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September 20, 1939

Dear Friend:

A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Keren Hayesod will be held Tuesday, October 3, 1939, 4:30 P.M. at our headquarters, 111 Fifth Avenue (Rm. 720A), New York City.

The following matters will be presented for consideration:

1. Financial Report of the Keren Hayesod.
2. Keren Hayesod Loan as proposed by the Zionist Congress at Geneva.
3. Report on the Palestine Pavilion.
4. Program of Activities for the Keren Hayesod in the United States.
5. Annual Meeting.
6. Such other matters as may be presented.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Lipsky
Louis Lipsky
Chairman

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Charles Ress
Secretary

September 24, 1939

Mr. Louis Lipsky, Chairman
Palestine Foundation Fund
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lipsky:

I received notice of a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Keren Hayesod to be held on October 3. Inasmuch as the meeting of the Zionist Emergency Committee is to be held on October 2, I am wondering whether you could shift your meeting to the afternoon of the 2nd in order to enable the out-of-town members to attend the Keren Hayesod meeting. It will be quite impossible for me to stay over an extra day.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

LOUIS LIPSKY
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

September 26, 1939.

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

The meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Keren Hayesod is to be held on Tuesday afternoon, October 3rd. The meeting of the Zionist Emergency Committee is to be held on Monday afternoon, October 2nd. There is to be an important mass meeting of the American Jewish Congress on Monday evening, October 2nd, to which quite a number of the members of the Administrative Committee of the Keren Hayesod will go. Both Dr. Wise and myself will have to be there.

The purpose of the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Keren Hayesod is to arrange for a date for the annual meeting, to put on record the decisions of the Emergency Committee, to take votes on accepting the jurisdiction of the Emergency Committee, to put on record also the reports of the U.P.A., and other matters of a routine character. Under the circumstances, I do not see how I could change the meeting to Monday, the calendar being crowded as it is.

I would like to have you present at the annual meeting of the Keren Hayesod, and would be obliged to you if you would let me know what date is most convenient for you.

Very cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky

LL/RW

LOUIS LIPSKY
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

September 26, 1939.

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Gellman of the Mizrachi came in today and asked me to submit the following proposal to the United Palestine Appeal:

The American Mizrachi is in receipt of a cablegram from Jerusalem, dated September 25th, signed by Meyer Berlin. In this cablegram, Mr. Gellman was asked to submit to the organizations in America and Canada, a proposal for sending to Palestine products for the orthodox cooperatives, especially for rabbis and yeshivoth. The following products are required: flour, sugar, quakers, matzoth, conserves, fruit, meat, fish.

The food is intended for the rabbis and the yeshivoth students. It is proposed to undertake, in conjunction with the Agudath Ha'Rabbonim, an appeal to orthodox Jews, asking them to contribute food - the food mentioned - for rabbis and students. The food will be purchased in the United States, and will be forwarded on American ships to Palestine.

The question is, aside from the fact that this would be in the nature of a competitive campaign, whether it is desirable at this time to advertise the fact that Palestine, or some part of Palestine, is in the state of starvation and must be provided with food. In all probability, the Mizrachi could make the appeal in such a way as to avoid the implications of a campaign that intrudes upon the regular community campaigns. It could do this by means of appeals by orthodox rabbis from their pulpits. It could secure contributions of food from large wholesale houses owned by Jews, who could be persuaded, probably, to make contributions of food.

Some decision should be made on this matter as early as possible.

Very cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky

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ABBA HILLEL LANDAUER.

November 7th, 1939

MEMORANDUM

TO Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
FROM Dr. Georg Landauer

Attached herewith you will find a copy of a letter which I addressed to Mr. Arthur Ruppin in Jerusalem, and which you may find of interest.

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COPY

Hotel Astor, New York
November 6th, 1939

Dr. Arthur Ruppin
Jewish Agency for Palestine
P. O. Box 92
Jerusalem, Palestine

Dear Dr. Ruppin:

Dr. Joseph Cohen brought the following information with regard to the Council in London:

1. It is more than unlikely that a new public appeal to the Jewish community in England will be made at all. The Council has decided to abstain from all activity outside of England, and to concentrate entirely on the work for refugees already in England.

2. Under present conditions the sums needed for direct assistance to refugees in England amount to £10,000 a week. The Council hopes to raise money for a period of approximately five months and is of the opinion that thereafter the refugees will be absorbed in various ways in England.

3. To cover this expenditure and the already existing deficit, the Council wants to raise, as a last effort, the sum of £500,000 in the following way:

- A. £250,000 to be raised in England by subscriptions from a limited number of contributors, but not through public appeal;
- B. £250,000 to be raised through subscriptions in the United States.

Lord Reading approached Mr. Nathan Straus of New York City by cable, suggesting that this £250,000 be raised in America through a limited number of rich Jews, outside of the existing appeals, and not from personalities who are connected with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. I do not know what Mr. Straus' answer was. I am here just two days and cannot claim any profound knowledge of conditions here, but it seems to me unlikely that this appeal can be successful.

