February 21, 1940

As you know, Dr. Chaim Weizmann has been in this country for the past few weeks and is planning to leave for Europe on March 6th. Edward Warburg, William Rosenwald and I are most anxious that, before sailing, he meet with a number of our community leaders and discuss the problems growing out of the situation overseas.

Will you join us at my home, 9 East 88th Street, on Monday, March 4th, at 9 P.M.

I am sure that on the basis of this informal discussion, each of us will be in a position to indicate the measure of his individual responsibility for the vast war-relief and refugee aid program for which funds are sought by the United Jewish Appeal.

I find it deeply moving to think how, in the face of all the disastrous events of the past few years, our community rose in each instance to meet the emergency with dignity and honor. I know the same feeling must move you, as we prepare today to cope with the great problems before us.

Please write me that you will be with us on March 4th.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Baerwald

Dr. Silver

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To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Samuel Blitz

March 5, 1940

We are planning a Brooklyn borough-wide dinner on Thursday evening, April 11th at the St. George Hotel. As we hope to have the leading contributors of Brooklyn present on this occasion, I trust that you will find it possible to accept this speaking engagement.



March 8, 1940

My dear Mr. Blitz:

Thank you for the Memo which you sent me about the Brooklyn Dinner on April 11th. I should like to know more about it. Just whom do you expect at this meeting, and how many? Will funds be raised at the meeting? What preparations will be made to insure the success of the meetings?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

March 13, 1940

Mr. Samuel Blitz
261 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Blitz:

I'm sorry about all the confusion. Have enclosed a copy of the letter which Rabbi Silver wrote to you on March 8th.

I wired to Rabbi Silver this morning. I trust that by this time the Brooklyn date has been satisfactorily arranged.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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March 14, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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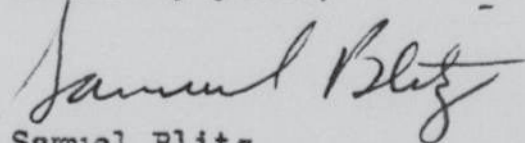
Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for accepting the Brooklyn engagement on Wednesday evening, April 17th. We expect to have about 200 of the leading Brooklyn contributors at the dinner which will be a fund-raising affair. To assure the success of the dinner, a number of parlor meetings will be held in advance and also a workers rally which will be addressed by Dr. Jonah B. Wise. We should be able to raise about \$100,000 at the dinner.

In accordance with your suggestion, we are calling a meeting of our officers on Monday, March 18th at 2:30 P.M. This is a bad day and a bad hour for the meeting but Montor advised me that you would be pleased to meet with as many people as could be gotten together. Mr. Warburg is not free for lunch and you will not be available later in the day as you have a UPA meeting at 4 o'clock. However, I am glad that you will have this opportunity to visit our headquarters and familiarize yourself with our campaign plans.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Samuel Blitz
Director

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March 22, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th St at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I understand that on February 7th after the first meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, Dr. Jonah Wise, Mr. Hyman and yourself discussed the J.T.A. problem, and that you and the other two gentlemen intimated a willingness to make a grant to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

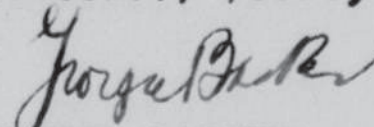
We are about to launch the Overseas News Agency. Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope has, together with Mr. William Allen White, taken the initiative to form the Board of the O.N.A. and they have already secured the consent of Henrik Willem van Loon, Dr. Robert Gannon, president of Fordham University, Dr. Wm. Jay Schieffelin, and Dr. Aydelotte, president of Swarthmore College, to serve on the Board.

However, not only are the funds which are required for the O.N.A. inadequate, but the J.T.A. regular activities are severely handicapped by the lack of funds. Certainly I do not need to point out to what extent the war has affected the J.T.A. Traveling expenses, living costs, cable tolls have very considerably risen, quite apart from the fact that a competent American newspaper man must be stationed in every important center as we can no longer rely on local correspondents.

