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Dr N. GOLDMANN

GENÈVE, June 9th, 1939.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D.D.,  
The Temple,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
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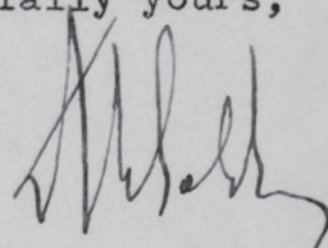
Dear Silver,

I have received your kind letter of May 28th. To be quite frank, I am not very happy about your decision to leave the distribution of the money to the General Jewish Council. I have asked our friends of the American Jewish Congress to do their utmost to get a favourable decision in the General Council, but I should be very thankful to you, if you too would help us in this respect so that the General Jewish Council should not forget us in suggesting the division of the sum.

With regard to Dr. Klatzkin I am sending you enclosed a list of his books with the prices. I hope that you will be able to purchase a number of books of at least a few hundred dollars which would be most helpful for him.

I hope to see you this summer in Europe and I remain, with all good wishes,

Very cordially yours,





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September 26th, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver;

On September 12th, immediately upon our return from the Congress, we were summoned by Rabbi Berlin to urge the creation of an inter-Zionist food campaign, to alleviate the economic stress in Palestine as well as to prevent the food shortage which is bound to come if Italy enter the war.

On the basis of this cable we met with Mr. Lipsky to discuss this momentous issue and intended also, naturally, to see you and other Zionist leaders on the first possible occasion. We were informed by Mr. Lipsky, however, that a cable from Eliezer Kaplan stresses the need of tremendous additional sums rather than food, since the latter may be obtained in unlimited quantities in the neighboring countries of Palestine. We, consequently, dropped the matter.

Since then we have received several cables from Rabbi Berlin, Chief Rabbi Herzog, as well as other eminent religious leaders in the Yishuv, in which the unpostponed need for food supply, particularly for the religious elements of the old Yishuv, which ordinarily do not receive any share in the Palestine funds and whose sources of income from European countries has completely stopped, is strongly emphasized. May I just quote from Rabbi Berlin's most recent cable:

"SUBMIT ORGANIZATIONS AMERICA CANADA PROPOSAL SEND HERE PRODUCTS FOR OUR COOPERATIVES ESPECIALLY FOR RABBIS AND YESHIVOTH WITHOUT HARM CAMPAIGN STOP FOLLOWING PRODUCTS REQUIRED FLOUR SUGAR QUAKERS MATZOTH CONSERVES FRUIT MEAT FISH."

We find it absolutely impossible to remain deaf to these constant alarms in the face of the hardships that may, God forbid, befall the old Yishuv. It is our feeling that optimism in this period of daily "surprises" on



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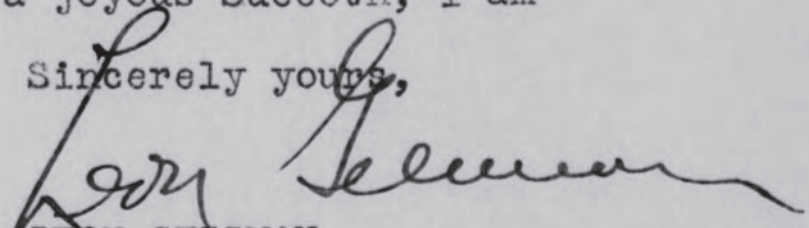
the European front may prove to be at the risk of our beloved brethren. Silence to the call of our leaders in this crucial period would, indeed, be unjustified and even an act of irresponsibility on our part.

Need we say that it is our earnest hope and desire that the entire Zionist movement embark upon such undertaking since, in our belief, the need for such preventive measures for the entire Yishuv are obvious. In such an emergency action Mizrachi, through its particular approach to the wide Jewish masses, could render invaluable service. If, however, for certain reasons you cannot enter into such an undertaking at this time, the Mizrachi is ready to inaugurate it as above-mentioned. The proposed campaign is to be definitely a food campaign (not for money), which shall afford every religious-hearted and Palestine-minded Jew an opportunity to bring a parcel of food to prevent a possible hunger as well as reduce the present food speculation in Palestine.

We are most anxious to hear your reaction to the above proposal, which concerns vitally the religious Yishuv. We are having a National Executive Conference this Sunday, October 1st, at the Hotel Astor, and shall then officially propose this campaign. May we, therefore, ask you to kindly state your opinion, either by letter or telegram, before that time. Your opinion is of great and immediate interest to us.

With best wishes for a joyous Succoth, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
LEON GELLMAN  
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September 29, 1939

Mr. Leon Gellman, President  
Mizrachi Organization of America  
1130 Broadway  
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CONTENTS YOUR LETTER OF SUCH IMPORTANCE THAT MATTER SHOULD FIRST BE DISCUSSED BY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR ZIONIST AFFAIRS WHICH MEETS NEXT MONDAY. STRONGLY URGE YOU NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION AT YOUR EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ON SUNDAY. THERE ARE MANY ANGLES TO THE MATTER INVOLVING THE UPA AND THE UJA AS WELL AS THE ZOA. I PLAN TO ATTEND THE MONDAY MEETING AT WHICH I AM SURE YOUR REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PRESENT.

Abba Hillel Silver



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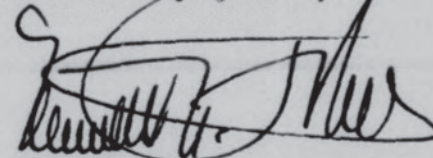
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Chairman, United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the communication that we have transmitted to Dr. Solomon Goldman, Acting Chairman of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, in accordance with the directions given by the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund of America, at its meeting held on September 25th.

Sincerely yours,



MENDEL N. FISHER,  
Executive Director.

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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND  
111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 1, 1939.

Dr. Solomon Goldman, Acting Chairman  
Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. Goldman:

Your communication of September 21st was submitted to the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund of America, at its meeting held on Monday, September 25th, 1939. The Board of Directors directed our President:

- 1- To request that all funds shall be transmitted to Palestine as heretofore in accordance with the agreement entered into between the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayesod until orders to the contrary are received from Mr. Ussishkin.
- 2- To request the United Palestine Appeal to turn over to the Jewish National Fund of America the check in the sum of \$65,000 which is now being held by the United Palestine Appeal, so that the Keren Kayemeth in America may transmit this amount immediately to Mr. Ussishkin.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL HAS TURNED TO SEVERAL OF ITS OFFICERS TO URGE MAXIMUM EFFORTS ON THEIR PART TO SPEED COLLECTIONS TO MEET URGENT REQUIREMENTS OF CONSTITUENT AGENCIES. I KNOW YOU WON'T BLAME ME FOR TURNING TO MY OWN CHICAGO IN EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT AS LARGE A SUM AS IS AVAILABLE FROM COLLECTIONS CAN BE REMITTED TO UJA SO THAT WE CAN SHARE IN MEETING THIS URGENT APPEAL. TRIED TO REACH YOU BY PHONE IN CHICAGO BUT LEARNED YOU WERE ON YOUR WAY BACK FROM NEW YORK. THANKS. REGARDS.

SOLOMON GOLDMAN



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October 10th, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver;

Enclosed herewith is the budget of the Mizrachi  
World Central for the year 1940 together with  
a memorandum in relation thereto.