Sincerely yours,

Georg Landauer

November 7, 1939

Mr. George Landauer
C/o Zionist Organization of America
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landauer:

I was very happy to receive your message apprising me of your safe arrival in the United States. I shall be in New York on the 15th of November for some meetings and I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you then.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 21, 1939

Mr. Louis Lipsky
Zionist Organization of America
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lipsky:

In this week's issue of the New Palestine, I read with interest the editorial, "The United Jewish Appeal for 1940". I assume that you wrote it. I am largely in agreement with what is contained in that editorial, but I am rather surprised that I was not consulted by you as to the wisdom of writing this editorial at this time. Surely as Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, I might have been extended that courtesy. As it is, a meeting of the Negotiations Committee has been arranged for next Monday, November 27, and I question whether the implied criticism of the JDC in the editorial will contribute to that good will in which these negotiations should be carried on. But whether it does or does not, it seems to me that before a leading editorial is written on the subject of the United Jewish Appeal, the Chairman of that Appeal should at least be consulted and apprised of that fact.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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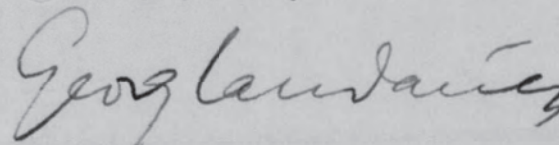
November 27, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received a cable from Mr. Barlas in which he says that on November 30th the Italian ship "Galilea" will sail from Trieste and will carry 600 refugees - holders of immigrant certificates from the last schedule.

Cordially yours,



Georg Landauer

GL. SB

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111 Fifth Avenue, New York

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November 30, 1939.

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

In reply to yours of November 21st:-

I am working under great difficulties, and find it almost impossible to arrange a schedule that would enable me to have a discussion in the Zionist Organization of the supervision of the editorial opinion in The New Palestine. Under the circumstances, I am compelled to write these editorials on Wednesday, under pressure, and it is physically impossible to consult with all those with whom consultation is often important.

The editorial on the "United Jewish Appeal for 1940" was written after Mr. Montor and myself had a conference, at which there were present representatives of the Welfare Chests. It was at this meeting that Mr. Hyman announced the postponement of the meeting of the Negotiating Committee, and refused to commit himself to any date when the Negotiating Committee would be called together. At that time, the Welfare Chest representatives severely criticized Mr. Hyman. On the following day (Saturday), a public luncheon was held, at which Mr. Hyman repeated his story of why negotiations were being delayed. At that luncheon, Judge Rothenberg publicly reminded him of the duty of the Joint to consult with its partners.

As a matter of fact, I based the editorial upon the position we had taken in the meeting with the Welfare Chest, and on what Judge Rothenberg said at the luncheon. *The editorial was written before any date had been fixed for the negotiations.*

I understand from Mr. Montor that the editorial has not been disadvantageous to our cause. On the contrary, it has strengthened our position with the Welfare Chests and given us a grievance against the Joint, which the public knows about, and which becomes useful in negotiation.

Very cordially yours,

Louis Linsky

LL/RW

LOUIS LIPSKY
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

November 30, 1939.

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am in substantial agreement with
Mr. Montor's letter of November 29th.

It is our duty to resist the effort
of the Joint Distribution Committee to introduce
the National Refugee Service into the United Jew-
ish Appeal as an equal partner not only in the
distribution of funds, but also in the management
of the United Jewish Appeal.

Very cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky

LL/RW

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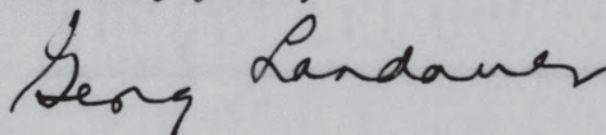
December 1, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested in the attached copy of a letter which I sent to Dr. Gerhard Hoffman of your city, in reply to a letter which he sent me at your suggestion.

Cordially yours,



Georg Landauer

GL. SB

December 1, 1939

Dr. Gerhard Hoffman
1906 East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Hoffman:

I am in receipt of your letters of November 29th and 29th.

I should, of course, be happy to do everything within my power to help you obtain the money which you inherited from your father, the late Dr. Hermann Cohn of Berlin. There are, however, two or three points which must be made clear before anything can be done.

(1) If your father not only paid the Reichsmark in Germany, but these Reichsmark were already transferred to Palestine and are available in Palestinian currency, then you father certainly not only applied for an immigration visa, but it was actually granted to him. Otherwise Palestinian currency would not be available at all, because no transfer is made to Palestine for Jews who were, and who remained, outside the country and did not even receive an immigration permit.

(2) If the money was indeed already transferred to Palestine, then it is against all regulations to pay it to claimants in other countries. The transfer was effectuated by the absorption of certain merchandise in the Palestine market, and this purchasing capacity is, according to the existing regulations, to be used only for the transfer of money to Palestine. The law definitely and expressly forbids the making of payments to persons not immigrating into Palestine. In other words, the transfer apparatus cannot be used for transitory purposes.