I understand from Mr. Landau that when he saw you a few days ago that you thought that the New York Appeal would make a grant to the J.T.A., but we have been advised by Mr. Edward Warburg that our request for a grant has been turned down by the Executive Committee of the New York Appeal.

It would be greatly appreciated if the National United Jewish Appeal would see its way to make a generous contribution to the J.T.A.

Sincerely yours,



GEORGE BACKER,
President

GB:F

March 25, 1940

Mr. Samuel Blitz
United Jewish Appeal
261 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Blitz:

Let me thank you for your letter of March 14. I note that you write that we expect about two hundred of the leading Brooklyn contributors at the dinner on April 17. Why are you limiting the attendance to such a small number? Why don't you invite the folks who gave, last year, five hundred, and two hundred fifty, and even one hundred dollars, and count on the inspiration of the evening to persuade these folks to increase their gifts two and three and four-fold? May I also suggest that you do not repeat the mistake of the New York meeting which I addressed. If these people come with their pledges already made out and recorded, there is very little prospect of getting them to increase their contributions at the meeting. All that is necessary for a successful money-raising meeting is to have a half dozen bellwether givers whose contributions will be substantially greater than last year, and will inspire others to greater giving. Instead of arranging for a meeting of two hundred, try to arrange for a meeting of a thousand.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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March 26, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of March 25th and note your suggestions for the Brooklyn dinner which you will address on April 17th.

Mr. Zeldin, who is in charge of the arrangements for the dinner, assures me that 1000 people will be invited to attend but knowing that we insist on the most conservative advance estimates, he promised an attendance of only 200. He pointed out that about 2000 people were invited to the Governor Lehman meeting last year and only 300 were present. Although every Brooklyn contributor of \$100 and over will be invited, the list must be limited to 1000 as most Brooklyn contributors are reached through the trades and it would therefore serve no purpose to invite them to the Brooklyn dinner.

As the campaign in the boroughs is supplementary to the campaign in the trades, the results obtained from the Brooklyn borough campaign does not indicate all of Brooklyn's support to the campaign. As a matter of fact, the borough campaigns realize less than a fourth of the total contributions in the city.

The Brooklyn dinner on April 17th will be followed up by several other sectional dinners in Eastern Parkway, etc. Our experience has proven that better results are obtained from a series of such local affairs. However, in accordance with your wishes, all prospective contributors of \$100 and over from all sections of Brooklyn who are not reached through the trades will be invited to the dinner on April 17th and every effort will be made to secure a maximum attendance.

We are waiting to hear from you regarding the Rabbinical meeting on April 17th or 18th and the Bronx dinner for which I have submitted to you several alternate dates.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
Samuel Blitz
Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

As wired you yesterday, the Brooklyn dinner cannot successfully be held on April 17th due to a dinner being given that night to the publisher of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle which would prevent the attendance of a number of big givers. We have therefore decided to hold the dinner on the following evening, April 18th. I knew that you were not available on this date but our Brooklyn people feel that perhaps a change in circumstances may make it possible for you to attend. We are waiting to hear from you.

Mr. Kadis, who is in charge of our Amusement Division, informs me that Mr. David Bernstein of MGM is eager to have you address their group again this year. We are awaiting the return from the South of Albert Warner and other theatrical leaders and will probably hold the amusement dinner the latter part of May.

In order that a maximum amount may be obtained from the Amusement Division, perhaps we ought to refrain from obtaining advance gifts until you could meet with a small group of leaders and make their personal contributions a condition of your acceptance to speak at their dinner. Would you be willing to meet Mr. Bernstein and several other amusement leaders for lunch on your next visit to New York?

We sent you, under separate cover, copies of our New York literature which I hope meets with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
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April 10, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sorry that I had to leave the meeting of the UPA Executive Committee on Wednesday as I had an important appointment at the UJA office.