I sincerely hope that you will give these your  
kind attention, for which I thank you in advance.

Sincerely yours,

LEON GELLMAN  
PRESIDENT



October 11, 1939

Mr. Leon Gellman, President  
Mizrachi Organization of America  
1133 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Gellman:

Thank you for your kindness in  
transmitting to me the budget of the Mizrachi  
World Central for the year 1940 and the covering  
memorandum.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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October 11, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At a meeting of our Administrative Committee held today a committee was appointed for the purpose of meeting you for a discussion pertaining to all matters in connection with the renewal of our relationship with the United Palestine Appeal for the forthcoming year. It is, naturally, the wish of the committee to see you alone at your first possible opportunity.

Will you kindly inform us as to whether you expect to be in New York next week and whether you can kindly grant us some portion of your time regarding the above-mentioned matter. If not, will you please inform us when such meeting is possible.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Leon Gellman*  
LEON GELLMAN  
President

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128 NORTH WELLS ST.  
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October 11, 1939

Rabbi Solomon Goldman  
United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Dear Solomon:

I have received your telegram.

It happened that as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Refugee Service, I was at a meeting of that Committee late Monday afternoon. Rabbi Jonah B. Wise presented the collection situation of the United Jewish Appeal at that time. I told Rabbi Wise and the Committee what we had done here, namely, - that we had available some cash on hand, subject to call by the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. You were present during the discussion, after which a resolution to this effect was adopted by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago.

Our collections have been pretty well speeded up, and I do not anticipate any too great difficulty in collecting the rest of the money now outstanding, - something under \$300,000.

We have, as you know, transmitted already a little over \$950,000 to the United Jewish Appeal, which represents 10 percent of the first \$9,500,000 to be raised. Under the resolution adopted, we cannot transmit any more money than we have already transmitted until the Allocations Committee makes a definite request of us and, therefore, in effect, tells us how they want the money spent.

I know that you know all of this and you can rest assured, and so report to the United Jewish Appeal, that we will do everything we can in the course of the present year to collect all outstanding sums.

Very sincerely yours,

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH  
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October 18, 1939

Mr. Sam L. Good  
Wheeling, W. Va.

My dear Sam:

The headquarters of the United Jewish Appeal in New York has informed me that you have accepted the honorary chairmanship of the Wheeling Campaign and that you are identifying yourself actively with this important work. I want to tell you how delighted I am with the news. I know that under your leadership Wheeling will rise to the occasion and do what all other Jewish communities in the United States have been doing in so magnificent a fashion in aid of our unfortunate brethren, refugees and war victims, abroad. My own personal affection for Wheeling leads me to hope fervently that the Campaign this year in your community will be eminently successful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



CC: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

October 27, 1939.

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

The letter of October 25th, together with the detailed communication from Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, is enlightening and comprehensive. It is good for us to know, and to be able to communicate to others who ought to know, the details set forth therein.

There is one part, however, in Mr. Kaplan's letter to Leo Hermann upon which we should like to comment. It is on page 2, paragraph 4, in which Mr. Kaplan says:-

"The second assumption was that besides our share in the revenue of the K.H. and the J.N.F., we shall also receive from the Allocations Committee the amount of £100,000 for the settlement of refugees."

In connection with this point, I wish to refer to a memorandum submitted by Dr. Goldstein some time ago, when he reported to the Administrative Committee on his conversations in Geneva. I am enclosing a copy of the portion dealing with this point.

Sincerely yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER,  
Executive Director.

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EXTRACTS FROM MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN TO THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE J.N.F. ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1939, UPON  
HIS RETURN FROM THE CONGRESS IN GENEVA.

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A. JNF IN THE 21st ZIONIST CONGRESS PROGRAM

(b) There was discussion regarding the special application for L100,000. to be made by the K.H. to the Allocations Committee of the U.J.A. to be used exclusively for the benefit of refugee settlement in Palestine. Mr. Kaplan wanted that this allocation should go entirely to the K.H. and not through the UPA and the usual KH-KK formula in the UPA. We registered opposition to this view, stating that any allocations must be made in the normal way to the UPA and subject to the UPA formula as between the KH and KK. The Finance and Budget Commission did not have the opportunity to discuss this matter and so this particular question did not come before the Congress.

Subsequently, Dr. Goldman in the presence of Mr. Ussishkin and myself on the morning of August 25th, when I was about to leave Geneva, confirmed Mr. Ussishkin's statement that if such a grant is to be made by the Allocations Committee it should go through the UPA and subject to the usual procedure.

Dr. Silver informed me on the SS Roosevelt, on which we were fellow-passengers, that it was decided between him and Mr. Kaplan that only with Mr. Ussishkin's consent could a request for an allocation be made on the terms put forward by Mr. Kaplan. Mr. Ussishkin's consent has, of course, not been secured for any such proposal.



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Oct. 30th, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As a supplement to our conversation in Cleveland on Wednesday, October 18th, I take the liberty of sending you a copy of a cable which I just received.

I believe it clearly illustrates the particular suffering that the impoverished ever-struggling religious Yishuv is subject to.

With my sincere thanks for your attention, I am

Sincerely yours,

Wolf Gold

RABBI WOLF GOLD



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October 30, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Your telegram was sent from Cleveland on Saturday and reached us on Sunday during my absence from the city. I was in Worcester to attend a dinner given in honor of Joseph Goldberg, whom you undoubtedly know.

This is to confirm the telegram sent you today as follows:

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES  
"GLADLY BOOKING HANITA NOVEMBER FIFTH"

We have rearranged our schedule so that you could have the picture even though you have given us such short notice. Please have your secretary drop us a note as to whether you want this film in the 16 or 35 mm. size. This information is essential. Will you therefore please let us have this data by return mail so that the picture can be forwarded immediately.

Sincerely yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER  
Executive Director

MNF:MS

P.S. Confirming our telephone conversation of today, this is also to inform you that you will receive this film in the 35 mm. size as per your request.

MNF



November 20, 1939

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith  
130 N. Wells St.  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Rabbi Silver has requested me to send you  
the enclosed copy of a letter which he sent today  
to Mr. Albert D. Lasker.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.



Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



November 20, 1939

Dr. Solomon Goldman  
633 Waveland Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Goldman:

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Very sincerely yours,

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November 24th, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman  
United Palestine Appeal  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We have learned that the joint committee of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, which was appointed to consummate the contract for 1940, is recommending the sum of \$125,000 as our allotment for the forthcoming year.

In view of the alarming cables that we are constantly receiving from Palestine, which describe an unbelievable state of hunger and suffering in the midst of religious Jewry, it is our feeling that the above amount is not sufficient to take care even of our minimum needs in Palestine, especially when America is the only source of income for them.

May we, therefore, request that one of the following suggestions for a supplementary amount be adopted:

1) That the U.P.A. show its consideration to the fullest measure by giving us additional \$25,000, making it \$150,000.

2) If that cannot be done, we should at least have a right to appeal to the U.P.A. for a supplementary sum, after the decision of the allocations committee will be known.

3) That the \$15,000 loan made to us for Palestinian needs, given us as an advance on the 1940 allotment, be labeled as an additional gift for 1939.

