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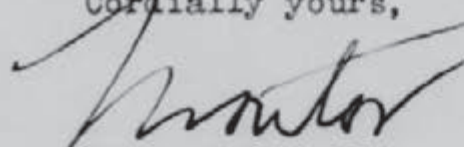
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of the statement drafted by Dr. Jonah B. Wise for your joint signatures. I made a few slight corrections.

If there are any additions or corrections could you telephone them to me tomorrow morning so that we might get the statement out by tomorrow evening.

There has been an insistent demand for some clarification.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BC
Enc.

P.S. Attached also is a New Year greeting which Rabbi Wise prepared. Have you any corrections or additions?

P.P.S. I may be in Schenectady tomorrow. Miss Cohen will take the corrections.

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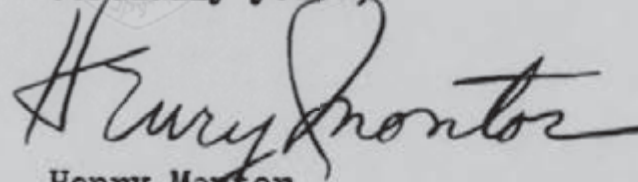
Dear Dr. Silver:

A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal will be held on Tuesday evening, September 19th, at 8 P.M. at the United Palestine Appeal office, 111 Fifth Avenue.

In view of the fact that various matters in connection with the new European situation are to be discussed, your presence is urged.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

PS. Please note that the 18th Street entrance at 5 East 18th Street is to be used for admission into the building on September 19th.

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September 8, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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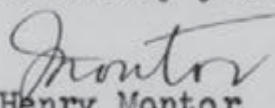
Dear Dr. Silver:

The Council of Federations has extended an urgent invitation to have you address one of the sessions of a regional meeting of the Council at Niagara Falls on October 8th at 3:30 in the afternoon. The Niagara Falls meeting covers the states of New York, Erie, Pa., and Ontario, Canada.

The Council feels that this will be a good opportunity to emphasize to the assembled delegates, most all of whom are active in their Welfare Fund structures, the new obligations facing the United Jewish Appeal.

Could you accept?

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BC

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram with regard to allotment of funds for German Jews who can be assisted to get to Palestine. A check for some \$4,000 was made out to the Keren Hayesod to be cabled to Nahum Goldmann in Geneva. As I understand it, 1,000 German Jews will be assisted in this way to reach Palestine.

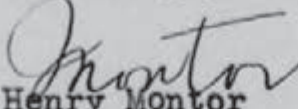
In connection with the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal on Tuesday evening, September 19th, I am hoping it will be possible to have at least preliminary discussion of the 1940 campaign. Do you think it would be possible for you to ask Rabbi Jonah Wise that prior to the 19th there be a preliminary meeting of representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal to sound out sentiment for the 1940 campaign? I don't think that it is too early at all. Perhaps at the same time there could be some discussion between you and Rabbi Wise as to when a meeting of the Allocations Committee might be convened.

Approximately \$8,000,000 has been distributed to the constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal. I think it likely that in October a \$9,500,000 figure will have been reached and exceeded. It is essential, of course, that the treasurers not be held up in allotment of further funds by the failure of the Allocations Committee to meet and to make decisions as to the first two, three or four million dollars above the \$9,500,000 that will then have been distributed.

The "Night of Stars" Year Book will go to press early next month. You will recall that this is termed the United Palestine Appeal Year Book. It would be most helpful if we could have an extended article by you dealing with the achievements and prospects in Palestine and the relation of Palestine to the Jewish situation in Europe.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor

Executive Director

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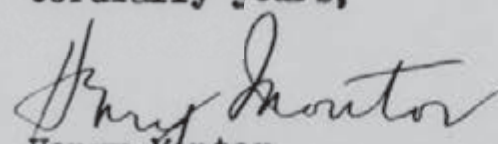
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It would be helpful if you could send the attached draft or corrected letter from Cleveland to Mr. Joseph Grosberg of Schenectady. When I saw him last week one of the memories which he proudly cherished was the fact that in Washington in January you were good enough to praise him for his work in 1938. That seems to have been one of the highlights of his public career. I am sure that a letter from you at this time, in view of his admiration, will be most helpful.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH
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Dear

The outbreak of war in Europe has raised questions with respect to Palestine that are of special concern to the United Palestine Appeal, entrusted with the responsibility of raising funds in America for the upbuilding program in Palestine.

It is vital that the friends of Palestine and all those engaged in raising funds for the United Jewish Appeal, which includes the United Palestine Appeal as a major beneficiary, should understand the situation in its new aspects.

In brief, it may be said that the possibilities of proceeding with our activities in Palestine are not only continuing but seem more favorable than any we have had in some time. Isolated for the time being at least from the zone of war, Palestine is again emphasized as a secure, free haven for Jewish immigration. The holocaust of war has enlarged the number of refugees beyond count, as tens of thousands have fled over the borders of Poland.

Insofar as Germany and her protectorates are concerned, the advices we have thus far received indicate that no effort is being made to detain those who wish to emigrate. Thus, for example, 2500 were enabled to leave for Palestine within a single week. It should also be stressed that advices with respect to the departure of these immigrants state that "the Palestine Government is cooperating" in their admission. There has been no formal revision

of the political situation respecting Palestine that existed before the war but evidence thus far in hand is being interpreted as consideration by the Government of the new situation.

The recent Congress at Geneva adopted a budget for the coming year that for normal activities would require a total of some \$10,000,000. Beyond that a further loan of \$5,000,000 for constructive purposes was decided upon. The new hardships inflicted upon Jewish communities in Europe, especially for refugees, make evident our responsibility and opportunity to increase the absorptive capacity of Palestine. We are in constant communication with the Jewish leadership in Palestine as to requirements and developments. The appeals that have come to us from Dr. Chaim Weizmann and from the members of the Jewish Agency Executive refer, on the one hand, to the vital necessity of maintaining the structure that already exists in Palestine, and, on the other hand, of providing the facilities whereby the country may make room for the thousands of Jews whose need and longing for Palestine have been intensified by war conditions.

A more comprehensive analysis of the situation is embodied in the attached memorandum which is sent to you for your personal information. If there are special questions beyond those treated in the memorandum which you need to ask, I trust you will not hesitate to keep me advised of them so that you may be properly informed.

The Palestine requirements, not to speak of the grave issues in Europe, impose upon American Jewish communities an increased responsibility for the raising of large, cash funds promptly. It is my earnest hope that communities now in the process of conducting campaigns for the United Jewish Appeal will find a new challenge to generosity in the war-time needs; and that communities which have concluded their drives will press upon their contributors the urgency of making payments of pledges as rapidly as possible.

In view of several questions that have come to me, may I point out that the United Jewish Appeal is fully empowered to proceed with its fund-raising activities in the United States under the terms of the rules and regulations issued by the Department of State of September 5th, 1939 with respect to fund-raising.

Let me take this opportunity of thanking you for the service you have given to the cause of Palestine upbuilding during the past year. It is a service finding its reward in the strengthening of the Jewish community of Palestine and its capacity to give permanent home and freedom to thousands of other Jews.

May the New Year bring you and yours happiness and comfort to all our people.



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Cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

September 11, 1939

Mr. Henry Montor
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I appreciate very much the invitation of the Council of Federations to address its regional meeting on Sunday, October 8. Unfortunately, I am compelled to decline it as I must remain in Cleveland on that day. I have quite a number of weddings scheduled for that afternoon and evening and I leave late that night for Boston where I am to address the Conference of the National Recreation Association. I have already accepted an invitation of the Council of Federations to address one of its regional conferences in Akron, on October 21.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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September 12, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Mr. We theim asked for an opportunity to meet with me and a committee representing the Poale Zion-Zeire Zion to talk over, I assume, the Gewerkshafte Campaign and other matters. I wrote to him and told him that I would be glad to meet and his Committee on the afternoon of September 19 at four o'clock at the Commodore Hotel. I think you ought to be present at this meeting.

I do not believe that there is sufficient time before the 19th of September for a meeting of the representatives of the JDC. and the U.P.A. I will, however, make an effort to meet with Rabbi Jonah Wise on the morning of September 19, or have lunch with him that day to talk over the matter of the first meeting of the Allocations Committee which I, too, think ought to be held in the near future.

The letter
I signed and mailed ^{the letter} to Mr. Joseph Grosberg of Schenectady.

I have not received copies of the New Year's greeting and of the joint letter which we were to mail. Have these letters gone out? If so, please send me copies of them.

I shall try to have something for the Night of Stars Yearbook.

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

Most cordially yours,

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September 16, 1939

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

Attached herewith is a copy of a cablegram from Leo Herrmann who has been most helpful to us in coordinating our sources of information with respect to London and Jerusalem.

The intensification of the British blockade would seem to cast doubt upon the likelihood of an early visit to America by Dr. Weizmann. In the meantime, some action must be taken to safeguard the U.P.A. position before the Allocations Committee. It would, of course, solve all the problems if the formula idea which you originally contemplated would be generally accepted. There is a possibility that in view of the present confusion and uncertainty there would be less chance of the J.D.C. taking an academic position.

The J.D.C. is, I believe, in a quandry. I have had no official word as to the position in which they find themselves as a result of the invasion of Poland, but Mr. Lampport tells me that on several occasions Mr. Baerwald has expressed himself to the effect that they were not entirely sure that refugee immigration would be possible at this time. Moreover, there have been rumors to the effect that the J.D.C. was informed that it could not operate in Germany; presumably, that might include Nazi-occupied Poland.

There has been a great barrage on the J.D.C. from all parts of the country with requests for exact information as to how J.D.C. funds can be or will be expended in Germany, Poland or elsewhere in Europe. It would seem, therefore, that the J.D.C. is on the defensive.

At the same time, the report has come to me that the J.D.C. has prepared a budget for \$5,000,000 covering the next three or four months. I cannot tell whether this represents a definite statement of obligations that can be taken care of, or is merely a propaganda document to anticipate a meeting of the Allocations Committee. It is un-

likely that at a meeting of the Allocations Committee representatives of the J.D.C. would make the kind of statement Mr. Lamport attributes to Mr. Baerwald at another occasion.

On the other hand, the information from Palestine indicates that there is no diminution of the possibility of using funds for Palestine. If a meeting of the Allocations Committee is to be held in October and if we are to be represented on the basis of a "hearing", do you wish to take any further action at this time to urge a visit from competent persons from abroad?

I am looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Cordially yours,

HM:BC



Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

P.S. Attached herewith is a copy of the pledge and payment report of the United Jewish Appeal as of August 31, 1939, together with a report of distribution of funds as of September 11th, 1939.

P.P.S. You will recall that when you passed through here on your return, I indicated that Willen was anxious to see you when you next came to New York. I have informed him that you will be in the city on the 19th and am asking him to telephone you.

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September 20, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We did not have ample time on Tuesday for me to bring to your attention a special situation that exists in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

We asked the community to adopt a quota of \$50,000. Instead a total quota of \$48,000 was decided upon, with \$20,000 assigned to the United Jewish Appeal. We are trying to exert pressure upon the Jewish community leadership to secure a revision of the budget so that it will more closely approximate our request for \$50,000.

In 1938 Tulsa gave to the United Jewish Appeal agencies, i.e., J.D.C., U.P.A., and N.C.C., the sum of \$15,200 out of a total amount raised of \$43,500. In other words, the planned increase for 1938 is miserably inadequate as compared with 1938.

Albert Finston, whom you will recall as the Chairman of the 1938 campaign, is said to be one of the most influential men in determining the budget. The only pressure that can be brought to bear effectively it seems, is by a telephone call by you. Mr. Finston is located at the Philtower Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma. May I suggest that you telephone Mr. Finston and urge him to prevail upon his associates to adopt a \$50,000 budget or certainly, far more than the \$20,000 originally assigned.

Will you please have your secretary inform me of the results of this conversation so that it may be incorporated in our records and guide us for further information?

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
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AND DECIDED ~~THA~~ URGE THAT PALESTINE QUOTA JOINT DRIVE BE AUGMENTED BY
LARGE FUNDS ANTICIPATED TO BE REQUIRED SOON FOR INCREASING URGENT SOCIAL
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a draft of a statement based on the suggestion made by the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal at its meeting on September 19th.

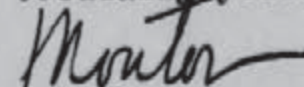
I believe that this letter ought to go out preferably on U.P.A. stationery over your signature to our complete list of United Jewish Appeal leaders throughout the country. It would provide an incentive for campaigns about to begin, for the collection of outstanding pledges in cities which have already held their campaigns and in general establish a link with community leaders in preparation for 1940.

In view of the urgent requests from many communities for authoritative and factual information as quickly as possible, could you telephone me tomorrow after you have gone over this document so that changes and additions could be incorporated at once and the letter go out immediately?

Do you think it advisable that this material should also be made the subject of a press statement? I refer, of course, only to the English-Jewish and Yiddish press.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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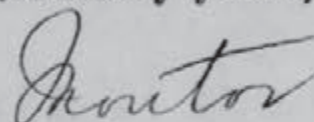
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a cablegram received today from the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem.

It seems to me that it would be effective publicity if, on the one hand, the message were publicized and, on the other, if it were photostated in its original form and attached as an eye-attracting piece to the letter which you are to send to the United Palestine Appeal and United Jewish Appeal constituency throughout the country.

Are both suggestions satisfactory to you?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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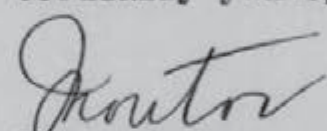
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of the telegram sent today in your name to Messrs. Ittleon, Lasker and Kirstein.

Mr. Kirstein, as is indicated in the attached copy of his telegram, states that October 2nd is not possible for him. The secretary of Mr. Lasker telephoned to say that he is in Arizona and is not expected back in New York by October 2nd.

Under the circumstances, therefore, it is apparently out of the question to have a meeting of the Allocations Committee on October 2nd. Presumably, when Mr. Kirstein reaches New York next week he will communicate with you as to a mutually convenient date.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BC
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P.S. Attached also is a copy of a letter which arrived from Mr. Ittleon. I presume that you will wish to acknowledge the messages from these gentlemen.

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL 342 MADISON AVENUE

September 20, 1939

Please send following DAY LETTER to:

Henry Ittleson
1 Park Avenue
New York City

Albert D. Lasker
919 North Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Louis B. Kirstein
Filene's
426 Washington St.
Boston, Mass.

INASMUCH AS DISTRIBUTION FIRST NINE AND ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL INCOME WILL SHORTLY BE CONCLUDED AND IN VIEW GENERAL SITUATION WE CONSIDER THE TIME OPPORTUNE AND NECESSARY FOR A MEETING OF ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL. SUGGEST MEETING OF FIVE MEMBERS OF WHOM YOU ARE ONE IN NEW YORK CITY MONDAY MORNING OR AFTERNOON OCTOBER SECOND. PLEASE WIRE WHETHER ACCEPTABLE.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER
SOLOMON GOLDMAN
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue

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SEPTEMBER 20, 1939

RABBI ABBA HILLEL, OR DR SOLOMON GOLDMAN

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL-342 MADISON AVE.

IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE IN NEWYORK OCTOBER SECOND. EXPECT TO
BE IN NEWYORK NEXT WEEK AND WILL ENDEAVOR TO GET IN TOUCH WITH
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND THEN ADVISE YOU EARLIEST
POSSIBLE DATE MEETING CAN BE HELD

LOUIS E KIRSTEIN



HENRY ITTLESON
ONE PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

September 20, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and
Dr. Solomon Goldman,
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Ave., New York.

Dear Doctor Silver and Doctor Goldman:

ANSWERING YOUR TELEGRAM
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
Answering your telegram, I regret
I cannot attend meeting October second as
I will be absent from the city, and, sec-
ondly, Mr. Lasker is absent account health
and will not return until the middle of
October.

I understand Mr. Kirstein is not
available on your suggested day.

Undoubtedly we can all get together
the third week in October.

Sincerely,

(signed) Henry Ittleson

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September 21, 1939

Dear Dr. Silver:

National Chairman

Abba Hillel Silver

With respect to the decisions of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal:

National Co-Chairmen

Stephen S. Wise
Chairman,
Executive Committee

1. You were authorized to appoint a committee on negotiations with the JDC on the 1940 campaign. Whom do you wish to designate for the committee, and shall I send letters of notification to them?

Louis Lipsky
Chairman, Administrative
Committee

2. In view of the fact that the Allocations Committee is not to meet on October 3rd - and, according to Mr. Ittleson, may not meet until the latter part of October - do you feel that we should get into communication with London and Jerusalem with a view to the importation of the technical experts frequently referred to? The assistance of a man like Dr. Georg Landauer, who is completely familiar with the European picture as well as with the Palestine situation, may be helpful.

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Although I have nothing definite on which to base the assumption except as one responds intuitively to atmosphere, I have a feeling - strange that it seems - that the JDC is not anxious to renew the UJA for 1940. Although the opposite would seem to be desirable from the JDC's point of view, nevertheless I have observed that communications have been conducted which might place the JDC in a separate campaign. But then the JDC has always refused to recognize the fact that the American Jewish communities have a will of their own. Since we will probably not receive from the JDC the total picture of its obligations and prospects it might be advisable to have counsel along these lines from our own experts.

3. You will recall that you were authorized to appoint a sub-committee of three with power to act in the case of Ben Zion Pecker, an employee in the New York campaign. The previous sub-committee, consisting of Dr. Goldstein, Mr. Lampert and myself, had offered Pecker three months salary in recognition of his previous service to Palestine fund-raising projects. This he has refused to accept. Blitz says there is no employment for him in the New York UJA or in the New York UPA. Pecker has probably been with Palestine fund-raising organizations some fifteen years. Dr. Goldstein and Mr. Lampert

Dr. Abbe Hillel Silver

refuse to serve on a sub-committee. Would you wish to appoint Mr. Lipsky, Mr. Liebovitz and Mr. Rimsky to deal with the matter?

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a letter addressed to you by Professor Hillel Halperin of College Station, Texas.

It was addressed to you personally and obviously requires a personal reply unless you should wish me to deal with the matter.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

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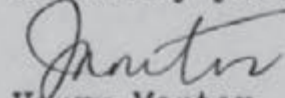
I am leaving on Sunday night, September 24th, for a trip to a number of communities which seem to require special attention. I shall be in Evansville, Indiana, September 25th; Gary, September 26th; South Bend, September 27th; Terre Haute, September 29th; Chicago, September 30th; Milwaukee, October 1 and 2; Toledo, October 3rd; and Pittsburgh, October 4th.

When the Allocations Committee meeting seemed to be designated for October 2nd, I had thought it might be advisable to cancel engagements scheduled for that day so that I might be in New York. But in view of the fact that a meeting of the Allocations Committee does not seem possible, I thought it would be preferable if I continue with the engagements originally made. I trust this meets with your approval.

Miss Cohen, my secretary, will be in touch with me throughout this period and will keep me instantly informed of developments and any instructions that you may have for me.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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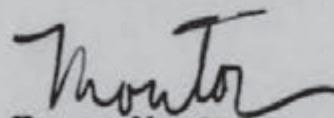
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum sent to me by Mr. Isidor Coons. You will recall my comments at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee.

Attached herewith, also, is a copy of the release issued by the National Labor Committee for Palestine with regard to the \$1,000,000 campaign.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

September 21, 1939

To: Mr. Montor
From: Mr. Coons
Subject: \$1,000,000 drive to aid labor movement in Palestine

In the J.T.A. News Bulletin of September 18 I noted that a campaign for \$1,000,000 was launched on that date. Will you kindly advise me of the relationship of this campaign to our own campaign for 1939.

This article points out that this money is needed for the same purposes which we are, as I understand it, primarily concerned with through the United Jewish Appeal. I quote from the News article:

"Pointing out that in the present emergency, Palestine must make place for war victims and that they must be found occupations and places to reside, a resolution, adopted by the delegates, called upon American Jewry to support the drive and help the Committee meet its quota."

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Dr. Silver

NEWS RELEASE

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National Labor Committee for Palestine
275 Seventh Avenue, N.Y.C.

September 20, 1939

JEWISH LABOR TO RAISE \$1,000,000 FOR PALESTINE

Conference inaugurates work to strengthen Jewish
Palestine in face of war dangers. Employment
for refugees and prevention of food shortage in
Palestine stressed

A decision to raise one million dollars to aid in strengthening Jewish positions in Palestine was reached at the conference of national Jewish organizations held in New York City on Sept. 17. All labor Zionist organizations and many fraternal and trade unions endorsed this resolution and pledged their unqualified support.

The Gewerkschaften Campaign will at once begin its efforts to raise the necessary sum, it was pointed out, since no time may be lost under the present grave circumstances. The funds raised will be utilized to create employment opportunities in Palestine for the tens of thousands of refugees which are expected to stream into Palestine from the war torn countries, to strengthen and expand Jewish economic positions in that country and to aid the pioneer movement in Poland, Rumania and other European lands.

Under the chairmanship of the noted Jewish labor leader Joseph Schlossberg, the conference was addressed by Mr. A. Dickenstein, delegate of the Histadruth - General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine, David Pinski, famous playwright, B. Zuckerman and Isaac Hamlin, general secretary of the National Labor Committee as well as numerous leaders in American Jewish life.

Baruch Zuckerman, prominent leader and vice-president of the Zionist Actions Committee, spoke of the calamity now facing the Jews in eastern Europe and pointed out that alongside of the relief work that will have to be done, it will also be necessary to save the Hechalutz movements in those countries and the agricultural training farms which they have built up. Funds are also necessary to prepare the country for the many thousands of people from the war torn countries who will turn to Palestine in search of a new home.

Mr. Abraham Dickenstein analyzed the position of Palestine in the present struggle and stressed the need for developing new industries in that country to prevent shortages of food and manufactured articles, should the war extend to the Mediterranean. Such industrial and agricultural development, he stated, would also provide employment and new economic positions for the many refugees that are clamoring to be admitted into Palestine.

The conference gave voice to the grief of American Jewry at the misfortune that has overtaken the Jews of Poland and called upon American Jewry to meet the new responsibilities that have been imposed upon them by the mounting need for assistance.

MEMORANDUM

September 21, 1939

To: Mr. Louis Lipsky and
Dr. Stephen S. Wise

From: Dr. S. Bernstein

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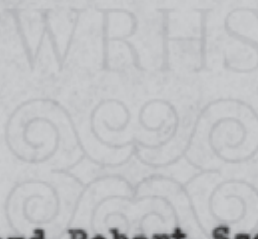
On September 20th I submitted to Dr. Solomon Goldman a cable we received from Dr. Alois Rothenberg, director of the Palestine Office in Vienna, in which he appeals for help towards obtaining the amount of \$36,000 necessary for the legal transportation of 600 people to Palestine. L

Attached herewith you will find a copy of my memo.

A few minutes ago I received from Dr. Goldman, now in Chicago, the following telegram:

"RE ROTHENBERG CABLE FROM VIENNA. PHONE WISE LIPSKY. INFORM THEM IF THEY APPROVE SENDING MONEY WILL VOTE WITH THEM STOP TELL THEM I SUGGEST ALSO COMMUNICATING WITH SILVER SZOLD."

CCeto Rabbi Silver and Robert Szold.



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MEMORANDUM

September 20, 1939

To: Dr. Solomon Goldman
From: Dr. S. Bernstein

URGENT!

We have received today the following cable from Vienna:-

"ZIONISTS BERNSTEIN
NEWYORK (ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
111 FIFTH AVENUE)

WE NEED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF 600 PERSONS IN POSSESSION
OF CERTIFICATES OF THE PRESENT IMMIGRATION SCHEDULE THIRTYSIX
THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR TICKETS TO PALESTINE WE URGENTLY APPEAL
FOR YOUR HELP AND YOUR CABLE REPLY

PALAMT ROTHENBERG

Dr. Alois Rothenberg is the well-know leader of the Austrian Zionists and director of the Palestine Bureau. By "the present schedule" he means the schedule which expires September 30th, 1939. The certificates for this schedule are valid until the end of October, 1939.

The reason that Vienna has in the last moment such a large number of Palestine immigrants is to be ascribed to the fact that the Palestine Government, about two weeks ago, as I informed you in my memorandum of yesterday and in accordance with the attached copy of letter which we have just received from the British Passport Control Office in New York, instructed the local Consulates to include wives and children in the certificates granted to the heads of families. Up to now a special certificate was required for each member of the family which resulted in the departure of many immigrants for Palestine who left their wives and children behind them.

BRITISH PASSPORT CONTROL OFFICE
Room 757, 25 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

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19th September 1939

Dear Dr. Bernstein,

With reference to the shortage of immigration certificates in Category D for wives and minor children of immigrants in Categories A(1), A(v) and C(Labour):-

The Palestinian authorities inform me that, in order to avoid further delay by the dispatch of individual immigration certificates by ordinary post, this office may grant visas for Palestine to such wives and minor children without waiting for the production of immigration certificates as these will be issued to such persons at the port of arrival in Palestine.

