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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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December 1, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from the Attorney General in response to the invitation to address the National Conference for Palestine.

I was in telephone conversation today with Rabbi Breslau and Ben V. Cohen, and on the latter's suggestion a letter over your signature was sent as per the enclosed copy. I trust this meets with your approval.

I understand the Attorney General is reconsidering his decision and will probably be with us.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 1, 1939

Honorable Frank Murphy
The Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 30th in reply to the invitation to participate in and address the National Conference for Palestine to be held in Washington, D. C. on Sunday, January 7th.

I am fully aware of the great pressure of public activities upon your time and energies, and would hesitate to break in upon your commitments.

But I know how eager our friends throughout the country are to hear once again from you in that expression of concern with the fundamentals which are precious to all Americans.

It is my earnest hope that conditions may so adjust themselves that you may be able to reconsider your previous decision and find time to be with us on Sunday, January 7th, either at the afternoon session, when you will not be required to stay long, or at the great banquet in the evening.

If conditions do not permit more than a fifteen minute address by you on Palestine and its relation to Jewish survival, it would, I know, be a great source of encouragement to the hundreds of leaders who will be gathered from all part of the United States at Washington.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

C O P Y

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON

November 30, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It would please me very greatly if I were able to make some contribution to the meeting being planned for Washington January 7, and I deeply appreciate the interest which prompted your cordial invitation.

I am sorry, however, that previous commitments for January are such that I cannot accept.

There is not need, of course, to tell you of my sympathy for the efforts to help the Jewish people who have so tragically been brought to suffering in Europe. I hope that the meeting will be very successful.

Sincerely

(Signed) Frank Murphy

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
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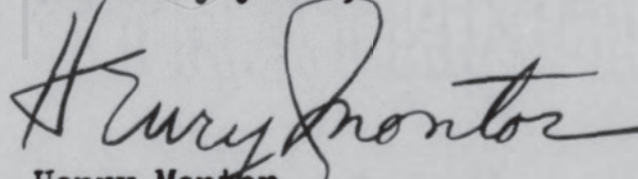
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Dear Friend:

A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal is being called by Dr. Silver for Monday, December 11th, at 4 P. M. at the office of the United Palestine Appeal, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

I trust that as a member of the Administrative Committee you will find it possible to attend.

Sincerely yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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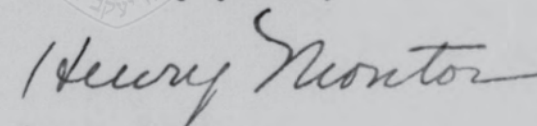
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is the original
of the letter addressed to you by Louis
Nizer in regard to the cancellation of the
American tour of the Habimah Theatre.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Due to the war, it has been impossible to consummate the plans for the American tour of the Habimah Theatre. I have therefore this week, reimbursed the various contributors to the American Sponsoring Committee with the full amount of their contribution.

I wish to advise you that the pledge you made on behalf of your organization is similarly cancelled.

On behalf of Habimah and the American Sponsoring Committee, I express to you my appreciation for your kindness which I know was motivated by a full understanding of the cultural and artistic values of the enterprise.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Nizer

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December 1, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have forwarded your correspondence concerning the Hofheimer contribution to the NRS to Mr. Kirstein, chairman of the Allocations Committee, and have asked for his opinion in the matter.

I have received word from Justice Brandeis that he will not be able to attend our Washington Conference.

I have also received a wire from Mr. Margulies asking that the UPA advance the ZOA its January allotment. My own feeling in the matter is that the emergencies in Palestine are greater than at 111-5th Avenue. Please suggest to him that the advance to the Mizrahi was made for Palestine, not for New York. Inform him that I will bring the matter up at the next meeting of the UPA. Personally, I am not authorized to make any advances.

Please put on the Agenda of the next meeting of the UPA whether we should agree to have the NRS included in the UJA in 1940. I have heard from Lipsky. He is in agreement with you. However, it may not be an easy matter, and our position, if negative, will have to be very carefully stated.

Your letter to Peiser is good. I have also written to him.

With reference to the Washington Conference: I do not think that it is important to have each program rounded out by a sure fire speaker. I am thinking of Dr. Wise in connection with the Toastmastership Sunday night, or the major address that evening, or both. Goldman might close the session Sunday morning, or speak in the afternoon. I wish to speak only once - delivering my formal message Saturday night, and preside at the

H. Montor

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December 1, 1939

luncheon introducing Dr. Weizmann. Please keep the program in a fluid state until the next meeting of the UPA.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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Dear Dr. Silver:

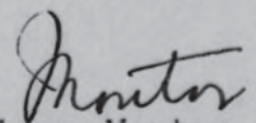
I am sending you herewith some observations on the annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee in Chicago. I was in Chicago on Saturday and Sunday and listened to the sessions devoted to both the National Refugee Service and the Joint Distribution Committee.

I have tried (a) to summarize some of the highlights of the two sessions, and (b) to give impressions of the important things that were said by the various speakers both scheduled and unscheduled.

If ever one needed proof that the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service are indistinguishable and identical it was provided by the Chicago meeting.

I again refer to my recent letter to you pleading that under no circumstances should the United Palestine Appeal yield to the request that the NRS should be admitted as a partner rather than as a beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal. It will mean not only in effect but in actuality that Messrs Goldwasser, Rosenberg, Rosenwald, etc., etc. will cast two votes instead of the one that the ordinary United Palestine Appeal representative would have.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to you by the Federation for Jewish Service, together with a copy of the resolution and a copy of my reply.

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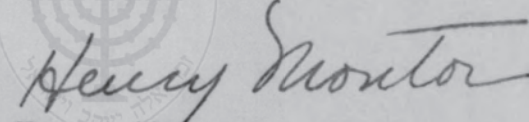
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Cordially yours,


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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 4, 1939

Mr. Paul Veret
Federation for Jewish Service
101 North 20th Street
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Veret:

Dr. Silver has asked me to acknowledge your letter of November 28th with a copy of the resolution adopted by the Federation for Jewish Service of Omaha.

Your expression of opinion is appropriate and will undoubtedly receive the earnest consideration which is due to the expression of men and women whose labors are fundamental to the success of the United Palestine Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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FEDERATION FOR JEWISH SERVICE

101 North 20th Street

OMAHA, NEBR.

November 29, 1939

Rabbi A. H. Silver, National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In accordance with instruction of the Executive Committee of our Federation, I am forwarding the enclosed resolution adopted by the Executive Committee at its meeting held November 23, 1939.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Paul Veret
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Air Mail

RESOLUTION OF
FEDERATION FOR JEWISH SERVICE, OMAHA, NEBRASKA

November 23, 1939

Whereas, the overwhelming tragedies that confront the Jewish people, arising out of the indescribable misery and suffering of countless thousands of Jews overseas, demand an unselfish and just approach to the treatment of the problems incident to the raising of funds to alleviate such conditions, and

Whereas, we have an abiding conviction that maximum results and equitable distribution can be secured by the methodology indicated so aptly by the principle out of which the United Jewish Appeal arose, and

Whereas, it is to the best interests of a united Israel in America to preserve and extend, if possible, the spirit of the union illustrated by this principle,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Executive Committee of the Federation for Jewish Service of Omaha, Nebraska, that it strongly urge the three constituents of the United Jewish Appeal, namely, the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal, and the National Refugee Service, to continue the present arrangement of coordinated fund-raising and allocation of funds for overseas and refugee needs for the year 1940; and

Be It Further Resolved that we urge the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the United Jewish Appeal to take steps in the direction of including such additional agencies as operate functionally in the area of overseas relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction.

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During my attendance at the Joint Distribution Committee Annual Meeting in Chicago the question of Dr. Chaim Weizmann's participation in the annual meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to be held in Detroit on January 27th and 28th was raised. The background and the nature of the discussion are as follows:

The invitation - For the last month Mr. Harry L. Lurie, director of the Council of Federations, has been in touch with me in regard to the possibility of having Dr. Weizmann as one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the Council. I indicated that no definite promise could be made because more would have to be known about Dr. Weizmann's schedule. Last Thursday I received another letter from Mr. Lurie stating that Dr. Weizmann could speak at the session on Saturday night, January 27th, and that he would be one of two or at the most three speakers and that he could speak for between thirty and forty minutes. I answered that I thought the meeting of the Council of Federations important enough to try and get Dr. Weizmann there. In the meantime I had communicated with the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs and with the secretary to Dr. Weizmann, emphasizing the importance of scheduling Dr. Weizmann in Detroit on January 27th.

The withdrawal - On Saturday night, December 2nd, word swept through the Standard Club, where the JDC meeting was being held, that a few minutes before Rabbi Morris Lazon of Baltimore, speaking on the Message of Israel hour, which is headed by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, had referred disparagingly and caustically to the forthcoming visit to the United States of Dr. Chaim Weizmann. There was widespread indignation among the delegates.

On Sunday morning, as I was having breakfast at the Congress Hotel, Mr. Lurie called me aside and said that there had been a meeting of the Program Committee of the Council of Federations, headed by Mr. Joseph P. Loeb of Los Angeles, and it had been decided not to invite Dr. Weizmann to come to the Council meeting. The members of the Program Committee were described as feeling that Dr. Weizmann was a political and controversial figure and that he did not fit within the framework of the Council forum. Moreover, he was a nationalist and the Council did not wish to present on its platform a man tied up with ideological views which were bound to arouse controversy.

Naturally, I was stunned, not that Dr. Weizmann needs any additional dates in his schedule, but because of the type of

thinking that had produced this kind of decision. I said to Mr. Lurie that I did not want to put myself in the position of arguing the case for Dr. Weizmann, but I was greatly interested in continued cooperation with the Council of Federations, with which the United Palestine Appeal had had harmonious relationship for the last three years. It would be inevitable, I said, that if this decision were confirmed and made public there would be an outcry that would reverberate throughout the country and have a shattering effect on the harmony which the Council had tried so earnestly to establish in the past few years. I suggested, therefore, the advisability of my meeting with some of the members of the Program Committee who had made this decision so that I might offer observations, not to persuade them that Dr. Weizmann ought to speak at the Council meeting, but of the unwisdom of precipitating an issue which we in the UPA were anxious to avoid not for ourselves but in the interests of the American Jewish community.

Mr. Lurie, who had extended the invitation for Dr. Weizmann, and who felt very keenly that the Program Committee decision was wrong, was good enough on Sunday morning to get together the meeting that I had suggested.

Meeting with the Program Committee - For an hour and a half there was a meeting at which were present Joseph P. Loeb, of Los Angeles, who presided, Dr. Solomon Lowenstein of New York, Mr. William Shroder of Cincinnati, Mr. Henry Monsky of Omaha, Mr. Isidore Sobeloff, executive director of the Detroit Welfare Fund, Mr. Joseph Willen of New York, Mr. Lurie and Mr. Rabinoff, his associate in the Council.

It seemed that Mr. Loeb had been convinced of the unwisdom of the Weizmann invitation by Mr. Shroder who presented a very vigorous dissent from any invitation to Dr. Weizmann to appear on any platform of the Council. He felt that the status of the Jewish community was imperilled, that Dr. Weizmann was a nationalist, that his appearance on the Council platform would precipitate a violent controversy, etc., etc.

However, since the meeting had been called to give me an opportunity to present my observations, I pointed out the following among other things: first, that the invitation had been proffered to Dr. Weizmann through me from the Council and that I had not forced Dr. Weizmann upon the Council; furthermore Dr. Weizmann had been informed through his secretary of the invitation. Secondly, the position of Dr. Weizmann was such as regards world Jewry that it would seem obvious that any section of American Jewry would welcome the opportunity of being with him and of hearing him. I could not believe that the officers of the Council could have any knowledge of the regard in which Dr. Weizmann is held among the masses of Jews not only for himself but as a symbol of a great idea. It would be inevitable that if the fact became public that an invitation to him had been withdrawn there would be an outburst of controversy that would create exactly the feeling which Mr. Shroder seemed to want to avoid. Thirdly, it was true that there were some people in the American Jewish community who were opposed to Palestine and to Zionism. Yet the United Jewish Appeal had been created, Welfare Funds had been established, the Council of Federations had been created, all because of a realization of the fact that in a democratic community the majority will must prevail. It was certainly the will of the overwhelming majority of American Jews to welcome Dr. Weizmann and to be his gracious hosts.

If the Council should now withdraw its invitation it would be in the position of disturbing that harmony which had been built up during the past few years. I pointed out that in a discussion which I had had with several men during the morning they had declared that if the withdrawal of the invitation to Dr. Weizmann stood they would resign from the Council of Federations and would try

their utmost to see that their Welfare Funds severed connections with the Council. I remarked that Dr. Weizmann's symbolism was such as to generate such deep-seated feelings. I urged that the Program Committee of the Council do nothing to precipitate such a controversy.

Fourth, I pointed out that some years ago Mr. George Backer had been invited to address an annual meeting of the Council in which he had presented the so-called assimilationist Jewish point of view. The Council had felt that it must offer a forum from which all points of view could be discussed, since that was the essence of a Welfare Fund - to offer a platform on which all Jews might stand. I also remarked that Mr. Jan Masaryk had been invited to address the last annual meeting of the Council of Federations, even though at the time of the invitation he was an exile from Czechoslovakia and was agitating against Germany. If one were to carry to a logical conclusion the type of reasoning involved in Mr. Shroder's viewpoint it could just as well be said that any American Jew who aided with funds or otherwise the Jews of Germany and Poland was giving help to a belligerent power with whom the United States government had asked us to have no relations. The latter type of reasoning was as specious as the reasoning which prompted the wish to withdraw the invitation to Dr. Weizmann.