Hoping that this memorandum will receive your full consideration and with my gratitude in advance, I remain

Sincerely yours,

LEON GELLMAN  
PRESIDENT



November 28, 1939

Mr. Leon Gellman, President  
Misrachi Organization of America  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Gellman:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of November 24. I shall bring it to the attention of the United Palestine Appeal at its forthcoming meeting. You understand, however, I am sure, that the United Palestine Appeal, as such, is in no position to make any decisions in the matter. In the last analysis, these decisions must be made by mutual agreement between the K.K. and the K.H. The funds which will be available to the UPA by the Allocations Committee will, of course, be distributed as all the monies which came to the UPA during 1939 on the basis of the original agreement entered into by the K.K. and the K.H. As far as converting the \$15,000 loan made to the Misrachi on its 1940 allotment into an additional gift for 1939 - this will require action by the Zionist Emergency Committee which in the first instance made that recommendation of the loan.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ANS:BK



Copy for Dr. Silver

November 29, 1939

Mr. Michael J. Gallin, Chairman  
Jewish National Fund Council  
10609 St. Clair Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Gallin:

I went to Boston yesterday, hence this is the first opportunity I have of writing to you.

Mr. Blits does not believe that he ought to go to Cleveland, although we definitely arranged for him to make the trip. Dr. Silver has communicated with the United Palestine Appeal, and this is to confirm the conversation I had with him to the effect that he does not favor a "Night of Stars" on the type of the New York performance. In view of the local Welfare Fund campaign, Dr. Silver believes that your affair ought to be limited to approximately 3000 people. If you are to undertake a project involving 10,000 or 12,000 people, it would create a serious dislocation in connection with the work of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund campaign.

Mr. Blits is a member of the United Palestine Appeal staff, and while he is anxious to be of service and wants to give us the benefit of his advice, in view of Dr. Silver's letter to Mr. Montor, he does not feel justified that his presence in Cleveland on Monday night would be of any great help. Originally, Mr. Blits insisted that I should accompany him to Cleveland in order that both of us plan the affair. I am conveying to you the exact status of the matter so that you may know what is involved. If you still believe that my presence in Cleveland on Monday night is needed, I am prepared to come and talk over the entire matter with you.

We have an agreement with the United Palestine Appeal which we are bound to respect. It is only with the consent of the Cleveland people that we can conduct a very large affair of the type you have in mind.

Again, I want to reiterate, that the way the thing stands now, Mr. Blits does not feel he ought to make the trip unless you can have the matter straightened out locally and reach a decision as to the type of affair you are to undertake. Mr. Blits feels very strongly that if you are to have a smaller affair, he could help you just as well without going to Cleveland.



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**November 29, 1939**

**Mr. Michael J. Gallin**

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Please let me hear from you by Friday morning, and if you still believe that my presence is necessary, of course, I will come. I have no desire to make any special trip unless it is really essential.

**Sincerely yours,**

**MENDEL N. FISHER**  
**Executive Director**

**MNF:MS**

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FROM OCTOBER 1, 1938 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1939

Salaries	\$39,159.74
Rent	3,397.94
Advertising, publicity & Prop.	2,022.87
Box Register Expense	1,460.83
Cost of Boxes	3,700.00
Duty	53.34
Furniture, Fixtures & Repairs	960.11
Insurance	656.01
Labor Action Expense	12,295.31
Literature & Printed Matter	5,996.98
Pension I. H. Rubin	800.04
Postage	3,922.00
Stationery & Supplies	2,293.74
Subventions	7,085.71
Telegraph & Cables	1,434.36
Telephone	1,159.74
Traveling	5,493.93
Youth Dept. Expense	2,623.38
General Expense	1,622.57
Auditing	454.88
Conference Expense	1,741.95
Religious Group Contact Dept.	1,331.94
TOTAL.....	\$99,667.37

Gross Income	\$504,484.18
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Net Income	\$404,815.81



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December 6, 1939.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

You will remember that we asked you last year to address the Annual Meeting of the Jewish National Fund in New York. You thought at the time that you might be able to accept, but later you found it impossible to do so.

I trust that this year we may be able to have you at our Annual New York Meeting. It was our thought to have the meeting toward the end of December, but Mr. Fisher tells me that you cannot come in December. We would therefore be willing to change the meeting to January if you could be with us. Would January 15th, 21st or 22nd be agreeable? You might be able to combine it with some other things, such as a U.P.A. Administrative or Executive meeting, in the afternoon of the same day.

Our Annual Meeting usually brings hundreds of J.N.F. workers and friends. The J.N.F. constituency as a partner in the U.P.A. and as a group of devoted Zionists, feel that they have a claim upon you, and I am sure that you will not deny them that claim. They will want to hear from you your views on the present problems touching Palestine as well as anything you might feel inclined to say about the whole relationship with the U.J.A., and what Zionists are expected to do as their part in the partnership.

Believe me I should hesitate to impose any additional burden upon you, realizing the burdens you are already carrying, if I did not feel that your presence at our meeting in New York would exercise a useful and a wholesome influence.

I wanted to tell you when I last saw you, but was not able to get to you because you were diverted



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

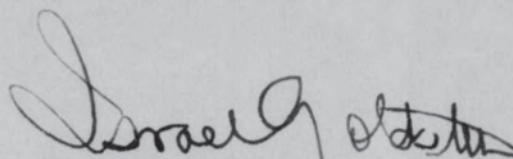
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December 6, 1939.

by the J.D.C. gentlemen, that I thought you deserved a *תודה* for having gotten \$1,500,000 for the U.P.A. out of the Allocation Fund. Realizing the difficulties and the tremendous pressures from other directions, I think it was a fine achievement. Incidentally, I had the impression at our meeting with the J.D.C. that they felt somewhat disappointed at the allocations formula.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Dr. Israel Goldstein,  
President.



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December 8, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver;

Enclosed herewith, you will find  
copy of a letter that I have sent to Mr. Louis Lipsky  
and Dr. Israel Goldstein.

Very truly yours,

LEON GELLMAN,  
PRESIDENT

LG:FZ  
Enc.

חברים, אנחנו!

אני מודה לך מאוד על המכתב  
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December 15, 1939.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
c/o The Temple,  
Ansel Rd. & E. 105th St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

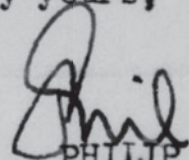
I have your letter of December 13th regarding the United Palestine Appeal Conference in the city of Washington on January 6th and 7th at the Mayflower Hotel.

I am planning to be down in Florida on those dates. However, if for some reason my plans change, I shall be pleased to attend this meeting in Washington but from present indications I doubt whether I will be able to make it.

I am

Thanking you for the appointment as a delegate,

Very truly yours,

  
PHILIP FRANKEL.

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February 19, 1940

Rabbi Julius Gordon  
Congregation Shaare Emeth  
6830 Delmar Boulevard  
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Gordon:

Headquarters has informed me that you have been named Chairman of the 1940 Welfare Fund campaign in St. Louis. I want to congratulate you and your community. I know that under your fine and stimulating leadership, St. Louis will do an even better job than last year. Mr. Coons, following his visit to St. Louis, has brought us a very heartening report from your community. I wish you every success in your great undertaking.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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February 28th, 1940

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East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
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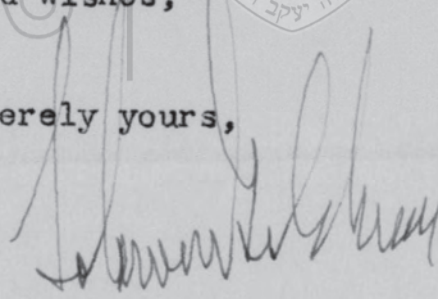
Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter  
which Dr. Weizmann received from Mr. Eliezer Kaplan.