WRHS

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
Yours sincerely,
(Signed) J.F. PAGET
British Passport Control Officer

Dr. S. Bernstein
Zionist Organization of America
New York City

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ZIONISTS BERNSTEIN-

NEWYORK (ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA BERNSTEIN
111 FIFTH AVE)

HENOETIGE ZUR ABFERTIGUNG BEI 600 PERSONEN MIT ZERTIFIKATEN
LAUFENDE ALIJAH NACH PALAESTINA SECHSUNDREISSIGTAUSEND DOLLAR
FUER SCHIFFKARTEN ERBITTE DRINGEND IHREN BEISTAND UND
DRAHTANTWORT

PALAMT ROTHENBERG



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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with the decision of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, I immediately investigated the field to obtain a statistician and economist who would be permanently on the staff of the United Palestine Appeal to perform functions that for many years have been inadequately fulfilled or totally neglected.

Through the recommendation of the Secretary of the Palestine Economic Corporation I was able to get in touch with Mr. Reuben E. Bach, whom I have assigned to the immediate tasks of (a) preparing a brief for the Allocations Committee, and (b) of preparing a memorandum to be presented through the President's Advisory Committee to the Inter-governmental Conference to be held in Washington on October 16th.

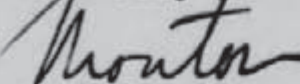
I hope that Mr. Bach will be able to justify the expectations arising through his experience and background. These are described in a statement which I asked him to prepare. It is enclosed herewith.

I have not yet discussed salary with Mr. Bach, awaiting the opportunity of judging his abilities in preparing the two aforementioned items.

I trust that I have your approval for this action.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH

REUBEN E. BACH

After a formal education through public, high school and the Wharton Division of the University of Pennsylvania, I became associated with the Public National Bank and Trust Co. of New York. One of the few granted that opportunity, I was graduated through every department of that institution and given a thorough grounding in all phases of banking practice. At the same time, I supplemented my specialized training with courses in economics and credit analysis at the American Institute of Banking. Two years after joining the Public National Bank I was appointed Assistant Manager of its branch at 160th Street and Broadway, and at the end of a like period I was transferred to the Main Office to analyze and report on the financial and operative capacity of borrowing accounts.

In 1930 I accepted a position with the National Safety Bank and Trust Co. as Assistant Cashier in charge of its Credit Department. In that office I was responsible for my staff's collecting such information as was pertinent to the credit worthiness of the bank's borrowing clients, but it was my particular duty to analyze for, and submit to the bank's Credit Committee the financial set-up of the more substantial borrowers.

Early in 1933 I resigned from the National Safety Bank in order to take up residence in Palestine. While there, I became associated with "The Palestine Post" and was appointed editorial manager of the paper's Tel Aviv office. Responsible for the coverage of all intelligence relating to that city and its environs, I was given a generously free hand in my own choice of correspondence, and contributions to the paper under my own by-line included articles on a diversity of subjects. At the same time I reported on the economic progress of Palestine for various other papers.

In 1938, I resigned from "The Palestine Post" and returned to the United States. Since March of this year, I have been associated with the New York World's Fair Corporation in its Banking Department.

As for such other facts which might be of interest to you, I might mention that I am married, have a family and am a native American.

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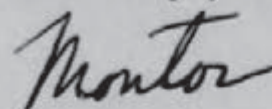
Are you making arrangements to meet Rabbi Jonah Wise in New York on October 2nd, particularly since there will be no meeting of the Allocations Committee? L

In addition to the discussion of future matters it seems to me that some definitive action ought to be taken with respect to Chicago, which has remitted \$950,600 on account of the 1939 campaign out of what was to have been a total allotment of some \$1,600,000 to \$1,700,000. L

Our other friends seem to have been most shy about pressing Chicago for additional funds even though the subject has been raised and intervention promised at every meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. There is no reason why, when the United Jewish Appeal agencies need funds so badly, Chicago should have thousands of dollars lying in the bank because of a whim bound up with the decisions of the Allocations Committee.

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which has been issued by an organization called "The American Friends of a Jewish Palestine." I have discussed this matter with Mr. Lipsky, who feels that the wisest course might be to issue a press release to the English-Jewish and Yiddish newspapers emphasizing that none of the regular Zionist organizations have any part in this new fund-raising instrument. Attached hereto is a proposed publicity item in this connection. Does it have your approval? L

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF A JEWISH PALESTINE

285 MADISON AVE.

NEW YORK -- NEW YORK
Suite 1119

September 18, 1939

Dear Friend:

Harrowing reports continue to come to us of the terrible sufferings of our Jewish brethren in Central and Eastern Europe, in the war zone, in the countries of dictatorship and in devastated or evacuated areas. More than a million Jews have become the victims of Nazi military brutality, and the fate of hundreds of thousands more in Germany, Austria and Czecho-Slovakia is tragic beyond description.

The American Friends of a Jewish Palestine, established last Spring, was assisting before the outbreak of the war in transporting thousands of refugees from countries of persecution across the Mediterranean into Palestine. Our friends abroad are conducting a similar program now for the transfer of refugees from the regions of worst suffering into Palestine where the Jewish community is ready and happy to receive them. In addition to the transfer of these unhappy people on neutral ships which our friends either purchase or charter, they have a program providing the refugees with adequate security enroute, on their arrival at the Palestine seacoast, and also within Palestine.

In your appeal on Yom Kippur before your Congregation, we urge you to include our organization in the list who will receive a substantial contribution from the total amount collected. We assure you that we have the most practical, direct and far-reaching program for the saving and safeguarding of tens of thousands of lives. Our forsaken brethren who cannot come to the United States or other countries but who can be aided to gain entry into Palestine look to you and your friends for help in this hour of dire and terrible anguish.

Please read this letter to your Congregation and publish it in your Synagogue Bulletin. Checks can be made out to the American Friends of a Jewish Palestine, 285 Madison Avenue, New York City, Louis Germain, Treasurer.

Sincerely

(Signed) Harvey L. Schwann, Chairman

United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

It was made clear in a statement issued by the United Palestine Appeal in response to inquiries, that none of the established and recognized Zionist organizations or fund-raising bodies of the Jewish Agency for Palestine are in any way affiliated with an organization which calls itself "The American Friends of a Jewish Palestine", and which has recently been addressing requests for funds to various individuals and communities; nor have they any responsibility for the activities of that organization.

The United Palestine Appeal made clear that the two national Jewish institutions of upbuilding in Palestine, the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, continue to carry the burden of immigration, colonization, land purchase and general development in Palestine to increase its absorptive capacity, and that none of these activities are in any way supported by the "American Friends of a Jewish Palestine".

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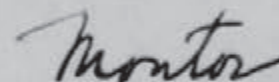
In accordance with the information you gave me on Tuesday with respect to the decision of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, I held in the U.P.A. all funds that had accrued together with checks totalling approximately \$160,000 which were made out that day to the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth.

Today Dr. Goldstein called me after a telephone call from Mendel Fisher saying that it was not his understanding that the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal had decided that funds were to be withheld from the participant organizations of the U.P.A. Moreover, that if the decision were to be effective at all it would be after a joint decision in Jerusalem by Ussishkin and the Jewish Agency Executive.

Since he took a firm position in this matter, I had no choice but to inform him that if he would send me a note saying that he requested the checks already made out to the Jewish National Fund to be turned over to the Jewish National Fund, his instructions would be complied with.

Is there anything further that you wish me to do in this matter?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC

September 21, 1939

September 24, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I find that I have not replied to quite a number of your letters. I shall try to make this letter cover most of them.

1) I suggest that we designate the same people on our Negotiating Committee with the JDC as last year, adding Goldman as a member of the Allocations Committee.

2) Inasmuch as the Allocations Committee cannot meet on October 2nd, it might perhaps be advisable to postpone the meeting until the coming of Dr. Weizman and Eliezer Kaplan which I hope will not be delayed beyond October. In that case, we shall not ^{with} the assistance of any other expert such as Dr. Landauer.

3) I am agreeable to having Messrs. Lipsky, Liebovitz and Rinsky act on the committee to dispose of Pecker.

4) At the last meeting of the UPA, it was suggested to contact Ussishkin with reference to the holding of JNF funds in the common treasury of the UPA. Has that been done either by yourself, or by Dr. Goldstein?

5) I shall try to get in touch with Rabbi Jonah Wise in New York on October 2 and take up with him the case of Chicago.

6) I think it would be wiser to ignore the circular letter sent out by the "American Friends of a Jewish Palestine".

7) I approve of the action which you have taken in engaging the services of Mr. Reuben E. Bach. Please do not engage him for any long period of time as yet. Perhaps a month to month arrangement would be satisfactory. This would give us a chance to find out whether he is our man, and in the second place, whether we would actually require the services of such a man for a long period.

Mr. Montor

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8) I will write to Mr. Finston of Tulsa with reference to the UJA quota in that city.

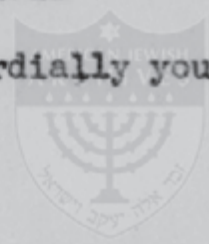
9) I think the telegram from Keren Hayesod - Hantke Yaffe, dated September 20, ought to be given publicity in the New Palestine.

10) With reference to the cable received from Dr. Rothenberg of Vienna asking for \$36,000 for the transporation of 600 people to Palestine, please get in touch with Mr. Lipsky and Dr. Wise and tell them that it is my judgment that we first ought to obtain the consent of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem before we vote this sum of money. We shall be establishing a precedent in assuming responsibility for distributing Keren Hayesod funds for transporation of European immigrants to Palestine without authorization from Jerusalem. Jerusalem may well decide to give us that power, but surely we must have their approval first.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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September 25, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I observe that copies have been sent to you of correspondence arising from a cablegram sent on September 20th by Dr. Alois Rothenberg of Vienna asking that \$36,000 be made available from America to assist 600 persons with certificates to reach Palestine.

The question that concerns the United Palestine Appeal is whether the funds involved are to be taken from the general treasury of the United Palestine Appeal and to be indicated as ear-marked distribution of funds, or whether the Keren Hayesod treasury alone is to be responsible for such payments, as was true in the case of the \$4,070 sent to Dr. Goldmann in Geneva for emigrants from Germany, and the \$3,000 sent to aid stranded delegates to get to Palestine.

Under the terms of the United Palestine Appeal contract, unless superseded by another contract or agreement, the officers of the United Palestine Appeal are bound to distribute the income equally between the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth, with no deductions possible from the United Palestine Appeal treasury for specified purposes outside the contract.

As I indicated to you in an earlier letter, Dr. Goldstein has very emphatically raised this point and has insisted that checks be turned over to the Jewish National Fund as usual.

Attached herewith is a copy of an original letter dated September 21st, sent to you by Dr. Solomon Goldman as Acting Chairman of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs.

Dr. Goldstein, as President of the Jewish National Fund, as Co-chairman of the United Palestine Appeal and as the head of the agency authorized to receive one-half of the United Palestine Appeal income, has directed me to turn over checks to the Jewish National Fund in the usual manner. Dr. Solomon Goldman, Acting Chairman of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, Co-Chairman of the United Palestine

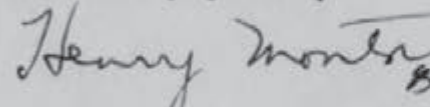
Appeal and President of the Zionist Organization of America, asks that all funds be held in the treasury of the United Palestine Appeal without distribution, except as directed by the Emergency Committee.

For the sake of regularized procedure and also, the less important, for my peace of mind, I should like to have specific instructions from you in accordance with which I may act as to the distribution of funds.

I note that Miss Szold, Dr. Magnes, Julius Simon and others have been in cable communication with the Palestine Economic Corporation asking that the Palestine quota of the joint drive be increased by large funds to be used in Palestine for urgent social and relief work and that such funds be administered by a special committee "appointed by you (P.E.C.) with right cooption". It seems to me rather strange that the P.E.C. should have to be the instrumentality through which funds belonging to the United Palestine Appeal are to be distributed. Isn't the Jewish Agency for Palestine sufficiently competent and representative to deal with funds in the normal manner? All too often, in cases of emergency, our funds have been used to set up new instrumentalities completely outside traditional Zionist authority.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
111 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

September 21, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

Acting under instructions of the World Executive contained in a cable from Eliezer Kaplan dated September 12th, asking that all funds be kept in New York to be remitted according to telegraphic requests from the Executive, the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, which has been vested with authority to act here for the Executive, decided at its meeting on September 19th to request the United Palestine Appeal to retain all funds intended for the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth until further notice.

We are awaiting further word from the Executive as to the disposition of funds now in hand.

Sincerely yours,
(signed) Solomon Goldman
Acting Chairman
EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR ZIONIST AFFAIRS

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1939

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORP.
NEWYORK

FOLLOWING FOR BAERWALD AND GOLDMAN QUOTE UNDERSIGNED DISCUSSED
SITUATION AND DECIDED URGE ~~THAT~~ PALESTINE QUOTA JOINT DRIVE
BE AUGMENTED BY LARGE FUNDS ANTICIPATED ~~TO~~ BE REQUIRED SOON
FOR INCREASING URGENT SOCIAL AND RELIEF WORK AND SUCH FUNDS
THROUGH INSTRUMENTALITY VAAD LEUMI BE ALLOCATED AND SUPERVISED
SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY YOU WITH RIGHT COOPERATION

HENRIETTE SZOLD MAGNES SIMON BAROWAY VITELIS

MEMORANDUM

Date September 25, 1939

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Subject Distribution of UPA funds

I am proceeding with the distribution of United Palestine Appeal funds on the basis of your instructions confirmed in our telephone conversation of Friday that all funds should be held by the United Palestine Appeal and distributed in accordance with telegraphic instructions from Jerusalem.

In view of the cablegrams received from Jerusalem, copies of which are herewith attached, I am directing the distribution of the following sums:

- (a) The cabling of LP.12,500 out of United Palestine Appeal funds to the Keren Kayemeth in Jerusalem.
- (b) The cabling of \$50,000 out of United Palestine Appeal funds to the Keren Hayesod through London as per the usual routine.

The funds thus distributed will be credited to the accounts of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth in the United States.

I assume that I continue to have your authority to make such distributions in accordance with the cabled instructions from Jerusalem.

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CABLEGRAM

JERUSALEM 22 1313
LC UPA

PLEASE TRANSFER 12,500 POUNDS STIRLING KEREN KAYEMETH

JERUSALEM. NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

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CABLEGRAM

JERUSALEM 22 1302
MONTOR PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND
NEW YORK

PLEASE TRANSFER \$50,000 TO KEREN HAYESOD THROUGH LONDON

KAPLAN CONSENTS.

KEREN HAYESOD

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September 25th, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a memorandum involving the additional payment to the Hebrew University of the sum of \$3,024.32, as a result of the agreement between the American Friends of the Hebrew University and the New York campaign of the United Palestine Appeal for 1938.

The United Palestine Appeal will thus have contributed to the Hebrew University the sum of \$28,024.32.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

September 19, 1939

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Montor
FROM Miss Behrman

The gross income of the 1938 United Palestine Appeal campaign for Greater New York is \$660,286.37.

According to the terms of the agreement with the Hebrew University we are to pay them \$5,000 on every \$100,000 over the \$600,000 mark - that is, 5%. Based on that agreement, the United Palestine Appeal owes the Hebrew University \$3,024.32.

Mr. Blitz agrees to the payment of this sum to the Hebrew University.

SB

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400 BATHS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
W. E. DEFENBACHER
MANAGER

Sept. 26, 1939

Dear Dr. Silver:

In a way I feel regretful at having left New York at this particular period. But when I visualize the petty bickering and inconsequential intrigue that surrounds the very ordinary business of forwarding money to Palestine I feel that it is just as well that I could get away from the fetid atmosphere. Any way, it is far more important to reassure some of these communities that not only must they have campaigns but raise more money than ever before.

Miss Cohen of the office has been in touch with me constantly with regard to developments. I do hope that it hasn't been too much of an annoyance to you to be called by her frequently at my suggestion. There have been so many conflicting commands in New York--and, as far as I am concerned, it is you who must give the final word.

Probably you will fix a date for a meeting of the Negotiating Committee when you get together with Rabbi Jonah Wise on October 2nd.

As regards the inquiry with regard to the transfer of money. A cable was sent to Kaplan by Rabbi Goldman covering the issue raised at the last meeting of the UPA Administrative Committee. Mr. Ussishkin received a copy of the cable--also by cable. The answers that have been flowing back and forth since then indicate that.

Mr. Bach has not been engaged for any definite period of time. He understands that he is on trial and if we have any evidence of his satisfactoriness his employment will be continued. We need a person of such qualifications permanently, to my mind. Not necessarily because of high-sounding economic and statistical reasons but for the very prosaic purpose of giving the UPA office figures as and when we need them. We have someone of that type in the UJA office but no one ever considered it important enough for the UPA. Essentially he must be an auditor as well as a statistician, who could offer breakdowns of our reports, keep in touch with the Council of Federations (which floods us with inquiries constantly) and provide a backstop for our financial activities. Bach may or may not be the man.

You will receive a copy of Mr. Ittleson's third or fourth letter in regard to some material on Palestine he has been requesting. It relates primarily to the Jewish National Fund. The latter has the answers already but Fisher is reluctant to let anybody see any data on the National Fund, even though it was forwarded from Jerusalem for the specific purpose of meeting Mr. Ittleson's inquiries. The motivation of Mr. Ittleson's questions is a different matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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September 26th, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

How badly we need the statistician we are engaging is reflected in the attached copy of a letter of inquiry addressed to me by Miss Blanche Renard of the Council of Federations.

Such lengthy and complicated memoranda are received at the rate of two or three a week.

The drift of the questions seems to be most interesting. Have you any observations to make as to the questionnaire?

We will, of course, supply all information requested to the best of our ability.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS, INC.

165 West 46 Street, New York, N.Y.

September 20, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

If you recall, when I had a conference with you, I explained that it was difficult to know exactly what facts and material we needed in order to report clearly and precisely on the activities as well as the finances of any national organization.

Our reports, after they have been approved by the agency, are submitted to members of a special National Agency Committee, appointed by the Council. The members of the committee often raise questions which seem to them to indicate either inaccurate statements or statements which are not clear. Since we have a number of such questions on the report which we prepared for the United Palestine Appeal, and since preparing the report, you have also submitted to us the complete financial audit, it is necessary to rewrite the report, and in order to clarify such statements as were questioned, I am wondering whether you can give me information on the following points: (For this purpose, I am sending you back the complete report.)

(1) Page 1, paragraph 1:

Concerning funds for emergency in 1938, we are told that one third of the Jewish National Fund "share" is under the control of the Jewish National Fund, which decides as to its application in consultation with the Jewish Agency. Is this correct? If so, the agreement should be restated, and I should be glad to have your suggestions.

(2) Page 1, Other agreements for the joint campaign(1):

Are not the traditional funds received by the Jewish National Fund from specific collections, such as boxes, trees, etc., also excluded in the explanation of what monies collected by the Jewish National Fund should be turned over to the United Palestine Appeal? Should not traditional funds therefore be included in point (1) of that statement?

September 20, 1939

Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Director
New York City

(3) Page 1. The Palestine Foundation Fund:

Does the mandate (in any specific article) recognize the Jewish Agency as the supreme authority? If so, can we have a copy of the specific article in which this is stated?

(4) Page 1. The Jewish National Fund:

We are asked what other individual agencies in America collected funds for the Jewish National Fund, and what amounts collected by each were sent through the Jewish National Fund for transmission to Palestine. We are also asked "Is all of the money collected in America sent to Palestine through the American Jewish National Fund office?" I recall your saying that no money is sent direct to Palestine to the Jewish National Fund. Is this correct? Is money collected by such organizations as Hadassah and others turned over to the United Palestine Appeal by the Jewish National Fund?

In this connection I have received from Mr. Fisher a copy of the schedule of income and expenses of the Jewish National Fund for the period October 1, 1937 to September 30, 1938. This statement indicates that besides income from traditional funds, income has been received from the following sources:

Community chests	\$ 15,873
New York City income	68,892
General collections and unspecified	<u>47,668</u>
Total	\$132,433

The income of the United Palestine Appeal from the Jewish National Fund for 1938 (in your audit) shows \$324,996 income to the United Palestine Appeal from the Jewish National Fund. Does this amount include these three items? What other income received by the Jewish National Fund is turned over to the United Palestine Appeal? I notice that the Jewish National Fund does not show any receipts from such agencies as Hadassah, etc., which, I understand you to say, transmit Jewish National Fund money through the American office.

(5) Page 2. The Mizrahi Palestine Fund:

We are asked what orthodox agricultural and educational institutions are maintained by Mizrahi, and what ones are maintained by the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund. We are also asked why Mizrahi has been increased by the United Palestine Appeal from an income in 1936 of \$45,274 to an income in 1937 and 1938 of \$69,800.

September 20, 1939

Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Director
New York City

(6) Page 3:

I am sending you revised Tables I and II. In Table I, I have accounted for all income and expenditures, including national campaign cash receipts and cash disbursements, distributions and balances. In these figures I have excluded the New York campaign, which, according to your audit, had been deducted. In Table II, I have indicated the total amount pledged (including New York campaign money deducted in Table I) and have deducted the expenditures (including campaigns both national and New York and distributed sums, and I have assumed that the balance represents your shrinkage on pledges made. Is this correct?

(7) If (6) is correct, then all figures included in Table I, Income and Disbursements and Distribution, are cash figures. That is, shrinkage for non-collectible pledges has been deducted.

(8) We are asked whether you consider service charge payments to the Zionist Organization of America, Mizrachi Organization, and Poale Zion-Ziere Zion as cost for money raising.

(9) Page 5:

In the budgets of the two major agencies, Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, what portion of the total of \$10,955,000 is expected from America? What part from long time loans?

(10) Page 6. Table III:

We are asked whether we can secure a report to show the disbursements in Palestine of the Mifal Bitzaron to which the United Palestine Appeal has disbursed money through the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund.

I have asked Mr. Fisher for a statement for the income and expenditures for the Palestine Jewish National Fund. As you know, I have included the Keren Hayesod for the period October 1, 1937 to September 30, 1938.

I am now told that unless disbursements made through Mifal Bitzaron and the Jewish National Fund are also given, the report lacks detailed information on how money which is raised by the United Palestine Appeal is spent.

September 20, 1939

Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Director
New York City

I realize that I am giving you "a big order", but feel certain that we, as well as you, want to be certain that no statements are made which do not reflect both accuracy and clarity, and since the questions have been raised by members of our committee, I would anticipate similar questions from welfare funds which receive the report.

Many thanks to you for your ever-ready cooperation and consideration, and best New Years wishes again!

Sincerely,

(signed)

BLANCHE RENARD, Secretary
Committee on National Jewish Agencies

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UNDEFERRIBLE COMMITMENTS STOP URGENT IMMEDIATE PURCHASES
REQUIRE FURTHER MINIMUM \$300,000 STOP AMERICA ONLY COUNTRY
APPROACHABLE PRESENT JUNCTURE BEG YOU TO ARRANGE IMMEDIATE
EMERGENCY TRANSMISSION THROUGH GOLDSTEIN SPECIAL MINIMUM
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September 26, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your letter of September 25th touching on the matter of an additional payment to the Hebrew University, I am under the impression that this matter was presented some time ago to a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the UPA and was voted down. Accordingly, no additional payment is to be made to the Hebrew University without resubmitting this matter to a meeting of the UPA Administrative Committee.

With reference to the cables received from Mr. Ussishkin, the entire matter should be held in abeyance until the next meeting of the Emergency Committee on October 2nd.

The cable communication of Szold, Magne, etc. is also to be considered at the next meeting of the Emergency Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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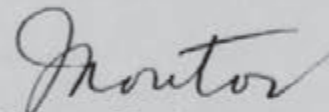
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a form letter which has gone out to the following individuals in accordance with your authorization:

Dr. Solomon Goldman
Dr. Israel Goldstein
Louis Lipsky
Judge Morris Rothenberg

They were the members of the negotiating committee last year with the exception of Dr. Goldman.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC
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September 27, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the request of Mr. Montor, may I inform you
of the following:

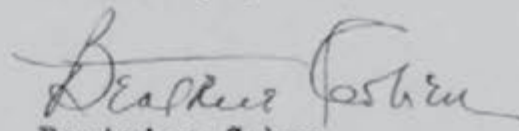
Regarding the request from Dr. Rothenberg of
Vienna for \$36,000, Dr. Goldman received a cable
from Mr. Kaplan in Jerusalem as follows:

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EXPENSES IMMIGRANTS ADVISE ROTHENBERG APPROACH JOINT
HICEM OTHERS REGARDS KAPLAN".

Dr. Rothenberg was cabled accordingly.

