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1939-1940.

MEMORANDUM

To: MR. LOUIS LIPSKY  
MR. ARTHUR M. LAMPORT  
MR. HENRY MONTOR

JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG  
DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

December 1, 1939.

From: DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

May I again revert to the question of including the JNF income in 1940 in the UJA pool, if there should be a joint agreement between the UPA and the JDC.

While those who talked this matter over with Dr. Silver last Monday morning, before we went to the meeting with the J.D.C., were agreed that it would be desirable to again exclude the JNF income from the UJA appeal, - as Dr. Silver succeeded so well in doing last year, - it may not have been realized exactly what would be involved if we should fail to accomplish that desideratum, in case it becomes an issue in the discussions.

If the JNF income, which, let us say, will be \$400,000 net, will be pooled in the UJA, the amount of which would accrue to the UPA would probably be not more than \$100,000, considering that our proceeds in the receipts of the UJA, after figuring expenses as well as disbursements to the various constituents, is not more than 25%.

If we should succeed in excluding this amount from the UJA appeal, it would mean \$400,000 to the UPA. In other words, we stand to lose the amount of three-quarters of that sum.

Needless to say, we all hope that the issue will not be raised.

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MEMORANDUM

CC: Dr. Goldman  
Mr. Lampert  
Mr. Lypsky  
✓ Dr. Silver  
Dr. Wise

December 1, 1939.

To: MR. HENRY MONTOR

From: DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

Referring to Mr. Montor's memo about the \$40,000. appropriation by the Hofheimer Foundation to the National Refugee Service, may I suggest that perhaps it would be worth while pointing out that the precedent of ear-marking funds, as is being done in this case by the Hofheimer Foundation, is a very dangerous one. Fortunately, we have outgrown it in our joint campaigns. It did exist several years ago and was an indication of lack of confidence on the part of one of the partners in the other partner, as well as of petty provincial loyalties.

The whole point of the united campaign, which is to express Jewish unity upon the American Jewish scene, is disturbed by the effort to ear-mark funds.

Furthermore, it may be reasonably assumed that if the Allocations Committee, at its meeting two weeks ago, had the knowledge of this special appropriation, they would probably have refrained from making the \$600,000 appropriation to the National Refugee Service. According to the U.J.A. agreement, in which I had the privilege to formulate this particular point, the maximum to which the National Refugee Service was to be entitled was \$2,500,000. It was stipulated that any larger amount could be voted then only by the unanimous consent of the Allocations Committee. It may be safely assumed that there would not have been unanimous consent to the vote of an additional \$100,000 above the limit of \$2,500,000 if there had been knowledge at that time regarding this \$40,000. item.

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MEMORANDUM

MR. ARTHUR LAMPORT  
MR. LOUIS LIESKY  
MR. HENRY MONTOR

December 1, 1939.

To: ✓ DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

From: DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

Mr. Montor's memo on the advisability of having the National Refugee Service included as a partner in the administration of the U.P.A. expresses a point of view in which I believe most of us concur. The problem before us, however, is how to persuade the J.D.C. people and what arguments to use.

May I suggest as an additional argument a point which the J.D.C. people might consider valid because it is in accord with their general policy of soft-pedalling anything which in their opinion may prove to be embarrassing to the Jewish position in this country. The point is that the less we say about the refugees here and the needs of refugees the better off we are. For that reason, the domestic phase of the refugee problem ought to be as inconspicuous as possible in the argument. It should be quite sufficient that the National Refugee Service should receive a fair amount of the proceeds.



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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

## UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD)  
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (KEREN KAYEMETH)  
For the Settlement in Palestine of Jews of Germany, Poland, Rumania and Other Lands

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The officers of the United Palestine Appeal wish to take this means of expressing formally their high appreciation of the service you rendered during the past year to the cause of Palestine upbuilding through your leadership in the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs, in which the United Palestine Appeal fund-raising program was included in 1939.

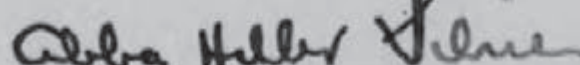
I am indeed glad to inform you that your name will be offered for election to the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal at the National Conference for Palestine to be held at the Hotel Mayflower in Washington, D.C., on January 6th and 7th. Your election to the National Council, which is a nationwide body of representative men and women who have served the rebuilding of Palestine, is our expression of regard for the earnest and devoted manner in which you have labored in your community. You have created a new appreciation of responsibility and a realization of the broader standards of generosity that are so urgently required in these times.

In Palestine there are today some 500,000 Jews, constituting the fifth largest Jewish community in the world. Palestine Jewry is a reservoir of new strength and comfort for all Jews who watch the tragic destruction of Jewish communities in Europe. Through the mobilization of financial and moral support for the enlargement of Palestine's absorptive capacity for new immigration, you have earned a place on the honor roll of Jewish leadership which is defending and preserving Jewish life.

Members of the National Council for Palestine will be kept regularly informed of the progress made by the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund, the two instruments of the United Palestine Appeal which further immigration, colonization, land purchase and the general development of Palestine, so that the structure already existing may be preserved and also expanded to welcome thousands of additional Jews.

Under separate cover there is being sent to you a copy of a new pamphlet that is descriptive of the functions and achievements of the United Palestine Appeal together with a broad picture of the prospects in Palestine.

Very cordially yours,



Abba Hillel Silver  
National Chairman

AHS:MBC

December 21, 1939



## UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

M E M O R A N D U M

December 26, 1939

FROM: Mr. Stone

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Mr. Montor

Judge Harry A. Hollzer phoned me at my home Sunday to apologize, because owing to a previous engagement he will not be able to attend our meeting on Wednesday evening.

I discussed the subject of the Weizmann visit with him, and secured his promise of complete cooperation.

In the course of conversation he let fall a remark about the necessity to re-examine the allocation to be made from the Los Angeles Welfare Fund to Palestine, and if we go into a United Jewish Appeal, to the UJA, insofar as the UJA covers Palestinian needs. Judge Hollzer said his information was that something between ninety and one hundred thousand dollars is contributed by the Jews of Los Angeles annually, to Palestinian causes which are not included in the UJA or in the Welfare Fund. He took as an example, the collections which have been made for youth aliyah, and said that as far back as in May he had requested information from the local Hadassah, asking them to supply him with the names and addresses of contributors and the sums contributed to the youth aliyah collections in Los Angeles. This information was refused, and the Judge very much resents this lack of cooperation, saying that every one of the Palestinian institutions have been given access to the records of the Welfare Fund and the Jewish Community Council, and when he asks for reciprocal cooperation it is not forthcoming. He told me that he had discussed this matter with Lipsky who promised to take it up in New York with the proper authorities and let him know.

Inasmuch as no objection to the youth aliyah collections was made at the time they were initiated, about twelve months ago, and in view of the fact that Mrs. Hollzer is one of the leaders and one of the largest contributors to youth aliyah, it is clear that this present attitude shown by Judge Hollzer is one that has been instigated, and is not original with him. There is no doubt that the origin of the present situation is to be found in local JDC circles, which have been instigated from New York.

It may be of some interest, in this connection, to refer to an incident which took place on December 17th, at the annual meeting of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council. A resolution was proposed and submitted to the resolutions committee, in favor of "continuing the efforts made in Los Angeles, by every means in our power, to support the rebuilding of Palestine as the principal outlet for Jewish immigration, and the building of the Jewish national home." Mr. Joseph P. Loeb, who is a member of the resolutions committee, threatened to resign from the Jewish Community Council, if the word "national" wasn't struck out, although he objected to the resolution as a whole anyhow, and it was only when this compromise was agreed to, that an open split was averted.

Doubtless you will hear from Lipsky about his visit here. Within a few days of his departure, Jonah Wise was here, and spent a very busy time in having a number of private conferences with some of the "big shots". I have been unable to discover very much as to what took place, but I am certain that it bodes no particular good to us, especially if no joint campaign is decided upon in New York. A number of people who heard his speech in Magnin's Temple remarked to me that he spoke in very sarcastic terms about Palestine, and also stated that Palestine has profited very much by its association with the JDC in the UJA - but for it, we would have secured much less money. I am told that these remarks were called forth by the criticism leveled against Jonah Wise by Lipsky, for having permitted the "Message of Israel" radio program to broadcast Rabbi Lazon's offensive speech.

Regards.

B. S.



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December 27, 1939

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

#### National Chairman

Abba Hillel Silver

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to you by Edward A. Norman in regard to the formation of the American Palestine Fund, Inc.

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It seems to me that the creation of this new institution is a serious threat to the United Palestine Appeal even though its beginnings seem almost harmless. The fact that the membership of the Board of the American Palestine Fund, Inc. is composed largely of the men who are normally hostile to Palestine or of men who are not closely affiliated with the national funds would indicate that their purpose in joining the Board has long-range implications. An institution like the American Palestine Fund, Inc. has within it the possibilities of serious competition.

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Arthur M. Lamport

I think that we should try to prevail upon men like Nathan Straus and Israel B. Brodie to withdraw from the Board and to indicate in general our opposition to the kind of activity projected by the American Palestine Fund, Inc.

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Some time ago it was agreed by the Vaad Leumi to accept checks for grants made by local Welfare Funds in the United States to various welfare institutions in Palestine. That system seems to have worked well. I do not know why this program cannot be continued. The very fact that the American Palestine Fund, Inc. is endeavoring to substitute for and duplicate an already existing arrangement with regard to the remittance of funds for educational and philanthropic institutions in Palestine is indicative to me of a purpose deeper than that which appears on the surface.

#### Secretary, Administrative Committee

Charles Ress

#### Executive Director

Henry Montor

I assume that the matter should be brought to the next meeting of the Administrative or Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal. I believe, however, that a formal answer should be given to Mr. Norman before that.

Mr. Norman has in no way ever participated in the work of the United Palestine Appeal.

Cordially yours,

*Montor*  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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Encl.



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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 27, 1939

Mr. Harry L. Lurie, Executive Director  
Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds  
165 West 46th Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Lurie:

I observe the organization of a body called the American Palestine Fund, Inc., of which Mr. Edward A. Norman is President.

Among the purposes cited by the American Palestine Fund, Inc. is that of supplying assistance to "Pious Institutions" in Jerusalem.

It was my understanding that the Council of Federations had come to an understanding with the Vaad Leumi whereby the latter was to receive and distribute allotments made by local Welfare Funds in the United States for the maintenance of various "pious institutions" in Palestine. Has the arrangement made by the Council with the Vaad Leumi been broken?

In view of the effort which the Council of Federations has been consistently making to avoid duplications and to reduce overlappings, I am wondering whether it ought not to take action in connection with the creation of an entirely new body whose purposes would seem to be purely duplicating those of other organizations and systems of distribution.

I should appreciate having your views either in a personal or official capacity.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Mentor  
Executive Director

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AMERICAN PALESTINE FUND, INC.

60 Beaver Street  
New York, N. Y.

Bowling Green 9-8411

December 23, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am addressing this letter to you in your capacity as Joint Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs. I am addressing a similar letter to Dr. Jonah B. Wise, your colleague as Joint Chairman.

No doubt you are aware that there are a large number of communal activities in or in connection with Palestine that are organized independently of the Jewish Agency or of any other political body and that are compelled to seek support on their own separate behalfs. At least seventy such bodies have been attempting to find support in the United States. A considerable number of them have attempted to form special American committees to represent them with respect to the American Jewish public. The efforts of these activities in this direction have been concentrated upon a relatively small group of people. These individuals necessarily were men more or less prominently identified with the larger existing communal activities. In view of their responsibilities to the larger organizations, they concluded, each on his own behalf, that they could not identify themselves with a multiplicity of small appeals, no matter how worthy the objectives. At the same time, they did not feel that they were doing justice to these activities by refusing to assist them in finding support in the United States.

Some of these men began about two years ago to discuss the situation, and decided to study it carefully with the hope of finding some way to deal constructively with it. Eventually, they concluded that the right thing to do was to form a single committee that would attempt to find funds on behalf of all the independent educational, cultural, research, and social service activities in Palestine. It was their thought that if they were able to obtain funds, they would distribute them annually to the deserving activities in Palestine, after careful scrutiny, on the basis of the social merits of their respective programs and the efficacy of their carrying out of these programs.

Accompanying this letter is a list of most of the organizations of the type being referred to in this communication. They have been listed under two headings, respectively constructive activities and pious institutions. Most of the latter group were founded many years ago, and are of small scope. It is not likely that any very large sum will be allocated to them.