After reading it, will you be good enough  
to return it to Dr. Georg Landauer.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



SG:C



DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN  
PRESIDENT

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March 8, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Chairman, United Palestine Appeal  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

The promulgation of the land edict has, as you know, called forth great emotion among the broad masses of our people.

From many quarters there have come suggestions and calls to the J.N.F. to provide a constructive and popular method for registering this Jewish feeling and determination to proceed with Geulath Haaretz.

One of these is a proposal - which one of the leading Yiddish daily newspapers in New York City is desirous of sponsoring - to draw up "A Declaration of Faith in Geulath Haaretz" which is to be signed by individuals who will reaffirm their dedication to the cause through a contribution of \$1.00 to the J.N.F. The paper would be willing to devote the necessary columns of space for the publication of this Declaration and the signatories, for a period, let us say, of one month. The amount that would thus be realized would in all probability reach a minimum of \$25,000.

The value of the enterprise would lie not only in the extra measure of popular support we would thus obtain for the J.N.F., but more particularly in the fact that it would provide a much needed focus on Geulath Haaretz and serve as a medium for deepening Zionist faith and rallying the mass support for our cause. The action as a whole would also have a beneficial effect upon the entire traditional program of the Keren Kayemeth.

Mr. Fisher discussed this proposal with Mr. Montor. Mr. Montor felt it would be difficult because the matter of a public appeal through the Yiddish press has been discussed by the leaders of the U.J.A. It is our feeling that since the appeal is to be projected by one of the Yiddish



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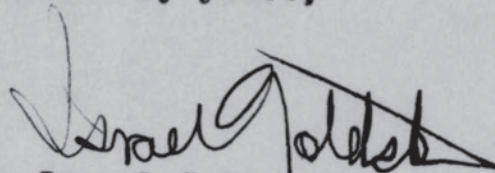
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papers in the form of "A Declaration of Faith in Geulah Haaretz", and the amounts asked for would not exceed \$1.00, the possible objection might be overcome. In any event, we do not wish to take any steps in this matter without consultation with you.

In view of the emergency in which we find ourselves, it is our hope that you may not object to our proposal.

Cordially yours,

  
Dr. Israel Goldstein,  
President.



IG:RB



March 11, 1940

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President  
Jewish National Fund  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 8th. I do not favor your suggestion of launching a public solicitation campaign for dollar contributions to the Jewish National Fund through one of the Yiddish daily newspapers in New York City. In the first place, the officers of the United Jewish Appeal will resent such a public campaign. In the second place, it will detract from the United Jewish Appeal campaign which is now being launched in your city and will give the contributors the idea that by sending a dollar to the Jewish National Fund, they have fulfilled their responsibility to the United Jewish Appeal. I think that the United Jewish Appeal can very well be utilized in New York City for rallying mass support to the cause of Palestine as well as to the other important causes.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



March 12, 1940

Mr. Harry Friedberg  
Friedberg & Millman  
Suite 426-432 Lathrop Building  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Friedberg:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of March 4. I was delighted with the very favorable impression which Mr. Montor made on your community. But I am not surprised. Mr. Montor has made many friends for the cause wherever he has gone. He is a gifted man and thoroughly devoted to the cause.

I am happy to learn that Kansas City will make an effort to do much better than last year. I need not tell you how encouraging that is to all of us who are working in the field. The demands from abroad are terrific, and will become, I am afraid, increasingly so after the war months progress.

I wish you every success in the good work.  
With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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March 13, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith for your confidential information a copy of the analysis of the land edict, based on information cabled to us by the K.K.L. Head Office in Jerusalem.

In this connection, may I supplement my previous letter to you of March 8th.

As reports from various parts of the country pertaining to the reaction to the land ordinance continue to come in, it is becoming increasingly clear that in many circles there is an impression that practically no more land will be available for Jewish purchase in Palestine.

In order to help dispel such impressions and to create among the Yiddish reading public, at least, a greater measure of confidence in the future of Geulath Haaretz, as well as to increase the income of the J.N.F., one of the Yiddish newspapers is eager to launch in its columns a "Declaration of Faith in Geulath Haaretz". The \$1.00 contribution to accompany each declaration is a token amount which I am convinced would not interfere with the U.J.A. The provision for a Golden Book inscription for every \$100.00 raised would further identify the action with the specific J.N.F. program.

At a meeting of representatives of all Zionist groups, held yesterday, it was thought that this suggestion would be a very helpful means of infusing greater confidence among the workers for Palestine, and that its value would be far beyond the \$1.00 token contribution, though the added income for the J.N.F. is also a consideration.

I trust that you will agree that at this particular time, and in view of all that is involved, the use



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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of the Yiddish press for launching a "Declaration of Faith in Geulath  
Haaretz" should not be discouraged.

Cordially yours,

*Israel Goldstein*

Dr. Israel Goldstein,  
President.



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ACTUAL FIGURES OF ZONE A, ZONE B AND FREE ZONE

(According to Cable of March 9th)

ZONE A: 11,786,000 Dunams  
Plus 5,370,000 Dunams in Negeb  
Total 17,156,000

In this area Jewish land holdings amount to 326,000 dunams.

ZONE B: 1,570,000 Dunams  
Plus 6,800,000 Dunams in Southern part of Negeb  
Total 8,370,000 Dunams

In this area are included 529,000 Dunams owned by Jews.

UNAFFECTED ZONE: 1,343,000 Dunams  
Plus 41,000 Dunams in Jerusalem Area  
Total 1,384,000 Dunams  
Deduct 688,000 Dunams owned by Jews

696,000 Dunams available for purchase in free zone.

The Jerusalem calculation shows that the per capita unit for the whole country, according to the present prohibitions and restrictions, would be:

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JULIAN FEIBLEMAN.

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March 18, 1940

## Air Mail

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I received your wire Friday evening and want to thank you for your promptness in replying to my invitation. I understand fully that you would not care to deliver two addresses in one evening, but I want to explain to you the circumstances, and after you have reviewed them, I think you will see the position I find myself in.

I am trying, for the first time this year, to have a series of dinners, informal and inexpensive, between Purim and Passover. After a great deal of effort and many disappointments, I finally succeeded at the same time your wire arrived, in completing the schedule. This endeavor to stimulate a better congregational spirit is greeted with a great deal of anticipation by my members. The 26th of March I am having Dr. Thornton Terhune of Tulane, one of best informed and popular speakers in this City. I had arranged for Dr. Paul Young of L. S. U. to speak for me on the 2nd of April, on "INCREASING MENTAL HEALTH,"-- I understand he is a lecturer of great charm. On April 9th, I have Mr. Wang, Chinese Consul in New Orleans, who speaks on "THE EVOLUTION OF YOUNG CHINA." On the 16th, I have Mr. O. John Rogge, Assistant Federal Attorney General, of whom you know, because he is the man who has exposed the corruption in the State of Louisiana. And on the 23rd of April, we shall have Seder. So you see the set-up is good and I have got large groups and committees working on it.