Mr. David Bernstein wishes to have the dinner of the Amusement Division on any of the following dates best suiting your convenience: Tuesday, May 21st, Thursday, May 23rd, Tuesday, May 28th. X-

I am waiting to hear from you regarding the dinner of the Notions Division on Thursday evening, May 16th. Will you also be available on Wednesday evening, May 15th for the dinner of the Shirt Division which is headed by Mr. Abraham L. Liebovitz. This dinner, as well as the dinner of the Notions Division, should raise between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Arrangements are proceeding satisfactorily for the Bronx dinner on Wednesday evening, May 8th at which you are scheduled to speak. Mr. Monroe Goldwater, Chairman of the Bronx Division, is doing a good job in that borough.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz

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Director

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JOSEPH BANK, M. D.
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April
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My dear Dr. Silver,

It well may be that I should have written you an informal, discursive type of letter many months ago on my return from Palestine. Mrs. Bank and I went to Europe in August with every intention of attending the Zionist Congress. But with crowded bookings and little chance of getting our choice of passage on the Mediterranean on time, we decided to forego the Congress---luckily---and arrived in Palestine on Sept. 1st, the day war was declared!

Our experiences were varied and piquant to put it mildly, as far as Mediterranean travel and black-outs were concerned. The Palestine visit, however, was the final bit of experience that more than justified my fondest hopes and dreams. Seeing with my own eyes was a tonic, and will prove an impetus to many more years of activity. More than ever, my convictions have been bolstered by what I heard and saw.

Since coming home, Mrs. Bank and I have availed ourselves of every opportunity to speak before Jewish and Gentile organizations. I have addressed several church groups in Phoenix, and Mrs. Bank has spoken before the Womans' Club and YWCA. This week just past, I went to Tucson where I spoke before some 250 people comprising Jewish students at the State University, fellow Zionists and B'nai Brith, and several non-Jewish college professors. Mrs. Bank spoke at the Friday night services of one of the Los Angeles temples the week we came in for conferences with Mr. Montor.

All this I tell you as a prelude to the week-end devoted to U.P.A. activities in Los Angeles,--and to an enlarged program. It was a pleasure to meet Mr. Montor after my correspondence with him, and find him capable and forward-looking, with a real appreciation of the problems of the West and Southwest. For we here have consistently, and I feel justifiably, maintained that our problems differ from those of the East to a great extent. Already we find more intensive spade work intellectually is needed in these isolated (and isolationist!) communities, if U.P.A. in general and Zionist activities are not to experience the law of diminishing returns.

Since I have been in the West these past five years, metaphorically, I have tried to keep my finger on the pulse of the general Jewish public, and I find that unless our compatriots make headline news, the various drives fall far short. The reason is the lack of education which would give a knowledge of the need and implement generosity, apart from immediate fund raising.

The recent meeting of two Sundays ago at Sinai Temple for the U.P.A. where the Educational Committee put on its first trial program was a source of satisfaction, to me. I was present the year before at the inception of the group. It showed how much could be done to raise a group of understanding supporters and leaders in that short space.

Mr. Montor will bring to you his views and reactions. May I give you my impressions. Largely the work finds its present direction and en-

thusiasm in Mrs. Edward Auslander, who has been unstinting of time, money, and intellect in furthering the program. With her has worked the Junior Division Council of Los Angeles, made up of some sixty constituent youth organizations, as Avukah, Jr. Madassah, etc.

As an example of possible scope and techniques, the meeting opened with the singing of Palestine songs by a young choral group led by a Palestine girl. Then came a visual presentation, slide-method, of the activities of youth in Palestine, ranging from the child in cradle thru Youth Aliyah. As the slides flashed on the screen, Mrs. Auslander read from the script, the account of her recent trip to Palestine, timed to explain each slide. A floating exhibit of this can be made either by recording Mrs. Auslander's voice on records to be sent with the slides, or a script to be read, for the appeal is nation-wide, distinctly up-to-date and excellent approach.