Recently the group of men mentioned above formed the proposed new body, under the name of American Palestine Fund, Inc. It is intended that it shall eventually have a fairly large board of directors with a nation-wide membership. Its present board includes the following:

Edward M. M. Warburg, Chairman  
Edward A. Norman, President  
Solomon Lowenstein, Vice-President  
Maurice J. Karpf, Secretary  
Maurice B. Hexter, Treasurer  
Nathan Straus  
Morris D. Waldman  
Israel B. Brodie  
James H. Becker



December 23, 1939

Harold K. Guinzburg  
Carl J. Austrian  
James N. Rosenberg  
Lewis L. Strauss

The American Palestine Fund regards itself as without political connotations of any kind. It considers itself to be neither a Zionist nor a non-Zionist body. Its function is solely to provide support from the United States for those constructive activities in Palestine that otherwise would be faced with the necessity of endeavoring to obtain funds independently, which not only is proving to be ineffective but is bound to become increasingly difficult in view of the growing coordination of Jewish effort in this country.

The American Palestine Fund was represented by invitation at the meeting held on November 11, 1939 under the auspices of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to discuss the advisability of a wider United Jewish Appeal in 1940. On that occasion the program of the American Palestine Fund was presented in a general way to the representatives of the various organizations at that meeting. The American Palestine Fund now desires to place its appeal concretely before the United Jewish Appeal for consideration in 1940. The American Palestine Fund is requesting an allocation of \$400,000.

The American Palestine Fund intends to make no definite allocations until after a careful and systematic study has been made of each Palestinian activity that desires support from the United States. The American Palestine Fund would require each activity receiving an allocation to agree not to solicit and not to accept any contributions from the United States during the period covered by its allocation. In that way, it is hoped that the American Jewish public can be spared from the burden of having to consider a large number of separate appeals from Palestine concerning which it is possessed of at best no more than scanty information.

Of the \$400,000 requested, it is intended that practically half will be allocated to the Hebrew University, through the American Friends of the Hebrew University, which organization will continue in existence permanently to represent the University with respect to the American Palestine Fund, and also to seek capital funds, as distinguished from budgetary funds, by bequest or special donation. In 1939 the American Friends of the Hebrew University were able to raise, apart from bequests, \$165,000. In 1940 the Hebrew University will be practically without support from any country other than the United States and Palestine, and therefore it is felt that it will be entitled to a material increase. Whatever amount in excess of \$165,000 is granted to the Hebrew University will in effect amount to more than the actual increase, in view of the fact that the American Friends will be spared all the expenses involved in conducting its own money-raising campaign.

It is estimated that the institutions, other than the Hebrew University, in 1939 collected very close to \$100,000 in the United States. It is felt that this money was not necessarily allocated on the basis of merit and need, and that some of the most deserving activities received far less than the value of their work justified, and that some of them were left entirely without support. It is hoped that through the American Palestine Fund the deserving activities will obtain their proper proportionate support.

The American Palestine Fund submits this request with the feeling that if it receives adequate support it will be in a position to be of concrete service not only to the various activities in Palestine but also to the Jewish community in the United States.

Respectfully,  
(signed) Edward A. Norman  
President



Partial list of institutions of the type that would be considered  
for allocations from the American Palestine Fund, Inc.

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#### CONSTRUCTIVE INSTITUTIONS

Hebrew University, Jerusalem  
Hebrew Technical Institute, Haifa  
Haifa Technical High School (Dr. Bardin)  
Haifa Nautical and Fishing School (Dr. Bardin)  
Haifa High School (Dr. Biram)  
Ben Shemen Agricultural School  
Jewish Institute for the Blind, Jerusalem  
Palestine Conservatory of Music, Jerusalem (Mr. Hauser)  
Hebrew Teachers College (Dr. Yellin)  
Social Services of the Council of Palestine Jews (Vaad Leumi)  
American Economic Committee for Palestine  
Beth Chinuch Yeladim (Orphanage)  
Esraeth Machim Society (Insane Asylum)  
Jewish Teachers Institute (Religious Training School)  
Misgab Ladach Hospital (Old City, Jerusalem)  
Young Womens Hebrew Association, Jerusalem  
General Israel Orphan Home for Girls, Jerusalem  
Julian W. Mack Craft School, Jerusalem (Miss Kallen)  
Habimah (Drama Group)  
Day Nursery and Girls Trade School for Yemenite Jews, near Rehoboth (Dr. Rosenberg)  
Relief Society for Yemenite Jews  
Sieff Laboratory Rehoboth

#### PIOUS INSTITUTIONS

American Kolel Tifereth, Jerusalem  
Bar Jochai Yeshivah and Home for the Aged  
Beth Jacob Yeshivah of Tel Aviv  
Beth Joseph Yeshivah of Tel Aviv  
Chabad Kolel  
Chaye Olam Talmud Torah and Yeshivah  
Eliach Soup Kitchen and Night Shelter  
General Home for the Aged  
General Immigrant Shelter and Public Kitchen Tifereth Zion  
General Orphan Asylum  
Great Palestine Orphan Asylum Diskin  
Hebron Yeshivah Knesseth Israel  
Hibath Kolel  
Hechal Hataalmud Yeshivah  
Home for Aged of Safed  
Haifa Yeshivah  
Meah Shearim Yeshivah and Talmud Torah  
Kolel Sichenburgen and Silagy  
Ozar Hachessed Keren Shemuel  
Ohol Moshe Diskin Yeshivah  
Sfath Emeth Yeshivah  
Sephardic Orphanage  
Shaar Hashomayim Yeshivah and Talmud Torah  
Shaarei Torah Talmud Torah  
Shaarei Zodek Hospital  
Shovsae Shveas  
Torah Chaim Yeshivah  
Torah Emeth Yeshivah of the Chassidim  
United Aged Home of Jerusalem  
United Charity Institutions of Jerusalem (includes Bikur  
Cholim Hospital and Etz Chaim Talmud Torah and Yeshivah)  
United College Torah Eretz Israel  
United Gallil Aid Society  
United Tiberias Institutions

Universal Yeshivah  
Zion Orphanage



ANALYSIS OF COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

BY DOLLAR BREAKDOWN

as of

DECEMBER 31, 1939

| <u>COMMUNITIES</u>                                     | <u>DOLLARS</u>             | <u>AMOUNT</u>          |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 87 . . . . . \$  | 1 - 99 . . . . . \$        | 4,519.65               |
| 366 . . . . .  | 100 - 999 . . . . .        | 160,069.03             |
| 266 . . . . .  | 1,000 - 4,999 . . . . .    | 763,572.11             |
| 81 . . . . .   | 5,000 - 9,999 . . . . .    | 502,957.75             |
| 72 . . . . .   | 10,000 - 24,999 . . . . .  | 1,063,915.95           |
| 29 . . . . .   | 25,000 - 49,999 . . . . .  | 1,031,479.00           |
| 14 . . . . .   | 50,000 - 99,999 . . . . .  | 917,959.14             |
| 17 . . . . .   | 100,000 and over . . . . . | 5,795,680.00           |
| Individual Organizations . . . . .                     |                            | 48,231.58              |
| Miscellaneous Spec. . . . .                            |                            | 53,123.82              |
| Night of Stars . . . . .                               |                            | 50,000.00              |
| Miscellaneous Communities . . . . .                    |                            | 100,000.00             |
| New York City. . . . .                                 |                            | <u>6,639,002.07</u>    |
| <u>TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1939 CAMPAIGN</u> |                            | <u>\$17,130,510.10</u> |



ANALYSIS OF COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

BY POPULATION BREAKDOWN

as of

DECEMBER 31st, 1939

| <u>No. of</u><br><u>Communities</u>  | <u>Population</u>               | <u>Amount</u>     |
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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM FROM: Dr. Landauer  
TO: HENRY MONTOR  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE

[14397]

It may be useful to compare the expenditure of the National Refugee Service with the expenditure of the complete settlement of refugees in Palestine.

Although I have before me no detailed account of the expenses of the National Refugee Service, I understand that the National Refugee Service received from the United Jewish Appeal for the year 1939 \$2,600,000, and had some additional income from other sources, apart from approximately \$1,000,000 that was spent locally for refugees in the United States. That means that something in the neighborhood of four million dollars was spent last year, and it is expected that they will ask the United Jewish Appeal for an allocation of at least \$4,000,000 for 1940. On top of that another \$1,000,000 will be given to them locally, making an expenditure of not less than \$5,000,000 for 1940, according to their plans.

We have in Palestine today between 65,000 and 75,000 refugees from Austria, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Our activity covers the years from 1933 until the end of 1939. In this period we spent not more than \$5,000,000 on behalf of the whole refugee service. This includes the establishment of new agricultural settlements and purchase of land, two years' care of children within the Youth Aliyah (up to the time of writing there are 6,000 children in the Youth Aliyah); the establishment of loan "Kassas", social service; cultural work, etc. etc.

I suppose that the expenditure of the National Refugee Service for resettlement are on an insignificant scale.

In our discussion with the Joint Distribution Committee regarding the inclusion of the National Refugee Service in a new United Jewish Appeal as a third independent partner, we may point out that the National Refugee Service is in no sense more independent of the Joint Distribution Committee than the Central Bureau for the Settlement of Refugees in Palestine is with regard to the Jewish Agency. If they introduce the National Refugee Service, which is their arm in this country for refugee work, we can introduce the Central Bureau for the Settlement of Refugees in Palestine as our arm for refugee work in Europe and in Palestine.

The Central Bureau is a body quite separate from the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth. The income of the Central Bureau is not derived from the collections for the Jewish Agency all over the world. The constitution of the Central Bureau is not simply that of an ordinary department of the Jewish Agency. That is indicated by its name and by the fact that the Central Bureau is not directed by the Executive as a whole, but operates under separate auspices, with Dr. Weizmann as Chairman and Dr. Ruppin as Co-Chairman. There is a separate bookkeeping system and a separate audit of accounts.

If we reject the proposals of the Joint Distribution Committee with regard to the addition of the National Refugee Service as a third partner, we can show that we are refraining from introducing our refugee institutions as a partner in the campaign, at a time when the refugee problem in Palestine is more urgent than it ever was, and when our exchequer is more depleted than it ever was. If we have not asked for a special allocation for the Central Bureau from the Allocations Committee, then perhaps we may ask for such a special allocation in the course of our negotiations for a new United Jewish Appeal.



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January 2, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In a conversation with Joseph Willen, I was informed that the following decisions had been made by the New York Federation with respect to its attitude to a campaign in New York City in 1940:

(1) The Federation would not undertake the same relationship to a New York United Jewish Appeal as it had in 1939;

(2) A United Jewish Appeal in New York would be allowed to hire seven or eight younger men on the staff of Federation, definitely excluding the more experienced seniors. Mr. Willen said that under no circumstances would he associate himself with a 1940 United Jewish Appeal.

It should be noted that the request for cooperation on the part of the Federation came from the Joint Distribution Committee, as such, and was not made on behalf of the present New York United Jewish Appeal.

Cordially yours,

*Montor*

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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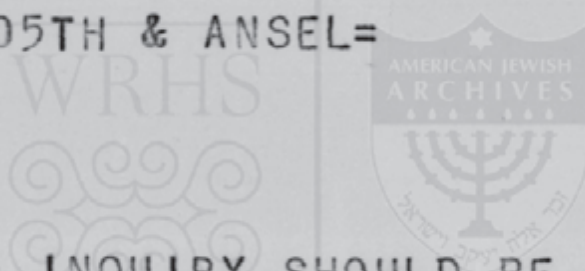
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THEM SHARE RESPONSIBILITY DECISION=  
:MONTOR.





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538 Summer Ave.  
Newark, N.J.  
January 6, 1940

United Jewish Appeal  
New York, N.Y.

Att: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and  
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise,  
National co-chairmen

Gentlemen:

I feel sure you will not mind if I approach you with these lines which are supposed to give you a slight idea of the very bad impression caused by your too generous gift of \$125,000 to the Pope on behalf of the U.J.A.

Let me express freely and deliberately my opinion. I am a German Jew, but one who despite of a very hardship of life contributed his share to the U.J.A. In the name of hundreds and thousands of emigrants let me tell you that you were ill advised to give Jewish money to the Catholic Church who even through her late Pope Pius XI did not take a single step to prevent persecution and horrors of Nazi-Germany but tolerated everything.