After this was completed, I was called up just Friday and asked if I would allow the use of the Temple Tuesday evening, April 2nd, for your address. This was the first I realized that you were coming. Of course, I do not want to do anything to interfere with the Drive or divert attention from it. My only opportunity now is to cancel the invitation with Dr. Paul Young and in his place, have you as our guest of honor. I would not, of



course, expect an address, but I do think, under these circumstances, you will be gracious enough to speak very informally to us for about fifteen minutes, prihoipally for the sake of keeping my group together and letting them have the pleasure of knowing they are honoring you. I think you will realize how much this means and that you will be good enough to lend yourself to it. I will not even publish a subject for you, but allow me to say that you will be with us and that you will say a few words. I spoke to David Fichman before wiring you, actually when he called me regarding the Temple, and he said the Committee would not have any dinner for you anyway that evening and that he could see no objection.

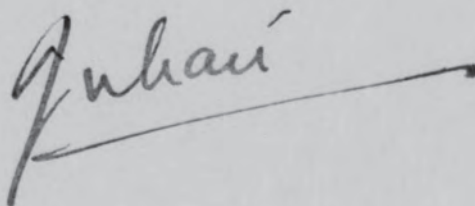
I would be more than happy if the Welfare Drive were to take its whole set-up and use it for our dinner and then adjourn to the Temple which adjoins our auditorium and begin the regular meeting. I will confer with them here but, in the meantime, please drop me a line, telling me that you will be gracious enough to be our guest on that evening and that you will say a few words to us, informally.

I am ardently hoping you will be good enough to do this.

With every good wish, and anticipating the pleasure of seeing you, I am

Always faithfully yours,

JBFB/AM





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March 19 1940

Rabbi J. Feibelman  
New Orleans, La.

IN ALL FRANKNESS I BELIEVE THAT JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OUGHT TO CLEAR THEIR DATES AND NOT COMPETE WITH AN EVENT AS IMPORTANT AS THE OPENING OF THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND CAMPAIGN. I ACCEPTED THE INVITATION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WAS THE UNITED EFFORT OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. IF IT IS NOT I SEE NO POINT IN MY SPENDING TWO DAYS TRAVELING TO NEW ORLEANS AND BACK. KINDEST REGARDS

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March 20, 1940

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I received your wire yesterday afternoon in the form of a thunderbolt from Jove.

I can understand your perturbation but actually, the situation is not at all as bad as you seem to think.

There is actually no conflict, because the meeting that I scheduled will be concluded by 8 o'clock and it is in the same building.

I had a meeting with the Committee yesterday regarding it and they all seem to think it will be a good thing to have the meeting and have that much of the crowd guaranteed.

In accordance with what I think your wish must be, I am not asking you to take part in my meeting. Of course, if you will grace our Board at dinner, it will be a great distinction to have you.

Now I want you to realize in all sincerity that this entire community is going to be united strongly behind you and the purpose of your visit. You are not making this long jaunt for nothing. If you could see the sincerity and earnestness in which we sat down yesterday to work out this evening's program, you would realize that this is in no way a play upon your time or the earnestness with which you are lending yourself to this great work.

So please remove from your mind any



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doubt or uncertainty as to the whole set-up in New Orleans. I am acting in accordance with the wishes of the Committee in charge of the Drive and doing everything I can to support it, so I think you have nothing to worry about. We all feel that you are the one outstanding person to be in this city to launch this Drive. Your popularity, the admiration and respect for you is supreme, and personally, I am looking forward to the pleasure and joy of seeing you again. I hope that you will let me know when you are coming, and in the event I can meet you at the train or serve you in any way or make arrangements for you, please do not hesitate to command me.

With good wishes,

Cordially yours,

JBF/AM





March 28, 1940

Mr. Mendel N. Fisher, Executive Director  
Jewish National Fund of America  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Mr. Isidor Coons. The amount is so small that I think you ought to satisfy Mr. Coons in this matter and with good grace.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Mendel Fisher  
Jewish National Fund  
111 Fifth Avenue  
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WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING ME BY AIR MAIL A PHOTOGRAPH OR TWO OF MOSHE SMILANSKY AND SOME BIOGRAPHIC DATA. KINDEST REGARDS

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Even before your telegram came, I had already prepared the data concerning Mr. Smilansky's visit. We are utilizing Mr. Smilansky's autobiography as it reads very well. The photographs you requested are also enclosed herewith.

This is to confirm the telegram that Dr. Goldstein sent you that Mr. Smilansky will be with you on April 9th. It will be necessary for him to leave the same evening on the sleeper to keep an engagement in New York on the following day. You know without our saying it, that Mr. Smilansky speaks Hebrew and Yiddish. We had a reception in his honor last night and he did a magnificent job. He is not an orator, but I do not think any visitor that has come from Palestine tells the factual story as effectively as he does. He is not a well man. (He is obliged to drink tea while speaking.) He made an unusually fine impression last night.

I am sure that you will have no objection to having the J.N.F. Council meet with Mr. Smilansky during his stay in Cleveland. Could we arrange a dinner meeting, or do you believe it advisable for Mr. Smilansky to come to Cleveland a day earlier, as long as he is going to Cleveland and will not be able to come back again to your community. We would like to accomplish both things, but of course it must meet entirely with your approval.

Mr. Smilansky is conferring with L.D.B. today and he has already spoken with us about a plan for the sale of private land in cooperation with the J.N.F. It has been decided in Jerusalem that in view of the present situation it would be most desirable if individuals were secured in the United States to purchase large areas of land privately. The J.N.F., in accordance with this plan, would take over such land in the event that the individual purchasers could not settle on the land, or in the event that their relatives could not settle on the land.

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March 29, 1940

The matter is being discussed and when it is crystallized I shall, of course, advise you of the decision. I repeat, the plan has been approved in Jerusalem by Mr. Ussishkin and all the groups. In the opinion of Mr. Smilansky, one and half million dunams of land can be bought even under the land restriction edict.

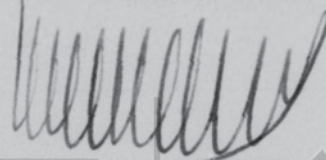
You will be apprised in advance the exact time when Mr. Smilansky will leave, so that your committee can arrange to meet him.

I have sent a note to Mr. Gallin today that we have arranged for Mr. Smilansky to speak under the auspices of the Cleveland Zionist Society.

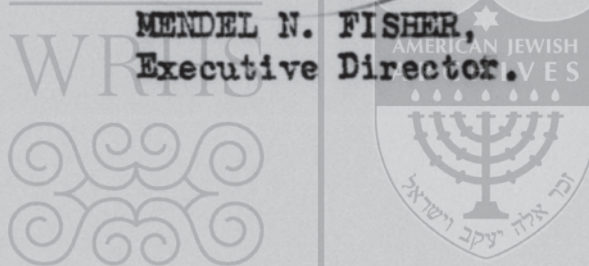
The next time you are in New York, I wish you would be good enough to give me a call.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



MENDEL N. FISHER,  
Executive Director.



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March 29, 1940

Dr. Israel Goldstein  
800 West End Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Goldstein:

I am very happy that it will be possible for Mr. Smilansky to be with us on Tuesday evening, April 9. We shall arrange a very fine meeting for him. Please let me know his address so that I can write to him personally.

