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1939.

K E R E N H A Y E S O D

SEPTEMBER REPORT 1 9 3 9

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S A L I E N T F A C T S

RECEIPTS

EXPENDITURE

• of the Keren Hayesod:

Total net receipts (as against LP.26,861 in the preceding period)	Lp.63,432
of which:	
For the regular Budget	61,389
" Mifal Bitzaron	1,668
" Earmarked purposes	375,

Repayment to
Lloyds Bank
LP. 3,800

of the Jewish Agency:

Total receipts	LP 53,165
of which:	
From the Keren Hayesod	50,590
" miscellaneous sources	2,575

Budget:
LP. 71,791

I. K E R E N H A Y E S O D R E C E I P T S

In September 1939, the total net receipts of the Keren Hayesod amounted to LP.63,432 (as against LP.26,861 in September 1938), of which the Regular budget accounted for LP.61,389

Mifal Bitzaron	"	1,668
Earmarked contributions		375
		<u>LP.63,432</u>

The regular income included contribution from:

The United States of America	LP.27,333
South Africa	17,625
Canada	3,333
England	3,132
Argentine	2,801
Eretz Israel	2,677
Other countries	4,488
	<u>LP.61,389</u>

2. JEWISH AGENCY RECEIPTS

In the month under review Keren Hayesod remittances on account of the regular budget amounted to LP.50,590
 On account of American Mifal Bitzaron funds of the KKL as their participation in the new colonization in the Beth Shan region LP. 28
 On account of repayments of previously granted loans 518
 On account of interest, dividends and miscellaneous payments, 2029
 totalling: LP.53.165

3. EXPENDITURE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY

During the month under review, the expenditure to the amount of LP.71,791 was distributed as follows:

I. Agricultural colonization (incl. Experimental Station)	LP. 14,979	
II. Settlement of German Jews	6,159	
III. Housing and Public Works	13,020	
IV. Immigration & Vocational Training	6,195	
V. National organization and Security	11,932	
VI. Educational and Cultural Activities	3,971	
VII. Trade, Industry and Urban Colonization	13,492	
VIII. Administrative Expenditure	1,114	
IX. Miscellaneous	929	LP.71,791

LP.3,800, repayment due to Lloyds Bank on account of the Consolidation Loan was paid directly by the Keren Hayesod.

I. Agricultural Colonization

The LP. 14,979 spent under this head are accounted for as follows:

(a) Investments	LP. 5,166	
(b) Moshawim - Moshwoth	1,083	
(c) Cooperative Settlements	10,859	
(d) Individual Settlers	268	
(e) Girls' Farms	141	
(f) Miscellaneous, i.e. Technical Buro, organisation expenses, etc.	1,873	
	<u>19,390</u>	
Less: Share of Department for the Settlement of German Jews	6,159	
	<u>13,231</u>	
(g) Experimental Agricultural Station	1,748	LP.14,979
ad (a) Acquisition of additional "Pasa" Shares	5,003	
" " "Rassco" "	14	
Read construction (see April/May Report)		
Road at Hulda	LP. 89	
Road at Beth Shan B	37	
Road at Beth Shan A	23	
	<u>149</u>	
	5,166	

ad(b) The LP. 1,083 under this head were spent on dead and live inventory, the erection of farm buildings and dwellinghouses, plantations, irrigation, etc. at the following points: LP. 44 at En Haoved, LP. 135 at Kfar Azar, LP. 130 at Kfar Pines, LP. 17 at Kfar Yokneam.)