Fifth, I pointed out that my keeping silent about the invitation and the withdrawal of the invitation would not affect the fact that many people already knew of the invitation and would equally quickly know of the withdrawal. Apparently discussions on the subject had been held even before we gathered in Chicago, apparently in New York last week. Regardless of my own wishes in the matter I could say very categorically that an issue would be created. What Mr. Shroder was doing was not merely deciding on whether Dr. Weizmann could speak at the Council of Federations meeting but whether Dr. Weizmann could speak at any Welfare Fund function because the same principle prevailed.

Messrs. Monsky and Sobeloff were truly superb in their quiet calm presentation of their reasons why under no circumstances the invitation to Dr. Weizmann should be withdrawn. Mr. Sobeloff pointed out that the majority of Jews in every community would be very eager to have Dr. Weizmann. Moreover, he said, that if the Council withdrew its invitation to Dr. Weizmann for its annual meeting the Detroit community might even go to the extent of arranging a meeting on the very same night as the Council meeting. This was not a very wise suggestion, he said, but indicated the depth of feeling that could be aroused on the subject. He felt that the proponents of withdrawal were exaggerating the issue and that those who might object to Dr. Weizmann were a small minority whose anti-Zionist position was long known and who, at the most, might express criticism of Dr. Weizmann's invitation. However, the overwhelming majority would approve of Dr. Weizmann if the Council should go through with its invitation; the country would take it for granted that the Council was acting in accordance with its normal procedure of inviting distinguished guests. If the invitation should be withdrawn it would stir the very controversy which some of the Council officers seemingly wanted to avoid.

Mr. Monsky pointed out that Dr. Weizmann was a statesman and he could be depended upon to say nothing at the Council meeting in Detroit, the UPA Conference in Washington or any other meeting which he addressed which would in the slightest way affect the status of the American Jews.

To this Mr. Shroder heatedly replied that even if Dr. Weizmann said nothing controversial during his visit to the United States his very presence here would be tied up with his political views. He remarked that during the past month

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Dr. Weizmann had made public his political views including a demand that the Jews be represented at the peace conference after the war in order to assure their rights in Palestine. This he felt was harmful.

Mr. Willen in a very courteous statement expressed his view that the invitation to Dr. Weizmann should not stand; that as firm as I had been in my presentation of the case for Dr. Weizmann, there were many in the community who would, with equal vigor and earnestness, oppose Dr. Weizmann. He felt that very great harm would come to American Jewry if the invitation to Dr. Weizmann should stand. Regardless of what Dr. Weizmann said or did in the United States the very name of Weizmann was a red rag to many American Jews and it would be unwise to wave that rag.

Mr. Loeb who apparently had had no deep convictions on the subject himself remarked at this stage that he personally would not vote to withdraw the invitation and that he felt that the controversy that might be stirred as a result of the withdrawal was too much for him. He remarked that he in Los Angeles had invited many notable Zionists and had sponsored meetings for them, including two notable meetings with Dr. Silver, and that no bad effects had been registered.

Dr. Lowenstein, seemingly feeling very deeply on the subject, said that he was in complete disagreement with what I had said on the subject of Dr. Weizmann. He said that if he had known of the proposed invitation in advance he would very earnestly have opposed the extension of any invitation to Dr. Weizmann. He felt that the visit was inopportune and his appearance on the Council platform unwise. Nevertheless, however, since the invitation had been extended by officers of the Council he believed that unfortunately the only thing that could be done in the circumstances was to go through with the invitation.

The discussion was left on that note. I asked what I was to do in the matter and was told to wait for the next forty-eight hours, when the Council would inform me of the final decision. Subsequently Messrs. Lurie and Rabinoff indicated that undoubtedly the invitation would stand.

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It seems to me that the great importance of the discussion and of the decisions involved is not merely the Council meeting but the whole attitude that might be adopted by a certain fanatic group in the United States to the visit of Dr. Weizmann. Apparently the subject of Dr. Weizmann's visit has been thoroughly discussed in certain quarters especially in New York City and a barrage has been let loose. Inasmuch as it is our program to have Dr. Weizmann appear in eight or ten Welfare Fund cities something may have to be done in advance of the molding of decisions locally to insure that there is no repetition of the disgraceful discussion that took place in Chicago.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH

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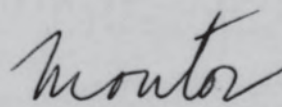
Dear Dr. Silver:

I assume that a copy was sent to you by the Emergency Committee of the exchange of all letters between Richard Lichtheim and Dr. Leo Lauterbach of Jerusalem, in Jerusalem, in regard to Poland, Rumania, and Hungary and the conditions that prevail there affecting refugees.

One receives an entirely different picture from Mr. Lichtheim of the possibilities of JDC operations than may be obtained from the propaganda literature.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested to observe that the regional activities of the Joint Distribution Committee are being continued in full force as is indicated by the following series of dates:

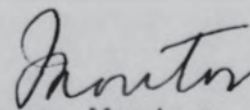
December 10 - J.D.C. Northwest Regional Conference, Seattle, Wash.

January 14 -- J.D.C. Southern Regional Conference, Birmingham, Ala.

March 10 - - -J.D.C. Southwest Regional Conference. (City not yet determined)

March 28 - - -J.D.C. South Central Regional Conference, St. Louis, Mo.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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M E M O R A N D U M

December 5, 1939

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached herewith is a suggested tentative itinerary for Dr. Weizmann's visit to the United States. I drew it up at the request of Dr. Joseph Kohn, Secretary to Dr. Weizmann.

It should be emphasized that the only purpose of this proposed itinerary is to offer a basis for discussion.

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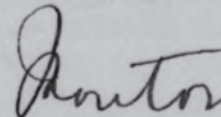
Dear Dr. Silver:

Due to the absence of other signatories from the city, it becomes necessary for me to send you the attached check for your signature. It represents a transfer item of \$1,000 to the Allied Jewish Appeal of Philadelphia from the United Jewish Appeal.

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum which describes the transaction.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I think you will be interested in the following items which I herewith enclose:

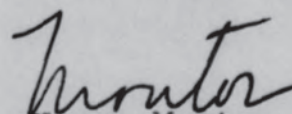
(a) A statement on the regional program of the J.D.C. presented at the Annual Meeting of the J.D.C. in Chicago;

(b) A report on nominations and elections to the J.D.C.;

(c) A report of the Treasurers of the J.D.C.;
and

(c) A statement on campaign activities by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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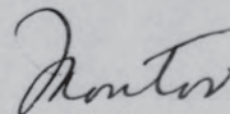
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am preparing a list of those who are to be named as members of the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal which, you will recall, is a list of about 2,000 to 2,500 individuals throughout the country who are leading factors in local campaigns and who may be relied upon to serve the interests of Palestine.

I attach herewith the list of those who served as members of the Council in 1939 and would appreciate your observations as to omissions or inclusions.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The officers of the United Palestine Appeal take pleasure in sending you herewith a copy of the 1939 Year Book of the United Palestine Appeal, which was made possible through the presentation of "Night of Stars" in New York City as the contribution of the leaders of the amusement industry to the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland and the settlement there of refugees.

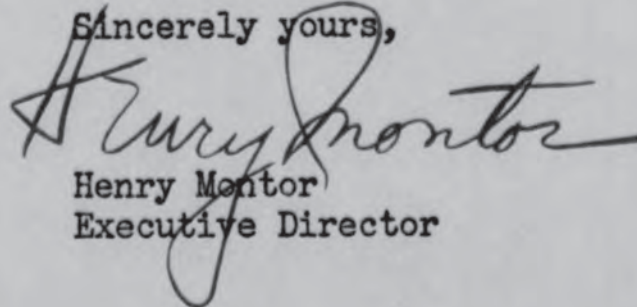
The Year Book is also a reminder of the National Conference for Palestine, which will be held under the auspices of the United Palestine Appeal, at the Hotel Mayflower, Washington, D.C., on January 6th and 7th, 1940. It is our earnest hope that you will be with us on that occasion, which will be marked by the presence of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, one of the most notable figures in modern Jewish history.

During the year ending September 30, 1939, it is estimated that some 35,000 Jews entered Palestine. During that year 51,870 additional dunams of land were acquired by the Jewish National Fund, bringing up to 471,000 dunams the land possessions for colonization purposes.

During that year the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Jewish National Fund expended a total sum of \$11,000,000 for immigration, colonization, land purchase, education, security and the general economic, industrial and cultural development of the country, which now has over 500,000 Jewish inhabitants.

May we take this means of expressing to you, a leader and worker in the 1939 United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs, in which the United Palestine Appeal has been a major beneficiary, our appreciation of the service and the support you extended to make possible these achievements. They mean new opportunity for tens of thousands and rekindled hope for thousands of others.

Sincerely yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

December 7, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I understand that the Council of Welfare Federations has appointed quite a number of representatives of welfare funds throughout the country to sit in with us and the JDC at our Negotiating Committee meetings. It may well be that their number will be from ten to fifteen. If that is so, and if the NRS and the JDC and the UPA will send in five men each to represent them, we will have an unworkable body, and we will get nowhere. Please talk over this problem both with Mr. Hyman or Mr. Coons, and with Mr. Lurie. I am persuaded that we will get much further if each one of the groups will send in no more than two representatives.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

M E M O R A N D U M

December 7, 1939

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached herewith is supplementary material to that which I forwarded to you previously on the audited accounts of the Jewish Agency, Keren Hayesod, Keren Kayemeth, etc.

The purpose of the attached material is to reconcile the accounts as they appear in various books.

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THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

Office of the Executive
P.O. Box 92,
Jerusalem
10th November, 1939

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

Dear Montor:

With further reference to your telegram of the 1st November and our reply of the 3rd regarding the material required by the Allocation Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, I send you herewith the following:

1. Original audited Balance Sheets of the Jewish Agency as at the 30th September, 1936, 1937 and 1938, certificated by Messrs. Kesselman & Kesselman, Certified Public Accountants. These balance sheets are supplemented by a separate statement of income and expenditure of the Central Bureau for the Settlement of German Jews covering the period from 17th October, 1933 to 31st March, 1939, audited and certified by Mr. J. Haft, Public Accountant and Auditor; and this in turn is supplemented by subsidiary Statements of Accounts of:-

- (a) The Central British Fund for German Jewry, and
- (b) The funds of the Council for German Jewry,

both made up the same date as the main statement, audited and certified by Messrs. Braude & Co., Chartered Accountants. Of the last mentioned three Statements, I am only sending you the material parts extracted and certified by the respective auditors; the complete documents are too bulky to be sent by air mail and consist mostly of detailed lists and schedules in which I do not think anybody at your end will be interested.

2. Copies of the audited Balance Sheets of the Keren Hayesod as at the 31st March, 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1939. The copies are certified by Messrs. Russell & Co., Chartered Accountants, who are the auditors of the Keren Hayesod.
3. Original audited Balance Sheets of the Keren Kayemeth Leisrael as at the 30th September, 1936 and 1937, and a copy of their audited Balance Sheet as at the 30th September, 1938 certified by Messrs. Russell & Co., the local agents of the London Chartered Accountants who are auditors of the Keren Kayemeth.

With regard to the material included under para. 1, I should perhaps explain that the Central Bureau for the Settlement of German Jews, although considered practically a department of the Jewish Agency - the so-called "German Department" - is a separate entity with an independent accounting system, (administered, however, by the general accounting department of the Jewish Agency), which is rendered

particularly necessary by the fact that the major part of the Bureau's funds is derived from sources other than the Regular Budget of the Jewish Agency. I am sure you will have no difficulty in tracing the connection between the various accounts submitted. Between the Balance Sheet of the Agency per 30th September, 1938, and the main Statement of the Bureau the connection consists in the third item of expenditure in the Account of Income and Expenditure attached to the Balance Sheet, namely the item "Settlement of German Jews" with a total for the four year specified of LP.101,560,747, and the third item of Section 1 on the Income side of the main Statement of the Bureau, viz. "The Jewish Agency.....Budget, LP.99,309,553". The difference between the two amounts is due to some extent to the difference between the periods covered by the respective accounts, and for the rest to different treatment of various items of income and expenditure by the Jewish Agency and by the Bureau. On the other hand, the subsidiary accounts of the Central British Fund and of the Council for German Jewry are represented in Section 4 ("Special Funds") on the Income and Expenditure sides respectively of the Bureau's main Statement. Here again there are discrepancies due to different methods of treatment of various items by the respective auditors, with regard to which I do not think it necessary to go into elaborate explanations.