With all good Holiday wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Beatrice Cohen
Secretary to Mr. Montor

September 29, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

The enclosed is a copy of a telegram which
Rabbi Silver sent today to Mr. Leon Gellman, President
of the Mizrahi Organization of America.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
111 Fifth Avenue
New York

September 29, 1939

TO: Mr. Mendel Fisher

FROM: Mr. Henry Montor

Herewith is a letter from Ittleson together with my reply. What information can you make available on the Jewish National Fund on the basis of Mr. Ittleson's previous request forwarded to you?

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HENRY ITTLESON
One Park Avenue,
New York

September 22, 1939

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Montor:

I wish to remind you that I am still awaiting an answer to my letter of June 21st, which you acknowledged as follows:

"This will acknowledge your letter of June 21. The information you require is being supplied by the headquarters of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem. AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

"A report of expenditures by the Jewish Agency for Palestine is being prepared for the biennial meeting for the Agency in Geneva and should be available in the most comprehensive form within a few weeks. I shall see that a copy of that document is forwarded to you."

I think it will become very important that the information asked for be available promptly, and I assume that it can be had now. If not, I would suggest that you cable for the detailed data without delay.

Among other things heretofore asked of you, I would like copy of detailed budget (income and expenditure) adopted in Geneva in August by the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund, also copy of the reports of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund for the last two years submitted in Geneva as announced in your letter of June 21st.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Henry Ittleison

September 27, 1939

Mr. Henry Ittleson
1 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Ittleson:

Attached herewith is a copy of the financial report presented by the Jewish Agency and the Palestine Foundation Fund at Geneva in August.

It is my understanding that the Jewish National Fund has been gathering the material you requested. The delay was probably due to the preparation for the Congress and since then to the disruption of normal communications.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC
Encl.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
111 FIFTH AVENUE

MEMORANDUM

Date September 29, 1939

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Subject

Attached hereto is an exchange of correspondence brought to my attention as United Palestine Appeal representative in the United Jewish Appeal.

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MEMORANDUM

September 27, 1939

TO: Mr. Henry Montor
FROM: Mr. M. Robert Herman
SUBJECT: Vaad Bitachon campaign

I am enclosing copy of a letter which I received from Mr. Louis J. Platt relative to the reaction of Mr. Al Livingston, Chairman of our Rock Island campaign on the subject of Vaad Bitachon.

As this matter will have a positive influence on the Rock Island campaign and as I believe it necessary to advise Mr. Platt immediately on policy and procedure, I am asking Miss Cohen to send this to you at once and will appreciate your advice on handling in order that any campaign which the Vaad Bitachon may have in mind will not be in conflict or in advance of the U.J.A. campaign in Rock Island.

I am also enclosing copy of the letter addressed to Mr. Livingston to which Mr. Platt refers.

Regards.



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September 26, 1939

Mr. M. Robert Herman
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Bob:

Al Livingston asked me today about the organization referred to in the enclosed letter which he has just received.

He has been burning up since the spring of 1938 when he says he was "inveigled" into heading a campaign in Rock Island for this Vaad Bitachon. His brother in law, a doctor from Des Moines, was in charge of this particular campaign of Vaad Bitachon in the spring of 1938, and came to Rock Island and induced Al Livingston to head a campaign, and they had a meeting at which the brother in law spoke and raised that night a total of over \$900, none of which was in a contribution of less than \$50. Two days later the check was forwarded and it went down in the history of Rock Island as the fastest campaign they ever had.

Al says he was told that it was for a defense fund, which you can't prove by me, but he was sore about it all afterwards and mentioned it to me several times last year. Now this letter comes to him just prior to our campaign and he is all het up about it, and has asked me to send it on to you and to see if you cannot prevail on someone to cut it out while our campaigns are on. I note that it comes from UPA headquarters building and that there are some important UPA names on the Board. I note also that this is no request for immediate action and that they disclaim any conflict with the public fund raising campaign for Palestine, but the fact that they ask for the continuance of the committee and prepare the way for a future call does not sit well at this time.

Regards.

(signed) PLATT
Field Representative of UJA

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October 3, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Would it be possible for you to accept an invitation from Evansville, Indiana, to open their campaign on October 17th, 18th or 19th or on some similarly appropriate date on your calendar? True, it is a small town, but we are making a try for \$30,000.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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October 2, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Would you please find out for me from Mr. Nizer whether the Habimah Players are coming to the United States or not.

Inasmuch as Mr. Ittelson has requested and received information about the budgets of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund, presumably for study in anticipation of the meeting of the Allocations Committee, I believe that we ought to make a similar request of the JDC to send us in advance detailed data about their budgets (income and expenditures for the last two years). You might tell the officials of the JDC that we have supplied such information to Mr. Ittelson at his request.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

October 4, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the letter which
Rabbi Silver sent to Mr. Albert Finston of Tulsa.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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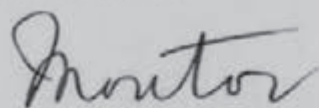
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a cable
from Meyer Berlin involving a request for
additional funds to the Mizrachi Organization.
Is this intended for action by the Emergency
Committee?

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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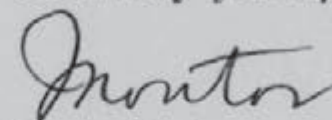
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Could you find it possible to attend the opening of the Gloversville campaign on either November 12th or 14th? They have a quota of \$30,000 and the Gloversville leadership feels that it can be attained only through your stimulation.

Will you be good enough to advise us of your decision as soon as conveniently possible?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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October 6, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In connection with the cable for additional funds received signed by Meyer Berlin - the matter should be discussed at an executive meeting of the UPA which Dr. Wise should call at any time convenient to him and to the members of the Executive committee. I will not be able to attend any meeting in New York next week.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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October 9, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am wondering whether you have
seen a copy of the attached letter from
Mr. S. P. Halle of Cleveland to Rabbi Wise.

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THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION
and
THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND

of Cleveland

Room 320
Chester-Twelfth Building

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, National Chairman
The United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Rabbi:

I have discussed with Mr. Goldhamer the content of your letter which came to hand today and we have realized since the beginning of the War that the J.D.C. particularly would be harassed with many new and difficult problems. We are forwarding herewith a further check for \$50,000 to apply on Cleveland's allotment to the United Jewish Appeal.

We are, of course, concerned with you in your efforts to function in this overwhelming disaster which the War itself is visiting upon Jewry throughout Europe and the pressures which it places upon the United Jewish Appeal with its greatly inadequate funds and machinery. In the light of this situation, is it not possible that American Jewry would do well to concentrate to a larger extent upon the adjustment of those Refugees who have come here and those who can be removed from the scene of conflict, rather than to attempt the almost futile program of offering relief to the hundreds of thousands whose fate is so uncertain and to whom the tender of any kind of relief at this time may be of no avail.

We know that the Committee of the United Jewish Appeal is giving serious thought to this and the many other problems now before it and we will undoubtedly be apprised of your decisions or plans from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) S. P. Halle

Chairman
The Budget Committee

September 11th, 1939

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In view of your letter of October 3rd,
it would probably be most useful if a letter
requesting information with regard to the
budget of the Joint Distribution Committee
were sent by you.

WRHS



Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH
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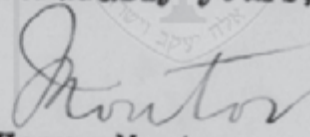
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of the
financial report of the United Jewish Appeal
through September 30, 1939, showing in detail
the income and expenditures.

Have you any observations to make?

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG
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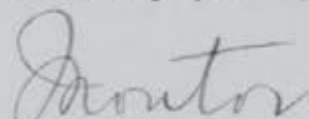
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I assume that because of the holiday interlude you have not yet had a chance to see whether you could accept the Gloversville invitation to address the campaign opening on either the 12th or the 14th of November. My understanding is that you will be in Troy on November 13th, thus making your acceptance more possible. The Gloversville quota, as you will recall, is \$30,000.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am hoping that by the time this letter reaches you I shall have had an opportunity to discuss it with you by phone.

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise telephoned me this morning to ask that I communicate with you immediately with regard to the possibility of calling a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. He felt that a Monday would be most satisfactory to you. He wondered whether a meeting on Monday, October 16th, would fit in with your calendar. If Tuesday or Wednesday would be preferable he would try to adjust his own program accordingly. He will not be in town the following week since he is to be in Cincinnati and other points in Indiana on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

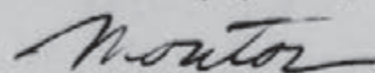
He felt that the Executive Committee should have before it a summary of the status of the campaign and that it should undertake to notify its constituent agencies of the need of considering 1940 and to take whatever other action seemed warranted by the general situation.

He did not seem definite about a meeting of the negotiating committee, about which I have asked him. He believed, however, that the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal ought to precede any meetings of negotiating committees.

If next Monday's date is suitable to you would you telephone me so that sufficient notice may be sent out to the other members of the Executive Committee?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

In connection with any negotiations that are to be had with the Joint Distribution Committee for 1940, it seems to me that the following considerations must be kept in mind:

A. The relation of the Jewish National Fund to the United Jewish Appeal. I think that we had a number of very disturbing conflicts in 1939;

B. The relation of the Gewerkschaften campaign to the United Palestine Appeal. Shall we undertake to start negotiations with Gewerkschaften;

C. The relation of the National Refugee Service to the United Jewish Appeal. It is true that the National Refugee Service, during the past few weeks, has been deluging everyone with appeals more heartrending than those of Mizrachi requesting additional funds for its program, but what is ignored or not known by many officers of the United Jewish Appeal is that hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent throughout the country for what is actually the national refugee program, locally administered. A great deal of such amounts are really deducted from what otherwise would go to the United Jewish Appeal.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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

You will recall that on several occasions in the past I have questioned the value of some of the United Palestine Appeal regional offices. You expressed the belief that nothing should be done at this time to disturb the framework we had erected, particularly since our plans for the coming year were not definite.

The case of Chicago, however, is of a special character. At the present time it is not manned at all, since S. Pereira Mendes, who had been the regional director for the United Jewish Appeal in the midwest area, and who supervised the United Palestine Appeal regional office in Chicago, severed his connection with the United Jewish Appeal in September. He has become director of the Chicago office of the American Jewish Congress.

Mr. Mendes has been kind enough to look after certain matters, as a volunteer, because of his real interest in Palestine. It is obvious, however, that he could not give much time to the operation. The net effect is that a stenographer is in charge of the office and obviously has neither the authority nor the competence to conduct any United Palestine Appeal activity either in Chicago itself or in the midwestern area.

Two procedures are possible: (a) to dismiss the girl and close the office until such time as our plans shall have been determined upon or (b) move the office from its present location at 160 North LaSalle Street to the same building in which Mendes works for the American Jewish Congress. This would make it possible for him to drop in once in a while to supervise the activities.

My own feeling is that the first suggestion is more economical and more appropriate, particularly since

added to our other complications in Chicago is the fact that the young lady who has been the secretary there since the office was established two years ago is seriously ill and would have to be replaced by an entirely new person.

What is your thought in the matter?

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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October 11, 1939

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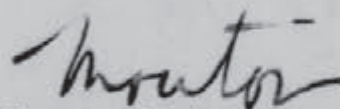
Dear Dr. Silver:

Bayonne, New Jersey, will have its campaign in November. It is a community of some 12,000 Jews and we are doing our utmost to try to build it up to a standard of giving which it has not known previously. We want \$50,000 from the community for the United Jewish Appeal and believe we can get it with proper stimulation.

They are most anxious to have you as the speaker to open their campaign some time around November 15th, the date to be selected by you to meet your convenience.

I should appreciate hearing from you at the earliest opportunity as to the date you think most possible so that Bayonne can begin planning for this function.

Cordially yours,


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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I regret very much that I will not be able to go to Gloversville for their Campaign.

While it is true that I am to be in Troy on November 13, I am also to be in Philadelphia on November 15 and I must be back in Cleveland for at least one day. On the evening of November 12, I am at the Forum of the First Presbyterian Church in Buffalo.

When I was in Geneva, I told Rabbi Berlin, who approached me about the allotment to the Mizrachi in the 1940 Campaign that we have not received the budget of the Mizrachi nor a statement of its expenditures, and that the Jewish Agency was in no position to supply it to us. He told me then that he could not agree to send the budget through the Jewish Agency but that he would send it direct to the UPA. This morning, the enclosed budget was transmitted to me through Mr. Leon Gellman. Please keep in on file for consideration when we come to talk about the 1940 Campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.

P.S. The draft of the memorandum which has been prepared for the Inter-Governmental Committee for Refugees is an excellent one. I trust that a real effort will be made by Dr. Wise to bring about an early consideration of and to focus attention upon Palestine at the sessions of the Inter-Governmental Committee.

MEMORANDUM

Date October 12th, 1939

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Subject

The attached cablegram from Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, is in response to an inquiry I cabled on the day that there appeared in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency News a statement attributed to Pinchas Ruttenberg that 50,000 Jews were starving in Palestine.

The inquiry from Mr. Kaplan in regard to Alaska seems to have been stimulated by intensive activity here on behalf of that project. Official reports indicate slight likelihood of the development of the scheme, while LDB sees emphasis on the project as most undesirable from the American Jewish point of view.

October 18, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have accepted an invitation to address the opening dinner and mass meeting of the Rochester United Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign for Sunday evening, November 26. This will make it impossible for me to accept the invitation of Bayonne, N.J.

I believe that the Chicago Office should be closed at once. The furniture, etc. should be temporarily stored until we know what will happen in 1940.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dear Dr. Silver:

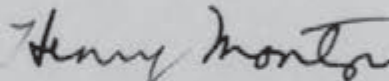
Mr. Lurie sent me a copy of the letter dated October 13th which was sent to you in connection with the discussion by the Board of Directors of the Council regarding the 1940 plans.

Are you planning to attend the meeting on November 11th?

Will it be possible for you to be in New York for the prior meeting on October 25th?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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ON BEHALF OF
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Dear Dr. Silver:

May I ask your cooperation in the following circuitous approach to Mr. Sam L. Good of Wheeling, West Virginia.

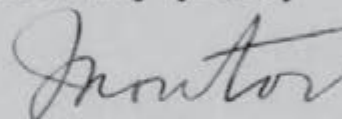
Mr. Good, after many years of abstention from campaign activities, has consented to be the Honorary Chairman of the Wheeling campaign and will be active to the extent that he is calling an Initial Gifts meeting in his home in order to open the drive. Everyone in Wheeling seems to rejoice at his active participation in this year's campaign.

I am informed that Jay Iglauer of Cleveland is the brother-in-law of Good. It is said that if Iglauer might write a letter to Good expressing his happiness over the news that he is giving leadership to the United Jewish Appeal drive in Wheeling it would be generally helpful.

If your secretary could take care of this matter it would be most helpful to the progress and spirit of the Wheeling drive.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH

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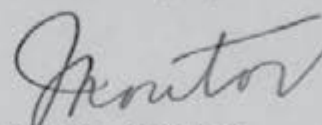
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith are two communications involving Chicago: (a) A telegram which Dr. Goldman sent from New York at my suggestion to urge Goldsmith to forward cash that is in the treasury, and (b) the reply from Goldsmith to Dr. Goldman.

Apparently undisciplined, lawless Chicago brooks no interference with its normal processes. It is certainly unfortunate when the UJA needs money so badly that hundreds of thousands of dollars should be tied up in Chicago because of the whims of a few people.

I am also attaching a copy of the letter from the secretary to Mr. Lasker in which it is stated that Mr. Lasker will probably not return to New York before November. That means a meeting of the Allocations Committee would be delayed too long.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BC
Enc.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter
from Mr. Joseph C. Hyman with regard to a meet-
ing of the Negotiating Committee.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
100 EAST 42nd Street, N. Y.

October 13, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

I have had from Rabbi Jonah Wise your letter of October 6th with reference to fixing a mutually convenient date for committees representing the JDC and the UPA to consider the program and prospects for the 1940 fundraising effort.

As I understand that there is to be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal on October 30th, it would seem to me to afford opportunity during the course of such a meeting to take up the question of dates.

With personal greetings, I am

Cordially yours
(signed) J. C. Hyman
Executive Director

HM. SB

COPY OF CABLE

JERUSALEM, OCTOBER 17, 1939

WISE SILVER
NEWYORK

DISASTER POLISH JEWRY OBLIGES US MAKE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS HELP THEM
ESPECIALLY THOSE IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND ENABLE SECURE THEIR
ADMISSION PALESTINE. PLEASE ADVISE HOW SPECIAL FUNDS THESE PURPOSES
OBTAINABLE STATES. IS IT POSSIBLE ARRANGE SPECIAL COLLECTION AT
LEAST FROM POLISH JEWS THERE? APPEAL YOU GIVE YOUR ATTENTION AND
AID THIS URGENT TASK DESPITE OTHER HEAVY BURDENS THRUST UPON YOU.
APPROACH ALSO POLISH JEWISH CONFERENCE NEWYORK. CABLE

EXECUTIVE GREENBAUM

October 18, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Enclosed herewith are copies of letters sent to Mr. Sam L. Good and Mr. Sidney Hollander. These will answer your letters of October 13 to Rabbi Silver.

I'd appreciate it very much if your secretary would send me about fifty sheets of the UPA stationery. We have plenty of the UJA stationery but none of the other.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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October 19, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter, addressed to you, from the Vaad Leumi containing a request for an allotment to be made to the Vaad Leumi Social Service Department from the "Night of Stars."

As you know, however, the proceeds of the "Night of Stars" this year will go completely to the United Jewish Appeal, which will have to divide the money in accordance with the United Jewish Appeal formula. In previous years, when the proceeds of the "Night of Stars" belonged to the United Palestine Appeal, such independent action could be taken.

Do you want me to write to Mr. Ostrovsky in line with the foregoing?

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

GENERAL COUNCIL (VAAD LEUMI) OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF PALESTINE

September 6, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

At this critical hour, when the Yishuv is being confronted with an alarming array of new tasks and problems, we are addressing ourselves to you in connection with the forthcoming "Night of Stars", in the earnest hope that our Department of Social Service, founded by Henrietta Szold, be included among the beneficiaries, as in the past.

As you doubtless know, in 1936 and in 1937 our Department of Social Service was permitted to benefit from the proceeds of the performances of "Night of Stars" in the amount of \$5,000, each time, to be applied to the social needs of immigrants. At the time, the late Mr. Felix Warburg, the late Mr. Harold Jacobi, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Mr. George Backer were kind enough to intervene in our behalf, and it is thanks to their joint efforts that our Department was included among the beneficiaries.

Since then, the refugee problem in Palestine has become all the more acute, the Yishuv finding it increasingly difficult to cope therewith, after over three years of disturbances in Palestine and particularly now in the present crisis.

We know that in 1938 the proceeds of "Night of Stars" were devoted exclusively to the United Palestine Appeal. It is our earnest hope, however, that the Allocations Committee of the "Night of Stars" will this year adhere to its custom of including our Department of Social Service, built up with so much effort and sacrifice by Miss Szold, among the beneficiaries, and will instruct the proper authorities to set aside a sum for this purpose, in keeping with the needs and the problems of the hour.

Sincerely yours,
(signed) M. Ostrovsky

Executive of the Vaad Leumi

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KIRSTEIN WRITES HE COULD ATTEND MEETING ALLOCATIONS
COMMITTEE AFTERNOON OCTOBER THIRTIETH. IN VIEW GENERAL ATTITUDE
FEEL A TELEPHONE CALL FROM YOU TO ITTLESON WOULD SECURE HIS
ASSENT TO SAME DATE AND ALSO RESULT IN SUBSTITUTE FOR LASKER
WHOSE PARTICIPATION EVEN IN NOVEMBER VAGUE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
INFORMING ME WHETHER YOU ARE TAKING THIS ACTION SO THAT FORMAL
FOLLOW UP CAN BE SENT TO KIRSTEIN CONFIRMING AFTERNOON OCTOBER
THIRTIETH. REGARDS=

HENRY MONTOR 111 FIFTH AVENUE.

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Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Klein:

As requested in your letter of
October 18th I am having fifty sheets of
United Palestine Appeal stationery for-
warded to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Henry Montor
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HM:FE

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

MEMORANDUM

CC: DR. SILVER

October 19, 1939.

To: MR. HENRY MONTOR

From: MR. MENDEL N. FISHER

When I was out of the office because of illness, the following cable was received from the Keren Kayemeth:

LC GOLDSTEIN NATIONAL FUND
111 FIFTH AVENUE NEWYORK

VIEW PROPOSALS ALLOCATION FROM UPA VARIOUS AIMS
OUTSIDE SCOPE OUR ACTIVITIES PLEASE OPPOSE SUCH
ALLOCATIONS

KEREN KAYEMETH

Would you be good enough to give us some information on this matter, and just what it refers to.

MNF:RB

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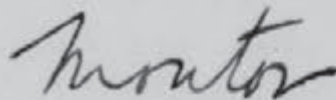
Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Ittleston has agreed to a meeting of the
Allocations Committee on Monday, October 30th,
at 3:30 P. M. He suggested his office.

He informed me that he has wired you and
suggested that you communicate at the same time
with Rabbi Goldman. I am doing the latter if
that meets with your approval.

He is also communicating with Mr. Kirstein
and apparently has had conversations with the
Joint Distribution Committee as to their substitute
for Mr. Lasker. Mr. James Becker of Chicago will
perhaps be the man.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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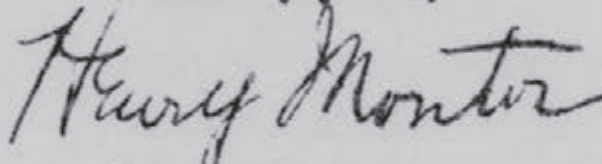
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Dear Friend:

A luncheon meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, of which you are a member, will be held on Monday, October 30th at 12:30 P.M. promptly, at the Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The purpose of the meeting is to touch upon certain problems that will be raised at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal the same night, and also to discuss procedure in connection with a projected meeting of the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

Sincerely yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:JS

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October 22nd, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Lurie of the Council of Federations called me to say that you had informed him that you could not be at the October 25th meeting.

I then took the liberty of suggesting that Mr. Louis Lipsky might represent the United Palestine Appeal, since he is Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal. I would go along with him.

I trust that this meets with your approval.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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Dear Dr. Silver:

At Mr. Ittleson's request I met with him at his office today for some fifty minutes in discussion of various items, starting off with the date and time of a meeting of the Allocations Committee.

The meeting will be held on Monday, October 30th at 3:30 P. M. Mr. Ittleson suggested his office as the meeting place. He is due in Boston next week and will speak to Mr. Kirstein about the date of the meeting, to which Mr. Kirstein had previously assented in general terms.

Mr. Ittleson felt that he had not received all the information that he requested from me about three months ago, most of the information relating to the Keren Kayemeth and some of it to the Keren Hayesod. I expressed the belief that the larger part of his request for information was satisfied through the transmission to him of copies of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth reports which were prepared for the delegates to the Geneva Congress. He, however, did not feel the specific questions had been answered. Some of the material to which he referred was given to me last week by Mendel Fisher after having been forwarded from Jerusalem. However, I have not submitted the material to Mr. Ittleson because of my uncertainty as to the uses to which it would be put.

Mr. Ittleson clarified this question for me by saying that the Allocations Committee would have to be guided as to "priority" in its further distribution of funds by determining to what extent expenditures by each of the organizations were urgent and which could be postponed. He felt that the Allocations Committee should have before it as much information as possible with respect to specific details of expenditures by the various organizations. I assured him that the members of the Allocations Committee would be given the material that they required in ample time for their consideration.

Mr. Ittleson said that he had received a visit from Rabbi Newman, who had requested his personal aid for illegal immigration into Palestine. Mr. Ittleson said that he might be willing to look aside if others were sponsoring such activities, but he could not share in it. He did not believe that illegal immigration into Palestine was wise.

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Dictated October 20, 1939

It was his opinion that the meeting of the Allocations Committee on October 30th could not do more than consider the immediate and "preemptive" request of the National Refugee Service without making any allocations to the other two bodies. I pointed out to him, however, that by the time of the meeting of the Allocations Committee probably all of the first \$9,500,000 will have been distributed and that the treasurers of the United Jewish Appeal will not be able to issue any checks, since they will not be under instructions from the Allocations Committee as to the method of distribution.

He did not think that the members of the Allocations Committee would require any technical assistance for their meeting but suggested that there be prepared for their consideration figures that would show the amount of cash received as of the date of the meeting, the cash still owing on pledges and an estimate of the probable total receipts of the campaign.

In referring to the amount still held by Chicago, Mr. Ittleeson said that he had discussed the question with Mr. Lasker and saw no reason why Chicago should withhold the payment of funds that it has available. He recognized that the situation would have to be handled delicately, but nevertheless it was obvious that Chicago had a duty to the United Jewish Appeal and that its campaign for 1939 was conducted under certain regulations prescribed within the terms of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Ittleeson seemed concerned about the prospects for 1940, especially in relation to a general relief campaign. He envisaged the possibility of a drive similar to the one headed by Mr. Hoover during the War. In the event that a fund-raising effort were conducted for general purposes in Europe it would be difficult, he thought, for a Jewish campaign to be run simultaneously. I disagreed with him, pointing out that the devastation and destruction in Europe have not by any means reached the stage of 1914-1918 and that none of the countries at war has yet required assistance from abroad with the exception of Poland, whose status was still uncertain. Whatever might be the future necessities for a general relief campaign, it seemed patent that the Jewish relief obligations had to be carried on and the plans should be discussed now for 1940. But Mr. Ittleeson felt that the 1940 question would have to be left aside for the time being since the situation was changing so rapidly.