The next presentation was dramatic to illustrate another educational approach. Two one act playlets by the Junior Division, done in the Rheinhardt manner, against symbolic backdrops showed the gloomy side of the picture, and the bright one. The first showed the eviction of the Jews, broken, impoverished, chanting the statistics of their struggle with Hitler in traditional manner. The tempo and cumulative effective was tremendous. The stage resembled a Hal or Rembrandt, the sound was of wind wailing. The second playlet showed Youth Aliyah in Palestine, the backdrop and lights flooding the stage with color, the group swinging implements of toil, not chanting but singing out the statistics of success in farming, colonies, lives saved. The brevity and beauty of each skit was remarkable, as Mr. Montor doubtless told you.

The final exhibit was a series of booths, with photomontage cut-outs from magazines, prints, articles depicting the whole scope of Palestine life. These were culled by the youths from material Mrs. Auslander carted thru Europe with her or they gathered first hand themselves. For traditional interest there were holiday exhibits, torahs, etc. Hundreds stopped to see these pictures mounted on the booths.

Frankly, this trial at different techniques justifies my earlier conviction we need education apart from platform speakers to increase knowledge and enthusiasm for the Zionist cause. The participation method is the only valid, lasting one, for in the solution of its own problems it brings self-growth, as shown in the participants of the Educational Committee.

I feel now, the time has ~~f~~ come for a step further. In the budget as Mr. Montor promised, there should be provision for extending this program. Of the immediate need no one can question if the understanding of the problem of Palestine is not to be overshadowed by the more hysteric (if not historic) happenings in Central Europe. It is my hope that the budget committee at National Headquarters will see to it that such a budget shall be adequate enough to permit the spread of this work to, other key cities outside of Los Angeles. I believe the soil the U.P.A. cultivates now in the West will reach a productivity undreamed of in a short time.

With every best wish to you and the continued success of U.P.A. under your leadership, may I wish you Passover Greetings,

Sincerely,

Joseph Bank

120 BROADWAY
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April 26, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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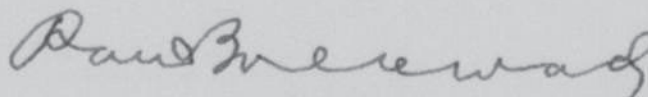
Dear Rabbi Silver:

This personal letter is for the purpose of asking you to read the enclosed excerpt from the Minutes of a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the J.D.C. held on April 19th last.

No situation comparable in seriousness with the current Polish tragedy, as set forth by Mr. Troper, has ever before faced the J.D.C. The status of emigration from Germany as well as the situation in the various refugee countries are also matters of deep concern. Our Executive Committee agrees with me that it is our duty to let you know the facts, so that you can weigh with us the kind of responsibility resting on the entire leadership and givers of the American Jewish communities.

I am sure you will read this statement with the care it demands. It will be helpful if I can hear from you.

Yours sincerely,


Paul Baerwald

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STATEMENT OF MR. MORRIS C. TROPER TO J.D.C.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 19, 1940.

(James N. Rosenberg, Chairman of the Executive
Committee, in the Chair)

MR. ROSENBERG: On the eve of Mr. Troper's return to his post as our chief in Europe, we have called this special meeting of the Executive Committee because our work in Poland is threatened with nothing short of a collapse. Mr. Troper, will you kindly set forth the facts:

MR. TROPER: I am waiting for a seat on the next plane. I go back to Europe with a heavy heart. My report is before you in printed form. I have asked that this final meeting be called before my return to Europe, because I find it necessary to supplement my report.

First of all, I want you to understand that unless more funds are forthcoming, collapse stares us in the face in Poland. I cannot believe that the Jews of this country will permit this to happen. I will come to this tragic situation in a few minutes.

Secondly, I appreciate the fact that the J.D.C. cannot continue to spend more than it receives, and I realize that we cannot use force in compelling people to contribute or to increase their contributions, if they are not disposed to do so.

Thirdly, I would like to emphasize that despite my attempts to bring to you a picture of human suffering on the other side, it is impossible for anyone to visualize these horrors.