I take the liberty to draw your attention to some facts which the Jewish people, the people of a lasting remembrance never should forget. I was from 1934-1938 editor of the Berlin office of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. I was in closest relations to German political life before 1933. So may I point out some facts:

1. It was in the outspoken Catholic district of Bavaria where Nazism grew up first. No clergyman ever dared to say a word against Hitler, even before he came to power. This was the savior of Christianity and a priest who once declined to attend a funeral of a Nazi, slain in a fight between Nazis and opponents, was ousted by his superiors. That was before 1933.
2. It was the devoted Catholic Herr von Papen who paved the way for Hitler and brought him to power.
3. It was the outspoken Catholic party "Das Zentrum" who voted in favor of decree powers of Hitler in 1933 and gave him free hand for everything.
4. No Catholic priest ever spoke a word against the persecution of Jews or racism, even in 1933 when they had ample opportunity to do this. It was against the interest of the Catholic Church to be against Hitler for the present Pope negotiated around that time the concordat with the German Government which was supposed to protect the Church and to give her everything she liked. It was not her case which was at stake. Therefore we had the strongest anti-Jewish feeling in the Catholic districts throughout the Reich.
5. I never heard that a single Catholic priest or the Pope condemned the persecution of the Jews, the destruction of property and human beings. I never heard that a Catholic priest went to a concentration camp because they had open their mouth and they had spoken against racism. They kept their mouth shut. They had fear - and why not? Only Evangelic priests were arrested because they defended the Bible. But a Catholic priest..... No, Gentlemen.....
6. In the contrary. It was the bishops of Austria who favored the Anschluss and who betrayed their devoted servant von Schuschnigg - at a time where they could see what is what. Their chieftain Cardinal von Innitzer - an outspoken Jew-baiter - got his share when the Nazis smashed the windows of his palace and the other bishops will, I hope, get their reward like the Bishop of Salzburg who had to evacuate his palace to make room for Nazi offices.



7. Did you ever hear that a Catholic priest or the Pope told their people:  
"Don't touch Jewish property that is aryanized, it is stolen property; there is the 7th Commandment ....". My parents-in-law had a business estimated by the tax-office worth 750,000 marks; they had to "sell" it to an Aryan last year for 24,000 marks and they have not seen till now a penny. Is that stolen or not? And where was the Christian conscience? Or do you think the special punishment amounting 30% of the Jewish fortune for the death of that Nazi von Rath last year is not a rubbery known only in the Middle Ages and by the Inquisition?

Did you hear that the Pope fought a "magnificent struggle" against all this or anything at all? Did you hear that he pleaded to open the gates of the countries of the world for homeless, destituted and innocent people? Did you ever see a single gesture worth while a remembrance? Do you know that Hitler and Goebbels are up to-day in the "holy lap of the Catholic Church", not ousted and not banned?

You will answer: "Do you not remember the struggle of Cardinal Faulhaber in favor of the Bible and the encyclical of Pope Pius XI against racialism?"

I know quite well that Cardinal Faulhaber was silenced because the Holy See felt his preachings against the interest of the Church. I know quite well that the encyclical contained mere empty words - which were not published in Germany. There was not a "magnificent struggle", only a Laissez-faire, a betrayal of the simplest principles, not to mention a positive assistance of members of the highest clergy to persecute Jews. This in a Church which only knows an unanimous spirit and an unconditional obedience.

\$125,000 to Catholic refugees - may be that these refugees exist. I only know that even the Catholics were the first citizens who broke off relations with their former Jewish friends because they were afraid of everything.

I was a lawyer in Germany until 1933. Although I was the author of books and numerous publications, although I rendered valuable services to Germany Jewry in my capacity as a correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, despite of all I am a very common shipping clerk in this country. I worked during ten weeks one and a half hour a week to pay my contribution to the United Jewish Appeal: \$5.00 for which I worked with my ten fingers. I lost my father in a concentration-camp. I took my last money to pay for visas for my parents-in-law that they can go to Chile until they are allowed to come to this country. They got their visas, but they have not the money for the passage. No Jewish fund is available for that purpose, I was told. No Jewish fund to provide people who got their visas with the necessary tickets...

We lost our faith in God and in men. We are longing to get this faith back. But who helps us? Who will help us to become again a man among men? The Catholics? The Pope?

We can only depend on ourselves.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Dr. Arno Herzberg



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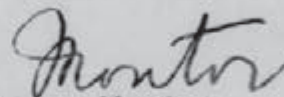
Dear Dr. Silver:

My expression in writing can be no more earnest than my verbal expression of deep appreciation for your gracious reference to myself during the Washington Conference.

Your thoughtfulness blankets the many trivial and yet humanly irritating difficulties that one encounters in the work.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC



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

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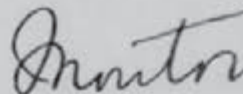
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of the  
letter from President Roosevelt.

I take it for granted that you will  
want to acknowledge it since this is a  
letter addressed to you and Dr. Jonah B.  
Wise jointly.

What is your suggestion for an ack-  
nowledgment?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BC  
Enc.

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



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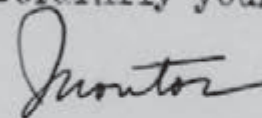
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has sent a formal letter as per the enclosed copy advising us that representatives of the United Palestine Appeal would be welcome in connection with the discussion of overseas programs at the session of the General Assembly of the Council on Monday, January 29th at 10 A. M.

May I suggest your appointment of several representatives in this connection? I think that Mr. Lipsky would be one of the excellent spokesmen we could send to Detroit, except that I understand the annual meeting of the American Jewish Congress is taking place at the same time as the meeting of the Council. Perhaps Judge Rothenberg, Dr. Goldstein, Mr. Lipsky and Dr. Goldman ought to be asked to be present if at all possible. As I understand it, you will definitely be there.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:EH

P. S. I have since learned that the Congress session will close on Sunday night, making it possible for Mr. Lipsky to attend that Monday morning session.



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
111 FIFTH AVENUE

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* January 11, 1940.

*To* Dr. A. H. Silver

*From* Mr. Henry Montor

*Subject*

Attached is a copy of a memorandum from Arthur Lourie with reference to the recent grant by the Palestine Government for public works and relief projects in Palestine. It clears up certain misunderstandings.

Enclosure.  
HM:MD.

WRHS





UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

January 4, 1940.

To: Mr. Henry Montor

From: Arthur Lourie

The statement attributed by the JTA and Falcor this morning to the High Commissioner that £750,000 is to be allocated by the government for relief in Palestine is seriously misleading. An examination of the proposed allocations shows that for the most part they comprise expenditure on public works of pressing importance long contemplated and in some cases authorized months ago and held up by the war.

Thus, loans to Tel Aviv and Haifa municipalities for urgent public works were, after prolonged negotiations, finally authorized by the government in August last but were withdrawn on the outbreak of war. It appears that these have again been authorized now for a total amount of £275,000, which is considerably less than the amount originally to have been raised. The further grant-in-aid from government revenues of £25,000 to Tel Aviv municipality is in accordance with normal practice. The allocation of £151,000 for the erection of central government offices in Jerusalem also carries into effect a long standing commitment, and can hardly be regarded as a relief appropriation.

On the purely relief side there appear in fact only £20,000 to the Vaad Leumi for the balance of the current fiscal year and a further £50,000 to be allocated in the next fiscal year; £65,000 to Arab relief organizations over the same period, and a further £30,000 for seed loans to Arabs.



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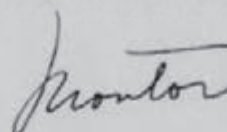
January 11, 1940.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from  
Mr. J. M. Berne informing us that Mr. Max  
Freedman has been selected to represent the  
Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund on the Advisory  
Council of the United Palestine Appeal.

Sincerely yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director.

HM:MD.



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Henry Montow  
111 Fifth Ave.  
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Have not heard from New York. Suggest  
Wise contact Lowenstein or Becker and  
inform me.

Silver,

- collect -



January 11, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I wrote to Mr. Monsky of the B'nai B'rith. I believe that similar letters should be sent to all the guests who were on the program.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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January 11, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Doctor Silver:

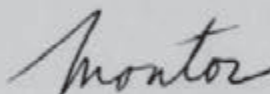
Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which Dr. Wise received from George L. Warren of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees.

I am also attaching a copy of the memorandum which Dr. Wise sent to me covering the letter from Mr. Warren.

What action do you wish taken on this matter?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET



COPY

MEMORANDUM

To HM

JANUARY 10, 1940

From SSW

This letter has just come to me from Warren. I know the temptation is to say we cannot do any more. I can only say to you that I think it would be a very great mistake. I assure you the JDC would like nothing better. It would play into their hands. We do not know how things are going to shape themselves. The time may come when we will need the help of the President's Advisory Committee in certain Palestinian problems.

My advice is that you send this letter together with my memorandum to Dr. Silver, and suggest that he approve of an appropriation of \$2500 at once.





COPY

PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ON POLITICAL REFUGEES  
122 East Twenty-Second Street, New York

January 8, 1940.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise  
40 West 68th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wise:

Mr. Speers has just notified me that the balance of funds in the treasury of the President's Advisory Committee amounts to \$619.42, an amount insufficient to cover this month's expenditures. Since you were kind enough to send us \$2500 in August and September, we received \$2,500 from Mr. Baerwald on November 1, 1939. Will it therefore now be possible for you to send Mr. Speers \$2,500, or at least a portion of that amount before January 24th? I shall very much appreciate your attention to this and hope to see you within a few days.

Mr. McDonald is planning a meeting of the Committee on Friday, January 19th, at luncheon. Will you be good enough to reserve this date now on your calendar.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

GLW:J

George L. Warren (signed)



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 12, 1940

Mr. Louis Lipsky

Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a note which I received from Mr. Samuel Blitz in reference to Mr. Ben Zion Pecker. It indicates that neither the XOA nor the JIP felt Mr. Pecker's services sufficiently useful to employ him in any capacity, if any payment for his services is involved.

May I suggest the reopening of this question on the basis of Mr. Pecker's qualifications for the position for which he is now being paid.

HM :ET





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111 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS\*INTER-OFFICE MEMO

To Mr. Henry Montor

From Mr. Samuel Blitz

January 11, 1940

I have conferred with Mr. Morris Margulies and Mr. Mendel N. Fisher with regard to Mr. Pecker's services for the ZOA and JNF. Both Mr. Margulies and Mr. Fisher state that neither the ZOA nor the JNF are willing to reimburse the UPA for any part of Mr. Pecker's salary. However, they are willing to utilize his services without compensation.

HM:ET



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
111 FIFTH AVENUE

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* January 12, 1940

*To* Dr. Silver

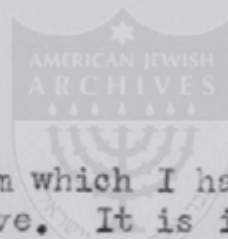
*From* Mr. Montor

*Subject*

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum which I have sent to Mr. Bernard Stone, our West Coast representative. It is interesting to note the distortions of the United Palestine Appeal position in Los Angeles, as a result of the Joint Distribution Committee's action in disseminating its information.

HM:ET

WRHS





UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 13, 1940

Mr. Bernard Stone

Mr. Henry Montor

Thank you for your very instructive memorandum of January 10, in regard to a discussion of the status of negotiations between the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee.

You may rest assured that what Mr. Hilborn reported as having been the position of the United Palestine Appeal was completely inaccurate.

You are correct in pointing out that the United Palestine Appeal has not kept its people informed. It should be interesting to you and to the others, however, to take note of the fact that the reason the United Palestine Appeal has not communicated with its people throughout the country was due to its fervent and earnest desire to maintain the atmosphere of unity.

If anyone has solidified the ground for a unified campaign, it has been the United Palestine Appeal, through its discretion and reserve, even though it recognizes the possibility of such distorted information as men like Mr. Hilborn have received and distributed.

I am glad to hear that Mr. Brown, one of our honorary vice-chairmen, is to be in Detroit. Will you indicate to him that I am going to be in Detroit, and say that I am looking forward to seeing him?

HHS:ET





January 12, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your letter of January 10: The men whose names you suggest as our representatives at the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds are all right. It may perhaps be advisable ~~to~~ to have one or two people to represent us who are not so prominently identified with the ZOA.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



## MEMORANDUM

*Date* January 15, 1940

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Henry Montor

*Subject*

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which has just come from  
Irvin Bettman, President of the Jewish Federation of Saint Louis.  
Do you wish me to acknowledge it on your behalf?

HM:EH  
Encl.





UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF SAINT LOUIS

3636 PAGE BOULEVARD

ST. LOUIS, MO.

January 12, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
United Palestine Appeal  
New York City, New York

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise  
Joint Distribution Committee, Inc.,  
100 East 42nd St.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

To me it is unthinkable that the United Jewish Appeal should be ended. The Jews of America have accomplished at least part of their goal by united efforts. The elimination of the United Jewish Appeal, I believe, would be a tragedy.

I therefore take the liberty of suggesting the following procedure to both of you:

That we proceed for 1940 with a United Jewish Appeal

Let the goal of this United Jewish Appeal be \$20,000,000 and a greater effort be made in 1940 to reach the goal than was made in 1939.

This effort should be made by full cooperation of every Jewish organization in America, but particular emphasis on the fullest kind of cooperation by the J.D.C. and its supporters, and the U.P.A. and its supporters.

That the first \$11,000,000 be divided as follows:

\$5,600,000 to the U.D.C.

\$2,400,000 to the U.P.A.