I made the point that in 1940, all other things being equal and the neutral situation remaining what it is, Palestine would perhaps be in a better position, as far as campaigning is concerned, than Europe. Mr. Ittleeson did not think so, having reservations on the prospects in Palestine. Regardless of what individuals might think privately or say privately they would have to give large sums to a general relief campaign if it were launched. Mr. Ittleeson, moreover, did not share my own optimistic expression that the United Jewish Appeal could raise at least as much if not more in 1940 as in 1939.

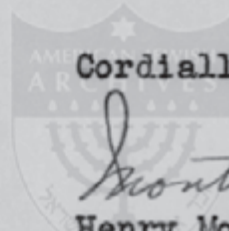
Among questions I put to Mr. Ittleeson was one asking whether he felt that the unification of fund-raising efforts in the United Jewish Appeal had not contributed to a harmonious spirit in American Jewry in 1939. His answer was non-committal, saying that he did not have sufficient contact with the communities to know whether or not that was true. He did say, however, that New York would not have raised as much money as it did without a unified campaign.

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Altogether, Mr. Ittleson seemed satisfied with the results of the United Jewish Appeal drive, saying that he would not have believed in January, 1939, that over \$15,000,000 would be raised.

Concern over the prospects of the New York Federation drive, now about to be launched, was expressed by Mr. Ittleson. Federation is going out to the community for \$7,500,000. If that is raised it would mean that New York Jews had been called upon to give some \$14,000,000 within a brief period of time. He did not know whether New York could stand that kind of pace. Federation leaders were now testing the ground to see whether the use of the Federation machinery in the New York United Jewish Appeal campaign had in any way affected the possibilities of getting as much and more money for Federation needs.

I did not go into any detail with Mr. Ittleson on the question of procedure in the Allocations Committee, although his primary thought was that the National Refugee Service would have to get money before anybody else and that the Allocations Committee would have to act circumspectly. To judge that he might interpose obstacles in the way of a formula that would give Palestine an adequate share would be only a surmise. Altogether, however, I found him reasonable and courteous -- but then no money was discussed.



Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH

October 23, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from
Mr. Jacob Landau, Managing Director of the Jewish
Telegraphic Agency, which is self-explanatory.
Please bring it up at the next meeting of the
UPA.

I am also enclosing a letter from Mr. Sam
L. Good of Wheeling, W. Va.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK
Enc. - 2

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a cable which has been received from Chief Rabbis Herzog and Uziel.

It seems to me that this question ought to be on the agenda of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal next Monday, October 30th, at the Aldine Club.

It is also evident that this request, one of many that have already come, and of even more that may be expected, necessitates more frequent meetings by the administrative bodies of the United Palestine Appeal.

It had apparently been intended that the Emergency Committee would have power over all the funds of the United Palestine Appeal. This seems not to be the case. Under the circumstances, therefore, the power must continue to be held by the United Palestine Appeal, in accordance with the original agreement constituting it and in accordance with such changes as its officers and its constituent agencies may agree upon.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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October 24, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith an important letter which I received from Mr. Leo Istorik of the Anglo-Palestine Bank. Please have copies of it made and sent to Wise, Lipsky, Goldman, Szold and Goldstein in preparation for our meeting next Monday. I included the name of Goldstein for the matter also concerns the Jewish National Fund.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Junior Division of the Youngstown campaign in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal is holding a worker's rally on Thursday, October 26th. It is planned at this function to auction off autographed pledge cards to the highest bidder. We have secured the signatures of several officers of the United Jewish Appeal for this purpose and I am sending you the pledge cards herewith, with the request that you add your autograph and forward the cards as promptly as conveniently possible to Mr. Charles Perlman, c/o the Jewish Center, 646 Bryson Street, Youngstown, Ohio. A stamped envelope is attached hereto for your convenience.

Since the meeting is to be held on Thursday of this week, I am sending the cards to you by air mail, special delivery.

Sincerely yours

Beatrice Cohen

Secretary to Mr. Montor

HM:BBC
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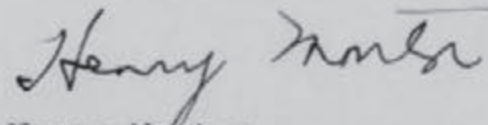
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Georg Landauer has cabled to say that he is sailing for America with Mrs. Landauer on the Vulcania which is scheduled to arrive in the United States on November 4th.

Dr. Landauer, who is Director of the Central Bureau for the Settlement of German Jews in Palestine, is being sent to the United States by the Executive of the Jewish Agency.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 26, 1939

Mr. Henry Ittleson
1 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ittleson:

In confirmation of the conversation that I had with you at your office last Friday may I say that a complete and documented statement with regard to the income and expenditures as well as the needs of the United Palestine Appeal will be made available to the members of the Allocations Committee.

With reference to the inquiries you made on June 21st I attach herewith copies of two statements, one answering the questions you raised with regard to certain items of indebtedness and the other listing land acquired by the Jewish National Fund in the first ten months of 1939 (ending approximately July 1939). The information was supplied by the Jewish National Fund headquarters in Jerusalem.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Mentor
Executive Director

HEA:FM

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Replies to Queries in connection with Jewish National Fund
Budget for 5699

A. and B.

The item of \$2,375,000 represents "Loans, Bills and Engagements", and originates from previous land purchases, which date back to different periods. Interest, if any, is included in the payments of which the said amount consists.

The said amount is being repaid in the course of the current fiscal year (5699), according to the maturity dates of the various items of which it consists. In the course of the 10 months of the current fiscal year (1st October 1938 - end of July 1939) the amount of \$1,990,000 has been repaid, at due dates. The balance, being \$385,000, is due for payment in the remaining two months, August and September 1939.

C.

The item of \$3,400,000 represents the budgeted cost of land whose acquisition for purposes of colonisation was planned at the beginning of the current fiscal year. As a result of external factors, only a part of the purchases budgeted could so far be carried out. On the other hand, a number of purchases not included, originally, in the budget, have been carried through, as a result of changed situations, possibilities and requirements. Enclosed please find the list of areas acquired in the course of the first 10 months of the current fiscal year, as well as the cost thereof. You will observe that the total (composed of items both budgeted and not budgeted) amounts so far to \$1,446,507. The difference between the original estimate of \$3,400,000 and the said amount of \$1,446,000 is to be presumably expended in the near future, the time and the extent of which we shall be enabled to effect new purchases, involving the expenditure concerned, depending on the condition of the land market and other factors.

Land Acquisition by Jewish National Fund in the first 10 months of 1949

	<u>BUDGETED</u>		<u>NOT BUDGETED</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
	<u>Area (Dunams)</u>	<u>Cost (\$)</u>	<u>Area (Dunams)</u>	<u>Cost (\$)</u>	<u>Area (Dunams)</u>	<u>Cost (\$)</u>
a) In the South	1390	50,925	2172	91,515	3562	142,440
b) In the Sharon Plain	1965	127,725	234	17,000	2199	144,725
c) In Samaria	500	15,000	--	--	500	15,000
d) In Emek Jezreel	--	--	2206	25,000	2206	25,000
e) In the Beisan Valley	3000	112,500	2407	90,262	5407	202,762
f) In the North	22820	812,450	535	40,175	23355	852,625
g) On the Jerusalem Tel-Aviv Road	--	--	--	--	--	--
h) Mt. Scopus (Vicinity Jerusalem)	--	--	--	--	--	--
i) Jordan Valley	--	--	2642	52,670	2642	52,670
j) Jerusalem	--	--	54	11,285	54	11,285
Total	29675	1,118,600	10250	327,907	39925	1,446,507

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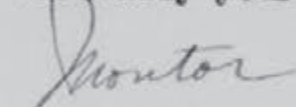
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from Mr. J. Myer Schine, the leading personality in Gloversville, who is not discouraged by your inability to be in Gloversville in November and inquires whether there is any possibility of having you in December.

The Schines are one of the most substantial theatre people in the United States and under the proper stimulation would be respectable givers for a big city, not to speak of Gloversville.

Is there any possibility of your accepting this invitation?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG
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Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I received an invitation from the Jewish Teachers' Association of New York City to address them on Washington's Birthday. I know nothing about this organization and I would appreciate it if you would tell me something about it, that is, provided you know anything about it.

The President of the Association is a Dr. Samuel M. Levenson who is Principal of the Samuel Huntington Junior High School in Jamaica, N.Y. He states that his Association consists of almost four thousand Jewish teachers and supervisors in the elementary and secondary schools of New York.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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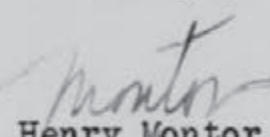
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Dear Dr. Silver:

We are terribly concerned about the rate of collections for the United Jewish Appeal. It is important to take some special action to emphasize to the communities the necessity of as prompt remittances as possible. As part of this program Dr. Wise, at our request, sent the attached telegram to a number of leading communities.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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BY YOU BE INCLUDED CAN IT BE FORWARDED BY THAT TIME REGARDS=

HENRY MONTOR.



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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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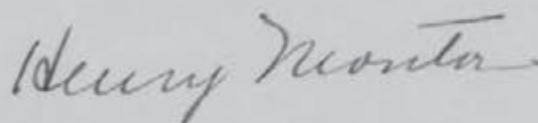
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

In reply to your letter of October 26th may I say that the Jewish Teachers' Association of New York is really a well organized, important body. It will interest you to know that the Jewish Teachers' Association has a charity fund from which allocations are made to various organizations. For 1938 the Jewish Teachers' Association gave to the United Palestine Appeal \$10,000 as against \$7,000 to the Joint Distribution Committee. I believe that this interest in Palestine ought to be encouraged in the Jewish Teachers' Association if you can possibly find the time to accept the invitation to address the group on Washington's Birthday.

The Jewish Teachers of New York represent one of the most important units to be recruited for any cause. They are certainly important for both the United Palestine Appeal and, if there is a United Jewish Appeal in 1940, for the United Jewish Appeal.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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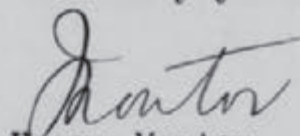
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Dear Dr. Silver:

An invitation has been addressed to Dr. Wise to address the launching of the national campaign of *Gewerkshafoten*. He has declined to do so on the ground that as an officer of the United Palestine Appeal he cannot associate himself in this public way with what is essentially a competing campaign. Do you not agree that a similar responsibility rests upon other officers of the United Palestine Appeal not to participate in the opening of this campaign?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH

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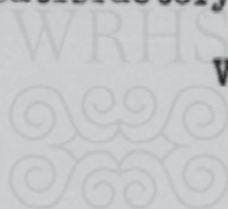
Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a brief
statement for the Yearbook. I trust that you
will find it satisfactory.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



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Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. James Becker telephoned me this morning to say that he was speaking on behalf of the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal and that he was asking me, at the request of yourself and Dr. Goldman, for audits by specific years of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the Keren Hayesod, the Keren Kayemeth and the Zionist Organization of America.

The manner of Mr. Becker's request may have been part of his temperament but I found it rather rude and abrupt.

I expressed the thought that the Zionist Organization of America was not a constituent of the United Palestine Appeal and, although its audits were publicly available, I saw no reason why the United Palestine Appeal should submit an audit of the Z.O.A. to the Allocations Committee. He insisted, however, that a grant was made by the United Palestine Appeal to the Zionist Organization of America and that accordingly the Allocations Committee had a right to demand such an audit.

May I take the liberty of expressing my own thought that the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal is called upon to determine how funds raised in 1939 shall be allotted as between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, and I don't see what purpose other than that of a general "fishing expedition" is served by supplying the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal with material for the years 1936, 1937 and 1938.

In the meantime, however, as a result of my telephone conversation with you this afternoon, I have dispatched the attached cable to Mr. Kaplan in Jerusalem requesting the material referred to by Mr. Becker. It can be taken for granted that in view of the difficulty of transportation it may be many weeks and perhaps even months before this material reaches the United States. Is it conceivable that the decisions of the Allocations Committee will be delayed pending the receipt of this material?

In accordance with our telephone conversation I shall not submit any audit of the Z.O.A. to the Allocations Committee on the ground that the Z.O.A. is not making any application for

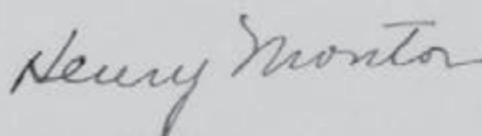
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funds to the United Jewish Appeal and is not in any way a constituent of the United Palestine Appeal.

Considering the precise planning that seems to have been initiated by the J.D.C. people, is not my suspiciousness of motives with respect to the audits of the past three years, that are now required, justified?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director



HM:FE

OCTOBER 31, 1939

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KAPLAN
JEWISH AGENCY
JERUSALEM

ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AT FIRST MEETING YESTERDAY MADE
NO DECISIONS ON DISTRIBUTION BUT ASKED CERTAIN MATERIAL BE MADE AVAILABLE
PROMPTLY STOP ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE REQUESTS COPIES OF AUDITS BY CERTIFIED
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS OF JEWISH AGENCY KERENHAYESOD AND KERENKAYEMETH
THESE AUDITS TO BE FOR SPECIFIC FISCAL YEARS NINETEEN THIRTYSIX NINETEEN
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CONFUSED WITH BIENNIAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THESE BODIES TO CONGRESSES STOP
AUDITS FOR EACH OF AGENCIES BY RUSSELL OR OTHER CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
MUST BE DISPATCHED AT ONCE STOP SUGGEST SENDING ONE SET MATERIAL TO LISBON
FOR TRANSMISSION BY TRANSATLANTIC AIRWAYS AND ONE SET TO LONDON FOR NORMAL
DISPATCH TO AVOID DIFFICULTIES ARISING OUT OF DISRUPTION COMMUNICATIONS
STOP TRUST YOU WILL ACT IMMEDIATELY WITH GRANOVSKY TO OBTAIN KERENKAYEMETH
AUDIT ALL TO BE SHIPPED IN ONE UNIT STOP CABLE RECEIPT OF REQUEST AND
REASSURANCE YOUR IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE TO FACILITATE ACTION BY ALLOCATIONS
COMMITTEE

MONITOR

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

October 30, 1939.

MR. HENRY MONTOR

CC: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

MR. MENDEL N. FISHER

At the meeting of the Executive, you read a cable from Mr. Ussishkin. The cable that we referred to was, of course, the one received on October 9th, about which I made inquiry. It is as follows:-

October 8/39 PM 1:54

LC GOLDSTEIN NATIONAL FUND
111 FIFTH AVENUE NEWYORK

VIEW PROPOSALS ALLOCATION FROM UPA VARIOUS AIMS OUTSIDE

SCOPE OUR ACTIVITIES PLEASE OPPOSE SUCH ALLOCATIONS

KEREN KAYEMETH"

It is this cable that should go into the Minutes, and not the other cable that you inadvertently read.

MNF:RB

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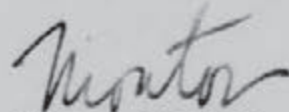
Dear Dr. Silver:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 30th, to which you attached a brief statement for the United Palestine Appeal Year Book.

In the meantime, however, I had gone forward on the basis of your remark of last Monday giving me authority to prepare material under your signature for the United Palestine Appeal Year Book. I prepared this stuff and turned it over to Steinglass to be set up. Would it not be possible to add the brief statement that you prepared to the other material, because I think that a longer piece ought to appear by you? Instead of the closing paragraph I have prepared your statement would be substituted.

Attached hereto is a copy of the material that has been set up.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH
Encl.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 1, 1939

TO Mr. Alex Rothenberg

FROM Mr. Henry Montor

At the meeting of the Executive ~~Committee~~ of the United Palestine Appeal on Monday, October 30th, at noon, it was voted that the United Palestine Appeal of 1939 make an advance to the Mizrahi Palestine Fund of \$15,000 on account of the allotment it would receive from the United Palestine Appeal in 1940, the advance to be used for the specific purpose of meeting the needs described by Rabbi Meyer Berlin in his telegram of October 4th, 1939, addressed to Dr. Silver referring to "the needs of Orthodox Jews".

Please draw a check for \$15,000, payable to Mizrahi, with the above notation inscribed.

HM. SB

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 2nd, 1939

Dr. Israel Goldstein
270 West 89th Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

Attached herewith is a formal notice from the Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, advising of the termination of the agreement covering the 1939 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal and suggesting that an early meeting to discuss the 1940 plans be held.

Rabbi Silver and Jonah B. Wise have set a tentative date for a meeting of the negotiating committees representing the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee. The date is Wednesday morning, November 15th, at 10:30 A.M. at the office of the United Jewish Appeal, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

It is suggested that you hold this date open until further and confirming notice will be sent you.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR REFUGEES
AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

342 Madison Avenue, New York
October 31, 1939

Mr. Louis Lipsky
Chairman, Administrative Committee
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Lipsky:

In conformity with the resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal at a meeting held at this office on Monday evening, October 30th, we herewith advise you that the agreement under which the United Jewish Appeal has operated during 1939 expires on December 31, 1939.

In view of the 1940 necessities, it is vital that the constituent organizations confer as to plans for fund-raising in 1940 and we urge that a Conference Committee be appointed for this purpose.

Sincerely yours,
(signed) Abba Hillel Silver Jonah B. Wise
National Chairman

P.S. A similar communication is being addressed to the Joint Distribution Committee

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The United Palestine Appeal is submitting to you, as a member of the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs, a formal memorandum containing a request for an additional minimum sum of \$5,000,000 from the proceeds of the United Jewish Appeal to be distributed by the Allocations Committee, together with the data on which this application is based.

There is also being sent to you as part of the material being forwarded under separate cover:

- A. A copy of the Memorandum recently submitted by the United Palestine Appeal to the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees.
- B. The auditor's report of the United Palestine Appeal as of June 30, 1939

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

P.S. The above is the text of a letter that has been addressed to Messrs. Henry Ittleson, Louis Kirstein and Albert D. Lasker.

There is being forwarded to you under separate cover only the memorandum submitted to the Allocations Committee, since you have in your possession the two other documents referred to.

HM:FE

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I will arrive in Cleveland on Monday morning, November 6th, and will call you from the station in order to see you at a time most convenient to yourself.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

11-2-39

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

WOULD SUGGEST THAT MY STATEMENT BE PRINTED SEPARATELY IN YEARBOOK AS GREETINGS. THE STATEMENT WHICH YOU DRAFTED SHOULD ALSO APPEAR AND SHOULD CARRY YOUR SIGNATURE.

A H SILVER

NIGHT LETTER - (Collect)

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Henry Martov
111 5th Ave.

New York, N. Y.

Will be very pleased to see you
in Cleveland on Nov. 6th

A. H. S.

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Henry Montor
111 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

WILL BE VERY PLEASED TO SEE YOU IN CLEVELAND ON NOVEMBER SIXTH

A H SILVER

(Collect)

November 2, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In anticipation of the meeting on November 11th, called by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, you should explore the subject we discussed at the last meeting of the UPA with the official heads of the Hadassah and Gewerkshafter. I would suggest that you meet informally at once with Mrs. Poole and whoever is the present head of the Gewerkshafter, and let me know the results so that we may be guided as to our position at the meeting on November 11th. Perhaps Judge Rothenberg would be a good man to sit in with you. He has had experience with such campaign mergers in the past.

I am enclosing the letter of Mr. Lurie. I will, of course, not be able to attend the meeting on November 11th. I will arrange with you for our representation later on.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

November 2, 1939

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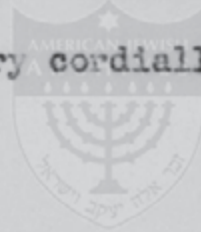
My dear Mr. Montor:

Please acknowledge the enclosed letter of
Rosen Tours and refer it to the Emergency Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours

AHS:BK



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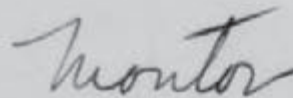
Some time ago I suggested that the name of Arthur M. Lampert be added to the Negotiating Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, in dealing with the campaign for 1940.

Mr. Lampert is representing the United Palestine Appeal very effectively in the New York campaign and in addition to that he is treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal and is our nominee as treasurer of the United Jewish Appeal. Moreover, of all the representatives of the United Palestine Appeal on the Negotiating Committee, Mr. Lampert would be the only person who is a business man, since all the officers are either rabbis or public figures.

There ought to be a recognition of service performed by our friends, and I am certain that Mr. Lampert would consider this an honor conferred upon him, if a letter were sent him in your name designating him a member of the Committee.

What are your thoughts in the matter?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

P.S. Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which I have today dispatched to the members of the Negotiating Committee for the United Palestine Appeal.

HM. SB

MEMORANDUM

November 2, 1939

To: Dr. Stephen S. Wise

From: Henry Montor

I note the discussion that is going on with regard to a lecture to be given by Duff-Cooper in New York City.

I note with similar interest that the United Palestine Appeal is expected to be one of the organizations to share in the cost of the undertaking.

Insofar as the United Palestine Appeal as a campaign is concerned, sponsoring an address by Duff-Cooper at this particular time is of no avail. That, of course, has nothing to do with the general propaganda value of such an address.

Ought we not to think earnestly of the barrage of criticism that has been directed at Duff-Cooper and at other visiting Englishmen during the past few weeks? Everywhere the suspicion is directed at them that they are helping to drag America into the war and that they have come here specifically for that purpose.

Have the Zionists a right at this time, particularly when the neutrality legislation is still being discussed, to offer a platform to Duff-Cooper for statements that may be -- and undoubtedly will be -- maliciously misinterpreted to the effect that the war is being fought to save Palestine for the Jews.

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ON BEHALF OF
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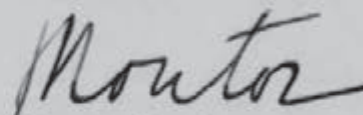
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very happy to hear that you have accepted the invitation to address a Big Gifts luncheon in Schenectady on November 13th. This will mean a great difference in the quota and in the amount finally raised.

When you get to Schenectady I trust you will remember Joseph Grosberg, the man who accepted the Chairmanship this year on your urging, and who is prepared to ask for \$50,000 for the United Jewish Appeal, which would represent the largest per capita contribution of any community of its size.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH

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

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November 7th, 1939

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

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter of acknowledgment from the French Ambassador to the United States, who received a copy of the Memorandum submitted to the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees.

What do you think of the advisability of inviting him to be on the speaking program of the Washington Conference?

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

AMBASSADE
de la Republique Francaise
aux Etats Unis

Washington, 1e November 4, 1939

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for the memorandum on
"The Refugee Problem and the Absorptive Capacity
of Palestine" which you sent me some time ago.

I found the contents of this booklet most
interesting and well presented.

Yours sincerely
(signed) R. de Saint-Quentin
Count Rene Doynel de Saint-Quentin

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

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
111 FIFTH AVENUE

MEMORANDUM

Date November 7, 1939

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Henry Montor

Subject

WRHS
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In reply to a cable asking for the material which was requested by Mr. James H. Becker, on behalf of the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, a cable was received from Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency and Mr. Arthur Hantke, Director of the Keren Hayesod.

Attached herewith is a copy of the cable, for your information.

HM. SB

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111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

NOVEMBER 4, 1939

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111 FIFTH AVENUE NEWYORK

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am informed that at the meeting of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, held on Tuesday afternoon, the question of the delegations from Palestine was discussed. I assume that you receive minutes of these meetings.

Attached herewith is a copy of the cablegram that was sent.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

PS. The matter of Dr. Weizmann's visit was not discussed at the Emergency Committee session yesterday. Therefore no cable was sent.

HM:FE

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

NIGHT LETTER

November 3, 1939

EXECUTIVE
JEWISH AGENCY
JERUSALEM

UNANIMOUS CONVICTION ALL ZIONIST LEADERS INCLUDING UPA PROPOSED VISIT
STATES PALESTINIAN DELEGATIONS ASSIST GENERAL FUNDRAISING OR SPECIFIC
POLISH REFUGEES WILL NOT BE HELPFUL STOP DELEGATION PROPAGANDA PURPOSES
ALTHOUGH NOT FUNDRAISING MAY BE NECESSARY LATER BUT INSIST WE BE
CONSULTED BEFORE COMMITMENTS MADE



SOLOMON GOLDMAN
ABBA HILLEL SILVER
STEPHEN S. WISE
LOUIS LIPSKY

November 8, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Rabbi Wohl. You may wish to bring it up at the forthcoming meeting of the UPA. I am also enclosing herewith the letter of Morris Margulies which is self-explanatory.