But recognizing that in special cases payment outside of Palestine may have some justification on special grounds, it was decided that a certain amount should be transferred to a prospective or ex-prospective Jewish immigrant, if the remainder were invited in a project appropriate to the public interests of the country and the Jewish settlement there.

(3) The currency restrictions in Palestine are operative today in cases such as yours, in two ways:

- a. No payments outside Palestine (or outside certain parts of the British Empire) can be effected without special permit from the Palestine Government;

b. No payments can be made to enemy subjects.

You have not ceased to be a German subject by the Nuremberg laws, and as long as you will not be deprived of your German citizenship by a special act of the German Government, and until such time as you have acquired some other citizenship which would automatically invalidate your German citizenship, you may be regarded as an enemy by the Palestine Government. However, I don't believe that this obstacle is unsurmountable, because the Palestine Defense Regulations maintain that a person is not an enemy merely because of his citizenship of an enemy country. And, since you are living in a neutral country, and the place of residence is an important item in defining the term "enemy subject", you may be able to overcome this second obstacle by an application from your attorney in Palestine, Mr. Hans Kaufmann of Tel Aviv.

I have explained the situation to you in all this detail in order to avoid any misunderstanding. Therefore, if, as I have indicated in point (1) in my letter, your father's money was actually transferred to Palestine and is being held there, and if you are willing to accept an arrangement along the lines indicated in the second paragraph of point (2), then I believe that I can be of assistance to you in arriving at an agreement with "Havaara" in Palestine, always provided that we can somehow solve the problems presented by point (3).

I deeply regret that I am unable to give you more encouraging information, but as you will see, the whole matter is involved with Government rulings.

Sincerely yours,

Georg Landauer

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December 8th, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith you will find a copy
of a letter which I addressed to Dr. Solomon
Goldman today, in which I think you will be
interested.

Cordially yours,

Georg Landauer
Georg Landauer

GL. SB

December 18, 1939

Mr. Georg Landauer
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landauer:

I was very much interested in the letter which you sent me and the information concerning the request of the Council for German Jewry and the response of the JDC.

I was happy to see you at the meeting yesterday. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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December 14, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith you will find a copy
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in which I think you will be interested.

Cordially yours,

Georg Landauer
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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 12, 1939

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Montor
FROM Dr. Landauer

The Allocations Committee decided that out of the first \$500,000 to be distributed, after the \$9,500,000 paid out by the United Jewish Appeal, \$250,000 should be turned over to the United Palestine Appeal, taking into account the emergency ^{relief} situation in Palestine.

It seems to me from this action that the \$250,000 should go entirely to the Keren Hayesod, and should not be divided between the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth.

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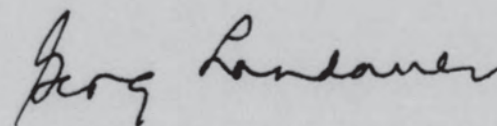
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am in receipt of cables from Jerusalem with regard to the advisability of a visit by Eliezer Kaplan to the United States to assist with the campaign work and the raising of a loan for the Keren Hayesod here.

The exact wording of the cables you will find in the attached copy of a letter which I addressed to Dr. Weizmann today.

I shall await an opportunity to discuss the matter with you before communicating with Mr. Kaplan in the matter.

Cordially yours,



Georg Landauer

GL. SB

January 3, 1940

Dr. Chaim Weizmann
Ambassador Hotel
New York City

Dear Dr. Weizmann:

I received the following cables
from Kaplan:

"JERUSALEM

DECEMBER 29, 1939

WROTE 18th WEIZMANN NEWYORK EXPLANATION OUR POSITION
PROPOSAL LOAN STOP UNABLE AT PRESENT MEET MINIMUM
BUDGER REQUIREMENTS".

and

"JERUSALEM

DECEMBER 30, 1939

MEMBERS EXECUTIVE INSIST MY COMING STATES MYSELF
EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL".

I received further a cable from
Ben Gurion dated January 1st, reading as follows:

"VIEW STRAINED FINANCIAL POSITION ENORMOUS REQUIREMENTS
VARIOUS SPHERES OUR WORK UNANIMOUS OPINION EXECUTIVE
MOST DESIRABLE KAPLAN PROCEED AMERICA ASSIST WEIZMANN
LOAN NEGOTIATIONS AND CAMPAIGN STOP PLEASE CONSULT
WEIZMANN SILVER GOLDMAN CABLE YOUR ADVICE".

I answered Kaplan as follows:

"STILL AWAITING WEIZMANN REGARDING LOAN WHO DUE FIFTH
STOP ACCORDING BENGURIONS JANUARY FIRST WILL CONSULT
WEIZMANN OTHERS YOUR COMING STOP MY ADVICE IF UNITED
CAMPAIGN BUT NO POSSIBILITY LOAN THIS WINTER YOUR
COMING UNNECESSARY BUT IF INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN OR
LOAN PROSPECTS FAVORABLE YOUR COMING DESIRABLE".