\$3,000,000 to the National Refugee Service

That the balance of the funds collected be allocated on a basis of need to be determined by a Budget Committee made up as follows:

The Chairman of this Committee to be the President of the National Council of Jewish Federation.

The members of this proposed Budget Committee should be as follows:



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111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Two representatives of the J.D.C.  
Two representatives of the U.P.A.  
Two representatives of the N.R.A.  
Two representatives of the Council of  
Jewish Federation.

The representatives of the U.P.A., J.D.C., and  
N.R.S. are not to be the heads of these organiza-  
tions but are to be selected by the Presidents of  
the different organizations from their Board of  
Directors.

The Budget Committee should meet in April or earlier, if  
necessary, and should continue to meet during the year as often as cir-  
cumstances demand.

I offer the above suggestions for the purpose of continuing the  
United Jewish Appeal, continuing unity among the Jewish people, and after  
taking into consideration the activities and requirements of the different  
agencies in the United Jewish Appeal.

Best regards to you both, I am

Very cordially yours,

Irvin Bettman, (Signed)

IB:IR



## MEMORANDUM

Date January 17, 1940

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Henry Montor

Subject Conversations held on Wednesday, January 17th.

I should like to record the sequence of conversations held today subsequent to the telephone call which I received from you, during which you informed me that you had received a telegram from Mr. Paul Baerwald in which he stated that the negotiations within the Joint Distribution Committee were still continuing and that he would let you know of its decision by the end of the week. Thereafter I spoke to Judge Rothenberg, Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky, informing them of the telegram and of my conversation with you.

As a result of a conversation with Mr. Lipsky I telephoned to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, Secretary of the Joint Distribution Committee, and informed him that it was contemplated to hold a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal on Wednesday afternoon. I suggested that it might be helpful if Mr. Lipsky and Mr. Baerwald, with the possible addition of Schwartz and myself, were to meet some time Wednesday, either at lunch, before or after lunch, in order to go over such matters as might remain to be clarified before the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal met and made its final decision. Dr. Schwartz stated that there was no need for such a meeting. He added that Mr. Baerwald would not be at the Joint Distribution Committee office on Wednesday and that he could not be reached.

I indicated the possibility of a postponement of the meeting until Thursday if Dr. Schwartz could give me an assurance that the Joint Distribution Committee would definitely have some word of its action by that time. Schwartz gave me his personal assurance that such word would be forthcoming, even though I questioned whether it was not possible for the Joint Distribution Committee to say on Thursday what it had been saying for many weeks, and that is that it had not yet come to a decision.

I pointed out that the differences between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal were so minimal that a meeting of such two persons as Mr. Lipsky and Mr. Baerwald would undoubtedly be helpful.

But all these suggestions met with no affirmative response. Schwartz indicated that one of the reasons for the failure of the Joint Distribution Committee to make a decision was that Mr. Becker, Chairman of the J.D.C. Negotiating Committee, was out of town.

I pointed out to Dr. Schwartz that the New Palestine was going to press on Thursday night, that there was general resentment of the cavalier treatment which had been accorded Dr. Silver for many weeks and particularly over the weekend, when he was definitely assured that a final decision would be communicated to him by the



January 17, 1940

Joint Distribution Committee; but to these various observations Dr. Schwartz could only give the reply that there was really no urgency about a decision at this particular time, although he was sure that the Joint Distribution Committee would have made up its mind by Thursday.

Subsequently, after further phone conversation with you, Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky, the following procedure was agreed upon:

- (a) A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal to be called for Thursday afternoon, January 18th, at the U.P.A. office for a final determination of the 1940 campaign, whether it is to be independent or united.
- (b) You had drafted a statement announcing an independent campaign of the U.P.A. in 1940 which would be adopted by the Administrative Committee of the U.P.A. if no word was received from the J.D.C. up to the time of the meeting.
- (c) The New Palestine would be asked to hold open its front page so that if the Administrative Committee of the U.P.A. decided to go forward with an independent campaign your statement, with such amendments as might be incorporated by other officers, would be placed on the front page of the New Palestine to appear in the Friday issue, thus announcing to the country an independent campaign.

I think it was most appropriate that you decided to send a telegram to Mr. Baerwald in response to his own indefinite message, stating that a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the U.P.A. would be held on Thursday afternoon and that a decision would be arrived at by that meeting.

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It seems to me that the J.D.C. has been deliberately withholding action in the hope that many other bodies, including the Ort, the Hias and the JTA, could be embraced within a United Jewish Appeal by the action of the Council at its meeting in Detroit.

HM:EH



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
111 FIFTH AVENUE

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* January 17, 1940

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Henry Montor

*Subject* Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which has been addressed to you  
by Adolph Held and David Dubinsky, on behalf of ORT.

HM:ET



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

ORT, LABOR AND PEOPLES COMMITTEE  
212 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 17th, 1940.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

The officers of the Labor and Peoples Committee of the American ORT Federation, as well as the membership, are deeply interested in the forthcoming national campaign for overseas work. We have been following with a great deal of concern the negotiations between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, about the possibility of renewing the present United Jewish Appeal for the year 1940. We should be very happy to know that such an agreement already has been reached.

We can say without hesitation that the entire Jewish labor movement is ready and eager to cooperate to the fullest extent to help the U.J.A. raise the funds so urgently needed abroad.

In the event such an agreement already has been consummated, we are vitally concerned that the American ORT Federation be included in the united campaign. The purpose of this present writing is to state that we would greatly prefer to devote all our fund raising efforts to support the U.J.A. rather than divide our energies among the various agencies.

We therefore request that you please arrange for an appointment with our committee, to discuss the entire matter.

Anticipating an early and favorable reply, we remain

Sincerely yours,

(signed) David Dubinsky  
Vice-Chairman.

(signed) Adolph Held  
Chairman



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
111 FIFTH AVENUE

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* January 18, 1940

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Mr. Montor

*Subject*

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from S. Kaplansky, Principal of the Hebrew Technical Institute of Haifa, which describes the needs of that institution and its plans for a campaign in the United States, to be stimulated with a visit to this country of Prof. R. Samuel

HM:ET



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

HEBREW TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, HAIFA

Mr. Henry Montor  
c/o United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New - York  
U.S.A.

Air Mail

Language: English

Dear Mr. Montor,

I beg to approach you on behalf of the Hebrew Technion of Haifa and to request your cordial cooperation in a matter of vital importance to its existence and future.

2. You are probably aware that since Oct. 1931 the Jewish Agency Executive has relinquished its financial responsibility for the maintenance of this Institute. During the last 8 years we have been receiving only a small grant-in-aid from the Executive in Jerusalem, which was less than 5% of our growing budget.

Ever since that change in our position, the Governing Board has contemplated the possibility of enlisting the support of American Jewry for the Technion. As far back as 1938, it was definitely decided to send a member of our academic staff to the U.S.A. in order to establish there a permanent organization of the "Friends of the Technion". A number of leading Jews and Zionists have been informed of our intention and promised their cooperation. The uncertainty of the political situation in Palestine and in the world has delayed our action for nearly 2 years. The European war, however, and the disaster of the Polish Jewry, have so seriously affected our position that the action in America could no longer be deferred without endangering the very life of this Institute. We have entrusted Prof. R. Samuel, Ph.D., F. Inst. Phys., with this mission on our behalf, and the purpose of this letter is to introduce our delegate to you and to explain briefly the scope and character of our effort in the U.S.A.

3. The period 1933-1939 was one of steady and, I daresay, remarkable progress of this Institute. Hundreds of Jewish youth, deprived of the opportunity to receive higher technical education in Europe, have turned to the only Jewish technical college in the world. The increase of our budget and teaching staff, the opening of new Departments of the College, and of new vocational schools attached to it (Technical High School and Nautical School), the growth of our laboratories, in number and in equipment, the extension of our research work to serve the needs of Palestine industry - these are some of our achievements.

4. All this has been carried out with very limited means and without substantial help from outside, except as a Government grant of 10,000LP for investments, and Mrs. F. Warbur's generous contribution of 5,000LP for the upkeep of the Technical High School. For years we have covered about 75% of our expenditure from our own resources - tuition fees and the income of laboratories and workshops. Still, no educational institution of this kind can maintain itself, and we have struggled with a chronic annual deficit of some 5,000 LP. At the same time we are confronted with the requirements of industry and technical research, as well as with the constant pressure of the Jewish youth, humiliated and persecuted in Central and Eastern Europe, and the subsequent necessity to offer them a greater variety of departments and subjects, in order to prevent congestion in a small number of professions. To meet all these demands the extension of the Technion and the improvement of our scientific equipment would be necessary. It cannot be accomplished without additional capital outlay.



5. The war has inflicted severe losses upon us. We have lost in Warsaw 7.500LP in tuition fees paid by the old and new students from Poland to the Palestine Office there, before the outbreak of the war. The number of students able to pay their fees will decrease this year by some 200, mainly owing to the desperate situation of our Polish students, who were dependent on their parents. This means a reduction of our estimated income by some 5.000 LP, thus bringing our deficit to 10.000LP or \$40.000.-

6. We are unable to surmount these difficulties without the help of American Jewry, and I venture to suggest that we deserve it. The Jews of your large continent, who contribute very substantial sums for the maintenance of the Hebrew University, cannot ignore the second institution of University standard in Palestine, the only Jewish Technical College.

We do not intend to start a "Campaign": our purpose is to establish an organization of "Friends of the Technion" with a system of local committees in important centres. The organization should, firstly, ~~assure us of~~ a recurrent annual income from membership fees, and secondly, defend our cause with the so-called Community Chests and help us to obtain a regular support, similar to that obtained by other kindred institutions. It should also be possible to repeat our experience in England and interest in our Institute a number of influential Jewish industrialists, scientists and engineers. In Britain we have been able to obtain the support of Lord Hirst, the president of the General Electric Company. For America I look to you to bring Prof. Samuel in contact with influential men who may form the nucleus of our organization.

7. Prof. R. Samuel holds the chair of Physical Chemistry and Molecular Physics at the Technion. The position he rightly occupies in the scientific world, as well as his previous activity as head of the physics Department and Nissim Professor of Physics at the Muslim University of Aligarh (India) from 1930 to 1937, may be known to you. He was our delegate to London in 1938, and as an active Zionist of long standing he possesses all the qualities, which gave a reasonable prospect of success in the difficult task allotted to him.

8. I hardly need emphasize how sincerely grateful the Technion will be for your help to Prof. Samuel, and I appeal to you to give him the benefit of your valuable knowledge of men and conditions and lend him the full measure of your support and cooperation.

With many thanks in advance for your active interest,

I beg to remain,

very sincerely yours,

S. Kaplansky (signed)  
Principal



January 19, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have sent a letter of acknowledgement  
to President Roosevelt. I would suggest that you  
advise Rabbi Jonah Wise to do the same.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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Henry Montor

January 19, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I had been wanting to speak to you about this for quite a long time, but refrained from doing so in view of the many other and more important problems which engaged your attention.

Now, however, that the question of the campaign has been solved, I should like to have your permission to establish the office of the United Palestine Appeal at another address than 111 Fifth Avenue. With your approval, we can get the consent of the Executive Committee.

The reasons requiring this removal are the following:

(a) The direction of activities of the United Palestine Appeal, whose educational tasks in 1940 are expected to be rather substantial, rests in the hands of myself who am also occupied with the United Jewish Appeal. Other services are rendered to the United Palestine Appeal by Alex Rothenberg and Meyer Steinglass. The distance between the offices of the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal requires rather lengthy traveling which serves no purpose except to waste time and to infringe on a limited amount of energy. It is my proposal that the United Palestine Appeal be set up in the immediate vicinity of the present office of the United Jewish Appeal, that is in the Grand Central area.

(b) A reason just as vital, if not more vital, for the transfer of the UPA office is that it has all the atmosphere and dank odor of a mausoleum. For years I have been protesting that psychologically it is impossible for anyone, whether a director or a stenographer, to do decent work in an atmosphere that is reminiscent of an east side building before the new tenement laws were passed.

(c) The setting up of a new, clean, bright, efficient-looking office for the UPA in the Grand Central area will be the best index of a new era of activity for the UPA.



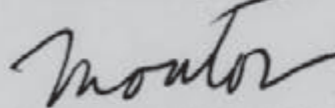
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January 19, 1940

Essentially, I am asking this as a great personal favor, as well as an institutional advance, because it is physically impossible to carry on both offices if one is subjected to nerve-racking and energy-wasting processes of traveling between offices every day.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BG





January 22, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your letter of January 19, I am in favor of getting quarters for the UPA in the vicinity of the present quarters of the UJA provided the rental is not excessive and the removal meets with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK  
Enc.