With regard to the Balance Sheet of the Keren Hayesod, I should explain how they are related to those of the Jewish Agency. The transfers of Keren Hayesod funds to the Agency are shown by various items of the deductions from Subscriptions on the Liabilities side of the Keren Hayesod Balance Sheets. The first and most important of those items, however, covers not only the transfers to the Agency for the Regular Budget, etc., but also payments to other institutions and some other expenditure as well. A specification of this item is therefore necessary to enable the transfers to the Agency proper to be ascertained from the Balance Sheet. This is done in a separate statement which I enclose and which reconciles the transfers to the Agency according to the Keren Hayesod Balance Sheets with the corresponding figures in the Agency's Income & Expenditure Accounts. You will observe that the reconciliation is necessary also in view of the fact that the two institutions have different accounting years.

I have no remark to make on the Balance Sheets of the Keren Kayemeth except that until the 30th September, 1936, they used to show the receipts from collections gross, and since then they show them net.

I should be in a better position to judge whether and how far all these balance sheets and statements of accounts meet the purpose for which they are required, if I knew exactly what is the information which the Allocation Committee desire. In any case, I enclose one additional statement prepared by each of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth and showing their respective receipts for each of the years covered by their balance sheets, specified according to the contributing countries; you may find this extra information useful. If you require any further information or figures concerning the income, expenditure and activities of any institution or department, please consult the Reports of the Zionist Executive to the last two Congresses which contain a wealth of detailed material.

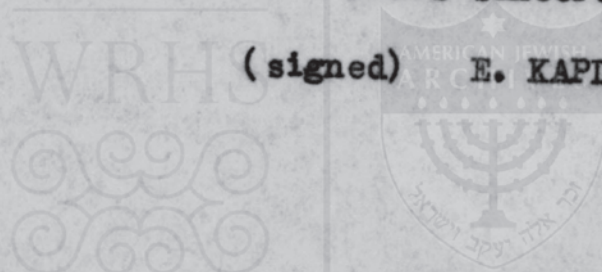
With regard to the accounts for the year 1939, as we said in our telegram of the 3rd November, the Keren Kayemeth and the Agency are preparing provisional, that is to say unaudited, balance sheets as at the 30th September, 1939, and the Keren Hayesod is doing the same although the 30th September is not the end of its financial year. These will take a couple of weeks to prepare, but they will be only first drafts corresponding very roughly to the final audited balance sheets which will follow later. The audit, on the other hand, will take a considerable time, particularly in the case of the Jewish Agency, on whose figures depend also the final accounts of the Keren Hayesod, so that I do not think that the audited balance sheets can be expected before next February. The audit of the Jewish Agency takes so long chiefly because its accounts cover branch offices in many countries from which statements and confirmations have to be obtained and these are very slow in arriving.

In accordance with your request I am sending you this letter with the whole material in two sets, one by Transatlantic Air Mail via Lisbon, and the other via Rome. From the set going via Rome, however, the balance sheets of the Keren Kayemeth are missing, as the Keren Kayemeth happen to possess only one copy here at this moment; but they have instructed their London Office by telegram to send you at once another set of the balance sheets independently.

Please let me know by a short telegram when this letter with the enclosed material reaches you.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) E. KAPLAN



	1.4.35 to 30.9.35 LP.	1.10.35 to 31.3.36 LP.
A. Transfers to Jewish Agency:		
On a/c Regular Budget	121,254.681	94,226.917
" " Emergency Fund ("Mifal Habitzaron")		
" " Loans	70,980.035	
" " Budget for settlement of German Jews		
" " Special Remittances	1,025.000	
" " " Collections ("Hamifdeh Hazoni")		
" " Income from Investments in Previous years	1,445.370	5,895.902
Refund of Consolidation Grant to National Banks in 1930 (principal LP.20,000 interest LP.5989.150)	25,989.150	
Half yearly Totals	220,684.236	100,122.819
Yearly Totals per Accounts of Jewish Agency		
B. Transfers to Other Institutions and Capital Expenditure:		
Jewish Agency London Office	827.279 ⁽¹⁾	
Sundry Budgets	7,211.399	9,386.078
Outlay on Office Building in Jerusalem		
" on Jewish Agency Bldg. in Haifa		
Youth Aliyah (Earmarked Remittances from Canada)		
Mizrachi Palestine Fund) Earmarked Remittances from South Africa)	654,320	600.000
Wizo (Earmarked Remittances from S. Africa)	1,000.000	
Kfar Hanoar Ben-Shemen	366.930	72.000
Hebrew University (Various Earmarked Remittances)		
Various Institutions- Miscellaneous Earmarked Con.	181.338	134.987
National Banks- Refund of Consolidation Grant made in 1930 (see above)	20,000.000	
Sundries out of Shem-Tov Legacy		
Building of Immigrants Hostel in Tel-Aviv, out of Charelik Solomon Trust Fund		
Half-yearly totals	210,935.502	110,315.884
Yearly Totals per Balance Sheets of Keren Hayesod	321,251.386	

- (1) Since 1936 included in transfers to Jewish Agency on a/c of Regular Budget.
(2) Rectification of entry in previous year.

Reconciliation of Accounts
of Jewish Agency and Keren Hayesod
Concerning Transfers to Jewish Agency
(Including Specification of Transfers to Other Institutions etc.)

1.4.36 to <u>30.9.36</u> L.P.	1.10.36 to <u>31.3.37</u> L.P.	1.11.37 to <u>31.3.39</u> L.P.
112,737,991	125,571.300	109,069.564
1,630.147	68,329.398	44,245.411

.34,849.632	30,446.860	12,908.723
431 431.368	1,760.595	13,736.978

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22,389.150		
167,105.269	243,074.818	185,311.575

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432,277.445

1.10.37
to
31.3.38
LP.

90,288.180
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1.4.38
to
30.9.38
LP.

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to
31.3.39
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RECEIPTS OF THE KEREN HAYESOD HEAD OFFICE FOR THE 4 YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 1939.

	April 1, 1935 to March 31, 1936	April 1, 1936 to March 31, 1937	April 1, 1937 to March 31, 1938	April 1, 1938 to March 31, 1939	Total during 1.4.35-31.3.39
1. United States of America	£ 55,581.19.9	£ 160,939.13.10	£ 171,479.19. 3	£ 221,284. 6. 9	£ 609,285.19. 7
2. Europe (excl. Great Britain)	91,503.19.1	133,455.13. 9	121,174.13. 5	97,411.18. 9	443,546. 5. 4
3. South Africa	51,688. 9.0	80,390. 0. 5	84,405. 6. 9	64,611. 8. 2	281,095. 4. 4
4. Great Britain	21,262. 0. 0	37,372. 7. 9	32,598.12. 8	28,223. 2.10	119,456. 3. 3
5. Canada	4,393. 6.4	11,177.13. 6	9,678.12. 7	21,496. 9. 9	46,746. 2. 2
6. South & Central America	4,952. 3.5	6,851. 6. 8	10,243. 9.10	14,543.14. 1	36,590.14. 0
7. Eretz Israel	18,408. 8.7	18,938.10. 1	20,828.18. 0	16,687.15. 0	74,863.12. 1
8. North Africa	1,421. 4. 6	1,407.17. 0	1,584.11.11	2,941.16. 2	7,445. 9. 7
9. Australia & Asia (excl. Eretz Israel)	5,204. 5.1	2,504. 7. 7	2,734.15. 6	10,891. 5. 8	21,334.13.10
10. Security Funds	-----	-----	2,074.11. 7	17,451. 0.11	19,485.12. 6
	<u>£254,415.15.9</u>	<u>£ 453,127.10. 7</u>	<u>£ 456,763.11. 6</u>	<u>£ 495,542.18. 6</u>	<u>£1,659,849.16. 4</u>

RECEIPTS OF THE KEREN KAYEMETH LEISRAEL LTD. HEAD OFFICE, FOR THE 3 YEARS
ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1938.

	1 October 1935 to 30 September 1936	1 October 1936 to 30 September 1937	1 October 1937 to 30 September 1938
	LP.	LP	LP.
United States	90,137	135,071	170,168
Continent of Europe	83,548	120,813	86,569
Great Britain & Ireland	55,356	43,779	38,540
South Africa	27,874	16,324	37,241
Eretz Israel	24,232	31,848	33,862
Canada	8,325	4,187	13,772
Other Countries	8,144	12,234	13,192
Special Donations	11,363	16,806	9,741
	<u>308,979*</u>	<u>381,062</u>	<u>403,085</u>

* This represents net receipts, while the figure given in the Balance Sheet, viz. LP.377,845, represents gross receipts. As from 1937 the Balance Sheet gives the net figures.

December 7, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you for your note informing me about the regional meetings planned by the JEC. I believe that following our January meeting in Washington, we ought to arrange for four or five such regional meetings ourselves, with Dr. Weizmann as the speaker. In other words, when Dr. Weizmann visits, let us say, St. Louis, we should arrange to have a regional conference of the Southwest in that city so that Dr. Weizmann can address not only the community of St. Louis, but representatives of all communities in that section. Perhaps you would want to work out a tentative draft of that plan.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 8, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

To the list of those who served as members of the Council in 1929, from Cleveland, I would add the following:

Rabbi Louis Engelberg
Oheb Zedek Congregation

Judge Joseph H. Silbert
Municipal Court - Cleveland

Mr. Philip Frankel - Chairman, Men's Division - J.W.F.
N. B. C. Building

Mr. Max Freedman - Co-chairman, Men's Division - J.W.F.
Cook Coffee Co. - 3615 Chester Avenue

Mr. S. D. Wise
The Arco Company - 7301 Bessemer Ave.

Mr. Nathan Loeser
National City Building

Mr. Harry Epstein
Nat'l Paper & Twine Co.- 1233 W. 9th St.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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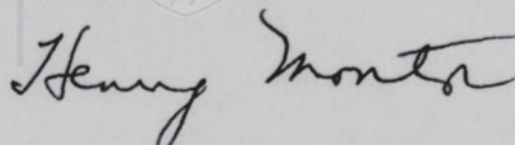
December 8th, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith you will find our check for \$27.99 to cover payment for secretarial service for the month of November and long distance telephone calls and telegrams.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM. SB

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

ON BEHALF OF
AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC.
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and
NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FUND, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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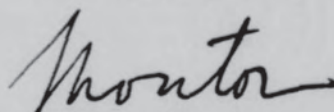
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a wire which I received from Rabbi Julius L. Siegel of Gary, Indiana. I am also attaching a copy of my reply.

It is apparent that every device and technique is being utilized to create confusion. It is fortunate that our friends throughout the country have a sufficient sense of discipline and also an appreciation of their responsibility to ask our opinion.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH
Enclosures

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

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

WESTERN UNION

GARY INDIANA

DECEMBER 7, 1939

HENRY MONTOR, U J A

RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM FRIENDS JEWISH PALESTINE STOP
APPEAL FOR FUNDS HUNDREDS STRANDED DANUBE PLEASE ADVISE

RABBI SIEGEL

NIGHT LETTER

DECEMBER 7 1939

RABBI JULIUS L. SIEGEL
641 DELAWARE STREET
GARY, INDIANA

FRIENDS OF JEWISH PALESTINE IS REVISIONIST ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS NO RELATION TO ANY AUTHORIZED PUBLIC JEWISH FUND RAISING BODY. JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE AND JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE ARE COOPERATING IN EUROPE TO MAXIMUM OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO MEET NEEDS OF REFUGEES WHETHER BOUND FOR PALESTINE OR ELSEWHERE. INTERCESSION OF A BODY WHICH HAS COMPLETELY DISSOCIATED ITSELF FROM RESPONSIBLE JEWISH FUND RAISING CAN ONLY CAUSE CONFUSION AND DUPLICATION OF EFFORT WITHOUT ENLARGING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE INTENDED. WITHIN PAST TEN DAYS UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL FORWARDED FOUR THOUSAND POUNDS FOR SAME PURPOSE INDICATED IN YOUR WIRE. AT THIS MOMENT OF MAXIMUM CLAIMS UPON GENEROSITY OF AMERICAN JEWRY ONLY HARM CAN BE DONE BY DIVERTING FUNDS FROM RECOGNIZED AGENCIES OF ASSISTANCE. DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR SPLENDID COOPERATION IN WIRING FOR MY VIEWS IN MATTER. THANKS FOR YOUR GREAT AID IN RESULTS OBTAINED IN GARY CAMPAIGN. REGARDS

HARRY MORTON

HM:EH

Dr. Silver

M E M O R A N D U M

December 8, 1939

TO: Mr. Isidor Coons

FROM: Mr. Henry Montor

RE: Earmarked money for St. Louis refugees retained by JDC

May I suggest that you advise the JDC to remit to the UJA whatever funds have been accumulated in the separate account that was established by the JDC called "Special Guarantee Fund - SS St. Louis". I make this suggestion in view of the fact that the official minutes of the Allocations Committee of the UJA have been received in this office and specifically refer to a sum of \$500,000 which is assigned to the JDC for the purpose of taking up the underwriting for the St. Louis refugees.

May I summarize the history of this item:

1. On June 26th Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser, treasurer of the JDC wrote that "It has been decided that all checks coming to the office of the J.D.C. in behalf of the passengers on the SS St. Louis should be deposited in the treasury of the J.D.C., with the Chase National Bank. These are to be held in a separate account to be called "Special Guarantee Fund - SS St. Louis", pending definite information as to what our obligation will be, and also a decision of policy in our relationship to the United Jewish Appeal.