You all know what has happened in recent months, but let me summarize the situation again. When war broke out, the problem changed in two respects: First, there was an enormous increase of need in countries where it had already existed and a whole new field of need created. Secondly, large sources of help for the Jews both from European organizations and from local collections in the various countries were immediately cut off or substantially reduced. We had to cope with this emergency single-handed and we stepped into the sudden breaches created. We spent on a far greater scale than ever before and incurred a heavy debt in doing so. I realize that we cannot justify increasing this debt. We are, as has been said, in this respect, only a Distribution Committee. There is no way in which we can increase our expenditures unless we increase our collections, but the Jews of this country must realize what that will mean to those in need throughout the world who look to us, and unfortunately now to us alone, for help.

No one can measure the relative urgency of the various needs and say which situation we should grapple with first, because of the impossibility of weighing different kinds of human

misery. The result is that we are forced to spread ourselves over an expanse of territory which is far greater today than ever before in the history of the J.D.C.

I appreciate the serious study and consideration given by the Finance, the Budget and Scope, the Administration and Executive Committees of the J.D.C. to arrive at a realistic budget based on a fair estimate of income for this year; I realize that in view of the heavy bank debt of J.D.C. that you can not continue running into more debt but I feel I would be remiss if I did not tell you wherein the budget for the last six months of the year is lacking.

Thousands of people in Germany are living from day to day on scraps of paper. We must face the fact that the inadequate funds at our disposal means that these people inside of Germany in possession of visas will be unable to leave solely because of lack of funds for clearance and they will, therefore, lose their visas. I need not dwell on such a tragedy. I have gone into it thoroughly on several previous occasions and I have tried to tell the story without emotion. With the amount proposed for expenditure for this activity, I judge that 60% of the prospective emigrants who have visas will lose them. Think that over! Think of the Jews in France, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland who have been wonderful to refugees. If we, however, cut down help in those countries to almost zero I dread the consequences. Without going into political aspects, it must be plain to you that these refugees are sitting on a dynamite keg.

Besides transportation from refugee countries, as you know, it is necessary for us to contribute toward the maintenance of the refugees. My feeling is that we have fallen down on this job, especially when we consider the liberal attitude taken by the various governments in permitting refugees to come into their countries merely because they are contiguous to Germany. In Belgium, for instance, refugees receive 20¢ a day. This assistance is being threatened to be cut to 10¢ a day. I think we must all realize what a serious step this is. Our work today has more than relief significance. If we fail to do anything in these countries which have nobly given asylum, what will result? Because of our present inadequate funds Jewish rights are threatened and Jewish people in various countries abroad are subjected to further pressures.

I am not painting the picture too black. I am giving you facts. If the reductions anticipated are put into effect, I am convinced that police will have to be placed in the offices of the refugee committees to quell the riots that must inevitably follow. In the cables that have come since I have been here, a great many threats of suicide have already been made.

The gravest problem however which now confronts the J.D.C. is the tragedy in Poland. Polish Jews are the chief martyrs.

So long as we are able to do something - even only a little - for them, we should continue to help. But now the funds available make that almost impossible. As against an emergency appropriation made for work in Poland, there is a balance today of about \$200,000, which at the present rate of expenditure, will be exhausted in the next few weeks. The remainder available for the succeeding months is so small that it will be almost impossible to continue even a fraction of the work. Today half a million people get one meal a day at the J.D.C. soup kitchens. Unless we continue to provide even if nothing more than food, 150,000 people will actually die of starvation - 150,000 tragedies for which, rightly or wrongly, the Jews of America will be held responsible. Only in the last day or two we received urgent messages from our representatives in Warsaw, who, as I have explained before, have shown heroic bravery throughout the siege of Warsaw and subsequently. The wife of our brave director in Warsaw was killed in service. These messages tell us plainly that without more funds "collapse threatens relief activity". What this will mean, you can well understand. There is no one to whom the Jews of that country can turn except the J.D.C. We must not fail them.