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

ON BEHALF OF  
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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and  
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January 23, 1940

342 MADISON AVENUE  
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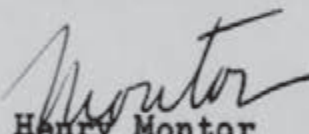
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from the secretary to Dr. Samuel MC Crea Cavert, General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, together with a copy of another letter which Dr. Cavert had sent to Rabbi Wise.

Will you communicate with Dr. Cavert from Cleveland or should some letter be written from here?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG  
Enclosures

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



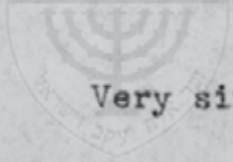

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

Office of the General Secretary  
297 Fourth Avenue  
New York

January 19, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At Dr. Cavert's request, I send you herewith a copy of the letter which he has written to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, acknowledging the check from the United Jewish Appeal and inquiring how the donors would prefer to have the funds distributed. He would like to have any suggestions from you before Friday, January 26th, when our Executive Committee meets.



Very sincerely yours,

Aenid A. Sanborn  
Secretary to Dr. Cavert

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

Enc.



CC DR. SILVER

January 19, 1940

Dear Rabbi Wise:

In addition to what I said by way of deep appreciation when I shared with you and Rabbi Silver in the conversation at Dr. Buttrick's office I want to add a word of more formal and permanent recognition of the wonderfully generous action of the United Jewish Appeal, Inc. in giving \$125,000. to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America for work among refugees. In my entire experience in connection with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America for a period of two decades, nothing has happened which has moved me more deeply than your action. What you have done will always be to me a high point in the spirit of cooperative understanding and goodwill which has been developing between your people and ours and in which I count it a joy to share.

Dr. Buttrick decided that he would like to ask the advice of the Federal Council's Executive Committee before making a distribution of the fund. He has been in Florida under doctor's orders for a fortnight and I have therefore not had the opportunity of conferring with him personally, but I know that he has it in mind to discuss the matter at our official meeting on Friday, January 26.

It is especially in his mind and mine that we want this fund to be used in the way which would be most completely in accord with the wishes of the donors. If you have any preference whatever as to the way in which these funds should be handled, we shall welcome a word from you before January 26. More particularly, we should be glad to know whether it would be more in accord with the intention of the donors if we turned the whole amount over to the American Committee for Christian Refugees or divided it among two or three different organizations. In any case, the American Committee for Christian Refugees beyond question is entitled to the lion's share, since it is the most inclusive of the organizations working for Christian refugees and since its responsibilities are heavier than those of any other. One possibility which has occurred to us is that we might turn the whole amount over to the American Committee for Christian Refugees with the request that it should make some part of the total fund available to the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), especially for its work overseas and should also transmit some part to the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches and the Central Bureau for Relief (with headquarters in Geneva) for their emergency work among the refugees in the neutral countries of Europe.

With warm regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

SAMUEL MC CREA CAVERT  
General Secretary

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, Chairman  
United Jewish Appeal, Inc.  
342 Madison Avenue, New York



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— DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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January 23, 1940

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

I am attaching herewith a copy of a note which I have sent to Louis Lipsky with the framework of a proposed agreement. Could you telephone me tomorrow indicating the changes or additions that you wish made?

It has been arranged to have a meeting in the office of the United Jewish Appeal on Thursday, January 25th at 2:00 P.M. I understand that Rabbi Jonah B. Wise will be here for the Joint Distribution Committee. Louis Lipsky will be here for the United Palestine Appeal.

Mr. Lamport and Judge Morris Rothenberg, who met on Monday afternoon with Abner Bregman of the JDC and William Rosenwald of the NRS to consider plans for the 1940 New York City campaign, told me of conversations that Rosenwald had with them to urge in some way that Rosenwald's name be identified with the agreement.

I told them that in fairness to Rosenwald and their advocacy of his suggestion they should communicate directly with you. I said that my views were opposed to such inclusion, but that the decision was yours to make.

I promised Judge Rothenberg that I would communicate with you to say that Rosenwald would like it if his name would appear on the agreement in some such way as "Accepted by the National Refugee Service, (signed) William Rosenwald." Judge Rothenberg asked me to say that he felt that legally this was a more binding procedure insofar as the NRS is concerned.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Cleveland on Tuesday. Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

*Montor*  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BG  
Encs.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

January 23, 1940

P.S. I have a suspicion that an effort will be made by the JDC to ring in the NRS in some form or other. I should like to have word from you as to the exact position which you feel Mr. Lipsky ought to take in this matter so that there may be a common viewpoint in this important matter.



*1) to NRS. signatures*



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

Henry Montor u.p.e.  
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Would be free to see  
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Jonah Wise

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CC DR SILVER

January 23, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Lipsky:

I am attaching herewith a draft of an agreement between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal for the 1940 United Jewish Appeal.

We are to meet on Thursday afternoon at 2 P.M. at the office of the United Jewish Appeal to discuss and, I trust, sign the agreement. If I could have your suggestions by tomorrow, I could then submit a draft to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise in order to save our time on Thursday.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BG



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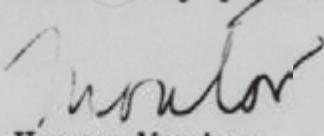
January 23, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of the letter addressed to you by Thomas Mann. I assume you will want to acknowledge this directly. Could you send us a copy for our files?

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH  
Encl.

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January 24, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I suggest that the letter of Thomas Mann, a copy of which you sent me, be printed in the next issue of the New Palestine. It is a lovely letter.

Incidentally, it would not be amiss to inquire of Mr. Ben Cohen as to why we have not had an acknowledgement from the Pope of the gift which we sent to him through Bishop Shiel.

With reference to the letter of Dr. Kavert: I would suggest that we make no recommendations whatsoever to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America touching the distribution of the gift which we made to it. Our position should be that it be left entirely to their discretion. I am sure that they will make the proper distribution of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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HENRY MONTOR CARE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

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DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE SPENT HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP A THOUSAND  
REFUGEES ON STEAMER ST. LOUIS AND WHY NEWSPAPERS AND PRIVATE COMMITTEES  
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TO PALESTINE. IS IT TRUE THAT THEY WILL BE DEPORTED TO CONCENTRATION  
CAMPS IN NAZI GERMANY UNLESS FUNDS ARE WIRED IN THREE DAYS.

ALFRED H SACHS 501 GUARDIAN BLDG  
CLEVELAND OHIO



January 25, 1940

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

Cash Estimates

|      | <u>JAN./25</u> | <u>FEBRUARY</u> | <u>MARCH</u> | <u>APRIL</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1939 | \$141,250.     | \$154,500.      | \$222,000.   | \$105,000.   | \$622,750.   |
| 1940 | ---            | 75,000.         | 75,000.      | 125,000.     | 275,000.     |
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

January 25, 1940

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached herewith is a copy of a Minute which I drew up of a discussion which was held on Thursday, January 25th, at 9:00 A.M. at the office of the United Jewish Appeal, of the relations between the National Refugee Service and the United Jewish Appeal from the campaign point of view.

Certain problems which were discussed will undoubtedly be of interest to you.

HM:BG  
Enclosure





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January 25, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On this letterhead appears the list of officers of the United Jewish Appeal for the year 1939. Do you have any changes to suggest for the year 1940? My thought is that it would be most desirable to leave the personnel stand as it is.

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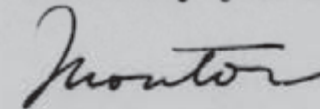
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Sincerely yours,



Henry Montor  
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HM:EH

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January 26, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a draft of the statement that is to be used in the printed eight-page circular similar to the one that was issued at the beginning of 1939.

It is understood that the circular will be no larger than eight pages and if necessary the material will be cut to fit that size.

I should appreciate having your observations, changes and improvements at your earliest convenience.

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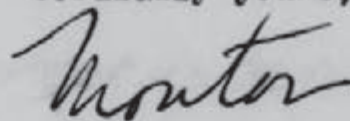
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## STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL CHAIRMEN

### I.

### What Is The United Jewish Appeal?

The United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs has been accepted by the Jewish community of America as the most effective means of supporting the programs of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

The United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs was established in 1939 to serve as the single instrument through which enlarged resources could be made available for the extraordinary financial responsibilities arising out of the relief and rehabilitation requirements of the Jews in Europe, the settlement of Jews in Palestine and the integration of refugees in the United States. The new standard of generosity established in 1939 and the admirable manner in which the unified campaign functioned in that year led American Jewry to demand a continuation of this instrumentality to meet the grave situation confronting millions of Jews during the year 1940.

American Jewry is now called upon to raise through the United Jewish Appeal a minimum sum of \$25,000,000 in 1940. This represents an increase of 25% over the amount which the United Jewish Appeal regarded as the minimum to be raised in 1939 for the needs of its agencies. The quota challenging the sacrificial generosity of American Jewry is the largest that has ever been placed before the country. It is an index of the enormous obligations that must be met if security and survival are to be assured to hundreds of thousands of Jews who have no hope of assistance from the countries in which they live or, with small exceptions, from sources other than the Jews of America.

The office of the United Jewish Appeal will continue at 342 Madison Avenue. The campaign will be conducted as the unified fund-raising organization of the three agencies and all applications to communities for participation in the national quota will come from this central headquarters and all allotments and remittances to the agencies

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within the United Jewish Appeal are to be made to these same central headquarters at 342 Madison Avenue.

## II.

### The Distribution of Funds.

Following the procedure which proved acceptable to the nation in 1939 the funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal in 1940 will be distributed as the result of studies of needs made by a Budgeting Committee that is being established. In order, however, not to impede the continuity of the immediate programs of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service, certain advances are being made to each to enable them to carry on with commitments already made. These amounts are as follows:

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| To the United Palestine Appeal      | \$2,500,000 |
| To the Joint Distribution Committee | 5,250,000   |
| To the National Refugee Service     | 2,500,000   |

from the national income of the United Jewish Appeal. A further grant to the work of the National Refugee Service for \$1,000,000 is to be made by the Greater New York United Jewish Appeal campaign. The balance of the money to be raised in 1940 will be distributed by a Budgeting Committee on which there will be an equal number of representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal in association with representatives of Welfare Fund communities.

The principle of scientific management of funds was introduced by the United Jewish Appeal in 1939 when through an Allocations Committee it undertook to survey the needs of various phases of the Jewish situation without determining at the beginning of the year the full amount that would be distributed to the participating agencies. This principle is being continued and perfected in the year 1940. The Budgeting Committee constitutes an assurance to the contributors to the United Jewish Appeal that their funds will be utilized throughout 1940 in specific relationship to those causes and opportunities which offer the most productive results for the funds that can be provided.

## III.

### Cooperation with Local Campaigns.

The United Jewish Appeal recognizes that many communities conduct campaigns which include other causes, although others engaged in a fund-raising effort exclusively for the United Jewish Appeal, making other arrangements for other institutions and movements in which they are interested. The United Jewish Appeal believes that the urgent necessity of providing maximum resources for the tragic needs of great masses of men, women and children who are the victims of normal peacetime destitution, or of the savagery of war, deserve the first consideration of American Jewish generosity. The United Jewish Appeal appreciates, however, the concern which many communities manifest toward other local, domestic and overseas enterprises.

The United Jewish Appeal urges upon Welfare Funds and other communities conducting combined campaigns to share in a maximum degree in the universal



determination of American Jewry to make available through the United Jewish Appeal the financial assistance which alone can safeguard the existence of great numbers of Jews, whether they be residents in their native lands, refugees, immigrants in Palestine or refugees settled in the United States. The unprecedented generosity manifested in thousands of communities in 1939 was symptomatic of the desire of American Jews to share more adequately in refugee and resettlement needs. It is taken for granted that the leaders of American Jewish communities will take this fact into consideration when they determine allocations to be made to the United Jewish Appeal in relation to the total amounts that may be obtained in Welfare Fund campaigns in 1940.

#### IV.

##### The Effects of War.

When the United Jewish Appeal was organized in 1939 its agencies were confronted with the most serious needs that had developed for the Jewish people since the last World War. The ruthless campaign of expropriation, expulsion and extermination which was set under way by the Nazi government within the borders of Germany had repercussions in all lands where its anti-Semitic doctrines were imitated or whither the refugees had gone for temporary shelter.

The year 1940 finds the agencies in the United Jewish Appeal confronted with responsibilities of unprecedented scope and gravity. Chief of the problems that must be dealt with is the plight of millions of Jews in Poland. After suffering from the ravages of war the Jews of Poland, always destitute, are now on the brink of starvation and death. It is estimated that since the outbreak of war, some 250,000 Jews have perished in Poland.