"All earmarked items of any nature whatsoever which we retain in our J.D.C. treasury should be separately recorded for the statement which we will ultimately submit to the Allocations Committee."

2. On June 27th you sent me a copy of a memorandum which you addressed to Mr. Keller, the UJA accountant, on the basis of Mr. Goldwasser's memorandum of June 26th. At that time you referred to the fact that the earmarked items referring to the St. Louis refugees "will be separately recorded for the statement which the J.D.C. will ultimately submit to the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal."

Your memorandum of June 27th read as follows:

"For your guidance, I am attaching a copy of an official memorandum which I have received from Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser, Treasurer of the Joint Distribution Committee, setting forth the manner in which earmarked contributions from individuals received by the J.D.C. are to be handled by the JDC in relation to the United Jewish Appeal. I call your special attention to the second paragraph setting forth that all earmarked items of any nature, which are retained by the J.D.C. in its own treasury, will be separately recorded for the statement which the J.D.C. will ultimately submit to the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

"Any further information which either you or the Accounting Department of the United Jewish Appeal desire on this subject of earmarked contributions from individuals for specific purposes should be cleared by you with either Mr. Goldwasser, Treasurer of the J.D.C. or Mr. Louis Rosner, Assistant to the Comptroller of the J.D.C."

3. On June 28th I acknowledged your memorandum to Mr. Keller and wrote as follows:

"I have before me a copy of a memorandum which you have addressed to Mr. Keller, advising him that the JDC is keeping within its own treasury certain funds being remitted to the JDC and earmarked for the St. Louis passengers.

"It would seem to me at first glance that the program suggested represents a departure from the principles laid down for the constitution of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs.

"It was my understanding that funds could be earmarked by donors for either the JDC, the UPA or the NCC, but that the funds would be transmitted to the treasury of the UJA for division on the basis agreed upon.

"I am wondering whether, under the interpretation that has tentatively been made by the JDC, it would not be possible, on a similar basis, for the UPA to receive earmarked funds to permit the admission of particular passengers or a group of passengers into Palestine. As you know, there are quite a number of ships which have sailed off the shores of or have landed in Palestine with refugees from various countries. At times difficulties have accompanied the admission of these passengers. Newspaper emphasis on their plight could undoubtedly create for them the same emotional response that was forthcoming for the passengers on the St. Louis. Would it be your feeling that the UPA was justified in accepting earmarked funds and retaining them within its treasury to make possible the admission of particular boatloads of Jews standing off the shores of Palestine?

"I am submitting to the officers of the UPA a copy of your memorandum to Mr. Keller, together with a copy of the note sent to the accounting department of the JDC by Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser, Co-Treasurer of the UJA and Treasurer of the JDC."

4. In view of the foregoing facts and in view of the decisions of the Allocations Committee of the UJA I assume that you will agree that whatever items have accumulated in the separate account of the JDC are to be turned over to the UJA or the JDC will authorize the UJA to debit its account with that sum.

HM:EH

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is an excerpt
from a letter sent to us by the Executive
Secretary of the Jewish Welfare Federation
of Duluth.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

EXCERPT FROM LETTER SENT TO UPA BY EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY OF JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION OF DULUTH
DECEMBER 5, 1939

At our annual meeting held last night, our Federation went on record favoring the continuance of the United Jewish Appeal for 1940 for the purpose of raising a joint fund to cover the budgets of the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Co-ordinating Committee. It is the opinion of our Federation that by combining these funds as was done in 1939, we were able to raise a great deal more than the previous year and that any deviation from the 1939 combination would greatly endanger the confidence that has been placed in us by our local Jewish community.



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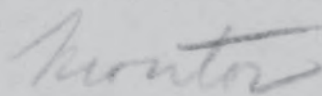
Dear Dr. Silver:

After three days I was able to establish telephonic communication this afternoon with Mr. Baerwald. I suggested that you would be free for a meeting on December 13th or 14th and also referred to alternative dates.

Mr. Baerwald assured me that they were very hard at work on the problem and that he would let me know as soon as possible as to when a meeting could be held.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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DECEMBER 11, 1939

NEW YORK
RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
CHAIRMAN UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
111 FIFTH AVENUE

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF A JEWISH PALESTINE AWAIT REPLY TO ITS
LETTER OF NOVEMBER TENTH ADDRESS TO THE UNITED PALESTINE
APPEAL PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONVERSATION OF
DECEMBER EIGHTH OF MR. GOLLOMB AND MYSELF LOOKING TOWARDS
THE POSSIBILITY OF A UNITED CAMPAIGN FOR A REFUGEE EMIGRATION
OR TRANSPORTATION FUND

LOUIS IL NEWMAN

December 12, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Mr. Sol Cohen who attended the meeting of the UPA yesterday, approached me and asked whether in recognition of the services which he has been rendering to the cause of the UPA for years now, his name can be included in the list of Vice-Chairmen. It would build him up in his home community and would make his services more valuable. I think we ought to act favorably on his request.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. This afternoon, I sent the enclosed telegram to Mr. Baerwald.

December 12, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I think that a picture release and a story on the Washington Conference should be sent to all the Anglo-Jewish papers at once. The story should tell of the remarkably successful campaign of this year, of the thousands of faithful workers who made it possible, of the widespread interest in Palestine which was made manifest during the campaign, of the growing hold which Palestine has been gaining on the interest and loyalty of American Jewry, etc. etc. A sense of satisfaction should be expressed, plus the necessity for increased work and sacrifice in the future. Weizmann's attendance at the Conference should, of course, be featured but not to the point of making the Conference a demonstration for Weizmann rather than for the UPA, its achievements and its tasks.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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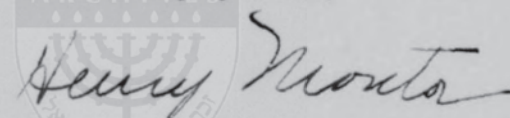
December 12, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a
resolution adopted at the Semi-Annual
Meeting of the Seaboard Zionist Region
and forwarded to the United Palestine Appeal.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

C O P Y

Seaboard Zionist Region
Semi-Annual Council Parley

Petersburg Hotel

Petersburg, Va. - Sunday, December 10, 1939

United Jewish Appeal Resolution

WHEREAS, the sentiment of this region is for continuance of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs,

AND WHEREAS, Zionists in this section favor one United fund for overseas relief and Palestine reconstruction to obviate fund-raising conflict and duplication of effort

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Seaboard Zionists in semi-annual Council Parley assembled that we advocate the renewal of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs, for the year 1940 to include the United Palestine Appeal as one of its major beneficiary agencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that we petition the National Officers of the Zionist Organization of America and the United Palestine Appeal to take the necessary measures to assure and safeguard fair allotment of funds to the United Palestine Appeal.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

BAYONNE U. J. A. CAMPAIGN

460 Broadway

Bayonne, New Jersey

December 12, 1939

United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Attention: Mr. Robert Herman

Gentlemen:

You have no doubt by this time received our check for \$15,000. as payment on account of the moneys allocated by our 1939 campaign committee in Bayonne for the United Jewish Appeal. We are endeavoring to collect the unpaid pledges as speedily as possible, and when substantial collection is made which we hope will be before the end of the year, we shall be in a position to send you another payment.

However, we are confronted with a problem. The Hadassah group in Bayonne, on behalf of the Youth Aliyah movement, and the Gewerkschaften organizations of this city, have made an appeal to us for special allocations in their behalf. Some of the persons affiliated with the said organizations have done valuable work in our current drive and are entitled to serious consideration.

It is the opinion of some of the members of our committee that since the said organizations are of a national or international character, and are engaged in that type of work generally undertaken by the United Jewish Appeal, that these organizations should make arrangements with the United Jewish Appeal to take care of their projects. However, we are informed by some that the U.J.A. is already cooperating with the two hereinbefore mentioned projects. On the other hand, others have advised us that the aforesaid organizations do not receive any financial assistance from the U.J.A.

It seems to us that the two projects are subsidiary to, and affiliated, concurrent and corollary with the United Palestine Appeal, and it is, therefore, our idea that if the United Palestine Appeal does not take care of the two projects, that the amount which we are allocating to the United Palestine Appeal should be earmarked in the two sums necessary to take care of the aforesaid two organizations, which sums have been tentatively set at \$1,080 for the Youth Aliyah and \$500 for the Gewerkschaften.

We understand that the United Jewish Appeal is working under an agreement whereby the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service, Inc. are sharing on certain percentages, so that, if a deduction

is made by us from the allocation to the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service, Inc. will suffer. However, you must appreciate that if we do not make any deduction, and do not allocate to the said Youth Aliyah and Gewerkshaften, we will create antagonism and bad will locally.

We would, therefore, appreciate hearing from you, with an authoritative statement as to how the said Hadassah and Gewerkshaften share in the allocation to you, or any one of your three subdivisions, and, if they do not share, under what conditions the said sum of \$1,580 hereinbefore mentioned can be deducted from the allocation to the United Palestine Appeal?

Please direct your response to this letter to Mr. David Berman, 545 Broadway, Bayonne, New Jersey, as he has been delegated as chairman to solve this problem.

Awaiting to hear from you, we are

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

Irving Meyers, Chairman
Charles H. Dembe, Treasurer



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 19, 1939

Mr. David Berman
545 Broadway
Bayonne, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Berman:

In a letter dated December 12th, Messrs. Irving Meyers, Chairman, and Charles H. Dembe, Treasurer, of the Bayonne United Jewish Appeal have suggested that the amounts requested by friends of certain organizations should be deducted from the allotment to the United Palestine Appeal, which is one of the three beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal.

It is necessary first to understand the function of the United Palestine Appeal, which is composed of the two great national institutions which have the exclusive responsibility for the major programs of rebuilding and reconstruction in Palestine. These institutions are the Palestine Foundation Fund, which assists immigration, colonization, education and other departments of agriculture, industry and culture which enrich the life of Palestine and enlarge the capacity of the country to absorb additional immigration. The Palestine Foundation Fund is the fiscal instrument of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which is recognized by the League of Nations as the supreme Jewish representative in the rebuilding of Palestine.

The Jewish National Fund acquires land in Palestine as the inalienable property of the Jewish people and makes it available for colonization.

The Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund are the only two bodies recognized by the World Zionist Congress and by the Council of the Jewish Agency for Palestine as bearing the supreme responsibility for the upbuilding program in Palestine. Therefore any Jew, whether he be Zionist or non-Zionist, has acquitted most of his Jewish responsibility to the upbuilding of Palestine when he has made a contribution to these funds through the United Palestine Appeal, or as is the case in 1939, through the United Jewish Appeal.

There are, however, supplementary fund-raising bodies which have concerned themselves with specific and supplementary programs which are made possible solely because of the existence of the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund. Thus, the Hadassah has done excellent work in various directions in Palestine. The Gewerkshafte Organization is concerned exclusively with furnishing funds used by the Labor Party in Palestine. It should be noted, however, that the great bulk of the funds expended by the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund is made available for immigration, colonization and general development, inuring to the benefit of the laboring group. Any diminution of the income of the United Palestine Appeal because of deductions for the Gewerkshafte Campaign would be vigorously condemned by the supreme tribunals, the World Zionist Congress and the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

As I understand it, Bayonne is thinking in terms of making a certain percentage of its total funds available to the United Jewish Appeal. It is my hope, of course, that that sum will be at least 75 to 80%, consonant with the increased requirements of the United Jewish Appeal agencies. The balance of the 20 or 25% is apparently being made available to a variety of other organizations, including those in the local, national and overseas field. There is no reason therefore why, if it is felt locally that some recognition should be given to the supplementary activities of Hadassah and Gewerkshafte, such grants should not be made from the 20 or 25% available over and above the amount already intended for the United Jewish Appeal. Any other course would be a grave injustice to the United Palestine Appeal, which shoulders

the extraordinary responsibility involved in the program in Palestine, and to the United Jewish Appeal as a whole.

There are undoubtedly other institutions which have urged their claims upon the consideration of the Bayonne community. It would be no more fair to deduct amounts intended for these other bodies from the United Jewish Appeal allocation than it would be to accede to the suggestion that such sums could be deducted from the United Palestine Appeal or the United Jewish Appeal.

I do not know whether my information on the subject is correct, but I am under the impression that when the campaign was launched in Bayonne it was primarily for the agencies now within the United Jewish Appeal and the National Refugee Service, Inc. Certainly the claim made to the contributors dwelt largely upon the functions and responsibilities of these three agencies. It does not seem that Hadassah registered its claim in advance or that the Gewerkshafte Organization made it clear in advance that its activities were to be included within the campaign. But if any pledges were made to these or to any other bodies surely these pledges must be honored without affecting the pledges that have already been made to the United Jewish Appeal.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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December 13, 1939

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

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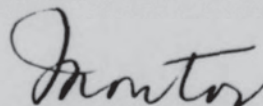
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter
which has been addressed to you and Rabbi Wise
by Louis E. Kirstein.

Would you care to draft a letter dis-
charging the chairman from his obligations and
acknowledging appreciation of his services?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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

Gentlemen:

In submitting the report of the Allocations Committee to you and to the Co-Treasurers of the United Jewish Appeal, the Committee made provision for the expenditure of all funds that will be collected as a result of the 1939 campaign. It is the understanding of the individual members of the Committee and of the Committee as a whole that it has now completed all the work that was assigned to it.