I shall now await an opportunity to discuss this matter
with you, before communicating with Kaplan or Ben Gurion.

Cordially yours,

GL. SB

Georg Landauer



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

HERBERT H. LEHMAN
GOVERNOR

STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR LEHMAN
TO BE READ AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, TO BE
HELD IN WASHINGTON, JANUARY 6th AND 7th.

It is a source of very great regret to me that it is impossible for me to attend the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal to be held in Washington, on January 6th and 7th. Unfortunately, however, the pressure of my work and official engagements make it impossible for me to leave the State at this time. It would have been a source of very great satisfaction and pleasure to have had the opportunity of greeting your guest of honor, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and to have given public expression once more to my very great interest in the social and economic development of Palestine.

The tragic situation abroad where countless hopeless men and women have been driven from their homes and places of worship by relentless persecution and hatred, compels the sympathy and cooperation of every right-thinking person. In this tragic situation Palestine is more needed than ever as a haven of refuge for thousands of helpless, harried human beings who are hopeless and without means of sustenance. Palestine offers to those who are fortunate enough to go there, renewed hope and renewed opportunity.

May I ask you to convey my heartiest greetings and best wishes to the officers and members of the United Palestine Appeal and to the delegates to the Conference.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Herbert H. Lehman", written over a horizontal line.

January 3, 1940.



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

HERBERT H. LEHMAN
GOVERNOR

January 3, 1940.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of December 30th.

In accordance with your request I take
pleasure in inclosing herewith message to be read at
the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal
to be held at Washington, January 6th and 7th.

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert H. Lehman

*Kind regards
and my best*

*Inc.
wishes for many years
of good health and
contentment—
H.H.L.*

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SLOW ANSWER. GET ACTION
TODAY---

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January 22nd, 1940

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

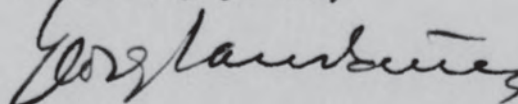
There is one matter which I feel should have immediate consultation and action. If, as I imagine, the cash income out of the new campaign will not be forthcoming until two or three months from now, an arrangement will undoubtedly have to be made to provide our agencies in Palestine with the necessary funds during the rest of January, February and March.

I have already been asked by cable from the Executive of the Jewish Agency about this. In his last cable to me Mr. Eliezer Kaplan said:

"ASCERTAIN CABLE AMOUNTS TRANSMITTABLE JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL EACH".

It seems to me necessary to endeavor to have an advance on account of the 1940 campaign, and I would suggest that the necessary steps be considered immediately, to that end. ~)

Cordially yours,



Georg Landauer

GL. SB

* apart from the income out of the grant from the Allocations Office for 1939.

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January 23, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am in receipt of a cable from Palestine
which reads as follows:

"CABLE PARTICULARS JOINTS ALLOCATION RUMORS
HERE SAY \$50,000. COULD THIS BE DIVERTED
AGENCY. OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION MOST DIF-
FICULT DESPITE UTMOST EFFORTS ECONOMIZE.
APART HAYESOD WE EXPENDED DECEMBER 60,000
INCREASING OVERDRAFT BY 23,000. NEXT FEW
MONTHS HARDEST MAIN HOPE HELP STATES LARGE
AMOUNTS ALSO BADLY NEEDED FOR COMBATING
UNEMPLOYMENT EXTENDING PRODUCTION".

Cordially yours,

Georg Landauer
Georg Landauer

GL. SB

January 24, 1940

Mr. Georg Landauer
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landauer:

Let me thank you for your letter of January 22. There will be a substantial sum of money coming to the United Palestine Appeal out of the 1939 collections. I doubt very much whether it will be possible to get advances on the 1940 campaign. If an emergency arises, it may be possible for the UPA to borrow certain sums against our 1940 income. We have done that in the past.

After reading the enclosed letter, I wonder whether you can be of any help to me and to the young man, Israel Sesmon, who is my cousin. He is a splendid young fellow and was an official of the Zionist Organization in Lithuania. I helped him to go to Palestine and I have tried to find an opening for him with the Keren Hayesod, for which organization he worked in Lithuania. From the letter you will see that in spite of promises, etc. he has gotten nowhere. I spoke to Mr. Hermann while in Geneva last summer and he said he would look after the matter. Evidently nothing has as yet been done.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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Dear Lilli Silver,

I did not have the opportunity
of saying good-bye when we
parted this afternoon, and I
take this opportunity of doing
so and of thanking you for
your kindness and for the
hospitality of Mrs. Silver and
yourself during our visit to
Cleveland.

If there are any people
here to whom Dr. Sigmund

should send a personal note of
greeting as a result of his
visit perhaps you would let
me know at the Hotel Drake,
in Chicago.

With very kind regards

Yours sincerely

Arthur Lourie.

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Jan. 26, 1940

Dr. David Lovitch
212 7th Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Plan to be in Detroit Monday morning.
Will be pleased to see you.