The war has added immeasurably to the burdens upon the financial resources of the agencies in the United Jewish Appeal. In the first place, many of the communities which had formerly shared in the maintenance of institutions in Germany and Poland and which had given substantial assistance to the refugee problem are now hindered or completely estopped from the extension of such aid: because of exchange restrictions imposed by their governments or because of the heavy burdens devolving upon citizens in countries at war. Millions of dollars which were formerly put at the disposal of European Jewish communities by countries other than America will not be available during the year 1940. Similar handicaps are placed upon Jewish communities in neutral countries. The partial or complete mobilization of manpower, the governmental levies upon income and restrictions upon expenditure have given sharper edge to the tragedy of masses of refugees herded temporarily in various neutral countries of Europe. Stoppage or difficulties in transportation and increasing barriers upon the absorption of refugees have made the problem of assistance to the refugees much more difficult and requiring far greater financial resources.

Not even during the last World War was American Jewry faced with so complete a challenge to its understanding of European Jewish needs and its generosity in meeting those needs. The sums required are unprecedented to meet unparalleled tasks. In setting before the Jews of America a national quota of \$25,000,000 the United Jewish Appeal believes that this sum represents the irreducible minimum if the many phases of the Jewish problem are to be met with any degree of adequacy. The total of the budgets of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service far exceeds the sum of \$25,000,000 which has been set up as a minimum expectation but the officers of the United Jewish Appeal are concerned not only with presenting the full extent of the requirements, but are also mindful of the fund-raising experience of previous years in placing before American Jewry a program within range of fulfillment.



V.

The Tasks of the Joint  
Distribution Committee.

Every problem of Jewish need and rehabilitation for the Jews in and of Europe is the field of the Joint Distribution Committee. Responding with equal promptness and effectiveness to every normal and emergency pressure, insofar as its funds will permit, the Joint Distribution Committee faces 1940 with seven special tasks, for which funds on a large scale must be budgeted.

These include activities: (1) In old Germany, Austria, the protectorates of Bohemia-Moravia and in Slovakia; (2) In refugee lands in Europe such as England, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Scandinavian countries, Yugoslavia, etc.; (3) In countries in which special legislation is imposing enormous handicaps on Jews or where, through denationalization, great groups of Jews are unable to earn their livelihood - that is to say, in countries like Hungary, Italy and Roumania; (4) In Latin America - Central and South American countries; (5) In countries now affected directly by war conditions, such as Poland and to a lesser extent, the small Baltic countries adjoining Poland - Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, etc.; (6) Special emergency situations as unfortunately occur too often, such as the episode of the SS St. Louis; (7) The larger problem of cooperating with agencies in the whole field of German-Jewish emigration from countries of temporary asylum to other parts of the world.

The Joint Distribution Committee again emphasizes that it has not made any remittances in dollars to Germany or Poland. Through a continuation of the system by which it has operated in 1939 the Joint Distribution Committee is making available in Germany and in Poland, as in other countries, relief in every form embracing a network of activities ranging from soup kitchens, training, children's education and reoccupational work to emigration assistance to refugees.

The need to feed, maintain, house and keep alive the refugees on the European Continent is more imperative than ever. In France, for example, German-Jewish refugees like other refugees have been interned in military camps. Their wives and children are completely without support, absolutely dependent, absolutely destitute. They cannot resort to public channels for any form of assistance.

There are 150,000 refugees in Europe, from the Scandinavian countries to Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, whose maintenance and survival are largely dependent upon the resources that the Joint Distribution Committee can make available. In Hungary, Italy and Roumania hundreds of thousands of Jews have been deprived by law of the right to earn a livelihood. In many instances they are denationalized and are becoming a burden on the rest of their own poverty-stricken Jewish communities. Their condition is progressively becoming worse.

The program of the Joint Distribution Committee also extends into Central and South American countries where there are 75,000 people, most of them refugees from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia as well as Jews from Eastern Europe who look to the Joint Distribution Committee for some form of aid to enable them to exist and to integrate themselves into the economy of those countries.

But overshadowing all these problems is the plight of the Jews of Poland. An indication of the gravity of the problem is seen in the fact that 80% of the Jewish population in Warsaw is completely destitute, requiring food, clothing, housing, medical assistance, etc. Up to the present time the Joint Distribution



Committee has been the only organization which has been able to conduct any form of program of assistance within Poland. With the resources provided by the Joint Distribution Committee and auxiliary organizations, the Jewish community of Poland is being enabled to operate a series of enterprises involving the feeding, clothing and housing of tens of thousands of men, women and children.

There is urgent pressure to provide funds to agencies in the field of German Jewish emigration. From West to East in Europe there are thousands of men and women who have been settled temporarily in various lands, including England and France and the neutral countries, who must now leave those countries because of local economic circumstances or because of governmental pressure. Pleas are being received to enable Jews to find their way to Palestine, to Central and South America, to Australia, to North America and elsewhere. The Joint Distribution Committee during 1939 expended substantial sums for such emigration purposes and is planning, within the limit of the resources placed at its disposal during 1940, to continue its assistance toward this productive and creative activity.

## VI.

### The Tasks of the United Palestine Appeal.

The United Palestine Appeal is the instrument through which the Jews of America make available funds for every phase of the rebuilding and resettlement program in Palestine. Its two constituent agencies are the Palestine Foundation Fund, the fiscal instrument of the Jewish Agency for Palestine recognized in the League of Nations Mandate as the supreme representative of the Jewish people in Palestine, and the Jewish National Fund, the agency for land redemption in the name and for the inalienable possession of the Jewish people. The Palestine Foundation Fund makes appropriations for assistance to immigration, agricultural and urban settlement of immigrants, furtherance of labor housing, development of trade and industry, education and culture, promotion of national security, health and social service and every enterprise designed to increase the absorptive capacity for Jewish immigration.

The year 1939 emphasized to an unprecedented degree the unique place which Palestine fills in the structure of Jewish life as related to the problem of homelessness. The excesses of anti-Semitism in Germany which extended to ever new areas during the year 1939 resulted in a pressure for emigration which found Palestine a chief outlet. Continuing its role as a haven, Palestine during the twelve months ended September 30, 1939 provided a home for 35,000 Jewish men, women and children who escaped from Germany, Poland and other lands in Europe. From the outbreak of the war through December 1939 some 8,000 immigrants made their way to Palestine's shores despite the war.

The steady irreducible flow of immigration to Palestine has created widespread problems which have become of supreme moment since the outbreak of war. The refugees who have arrived during the past year have entered the country at the end of long weeks or months of malnutrition, disease and indescribable hardships. They have had no resources upon which to count. Their elementary requirements of clothing and food must be met. They must be maintained until place is found for them. Plans must be laid for their integration in the agriculture or industry of the country.

The unemployed laborers, the middle classes, small traders and others who have lost their livelihood through the war crisis present another grave problem



requiring the support of the United Palestine Appeal. It becomes of supreme urgency at the time when Jewish survival is endangered in many countries of Europe and the requirements for maintenance and growth of the communal structure in Palestine are greater than ever before that the American Jewish community make available through the United Palestine Appeal sacrificial sums for the continuance of the upbuilding effort so that two ends may be achieved: that the structure which today houses 500,000 Jews may be preserved with its full complement of agricultural, industrial and cultural activities and that resources may be created to permit the absorption of additional thousands of Jews fleeing from intolerable oppression in European lands.

The agencies receiving their funds from the United Palestine Appeal have three major tasks facing their resources in the year 1940: (1) the requirements for relief; (2) unemployment aid; (3) acceleration of the upbuilding effort. The tens of thousands of refugees who have recently arrived plus the thousands who continue to come to Palestine must be provided with the elementary necessities of existence. Provision must also be made for their livelihood. The European war has resulted in suspense of many private industrial projects and in agricultural enterprises so that thousands of laborers have been thrown out of work. Middle class groups have been similarly affected. These men and women who have been rescued from the physical and spiritual destruction in Europe must be enabled to survive through this temporary economic crisis. In order to provide place for the refugees now in the country, to make provision for additional newcomers, to counteract the effects of war and to bolster up the foundations of the economy erected during the past two decades, the national funds, that is the agencies benefiting from the United Palestine Appeal, must not only continue their normal tasks of colonization, land acquisition and national reconstruction but must intensify their efforts to an unprecedented degree.

## VII.

### The Needs of the National Refugee Service.

As Americans we must give primary thought to the tasks involved in receiving and integrating the newcomers to these shores. The refugees who enter the United States present financial and human problems which deserve our most generous and sympathetic consideration. Their economic and cultural welfare and the maximum utilization of their capacities for the furtherance of American interests must challenge our statesmanship.

Insofar as the financial requirements of the National Refugee Service are concerned it must be emphasized that refugees continue to arrive from Europe under the established quota allotments. During the past few months since the outbreak of war there has been an average influx into the United States of approximately 3,000 refugees a month.

The National Refugee Service continues on an even larger scale with those fields of activity in which it was engaged in 1939, that is, service to refugees in adjusting themselves to American life, in resettlement, in finding employment opportunities and, in an increasing number of cases, in assisting them with food, clothing, shelter and medical aid until they have become more permanently adjusted to the conditions of American life and are able to become self-sustaining.



The principal aim of the National Refugee Service has been to prepare the refugees for adequate citizenship in the United States. There is need to emphasize again and again that a failure to deal adequately with the refugee problem in the United States must have far-reaching consequences for the entire Jewish community. It is gratifying to observe that the Jews of America as reflected in their participation in the United Jewish Appeal in 1939 understood the situation and to the best of their ability endeavored to meet it.

It is important to point out that the National Refugee Service is concerned with the national aspect of the refugee problem. It gives advice and assistance to those seeking visas and to relatives in America concerned with their kin abroad. It works closely with the immigration authorities to facilitate the legal procedures involved. It cooperates with hundreds of communities and individuals throughout the United States in the larger problems of resettlement, employment and economic and cultural adjustment.

It is obvious that the task of assistance and maintenance to refugees in local communities or areas is one that depends upon the resources of the local community which cannot be met out of the limited budget of the National Refugee Service. Communities which have accepted a number of refugees for adjustment through employment or resettlement are expected to raise for this specific activity or to set aside from their Welfare Funds sufficient and reasonable sums related to the actual requirements of refugees settling locally. Communities are asked to remember that any activities which they are carrying on for refugees locally or regionally cannot be deducted from the allotments intended for the national United Jewish Appeal from which the National Refugee Service obtains its funds.

Every community, in advance of its campaign, is expected to give consideration to the various institutions calling upon it for assistance. Allocations made to the national United Jewish Appeal must be considered as a separate trust fund from which deductions cannot be made for any other local or domestic purposes. This procedure was understood by the overwhelming majority of the communities in the United States in 1939 and will undoubtedly be followed in 1940.

#### VIII.

##### Standards of Generosity.

What was notable about the 1939 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal was the new standard of generosity established in virtually every community in America. If the new and higher goal set for 1940 is to be realized it is imperative that these standards be used as the foundations on which to build larger resources in the coming year. We now realize with greater vividness than ever before that while other peoples who may be suffering have their lands and their governments upon which to depend for assistance, the suffering Jews of Europe can depend only on the voluntary generosity of the Jews of America.

It is to be hoped that during 1940 the measure of sacrifice established in many communities will serve as an example to other communities which have been slowly educating their constituencies to an appreciation of the special challenge addressed to American Jewry during 1940 as a result of the overwhelming needs abroad.



The amount which any community can contribute to the United Jewish Appeal is dependent upon the standard set by the leaders and big givers of each community. The substantial gift is important not alone for the beneficence which it represents but for the stimulation which it gives to hundreds of other contributors to endeavor to measure their responsibility by the generosity of the top givers. It is our confident hope that during 1940 those men and women who are blessed with a larger share of the benefits of life in America will once again make sufficient contributions to their local campaigns that the allotment to the United Jewish Appeal will measure up to the new tasks that American Jewish leadership has set for itself in relation to the Jewish relief and rehabilitation program throughout the world.

#### IX.

#### Deeds, Not Words.

During the year 1939, American Jewry generally gave dramatic evidence of its recognition that the suffering of our people must be eased by deeds and not words. Through the earnest labors of thousands of contributors and workers there was forged during 1939 a bond of unity between the Jews of America and our suffering people abroad which gave to the latter not merely physical easing of their burdens but spiritual strength that has enabled them to endure the indescribable hardships which they are undergoing.

As the National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, we solemnly appeal to every Jew in America to join with us in shouldering and meeting a responsibility that is the most sacred task that has confronted Jews during their entire history of freedom and opportunity in America.

Abba Hillel Silver

Jonah B. Wise

National Chairmen



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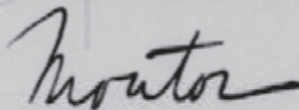
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

What do you think of the advisability of arranging a function under the auspices of the United Palestine Appeal in New York City with the Right Honorable Alfred Duff Cooper as guest of honor?