Under the circumstances I feel that the Committee should now be formally discharged and, therefore, ask that you send each member of the Committee a letter to that effect.

Very sincerely yours,

(sgd.)

(Louis E. Kirstein)
Chairman Allocations Committee

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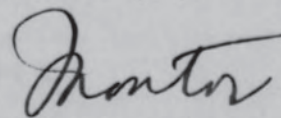
Dear Dr. Silver:

May I again call your attention to the question of an invitation to former President Herbert Hoover to participate in the Washington Conference of the United Palestine Appeal.

You will recall that this question had been discussed on several previous occasions and it was left in the air.

As for myself, I continue to urge that we cannot afford to permit political interests to determine who should be a speaker at our conferences. Hoover on many occasions expressed himself most effectively on the question of Palestine.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

In connection with the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, may I remind you that it was decided to appoint several committees to consider certain matters:

(1) A sub-committee which would review the needs for a UPA regional set-up as well as the general expenditures of the UPA for 1940 as part of the budget of the UPA.

May I suggest the appointment to this committee of Messrs. Arthur M. Lamport, Ferdinand Sonneborn and myself.

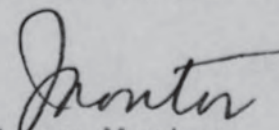
(2) A sub-committee to consider the question of an Advisory Council for the UPA. This Council would be composed of a representative of each of the major Welfare Funds.

May I suggest the appointment to this committee of Dr. Israel Goldstein, Mr. Louis Lipsky and myself.

(3) A program committee. Dr. Wise asked me the other day whether a program committee had been appointed. I answered in the negative. You will recall that at the hotel last Monday night you felt it might be preferable not to emphasize that point at this time.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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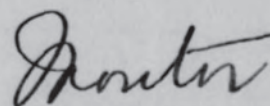
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with the decision at the last meeting of the Negotiating Committees, I informed Mr. Ben V. Cohen that the next meeting of the Negotiating Committees representing the United Palestine Appeal and Joint Distribution Committee will be held at 342 Madison Avenue on Monday, December 18th, at 3:30 P.M.

It was the intention to have him present briefly the case in connection with the recommendations of the Allocations Committee governing the non-refugee organizations.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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December 15, 1939.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Invitations to a conference must necessarily be formal. However, I am sending you this personal note to urge your attendance at the National Conference for Palestine which the United Palestine Appeal is sponsoring at the Hotel Mayflower, Washington, D.C., on Saturday, January 6th, and Sunday, January 7th.

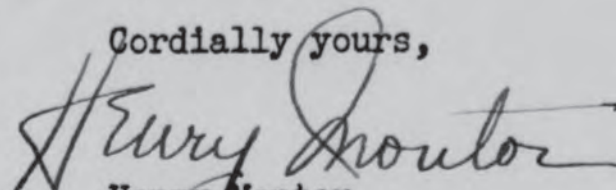
My particular purpose in writing is to call your attention to a private session which is being planned for a selected number of people to discuss those intimate and complex problems which cannot find an adequate place in the agenda of a public conference. This session will take place on Saturday, January 6th, from 2 to 5 P.M. It might be termed an Oneg Shabbat. The Conference publicly opens on Saturday night at 8:30 P. M.

At this meeting there will be no formal speeches of any kind, but a purely informal exchange with three or four experts from Palestine present to answer questions on problems within and affecting Palestine that run the gamut of curiosity and which at the same time have a direct bearing on our knowledge of fundamentals. We shall try to add to the informality of the session through refreshments.

Inasmuch as this will be a private session, it would be helpful to hear from you on the enclosed post card whether you may be expected at what may be one of the most helpful and interesting periods of the conference.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:GM

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



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I can be with you at the private
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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dr. Goldstein
December 15, 1939

Dr. Israel Goldstein
270 West 89 Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

I should like to call your attention to a story which appears in The New Palestine in the current issue in which reference is made to the banquet in Los Angeles sponsored by the local Jewish National Fund. The story for most of the paragraphs is quite interesting and even helpful, but the final brief paragraph goes on to say that as a result of an appeal made by Mr. Strimling there was raised in cash and pledges the sum of \$20,000.

As one who has vigilantly tried to protect the interests of the United Palestine Appeal and its agencies within the United Jewish Appeal, I cannot help but feel that, first, the publicity was anything but discreet and, secondly, we are confronted with an issue which must plague us solely because of publicity. How can we protest in the face of such incidents?

Cordially yours,

HM:BC

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dr Silver

December 15, 1939

Rabbi Louis I. Newman
American Friends of a Jewish Palestine
285 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Newman:

I am directed to inform you that the letter and telegram which you addressed to Dr. Silver and to the United Palestine Appeal were considered by the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal.

In view of the fact that the organization is one which does not have any relations with the authorized bodies of the Jewish Agency for Palestine raising funds for Palestine, it was decided to refer the question for consideration to the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs, which is headed by Dr. Solomon Goldman.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

HM:BC

Henry Montor
Executive Director

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
111 FIFTH AVENUE

MEMORANDUM

Date December 15, 1939

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Subject

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which the Joint Distribution Committee, over the signature of Paul Baerwald, Chairman, sent to leaders of United Jewish Appeal campaigns throughout the country.

HM:BG
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THE AMERICAN JEWISH
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, Inc.

100 East 42nd Street
New York City

those not present at J.D.C. conference
BAERWALD COLLECTION LETTER TO/SELECTED COMMUNITIES.

Our cash position has been a source of great concern to our Treasurers and other officers and members of the Executive Committee and we were compelled to borrow last week \$500,000. This is a grave responsibility and in order that the Jewish communities throughout the United States might be fully informed of this situation, it was brought to the attention of the members of the Joint Distribution Committee at the Annual Meeting held in Chicago on December 2nd and 3rd. It was the unanimous decision that the responsibility for meeting cash requirements should not rest solely on the New York office of the Joint Distribution Committee, and that to tide over the present cash stringency, the Joint Distribution Committee be authorized to borrow up to \$1,000,000, i.e. \$500,000 in addition to the \$500,000 already borrowed.

A special committee consisting of Messrs. William J. Shroder of Cincinnati, I. Edwin Goldwasser and Abner Bregman of New York, after thorough deliberation, submitted the following recommendations to the Annual Meeting, which were unanimously approved.

1. That with respect to collections on account of the 1939 campaign, all communities be urged to transfer to the United Jewish Appeal, at the earliest moment, as large an amount of cash as possible; and that with regard to further collections, funds be made available at intervals of not more than thirty days, instead of accumulating collections and forwarding remittances to the United Jewish Appeal quarterly or at other arbitrary stated periods.
2. That the communities throughout the country explore the possibilities of borrowing from local banks against their own pledges, advising the Treasurers of the Joint Distribution Committee of the amounts which they feel they may thus be able to borrow and the rate of interest to be paid. This recommendation was in the nature of an exploratory effort.

The foregoing, of course, reflects the cash needs of the Joint Distribution Committee only and does not relate to the requirements of the National Refugee Service and the United Palestine Appeal, which organizations I understand are also faced with serious cash stringency.

All the members present at the Annual Meeting were deeply concerned with the desperate need, as presented in the enclosed confidential report of the Treasurers and they indicated their readiness and willingness to bring this situation to the attention of their contributors and to urge them wherever possible, to anticipate payment of their pledges.

I would like to ask you, in the light of these circumstances, to let me know whether an immediate substantial remittance can be sent to the United Jewish

Appeal. While it may be that another instalment is not technically due the United Jewish Appeal against its allotment at this time, I feel that you will be willing to use your good offices to see that an advance payment is made to help us meet our present difficult situation.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Paul Baerwald
Chairman

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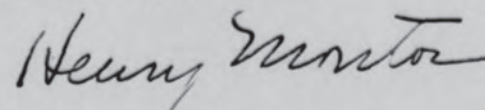
Attached herewith is a list of the officers of the United Palestine Appeal including the list of Honorary Vice-Chairmen. I have indicated by asterisks the names of those Honorary Vice-Chairmen who are to be added for 1940.

At an interview which I had with Mednel Fisher on Friday he informed me that it had been decided by the negotiating committee representing the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth not to include on the Administrative Committee any of the additional names that I had suggested. It had also been decided to retain all the names that were on the Administrative Committee in 1939 regardless of their non-participation in United Palestine Appeal activities and regardless of the fact that many of them had not even shown up at a single meeting.

I was appropriately indignant but I am afraid it will probably end up just with indignation, and things will go on as they are.

I am attaching herewith two lists, one showing the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal as it has been in 1939, and a list of the Administrative Committee as I propose it for 1940.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

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December 15, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter
from Isadore Breslau who has been most helpful
to us in Washington.

Do you think that this matter should
be pursued further in view of Mr. Frankfurter's
judgment.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

C O P Y

AMERICAN ZIONIST BUREAU

December 14, 1939

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

Dear Montor:

In speaking to Mr. Brandeis yesterday afternoon, I mentioned your request that Lothian be invited for the UPA Conference. He felt it could do no harm, but suggested that I get Mr. Frankfurter's opinion, inasmuch as Justice Frankfurter sees Lothian very often and is an intimate friend of his.

This morning while Dr. Goldman was in the office, I had Frankfurter's answer. His advice is very definitely not to invite Lothian, in fact, he urges that we do not invite him. Dr. Goldman felt that we ought to follow Frankfurter's advice. What do you think?

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Isadore Breslau

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

How many resolutions and of what
nature ought there to be for adoption
at the United Palestine Appeal Confer-
ence in Washington?

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Treasurer

Arthur M. Lampert

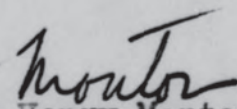
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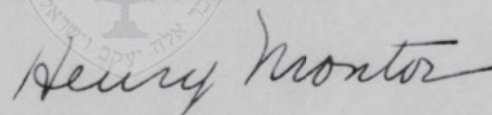
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter
from Mr. Joseph M. Berne, President of the Jewish
Welfare Federation of Cleveland.

Whom shall the United Palestine Appeal
designate to this post?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION
and
THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND
of Cleveland

Dear Sirs:

In order that we may announce the appointment of the Welfare Fund Committee of the Federation for 1940, as soon as possible, will you be kind enough to advise us whom your Organization desires to have represent it on this Committee?

Very truly yours,

THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

(Signed) J. M. BERNE

President.

December 14th, 1939.

on file

December 18, 1939

Mr. Harry L. Lurie
Council of Federations & Welfare Funds
165 West 46 Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Lurie:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 8th, containing an invitation for Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, to participate in the annual meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds at the session in Detroit on Saturday evening, January 27. Thank you for the information that Dr. Weizmann's address is expected to be thirty-five minutes in length. I observe that you are addressing an invitation to Dr. Silver to introduce Dr. Weizmann on January 27th.

We are including the visit by Dr. Weizmann to Detroit for the meeting of the Council in his schedule, with final decision to be made by Dr. Weizmann upon his arrival in the United States which is expected in the latter part of December.

May I present to you the formal and urgent request of the officers of the United Palestine Appeal that in listing the theme of the meeting on Saturday evening, January 27th, you use the phrase "Overseas, Palestine and Refugee Problems", and not, as is indicated in your letter of December 8th, merely "Overseas and Refugee Problems". I am sure that you will understand and be willing to comply with the suggestion on the part of the United Palestine Appeal.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

HM:BC

Henry Montor
Executive Director

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 18, 1939

Hon. Louis D. Brandeis
2205 California St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Justice Brandeis:

I assume that you have been informed of the fact that "The American Friends of a Jewish Palestine" in a bulletin dated December 1939 have made public reference to the fact that "Justice Brandeis graciously received the honorary chairman, Rabbi Newman, the chairman, Harvey L. Schwamm, and the executive secretary, Mr. Ben-Ami, at his home in Washington on Nov. 20 for a conference at which important issues raised by the organization were satisfactorily discussed."

I have reflected for a long time on the question as to whether I had any right whatsoever even to refer to this item in correspondence with you. But as Executive Director of the United Palestine Appeal I think I owe it to you to say that the form in which this statement has been broadcast is deliberately intended -- and will be regarded by the public as such -- to convey the impression that you have approved the campaign of the American Friends of a Jewish Palestine, a Revisionist front organization.

I am wondering if that has been your intention.

Sincerely yours,

HM:FE

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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December 19, 1939

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Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested in an exchange of
correspondence which throws light on some of
our problems.

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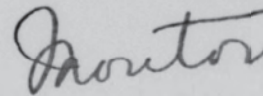
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Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH
Encls.

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

UNITED NATIONS APPEAL
111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 18, 1939

Rabbi Max Kirshblum
Mizrachi Organization
1133 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Kirshblum:

Thank you for your letter of
December 15th.

The program at Washington must
be confined within a limited period of
time. Much as I should like to accede to
your suggestion and to have on the program
in Washington all our friends from Palestine,
I am afraid that it is physically impossible.

I am sure that you will understand.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

C O P Y

MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1133 Broadway

New York, N. Y.

December 15, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Knowing that you are about to make up the program of the forth-coming Annual United Palestine Appeal Conference in Washington, D. C., in which Palestinian guests will undoubtedly be given an opportunity for utterance, I wish to call your attention to the presence in this country of Rabbi Wolf Gold, our Merkaz Olami chairman.