New settlements benefited as to LP.170 Irgun Menahem, LP.68 Moledet (reconstruction after the fire,) LP.486 Irgun Ephraim, LP. 101 Moshwas Alroi, totalling LP.1,151 from which credits to the amount of LP.45 Tirat Shalom and LP. 23 Beth Yoseph should be deducted, leaving LP.1,083 (of which LP.802 were spent on new colonization).

ad (c) The LP. 10,859 spent under this head was distributed as follows: -LP.20 for En Hachoresh, LP. 150 for Shaar Haamakim, LP. 31 for Naan, LP.500 for Kfar Giladi-Tel Hai. New Settlements: LP.183 for Nir David, LP.29 for Tirath Zvi, ^{mis}LP.139 for Batelem, LP.259 for Tel Itzhak, LP.340 for En Hashophet, LP.188 for Beth Yehoshua, LP.459 for Bamsila, LP. 2 Hanita, LP. 1 Zur Moshe, LP. 104 Kfar Hamaccabi, LP.208 Alonim, LP. 235 Kvuza Hachugim Maos, LP.154, Massad, LP. 150 Akiba, LP. 462 Shimron, LP. 281 Khirbat Zemakh, LP. 100 Massada, LP.7 Hasorea, LP.3,277, Mezudath Menahem, LP.1,083 Arie, LP.33, Plugat Hayam Haifa, LP.206 Hamidia, LP.2,259 Beth Alpha, totalling LP.10,870, less various credit items totalling LP. 11, which leaves LP. 10,859, of which LP. 10,159 was spent on new colonization.

ad (d) Individual settlers in six different settlements received loans to the amount of LP.268.

ad (e) In Petah Tiqva, Schunath Borochoy, Ayanoth and Afule, the Girls' Farms received LP.42, LP.25, LP. 46 and LP. 28 respectively, totalling LP.141.

ad (f) The Instructorate accounted for LP. 577, the Technical Bur for LP.457, Organization expenditure for LP.611, Promotion of Local Production for LP.100, Preparatory work in connection with new colonization for LP.90, Survey work for LP.94, Yemenites in Shivath Zion for LP.41, miscellaneous for LP. 51, totalling LP.2,021, less LP. 148 on account of short-term loans, leaving LP.1,873.

III. Housing and Public Works

LP. 13,020 were spent under this head in the month under review as follows:

I. Housing of Workers: Buildings	LP. 267	
Purchase of tents	1,160	
" " beds	13	
in Kfar Syrkin	85	
" Hadera (Neve Haim)	80	LP. 1,605
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2. Instruction & Promotion of Work:		
Agricultural instruction through Merkas Haklai	196	
Instruction to unemployed women workers	38	
Agricultural instruction in district schools	75	
Training of youths	65	
Transport of workers to site of work	253	
" of new workers	212	
Disbursements in connection with Government and Public Works	141	
Promotion of fishing industry	150	
Settlement of fishers	200	1,330
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3. Loan Fund for workers in the colonies:				
Through the Merkas Haklai		2,400		
" " Hapoel Hamisrachi		335		
" " Irgun Zionim Klalim		260	2,995	
4. Loan Guarantee Fund Mishan:				
Through the Unemployment Fund of the General Labor Federation	LP.	3,100		
Through Irgun Zionim Klalim		145		
" Hapoel Hamisrachi		700		
" Yemenite Organization		205		
" Vaad Leumi		450		
" various		125		
" Agudath Israel		100		
" Association of Community Councils		1500	LP.6,325	
5. Organization:				
Central Offices of the various organizations		50		
Participation in Joint Labor Exchanges		143	193	
6. To Kupath Holim				
			300*	
7. Organizing expenditure and miscellaneous (Travel, postage, telephone & telegraphic expenditure)				
			272	
ad (1) A hut was provided for Maanot, building materials for various points, and a shed for the storage of fishing nets for Kvuzat Maapilim in Athlith. In July/September 1939 L.P. 1,894 were expended for the purchase of 350 tents, accommodating 1200 workers in the labor camps, in the majority new arrivals released from the Government internment camps.				
ad (2) In the same period 1500 workers were given instruction in various branches of agriculture. Similarly, 70 women of the newly arrived immigrants were admitted into the Girls' Farms Schunath Borocho and Ayanoth and there trained in agricultural work. In July unemployed men were given special instruction in the hoeing of citrus plants, which needs special training. Some 200 youths between 14-17 years of age are being trained in Agricultural work in the schools of Givath Hashlosha, Yagur and Kfar Yeladim, for which the Labor Department of the Jewish Agency provides the funds.				
ad(3) Small loans to workers in colonies:				
In July - 2500 persons to the amount of LP.2,500				
In August 4000 " to " "		3,500		
In September 5000 " " "		4,000		
ad(4) Mishan granted loans:				
In July to 6000 unemployed to the amount of LP 7,000				
" August 6000 " "		7,000		
" September 8000 " "		8,500		