The publicity of the Geverkshaften Campaign has really been quite conscienceless and I am thinking very seriously of making a public statement about the whole matter. I don't suppose that there is any use in bringing the matter again to the attention of Mr. Wertheim and Mr. Hamlin. They will not recognize the mischief that their campaign propaganda is doing, and the difficulties which they are putting in our contacts and negotiations with the JDC.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
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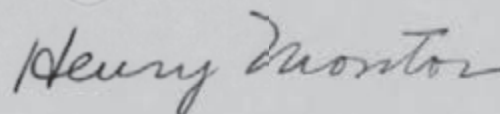
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith are copies of two letters addressed to you by Mrs. Rose Jacobs. One refers to the "Delegation," the other to "Amal." Will you acknowledge these letters to Mrs. Jacobs?

I assume that you want me to put the matter on the agenda for the next meeting of the officers of the United Palestine Appeal.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

November 9, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I see no reason why the French Ambassador should not be invited to our Washington Conference. I rather think it would be a fine gesture if he could come.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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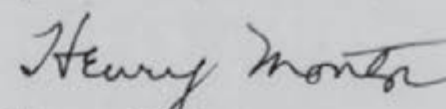
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A meeting of the Negotiating Committee representing the United Palestine Appeal and the Negotiating Committee representing the Joint Distribution Committee to consider plans for 1940 will be held at the office of the United Jewish Appeal, 342 Madison Avenue, New York, on Wednesday morning, November 15th at 10:30 A.M.

I trust that as a member of the Negotiating Committee representing the United Palestine Appeal you will enter this date on your calendar.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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CONFIDENTIAL

November 9th, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This morning I was visited by Samuel Goldsmith, who has accepted the post of Secretary of the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. He was accompanied by Henry Bauling, who is the Budget Director of the Chicago Federation, whom Mr. Goldsmith brought to New York to assist him in the preparation of material and recommendations for the Allocations Committee.

The conversation with Mr. Goldsmith covered more than two hours and a wide range of subjects concerned with the responsibilities of the United Jewish Appeal and the functions of the United Palestine Appeal.

Mr. Goldsmith felt it important to receive all figures and reports that had been referred to by Mr. Becker in his original letter to me last week, in which he asked for the statements of the Keren Hayesod, the Keren Kayemeth and the Jewish Agency for the years 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1939. Some of the questions Mr. Goldsmith asked went as far back as 1920. He was interested in having a year by year account of the expenditures by the three above listed agencies for every year from 1920. He was also interested in having a year by year account of the amounts in cash forwarded from the United States by the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth.

In reply to my question as to why it was necessary to have such material going as far back as 1920, Mr. Goldsmith said that it was important to build up a picture as to the extent and the continuity of interest in Palestine, in the United States, together with a picture of what had been accomplished in Palestine during that period.

Mr. Goldsmith asked if I had any figures as to the amounts that had been raised during these periods by

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Hadassah, Gewerkschaften and the Hebrew University. I said that the United Palestine Appeal did not have this material, and that he would have to turn to the organizations themselves. This, apparently, he is planning to do.

Mr. Goldsmith indicated that the Allocations Committee should have before it some idea of what other agencies in the United States, outside the United Palestine Appeal, were making available for Palestine.

I have turned over to Mr. Goldsmith copies of the monthly reports issued by the Keren Hayesod from October, 1935 through August 1939. I also made available to him the audited reports from 1937 to 1939 of the Keren Hayesod, the Keren Kayemeth and the Jewish Agency. It should be noted that these reports were merely transcripts of the documents published at the biennial Zionist Congresses. I also made available to Mr. Goldsmith the audited report of the United Palestine Appeal for the past three years. There is therefore no material that has been requested by, or on behalf of, the Allocations Committee that has not already been made available, except in the specific form demanded by Mr. Becker in his original letter of inquiry.

I have failed to turn over to Mr. Goldsmith the audited report of the Zionist Organization of America for the past three years, as per your instructions.

Mr. Goldsmith felt that the Allocations Committee would be governed by the question of priorities in need. The Allocations Committee was confronted with the reality that it would have somewhere between five and six million dollars to distribute: a maximum of three million dollars during the calendar year 1939 and the other three million dollars during 1940. It would have to determine which obligations were immediately inescapable. In this connection, he reported that the National Refugee Service will, by the end of 1939, have spent \$2,700,000. The Joint Distribution Committee, he stated, has already spent \$5,460,000, involving approximately \$1,160,000 in expenditure beyond the income of these organizations from the 1939 campaign, as regards the first \$9,500,000. In other words, the money was spent and, in a sense, constituted an obligation upon the Allocations Committee.

I felt that this was fallacious reasoning, and that the United Palestine Appeal could have borrowed \$1,000,000 from the banks, sent the money to Palestine and thereupon turned to the Allocations Committee and said that a commitment had been incurred and it was now a responsibility of the Allocations Committee to meet it. Surely it was not sound thinking on the part of the Allocations Committee to be forced into a position of meeting obligations recklessly or thought-

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lessly incurred by the organizations which would ultimately appeal to it for allocations.

The contention might be raised in the Allocations Committee, Mr. Goldsmith said, that the United Jewish Appeal is an American fund-raising body and that American obligations must be met first. To which I replied that the United Jewish Appeal had been publicly recognized as a refugee fund and that it was a campaign launched by the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal which, between them, had made an allocation to the National Refugee Service. It had been made emphatically clear to the Jewish communities of America that the funds were being raised for Europe and Palestine and also for America; that emphasis had been placed on the fact that there was a definite limitation as to the amount which the National Refugee Service might ultimately receive.

Toward the close of the discussion, Mr. Goldsmith expressed the view that it was possible that the decisions of the Allocations Committee might be governed by the adoption of formulae, first with respect to the the \$3,000,000 that might be available during the calendar year 1939 and another with respect to the other \$3,000,000 ultimately to be made available.

Among the factors that the Allocations Committee would have to consider, Mr. Goldsmith felt, was the will of the great masses of contributors who, he thought, might be more moved by the elementary needs of relief than by the long range program of reconstruction; by the expenditures already incurred and the commitments made on behalf of the particular organizations represented; by the actual urgency of the requirements stated by each of the organizations in their applications to the Allocations Committee; by the record of income of the constituent organizations over a period of years.

Mr. Goldsmith had some critical observations to make with regard to the National Refugee Service and the method of its functioning. He also felt that the Joint Distribution Committee had been mistaken in many of its policies during the past. He felt that the whole idea of trying to reconstruct the economies of nations as the responsibility of the Joint Distribution Committee was wrong.

In general, my impression was that Mr. Goldsmith doesn't have a prejudice for Palestine, but rather that his thinking is molded with a prejudice toward the requirements in the first place of the National Refugee Service, of whose Executive Committee he is a member, and toward the Joint Distribution Committee.

I believe that Mr. Goldsmith will be as scrupulous and precise in analyzing the finances of the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service as he is trying to be in scrutinizing

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
November 9th, 1939

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the finances of the United Palestine Appeal and its agencies.

It is apparently the intention of Mr. Goldsmith to draw up a memorandum to be made available for the meeting of the Allocations Committee on November 15th. In that memorandum he apparently intends to summarize his findings after conducting a financial investigation of the three organizations and also to submit certain recommendations as to urgencies of requirements.

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At noon time today I met with Dr. Georg Landauer and Mr. Kurt Blumenfeld for the purpose of discussing a number of matters which were to be submitted to the Allocations Committee. I had, during my conversation with Mr. Goldsmith, in the morning, arranged for Mr. Goldsmith to meet, on Saturday afternoon, with Dr. Landauer as the one man who perhaps more than any other knows all the facts with respect to the Keren Hayesod, the Keren Kayemeth and Palestine generally, and who has been given authority by both the Jewish Agency Executive and the Keren Kayemeth to deal with the facts involved in the case. I think that the opportunity given to Mr. Goldsmith to meet with Dr. Landauer will be most helpful to our interests.

Dr. Landauer suggested that he draw up a memorandum to be submitted to the members of the Allocations Committee prior to their meeting on November 15th, in which he would emphasize various grades of urgency in the \$5,000,000 application made to the Allocations Committee. Thus he will anticipate any observations that may be made by Mr. Goldsmith, or by members of the Allocations Committee, as to the relative urgency of one item against another, or as between the urgency of requirements between the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee.

One remark made by Mr. Goldsmith that I found of special interest was that he foresaw no possibility of a separate drive in 1940. He felt that the communities would not stand for it. This was said in connection with an observation made by me that the Allocations Committee members ought to keep in mind that will to a unified campaign which made possible the United Jewish Appeal for 1939, and also to keep in mind the fact that if a grave injustice were done to the cause of Palestine, the possibility of continuing the unified campaign which was so essential for American Jewry and for all the causes, would be seriously impeded. It was at that point that he declared that regardless of the will of the separate organizations, American Jews would demand a unified campaign.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

Dr. Silver

November 10, 1939

Mr. Louis Lipsky
336 Fourth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Lipsky:

Dr. Georg Landauer, who has been instructed by the Jewish Agency Executive and the Keren Kayemeth to advise us in America as to the manner and method of transmission of funds, has ordered, as of today and until further notice, that we send all funds intended for the Jewish Agency, to Palestine, the cables to be marked for the Anglo-Palestine Bank, Jerusalem, for the account of the Keren Hayesod.

All money is to be sent in Pounds, to be purchased at the current rate, and not in dollars.

Hitherto all funds intended for the Keren Hayesod were cabled to London in dollars.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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MEMORANDUM

November 10, 1939

TO: ISIDOR COONS
FROM: HENRY MONTOR
RE: Miami, Fla.

May I state my very vigorous and formal dissent over your intention of your own accord as an officer of the UJA to wire to Miami at this time accepting the proposed tentative allotment of \$45,000 out of what I understand is to be a total budget of \$110,000.

It is you who have consistently taken the position that the UJA is dissolved as of 1939 and that no decisions of any kind can be made with respect to 1940 until such time as a United Jewish Appeal for 1940 is constituted. You even took the position a few days ago that you would have to secure the consent of Rabbi Wise in order that we might have one or more men for a few weeks for training purposes in order to be adequately prepared for 1940.

I owe a very definite responsibility to Dr. Silver that the interests of the United Palestine Appeal and of the United Jewish Appeal should not be compromised by hasty action which involves not alone Miami but the nation as a whole. I am sure that you will be ready to give me the courtesy of taking no action by the UJA until this matter shall have been submitted to Drs. Silver and Wise for their joint decision.

You, who have such long experience in these matters, know how gravely our acceptance on November 10th of a quota of a campaign to be held in January, 1940, would affect the decisions of other communities either in that area or throughout the country.

We have been trying for some time to arrange a meeting of the Negotiating Committees of the JDC and UPA. It has been felt that the time is either not available or not opportune. Surely, the decision that affects Miami is of such importance as to warrant notifying Miami that we shall let them know at the earliest possible moment. Surely, we shall be losing nothing by this delay, for \$45,000 is the least amount that we can expect under any circumstances.

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THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF A JEWISH PALESTINE
285 Madison Avenue
New York

November 10, 1939

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

Gentlemen:

The American Friends of a Jewish Palestine is cooperating with a group abroad which has brought 22,000 refugees and immigrants to Palestine within the past two years. Even under war conditions, this immigration is being continued, and the group abroad fostering unrestricted immigration to Palestine is planning to transfer many thousands of victims of persecution and war from East European ports to the Land of Israel.

Knowing that the United Palestine Appeal seeks to bring relief to stricken and suffering Jews abroad by their transfer to Palestine, in mass immigration, we are writing to ask that a conference be held between representatives of the United Palestine Appeal and the American Friends, to the end that a basis of cooperation may be developed between us.

Bearing in mind the tens of thousands of war sufferers in the ports of Eastern Europe awaiting transfer to Palestine, and knowing that one organization alone cannot accomplish the task and meet the great demands of this critical hour, we suggest that we meet in order that you may hear our plan for work in America and Europe on behalf of mass immigration to Palestine.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

HARVEY L. SCHWAMM
LOUIS GERMAIN
WILLIARD G. STANTON
RABBI LOUIS IL NEWMAN
MRS. JOHN GUNTHER (FRANCES)

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I regret to inform you that the meeting of the Negotiating Committees of the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee that was to have been held on Wednesday morning, November 15th, has been cancelled by the Joint Distribution Committee.

I have been notified that the reason for the cancellation is the fact that Mr. Baerwald has left for a rest and will not return to New York until after the 15th. The Joint Distribution Committee officers felt that Mr. Baerwald's presence was essential and they did not wish to disturb him during his rest period. Upon his return to New York the Joint Distribution Committee will communicate with us to arrange a definite date when the first meeting of the Negotiating Committees can be held.

At a meeting called this afternoon by the Council of Federations, at which were present representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and Mr. Lipsky and myself, Mr. Joseph Hyman stated that the Joint Distribution Committee felt that no meeting of the Negotiating Committees is possible until after the Allocations Committee shall have met. Moreover, he declared that the annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee would take place in Chicago on December 2nd and that a number of urgent matters of policy would be considered at that time. In addition, Mr. Hyman stated that the Joint Distribution Committee had been conducting negotiations with various bodies and that the United Palestine Appeal was only one of the many institutions with which they had had to conduct negotiations in order to determine their plans for 1940. The Joint Distribution Committee had to keep in mind the possibility and perhaps the necessity of a non-sectarian campaign for 1940 with the Red Cross or other bodies. However, he declared that the Joint Distribution Committee had appointed a Negotiating Committee, but it had so many daily urgent requirements to meet that its officers did not have the physical time to meet with the United Palestine Appeal on the question of 1940.

It may be said that the statement by Mr. Hyman was perhaps the first clear indication of the endeavor by the Joint Distribution Committee to make other arrangements for 1940, if possible. Mr. Hyman in this connection said that if the Joint Distribution Committee discovered that its needs for 1940 might, for the sake of argument, amount to \$25,000,000, it would have to consider the framework in which its campaign would be conducted.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of November 8th.

Mr. Blaustein and I, sometime ago, conferred with Mr. Montor. Subsequently I met with Mr. Montor and Mr. Lipsky and recently again with Mr. Szold and Mr. Lipsky.

In July, following the suggestion of Messrs. Lipsky and Montor, I formulated a memorandum for Mr. Montor to be submitted by him as his own memorandum, to the Executive which at that time was in Geneva at the Zionist Congress. (It should be mentioned that this statement was not satisfactory to Mr. Montor. See attached letter of Mr. M., and memo.)

The two points you mention in your letter are covered in this memorandum. Thus we would give effect on our own initiative to the two points raised by you, but not as an obligation imposed by a formal agreement. I fear a formal agreement would severely harm the J.T.A. and create the impression that the J.T.A. is under Zionist control, as well as place the Zionist Organization in the unfavorable light of exercising that control.

You will, I am confident, appreciate the principle underlying this procedure. Every newspaper or agency wishes to employ a correspondent who is persona grata with the powers that be in the country in which he is stationed. This is as beneficial to the smooth functioning of the agency as it is to the country where the correspondent works. However, it is an entirely different matter, if, let me say, the Associated Press or the New York Times would enter into a formal agreement, say with the British Government that whoever they appoint as their correspondent in London must be approved by the British government. Would you have confidence in the news of the New York Times if you were to learn that such an agreement existed?

The J.T.A. at all times maintained a fair attitude toward the Zionist Organization. The very fact that during the last five years the J.T.A. continued this fair attitude entitles us to the respect and confidence by the Zionist Organization.

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As far as point two is concerned, you, Mrs. Jacobs, and Mr. Arthur Lampert are already members of our Board. We shall be glad to add more Zionists on our Board because we recognize the deep interest Zionists are taking in Jewish events the world over. However, it would be impossible for us, and I trust you will agree with me, to concede the right to the Zionist Organization to appoint members on our Board. If we were to do this we would have to consent to a similar arrangement with other bodies. Sometime ago a similar suggestion was made to us from another quarter, and we did not hesitate to turn it down.

We are most anxious indeed, and we have proven it in our work, to serve our people with the utmost of our ability and in a spirit of devotion and earnestness. We desire the most amicable relationship with the Zionist Organization.

The J.T.A. today is a communal enterprise guided by a board of responsible Jewish leaders. Not a single member of our board or executive committee at any time has made the slightest suggestion to inject any kind of bias into our work.

I was thrilled by the definite stand you took in Lucerne. I will never forget how outspoken you were in denouncing the principle of controlled news services. For this very reason your opinion means so much to the J.T.A.

We want to make our contribution in order to be rid of what you term a "bothersome problem", but it seems to me you would be the last person to advocate a course which would cast reflection on the status of the J.T.A. as an independent agency.

More than ever our people require a truly effective news service in these so critical times. So much is at stake today that to continue the present chaotic situation is against the best interests. The J.T.A. in its many years of work has created many valuable contacts not only with newspapers, but with statesmen, embassies, governments, etc., etc. The J.T.A. is an asset and has great potential possibilities which are not utilized. To strengthen the J.T.A. today, to enable us to extend our service, to send more American newspaper men to Europe, is of prime importance to our people. It is an imperative necessity that the lines of communication should not be broken off.

Following your suggestion I recently addressed a letter to the Palestine Emergency Committee asking it for a grant of \$16,667 to the J.T.A. I did not mention the Palcor issue in that letter. This request, I strongly feel, should be acted upon without regard to the Palcor issue. I am confident that the J.T.A.-Palcor situation will be solved satisfactory to all, but in the meantime every delay which prevents our proceeding in extending our service and launching the Overseas News Agency, is an irretrievable loss. The work of the J.T.A. -- Palcor or no Palcor -- is directly and indirectly of great importance to the Zionist Organization. We have during all these years readily cooperated with the Zionist Organization despite Palcor, and I feel it would be a generous, but deserved action on the part of the Zionist Organization to extend a helping hand to us at this time without waiting until the Palcor issue is solved.

Dr. Silver

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I understand that at the last meeting of the Palestine Emergency Committee it was decided to defer a decision to the following meeting. I hope you will be present, and that you will urge upon the committee favorable consideration of our request.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob Landau

JACOB LANDAU,
Managing Director

JL:F



November 13, 1939

Mr. Louis Lipsky
386 Fourth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Lipsky:

When the officers of the Keren Hayesod consider the renewal of the agreement for the United Palestine Appeal to cover 1940, may I suggest that they keep in mind the necessities of the United Palestine Appeal as a campaign structure?

During the course of the year there are many men throughout the country who give service in various ways to the building up of support for the United Palestine Appeal. Through their capacity as leaders in local drives, as major contributors or as workers in the ranks.

It seems to me, therefore, that there should be represented on the United Palestine Appeal Administrative Committee and in other offices that may be created, a greater number of those men who, whether living in or out of New York, are truly the bulwark for the continued and expanding existence of the United Palestine Appeal as a fund-raising instrument.

I am wondering whether it is necessary to restrict the United Palestine Appeal officers to the technical basis of assigning 50% to one of the agencies in the United Palestine Appeal and 50% to another. Many of the men whom I would suggest for places in the United Palestine Appeal bodies are not particularly concerned with one agency or another, but who are devoted friends of the United Palestine Appeal as a whole.

May I take the liberty, therefore, of hoping that some provision will be made for recommendations by the United Palestine Appeal itself, before final decisions are made with respect to the officers of the United Palestine Appeal?

I am sure that you will appreciate the spirit in which this suggestion is offered.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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November 14, 1939

On Saturday, November 11th, Judge Rothenberg and I attended a luncheon and meeting called by the Board of Directors of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the plans for 1940 and the relation thereto of the Welfare Funds.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Shroder, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Council, who stated the problem as the Council for Federations sees it.

The position of the Joint Distribution Committee with respect to 1940 was then described by Mr. Hyman. Most of his statement was defensive in character, as though to ward off criticism because the J.D.C. had not yet met with the United Palestine Appeal. He declared that the J.D.C. officers were confronted with extraordinary problems which gave them no time whatever to deal with the technical aspects of planning a 1940 campaign or of conferring with the U.P.A. as to the renewal of the 1940 United Jewish Appeal. Moreover, the J.D.C. was awaiting the results of the Allocations Committee decisions. In addition, there is an annual meeting of the J.D.C. to be held in Chicago on December 2nd and at that time the position would be reviewed and some policy decided upon.

In the meantime any action is premature and again and again Mr. Hyman reiterated that the overwhelming demands from abroad were so urgent in character and required so much time for action that no moment was left for consideration of 1940 problems with the U.P.A. Mr. Hyman also indicated that the J.D.C. was in constant negotiation with the Red Cross, with the Quakers and with the Commission on Polish Relief. The J.D.C. did not know at this time whether these discussions would result in a great non-sectarian campaign, of which the J.D.C. would be a part. The J.D.C. would let the communities and other interested parties know as soon as plans in this direction have been clarified.

To indicate the confusion that exists in the community and also to illustrate the many problems with which the J.D.C. is called upon to deal Mr. Hyman referred to the receipt of a letter from the American Jewish Congress in which the proposal is made that a "mass campaign" be undertaken throughout America to interest those small givers who, it was said, are not brought within the scope of the

normal Welfare Fund drive. These small gifts from the "mass" would be turned over for administration to the J.D.C.

In a statement subsequent to that of Mr. Hyman, I said that the U.P.A. took the position that its fund-raising instrument in the communities was the Welfare Fund wherever a Welfare Fund existed. Moreover, the proposition that had been forthcoming from the American Jewish Congress did not have the approval or sympathy of the U.P.A.

The U.P.A. had taken the position that it was sympathetic to a renewal of the U.J.A. and regardless of the fact that the Allocations Committee had not yet made or decided upon allocations the U.P.A. was prepared to meet with the J.D.C. to consider methods and terms of the 1940 U.J.A. In consonance with proposals broached at an earlier meeting of the Council the U.P.A. had undertaken explorative discussions with the Gewerkshafte and Hadassah. The Gewerkshafte did not express an interest in entering a U.J.A. for 1940. No meeting had yet been arranged with Hadassah.

The conditions in Palestine require far larger sums from America than ever before. It was not necessary to dwell upon these at length since those attending the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council were constantly in touch with developments both in Europe and Palestine, but even though the U.P.A. recognizes that its needs for 1940 are extensive it nevertheless knows that the possibility of raising greater sums must come through unified action both as regards the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. and as it relates to unified fund-raising within the community itself.

Judge Rothenberg, in a blunt statement, said that the report by Mr. Hyman on the negotiations conducted by the J.D.C. made it very clear that the J.D.C. was already planning the 1940 activities even though not with the U.P.A. If the position were such that the J.D.C. and the Red Cross were to have a joint 1940 campaign there was a responsibility upon the J.D.C. to see to it that the U.P.A. should not be kept in the dark. Either the U.P.A. should be invited to share these discussions or the U.P.A. should be informed that there was no intention of including it in a 1940 drive, so that when January 1st, 1940, arrives the U.P.A. would not be in the embarrassing position of not knowing what its 1940 plans were.

Judge Rothenberg, describing the results not only of the 1939 U.J.A. but of other similar fund-raising enterprises in the past, declared that the union of forces does not reduce the funds available for the participating agencies but actually enlarges the amounts available for all causes.

In replying to the question raised by Judge Rothenberg, Mr. Hyman said that "nothing would be done by the J.D.C. without the complete concurrence of all elements in the American Jewish community".

Statements on the position of Ort were made by Mr. Louis Boudin and Mr. Harold Altshul. The willingness of the Ort to join in a U.J.A. for 1940 was stressed.

Mr. Hamlin, on behalf of the Gewerkshafte Campaign explained why his group did not wish to join in a unified drive in 1940. He took the position that the Welfare Fund may be preventing creative thinking in the community and may be reducing the community structure merely to a fund-raising instrument. He felt that the Gewerkshafte is not merely a fund-raising instrument but represents a philosophy of Jewish life and that its elimination from the field of campaigning would remove an important influence upon the Jewish masses.

Mr. David M. Watchmaker, representing the Welfare Fund of Boston, declared that there was a demand for unification in the community not only of all overseas agencies but of the overseas drive with all local philanthropies. He envisaged the day when Boston would raise funds for all causes, local, national and overseas, instead of having them divided into a Federation and a Welfare Fund drive. Regardless of the decisions of national bodies Boston would have a unified drive.

This statement was also echoed by Mr. Jacob Blaustein of Baltimore. He was also present in his capacity as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Mr. Blaustein declared that a decision on the 1940 U.J.A. should be reached as soon as possible.

Mr. Samuel Finkel, director of the Hebrew University, spoke of the needs of the University in relation to 1940, and said that the willingness of the Hebrew University to enter into a unified drive would depend on the conditions. He wondered, for example, whether a grant to the Hebrew University for its current needs would prevent the University from making appeals for capital needs.