Will you kindly acquaint me of your decision in that regard by return mail, since that will help me decide as to whether I should arrange for Rabbi Gold to participate in the above-mentioned conference.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely yours,

Max Kirshblum
Executive Secretary

December 19, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Mr. J. T. Selzman, 867 Thornhill Drive,
a member of The Cleveland Zionist Society, would
like to attend the Palestine Conference in Washington.
Rabbi Silver has requested me to write to you and
ask you to send Mr. Selzman whatever credentials
he may require to do so.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS
2205 CALIFORNIA STREET
WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 20, 1939

Dear Henry Montor:

Re Yours of 18th

There was no such "intention". Nor was anything said at the interview to justify the statement in the bulletin to which you refer. But I think it wise to say nothing in print to correct the impression you think has been made.

You may care to talk with Robert Szold to whom I wrote at the time of the interview and am now sending your letter.

Cordially,

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS

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December 20, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Rabbi Silver sent the enclosed telegram to
Messrs. Paul Baerwald and H. L. Lurie today.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

December 20, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I wired Mr. Baerwald this morning suggesting that our committees meet either next Tuesday or Thursday.

At the meeting of the Executive of the UPA Thursday morning, the subject of the inclusion of ORT and HIAS should be discussed. I do not think that we should put ourselves in opposition to the expressed wishes of the Council of Welfare Federations on this score. The JDC people have already indicated their ultimate approval. What we should insist on is that the amount allocated to these organizations should be determined by a careful audit of their actual income, deducting, of course, their campaign expenses. We will then perhaps find that the total to be allocated to both organizations will not exceed a half million dollars.

As regards quotas, it is clear that we cannot go into the 1940 campaign with the certainty of receiving less as our share than in 1939. Perhaps we ought to make the proposal that out of the first sixteen million dollars, the JDC is to receive eight; UPA, four; The National Refugee Service, three and a half; the Ort and Hias, one half million dollars together. Considering that out of the 1939 funds, the JDC was actually given \$7,600,000 (the other million being for special earmarked items not recurring in 1940) it will actually be receiving an increase in 1940, and so will the National Refugee service, while the UPA remains at four million dollars.

The traditional collections of the JNF should not be included in this figure. Over and above the sixteen million dollars, it is safe to give the JDC almost any percentage, because in all likelihood, no larger sums will be raised next year.

Of the three letters which you sent me, Drafts B and C are O.K. I have revised Draft A somewhat and I am enclosing herewith the revised letter.

Are you in a position definitely to set the date for Dr. Weizmann's visit to Cleveland? How long will he remain here? I understand that the present plans call for a community mass meeting under the auspices of the Jewish Community Council representing the entire city, and a luncheon or dinner meeting under the auspices of the Jewish Welfare Fund for the official campaign family. How long will Dr. Weizmann be able to remain in the city? Mr. Cohen spoke to me about Dr. Weizmann's desire to meet with a small group in Cleveland to present to them the needs of the Zieff Institute.

Mr. Montor

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December 20, 1939

Does he still want that?

Have you heard from Hoover and Lothian? And how about the music for the Convention?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



DRAFT A

LETTER OF INVITATION ADDRESSED TO WELFARE FUNDS ASKING THEM TO APPOINT A
REPRESENTATIVE ON ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

Dear Mr. President:

The United Palestine Appeal, as the central instrument of American Jewry for the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine, has taken into consideration the transformation that has occurred in recent years in fund-raising methods for Palestine and oversea purposes.

It is therefore decided to entrust to Welfare Funds, which are responsible for raising a large part of the funds of the United Palestine Appeal, a more direct participation in its work.

We believe that we are the first national fund-raising organization in the United States to create such an Advisory Council to which Welfare Funds are invited to appoint their own representatives. The function of this Council would be to meet from time to time as circumstances require; its members will be kept fully and constantly informed of every development in the programs of the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund which compose the United Palestine Appeal; and the views and advice of the Welfare Funds of the country will help to mold in a very real way decisions affecting every phase of the reconstruction activities in Palestine.

The officers of the United Palestine Appeal herewith invite to appoint one official representative to sit on the Advisory Council of the United Palestine Appeal. We hope that with your cooperation we will be able to make the United Palestine Appeal more truly representative than ever before of the will of organized American Jewry and of its interest in the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Awaiting your kind response, permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

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FOLLOWING CABLE SIGNED ARIEH SHENKAR PRESIDENT PALESTINE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION ADDRESSED TO YOU QUOTE REFERRING HOCHFLEDS APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE MANUFACTURERS FOR URGENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH PALESTINE INDUSTRIAL BANK FOR SMALL AND MIDDLE SIZED ENTERPRISES EMPLOYING THOUSAND WORKMEN STOP MATTER EXTREMELY URGENT STOP REQUEST ALLOT FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING THUS ENABLING THEM CARRY ON ACTIVITIES DURING EMERGENCY UNQUOTE WHAT ANSWER=

HENRY MONITOR.

.ARIEH SHENKAR.

December 20, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I would appreciate it if you would send me a few glosses and biographic material on Dr. Kingdon who is to occupy my pulpit on January 7; also two or three subjects on which he ususally discourses so that I can select one.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

December 21, 1939

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
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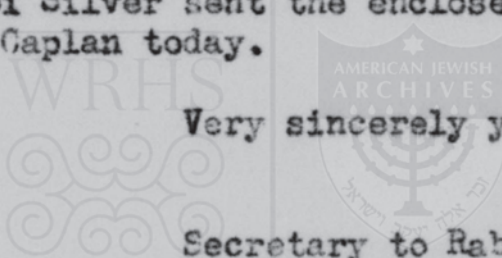
My dear Mr. Montor:

Rabbi Silver sent the enclosed letter
to Mr. Samuel Caplan today.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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=WOULD YOU WISH TO HAVE DINNER FIXED FOR THE UPA NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR SIX OCLOCK TUESDAY EVENING TO DISCUSS UPA POSITION PRIOR TO GOING TO CONFERENCE OF NEGOTIATING COMMITTEES. LURIE OF COUNCIL WAS GIVEN IMPRESSION THAT NRS HAS BEEN INVITED ASSUME YOUR TELEGRAM TO BAERWOAL WAS SPECIFIC THAT ONLY JDC UPA AND COUNCIL TO ATTEND=

MONTOR.

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Henry Montor
111 Fifth Avenue
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NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING SET TUESDAY DECEMBER 26, 8 P.M.
AT 342 MADISON AVENUE

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Temple

East 105th Street and Ansel Road
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Dear Dr. Silver:

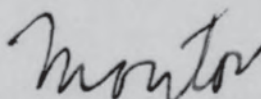
This will confirm the booking of Dr. Frank Kingdon to occupy your pulpit on Sunday, January 7th, 1940.

Attached hereto is biographical material on Dr. Kingdon which you will no doubt wish to use in connection with publicizing his visit to Cleveland. I am also attaching a speaker's information blank which we would very much appreciate your having filled in and returned to us, so that we may have the necessary details to convey to Dr. Kingdon.

You will, of course, be notified of the time of Dr. Kingdon's arrival, so that whatever arrangements are necessary to be made for his visit can be taken care of.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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December 22, 1939

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

DINNER SIX O'CLOCK TUESDAY EVENING COMMODORE HOTEL SATISFACTORY. TELEGRAM
BAERWALD CLEARLY STATED MEETING NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE ONLY JDC
UPA AND COUNCIL. HAVE ALSO WIRED ROSENWALD TO THAT AFFECT.

A H SILVER

(Collect)

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December 22, 1939

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

After my telephone conversation with you today I spoke again to Joseph Schwartz, Secretary of the Joint Distribution Committee, who informed me that the invitations to the JDC people on the Negotiating Committee had already been extended and that my insistence that there be only three representatives of the JDC would embarrass them greatly. He said that Mr. Baerwald strongly urged that the four people who represent the JDC be allowed to stand. Under the circumstances there was nothing I could say except to indicate that there would be four representatives of the United Palestine Appeal. The list, therefore, stands as follows:

For the United Palestine Appeal: Yourself, Dr. Goldman, Judge Rothenberg and Arthur Lampert. I had invited Mr. Lipsky to be the fourth member but he had already undertaken to address a Zionist meeting in Washington, D. C. on Tuesday evening, and therefore he could not accept.

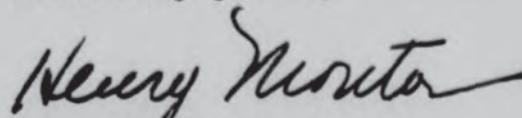
For the Joint Distribution Committee: Paul Baerwald, James Becker, Solomon Lowenstein and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise.

For the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds: Sidney Hollander of Baltimore, Irvin Bettmann of St. Louis and Samuel A. Goldsmith of Chicago.

In addition to the above representative entitled to a vote if votes count, there will be the executives involved. That is, Schwartz for the JDC, Coons and myself as the JDC and UPA men in the UJA, and Harry L. Lurie for the Council.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

P.S. A dinner has been arranged for the members of the UPA Negotiating Committee at six o'clock at the Commodore Hotel on Tuesday evening, December 26th.

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December 22, 1939.

Rabbis Abba Hillel Silver and Jonah B. Wise,
National Chairmen,
United Jewish Appeal,
New York City.

Dear Rabbis Silver and Wise:

As Executive Vice-Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal for 1939 we are deeply appreciative of the devotion, loyalty and measurable sacrifice contributed to the campaign by each and every member of the staff. We have, therefore, given careful consideration and study to the desirability of recommending that the employees of the United Jewish Appeal receive a bonus.

We recommend bonuses on the following bases:

- 1) All employees whose salaries are less than \$5,200 a year, with the exception of those specially noted below, receive a bonus equivalent to one week's salary. The total for this group would amount to \$3,163.30

- 2) Employees who should receive special consideration:

M. Robert Herman, Director of Field Staff, Yearly salary \$7,500 - Recommended bonus	500.00
Abram S. Magida, Associate Director of Field Staff. Yearly salary \$4,680 - Recommended bonus	200.00
Alex Rothenberg, Office Manager Yearly Salary \$5,200 - Recommended bonus	150.00
Abraham Keller, Chief Accountant Yearly Salary \$3,600 - Recommended bonus	150.00

Julia Rubenstein, Assistant to Executive Vice-Chairmen. Not on U.J.A. payroll.

Recommended bonus 200.00

Total recommended bonuses

\$4,363.30

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and officers

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

December 22, 1939.

Attached hereto is a complete list of the payroll of the United Jewish Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

Isidor Coons *Henry Montor*

Isidor Coons

Henry Montor

Executive Vice-Chairmen



<u>D E P A R T M E N T</u>	<u>WEEKLY RATE</u>	<u>MONTHLY RATE</u>	<u>ANNUAL RATE</u>	<u>Overtime payments as of 11/30</u>
<u>Executive</u>				
Henry Montor	\$175.00	\$758.34	\$9,100.00	-
Lillian J. Geher	31.15	135.00	1,620.00	198.30
Zoe Weil	25.38	110.00	1,320.00	97.48
Bertha Greenhouse	25.30	109.64	1,316.00	25.70
Beatrice Cohen	32.00	138.66	1,664.00	50.40
Stanley H. Silverman	46.15	200.00	2,400.00	-
Estelle Blumenthal	34.61	150.00	1,800.00	84.50
Jessie Burns	40.38			
<u>OFFICE MANAGER</u>				
Alex Rothenberg	100.00	433.32	5,200.00	
Minda Smilowitz	25.38	110.00	1,320.00	81.92
Sylvia Gropper	23.08	100.00	1,200.00	42.12
<u>Accounting Department</u>				
Abraham Keller	69.23	300.00	3,600.00	-
Irma Heller	34.61	150.00	1,800.00	154.70
Pearl Wechsler	25.38	110.00	1,320.00	20.49
<u>Filing - Mailing Department</u>				
Florence M. Schulkind	87.22	161.28	1,935.36	61.60
Frances V. Wigler	18.00	78.00	936.00	32.70
Frieda Ehrlich	21.92	95.00	1,140.00	71.78
Elsie Plotkin	18.00	78.00	936.00	17.68
Sylvia C. Linder	21.92	95.00	1,140.00	31.54
Jennie G. Heyman	22.00	95.32	1,144.00	14.94
<u>Secretaries - Field Department</u>				
Irene B. Black	34.61	150.00	1,800.00	149.50
Emma Greenbaum	25.38	110.00	1,320.00	69.44
Ester Hoffman	26.00	112.66	1,352.00	37.38
Eddie Werner	20.77	90.00	1,080.00	117.66

DEPARTMENTWEEKLY RATEMONTHLY RATEANNUAL RATERecords Department

Hilda Balter	\$ 46.15	\$200.00	\$2,400.00	-
Irene Prager	36.09-	156.40	1,876.80	56.70
Bertha N. Plotkin	26.54	115.00	1,380.00	57.66
Ethel Weitz	20.77	90.00	1,080.00	39.42
Ethel Goldstein	21.92	95.00	1,140.00	120.18
Mildred Fau	25.00	108.32	1,299.84	38.00
Ethel Bantit	25.38	110.00	1,320.00	176.60
Bertha R. Schiff	18.00	78.00	936.00	38.82
Vivian Hoffman	23.08	100.00	1,200.00	34.44
Isobel Rosenberg	23.08	100.00	1,200.00	29.04
Bernard Leopold	18.00	78.00	936.00	26.02
Doris Lichter	23.08	100.00	1,200.00	22.01