This is my last chance to give you these facts, and the least that can be done is to see that the people throughout this country are made fully aware of this situation. I realize that having committed \$5,250,000 in the first six months of this year, something must be done either to cut the rate of expenditure for the last six months, or increase the funds available. The responsibility for making budgetary reductions should, however, not rest solely on the shoulders of the officers and members of the J.D.C. who give so generously of their time and energies in the day-to-day problems, but must be made the concern of the giving public throughout the country. If this decision to make drastic cuts is final, then I shall be your servant in an endeavor to accomplish what I can, but I cannot take the responsibility for the consequences.

MR. ROSENBERG: These are solemn warnings. The least we can do is to inform the generous Jews of this country of these momentous facts. Since the advent of the Hitler regime 450,000 Jews - I am giving dependable figures - have left greater Germany. 275,000 of them have found permanent homes. 175,000 have found temporary asylum. In this immense exodus the J.D.C. has at all times been the leading organization rendering aid in all parts of the world. Inspired by such achievements we must now do our utmost to cope with this dreadful Polish situation.

Lengthy discussion ensued as to possible ways of obtaining immediate payments of 1939 pledges and large immediate 1940 contributions and payments. It was finally decided unanimously that it is the duty of the J.D.C. to inform the leaders in this country of the facts set forth by Mr. Troper.

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May 13, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Montor advises me that you will see Dr. Jonah B. Wise in Cleveland tomorrow and that you wish to have a list of leading New York contributors.

Accordingly, I am enclosing herewith a list of our largest givers indicating their comparative contributions for 1939 and 1940.

I was sorry to learn of the death of your father-in-law and wish to extend to you my heartfelt condolence.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
Samuel Blitz
Director

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Frank Altschul	\$10,000		
Mrs. Frank Altschul	10,000	\$7500	- 3500
Mrs. Dorothy Schiff Backer	25,000		
John M. Schiff	25,500	15,000	- 10,000
Bernard Baruch	50,000		
Beaumont Charity Trust	40,000	40,000	
Hiram C. Bloomingdale Lyman G. & Alfred S.	10,000	10,000	
Samuel J. Bloomingdale	10,000	8,000	- 2000
Mr. & Mrs. George Blumenthal	15,000	10,646	- 4,354
Arde Bulova	10,000	10,000	
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Mrs. Henry Goldman	10,000	10,000	
Mr. & Mrs. Philip J. Goodhart	10,000	7,500	- 2500
Guggenheim Foundation	125,000	125,000	
Hiram J. Halle	10,000		
Mrs. Jerome Hanauer	10,000	10,000	
William L. Hernstadt	10,000	5,000	- 5000
Harold K. Hochschild	10,000	5,000	5000
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Mrs. Edouard Jonas	10,000	5,000	5000
Kaufmann Foundation, Henry	20,000	20,000	
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Mrs. Arthur Lehman	24,963.39	20,000	
Mrs. Harold M. Lehman	10,000	5,000	5000
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Mrs. Sigmund M. Lehman	10,000	10,000	
Isidore Leviton	10,000		
Miss Irene Lewisohn	15,000		
Littauer Foundation, Inc. Lucius N.	25,000	10,000	15,000
Mr. & Mrs. Carl M. Loeb, Sr.	15,000	10,000	5,000
Arthur M. Loew	11,000		
Leon Lowenstein and Associates	20,000	20,000	2,000
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William S. Paley	20,000		
David L. Podell	10,000		
Elias Reiss	10,000		
Benjamin Rosenthal	11,250		
Mrs. Moritz Rosenthal	10,000	6,000	4,000
Lewis S. Rosenstiel	10,000		
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Warburg Family	100,000	100,000	2,000
Nicholas M. Schenck	10,000		
Mrs. Boris Sergievsky	10,000	4,000	6,000
Mr. & Mrs. Percy Straus	50,000	50,000	
Robert K. Straus	5,000	2,000	3,000
Jesse I. Straus (Mrs.)	5,000	2,500	2,500
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Stroock & Son	15,000	5,000	10,000
Sol M. Stroock	10,000	5,000	5,000
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis L. Strauss	10,000	10,000	
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Straus	10,000	10,000	302,500
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Major Albert Warner	\$10,000		
Maurice Wertheim	10,000		
Mrs. F. M. Heimerdinger	5,000	\$3,000	2000
Louis Altschul	6,000 12000	18,000	
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Baerwald	12,500	12,500	
Mrs. Sam A. Lewisohn	2,500	500	2000
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120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