Mr. John L. Bernstein of Hias expressed willingness for Hias to enter into a unified appeal but said that the amount made available to it would have to be proportionate not only to the income it was already receiving but to the increased requirements for 1940. In 1938, he said, Hias had raised \$375,000; \$175,000 of this amount coming from New York City, \$150,000 from members and \$50,000 from Welfare Funds. In the first nine months of 1939 \$400,000 had been obtained: \$200,000 from New York City, \$140,000 from members and \$60,000 from Welfare Funds.

There followed statements by Mr. William Rosenwald on the National Refugee Service and by Mr. Joseph Goldstein, representing the Rochester Welfare Fund, who urged unification of all the agencies represented within the U.J.A. for 1940.

Mr. Edward A. Norman said that he represented a new organization which was trying to unify campaigns for private, educational and cultural institutions in Palestine. Without identifying them he said they were nine men who constituted a nucleus for these activities and that their hopes for 1940 were to obtain \$150,000. He did not specify the institutions which he meant, but probably such bodies as the Maritime School, Habimah, etc. etc.

Judge Rothenberg said that one question that would have to be solved before a 1940 campaign could be decided upon was whether the unified drive would get funds for each group equal to the amount it had raised in the past. It would be unwise to go into a drive when the total ultimately available would represent a diminution in the sums already raised. At the same time Judge Rothenberg, in referring to criticism that had been heard of New York during the session, pointed out that the New York U.J.A. had raised almost three times the sum that had been obtained by the J.D.C. and U.P.A. in the previous year.

I raised the question as to what attitude the Welfare Fund representatives present could express as to the total goal that might be set for a 1940 unified Jewish appeal, whether the communities were prepared to raise the larger sums that would inevitably be necessary.

Mr. Shroder thought that no answer could be given to that question since it would depend upon conditions - economic, etc. Mr. Monsky of Omaha said that he could answer the question only in an indirect way by saying very emphatically that a separation of the U.J.A. would have the inevitable effect of reducing the level of giving throughout the country.

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Mr. Harry Greenstein from Baltimore said it was unthinkable to have separate drives locally.

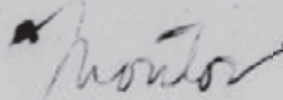
Mr. Shroder believed that the removal of friction had increased local giving. The wrecking of U.J.A. would hurt every community as well as the causes that had been in the U.J.A., Mr. Shroder declared.

This point of view was also reiterated by Mr. Goldhamer of Cleveland.

Dr. Solomon Lowenstein of New York, in a closing note, said that community leadership would have to keep in mind the fact that local needs would have to be met as well as international obligations.

Among those present at the meeting were: Mr. William Shroder, Cincinnati; Mr. Sidney Hollander, President of the Council in Baltimore; Mr. Joseph Willen, New York; Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, New York; J. M. Berne, of Cleveland; Ephraim Gomberg, assistant to Dr. Haber of the National Refugee Service; Henry Wineman, Detroit; Joseph Goldstein, Rochester; Judge Morris Rothenberg; Henry Montor; Edward Norman; Samuel Finkel; Samuel Goldsmith, Chicago; Donald Kaffenburgh, Hartford; Isaac Hamlin; Isidore Sobeloff, Detroit; John L. Bernstein, Hias; Isaac Asofsky of Hias; Henry Monsky, Omaha; Henry Altshul of Ort; David Ivovitch, head of Ort; Louis Boudin of Ort; Eli Mayer of Chicago; Joseph C. Hyman; Edward M. M. Warburg; Willism Rosenwald; Jacob Blaustein, Baltimore; Jacob Landau of J.T.A.; George Rabinoff, assistant director and Harry L. Lurie, director of the Council; Mrs. Sidney Borg; Charles Rosenbloom, Pittsburgh; Harry Greenstein of Baltimore; Kurt Feiser of Philadelphia; and Ira Younker of New York.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH

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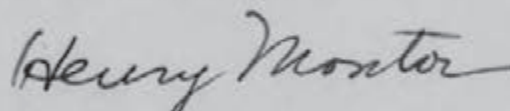
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Have you had an opportunity to consider at greater length the question of forming an Advisory Council for the United Palestine Appeal?

The Council would be constituted on the following basis: The United Palestine Appeal would send an invitation to the major community Councils throughout the country asking them to designate a representative, known to be sympathetic to Palestine, to meet from time to time, at the invitation of the United Palestine Appeal, to consider the problems of Palestine and the relation thereto of the United Palestine Appeal.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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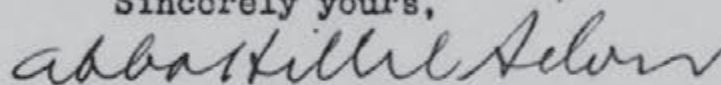
C O P Y

In the feeling that it may not be too early to concern ourselves with some of the plans for the 1940 Welfare Fund Campaign particularly in view of the exceptional growth which our Welfare Fund has achieved in its membership and pledges in the past two years, I am asking the Members of the 1939 Campaign Cabinet to meet with me on Wednesday, November 22nd, at lunch at the Federation office for the purpose of reviewing some of the essential matters which can be decided at this early date.

Questions of budget and Campaign Goal cannot, of course, be discussed at this time but it is possible to fix dates, consider new suggestions and to determine certain plans with reference to meetings, publicity, etc.

Your counsel is of real importance and I sincerely hope that you will make every effort to be present.

Sincerely yours,



General Chairman,
The Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign.

November 16, 1939.

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tions to such Overseas appeals.



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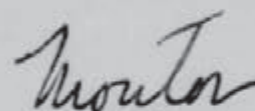
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which it is proposed that Coons and I send out to all members of the staff of the United Jewish Appeal regardless of their status. We are submitting this letter for approval to you and Rabbi Wise.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

In accordance with the customary practice, we must advise you that the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal has gone on record and advised the constituent agencies that the United Jewish Appeal, as a fund-raising agency, terminates on December 31, 1939.

Regardless of any subsequent action to be taken by the constituent agencies for either a combined campaign or independent campaigns in 1940, all employees of the 1939 United Jewish Appeal are at this time being advised of the termination of the 1939 United Jewish Appeal. When action is taken with reference to 1940, you will be notified at that time regarding employment.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor Isidor Coons
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have seen a copy of the minute which Mr. Goldsmith prepared and sent to you and to the other four members of the Allocations Committee.

May I submit for your consideration the following points: (1) On page 3 in clause (2) of the suggested resolution it is made to appear that the distribution is to be based on "\$1,500,000 to the United Palestine Appeal, \$3,650,000 to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee".

In view of the effort made by Dr. Weizmann and others in London to have some participation, even though remote, in the Coordinating Foundation, would it not be helpful for the language of the resolution to read that the Allocations Committee has determined upon \$3,650,000 in specific recognition of (a) \$500,000 in obligations assumed towards the passengers of the St. Louis, and (b) the \$800,000 that has been underwritten for the functioning of the Coordinating Foundation.

Would it be possible for you to write a minute of your own as to what transpired at the Allocations Committee with special reference to the Palestine phase of the discussion to indicate on what basis the allotment of \$1,500,000 to the United Palestine Appeal was agreed upon? Was it in specific relation to refugee and relief requirements or on the basis of general obligations of the United Palestine Appeal?

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH

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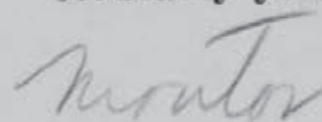
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Could you send to me the copy of
the statement made by Mr. Goldsmith to
the Allocations Committee?

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC

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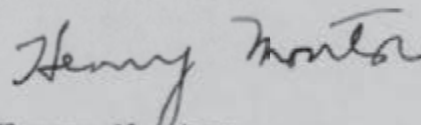
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from The American Friends of a Jewish Palestine, which is the Revisionist unit, and a copy of my acknowledgment thereto.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 16, 1939

Mr. Harvey L. Schwamm, Chairman
The American Friends of a Jewish Palestine
285 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Schwamm:

This will acknowledge your letter of
November 10th.

It will be submitted to the next
meeting of the Executive Committee of the
United Palestine Appeal.

Cordially yours,

Henry M. Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

COPY

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF A JEWISH PALESTINE
285 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK

November 10, 1939

United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Gentlemen:

The American Friends of a Jewish Palestine is cooperating with a group abroad which has brought 22,000 refugees and immigrants to Palestine within the past two years. Even under war conditions, this immigration is being continued, and the group abroad fostering unrestricted immigration to Palestine is planning to transfer many thousands of victims of persecution and war from East European ports to the Land of Israel.

Knowing that the United Palestine Appeal seeks to bring relief to stricken and suffering Jews abroad by their transfer to Palestine, in mass immigration, we are writing to ask that a conference be held between representatives of the United Palestine Appeal and the American Friends, to the end that a basis of cooperation may be developed between us.

Bearing in mind the tens of thousands of war sufferers in the ports of Eastern Europe awaiting transfer to Palestine, and knowing that one organization alone cannot accomplish the task and meet the great demands of this critical hour, we suggest that we meet in order that you may hear our plan for work in America and Europe on behalf of mass immigration to Palestine.

(signed)

Sincerely yours,

Harvey L. Schwamm
Louis Germain
Willard G. Stanton
Rabbi Louis I. Newman
Mrs. John Gunther (Franches)

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 16, 1939

Mr. Louis Lipsky
386 Fourth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Lipsky:

Thank you for the report dated November 14th, signed by Mr. Rinsky and yourself, in the case of Mr. Benzion Pecker.

The powers under which the sub-committee acted were absolute, and your decision will naturally be executed.

I think I owe it to myself, however, to make the following observations:

A. Mr. Benzion Pecker is not efficient, is not competent, and is not worthy of representing the United Palestine Appeal;

B. There is actually nothing that Mr. Pecker can do in the interests of the United Palestine Appeal;

C. It is establishing a precedent which may have other consequences for the United Palestine Appeal, to pay a man a salary with the understanding in advance that he is to do "general Zionist work".

D. I think that the United Palestine Appeal and the various agencies for which Mr. Pecker worked during these years owe an obligation to Mr. Pecker which should be met. My own view would be that he ought to be retired on pension, so that he would not lose financially in the long run, but at least a place would be made available for a creative worker, to enable us to get additional funds.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you herewith a Dummy of the pamphlet which we propose should be made available to the delegates gathered at the National Conference for Palestine and to a selected list of other individuals.

The type doesn't cost us anything because it is being taken from the United Palestine Appeal Year Book. The 20,000 copies of this pamphlet will cost only \$925, which is really very reasonable. The booklet is one of which the United Palestine Appeal could well be proud.

May I have your approval to go ahead?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
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Executive Director

HM. SB

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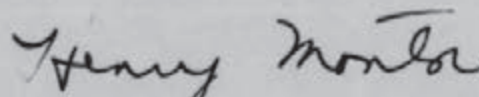
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a cable which Leo Herrmann sent to Kurt Blumenfeld. It deals with the Istorik letter.

I understand that the Palestine funds are not going to participate in the Istorik scheme. That is what Dr. Landauer tells me.

What cable would you suggest sending to Istorik?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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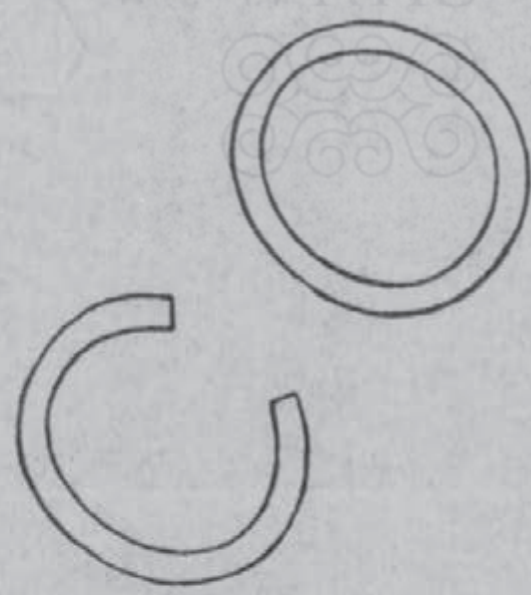
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ISTORIK EXPECTS REPLY FROM SILVER ALTHOUGH DECISION
DEPENDS ONLY JOINT BECAUSE PALESTINE FUNDS EXCLUDED
FROM CLEARING PROPOSITION ASK MONTOR ENQUIRE SILVER
AND CABLE

HERMANN

WRHS



November 17, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the letter
which I sent to Mr. Samuel Goldsmith.

Unfortunately, I did not keep the copy
of the statement made by Mr. Goldsmith to the
Allocations Committee. Perhaps Dr. Goldman has
one. If not, I am sure that Mr. Goldsmith would
be glad to send you one upon telling him that I
left mine in Mr. Ittleston's office.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed are an additional number of
letters addressed to leaders in the forthcoming
Toledo campaign.

I hope that you will find them acceptable
and arrange to have them mailed directly from
Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM: SFW
Enclosures - 4

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November 17, 1939

Goldmann
Zionist

REPRESENTATIVES FUNDS HERE SUBMITTED TROPER PROPOSAL TRANSFER ZIONIST
FUNDS MONEY LITHUANIA RUMANIA HUNGARY THROUGH JOINT STOP PROPOSAL VERY
FAVOURABLE FOR JOINT AND UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR OUR FUNDS STOP TROPER
ASKED NEWYORK FOR DECISION URGE YOU INTERVENE IN TREASURY JOINT
SUPPORTING OUR PROPOSAL CABLE

GOLDMANN

GOLDMANN
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

November 17, 1939

CONNECTION OUR CABLE TODAY UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL REGARDING CAMPAIGN
1940 KAYEMETH ASKS YOU SHOULD CONSULT GOLDSTEIN ABOUT DISBURSEMENT
FIFTY THOUSAND I SUPPORT REGARDS

KAPLAN

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

The attached letter is being sent out on
Monday to a select group of contributors in small
communities.

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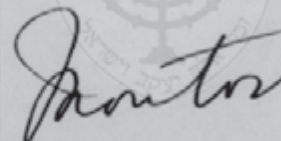
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Executive Vice-Chairman

HM: SFW
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THANKSGIVING LETTER

November 20, 1939

Dear Mr. - - - - -:

On Thanksgiving Day, Americans will gather around the family hearth to offer thanks for the peace and well-being that have been granted to us in this hour of stress and strife for millions of men and women across the seas. We have many things indeed to be thankful for. The fires of freedom and tolerance burn bright in our land. No darkness and no horror of impending disaster throw shadows upon our normal life.

But as we celebrate this festive occasion in the security and comfort of our homes, we shall not be able to erase from our mind thoughts of those in European lands who unfortunately have little to be thankful for. Homeless, their families broken up, fathers and sons killed on the battlefield, mothers and children without shelter or food - hundreds of thousands have been reduced to desperate circumstances by the ravages of war and cruel oppression.

On Thanksgiving Day you will no doubt wish to give a token of your concern for those who seek to find the road back to happiness. Through the United Jewish Appeal you can help save lives and provide homes for the large numbers of our people who are today on the threshold of destruction.

We trust that in giving thanks you will remember to GIVE - to give out of the depth of your feeling for the oppressed and the homeless - to give out of gratitude for the happiness that you and yours enjoy in this blessed land of democracy and peace - TO GIVE SOMETHING FOR THOSE FROM WHOM EVERY² THING BUT FAITH IN YOUR HELP HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY.

Won't you also be good enough to bring this urgent cause to the attention of your associates? We shall appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

Jonah B. Wise

National Chairmen

P.S. You may make checks payable to the United Jewish Appeal.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have seen a copy of a letter which Margulies sent to you on November 17th.

X I am sorry to have to disagree with him as to the accuracy of the third paragraph of his letter. I see no reason why the Zionist Organization of America should receive more than the \$54,000 per annum, which is the extent of its annual grant. X

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

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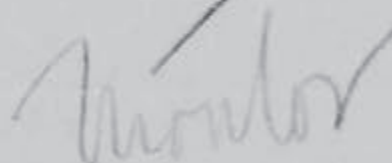
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of
a letter addressed to you and Rabbi
Wise by Mr. J.C. Hyman, of the Joint
Distribution Committee.

Cordially yours,



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November 20, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a digest containing information on Rochester that may be of some value to you.

As I understand it, you will be in Rochester on Sunday evening, November 26th, and will come directly to New York from there for the meeting scheduled on the 27th.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
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MEMORANDUM

Date November 20, 1939

To Mr. Henry Montor

From Flora Fisher

Subject Rochester, N. Y. -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

In connection with Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's visit to Rochester this Sunday, November 26th for the purpose of addressing the campaign opening banquet, following are travel schedules for Dr. Silver's use:

Lv. Statler Hotel, Cleveland by limousine at
1:30 P. M. Sunday, November 26th
Lv. Cleveland Airport at 2:15 P. M.

Ar. Rochester — at 4:22 P. M.

Dr. Silver can purchase this ticket in Cleveland, as he has TWA scrip issued to the United Jewish Appeal.

I understand that Dr. Silver is returning from Rochester to New York City. His train schedule is as follows:

Lv. Rochester via New York Central Railroad at
12:06 midnight Sunday, November 26th
(Monday morning, November 27th)

Ar. New York City (Grand Central Station)
at 7:40 A. M. Monday morning, November 27th.

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November 16th, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Campaign Opening - November 26th

Digest - Rochester, N. Y.

The United Jewish Welfare Fund of Rochester will formally open its campaign at a dinner meeting on Sunday evening, November 26th and continue the appeal until December 6th.

A campaign goal of \$142,000 has been adopted, which represents an increase of about 30% over the total sum raised last year, i.e., approximately \$108,000. Of this 30% approximately 90% is being allocated to overseas needs, including an allocation to the local Refugee Committee. A total of about \$110,000 is being allocated for overseas agencies, or 80% of the total budget. The United Jewish Appeal has been allocated \$90,000. The excess over the goal, if any, will probably be appropriated to overseas causes.

The application originally submitted to the Welfare Fund by Drs. Silver and Jonah B. Wise was for an allotment of \$150,000. After his meeting with the Budget Committee on October 16th, Mr. Coons reported that the UJA's request was not unfavorably received. He was of the opinion that in order to secure this amount approximately \$200,000 would have to be raised as \$40,000 additional would be required for other agencies, administrative expenses, shrinkage allowance, etc. Mr. Coons believed then that the UJA would receive not less than \$100,000. Present at this meeting were the following: Arthur M. Lowenthal, President of the Welfare Fund; Dr. A. J. Appelbaum, Chairman of the Budget Committee; Jacob M. Kammen, Executive Secretary of the Fund; Anna Wolfe, Assistant Secretary; Benjamin Goldstein, James Weil and Joseph Goldstein.

Field representative Goldby reported that at the big gifts meeting addressed by Arthur M. Lampert on November 15th, at which 60 people were present, the sum of \$46,515 was pledged by 42 individuals, as compared with the \$30,820 pledged in 1938. Included in the amount raised thus far this year is a tentative gift of \$9000 made by Simon Stein, \$5000 of which is definite, with the understanding that he will give an additional \$1000 for every \$9000 raised. Mr. Goldby feels that a 50% increase over last year must be maintained if the goal is to be achieved, which leaders confidently expect, based on the standard set thus far.

The UJA has been allotted \$25,000 from the 1938 surplus on which \$21,500 has been paid to date. This does not in any way affect the 1939 allocation. An additional payment of \$2500 on account of this allotment has been promised within a few days; the final payment of \$1000 to follow ten days later.

The sum of \$5000 has been received representing payment of an advance pledge made by the Welfare Fund, which is to be credited against the UJA allocation.

Mr. Joseph E. Silverstein is acting as secretary of the Welfare Fund. Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein has also actively participated in preliminary arrangements for the campaign.

In November 1938 Rochester conducted a campaign for a quota of \$100,000 and raised the amount of approximately \$108,000. The allotments made to the participating organizations in the United Jewish Appeal, all of which have been

paid, are as follows: JDC \$25,000; UPA \$16,500; NCC \$1500, making a total of \$43,000. An allotment of \$1500 was made for local German refugee work.

Rochester has a total population of 328,132, based on the 1930 census, of which 22,500 is Jewish.

Below is data on a few communities for comparative purposes:

<u>Jewish Population</u>		<u>UJA Allotment</u>
20,250	Washington, D. C.	\$154,680
17,000	Denver, Colorado	** 100,000 (campaign opens Dec.7)
10,000	Indianapolis, Indiana	80,000
8,500	Columbus, Ohio	70,000 minimum
18,500	Cincinnati, Ohio	200,000 minimum
400	Greensboro, North Carolina	80,000
8,000	Dallas, Texas	65,000
8,000	New Orleans, La.	77,000
7,000	Portland, Oregon	73,000
20,000	Providence, Rhode Island	90,000 (campaign opens Dec.3)

**Although allotments will be made after campaign closes, it is expected that approximately \$100,000 will be made available to UJA.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am placing the question of the Advisory Council of the United Palestine Appeal on the agenda for the next meeting of the United Palestine Appeal Executive or Administrative Committee.

I am herewith returning the letter which Mr. Landau wrote to you on November 13th. The Palcor Agency may be a "controlled service" but I assure you that the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is equally "controlled." I have had some very interesting experiences of how news has been suppressed at the request of certain individuals, and how certain deletions have been made even in articles.

My view as to the necessity and wisdom of a merger between Palcor and the J.T.A. remains as strong as ever. But how can a man like Ben Gurion be persuaded to give up Palcor with no more than a blithe assurance from the one individual whom he regards as responsible for all the errors of the J.T.A. in the past?

The material in connection with the physicians in Palestine is being placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

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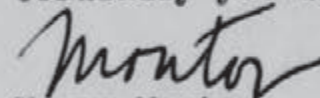
I recall that many months ago during a conversation on sections of the country which you had not visited there was an intimation that if circumstances permitted you might at some time undertake a visit to Florida on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

We have received a number of very urgent requests for you to address opening functions of campaigns to be held in various cities of Florida including Miami, Tampa, Pensacola and several other of the larger communities.

The period when your visit could be most useful would be some time between January 15th and 30th. Could you let me know at your earliest convenience whether you could consider a group of dates for Florida? An early decision would enable these communities to plan effectively.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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In accordance with the suggestion in your letter to Weisgal of November 14th, he had a talk with me concerning the Palestine Pavilion and its continued participation in the World's Fair of 1940. The following is the gist of his statement:

It seems that the Board of Directors of the Palestine Pavilion, the Executive and the Administrative Committees of the Zionist Organization have decided that the Palestine Pavilion should continue in 1940. Similar action was taken at a joint meeting, presided over by Dr. Wise, of representatives of all the Zionist bodies including the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth. This meeting was called specially for the purpose of considering the 1940 status of the Pavilion. A budget of \$90,000 was adopted. This budget covers administration, maintenance, repairs, reconditioning and the introduction of certain new features.

It was agreed that the various Zionist bodies including the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod should contribute about one half of this sum; the other half is to be raised through Welfare Funds, Community Chests and other methods. Hadassah and the ZOA each agreed at subsequent meetings to give \$5,000 with a possibility of increasing it later to double this amount. The Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund have been asked to contribute \$15,000 each.

I was not present at any of these meetings. Weisgal has prepared a letter to the Welfare Funds requesting appropriations. Following my suggestion, the required amount was placed at \$230,000, which if collected, would make possible the total liquidation of the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund underwritings in 1939, namely, \$130,000. ✓

Weisgal believes, and I agree with him, that because of the universal favorable impression, even among those who originally were opposed to the Pavilion, it should be possible this year to secure greater support from local communities and Welfare Funds. ✓

Weisgal is of the opinion that in 1940 the Pavilion should be utilized, more systematically, to bring the message of the United Palestine Appeal to the attention of the visitors. He claims that because of the change in the situation resulting from the war, with Palestine almost wholly dependent upon American support, the exhibits should be so conceived as will impress the public with the necessity of their support to maintain and enlarge ✓

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what has been achieved in Palestine. This would involve the United Palestine Appeal in an expenditure of approximately \$5,000. But quite apart from this expenditure, which may perhaps be reduced, he asks my personal cooperation in planning the rearrangement of the exhibit for 1940, so as to reflect the work of the United Palestine Appeal and its relationship to Palestine. ✓

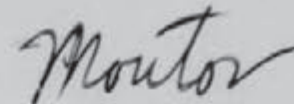
Weisgal maintains that whereas the Pavilion was visited by more than two-and-a-half million people, no consistent, organized effort, with the possible exception of Hadassah, was made by any of the Zionist bodies or fund-raising institutions to invite small groups to the Pavilion in order to stimulate their activities on behalf of the Pavilion. ✓ With some changes that are being contemplated in the inner structure of the Pavilion, he is of the opinion that valuable propaganda could be done on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal if an organized effort were made to invite small groups of leading non-Zionists throughout the country, especially leaders in the various Welfare Funds, to come to the Pavilion as guests of the United Palestine Appeal, thus bringing them into closer contact with Jewish achievements in Palestine and the work of the United Palestine Appeal.