* The above amount was paid in May and is to be found in our April/May Report under "Miscellaneous". In September 1939, this item was entered to the debit of the Labor Department (see IX. "Miscellaneous").

IV. Immigration and Training

LP. 6,195 were spent under the above head.

During September 1939 - 872 Jews entered the country, as compared to 2868 in September 1938. Of the 872 immigrants there were 123 capitalists with 142 dependents, 15 persons with assured income, 117 workers with 89 dependents, 154 students, 228 relatives of Palestinian residents and 4 of other categories.

V. National Organization and Security.

LP. 11,932 were spent under this head. The latter purpose accounted for LP. 12,900, the Political Departments in Jerusalem and London LP.2, 182, totaling LP. 14,082, less LP. 2, 150 on account of the London Political Department.

VI. Educational and Cultural Activities

accounted for LP.3.971 as follows:

Contribution to the school budget of the Vaad Leumi		LP.3,730
Mossad Bialik for publication of books	LP.72	
Vaad Halashon	85	
Mossad Rav Kuk	50	
Subsidies to journals	80	
Miscellaneous	3	
	<hr/> 290	
Less share of the Zionist Organization	250	40
Subsidies : to Habima	25	
to Ohel	100	125
To Haifa Technion		76

VII. Trade, Industry and Urban Colonization

accounted for LP. 13,492 as follows:

a) To Investments	LP.9,048
b) Expenditure of Dept of Trade & Industry	2,495
c) Expenditure of Economic Research Institute	379
d) Expenditure of Dept. for Retail Trade and Crafts	<hr/> 1,570

ad (a) The guarantee for LP.9,000 was assumed vis avis Bitzur for a loan to that amount granted to the Tel Aviv Harbor. A further LP.48 were spent on the new wing of the Jewish Agency Building.

ad (b) LP.1,801 were allocated to the Loan Fund for Industrialists of the Anglo-Palestine Bank. Subventions to the amount of LP.250 were given to the Association for the Promotion of local Production, LP. 100 to the Foreign Trade Institute, LP. to the Institute for Technical Instruction, LP. 103 to the Palestine Pavilion at the New York Exhibition.

VIII. Administrative Expenditure

accounted for LP. 1,114 in the month under review.

IX. Miscellaneous

Under this head LP. 929 were spent as follows:-

1.	For religious purposes	LP.293	
2.	" Statistical Buro	261	
3.	" Pensions	173	
4.	" Subsidies to Maccabi	LP.25	
	" Various	200	225
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5.	Collection expenses, Information and Tourist Bureaus, Press Service	277	LP. 1,229

Less Contribution of Labor Dept. to Kupath
Holim (see above)

300
929



MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
KEREN HAYESOD (PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND) INC.
AT HOTEL ASTOR
MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 27, 1939, 8:30 P.M.

The annual meeting of the members of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) Inc. was held on Monday evening, November 27, 1939, at the Hotel Astor, New York.

Mr. Louis Lipsky presided.