Abba Hillel Silver

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WANT TO SEE YOU ON YOUR ARRIVAL NEWYORK. HAVE BEEN
ASKED BY CENTRAL BOARD PARIS TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS
WHICH MAY INTEREST YOU. WILL SEE YOU ANY TIME THURSDAY
CONVENIENT TO YOU=

DR DAVID LVOVITCH VICE PRESIDENT
WORLD ORT UNION.

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CHAIM WEIZMANN
111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 28th, 1940

Dr. Dr. Silver:

Attached I send you copy
of cablegram dated Jerusalem, February
27th, addressed to Dr. Weizmann by Ben
Gurion and Kaplan.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur Lourie
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Arthur Lourie
A circular logo featuring a menorah (candelabrum) with the Hebrew text "הנהגת העדה" (The Council of the Community) around it.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple,
Cleveland, O.

HERBERT H. LEHMAN
ALBANY-NEW YORK

February 28, 1940

This is a critical moment in the affairs of our people. We are again called upon to render major help to the victims of warfare. Again, we see the destruction of many of the things we hold dear. Here in America, where we enjoy the blessings of liberty, security and peace, we at least are able, out of our own bounty, to share with those across the seas who hunger for a chance to live.

It is in that spirit that men have come forward these last twenty-five years to serve as leaders in succeeding overseas relief efforts. It is in that spirit that I am taking time off from official duties to ask you to serve in the 1940 United Jewish Appeal campaign, as Chairman of

I know that you have worked in previous campaigns and I wish it were possible to relieve you of further responsibilities. But these are difficult days for our people, days of extreme trial when no one of us can afford to stand aside. We must now think, as we did twenty-five years ago, in terms of mobilizing the entire Jewish community behind a supreme effort to keep our people from being destroyed.

The United Jewish Appeal has set itself the goal of raising \$23,000,000 nationally to meet the enlarged emergency programs of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service. It will be impossible for New York City to do its share without the cooperation of men like yourself who have given impetus and leadership to past campaigns.

Will you please write me at 1 William Street, telling me that you have agreed to serve.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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March 2nd, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am in receipt of the following
cable from Mr. Barlas of our Geneva office:

"EXECUTIVE ADVISED ME DRAW ATTENTION
4000 IMMIGRANTS REFUGEES LATELY
ARRIVED COUNTRY PENNYLESS STOP ONLY
AGENCY CARES HELP THEM STOP EXPENSES
UNFORESEEN BUDGET AMOUNTS TEN POUNDS
PER CAPITA FOR FIRST AID STOP ASKING
YOU MAKE EFFORTS PROVIDE IMMEDIATELY
NECESSARY SUM ENABLING ASSIST THESE
REFUGEES STOP WIRE WHAT ACTION TAKEN
AND PROSPECTS".

Cordially yours,

Georg Landauer
Georg Landauer

GL.SB

March 5, 1940

Mr. Georg Landauer
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Landauer:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the cable which you received from Mr. Barlas of Geneva. I assume that the immigrant refugees referred to in the cable are those who arrived in Palestine. The Agency in Palestine is receiving all the funds that the United Palestine Appeal has available for it. As you well know, we have no other funds unless the Jewish National Fund is willing to forego part of its share for the time being. You know very well how difficult that would be.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I am returning to you the letter from Mr. Eliezer Kaplan which was addressed to Dr. Weizmann.

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March 6th, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

In a letter which I received from Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, dated February 20th, he refers to negotiations with the Revisionists in Palestine who approached the Jewish Agency, as Mr. Kaplan puts it, "apparently because Mr. Jabotinsky, prior to his trip to America, wanted to equip himself with material which would seem to support his claim that the Zionist funds do not serve the whole Yishuv, that is to say, that they are party funds."

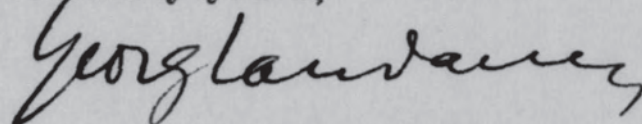
"As a matter of fact even today members of Betar, as well as of Agudath Israel, are enjoying our services. The refugees who even openly declare that they belong to the Revisionist Party receive the same kind of assistance from us as do the other refugees. A number of labor groups of the Revisionists in colonies received, from us, loans for auxiliary farms and seeds."

Mr. Kaplan goes on to say, "that in the course of these negotiations we proposed to them that their people should enjoy all our services and all rights given by us to every organization, Zionist or non-Zionist, which is connected with us; that we were ready not only to recognize the rights of every individual among their membership to enjoy our services but that we would also recognize the rights of the Revisionists collectively in every field of economic and financial work. We stipulated one condition: to end the fight against our funds; to declare that they are enjoying our funds and that they should appeal for the support of the funds. They offered a counter-proposal: that we should promise them a certain percentage out of the income of the funds; they said they were ready to proclaim their support of general campaigns for Palestine but they asked that in such countries where Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth conduct campaigns, the drives should be joint drives of Keren Hayesod and Keren Tel Hai, or Keren Kayemeth and Keren Tel Hai. Naturally we could not accept these conditions." It seems therefore that the negotiations were brought to an unfruitful conclusion.