With all good wishes, and thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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April 1, 1940

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

We are delighted to be able to respond to your request, and trust that Mr. Smilansky's presence and message will measure up to your expectations. In spite of the fact that he does not speak English, Mr. Smilansky has made a splendid impression upon all groups of Zionists here who respect his eminence in the Yishuv and the soundness of his approach to the problems of the Yishuv.

I am sure he will be happy to hear from you personally. He is staying at the Commodore, which I believe is a hotel not unknown to you. Perhaps on your next visit to New York you may be able to see him. The Emergency Committee extended the courtesy of an invitation to him to attend its last meeting. No doubt the United Palestine Appeal will wish to do likewise.

Cordially yours,

*Israel Goldstein*  
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN



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April 3, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Gallin informs us that you have agreed to a suggestion that the Council should meet with Mr. Smilansky after your meeting.

You undoubtedly know that Mr. Smilansky is 66 years old. He is rather an older person and after delivering one address he feels very very tired and would like to go to his hotel. If you have no objection we would like to arrange for Mr. Smilansky to come to Cleveland a day earlier, which means on April 8th. He would not make any public appearance, but he would only meet with the J. N. F. Council, as I wrote to Mr. Gallin. I am sure this is not a difficult matter, and it can be adjusted quite readily.

Mr. Smilansky would like to meet with a number of Cleveland people and to confer with you at length on some of the problems agitating us at this time. Since he must leave Cleveland on the evening of April 9th because he has an engagement in New York on the 10th, the schedule that I suggest would be preferable to Mr. Smilansky, if you will so agree. It would also give him more time in your community for the plans he has in mind.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Mendel N. Fisher,  
Executive Director.

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April 3, 1940.

Mr. M. J. Gallin,  
Jewish National Fund  
10609 St. Clair Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Gallin:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have sent today to Prof. Maron in response to the telegram received from him.

I am afraid it will not be practical for Mr. Smilansky to meet with the Council after the Zionist meeting. He is not a young man. He is 66 years old. There are a number of things that Mr. Smilansky would like to accomplish in Cleveland that will require your cooperation.

If it meets with Dr. Silver's approval, as I am sure it will, we would like to have Mr. Smilansky come to Cleveland on the 8th of April. He could meet with the Council for dinner or in the evening. It will not be in the nature of a public meeting, but a meeting of the Council people only; and then he would stay over for the following day to address the Cleveland Zionist Society. It will be necessary for Mr. Smilansky to leave on the evening of the 9th as he has an engagement in New York on the 10th. He doesn't fly. We must not burden him too much, since it is not so easy for him to move around as it is for some of us younger people.

Thanks for your letter. You are quite right. The check was entered for \$871.55. A receipt for the additional \$100.00 is attached herewith.

We have booked Shulamith Schwartz for several days in Cleveland so this is to confirm that she will be with you on the 17th. You know I wrote you about her sometime ago.

Of course you can have a picture for the Lema'an Zion Club. It is also our opinion that you should arrange to have Shulamith Schwartz address that group during her visit to Cleveland. As for the pictures we can make available the following:

1. "This Is The Land", a talkie, descriptive material attached.
2. "Hanita", descriptive material attached.



M. J. Gallin

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April 3, 1940.

We can give the pictures for the latter part of April or early in May. Please indicate whether you wish to have the 16 or 35 mm. and let us know the dates you prefer.

I just spoke to our Labor Department. They do not have any knowledge about the difficulties you speak of with the Arlazaroff Group. In order to make sure, I am communicating with Mr. Ehrenreich who is in charge of the Department. It is possible that he had some discussions with the group in Cleveland, but as far as the office here is concerned, they know nothing of the difficulties. I shall write to you just as soon as I hear from Mr. Ehrenreich.

Thank you for the \$100.00 for an inscription for Mr. Gandal, who is to celebrate his 60th birthday. It would be fitting to have the date of his birth inscribed in the Golden Book. We will also send a letter to Mr. Gandal.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Mendel N. Fisher,  
Executive Director.

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My dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Smilansky asked me to acknowledge your very kind letter of April 1st which he appreciates. We have written you suggesting that Mr. Smilansky should come a day earlier. Just as soon as we have your reply, we will inform you promptly, giving you the exact time of his arrival.

Mr. Smilansky is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure in meeting you personally. He will wish to have a full talk with you on the situation in Eretz Israel.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER  
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April 5, '40

Dr. Israel Goldstein  
111 5th Ave.  
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agreeable to me. Kindest regards.

Abba Hillel Silver

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JEWISH WELFARE FUND  
128 North Wells St., Chicago

April 24, 1940

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

Gentlemen:

The Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, as you know, has hitherto allocated something over 80 percent of its collections to the United Jewish Appeal. This year, for the first time, a part of the deficit of The Jewish Charities of Chicago was included in our appeal. In addition to the inclusion of The Jewish Charities, we are again including allocations to the Chicago Committee for Jewish Refugees, under whose auspices is encompassed all the work with the 9,000 or 10,000 Jewish refugees in our community. Beyond allocations to these three organizations, namely, United Jewish Appeal, Chicago Committee for Jewish Refugees, and the deficit of The Jewish Charities, comparatively modest amounts are being given to Hias, Ort, the University in Exile, and the Hebrew University.

I am sorry to say that now that our campaign is in its final stages, it looks very much like we shall raise at least \$250,000 less than we raised last year. It is not possible for us to anticipate a net amount available for distribution of more than possibly \$1,500,000, out of which sum approximately \$150,000 will be distributed to The Jewish Charities, leaving approximately \$1,350,000 to be distributed on behalf of local work and the other institutions and instrumentalities mentioned above.

It is our hope that we shall not need more than \$225,000 for local refugee work, and that of the remaining \$1,100,000 to \$1,200,000 we shall be able to devote approximately \$1,000,000 to the United Jewish Appeal.

You understand, of course, that this letter is merely for your information; that it does not in any sense constitute a pledge of \$1,000,000 to the United Jewish Appeal from the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, and that actual payments against whatever may be the final allocation from our Welfare Fund to the United Jewish Appeal will necessarily depend upon collections.

There has already been forwarded from 1940 funds to the 1940 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal \$308,675. It is my hope that after another meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund, which I anticipate will be held within the next week or two, some additional funds can be forwarded to your organization.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Samuel A. Goldsmith

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH  
Secretary



C O P Y

No. 1

April 26, 1940

Mr. Arthur M. Lamport  
111 East 56 Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Lamport:

This morning I received a copy of a letter dated April 25th from Mr. Leidesdorf and addressed to the United Jewish Appeal. I assume that the quotation of the letter from Mr. Blitz and the arrangement as indicated in the letter are both accurate. It would, therefore, seem to me that we should issue instructions that the amount from the 1939 Campaign proceeds should be considered in any allocations and that this arrangement should be instituted immediately.

As you undoubtedly recall, I have registered my formal dissent from the interpretation which Mr. Montor has placed on the terms of the decision for the 1939 allocation, which interpretation resulted in the  $2/3-1/3$  formula. I have tried to check up my own interpretation with the intent of the allocators with whom I have been able to discuss the matter and I find that my interpretation is in line with their own intent.

I, therefore, suggest that we jointly address a letter, either to the Allocations Committee as a whole or to Mr. Kirstein as chairman, and ask him to reconvene the group in order that there may be a further clarification. Will you join with me in this request?