Revealing the difficult position the Keren Hayesod has come to occupy in the field of fund-raising and Zionist propaganda, the chairman stated that the Keren Hayesod, which started in the United States in 1921, has undergone quite a number of transformations, in the course of which it has to a large extent lost its identity and been involved in any number of campaigns, without many of the people who have made such contributions being aware of the fact that they have helped to build up the Keren Hayesod. As a result, it has become increasingly difficult to identify the Keren Hayesod contributor. He believed that a way will have to be devised in order to rehabilitate the Keren Hayesod contributor, and thus enable the administration to know who are Keren Hayesod contributors, and who are not. For the time being, however, and to serve the purposes of an annual meeting, letters were sent out to quite a large list of contributors to the United Jewish Appeal, who are known to be Zionists or Palestine sympathizers and who are entitled to be called Keren Hayesod contributors, as well as to Zionists of the Districts of Greater New York, for the purpose of submitting the financial report, taking such action as may be required, and naming the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod for the ensuing year. The chairman remarked that very little can be said at this time in connection with next year's campaign because all the discussions are still in flux, but he was hopeful that an arrangement similar (with slight variations) to that which prevailed in 1939, would be made for 1940.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Charles Ress, Secretary, submitted an audited report of the income and disbursements of the World Keren Hayesod for the period from October, 1938, through June, 1939.

He explained that the total amount expended during this period amounted to approximately £3,000,000, and was used for the following purposes:

Agricultural colonization	£980,000
Settlement of German Jews	46,105
Housing and Public Works	600,165
Immigration and Training	172,290
National Organization & Security	491,700
Educational & Cultural Activities	133,000
Trade, Industry & Urban Colonization	314,795
Administrative Expenses	59,525
Miscellaneous	50,000

With regard to the income and disbursements of the Keren Hayesod in America, Mr. Röss presented the statement that was prepared by the bookkeeping department for the period from January 1, 1939 to November 27, 1939. (Attached).

Supplementing this report, Mr. Röss stated that for the period from January 1, 1939 until November 15, 1939, there has been remitted to Palestine by the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth, the sum of \$3,300,000, which represents the largest sum collected and remitted during a like period at any time. He added that it is anticipated that an additional \$1,500,000 will be obtained from the funds of the United Jewish Appeal, making a total of \$4,800,000 to be remitted to Palestine during the year 1939.

Mr. Röss stressed the importance of increasing the collections and the need of keeping alive the meaning and function of the Keren Hayesod in America.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report as rendered by Mr. Röss, be accepted.

GREETINGS FROM DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN:

The chairman read the following telegram of greetings from Dr. Solomon Goldman, President of the Zionist Organization of America, who was addressing a meeting in Toledo, Ohio:

"LOUIS LIPSKY, CARE PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND
HOTEL ASTOR

REGRET INABILITY BE PRESENT ANNUAL MEETING
KEREN HAYESOD ZIONISM AND YISHUB TRAVELLED,
PLANTED, BUILT SUCCESSFULLY DESPITE THORNY
PATH, ROCKY FIELDS, AND SHIFTING SANDS.
FOUNDATION IS LAID THIS THE TERMINUS ABQUO
IN ALL FUTURE ZIONIST EFFORT OUR MOVEMENT
INELUCTABLE OUR ACHIEVEMENT UNDENIABLE.
ZIONISM ROOTED SOLID IN OUR PAST, SUCCESSFUL
IN PRESENT, MUST BEND JEWISH WILL TO JEWISH
FUTURE. HITLERISM CANNOT SHALL NOT TRIUMPH
AGAINST CHALUZIUTH. WE MUST GUARD AGAINST
ITS FRUSTRATION BY DEXTEROUS DIPLOMACY.
GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE HAVE AS FRIENDS ALL
HATERS OF BARBARISM. WE MUST STEEL OUR HEARTS
REMINDE THEM AND WHOLE WORLD IMPLEMENTATION WHITE
PAPER IS BARBARISM SUI GENERIS. HITLERISM
ACCELERATES PLAGUE. MACDONALD SLOWS UP REMEDY.
WE MUST FIGHT ON THIS FRONTIER OF JUSTICE WITH
UNYIELDING CONVICTION.

SOLOMON GOLDMAN"

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

The chairman reported that at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee, a Committee on Nominations was named by the officers with a view to submitting to this meeting the names of the members of the Board for the ensuing year. The Committee on Nominations consisted of the following: John L. Leibowitz, Rabbi Irving Miller, David Freiburger, Morris Weinberg, David Wertheim, Rabbi I. M. Kowalsky and Sol Cohen.