I will make a list of sums allocated to the Revisionists during this year, and will send it on to you.

With kind greetings, I am

Cordially yours,



Georg Landauer

P.S. Thank you for your letter, just received, containing your views with regard to the possibility of remitting additional sums to Palestine, and returning to me the copy of the translation of Mr. Eliezer Kaplan's letter.

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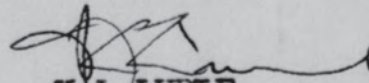
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
E. 105 St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I agree entirely with your March 12th letter that the problem of setting standards for the 1940 UJA centers in New York City. I think that this does not invalidate the idea of the caravan. I have in mind that the results might be directly beneficial to New York. I understand that one of the techniques in fund raising is to give a good prospect card to a giver whose own contribution needs to be increased and that this occasionally happens in the process.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially,


H.L. LURIE

HLL/ed

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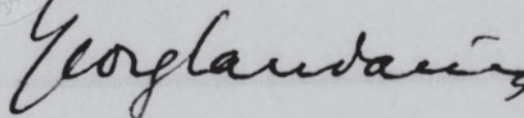
March 28, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith you will find a copy of a letter which I addressed to Mr. Moshe Shertok with regard to the Jabotinsky meeting held in New York some days ago.

Cordially yours,



Georg Landauer

GL. SB

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March 25, 1940

Mr. Moshe Shertok
Zionist Organization
77 Great Russell Street
London, W. C. 1, England

Dear Moshe:

You will be interested in having a report of Jabotinsky's first public appearance in New York on March 19th, before an audience of about 4,000 people, a large part of it composed of old Zionists who came out of interest in hearing Jabotinsky.

Jabotinsky was introduced by Dr. Akzin "not as a Chamberlain Jew" but as a real representative of the Jewish people. He ^{AKZIN} greeted with special warmth Mr. Heshel Farbstein, who took his seat on the platform.

In the name of the Bill of Rights, Akzin protested against discrimination in Palestine, where the Agency betrays the confidence of the contributors in America and distributes its funds only to "party members".

Other persons who greeted Jabotinsky were the Kazin Proppes, formerly of Warsaw, who stated that the Betar, whose organizations consists not of cent Zionists but of Jewish State Zionists in Palestine, has shown that Jewish blood is not hefker, and Rabbi Louis I. Newman, who had the honor (instead of Jacob deHaas, who is dead) of calling upon Mr. Jabotinsky, and who announced that the audience now expects of Jabotinsky "a decisive, dramatic stroke for the Jewish people".

This decisive, dramatic stroke, however, did not come to pass, because Jabotinsky's speech seemed to be extremely moderate in form and in its whole conception. The program and the arguments certainly disappointed his own henchman to a great extent.

Jabotinsky declared that he did not intend to deal especially with the land legislation. This was certainly a breach of the Mandate and of faith and of the given word by England. But this is just one more item to show that the fate of England is today in incapable hands. The Jews, however, cannot ^{concentrate} ~~not~~ specifically on this item, because they must now concentrate all efforts on the larger issue of the Jewish future.

The slogan of the day is "The Max Nordau Plan", which was propounded by Max Nordau in 1939 and unfortunately not accepted by the Zionist Movement, and is of the greatest moment today. Nordau spoke of the immigration of 500,000 or a million Jews, annually into Palestine, but today we should be satisfied with the program of 500,000 a year, the lower limit of his plan. If we can dump these numbers of Jews yearly on the shores of Palestine, the Jews would pour their gold into the country.

Naturally, if our voice is ^{to be} heard, then Palestine should not be minimized as it was at the Evian Conference, or by an official Zionist speaker at the Mecca Temple, who dared to speak of an immigration of 50,000 Jews annually, which really means a Palestine deluxe and not a great national enterprise. How could we dare to offer a solution which would mean an immigration of one million Jews during the period of 20 years, and this vis-a-viz the situation in the Jewish zone of distress in Central and Eastern Europe.

If we wish to succeed and to have a restoration of the Jewish State as a result of this war, which is the only war aim of the Jewish people, then dignified and strong representation of the Jewish cause must be assured. To gather the necessary strength we have two means:

(a) A Jewish army, which is much more than a Jewish legion, which represents the future Jewish State, as the Czechoslovakian or Polish State is today acting by an independent Czechoslovakian or Polish army:

(b) representation of our cause by a supreme Jewish body, comparable to what was established by the Czechs and by the Poles, by a provisional Jewish Government; but as this conception may be not liked in the United States, he would prefer to call it a Jewish Embassy or a Jewish headquarters. To create this Jewish headquarters the Revisionists are willing and they are always ready to do it together with the old Zionist organization, but only by way of creating a new competent body, superseding all existing bodies and committees. To create such a united Zionist front, he is ready for a round table conference at any time, in fact, he offered it, but the refusal came from the other side. On September 8th he approached the old Zionist organization with such a proposal and suggested a scheme of common work, especially with regard to the distribution of incoming funds, a distribution according not to party lines and party strength, but to the number of needy persons. Alas, he did not receive an answer. He is even agreeable to combined forces for the collection of funds, but to this, too, he did not receive an answer. Now, if nothing would come of such negotiations, then the Revisionist Party is ready to proceed alone and submit this matter, by plebescite, to the Jewish people, in order to create by this plebescite the provisional government, or the Jewish headquarters. In the meantime, immigration must go on, and he appealed to the Jewish people to break through the gates.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Georg Landauer

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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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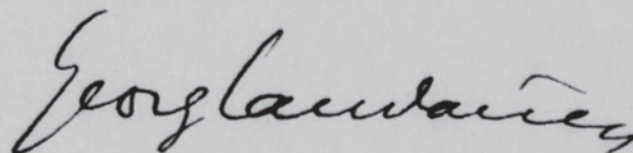
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I should like to inform you that I am planning to leave the United States for Palestine on April 13th, on the "Rex". I expect to go directly to Palestine.

If you wish me to take any material, or to carry any message to Palestine for you, I shall be happy to do so.

Very sincerely yours,



Georg Landauer

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George Landauer

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A. H. Silver

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

HOTEL ADOLPHUS DAL=

SUBJECT TO YOUR CONFIRMATION SCHEDULING MEETING ON MONDAY AT TWO THIRTY PM DR LOWENSTEINS OFFICE. PLEASE WIRE IF YOU HAVE OTHER PREFERENCES. SUBJECT IS APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL=

H L LURIE COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS 165 WEST 46 ST NYC.

PM 165 46.

AN ANSWER
IS EXPECTED

BY THE SENDER OF THIS
MESSAGE. PLEASE GIVE
IT TO THE MESSENGER
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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

HERBERT H. LEHMAN
GOVERNOR

April 30, 1940.

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of
April 26th, contents of which I have carefully noted.

I have no doubt that at the meeting
which will be held at my home in New York City on
May 8th the matters outlined in your letter will be
fully and frankly discussed.

Thanking you for laying your views
before me, I remain, with kind personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Herbert H. Lehman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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May 14, 1940

H. L. Lurie
New York, N. Y.

Will make every effort to attend Director's
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Abba Hillel Silver

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF COUNCIL ON SATURDAY AT PITTSBURGH
OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE STOP THERE ARE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES TO
BE DECIDED VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
AND STRENGTH OF COUNCIL PROGRAM STOP MAY WE EXPECT YOU=

H L LURIE.

EDWARD A. NORMAN

60 Beaver Street
New York, N.Y.

May 21, 1940.

Hon. Louis E. Levinthal,
City Hall,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Judge Levinthal:

I am writing you about a matter of importance in which your co-operation is desired. I know that you are a busy man, and that you are carrying a number of heavy responsibilities already. However, I can assure you that what I am proposing will not add to your cares or times-consuming burdens.

As perhaps you can surmise, the matter has to do with Jewish affairs. No doubt you feel, as I do, that we have all the organizations in American Jewish life that we need, if not a number too many. It may please you, therefore, to learn that the organization I am writing about is intended eventually to remove from the American scene a considerable number of separate appeals.

As all who are active in Jewish life in this country are aware, there are at least fifty appeals, some supported by American committees, circulated in the United States on behalf of communal activities in Palestine independently of the United Palestine Appeal, which this year for the second consecutive time is a part of the United Jewish Appeal. The activities in question are of a variety of kinds. They are educational, cultural, religious, research, and social service in all sorts of ways, such as hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the aged. None of the ones I am referring to is of a political nature in any way. Some of these institutions are of an excellent character and perform useful and essential services in a country which in the last analysis, from the Jewish point of view, is the largest of refugee resettlement projects.

The Multiplicity of these separate appeals in this country unquestionably is highly undesirable for a series of reasons, as follows:

1. When these appeals are carried directly to the individual members of the public, they serve chiefly to confuse if not also to annoy the recipients, and in any case they divert and dilute their interest from the major appeals, in which we are primarily interested.
2. When these appeals come before the Welfare Funds in the various cities, such as the Allied Jewish Appeal of Philadelphia, the budget or allocations committees of the Welfare Funds, in spite of their being able to obtain some information of a financial nature from the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds, have no way of really judging the value of the various activities, and no logical way of deciding how much to grant them.
3. The cost of conducting these many small separate appeals is very high, especially since many of them send representatives from Palestine to America.

4. Where people of standing are induced to interest themselves in these activities and to associate themselves with the American committees of them, extra burdens are placed upon them that detract from their effectiveness in the larger activities from their effectiveness in the larger activities with which in most instances they are identified.
5. From the standpoint of the Palestinian activities, most of the appeals are ineffective, producing unsatisfactory results, and there are grounds for believing that they compete with one another and tend to neutralize one another.
6. The American donors have no way of being assured that their money is well used, or that the better organizations receive the proportion of support that they deserve.