I think it would give us a great deal of prestige in connection with the educational program of the United Palestine Appeal.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET



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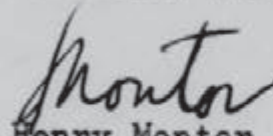
Dear Dr. Silver:

It has been suggested by Mr. Lipsky, who I understand reflects the views of several others, that the names of Elihu D. Stone and Louis P. Rocker, who are now on the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal representing the United Palestine Appeal, should be replaced by two other persons. The names of Dr. Ferdinand Sonneborn and Abraham Wechsler, both of them substantial contributors in New York, have been suggested.

Have you any views as to the removal and as to the replacement by new names?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BG



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In reference to the statement which Dr. Georg Landauer sent you, giving the basis for a proposed loan in the United States through the Keren Hayesod, I should like to call your attention to the fact that during the discussion of the draft of the agreement for the 1940 United Jewish Appeal on Thursday afternoon, several questions were raised by the Joint Distribution Committee in regard to a loan. They had in mind the flotation of the debentures of the Keren Kayemeth in 1939. They recognized that a loan underwritten by a bank or other financial institution would not concern them, but they were concerned lest there be a public flotation which would involve an individual appeal to subscribers in the same way as the National Fund debentures of 1939 were disposed of.

As a matter of fact, it is likely that the Joint Distribution Committee may wish to insert into the agreement some reference to the possibility of a loan being floated, and the assurance given that consultation will be had in advance with the United Jewish Appeal before a public flotation is agreed upon.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a cablegram which I sent to Eleazar Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, in reply to one from him asking for an estimate of the amounts which could be made available to Jerusalem. He also asked that \$100,000 be remitted to the Jewish Agency. Unfortunately, however, because of our very limited income at this time, it was only possible to get together \$90,000.

The estimates contained in the enclosed cablegram are based on an analysis of the estimated share of the United Palestine Appeal and the income of the United Jewish Appeal month by month from January through April, 1940. I am attaching herewith a copy of the analysis sheet on which the estimates were based.

You will notice, of course, that the total amount estimated as the share of the United Palestine Appeal is approximately \$900,000. But there must be deducted the monthly expenditures of the United Palestine Appeal, the allotment for the Mizrahi Palestine Fund, and the subsidies to the Zionist Organization of America, Poale Zion and the Mizrahi Organization. I have tried as far as possible to be conservative.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

*Montor*

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC  
Enc.



January 26, 1940

Mr. Alfred H. Sachs  
501 Guardian Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Alfred:

In reference to your telegram of January 24th, may I call your attention to the front page story of the January 26th issue of the New Palestine, which is a careful and authoritative statement on the refugee situation on the Danube.

It is my understanding that this problem will be liquidated within the coming week. Moreover it is not correct to say that these people will be returned to Germany otherwise. It stands to reason that once Germany disposes of a substantial number of Jews it will do all in its power to fight against their readmission in the country.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

HM:BC

Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman



JANUARY 26, 1940

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ELEAZAR KAPLAN  
JEWISH AGENCY  
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SENDING NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS POUNDS LONDON STOP ESTIMATE THERE  
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HENRY MONTOR

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, 111 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY



January 29, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Mrs. M. R. Sanderson of Seneca Falls, N.Y.  
attended services at The Temple yesterday morning  
and left the enclosed check of \$25 with Rabbi Silver  
as her contribution to the United Jewish Appeal.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



January 29, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Inasmuch as the New York Campaign is not now on, I do not think that it would be particularly appropriate for the UPA to arrange a function for the Rt. Hon. Duff Cooper. It seems to me that it would be more fitting for the ZOA to do that.

I am to be out of my pulpit on Sunday morning, February 18 addressing Purdue University. I am wondering whether it would be possible for Mr. Cooper to speak in my Temple pulpit that morning. I should like him to deliver the same address that he delivered in Washington. I am not in a position, however, to pay more than Two Hundred Fifty or Three Hundred Dollars. I would appreciate it if you would inquire and find out whether he could come under those terms.

I do not think that it would be wise to replace Elihu D. Stone and Louis P. Rocker on the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. It would be a needless provocative act.

I have not yet received the statement of Dr. Georg Landauer on the proposed loan through the Keren Hayesod.

I agree with you that the list of officers of the UPA for 1940 should be the same as for 1939.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



January 30, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

The enclosed letter is from former Judge David Ralph Hertz. He offers his services as a speaker. You undoubtedly know him. He is an old time Zionist and an effective speaker. He might be of service to the cause through this part of the country. Please communicate with him.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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BLITZ INFORMS ME MEETING TO DISCUSS NEWYORK CAMPAIGN  
TAKING PLACE THURSDAY UPA IS SUPPOSED TO DESIGNATE  
TEN REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND SUCH MEETING. INASMUCH  
AS NO REAL SETUP EXISTS IN NEWYORK BLITZ FEELS YOU  
OUGHT TO EXERCISE AUTHORITY AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN TO  
SET MACHINERY IN MOTION. DISCUSSED LAMPORT SITUATION  
WITH YOU OVER PHONE. BLITZ SUGGESTS TWO ALTERNATIVES  
ONE YOU DESIGNATE COMMITTEE OF THREE CONSISTING  
ROTHENBERG LAMPORT AND ANOTHER TO REPRESENT UPA IN  
NEGOTIATING FOR 1940 UJA DRIVE SECOND YOU NOMINATE  
TEN REPRESENTATIVES UPA THESE TEN TO SELECT CHAIRMAN.  
NAMES SUGGESTED BY BLITZ INCLUDE ROTHENBERG LAMPORT  
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ALL OF WHOM WITH ONE EXCEPTION CONTRIBUTORS \$1,000 OR OVER.  
WOULD APPRECIATE EITHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL INSTRUCTIONS  
THIS IMPORTANT SITUATION REGARDS=  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum representing the gist of a conversation I had in the United Jewish Appeal office recently with Mr. Leon Sunstein, Chairman, Mr. Arthur A. Fleisher, Treasurer and Mr. Kurt Peiser, Executive Director of the Allied Jewish Appeal of Philadelphia.

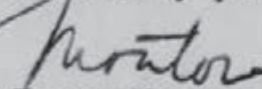
In essence the problem is this: Are the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal prepared to forego their claims on possible income from campaigns prior to 1939 in order not to jeopardize the allotment to the United Jewish Appeal from the 1939 campaign?

In my opinion, the United Palestine Appeal has little, if any, chance of collecting additional sums of money from Philadelphia on either 1937, 1938 or previous campaigns. Therefore, in making a gesture of yielding our rights to such income, we shall be strengthening the United Jewish Appeal in relation to Philadelphia and also the United Palestine Appeal.

May I have your consent to the writing of a letter to Philadelphia indicating our willingness to drop our claims on income prior to 1939?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BG  
Enclosures



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

January 30, 1940

P.S. Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which the Joint Distribution Committee, through Isidor Coons, sent to Philadelphia, yielding its right to income from previous campaigns.

My letter would be along the same lines.

H. M.





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January 15, 1940

RECORD DEPARTMENT

HENRY MONTOR

Visit of Philadelphia Delegation on Friday, January 12

This is in confirmation and elaboration of the memorandum dated January 12th which Mr. Herman submitted to the Record Department following the meeting which we had in the UJA office on Friday afternoon, January 12th with Messrs. Leon Sunstein, Arthur A. Fleisher and Kurt Peiser.

Mr. Peiser pointed out that \$75,000 had originally been assigned for local refugee needs. It was now discovered that the resettlement committee was spending at the rate of \$96,000 per year. It was found that \$150,000 would be needed for refugee work in Philadelphia during 1940. Thus it was essential to have \$75,000 more than had originally been contemplated for this work.

In view of the fact that Philadelphia did not care to undertake a supplementary campaign for this purpose, Mr. Peiser suggested two proposals:

- (1) That the United Jewish Appeal agencies, that is the UPA and JDC release all the back money still owed to them from previous campaigns for this refugee work. This proposal had been favored by Messrs. Lessing Rosenwald and Morris Wolf;
- (2) A re-allocation of money raised in 1939 which would involve a deduction of \$50,000 from the allotment to the UJA.

In discussing the problem, Mr. Peiser submitted figures to show how much had been raised and collected in the years since 1930.

In 1930, \$123,000 had been pledged, \$83,000 paid and \$29,000 uncollected.

In 1933, \$55,000 had been pledged, \$2,300 remained uncollected.

In 1934, \$137,000 had been pledged and \$8,600 remained uncollected.

In 1935, \$137,000 had been pledged, \$13,000 remained uncollected.

In 1936, \$106,000 had been pledged, \$7,600 remained unpaid.

In 1937, \$110,000 had been pledged and \$10,900 remained uncollected.



January 15, 1940

To: Record Dept.  
From: Henry Montor

Subject: Visit of Philadelphia Delegation on Friday, January 12

As a result of the 1938 campaign, when \$721,000 had been raised, the amount of \$180,000 had been paid to the JDC and \$120,000 to the UPA. It was assumed that some additional amounts might be forthcoming for the two agencies, but Mr. Peiser did not indicate what amount would be available. The sum of \$79,000 remains uncollected on the total of \$721,000 raised in 1938.

Before the 1938 campaign was launched, allocations were made on the basis of raising \$500,000. In view of the final results, there had been a 20% increase in the allocations originally contemplated to all the agencies.

The 1939 results in Philadelphia, taking into account duplications, etc., netted \$885,000. Since the UJA was allotted 55%, this would involve \$486,750 for the UJA.

Mr. Herman, in his memorandum of January 12th, indicated the proposal submitted in a tentative way by myself.





JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

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January 26, 1940

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Mr. Kurt Peiser, Executive Director  
Allied Jewish Appeal  
1700 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Kurt:

Referring to your letter of 17th, addressed to Mr. M. Robert Herman of the United Jewish Appeal, the officers of the Joint Distribution Committee have carefully considered the situation which faces the Jewish community of Philadelphia because of increased local refugee problems.

The officers of the Joint Distribution Committee agree to accept the recommendation that funds be made available for the program in behalf of the refugees in Philadelphia, when and as collected, against pledges to campaigns conducted in Philadelphia prior to 1939 out of which balances are still due the Joint Distribution Committee that would thus be cancelled. This recommendation is accepted with the definite understanding that no portion of the allotment to the United Jewish Appeal of 1939, of which the Joint Distribution Committee is a constituent, be deducted.

It is our hope that in the light of the Joint Distribution Committee's acceptance of this recommendation, which means a substantial loss in anticipated income on account of past campaigns, this will help to solve the local Philadelphia refugee financial problem and that the Board of the Allied Jewish Appeal of Philadelphia, in considering allotments out of the proceeds of the 1939 campaign, will make available to the United Jewish Appeal no less than \$500,000.

We understand that the recommendations contained in your letter of January 17th to Mr. Herman have been submitted to the United Palestine Appeal, from which organization you will hear direct.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours

Isidor Coons, Director of Fund Raising

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# 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.

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January 30, 1940

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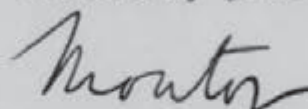
Dear Dr. Silver:

As I explained to you over the telephone last Friday, Rabbi Wise, who is supported in this by the officers of the Joint Distribution Committee, advises that the national quota of the United Jewish Appeal is to be no greater than \$23,000,000.

In view of your acceptance of this position, a quota of \$23,000,000 will be announced.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG

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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (KEREN KAYEMETH)  
For the Settlement in Palestine of Jews of Germany, Poland, Rumania and Other Lands

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January 30, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I think it would be most helpful if a meeting were to be held of the Executive Committee of the UPA as early as possible either this week or the early part of next week. Aside from the formal and routine report on the suggestions of the United Jewish Appeal, there are such matters to be determined upon as the adoption of a program of the UPA for 1940, the removal of headquarters and the consideration of a number of ancillary matters, particularly the position the UPA ought to take in relation to the drive against it arising from the Danube situation and the Revisionist attitude.

Letters and telegrams, inspired and spontaneous, have been flowing into the office addressed to both you and Rabbi Wise, some insulting and some courteous, with regard to this Danube problem.

It would be helpful if I could have a wire from you at your convenience designating a date. I would then consult with Mr. Lipsky in his capacity as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and issue the formal notices.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

*Montor*

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC

*Winkley*  
*Feb. 12*



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
111 FIFTH AVENUE

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* Jan. 31, 1940

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Henry Montor

*Subject*

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from the President of the Palestine Craft Education Society, making application for a grant from the United Palestine Appeal toward the Julian W. Mack School and Work Shops in Palestine.

Attached also is a copy of the acknowledgement of the letter.

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 31, 1940

Mr. Philip R. Goldstein  
Palestine Craft Education Society, Inc.  
340 West 57th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

This will acknowledge your circular letter of January 29th calling upon the United Palestine Appeal for an allocation toward the work of the Julian W. Mack School and Work Shops in Palestine.