I should like to take the matter up promptly because I understand that Mr. Ittleson is back in the city and Mr. Lasker, I was told yesterday, either is in the city at this time or will be here shortly.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) I. EDWIN GOLDWASSER

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES  
AND OVERSEAS NEEDS  
342 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 29, 1940

Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser  
2 Park Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Goldwasser:

In answer to the two points raised in your letter of April 26th:

(1) My understanding is that Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise have had placed before them the disposition of the item involving the income to the United Palestine Appeal from Night of Stars, Inc. In accordance with the agreement constituting the United Jewish Appeal, final decision with respect to this item will be made by the two national chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal. Under the circumstances, therefore, we can only await their action in this matter and the communication of their decision to us as Treasurers.

May I point out that several conversations we had some months ago definitely established the nature of the decisions of the Allocations Committee with respect to the distribution of funds and that this agreement between us was reflected in the final equalization of payments on the basis of the two-thirds - one-third decision of the Allocations Committee.

(2) It seems to me that the decision of the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal requires no interpretation for its terms are clear. It was not my understanding that the action of the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for 1939 was tentative. I do not see, therefore, what purpose can be served by a further meeting of the Allocations Committee which disposed with definitiveness of all eventualities.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

A. M. Lamport

Arthur M. Lamport  
Co-Treasurer



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April 30, 1940

Mr. Arthur M. Lamport  
111 East 56 Street  
New York City

My dear Mr. Lamport:

I have your letter of the 29th replying to mine of the 26th.

As to your number (1), you undoubtedly will recall that at the time Rabbi Silver and Rabbi Wise were designated to take up certain items, there were two questions involved. One was the so-called uncertainty as to what should be done with reference to a \$40,000 item from the Hofheimer Foundation for 1939; the second was the action of Mr. Montor in refusing to carry out a definite agreement as to the income from Night of Stars until an adjustment of the \$40,000 item had been arrived at.

You will undoubtedly recall that I have refused to attend any meeting of any committee that would consider these matters. I have taken from the beginning the position that one had nothing to do with the other. As to the \$40,000 item, the records are clear and the attempt on the part of Mr. Montor has resulted in a loss to the 1939 income for work among refugees of \$40,000, which result I definitely forecast when Mr. Montor first issued his orders without reference at all to any committee or any organization or the authority of any officers.

As to the second item, namely the income from the Night of Stars, my position has been simply that the original agreement should be carried out. Under date of April 25th I received a copy of a letter addressed by Mr. Leidesdorf, treasurer of the New York City Campaign for 1939 addressed to the United Jewish Appeal, quoting the agreement and requesting that the terms of the agreement be carried out. Certainly no conference between Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise would be needed to decide whether an agreement shall or shall not be carried out.

As to item number (2) you say that "several conversations we had some months ago definitely established the nature of the decisions of the Allocations Committee, etc. etc." I regret exceedingly that your recollection should be so vague. Surely you must remember that I said to you at that time that I was convinced both from the record of the discussions of the Allocations Committee and from the actual mathematical results which would be attained by using the  $2/3-1/3$  procedure, it was not proper to make the adjustment on the  $2/3-1/3$  division. I hope you will recall that I registered my



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Mr . Arthur M. Lamport

April 30, 1940

original protest by stating that the emergencies as to cash which confronted all three organizations were so acute that I was prepared to allow the distribution and adjustment to proceed on any kind of formula since there would be ample time when the situation might be clarified during which readjustment could be made.

In order that there would be no possible misunderstanding, I made this point clear to Mr. Keller on a number of occasions, and finally made an official record when the last check was made out in the so-called readjustment.

I assume that when you say "I do not see, therefore, what purpose can be served by a further meeting of the Allocations Committee which disposed with definitiveness of all eventualities" you mean that you will not join with me in asking for a clarification. That being so, I shall ask for such clarification in my own name, indicating that you have refused to join with me in such request.

Sincerely yours,

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Sincerely yours,

(signed) I. Edwin Goldwasser



May 1, 1940

Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser  
2 Park Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Goldwasser:

May I say the following in reference to your letter of April 30th:

(1) The agreement constituting the United Jewish Appeal contains the following clause:

"All details for implementing and carrying out the foregoing agreement are in the charge of Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, or their respective nominees."

It was on that basis that the United Palestine Appeal referred this item to the two national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal for disposition. The authority of the national chairmen in this regard is absolute and binding. We as treasurers can only await their decision.

May I point out to you that the item involving the \$40,000 pledge from the Hefheimer Foundation was not dealt with in the same appropriate way. The action in that regard was entirely unilateral despite the obviousness of the moral necessity of adhering to a pledge originally made.

May I say that Mr. Montor has nothing whatever to do with the action taken by the United Palestine Appeal in reference to Night of Stars. It is an action for which I hold myself fully responsible, as do all the officers of the United Palestine Appeal. It was the questionable practice of the Hefheimer Foundation which precipitated this entire question. While the United Palestine Appeal is perfectly agreeable to submitting this matter to the adjudication of the national chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal you, the National Refugee Service and the Hefheimer Foundation have shown no similar willingness to submit to this impartial tribunal.

(2) There is nothing further that I can say with regard to the decisions of the Allocations Committee. I can only interpret the



Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser

May 1, 1940

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language on the basis of its obvious meaning. If you wish to question the meaning of the decision of the Allocations Committee you have every right to do so in the manner prescribed in the contract of 1939.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Lampert  
Co-Treasurer

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May 1, 1940

Dr. Solomon Goldman  
3760 Pine Grove Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Goldman:

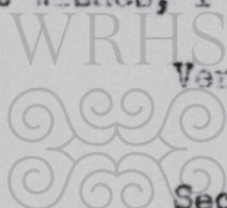
Rabbi Silver has requested me to send you  
the enclosed copy of a letter which he sent to  
Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.





May 1, 1940

Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser  
200 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Goldwasser:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 30 as well as the enclosures. I will send you a more detailed reply later on. For the present permit me to say that no one has authorized you to write to the members of the Allocations Committee requesting either a direct meeting of the Committee or a canvass by mail touching certain matters which have, at this late date, arisen in your mind. The least that you could have done before writing to the members of the Allocations Committee - which Committee, by the way, no longer exists - was to have consulted the Co-chairmen of the Campaign and to have requested their opinion in the matter. Such high-handed methods are greatly to be deprecated.

Sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



I. EDWIN GOLDWASSER  
2 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK

May 2, 1940

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of May 1st. I think you are quite right in saying that no one has authorized me to write as I did. At the same time, may I call to your attention the fact that where I feel that my Trustee responsibility so dictates, I take the steps that I feel are called for in terms of what I feel to be my duty as Trustee.

I note the suggestion that you make as to what is the least that I could have done. In view, however, of the above, you can see that I must follow the dictates of my own conscience in determining what steps should be taken in situations like the present.

Sincerely yours,

*I. Edwin Goldwasser*

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ONE-ELEVEN FIFTH AVENUE

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Suite 703

May 3, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road & E. 105 St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

With reference to your letter of April 26th to Governor Lehman, may I say that your presence at the meeting next Wednesday evening would accomplish a great deal more than will be accomplished without your presence. Do you expect to be there?