This matter has been under study for some time, and a group finally has decided to take steps to inject some system and order into the situation. An organization, called the American Palestine Fund, Inc., has been incorporated, that will seek funds from the Jewish community of America, to be distributed in the discretion of its Board of Directors after careful study of each of them to the deserving and constructive activities in Palestine in accordance with their merits and needs. In cities where there are Welfare Funds, the American Palestine Fund will approach the Welfare Fund rather than the individual members of the public. The American Palestine Fund will maintain a competent American representative in Palestine whose duty it will be to keep in close contact with all the institutions in Palestine to which the American Palestine Fund might make grants. All requests from Palestinian institutions desiring grants from the American Palestine Fund will be made to him in the first instance. These requests will be placed by him before the Palestine Advisory Board of the American Palestine Fund, which Board it is expected will be composed of prominent Palestinians. This Board will make its recommendations to the Board of Directors in America in connection with each request. The final decision will be made here by the Board, taking into account these recommendations and the amount of money available each year. Naturally, each institution receiving a grant will be required to agree to refrain from independent efforts to obtain funds from America during the period intended to be covered by the grant. The American Palestine Fund already has received letters from a number of the best known independent institutions in Palestine stating their approval of its objectives. The American Palestine Fund has no political connections or position whatsoever, and could not be regarded as either Zionist or in opposition to Zionism.

In addition to the Board of Directors and the Palestine Advisory Board, there is also an American Advisory Board, of which Professor Albert Einstein is the Chairman and on which there already are a number of eminent American scholars.

The Board of Directors will be a nation-wide body composed of community leaders from all the important cities. It will number forty-five. It will probably meet not more than once a year, probably on some convenient occasion such as the annual assembly of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds or the annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee. The routine affairs of the American Palestine Fund will be conducted by an executive committee of the Board, made up mostly of New York members who can attend meetings when necessary.

The Directors are:

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We have just started to invite people from outside of New York to join us, and are very anxious to have you as a member of our Board. I hope that you will consent to associate yourself with us in this constructive work and that you will let me have your favorable reply shortly. Mr. Kurt Peiser, Executive Director of the Federation of Jewish Charities of Philadelphia and of the Allied Jewish Appeal of Philadelphia, is fully familiar with the American Palestine Fund, and it may be that you will want to discuss the subject with him.

Yours most sincerely,

EDWARD A. NORMAN

May 31, 1940.

Mr. Edward A. Norman,
60 Beaver Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Norman:

I have given careful consideration to the contents of your letter of May 21st with reference to the recently organized American Palestine Fund, Inc.

I am of the opinion that there is no need for the creation of a new super organization in the United States for the purposes outlined in your letter. The Vaad Leumi in Palestine would be the obvious agency to check up on the various Palestine organizations seeking to make appeals in the United States. The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds could very easily obtain all the necessary information about these agencies by communicating with the Vaad Leumi and passing on such information to the local Welfare Funds.

If an American Committee should be formed to coordinate these various Palestinian appeals, the American branch of the Jewish Agency for Palestine should, it seems to me, sponsor it. As it is, the American Palestine Fund, Inc. may create confusion in the minds of many American Jews who may look upon it as a successor to, or a competitor of, the United Palestine Appeal.

For these various reasons I find it impossible to accept your kind invitation to serve as a member of the Board of the American Palestine Fund, Inc.

Very sincerely yours,

LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL
606 CITY HALL
PHILADELPHIA

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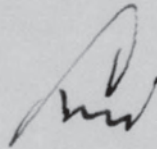
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a long letter I received from Edward A. Norman about the newly organized American Palestine Fund. Before answering it I should like to have the benefit of your judgment as to the need for and value of such a new organization and what effect, if any, it may have upon the United Palestine Appeal.

With kind personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



LOUIS E. LEVINthal
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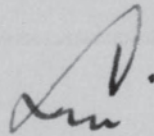
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th St. at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing copy of my letter
to Edward A. Norman. Many, many thanks for
your letter. It confirmed my own impressions.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



June 7, 1940

Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf, Treasurer
Greater New York Campaign
United Jewish Appeal
261 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Leidesdorf:

With the exception of a lump sum of \$40,000 which I personally helped to obtain from the Ladies Garment Industry, all monies received by the Greater New York United Jewish Appeal in payment of pledges of the 1939 campaign during the last two and one-half months have been applied to the 1940 campaign. With the above exception no 1939 monies at all have been paid into the national treasury by New York since March 25, 1940.

The large monetary loss suffered by the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal is apparent.

I respectfully request that you, in your capacity as Treasurer of the New York United Jewish Appeal, look into this matter so that New York, like all other communities, may redeem the outstanding 1939 pledges instead of permitting them to lapse into the 1940 drive.

Awaiting an early reply, I beg to remain,

Your sincere friend,

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Arthur M. Lamport
Co-Treasurer