This is a piece of work that must be very carefully planned and prepared sufficiently in advance to be effective. The Pavilion itself is not equipped to do this kind of a job. He therefore thinks it ought to be undertaken directly by the United Palestine Appeal. ✓

Whatever one's opinion regarding the wisdom or lack of wisdom of the Palestine Pavilion at the World's Fair, it seems to be the universal opinion that the Pavilion has made a very excellent impression, that it has been of service to Palestine and that as a piece of Zionist and Palestine educational propaganda, it has been excellent.

Weisgal suggests that when you are next in New York you, he and I should get together to discuss the questions raised. If that is impossible, he would like to arrange to stop over in Cleveland and see you personally. ✓ A meeting in New York would probably be preferable.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH

November 20, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I recall that in talking over with you the people to be invited to the Washington Conference, I mentioned Jonah Wise. Perhaps we ought to hold back on that invitation. The J.D.C. has not reciprocated that invitation and I do not see why we ought to make the gesture a second time.

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Morris Margulies. I do not know what he means by "the deductions which the U.P.A. makes from our remittances and which usually are made from the December remittance, be carried over to the month of January". Please explain this to me.

I approve of the letter which you and Coons intend to send to the members of the staff of the U.J.A.

As far as the booklet on the "Refugee Problem and the Absorptive Capacity of Palestine" is concerned, I think that five thousand copies would be adequate for distribution, and that an additional note ought to be included somewhere in the front or the back of the booklet about the work of the U.P.A.

With reference to the Istorik letter: I would suggest that you consult Robert Szold about the matter. I shall be guided by his judgment.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 21, 1939

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

My dear Mr Montor:

Enclosed herewith are copies of letters which
Rabbi Silver sent to Mr. Albert D. Lasker and Mr. Samuel
A. Goldsmith. You may wish them for your files.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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November 22nd, 1939

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

Attached herewith is a copy of
a memorandum which I received from
Mr. Samuel Blitz.

What are the facts in the matter?

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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MEMORANDUM

November 22nd, 1939

TO Henry Montor
FROM Samuel Blitz

Mr. Gallin, President of the Jewish National Fund Council of Cleveland, writes me inviting me to visit Cleveland as soon as possible in order to advise with them on the possibility of arranging a "Night of Stars" for the benefit of the Jewish National Fund. He informs me that the local chest has approved the undertaking.

Does Dr. Silver wish me to go to Cleveland for this purpose?

November 22, 1939

To: Mr. Isidor Coons

From: Mr. Henry Mentor

Subject: Funds Obtained Through Labor Organizations

A dispatch from Washington in the New York Times today discloses that the International Ladies Garment Workers Union has turned over to the Joint Distribution Committee \$110,000 out of a total raised of \$235,000. I assume that this money will be forthcoming through the New York campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

It seems to me that the final announcement of the distribution of the funds raised by the members of the Union is the best proof if this were required of the inadequacy of that type of fund-raising. As I recall, the gift of a half day's pay through the Union was heralded at the time the action was announced as one of the greatest sources of income for the United Jewish Appeal in New York City.

It is apparent, however, that unless men and women can be prevailed upon to contribute adequately through their local community, the end result for reasons which are inevitable and which we can all understand, is not commensurate with the requirements of our organizations and with the modern techniques of fund-raising. It is particularly strange to observe that those people in New York City who are vigorously opposed to mass fund-raising have, nevertheless, given their full support to this particular method which, I think it will be agreed, gives to the United Jewish Appeal, through the Joint Distribution Committee, an inadequate sum.

Moreover, I believe that this method of obtaining funds from the Union is definitely harmful rather than helpful, because, as you have noticed from various memoranda that have come to this office from various welfare funds throughout the country, ~~that~~ the United Jewish Appeal is being penalized not merely for that portion of income allotted to the Joint Distribution Committee, but virtually in every instance for the entire sum which has been contributed either by the particular Union or by the particular employee's group in that locality.

The only purpose of this memorandum is to urge that the whole question be considered more thoroughly, whether it be in New York or nationally, before endorsement is given to this particular type of fund-raising which debars the United Jewish Appeal as such from making its appeal to hundreds of thousands of men and women who are Jews.

It is true that in some instances the only method of approach to a Union is through a Joint Board or through the International of the Union, but it seems to me that if the action were undertaken locally and not on the basis of Unions but rather upon the basis of an appeal to individuals, the end result would be more happy than the one announced this morning in the New York Times.

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MEETING OF THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEES OF THE JDC AND UPA HAS BEEN
SET FOR ELEVEN AM. MONDAY NOVEMBER TWENTY SEVENTH AT UJA OFFICE.

SUGGEST THAT IN SENDING OUT NOTICE TO OUR REPRESENTATIVES I REQUEST
THEY ALL MEET IN YOUR ROOM AT COMMODORE THAT MORNING IN ORDER TO
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Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of this afternoon, there have been invited to participate in the sessions of the Negotiating Committee of the United Palestine Appeal Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Mr. Arthur M. Lampport, in addition to the five members who were previously appointed to the Negotiating Committee - one of whom, Dr. Solomon Goldman, will probably not be able to be present because he is opening the United Jewish Appeal campaign in Toledo that evening.

Cordially yours,

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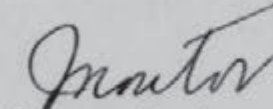
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Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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:HENRY MONTOR.

November 24, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your letter of November 20 conveying the results of a meeting with Mr. Weisgal about the Palestine Pavilion - personally, I am of the same opinion with reference to the Palestine Pavilion this year, as I was last year.

As I prophesied at the very outset, the project cost Palestine public funds a pretty penny - money that could have been used, in these desperate times, for constructive work in Palestine. There will be a similar, if not a larger deficit, in 1940. However, I am confident that my point of view will not prevail this year any more than it did last year.

From what you say, the KH and the KK will make direct contributions to the Pavilion Fund for next year. Why, then, should the UPA which only raises money for these two agencies make a separate contribution? Surely all the propaganda for Palestine that the UPA can make will be made, or can be made, directly through the KH and the KK as well as the ZOA and the Hadassah which you state have also agreed to contribute to the Fund. I would suggest that you do not involve the UPA in any way in this project.

I have no desire to meet Mr. Weisgal either in New York or in Cleveland. I prefer to be as far away from this gentleman as possible. Any communications which he has to make can very well come through you.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 24, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to the inquiry of Mr. Samuel Blitz concerning the proposed "Night of Stars" in Cleveland, I should like to have you convey to Mr. Blitz the following:

The Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland will have no objection to the Jewish National Fund putting on a "Night of Stars" in a hall seating about two to three thousand people. This I made clear to Mr. Gallin when he called on me. From modest beginnings, they have now come into a consideration of a "Night of Stars" in the large Public Hall of Cleveland, seating some eleven thousand people. Such a project involving large-scale community solicitation for the distribution of tickets, etc. etc., and absorbing the energies of many of our people, would be strongly opposed by the Jewish Welfare Fund. I would advise Mr. Blitz strongly to discourage the local group from embarking on such a project.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 24, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to a visit to Florida: How many days would I have to spend there? Would six or seven days be adequate? Would my coming there be in connection with actual campaigns or just another series of meetings?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

November 24, 1939

Mr. Mendel W. Fisher
Jewish National Fund
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Without having additional facts at my disposal, I must view with alarm your memorandum of November 21st, in which you were kind enough to inform me that Dr. David Tannenbaum is to visit the Pacific Coast on behalf of the Jewish National Fund.

You were also courteous enough to attach a copy of the itinerary of Dr. Tannenbaum, who will go all the way from Columbus to San Francisco. Dr. Tannenbaum is an excellent representative of any organization and I am sure that his visits to the various communities will be helpful from a general Palestine point of view.

However, there is another consideration involved. There is no definite decision that there will be a renewal of the United Jewish Appeal for 1940. But, as you know, we are in the midst of negotiations which will in all likelihood eventuate in a United Jewish Appeal. Under the circumstances we must continue to be very careful in planning any activity that might even seem to jeopardize or conflict with the interests of the United Jewish Appeal.

You did not indicate clearly what the functions of Dr. Tannenbaum are to be. I am wondering about the wisdom of his visits to a number of communities which are about to engage in campaigns, particularly since I surmise, for lack of information to the contrary, that Dr. Tannenbaum may see some of the people in these communities about the Jewish National Fund loan. Toledo is in the midst of a campaign in which a large sum of money is involved, for the United Jewish Appeal. Nevertheless, Dr. Tannenbaum was there on November 14th. Dr. Tannenbaum is now in Denver, which is about to launch a large sized campaign. The west coast cities will be thinking of their 1940 United Jewish Appeal campaigns at the time when Dr. Tannenbaum will be there on an interest that might seem to be disparit.

May I suggest that you give me some reassuring details in connection with the tour of Dr. Tannenbaum?

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD)
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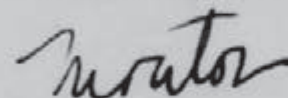
Dear Dr. Silver:

I have tried to draw up in a tentative way a program for the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal to be held at the Hotel Mayflower, Washington, D. C. on Saturday, January 6th and Sunday, January 7th.

Definite acceptances have not been received from any of the people except that all those whose names are mentioned have indicated tentatively that they may be present.

I hope that on Monday we shall have an opportunity to discuss the program in greater detail.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH
Encl.

November 24, 1939

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

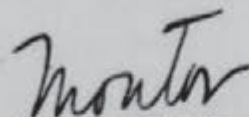
With respect to the letter sent to you on
November 17th by Morris Margulies these are the facts:

Miss Weinberg is the secretary to Mr. Louis
Lipsky and remains in his office. Her salary has been
paid in equal shares by the Zionist Organization of
America and the United Palestine Appeal. The check for
her salary is made out by the United Palestine Appeal;
we then charge the Zionist Organization's share to the
\$54,000 allotment.

Mrs. Florence Eitelberg is secretary to Dr. Stephen
S. Wise and her salary is divided in equal shares between
the Zionist Organization and the United Palestine Appeal.
The same procedure is followed with respect to her salary
as in the case of Miss Weinberg.

That is what Mr. Margulies means by deductions.
What is your decision in the matter?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH

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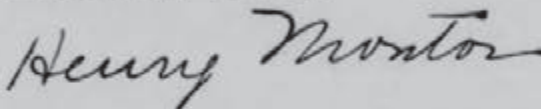
Attached herewith is a copy of a
letter from Benjamin V. Cohen.

May I suggest that you write a
letter directly to Mr. Justice Brandeis
in regard to his possible participation in
the Conference in Washington on January 6th
and 7th.

Perhaps he could be persuaded just
to be present at the speakers' table without
saying a word at any of the sessions.

Because of your personal relation-
ship with him, a letter from you would
probably be better than from anyone else.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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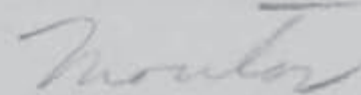
Dear Dr. Silver:

You might have already received a blank similar to the one enclosed herewith direct from Rochester, containing all of the details of the mass meeting which you are scheduled to address in that city on Sunday, November 26th.

May I ask you to please confirm to Mr. Jacob M. Kammen, whose address is contained in the attached information blank, the exact time of your arrival at the Rochester airport. I have today wired Mr. Kammen that you expect to arrive by plane at 4:22 PM. He will await confirmation from you. You will, of course, be met at the airport upon your arrival.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS
342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

SPEAKER'S INFORMATION BLANK

NAME OF SPEAKER Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

DATE OF MEETING November 26, 1939 HOUR 8:15 PM Daylight Standard

PLACE OF MEETING J Y M & W A Building

CITY Rochester STATE New York

AUSPICES United Jewish Welfare Fund

PERSONS IN CHARGE Joseph E. Silverstein, Campaign manager -
Arthur M. Lowenthal - President

OBJECT OF MEETING _____

NATURE OF MEETING _____



☒ Mass Meeting

☐ Dinner Meeting Formal ☐
Informal ☐

☐ Initial Gifts

DIRECTIONS Please wire Mr. Jacob M. Kammen, United Jewish Welfare Fund, Inc.,
144 Baden Street, Rochester, as to the exact time of your arrival at the
airport in Rochester.

November 24, 1939

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Mr. Louis Lipsky
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Lipsky:

In accordance with the cordial suggestion which you made and which was also endorsed by Dr. Israel Goldsteih, I have taken the liberty of making some suggestions with regard to the composition of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal. This ~~time~~, I assume, is being studied by the committees representing the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth.

It is becoming constantly more clear that our effectiveness as a common fund-raising instrument for the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth is dependent upon the friends and champions we obtain in the various communities throughout the country as well as in New York City. Members of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal ought, therefore, to be judged not solely on the basis of their representative character as regards the Keren Hayesod or the Keren Kayemeth, but even more especially as to their standing as contributors to the United Palestine Appeal, as actual workers in campaigns or as leaders of causes or movements actually engaged in raising funds for the United Palestine Appeal.

I attach herewith two lists as follows:

- (A) A list giving the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal as I think it ought to be composed; and
- (B) A list of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal as it exists at the present time. I also enclose
- (C) Observations on the names of those individuals whose elimination I suggest giving the reasons for my suggestions.

Naturally, it involves a risk in making formal suggestion for the elimination of any name, but I am sure you will expect me, in justice to the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, to give you my impressions of the activity or inactivity of men in relation to the United Palestine Appeal.

Cordially yours,

HM:BC
Enc.

Henry Montor
Executive Director

Louis Altschul
George Backer
*David Berenstein - President, St. Louis Zionist District
*Oscar Berman - President, Jewish Community Council, Cincinnati
*Isadore Breslau - Chairman, Washington, D.C. drive, 1939
Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner
*Charles Brown - leading contributor, former Chairman, Los Angeles campaign
Jacob H. Cohen
Sol Cohen
*Daniel Ellison - active in Baltimore and Seaboard region campaigns
*A.K. Epstein - leading contributor Chicago campaign
*Leon Feuer - President, Jewish Community Council, Toledo
David Freiburger
*Daniel Frisch - active in Indianapolis drive
Leon Gellman
Leonard Ginsberg
*David Glosser - Chairman, leading contributor, Johnstown, Pa.
*Judge I. M. Golden - leading personality in San Francisco
Rabbi Solomon Goldman
Rabbi Israel Goldstein
*Judge Jonah J. Goldstein - New York City
*Joseph Goldstein - Chairman, Budget Committee, Rochester, N.Y.
Sylvan Gotshal
Rabbi James G. Heller
Rabbi Edward L. Israel
Alexander Kahn
*Benjamin Kane - Providence, R.I., Chairman, 1938, 1939 drives; \$5,000 contributor
*Judge Jacob J. Kaplan - active officer, Boston campaign
Dr. Maurice J. Karpf
*Oliver M. Kaufmann - Chairman, 1939 campaign; \$40,000 contributor, Pittsburgh
Rabbi Max Kirshblum
*Hyman Kohn - leading contributor, Chicago drive
*Joseph Kohn - leading contributor, Philadelphia
Abraham Krasne
Arthur M. Lamport
*Joseph Leonard - leading contributor, Chairman, Allentown, Pa.
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Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal
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Abraham L. Liebovitz
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Dr. G. A. Lowenstein
Samuel Markewich
Abraham Mazer
*George Z. Medalie - New York City
Rabbi Irving Miller
*Henry Monsky - active in Omaha campaign, President B'nai B'rith
Louis J. Moss
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SAMUEL BONCHEK

He is not in any way active in any part of the New York City campaign of the United Palestine Appeal. In 1938 he contributed \$30 and in 1939 \$25 to the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Bonchek is quite active in the Gewerkshaftern campaign. It seems to me that the United Palestine Appeal ought, in fairness to the criticism it has voiced on frequent occasions, eliminate those people who are active in another campaign and whose presence on the UPA official bodies gives people the impression that the UPA endorses numerous separate campaigns that are under way.

MRS. MOSES PA. EPSTEIN

She contributed nothing to the United Palestine Appeal in 1938 and \$20.00 to the United Jewish Appeal in 1939. The interests of Hadassah are important but they are, from time to time, in definite conflict with those of the UPA. On that basis Mrs. Epstein ought also to be eliminated. It might be said that neither Mrs. Epstein nor Mr. Bonchek has attended any meeting called by the official bodies of the UPA.

HARRY P. FIERST

He contributed \$50 in 1938 and pledged \$75.00 in 1939. He has not attended meetings.

LEIB GLANTZ

He made no contribution whatever in 1938 and contributed not a single penny to the United Jewish Appeal in 1939. Whatever activity he may be indulging in on behalf of Palestine is contributed to the Gewerkshaftern campaign. Why should people who contribute nothing and do no work be the determining factors in the policies of the UPA?

RABBI I. M. KOWALSKY

He contributed \$25.00 in 1938 and nothing whatsoever to the United Jewish Appeal in 1939. It seems to me that there is precedent for the removal of such names from our lists in the rules of the World Zionist Congress which provide that no man can be a delegate who has not made a specified contribution to the Keren Hayesod.

JOSEPH KRAMER

He has been on the list for several years, not because of his activity in Newark but because he was Nasi of the Order Sons of Zion. He has not held that post for more than a year. He should not be a member.

ABRAHAM KRUMBEIN

He contributed \$100 to the UPA in 1938 and not a single penny to the United Jewish Appeal in 1939.

JOHN L. LIEBOWITZ

Our records show no contribution in 1938 and a \$50 contribution in 1939. He is not particularly active in the campaign in his own community.

DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE

He made no contribution to the UPA in 1938 and made no contribution to the United Jewish Appeal in 1939. Again, we have representation without taxation.

DAVID PINSKI

His name may be very helpful to the interests of the Gewerkshaftern campaign but has no value to the UPA. He has made no contribution to the UPA in 1938 and nothing whatever to the United Jewish Appeal in 1939.

(C)
(cont'd)

MRS. SOL ROSENBLOOM

I am suggesting that Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh, who is the active figure in the family, should be named in her place.

LOUIS SEGAL

His contribution in 1938 was \$42.50. The United Jewish Appeal records show no contribution in 1939. Mr. Segal's interests are definitely tied up with those of the Gewerkshaftern campaign.

MORRIS WEINBERG

The UPA books record a pledge in 1938 of \$500, of which \$300 remains unpaid. The United Jewish Appeal books for 1939, though perhaps erroneous, has thus far failed to disclose a contribution for 1939.



November 27, 1939

Miss Blanche Renard, Secretary,
Committee on National Jewish Agencies
Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Inc.
165 West 46th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Renard:

The following material will, I believe, serve to complete some of the answers to your questions which I left unfinished in my letter to you of November 20th.

Question (5): In relation to the Mizrachi institutions maintained by the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund, we may list five separate sources of income and support. These are the Keren Hayesod, the Keren Kayemeth, the Mifal Bitzaron, the refugee funds of the Immigration Department, and the Palestine Agricultural Settlement Association, known as PASA.

Sizeable loans have been made to Mizrachi kibbutzim by the Keren Hayesod, the Keren Kayemeth, the Mifal Bitzaron, and PASA both separately and jointly. During the period beginning October 1, 1937 and ending March 31, 1939 such loans, totaling £99,637, were made to the following Mizrachi colonies: Kfar Haroeh, Kfar Pines, Kfar Avraham, Kfar Hassidim, Kfar Rodges, Tirath Zvi, Kfar Hittim, Kvutzath Arie, Sdir Yacov, Mikveh Israel, Ramat Hashomron, Kfar Yavetz, Machar, Kfar Ivri, and the settlement B of Hapoel Hamizrachi.

Aid is extended by the Keren Hayesod to the educational institutions of the Mizrachi. The annual grant of the Keren Hayesod to that part of the Education Department budget is £17,000.

Loans made directly to individuals by the Keren Hayesod are distributed without regard to affiliation. Some twenty percent of such loans, amounting to £4,000, were made to members of the Mizrachi from October 1, 1937 to March 31, 1939.

The Immigration Department during that period expended £2,000 for the training of Mizrachi chalutzim, and £8,000 for aid to immigrants upon their arrival. Refugee funds totaling more than £1,000 were distributed among Sdir Yacov, Kfar Haroeh, and Kfar Avraham. Expenditures of Youth Aliyah include £8,369 in Rodges, £9,159 upon the Mizrachi Girls Home in Jerusalem, £857 for the Mizrachi Girls Home in Tel Aviv, and £4,758 in the colony of Nehemiah.

The Labor Department of the Keren Hayesod in the same period allocated £8,500 to various Mizrachi organizations and to Mizrachi workmen. Additional

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expenditure included an outlay of £3,000 for support of Labor Department activities in which the Mizrachi participates. The Jewish Agency, acting through the Keren Hayesod, allocated £3,396 for religious needs of the Mizrachi community. The Keren Hayesod bought shares to the amount of £1,000 in the loan fund Kupat Milve of Hapoel Hamizrachi, and £793 in the Mizrachi Bank.

Question (10) relating to the expenditures of the Mifal Bitzaron in Palestine brings the following report of Mifal Bitzaron allocations for the period August 1, 1936 to September 30, 1938:

Security; flying; supernumerary constables, etc.	LP78,191
Public works; security roads; loans to citrus growers; marine works; obtaining employment for rural laborers, marine and railway laborers; fisheries; farm households; Mish'an fund; housing of refugees	27,292
Tel Aviv port; aid for victims of disturbances; contributions toward institutions, etc.	15,694
Loans and guarantees for manufacturers; loans for Jaffa merchants; loans for artisans, etc.	8,329
Security buildings in new settlements; Hanita settlement; assistance for rural families affected by disturbances	11,417
Sundry expenditure	3,197
The following expenditures were made on behalf of Loan Account:	
New settlement	20,830
Bitzur Corporation	27,080
Urban and rural housing and stone masonry	22,913
Guarantee funds for citrus growers, manufacturers and artisans	29,162
Additional investments in Marine Trust, Ltd.	8,332
Security and defense	12,498
Loans for unemployed	<u>4,166</u>
Total expenditures	LP269,200

It is to be understood, of course, that these represent total expenditures of the Mifal Bitzaron, and not only those based on income received from the United Palestine Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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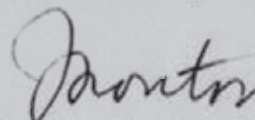
November 27, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As a member of the Allocations Committee
you will be interested in this letter of
November 21st from Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith.
The sum requested has been paid.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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November 28, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith I am returning to you letter dated November 24th, addressed to you by Mr. Samuel a Goldsmith, together with a copy of the revised minutes, and copies of letters sent to Mr. Goldsmith by various members of the Allocations Committee.

The decisions of the Allocations Committee are still confidential. No announcement has been made. As of this date the minutes have not yet been signed by all the members of the Allocations Committee.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH
130 NORTH WELLS STREET
CHICAGO

November 24, 1939.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I attach herewith a revision of the Minutes of the meeting of the Allocations Committee held in Mr. Ittleson's office on November 15th. Revision was delayed a bit by the fact that it was not until the 22nd that I received a statement on the Minutes previously sent you from two members of the Committee.

I have underlined those sections of the Minutes which are either new or represent revisions or modifications.

An attempt has been made to include all suggestions and modifications set forth in the letters received from individual members of the Committee and, at the same time, to approximate an amalgam of the diverse judgments and opinions expressed in those letters. I trust that the result is reasonably satisfactory.

For your own information, I attach herewith copies of the letters which I have received, after having excided from such letters personal references, etc.

Very sincerely yours,



SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH

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HENRY ITTLESON
ONE PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 17, 1939.

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

I have your letter of the 16th inst., with enclosures of the minutes of the meeting of the Allocations Committee.....

I would like to suggest a few modifications for your consideration. On the last line of page 2 and again in the first line of section (3) on page 3, where you refer to a total of \$15,500,000. collected in cash, could you not indicate that this represents collections after deduction for campaign costs? Since we are indicating an allocation of a total of \$15,500,000. there should be no doubt that this represents the actual cash available as a net figure for distribution.

On page 3 section (1) at the top of the page, I suggest that it read "gift or gifts to be made to non-sectarian organizations dealing with Christian refugees". This I think advisable so that no claim could possibly be made for a contribution to a Jewish organization which may be dealing with Christian refugees. Furthermore, in this same section, it may be well to indicate that this contribution of \$250,000., if and when made, shall be made through J.D.C. on a share and share alike basis to non-sectarian organizations dealing with Christian refugees. I think this is advisable so that no question can be later raised that the Allocations Committee made a direct appropriation to an institution not included in the original agreement. By inserting this provision we definitely make the contribution to J.D.C., in a sense earmarking it for the purposes that the Allocations Committee insisted upon. The wording might be something as follows: "And such sum shall then be distributed through J.D.C. share and share alike for non-sectarian organizations dealing with Catholic and Protestant refugees. In the event that the Negotiating Committee in its report does not approve this grant then this sum shall be divided between U.P.A. and J.D.C. on the ratio of 15 parts to the former and 36 parts to the latter".

I hope these suggestions will meet your views. I believe that both in spirit and content they express the mind of the members of the Allocation Committee. If you approve of these changes, will you incorporate them in a modified statement to be sent to me and I shall be very glad to sign it and return it to you immediately.....

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Henry Ittleson.

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith,
130 N. Wells Street (Room 1712),
Chicago, Illinois.