Mr. David Freiburger, on behalf of the Committee on Nominations, submitted the following list of nominees for the Board of Directors: Simon Ackerman, Louis Altschul, David Berenstein, Dr. Ilie Berger, Oscar Berman, Judge Saul Berman, Robert M. Bernstein, Samuel Caplan, Abraham Cohen, B. W. Cohen, Jacob H. Cohen, Sol Cohen, Charles A. Cowen, Bernard Crausman, Morris Dlugasch, Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, Sarah Feder, M. Maldwin Fertig, Harry P. Fierst, Prof. Haim Fineman, Jacob Fishman, William Fendiller, David Freiburger, Leon Gellman, Abraham Goldberg, Dr. Solomon Goldman, Abraham Goldstein, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Chaim Greenberg, Rabbi Simon Greenberg, J. Hagler, Rabbi Harry Halpern, Isaac Hamlin, Rabbi A.M. Haller, Rabbi Edward L. Israel, Jacob Ish-Kishor, Samuel Judenfreund, Alexander Kahn, Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, Dr. Maurice J. Karpf, Rabbi Max Kirschblum, Max Kiss, Prof. Gustave Klausner, Rabbi Jacob Kohn, Rabbi I. M. Kowalsky, Abraham Krasne, Abraham Krumbein, Arthur M. Lamport, Hon. Herbert H. Lehman, John L. Leibowitz, Jacob Leichtman, Maurice Levin, Dr. Harris J. Levine, Aaron Levinstone, Rabbi I. H. Levinthal, Judge Louis E. Levinthal, Isidore Leviton, Meyer Levy, Abraham L. Liebovitz, Eleazar Lipsky, Louis Lipsky, Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, Judge Julian W. Mack, Major Wm. J. Mack, Hirsch Manischewitz, Fred. Margareten, Dr. S. Margoshes, Morris Margulies, Abraham Mazer, Hon. George Z. Medalie, Rabbi Irving Miller, Henry Monsky, Louis J. Moss, Max Nadler, Asher Papish, David Pinski, Mrs. David de Sola Pool, Charles Ress, Louis Rinsky, Louis P. Rucker, Dr. A.J. Rongy, Judge Morris Rothenberg, J. I. Rudavsky, Israel Sachs, Hon. Louis Sachs, Michael Schaap, Hon. Albert D. Schanzer, Joseph Schlossberg, Max J. Schneider, Dr. Samuel Schulman, Louis Segal, Mrs. Abraham Shapiro, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Archibald Silverman, Robert Silverman, Jacob Sincoff, Dr. Ferdinand Sonneborn, Elihu D. Stone, A. M. Stavisky, Hon. Nathan Straus, Judge Myron Sulzberger, Judge Nathan Sweedler, Robert Szold, Samuel Telsey, Sigmund Thau, Samuel Untermeyer, Dr. Harold M. Weinberg, Morris Weinberg, Meyer W. Weisgal, David Wertheim, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Leo Wolfson and Nell Ziff.

It was moved, seconded and carried that one ballot be cast by the Secretary in favor of the list.

This was done; and the list was thereupon declared elected.

Addresses were delivered by Dr. Georg Landauer, Dr. Kurt Blumenfeld, Eliahu Golomb and Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Ress
Charles Ress
Secretary

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD) INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES AND DISTRIBUTION OF NET INCOME
FROM JANUARY 1, 1939 TO NOVEMBER 27, 1939 INCL.

BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 1939.....\$34,066.14

INCOME:

Specified:

United Jewish Appeal	-1934	\$773.63	
United Jewish Appeal	-1935	773.59	
United Palestine Appeal	-1936	1,763.83	
United Palestine Appeal	-1937	15,065.74	
Emergency Fund.....	-1937	7,532.87	
United Palestine Appeal	-1938	239,000.00	
Emergency Fund.....	-1938	119,500.00	
United Palestine Appeal	-1939	<u>1,254,750.00</u>	\$1,639,159.66

Other Income:

Bequests.....	3,839.85	
Interest on Bonds.....	<u>22.35</u>	<u>3,862.20</u>

TOTAL INCOME.....\$1,643,021.86

\$1,677,088.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Remittances to Keren Hayesod	1,401,457.13	
Remittances for Emergency Fund	118,032.87	
Payments on acct. of Keren Hayesod	7,325.37	
Remittances received direct by Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem	<u>901.96</u>	\$1,527,717.33

Advance to Palestine Exhibits, Inc.	103,377.46	
" to Z.O.A. (Old Acct.)	20,769.26	
" to Ingrid Warburg-on acct. of Habima.....	<u>500.00</u>	124,646.72

Special Appropriation-George Greenspun.....		2,000.00
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Headquarter Expenses.....		<u>1,264.38</u>
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....\$1,655,628.43

BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 27, 1939.....\$ 21,459.57

Cash in Bank (National City)	\$17,056.53
" " " (Sterling Natl)	2,760.90
Petty Cash Fund.....	14.61
Bonds.....	502.50
Furniture and Fixtures.....	<u>1,125.03</u>

\$21,459.57

KEREN HAYESOD, HEAD OFFICE - JERUSALEMStatement of Receipts and Payments during December 1939.RECEIPTS:Contributions:

From various countries as per Specification below	£P. 39,991.163	
Various Earmarked Receipts	<u>376.100</u>	£P. 40,367.263

Sundry Receipts:

Interest on Redemption Reserve a/c with Lloyds Bank per 31.12.39	344.804	
Interest and dividends from Sundries	<u>50.570</u>	395.374

Sundry Accounts:

A.P.B., Jerusalem - Sundry Deposits A/C		2,000. -
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Cash on 1.12.39:

At various Banks and in Hand		<u>5,195.716</u>
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£P. 47,958.353	=====
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PAYMENTS:To Jewish Agency Jerusalem & London:

On a/c of Regular Budget		£P. 24,105.025
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Special Earmarked Contributions:To Jewish Agency, Jerusalem:

For a building of Beth-Am at Shaar- Haamakim (from Jugoslavia)	373.950	
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To Mizrahi Palestine Fund:

Out of Income from South Africa	<u>208.332</u>	582.282
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Repayments on Loans:

To Lloyds Bank, Ltd., London and Anglo-Palestine Bank Ltd., monthly service payment on a/c of Consolidation Loan	3,800. -	
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To Ditto: Interest on Loan 1938 per 31.12.39	<u>3,535.768</u>	
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7,335.768

To S. Schocken 3rd instalment on a/c of Loan	<u>325. -</u>	<u>7,660.768</u>
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Carried forward		£P. 32,348.075
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Brought forward

£P. 32,348.075

Head Office and Travelling Organisers:

Salaries & Expenses:

2,775.843

Sundry Accounts:

A.P.B., Jerusalem - Deposit of
Earmarked Contributions

£P. 200. -

K.H. Interim a/cs - Remittances in
transit

6,000. -

Sundry Debtors & Creditors A/C

873.184

7,073.184

Cash on 31.12.39:

At various Banks and in Hand

5,761.251

£P. 47,958.353

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KEREN HAYESOD, HEAD OFFICE - JERUSALEM

Statement of Receipts during December 1939.

United States of America	£P. 26,285.965
England	1,502.150 (1)
Holland	1,395.570
Eretz-Israel	871.895
Argentine	835. -
Belgium	757. -
New-Zealand	320.200
Egypt	342.802
Various Countries	<u>8,056.681 (2)</u>

£P. 40,367.263

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(1) Incl. Earmarked Contribution
for Anglo-Baltic Kibbutz in
Benyamina

£P. 2.150

(2) Incl. Earmarked Contribution
for building of Beth-Am at
Shaar-Haamakim

373.950

£P. 376.100

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