Collection Department

Leonard Spinrad	34.61	150.00	1,800.00	18.20
Frances Fribourg	34.61	150.00	1,800.00	179.40

Stenographers - Clerks - Typists

Lina S. Tepper	30.00	130.00	1,560.00	140.94
Sylvia C. Cohen	25.38	110.00	1,320.00	65.68
Lillian Greenspan	25.38	110.00	1,320.00	5.16
Charlotte Berger	18.00	78.00	936.00	27.38
Jacqueline Birkhahn	25.38	110.00	1,320.00	62.92
Helen B. Adler	25.38	110.00	1,320.00	41.28
Grace Gray	23.08	100.00	1,200.00	56.55
Beatrice L. Kolodney	20.77	90.00	1,080.00	8.12
Blanche Greenhouse	21.92	95.00	1,140.00	-
Dorothy Berkai	23.08	100.00	1,200.00	12.92
Doris Breger	23.08	100.00	1,200.00	15.66
Floret Spellman	21.92	95.00	1,140.00	58.4

DEPARTMENTWEEKLY RATEMONTHLY RATEANNUAL RATESwitchboard - Receptionist

Cele Stutz

\$25.40

\$110.12

\$1,321.00

35.52

Madelyn Schwartz

25.38

110.00

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Stockroom

Milton Sytin

18.00

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Bernard Grob

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Eli Hurewitz

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Frank Rosner

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Oscar Cohen

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Larry Israel

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Speakers Bureau

Edith Fayer

23.08

100.00

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Flora Fisher

34.61

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Minna Silver

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Publicity Department

Meyer Steinglass

80.99

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4,160.00

Benjamin Hanft

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Lawrence Gould

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2,340.00

Frances Wills

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DEPARTMENTWEEKLY RATEMONTHLY RATEANNUAL RATEField Staff

M. Robert Herman	\$144.23	\$625.00	\$7,500.00
Abram S. Magida	90.00	390.00	4,680.00
Arthur Adams	100.00	433.32	5,200.00
Walter Douglas	75.00	325.00	3,900.00
Irving Le Roy	75.00	325.00	3,900.00
Louis J. Platt	90.00	390.00	4,680.00
Archie L. Davidson	60.00	260.00	3,120.00
Albert J. Amateau	80.00	346.66	4,160.00
Maurice Klatch	75.00	325.00	3,900.00
Benjamin Teitelbaum	60.00	260.00	3,120.00
Stanley F. Weiner	75.00	325.00	3,900.00
<i>out</i> <i>employed</i> <i>on temporary</i> <i>basis &</i> <i>released</i> Leo S. Adler	65.00	281.66	3,380.00
Nathan Weisman	86.54	375.00	4,500.00
Harry L. Shapiro	70.00	303.32	3,640.00
Simon J. Levin	80.00	346.66	4,160.00
Meyer S. Mintz	80.00	346.66	4,160.00
Philip Potash	70.00	303.32	3,640.00
<i>out</i> <i>resigned</i> High Salpeter	85.00	368.32	4,420.00
Robert Silverman	110.00	476.66	5,720.00
Bernard Stone	110.00	476.66	5,720.00
H. Lee Goldby	100.00	433.32	5,200.00
<i>out</i> <i>just</i> <i>employed</i> Bernard Gottlieb	75.00	325.00	3,900.00
James F. Danner	75.00	325.00	3,900.00
Daniel Schacht	60.00	260.00	3,120.00

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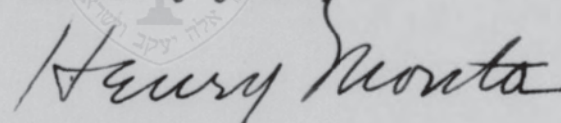
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which Breslau received from Abraham Goldstein of Cheyenne, Wyoming, suggesting that Senator O'Mahoney should be invited to speak at the Washington Conference.

Should we extend an invitation to him for the banquet on Sunday night?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

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625 Woodward Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Rabbi:

On December 8 here in Cheyenne, I had occasion to talk with United States' Senator, Joseph C. O'Mahoney. During the course of that conversation, Senator expressed his complete sympathy and accord with the Jewish settlement in Palestine, and with the Balfour Declaration. He had previously, in 1938, been very vigorous in his protest at Britain's repudiation of the Declaration.

In view of the above facts, I should like you to have the Senator invited to speak to the Washington Conference to be held on January 7, and 7, 1940. Senator O'Mahoney is an exceptionally fine orator, and his outstanding record in Washington will make it an honor to the meeting to have him present. I can assure you, also, that it will arouse great interest among the Jewish people of this state and section toward Palestine Appeal, since they are influenced to a large extent by the Senator's stand in such matters of public interest.

I feel quite sure that he will be glad to accept your invitation. I hope that you will find this suggestion acceptable, and I shall surely appreciate hearing from you with regard to it.

Very sincerely yours,

Abraham Goldstein.

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FOLLOWING WIRE CAME FROM WILLIAM L HOLZMAN PRESIDENT OMAHA
FEDERATION FOR JEWISH SERVICE COMMUNITY WOULD DEEPLY
APPRECIATE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE BEFORE THIS SUNDAY
MORNING WHEN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN
OMAHA QUOTE OMAHA JEWISH FEDERATION INVITES YOU TO ADDRESS
ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING TO BE HELD LATE IN JANUARY OR
EARLY IN FEBRAUARY ON DATE CONVENIENT FOR YOU THIS MEETING
IS MOST IIMPORTANT COMMUNAL EVENT AND GIVES TONE TO 1940
JEWISH WELFARE FUND CAMPAIGN WE HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT AND
ADVISE DATES CONVENIENT TO YOU KINDEST REGARDS UNQUOTE WHAT
IS YOUR DECISION=

HENRY MONTOR.

1940.

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

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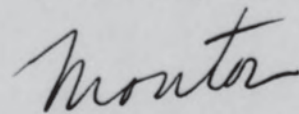
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I sent a letter to Mr. Justice Brandeis on December 18th with reference to a story publicly issued by the American Friends of a Jewish Palestine, which indicated that Brandeis had approved its purpose.

Attached herewith is a copy of my inquiry and of his reply to me.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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INDEFINITE BECAUSE OF PENDING JANUARY SCHEDULE INCLUDES WEIZMANN
IN CLEVELAND FEBRUARY ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH FOR LUNCHEON SPONSORED
BY CLEVELAND WELFARE FUND AND MASS MEETING SPONSORED BY JEWISH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL WIRE IF THESE DATES SATISFACTORY REGARDS=

HENRY MONTOR=

December 27, 1939.

MR. HENRY MONTOR

CC: DR. SILVER

MR. MENDEL N. FISHER

The negotiations for the 1940 agreement with the K.H. and the K.K. have been concluded.

The Committee unanimously approved the following:

- 1- The officers for 1940.
- 2- The Administrative Committee. (A number of recommendations you have made to serve on the Administrative Committee were approved and added to the list.)
- 3- The Board of Directors for 1940. (This includes all of the names you recommended in the set-up for 1940.)
- 4- The Honorary Vice-Chairmen, (who are the same as last year except that the name of Sol Cohen has been added, at the suggestion of Dr. Silver.)

MNF:RB
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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE= 2 EAST 105 ST

WRHS



IN VIEW OF DECISION TO GRANT WEEKS SALARY TO EMPLOYEES UJA
FEEL IT WOULD BE MOST FAIR FOR SIMILAR ACTION TO BE TAKEN
FOR EMPLOYEES IN UPA OFFICE AMOUNT INVOLVED WOULD NOT EXCEED
\$250. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMING BY WIRE=
HENRY MONTOR.

.UJA UPA \$250 ABBA HILLEL.

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

:DLR THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

=FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO YOU AND RABBI JONAH WISE BY BISHOP BERNARD J SHEIL WHO ASKED THAT YOU QUOTE FEEL FREE TO CRITICIZE AND SUGGEST ANY CHANGES YOU DEEM ADVISABLE UNQUOTE. HE WILL MAIL FORMAL LETTER UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER. QUOTE MY VERY DEAR FRIENDS: NO WORDS I AM ABLE TO COMMAND CAN ADEQUATELY EXPRESS MY PROFOUND AND ABIDING GRATITUDE FOR YOUR PRINCELY GIFT TO OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE PIUS XII. I ADMIRE AND REVERE THE NOBLE SPIRIT WHICH PROMPTED YOU TO HONOR IN THIS GRACIOUS AND GENEROUS MANNER THE MEMORY OF THAT TRULY GREAT AND GODLY MAN, POPE PIUS XI OF HAPPY MEMORY. NO MAN IN OUR DAY OR GENERATION FOUGHT MORE VIGOROUSLY OR COURAGEOUSLY THE FANATICISM OF EXCESSIVE RACIALISM THAN PIUS XI. WHEN CRUEL AND TYRANNICAL LAWS WERE ENACTED AGAINST YOUR PEOPLE, HIS FEARLESS VOICE WAS RAISED IN INDIGNANT PROTEST. HE DENOUNCED RACIAL INTOLERANCE AND HATRED AS CONTRARY TO THE LAWS OF GOD, TO THE DICTATES OF RIGHT REASON AND TO THE WELFARE OF CIVILIZATION. CONSEQUENTLY, ANY MAN OR GROUP OF MEN WHO FOSTERS THIS IGNORANT AND MALIGNANT SPIRIT OF RACIALISM IS THE ENEMY OF RELIGION AND OF CIVILIZATION. IT SEEMS BEAUTIFULLY APPROPRIATE THEREFORE THAT YOU SHOULD HONOR THE MEMORY OF THIS COURAGEOUS CHAMPION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY=

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HW205 SHEET 2=

ENABLING HIS SUCCESSOR TO BRING SOME SMALL MEASURE OF RELIEF TO THE VICTIMS OF THIS ODIUS TYPE OF TYRANNY. ALTHOUGH THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED MORE PERHAPS THAN ANY OTHER PEOPLE FROM THE EXCESSES OF MALIGN RACIALISM, YET THE PAINFUL PROBLEMS GROWING OUT OF THIS INHUMAN, UNGODLY FANATICISM, ARE BY NO MEANS EXCLUSIVELY JEWISH PROBLEMS. THEY ARE OF PROFOUND AND VITAL CONCERN TO CATHOLICS, TO PROTESTANTS AND TO MEN OF GOOD WILL EVERYWHERE. THOSE WHO CARE NOT FOR THE LIBERTIES AND WELFARE OF OTHERS DESERVE NOT LIBERTY AND WELLBEING FOR THEMSELVES AND UNDER THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD THEY CANNOT LONG ENJOY THEM. LEAST OF ALL CAN WE AMERICANS BE INDIFFERENT TO THE VICTIMS OF TYRANNY AND OPPRESSION. OUR TRADITIONS, OUR INSTITUTIONS, OUR NATIONAL SPIRIT AND TEMPERAMENT, NURTURED BY AND ROOTED IN THE SOIL OF LIBERTY, MAKE TYRANNY IN EVERY FORM PECULIARLY ODIUS TO US. IS IT NOT BITTER MOCKERY, AND ODIUS HYPOCRISY FOR ANY MAN WHO PROFESSES TO BELIEVE IN THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN TO HATE AND TO PERSECUTE HIS FELLOW MAN? CAN ANY MAN TRUTHFULLY SAY THAT HE LOVES GOD UNLESS HE LOVES HIS NEIGHBOR? THE EVANGELIST, STJOHN, ANSWERS THAT QUESTION IN POWERFUL AND GRAPHIC LANGUAGE. "LET US THEREFORE LOVE GOD BECAUSE GOD FIRST HATH LOVED US. IF ANY MAN SAY, I LOVE GOD AND HATETH HIS BROTHER HE IS A LIAR. FOR HE WHO LOVETH NOT HIS=

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HW205 SHEET 3=

BROTHER WHOM HE SEETH, HOW CAN HE LOVE GOD WHOM HE SEETH NOT. AND THIS COMMANDMENT WE HAVE FROM GOD THAT HE WHO LOVETH GOD, LOVE ALSO HIS BROTHER". IT MUST BE EVIDENT, THEREFORE, THAT CATHOLICS OR PROTESTANTS WHO FOMENT RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HATRED ARE TRAITORS TO THE RELIGION THEY PROFESS. MY DEAR JEWISH FRIENDS, THIS MAGNIFICENT GIFT OF YOURS IN MEMORY OF THE GREAT POPE PIUS XI DESERVES AND SHOULD RECEIVE THE GRATITUDE AND ADMIRATION OF EVERY CATHOLIC WORTHY OF THE NAME. IT SHOULD BE A POWERFUL INFLUENCE TO DISSIPATE WHATEVER PREJUDICE AND RACIAL INTOLERANCE MAY EXIST AMONGST US. YOUR GENEROUS ACTION SHOULD STILL FOREVER THE TONGUES OF THOSE WHO CHARGE YOU SO UNJUSTLY OF NARROW, EXCLUSIVE RACIALISM. BE SURE, DEAR FRIENDS, WE CATHOLICS CAN SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU TO THE FULL IN THE SUFFERING, THE OPPRESSION AND INJUSTICE TO WHICH YOUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SO CRUELLY SUBJECTED. LIKE YOU, WE ALSO HAVE OUR REFUGEE PROBLEM, THOUSANDS OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO ARE THE VICTIMS LIKEWISE OF INTOLERANCE AND TYRANNY. WE WILL GLADLY JOIN HANDS WITH YOU IN STRIVING TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD WHERE MEN AND WOMEN MAY LIVE LONG IN PEACE, HARMONY AND SECURITY, AS GOD ALMIGHTY INTENDED THEM TO LIVE. WE WILL LABOR EAGERLY WITH GOOD MEN AND WOMEN EVERYWHERE TO LESSEN THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL EVILS=

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HW205 SHEET 4=

FROM WHICH MILLIONS OF HUMAN BEINGS SUFFER SO GRIEVOUSLY. WE ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THE NOBLE TRIBUTE OF ESTEEM AND ADMIRATION YOU HAVE PAID TO OUR GREAT POPE, PIUS XI, OF BLESSED MEMORY. WITH EVERY WISH FOR A CONTINUATION OF HARMONIOUS RELATIONS IN COMMON CAUSES, I BEG TO REMAIN,
YOURS SINCERELY, UNQUOTE=

HENRY MONTOR.