May 16, 1940.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I thank you for sending me copy of
your letter to Jonah Wise with regard to the
New York Campaign. At the moment I prefer not to
comment on it.



Sincerely yours,

Paul Merwald

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

May 27, 1940

Mr. Louis Altschul
c/o Bronx Hospital
1276 Fulton Avenue
Bronx, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Altschul:

Through our representative of the United Jewish Appeal, I learned of the most generous contribution which you made at the meeting of the Bronx Division which was held on May 8, and which I was to have addressed. I want to tell you how profoundly grateful I am for the inspiring gift which you made, and what a fine effect it has had upon the whole campaign in the City of New York. Generosity such as yours is a great encouragement to all who work in these trying days in behalf of their sorely tried people.

I hope that you are rapidly recovering from your illness and that you will be restored to full health soon.

Again, many thanks!

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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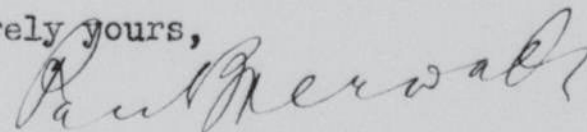
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A number of us have been giving thought to the suggestion you made to invite Mr. Goldhamer to New York to discuss with us the new campaign techniques which he has developed in Cleveland. Naturally we are anxious to learn of any new methods which have been developed that can be applied to the campaign in New York.

As you know, Edward M. M. Warburg and Abner Bregman have shouldered the entire burden of the New York City campaign and they know fully and at first-hand the many complicated problems involved in New York City. In our talks here, the suggestion was made that both men go out to Cleveland to discuss on the spot with Mr. Goldhamer the experience which he has gained. I have talked this over with them and they advise they would be glad to go out to Cleveland as soon as the pressure of the campaign has subsided.

Very sincerely yours,



Paul Baerwald
Chairman

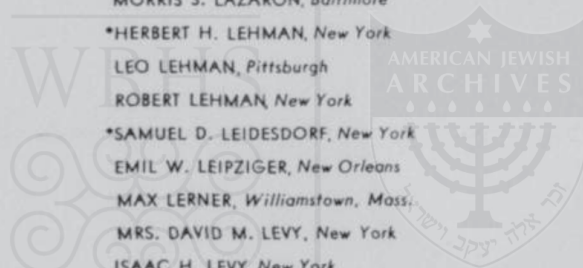
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June 21, 1940

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RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS EMERGENCY HOWEVER SO GREAT WE MUST BEG YOU
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June 22, 1940

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AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

June 22, 1940

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LONDON

UNLESS YOU DEEM STEP RESPECTING PALESTINE INADVISABLE PLEASE SUBMIT OUR CABLEGRAM WITH DESCRIPTION CHARACTER AND STANDING OUR ORGANIZATION

MORRIS WALDMAN

June 22, 1940

HIS EXCELLENCY LORDLOTHIAN
AMBASSADOR OF GREAT BRITAIN
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June 24, 1940

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BROTHMAN
WOBURN HOUSE
LONDON

ACTION YOU SUGGEST FUTILE STOP PERHAPS ADVISABLE WICKHAM STEED BE INFORMED OUR MESSAGE AND URGED TO HELP

WALDMAN

CABLE FROM BROTHMAN, DEPUTIES, LONDON)

LONDON, JUNE 23, 1940

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HAVE YOU APPROACHED YOUR STATE DEPARTMENT VIEW SIMILAR
REPRESENTATIONS THROUGH YOUR AMBASSADOR HERE