Incidentally, I called your home one morning about two weeks ago when I was passing through on my way to Toledo. On the way back from Toledo I was stuck in Cleveland at three o'clock in the morning when the planes refused to leave on account of the weather. I was sorely tempted to invite you to join me at the Turkish bath where I relaxed while waiting for the morning train out of Cleveland to New York, but with true Spartan-Maccabean restraint, I resisted the temptation. I know that you are grateful.

Sincerely yours,

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

TELEPHONE *Buckingham 1424*

May 3rd, 1940

*Office of the President*

**SOLOMON GOLDMAN**  
3760 PINE GROVE AVE.,  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Miss Bessie Kline  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

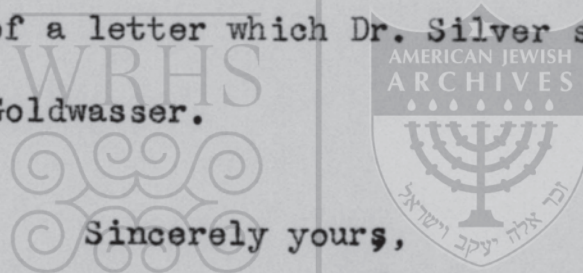
Dear Miss Kline:

Thank you very kindly for sending Dr.  
Goldman copy of a letter which Dr. Silver sent to  
Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser.

Sincerely yours,

*J. B. Coleman*

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May 3, 1940

From: I. Edwin Goldwasser

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓  
Dr. Jonah B. Wise

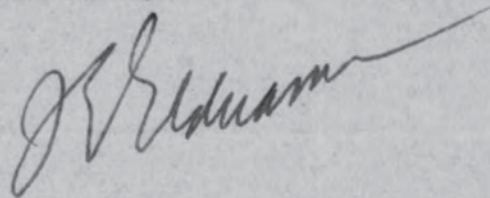
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As National Chairmen of the Campaign of 1939, I beg to call your attention to the following situation.

As of a report received by me this morning showing the bank balance situation of the United Jewish Appeal for 1939 as of the close of business May 2, 1940, there is shown a bank balance of \$111,630.06.

For the past year all three beneficiary organizations have been in straitened circumstances as far as cash is concerned, and Mr. Lamport and I had agreed on a formula for quick distribution of funds as rapidly as they were accumulating. I am now informed that Mr. Lamport has refused to permit the issuance of any checks because I have requested that remittance be made in such manner as to take into account the fact that U.P.A. has already been the recipient of \$50,000 of the net proceeds of the Night of Stars of 1939.

I understand that the United Palestine Appeal, as per a letter received by me from Mr. Arthur M. Lamport, has referred this matter to you for disposition. While I have not agreed with the position Mr. Lamport has taken, namely that as treasurers we must await your decision, there is nevertheless at present a deadlock which works to the great hardship of the various organizations, and I must request that the matter be cleared up with the minimum delay.



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I. EDWIN GOLDWASSER  
2 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK

May 6, 1940

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of the 2nd and I want to thank you for the great amount of time and thought that you have given to analyzing the situation for me. In the agreement of December 9, 1938, section 7 says "all details for implementing and carrying out the foregoing agreement are in the charge of Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver or their respective nominees." The difference apparently between us lies in the fact that I did not consider the problem that bothered me to be one that involved either the implementing or carrying out of the agreement. It had to do with the action of an agency of the Allocations Committee. Therefore, the only group, in my opinion, to which I could refer the matter was the Allocations Committee itself.

As I read all the discussions, it seemed to me, and frankly it still seems to me, that the decisions were not in line with what seems to have been in the minds of the allocators. However, if there is to be a meeting of the Committee, I can present this more in detail. If not, I shall, merely so as to give the full analysis of my point of view, go into greater detail at some later time with you.

Your interpretation of clause (4) is quite different from my reading and therein lies the essential difference in our interpretation.

As to the Hofheimer Foundation matter, I think it is distinctly unfair and can be justified only because you have not been placed in possession of the facts, to indicate that a charity foundation which has given millions of dollars to Jewish causes since its inception and which has been contributing in some years 60% of its entire available income for refugee work should have "reneged on its pledge without explanation or legal or moral justification." The original pledge was made on certain conditions. Trustees of the Foundation were specifically told that those conditions could not be met. They thereupon, by definite action of their Board of Trustees, cancelled on their books the appropriation since the conditions could not be met.



I. EDWIN GOLDWASSER  
2 PARK AVENUE  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

May 6, 1940

At the time the pledge was made, I took up with Mr. Lamport the question of meeting the exact conditions. He stated that we should permit the pledge to stand and urged that I have the payment made so as to ease the cash stringency of the beneficiary organizations. I took steps to bring this about, but again indicated that the check was not to be accepted unless under the condition of the grant. When such acceptance could not be assured, the check was returned. It is because the Hofheimer Foundation was fully aware of the nature of the United Jewish Appeal that the Trustees made their grant with the specific conditions accompanying it.

Sincerely yours,



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May 6, 1940

Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser  
2 Park Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Goldwasser:

In reply to your letter of May 3 -  
I sent the enclosed wire to Dr. Jonah B. Wise.  
I trust that it will be possible for him to  
meet with me on Wednesday.

In reply to your letter of May 2, permit  
me to say that while I fully realize the fact that  
you take your Trustee responsibility as co-Treasurer  
of the United Jewish Appeal very seriously, all the  
other officers are also conscious of a great Trustee  
responsibility towards the fund which some of them  
do more to raise than others. The most helpful  
thing that an officer's conscience can do for him  
is to direct him to live up to the letter and the  
spirit of a clear cut agreement which was made in  
good faith, and not to resort to unauthorized  
forms of procedure.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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May 14, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Needless to say, all of us are very much disturbed about the condition of the Campaign in New York. Unfortunately, however, those of us who represent the UPA are not the ones who are in a position to exercise either authority or compulsion.

It would seem that the JDC leaders are not eager to press their people unduly. Yet, they should be three times as much concerned as we are because their stake in the Campaign is three times as large as ours.

I have just come back from Kansas City and St. Louis, and I have the impression, though I cannot substantiate it by actual first-hand evidence, that some of the JDC leaders are also exercising the same stultifying influence outside of New York, as instanced by a report that came to my attention that one of the prominent JDC leaders said in a community, that the top givers cannot be expected to over-reach themselves, and that it is up to the communities to increase the number of givers and to increase the contributions of the large middle class.

On the advisability of coming out to the public with a challenge, I am doubtful for the reason that they do have a major stake in the Campaign, and that the pressure and the protest ought to come from people in their own ranks who feel as we do. The calling of an emergency conference would, I think, be useful provided that two or three nationally known lay leaders from out of town, in addition, of course, to the Co-chairmen, would be present to prod some of our "big shots" here out of their complacency.

Cordially yours,

*Israel Goldstein*  
Dr. Israel Goldstein,  
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DR. STEPHEN S. WISE

May 15, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I intended to talk to you when you were in New York as to exactly what procedure you follow when you invite speakers from New York.

We have never billed you for Mr. Smilansky's traveling expenses which were \$40.05. If it is customary for the Cleveland Zionist Society to pay the traveling expenses of these speakers, then, of course, you can send us a check. If, however, this is not the custom, we will consider it as a J. N. F. charge. Your judgment will be final in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mendel N. Fisher,  
Executive Director.

MNF:dl

Regards.