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Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith
United Jewish Appeal (inc)
For Refugees
130 North Wells Street
Room 1712
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Answering your letter of November sixteenth would say I have signed the second copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Allocations Committee held November fifteenth in New York, which you sent me and return it herewith.

There are one or two suggestions which I have to offer and to which I think there might be no objections on the part of the other members of the Committee, i. e. --

1. First page, paragraph commencing NOTE: - fourth line - I think the words: "which might be presented in memory of Pope Pius XI" might be stricken out because it might hamper the Negotiations' Committee in arriving at a decision and furthermore, it might become embarrassing or prejudice the Committee. Also I think it would be very unwise to take the risk of having it made public at this time.
2. I should like to have added, the suggestion that I made just before Mr. Cohen left and which seemed to meet with the approval of the Committee and which Mr. Ittleston said was entirely fair, -- that Mr. Ben Cohen be given an opportunity to appear before the Negotiations' Committee and present and review the history of the case from its beginning before they arrive at a decision.

I quite agree with you there is no need for any further meetings of the Allocations Committee and that the Committee should ask to be discharged by the organizations that appointed it -- if you will do this as secretary, I shall very much appreciate it or, would you want me to do it?

Am glad to know you propose to prepare the two letters which I will be very glad indeed to approve and sign. ...

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Signed (Louis E. Kirstein)

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247 PARK AVENUE

November 17, 1939

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Your very clear letter and minutes of November sixteenth covering the actions of the Allocations Committee:....

The minutes constitute the agreement exactly as I understand it, excepting that under the final settlement made at the last moment, the \$250,000 earmarked item "to be held in reserve pending a report by the Negotiating Committee with respect to a gift or gifts to be made to organizations dealing with Christians refugees" was fixedly allocated to the JDC, with the proviso, however, that if the Negotiating Committee ordered it to go to Christian refugees, the JDC would reserve it for such purpose, expending same 50% to Protestants and 50% to Catholics.

I think the other gentlemen will confirm that understanding, and that future divisions of money on the basis of 70-30 were to be based on what \$1,500,000 is to \$3,900,000. In other words, the last second settlement was made on the basis that \$5,400,000 was being allocated between the Palestine Appeal and the JDC. I definitely remember Rabbi Silver writing these figures on a piece of paper, in explaining his last proposal to Mr. Ittelson.

As to the last two paragraphs in your letter, I approve of sending reports to the officials of the United Jewish Appeal as proposed therein, and also letter to Mr. Rosenberg in regard to the Rosenwald Family Association.

When I left the meeting, I thought that the Allocations Committee as it existed had adjourned sine die. There is no further work for it to do.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Albert D. Lasker.

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue, New York
Copies to Messrs. Ittelson, Kirstein, Rabbi Silver, Rabbi Goldman
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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

November 21st, 1939.

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith,
130 North Wells
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Samuel:

Thank you kindly for the minutes of the meeting of the Allocations Committee held last Thursday, November 15th, at Mr. Ittleson's office.

I regret exceedingly that I could not until this minute find the time to read and comment on your report. While the report is in substance correct I feel that in some places it reflects rather the discussion of the committee than its crystallized opinion.

On Page 2, Paragraph 3, beginning with the word "discussion" you fail to record that Dr. Silver and I recognized the Coordinating Foundation as a responsibility of the United Jewish Appeal and not alone of the Joint Distribution Committee. Even with regard to the S. S. St. Louis it was pointed out that it had become a national emergency for which funds were solicited outside of the UJA and JDC.

This being my impression I feel that your second clause on Page 3 should read "With respect to the remainder \$5,150,000, the following distribution to be made:

\$1,500,000 to the United Palestine Appeal
\$500,000 to the S. S. St. Louis
\$500,000 to the Coordinating Foundation
\$2,650,000 to the American Joint Distribution Committee"

Consequently clause 4 on the same page should be corrected to read "In relation which the two sums appropriated, namely, \$1,500,000 for the United Palestine Appeal and \$2,650,000 for the Joint Distribution Committee bear to each other."

The resolution re the National Refugee Service and the United Palestine Appeal adopted at the beginning of the meeting is I believe nullified in view of our subsequent action.

In view of our prolonged discussion prior to Mr. Cohen's appearance before the Committee, your report should indicate clearly that it was our intention to divide the sum allocated between Protestants and Catholics.....

With all good wishes and kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

(Signed)

Solomon Goldman

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November 17, 1939

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith
130 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Let me thank you for your kindness in forwarding me the minutes of the last Allocations Committee. I have one or two important suggestions to make in order to clarify the language of the resolutions. On page 3, clause 2: "With respect to the remaining \$5,150,000 etc...\$3,650,000 to the American Joint Distribution Committee", the following should be added "which includes (a) \$500,000 in obligations assumed towards the refugees of the SS St. Louis" and (b) "\$500,000 for the Refugees Coordination Foundation".

Last summer, the United Palestine Appeal was officially approached for its consent to such an appropriation from the Allocations Committee. I took the matter up with London and Jerusalem, and after prolonged correspondence, they agreed to the arrangement. The resolutions of the Allocations Committee should reflect the affirmative attitude on the part of the UPA representatives to this specific allocation. Furthermore, because of these two large commitments, which Dr. Goldman and I recognized, we agreed to the percentage arrangement which was finally adopted. Otherwise you will readily see that the 2/3-1/3 arrangement on which we insisted, is not reflected in the resolution as you phrase it.

There appears to be some miscalculation in clause 4 -- concerning the distribution of funds if less than \$15,500,000 be received. We agreed that the distribution would be on the ratio of clause 2, excluding, of course, from the total of the JDC allocation, the two \$500,000 items. Otherwise the ratio would be less than thirty percent in both instances (2 and 4), which, of course, was in nobody's mind.

You will recall that one of the concessions that Dr. Goldman and I finally made in order to bring about a unanimous agreement, was that contained in clause 3, whereby all funds raised above \$15,500,000 would be divided not on the basis of 2/3-1/3, but 70%-30%.

Again, I was under the impression that the first resolution referring to the financial emergency of the N.R.S. and the UPA was made in anticipation that another meeting of Allocations Committee would have to be held, but since we finally came to a complete understanding on all allocations, I assumed that the first resolution was automatically nullified. However, I am not pressing

S.A. Goldsmith

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this point.

With reference to the note on the first page of the Minutes in re Ben Cohen: I think it should also be mentioned that it was the unanimous thought of the Committee that if such a contribution be made, it should be divided equally between Protestants and Catholics.

Upon receipt of a revised Minutes, I shall be very pleased to sign the same.....

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

(signed) Abba Hillel Silver



November 28, 1939

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

My Dear Mr. Montor:

I have looked over the tentative program of the UPA Conference to be held in Washington. I think that it will need considerable re-arrangement. In inviting these people, please do not indicate to them their exact place on the program.

The opening evening program, for example, seems especially top-heavy. It is not important to have both Landauer and Blumenfeld at the first session, nor Rabbi Goldman. I believe that the latter's speech should be left for the banquet on Sunday evening, along with that of Dr. Israel Goldstein and one or two others. Our banquet program in the evening should be carefully built up. Last year, it was not as good as it might have been.

With reference to the request of Mr. Margulies: I see no reason for departing from our procedure heretofore.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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P.S, Enclosed herewith is copy of letter received from Mr. Leon Cellman and my answer; also letter from Mr. Kurt Peiser.

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ON BEHALF OF
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November 28, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is to remind you of our telephone conversation with regard to the possibility of your opening the campaign in Miami and in two other cities in Florida any time between Christmas and January 5th. I used the latter date because the United Palestine Appeal Conference is to be held in Washington on January 6th.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience, perhaps by wire, as to whether it will be possible for you to go to Florida and, if so, which three or four days would be most convenient for your calendar.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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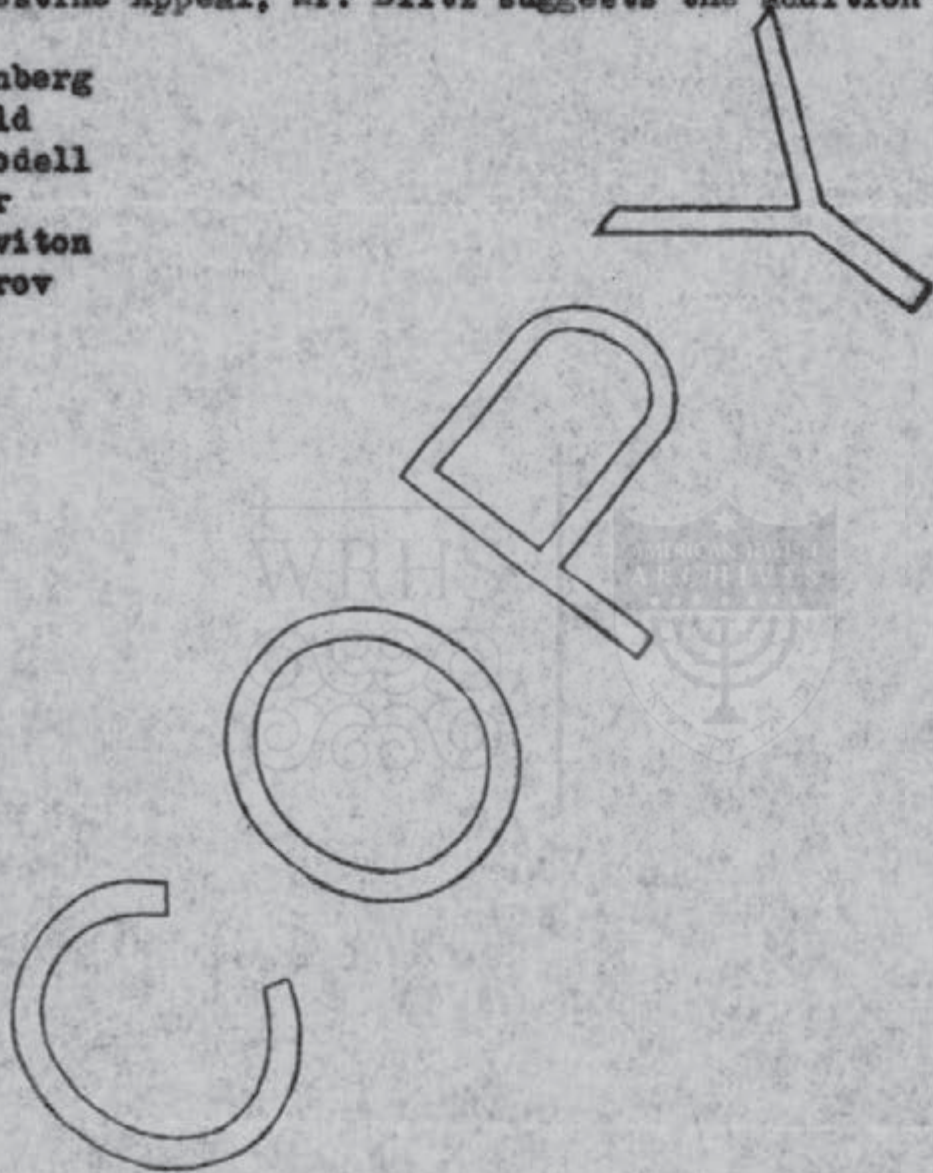
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To Mr. Louis Lipsky

From Henry Montor

In considering names for members of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, Mr. Blitz suggests the addition of the following:

Morris Weinberg
Robert Szold
David L. Podell
Mark Eisner
Isidore Leviton
David Nemerov



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Please Return

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith are the following memoranda:

(A) A memorandum from Henry Montor to Arthur M. Lampert and I. Edwin Goldwasser as co-treasurers of the United Jewish Appeal in relation to a \$40,000 appropriation made to the United Jewish Appeal by the Hofheimer Foundation of New York of whose Board of Directors Mr. Goldwasser is a member.

(B) A memorandum from Mr. Goldwasser to Henry Montor in which he states that the \$40,000 allotment to the National Refugee Service by the Hofheimer Foundation is not to be considered part of the sum obtained by the National Refugee Service.

I contend that a great wrong is being done to the United Jewish Appeal and its constituent agencies by the withdrawal from our resources of a sum which has been made available to one of the participating agencies. As I understand it, the Hofheimer Foundation makes grants solely for use in the United States. Mr. Goldwasser takes the position that the grant by the Hofheimer Foundation to the National Refugee Service cannot become part of the proceeds of the United Jewish Appeal because that would contravene the terms of the grant. That reasoning seems to be fallacious because both the JDC and UJA have during the year received amounts specifically earmarked for their specific work and yet the total amount has either been turned over to the UJA or the respective organizations have been debited by the United Jewish Appeal in the distribution of funds from the latter's treasury.

If the Hofheimer Foundation has made a grant of \$40,000 to the National Refugee Service the situation ought to be cared for in the following manner: The Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal should revise its original decision and allocate to the National Refugee Service \$560,000. In this way the National Refugee Service could retain the \$40,000 it has or will have and the UJA will not have to deduct from distributions to the National Refugee Service any amount that the NRS might have received.

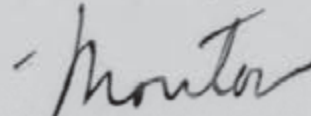
\$40,000 is a handsome amount in any language and I would, therefore, ask that you give me further instructions as to what ought to

be done either in your name or my own, although I believe that action ought to be initiated by you since you are not only the National Chairman but also a member of the Allocations Committee.

The argument of Mr. Goldwasser might equally well be applied in the case of the proceeds of the Night of Stars which was conducted by the United Palestine Appeal in New York City. Every person who bought tickets for that show or in other ways contributed to it made his contribution specifically for the settlement of refugees in Palestine. I do not see, therefore, why on Mr. Goldwasser's line of logic, the proceeds of Night of Stars should be turned over to the UJA or that amount to be deducted from the allotment eventually to be made to the UPA.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

November 27, 1939

TO: Messrs I. Edwin Goldwasser
Arthur M. Lamport

FROM: Henry Montor

I have been informed by the New York United Jewish Appeal that the sum of \$40,000 has been allotted to the National Refugee Service by the Hofheimer Foundation, that \$25,000 of this amount has been paid to the National Refugee Service, and that payment of the balance is imminent.

I assume that in accordance with the conversations between you these \$40,000 will not be turned over to the United Jewish Appeal by the National Refugee Service but will be deducted by the Treasurers from the sum which the National Refugee Service is scheduled to receive on the basis of the decisions of the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

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MEMORANDUM

November 28, 1939

From: I. Edwin Goldwasser

To: Mr. Henry Montor
cc: Mr. Arthur M. Lampert

I have your memorandum of November 27 regarding a grant of money from the Hofheimer Foundation.

I beg to inform you again, although the matter has already been made clear a number of times by me, that the \$40,000 appropriation of the Hofheimer Foundation was not and is not a gift to the United Jewish Appeal. It is contrary to the charter provision of the Foundation to make a grant for any work not done in the United States of America. The \$25,000 that you refer to has not been paid to the National Refugee Service and will not be paid, nor will the balance of \$15,000 be paid to the National Refugee Service. A check was sent in the first instance to the National Refugee Service but was withdrawn because of the very issue which you now bring up once more.

Your assumption as to certain conversations that have been held "between you" (I do not know whom you mean by "you") is partly correct. The money will not be turned over to the U.J.A. and I know no reason whatsoever why the treasurers should deduct any sum whatsoever from the amount which N.R.S. is scheduled to receive on the basis of decisions of the Allocations Committee, such deductions arising from any action taken by the Hofheimer Foundation.

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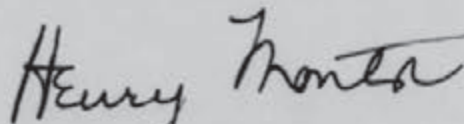
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is correspondence that I have had with Mr. Robert Szold in regard to the Istoric proposal for a central clearing office in London, together with a memorandum by Dr. Georg Landauer on the subject.

You will also find attached a copy of a letter which Mr. Marco F. Hellman, Treasurer of the Joint Distribution Committee addressed to Mr. Troper, European Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee on the subject.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

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SZOLD AND BRANDWEIN
30 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK CITY

November 25, 1939

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

I have your letter of November 24th.

May I ask:

1. What is the Istoric proposal?
2. What are the grounds on which Dr. Landauer opposes the Istoric proposal?
3. Under which procedure do we get a better rate?
4. Under which procedure will Palestine receive more Palestine Pounds, in the long run?

Sincerely yours,
(signed) Robert Szold

RS. SB

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November 29, 1939

Mr. Robert Szold
30 Broad Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Szold:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Leo Istoric to Dr. Silver, a copy of which was sent you on October 27th. That answers question #1 in your letter of November 25th.

With respect to the rest of the questions raised in your letter, I attach herewith a copy of a memorandum which Dr. Landauer sent me on the subject.

I also attach for your information a copy of a letter which Mr. Marco F. Hellman, Treasurer of the Joint Distribution Committee sent to Mr. Troper, European Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

November 29, 1939

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Montor
FROM Dr. Landsauer

In answer to the four questions contained in Mr. Skold's letter of November 25th:

- I. Mr. Istorik's proposal is that there be created in London a central Jewish relief exchange clearing office. All relief funds gathered throughout the world, especially England and America, are to be paid into the account of this central clearing office, to be converted in London into the required foreign currency of the respective countries receiving grants from the various relief bodies. The foreign currency is to be offered to the Bank of England. This procedure would represent a service to England "which will not be forgotten".
- II. The grounds on which I objected to Mr. Istorik's proposals are:
 - A. Insofar as the British funds are in need of foreign currency, they must in any case buy these monies from the Bank of England. Therefore this part of the project is not an especial argument for setting up a world-wide central office in London. By the way, according to the information at my disposal, the amount of foreign currency needed by the British relief organizations during the next months will be inconsiderable.
 - B. For American relief organizations, foremost among them the Joint Distribution Committee and Hias, it would be a very complicated procedure to transfer their funds first to a country with foreign exchange regulations, like England, at a time like this. And it is supposed that such a procedure would involve losses.
 - C. It is a somewhat strange course to pursue to send money from a neutral country like America to a belligerent ~~neutral~~ country like England in order to distribute funds from England to other belligerent or neutral countries. I have the feeling that such a course is, in general principle, inadvisable and an organization like the Joint Distribution Committee would not work in this way.
 - D. For the time being, it is not advisable for the Jewish Agency to transfer its dollar income, or any part of it, to London, for three reasons:
 1. If, for instance, the Jewish Agency would wish to purchase commodities in the United States, difficulties would result out of a general agreement to transfer all dollar currency to England, at the disposal of the Bank of England.
 2. If the United Palestine Appeal buys pounds Sterling in New York and remits this Sterling by cable to Jerusalem, the Jewish Agency has a better rate of exchange than by being bound to accept at all times the official rate of the Bank

of England. During the war a difference of rates of exchange for Sterling in America and England may develop and in this case it is likely to prove disadvantageous if the Jewish Agency were bound to get its money from London.

3. Although Mr. Istorik points out that a wholesale offer of dollar currency means a great service to Great Britain in war time, the Jewish Agency has not yet decided whether it ought not keep its political freedom with regard to such matters. As has already been mentioned, this political freedom coincides with an economic freedom, taking into account the uncertainty of exchange rates developments.

Questions III and IV are answered by the above.

GL. SB



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November 21st, 1939

Mr. Morris C. Troper
American Joint Distribution Committee
268 Heerengracht
Amsterdam, Holland

Dear Mr. Troper:

We have your General Letter P.6, dated October 20th, enclosing a memorandum of a plan submitted by Mr. Istorik proposing the coordination of exchange needs in Europe and the Near East, in connection with the welfare activities of various bodies. Mr. Istorik's thought is to restrict the exchange of monies in one central channel, namely, the Bank of England. We have also noted the letter of October 5th addressed to Mr. Istorik by R. A. Kershaw of the Bank of England.

We have given this matter our best thought in consultation with Mr. Baerwald, Mr. Goldwasser and others, and after having canvassed the proposal from every angle, we have reluctantly come to the conclusion that it is not feasible for us to adopt Mr. Istorik's suggestion. From a practical point of view, clearance of our funds through the Bank of England would present complications and delays upon which we need not elaborate, as the difficulties involved are even more apparent to you than to us. We note that the suggestion is made with respect to next year's financial operations and, of course, we have every desire to cooperate with our English friends and it may be that during the coming year situations may develop which may make it possible to take up the matter again.

In the meantime, however, we feel that you should advise Mr. Istorik that we are not in a position to act favorably on his suggestion. We should add that another complication presents itself by reason of the fact that we are obliged to render monthly accounting to our State Department under the terms of our neutrality regulations with respect to all remittances to belligerent countries. To show substantial transmissions to the Bank of England, which would later find their way to both neutral and belligerent countries, might be difficult to explain. We are of the opinion, therefore, that we should continue to make our transmissions in accordance with your instructions directly from New York to the committees and organizations which are the beneficiaries of our appropriations.

(signed)

Sincerely yours,
Marco F. Hellman

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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November 30, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your observations that I offered for the program at Washington. Naturally all these items are subject to revision and change. My purpose has been to try to give form to each of the sessions so that a person attending any one of them would feel repaid for the visit.

I note your suggestion about Landauer and Blumenfeld, and would think that Blumenfeld would be better for Saturday evening, and Landauer for Sunday morning.

The reason I suggested Dr. Goldman for Saturday evening was with the thought in mind that if he closed the session it would give it an appropriate finish since the rest of the evening might seem technical; and that you would close the session on Sunday morning just before the luncheon. Would you prefer to reverse it? That is, you close the Saturday evening session, and have Dr. Goldman speak on Sunday morning. Dr. Wise could then close the afternoon session. To my mind the closing speaker at each of these sessions determines the spirit with which delegates leave the particular session. Don't you agree with me?

Thank you for copies of the letters from Leon Gellman and from Peiser. I am herewith sending you a copy of the letter that I am sending to Mr. Peiser.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

November 30, 1939

Mr. Kurt Peiser
Allied Jewish Appeal
1700 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Peiser:

Dr. Silver has been good enough to send me a copy of your letter of November 27th in which you refer to the views of Mr. Lessing Rosenwald regarding the audits of the United Palestine Appeal. Reference is made to the view that the United Palestine Appeal figures do not compare favorably with those of the Joint Distribution Committee.

When I hear such observations the first or the second time I am inclined to attribute them to a lack of information. But when I hear the charge repeated the fifth time I must frankly say that it might indicate a failure to take all precautions to observe that the United Palestine Appeal and its agencies provide audits that are more detailed and more comprehensive than any submitted by any organization in the world, including any in the United States.

In the first place, there is published annually and biennially, particularly in connection with the sessions of the World Zionist Congress, a fully documented financial statement describing how every single penny has been expended in Palestine. Moreover there are monthly reports of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, fully detailing every item of expenditure during that particular month.

Insofar as the United Palestine Appeal is concerned, you will recall that I sent you recently a copy of the audited statement of the United Palestine Appeal as prepared by Klein, Hinds & Fink, Certified Public Accountants, for the period ending June 30, 1939. A similar audit will be available after December 31st, 1939. That audit not only details the expenditures of the United Palestine Appeal for the current year, but also for the years 1936, 1937 and 1938, together with an indication of how the income in each particular year has been derived.

I am sending you herewith another copy of that audit together with material which was submitted recently

Mr. Kurt Peiser

by the United Palestine Appeal to the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. Both these documents may prove of interest to Mr. Rosenwald.

There is no reason whatever for anyone associated with the United Palestine Appeal to be on the defensive with regard to our figures.

With kindest regards and with deep appreciation of the arduous labors which you are undergoing to insure the success of the current Allied Jewish Appeal in Philadelphia, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director



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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a wire
that I took the liberty of sending on your
behalf to Canton, Ohio.

Cordially yours,

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NOVEMBER 30, 1939

DR. EDWIN M. FEIMAN
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
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CONDITIONS WHICH DEFY DESCRIPTION BOTH AS TO THE EXTENT OF DEVASTATION FOR JEWISH COMMUNITIES AND AS TO THE URGENT GRAVITY OF FINANCIAL APPEALS ADDRESSED TO US MAKE ALL THE MORE DISTRESSING THE INABILITY OF THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, BECAUSE OF LACK OF IMMEDIATE FUNDS, TO COPE ADEQUATELY WITH THE PROBLEMS THAT CHANGE IN SCOPE AND GRAVITY DAILY. BEG YOU MOST EARNESTLY CONSULT WITH YOUR ASSOCIATES AND INITIATE EXTRAORDINARY ACTION APPEALING TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS TO REDEEM THEIR PLEDGES NOW THAT CASH CAN BE FORWARDED HERE PROMPTLY ENABLING UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AND HELP MEET RESPONSIBILITIES JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL AND NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE. APPRECIATE YOU HAVE REGULAR PROGRAM FOR PAYMENT OF PLEDGES BUT URGENT SITUATION COMPELS ME SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF WAIVING NORMAL FORMS IN THESE EMERGENCY TIMES.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER
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