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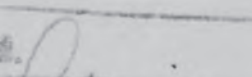
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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE EAST 10TH ST AND ANSEL RD CLEVELAND

DR FRANK KINGDON ADVISES SUBJECT OF HIS ADDRESS ON SUNDAY
JANUARY SEVENTH WILL BE QUOTE DEMOCRACY AND GROUP RELATIONS
UNQUOTE. GLOSSIES AND BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL SENT YOU DECEMBER
TWENTY FIRST. REGARDS. =

HENRY MONTOR.

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COMMITTEE HANDLING DR WEISMANN'S ITINERARY PREPARED TO MAKE DR
WEIZMANN AVAILABLE FOR CLEVELAND ON JANUARY 25TH FOR SUCH
FUNCTIONS AS COMMUNITY MAY DEEM DESIRABLE KINDLY WIRE IF
SATISFACTORY=

HENRY MONTOR.

we have no supper to make
to go on admiral letter -

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

My attention has been called to the fact that the Vaad Bitachon has undertaken to call a breakfast Sunday morning, January 7th, at the Hotel Mayflower, at which the cause of the Vaad Bitachon is to be sold. Moreover, Dr. Weizmann is listed to give an address at that time.

I have made representations to the Vaad Bitachon Committee through Mrs. Sophie Udin, but if I am as successful as I have been consistently in the past, my words will probably be consumed in the wind.

Do you wish to make any representations in the matter?

Cordially yours,

Montor

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a telegram from Lord Lothian in response to the invitation to participate in the Washington Conference.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

COPY OF TELEGRAM FROM WASHINGTON FROM BRITISH AMBASSADOR

DECEMBER 27, 1939

ABBA HILLEL SILVER, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
111 FIFTH AVENUE

REGRET HAVE ENGAGEMENT IN CHICAGO AT END OF NEXT
WEEK GREATLY HOPE THAT I SHALL BE ABLE TO SEE
DR. WEIZMANN WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON

LOTHIAN



George A. Buttrick
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THE FEDERAL COUNCIL
of the
CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

297 Fourth Ave., New York

December 28, 1939

Dr. Abba H. Silver
Dr. Jonah B. Wise
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Friends:

Your message of December the twenty-sixth is received, advising of the generous gift of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) to the Protestant Churches of America from the United Jewish Appeal (Inc.) for Refugees. We take this first opportunity to send you our hearty acknowledgment. The fact that the funds you have raised are inadequate to meet the needs of Jewish Refugee Relief organizations makes your kindness to us a double kindness, and we are doubly thankful. Our gladness is increased by the knowledge that you have sent a similar gift to the Roman Catholic Church for use in the work of Catholic Refugee Relief organizations.

The one sufficient answer to cruelty is a resolute compassion. War, hate, and revenge ultimately prove to be a stultifying response; and they easily deepen bitterness. The one sufficient answer to intolerance is goodwill. Your gift is a clear token of goodwill. In its lighted imagination it will kindle many other lights across our present darkness until a new day shall break.

Of course we must instantly accept your gift and apply it in keeping with your expressed wish. It is our present thought to devote this fund to the American Committee for Christian Refugees and to the American Friends' Service Committee. These are the two major Protestant organizations for Refugee Relief. When our colleagues in the Federal Council have been consulted we shall advise you of the exact allocation of your gift.

We hope and believe that your unusually generous action will encourage men and women of every faith to make prompt and compassionate provision for refugees of every faith. This is a primary American task and opportunity, in which you are giving splendid leadership.

With renewed expression of our heartfelt thanks, and with high regard and personal good wishes, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) GEORGE A. BUTTRICK

GAB:E

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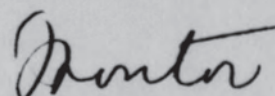
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of the text
of the letter which was delivered by messenger
a few minutes ago from the office of Dr. George
A. Buttrick.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC

December 29, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Your note of December 27 indicates that the negotiations for the 1940 agreement between the K.H. and the K.K. have been concluded. I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy of the agreement as well as the list of officers for 1940, etc. etc.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of this afternoon during which you accepted to speak from the Mutual Broadcasting System Network from 1:00 to 1:15 P.M. on Sunday, January 7th. In view of the fact that the Conference will not be in session at that time, your address will have to be delivered from the studios of Station WOL, the Washington outlet of the Mutual Broadcasting System.

May I suggest that you have someone in Cleveland arrange for the local outlet of the Mutual Broadcasting System to carry the address. Other broadcasts are as follows: Dr. Weizmann on Saturday, January 6th, from 6:15-6:25 P.M. over Columbia Broadcasting System; Attorney General Frank Murphy, from 4:15-4:30 P.M., Sunday, January 7th, over the National Broadcasting Company network; and your address over the Mutual Broadcasting System.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC

P.S. I have promised the MBS people that your address will be in their hands at the earliest next week.

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111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 29, 1939

Dr. Meyer Roseff, Chairman
Vaad Bitachon
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Roseff:

Will you please regard this as an official representation with reference to a breakfast meeting which I understand has been summoned by the Vaad Bitachon Committee to be held in Washington, D. C. on Sunday morning, January 7th.

As National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, which has gone to great effort and expense to convene a National Conference in Washington for the purpose of directing attention to the activities and needs of the United Palestine Appeal, I wish to enter a protest against a procedure of a Zionist body undertaking to divert attention from the tasks which should be paramount at this time, particularly at a Conference called specifically for such a purpose.

The action of the Vaad Bitachon Committee is particularly regrettable in that it did not even show the courtesy of notifying the United Palestine Appeal of the intention of calling such a meeting to coincide with the Conference in Washington of the United Palestine Appeal.

May I ask that you inform me promptly of the reasons for the meeting which you have called without consultation with the United Palestine Appeal. I must emphasize that unless I do hear from you I shall be compelled at the Washington Conference to make reference to what I regard as a most unfortunate incident.

The pressure upon us to emphasize to the Jews of America the great needs of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth cannot be adequately met if, at a National

Dr. Meyer Rosoff

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Conference of leaders from every section of the country
they are subjected to pressure from all sides by causes
totally unrelated to our primary institutions.

Cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

Dictated but not signed.

AHS:EH



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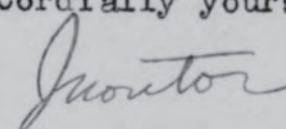
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is another copy of the letter which we have received from Mr. J. M. Berne, President of the Jewish Welfare Federation, asking the United Palestine Appeal to appoint a local representative on the Cleveland Welfare Fund Committee.

Attached hereto also is a copy of the letter which you sent to Mr. Berne on January 31, 1938. Do you wish the letter to be sent by you from Cleveland, or from New York?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

and

THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND

of Cleveland

Dear Sirs:

In order that we may announce the appointment of the Welfare Fund Committee of the Federation for 1940, as soon as possible, will you be kind enough to advise us whom your Organization desires to have represent it on this Committee?

Very truly yours,

THE JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION
(Signed) J. M. BERNE
President

December 14th, 1939.

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January 31, 1938

Mr. J. M. Berne, President,
The Jewish Welfare Federation,
1001 Huron Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Berne:

In reply to your letter of January 13,
requesting the United Palestine Appeal to appoint
a local representative on the Cleveland Jewish
Welfare Fund Committee, I take pleasure in appointing
Mr. Saul S. Danaceau.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver

MS: BK

December 29, 1939

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Mr. Saul Danaceau was the United Palestine Appeal representative on the Cleveland Welfare Fund Committee last year, and I have written to Mr. Berne, President of the Jewish Welfare Federation stating that we have re-appointed Mr. Danaceau for 1940.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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MR. HENRY MONTOR
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
111 FIFTH AVENUE
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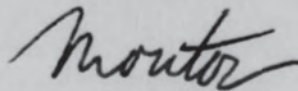
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you herewith some resolutions for your examination and would appreciate your thoughts and corrections.

I am also sending copies to Mr. Lipsky to have the benefit of his skill in these matters.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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AM PLANNING TO INQUIRE OF LIST DESIGNATED WHETHER IF ELECTED AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE THEY WOULD ACCEPT MEMBERSHIP ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL WHICH AS YOU KNOW IS NEW BODY DETERMINED UPON BY KEREN HAYESOD AND KEREN KAYEMETH. SOULD SUCH LETTER INDICATE THAT IT IS INTENDED TO HAVE MEETING. THREE OR FOUR TIMES A YEAR IF POSSIBLE? HOW ADDITIONALLY INDICATE FUNCTIONS WITHOUT SIMULTANEOUSLY INDICATING VIRTUAL LACK AUTHORITY=

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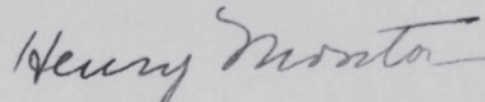
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy
of a letter from Attorney General
Murphy, and a copy of the reply which
I took the liberty of writing in your
name in order to expedite action.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 30, 1939

The Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The officers of the United Palestine Appeal are deeply appreciative of the high privilege that is theirs in your participation in the National Conference for Palestine, sponsored by the United Palestine Appeal, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington.

If you would be good enough to let us know where you will be during the afternoon, we shall be happy to send a delegation to call for you to escort you to the Conference for the session on Sunday afternoon, January 7th.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

AHS:FE

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

C O P Y

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON

December 26, 1939

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Indirectly you have, I believe, been informed of my acceptance of your invitation to address the National Conference for Palestine on January 7th.

I wished through this note to confirm my acceptance and to express the pleasure which it has given me that I found it possible to reconsider my earlier decision. I look forward to meeting with your group Sunday afternoon, January 7th, and to bringing them a brief message.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Frank Murphy

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
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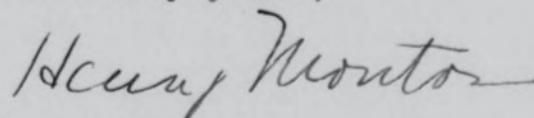
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am herewith sending you by special delivery a printers proof of the program for the Washington Conference.

May I say that I have been subjected to all kinds of pressure to insert other individuals in the program. Anti-Semite and anti-Zionist are the mildest terms which have been applied to me by those who feel that they have words of wisdom and inspiration to contribute to the Conference and who have not been included on the program.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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LETTER OF INVITATION ADDRESSED TO WELFARE FUNDS ASKING THEM TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE
ON ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

President
Newtown Welfare Fund
Newtown, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. President:

The United Palestine Appeal, as the central instrument of American Jewry for the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine, has taken into consideration the transformation that has occurred in recent years in fund-raising methods for Palestine and oversea purposes.

It has, therefore, decided to entrust to (major) Welfare Funds, which are responsible for raising a large part of the funds of the United Palestine Appeal, a more direct participation in the councils which determine the tempo and extent of American Jewry's participation in every phase of the Palestine upbuilding program. *working this in its work.*

are invited to
We believe that we are the first national fund-raising organization in America to create ^{such} an Advisory Council to which we are asking the major Welfare Funds to appoint their own selected representatives. The function of this Council would be to meet from time to time as circumstances require; its members will be kept fully and constantly informed of every development in the programs of the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund, which compose the United Palestine Appeal; and the views and advice of the (major) Welfare Funds of the country as represented through their own delegates will serve to mold ~~our~~ decisions in support of every phase of the reconstruction activities in Palestine. *affection*

The officers of the United Palestine Appeal herewith (formally and officially) invite the (name of Welfare Fund) to select one official representative known to be sympathetic to the general purpose of the Palestine upbuilding program to sit on the Advisory Council of the United Palestine Appeal and to share on your behalf in the ~~privileges and responsibilities that will be part~~ *work* of this new endeavor to make the United Palestine Appeal more truly representative than ever before of the will of American Jewry, to speed the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Awaiting your official advice, I am,

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Very cordially yours,

AHS:MBC

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

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