The constitution of the United Palestine Appeal provides that decisions with respect to allocations are made by its constituent bodies, the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund.

Please be advised, therefore, to address yourself to these agencies at 111 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:FR



C O P Y

PALESTINE CRAFT EDUCATION SOCIETY, INC.

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

340 West 57th Street  
New York City

Gentlemen:

January 29, 1940

On behalf of the Palestine Craft Education Society, Inc., I desire to make a formal application for an allocation toward the work of the Julian W. Mack School and Work Shops in Palestine, which our Society helps to maintain.

The School and Work Shops, under the direction of the well-known educator, Miss Deborah Kallen, has been in existence since 1920. Until the advent of Hitlerism, the School was practically self-supporting. Since the large influx of Jewish refugees in Palestine, the School has been compelled to seek financial aid in America.

The aim of the School is to give refugee and underprivileged children the type of vocational training that will prepare them to earn their own living in a useful craft. It has the whole-hearted endorsement of Professor John Dewey, Paul Kellogg, Dr. Paul Klapper, Dr. William A. Nielson, Dr. Hans Kohn and Professor Harry A. Wolfson.

May I call your attention to the photographs of the children accompanying this letter and to the testimonials of distinguished persons who have a first-hand knowledge of the remarkable achievements of the School and Work Shops. May I also call your attention to the enclosed excerpts from the last annual report and the financial statement of the School. The budget for 1940 is \$12,000.

It will interest you to know that the Society incurs no overhead or administrative expense whatsoever. Everything here is done by experienced volunteers. Every dollar we raise goes to provide schooling and training for the children in the Julian W. Mack School and Work Shops.

Any appropriation that your organization will see fit to make toward the excellent work that the School is doing will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Philip R. Goldstein  
President



EXCERPTS FROM THE LATEST JOINT REPORT  
OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE JULIAN W. MACK SCHOOL AND WORK SHOPS  
AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE PALESTINE CRAFT EDUCATION SOCIETY

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The aim of the Julian W. Mack School and Work Shops is to give the children of elementary and secondary school age the type of education that will prepare them early for technical and vocational training and give them the opportunity to find their dominant interest in some craft or technical activity that will enable them to earn their own living. This program also gives them a rich cultural background correlated with the crafts that the children have chosen.

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On account of economic conditions, about thirty percent of the Jewish child population in Palestine gets no schooling whatsoever. The children who are not fortunate enough to be in schools are in very great danger of becoming delinquent problems. Many of them roam the streets, hungry, practically naked.

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The thousands of refugee children in Palestine must receive not only the rudiments of an education but also training in the arts and crafts, so that they may be able more readily to orient themselves to their new life. The Julian W. Mack School and Work Shops has worked out a very intensive manual and work program which fills this need. The Work Shop classes include carpentry, gardening and farming, shop work, weaving, bookbinding and mending, cooking, designing and drawing, modeling, filing and cataloging.

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It has been found that the children who have gone through the elementary grades of the School have a well-balanced experience which enables them to follow any craft in which the child has worked or enter any type of secondary school toward a training in artisanship and craftsmanship and to continue their training so that they may be prepared to work in their chosen vocation.

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The Va'ad Leumi, the National Council of Palestine Jewry, in its recent objective report to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds of the United States, stated as follows:

"The School and Work Shops are housed in rented quarters which are spacious, light and extremely well-kept. A private physician visits the institution daily to examine the children. The accounts are kept in orderly fashion. A financial statement is published annually. The books of the School are audited each year by a certified accountant."

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The 1940 budget of the School and Work Shops is \$12,000.



JULIAN W. MACK SCHOOL AND WORK SHOPS, PALESTINE

Balance Sheet as of August 31, 1939

LIABILITIES

SALARIES

|                        |              |         |
|------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Due to teachers        | £ 196.022    |         |
| Due to other personnel | <u>8.268</u> | 204.290 |

BILLS PAYABLE

135.549

CREDITORS

|                 |               |         |
|-----------------|---------------|---------|
| Landlord        |               |         |
| Rent            | 242.-         |         |
| Loan from Bank  | 100.-         |         |
| Current Account | <u>72.714</u> | 172.714 |
| Supplies        | 101.508       |         |
| Parents         | 2.600         |         |
| Sundry          | <u>1.330</u>  | 520.152 |

RESERVE FOR DOUBTFUL DEBTS

20.-  
£ 879.991

ASSETS

PARENTS

|                               |               |        |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| For tuition and entrance fees | £ 32.205      |        |
| For lunches                   | <u>18.605</u> | 50.810 |

DEPOSIT WITH JERUSALEM ELECTRIC CORP. LTD.

2.-

BILLS RECEIVABLE

10.250

CASH

|   |               |        |
|---|---------------|--------|
| In Hand   | .281          |        |
| At Anglo-Palestine Bank Ltd., Jerusalem                 | 1.234         |        |
| At Barclays Bank, Jerusalem, in the name of Miss Kallen | <u>11.345</u> | 12.860 |

PREPAID INTEREST

4.900

DEFICIT

|                         |         |  |
|-------------------------|---------|--|
| As of 31st August, 1938 | 872.394 |  |
|-------------------------|---------|--|

|   |               |                                  |
|---|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Less Excess of Income over Expenditure for twelve months ending 31st August, 1939 | <u>73.223</u> | <u>799.171</u><br><u>879.991</u> |
|---|---------------|----------------------------------|



2. Financial Statement of the JULIAN W. MACK SCHOOL AND WORK SHOPS, PALESTINE  
As of August 31, 1939.

EXPENDITURE

|   |                |                                   |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| SALARIES  |                |                                   |
| Teachers  | £ 714.732      |                                   |
| Administration                                      | <u>160.138</u> | 874.870                           |
| COMPENSATION  |                | 37.166                            |
| RENT  |                | 425.505                           |
| KITCHEN   |                |                                   |
| Food  | 259.886        |                                   |
| Salaries  | <u>57.-</u>    | 316.886                           |
| TUITION MATERIALS                                   |                | 40.840                            |
| SUNDRY EXPENSES                                     |                |                                   |
| Water, lighting and heating                         | 28.295         |                                   |
| Telephone, Postage, Telegrams and<br>Revenue stamps | 31.747         |                                   |
| Repairs, renovations and cleaning                   | 24.360         |                                   |
| Advertising   | 10.835         |                                   |
| Office Expenses                                     | 21.755         |                                   |
| Traveling Expenses                                  | 1.656          |                                   |
| Bank charges and interest                           | 1.660          |                                   |
| Medical Supply                                      | 1.570          |                                   |
| Miscellaneous                                       | <u>10.510</u>  | 123.388                           |
| EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE                   |                | <u>73.223</u><br><u>£1900.878</u> |

INCOME

|  |                |                                    |
|--|----------------|------------------------------------|
| TUITION AND ENTRANCE FEES                                    | £ 646.310      |                                    |
| LUNCHES  | <u>229.715</u> | 876.025                            |
| PALESTINE CRAFT EDUCATION SOCIETY<br>AND PAL. ENDOWMENT FUND | 803.900        |                                    |
| CONTRIBUTIONS  | <u>199.853</u> | 1003.753                           |
| <del>XXXXXXXX</del> PALESTINE GOVERNMENT                     |                | 7.600                              |
| SUNDRY INCOME  |                | <u>13.500</u><br><u>£ 1900.878</u> |

I have verified the above Balance Sheet with the books and records  
of the School and I certify it to be in agreement therewith.

(Signed) I. BRAUDE  
Certified Accountant  
Honorary Auditor

Jerusalem, 9th October, 1939.



ANALYSIS OF COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS BY POPULATION BREAKDOWN

January 1940

| <u>No. of<br/>Cities</u> | <u>Jewish<br/>Population</u> |   | <u>Total</u>      |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1                        | New York City                | Total Raised \$6,639,002.07                         | \$6,639,002.07    |
| 10                       | <u>50,000 &amp; over</u>     | Total Raised \$4,758,000.00    Average \$475,800.00 |                   |
|                          | 85,000                       | Los Angeles, Calif.                                 | \$535,000.00      |
|                          | 265,000                      | Chicago, Ill.                                       | 1,500,000.00 Est. |
|                          | 68,000                       | Baltimore, Md.                                      | 300,000.00        |
|                          | 110,000                      | Boston, Mass.                                       | 400,000.00        |
|                          | 67,500                       | Detroit, Mich.                                      | 318,000.00        |
|                          | 50,000                       | St. Louis, Mo.                                      | 325,000.00        |
|                          | 65,000                       | Newark, N. J.                                       | 115,000.00        |
|                          | 85,000                       | Cleveland, Ohio                                     | 475,000.00        |
|                          | 52,000                       | Pittsburgh, Pa.                                     | 240,000.00        |
|                          | 247,000                      | Philadelphia, Pa.                                   | 550,000.00 Est.   |
|                          |                              | <u>4,758,000.00</u>                                 | 4,758,000.00      |
| 5                        | <u>25,000-49,999</u>         | Total Raised \$634,794.14    Average \$126,958.83   |                   |
|                          | 38,000                       | San Francisco, Calif.                               | \$350,000.00      |
|                          | 27,000                       | Hartford, Conn.                                     | 55,154.14         |
|                          | 25,000                       | New Haven, Conn.                                    | 49,640.00         |
|                          | 24,000                       | Kansas City, Mo.                                    | 60,000.00         |
|                          | 35,000                       | Milwaukee, Wis.                                     | 120,000.00        |
|                          |                              | <u>634,794.14</u>                                   | 634,794.14        |
| 10                       | <u>15,000-24,999</u>         | Total Raised \$865,620.00    Average \$86,562.00    |                   |
|                          | 17,000                       | Denver, Colo.                                       | \$ 43,300.00      |
|                          | 20,250                       | Washington, D. C.                                   | 154,620.00        |
|                          | 22,000                       | Minneapolis, Minn.                                  | 65,340.00         |
|                          | 20,250                       | Jersey City, N. J.                                  | 36,600.00         |
|                          | 22,300                       | Paterson, N. J.                                     | 46,800.00         |
|                          | 18,000                       | Buffalo, N. Y.                                      | 118,000.00        |
|                          | 20,000                       | Rochester, N. Y.                                    | 105,000.00 Est.   |
|                          | 18,500                       | Cincinnati, Ohio                                    | 190,000.00        |
|                          | 20,000                       | Providence, R. I.                                   | 45,900.00         |
|                          | 16,875                       | Houston, Texas                                      | 60,000.00         |
|                          |                              | <u>865,620.00</u>                                   | 865,620.00        |
| 15                       | <u>10,000-14,999</u>         | Total Raised \$654,658.50    Average \$50,310.56    |                   |
|                          | 11,250                       | Bridgeport, Conn.                                   | \$ 15,000.00      |
|                          | 11,700                       | Atlanta, Ga.  | 50,000.00         |
|                          | 10,000                       | Indianapolis, Ind.                                  | 79,900.00         |
|                          | 10,000                       | Louisville, Ky.                                     | 67,565.00         |
|                          | 11,250                       | Springfield, Mass.                                  | 35,000.00         |
|                          | 12,000                       | Worcester, Mass.                                    | 40,000.00         |
|                          | 14,000                       | St. Paul, Minn.                                     | 45,000.00         |
|                          | 10,000                       | Atlantic City, N. J.                                | 16,793.50         |
|                          | 12,150                       | Bayonne, N. J.                                      | 24,000.00         |
|                          | 10,066                       | Passaic, N. J.                                      | 15,400.00         |
|                          | 12,000                       | Syracuse, N. Y.                                     | 35,000.00         |
|                          | 12,000                       | Toledo, Ohio  | 60,000.00 Est.    |
|                          | 13,075                       | Portland & Vic., Ore.                               | 73,000.00         |
|                          | 10,000                       | Memphis, Tenn.                                      | 55,000.00         |
|                          | 12,500                       | Seattle, Wash.                                      | 43,000.00         |
|                          |                              | <u>654,658.50</u>                                   | 654,658.50        |



| <u>No. of<br/>Cities</u> | <u>Jewish<br/>Population</u> |   | <u>Total</u>   |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|---|----------------|
| 10                       | <u>7,500-9,999</u>           | Total Raised \$411,219.95 Average \$41,121.99 |                |
|                          | 8,000                        | New Orleans, La.                              | \$77,000.00    |
|                          | 9,000                        | Lynn, Mass.                                   | 17,800.00      |
|                          | 9,000                        | Omaha, Nebr.                                  | 30,000.00      |
|                          | 8,600                        | Camden, N. J.                                 | 18,281.00      |
|                          | 7,500                        | Elizabeth, N. J.                              | 19,288.95      |
|                          | 8,000                        | Albany, N. Y.                                 | 43,850.00      |
|                          | 8,500                        | Columbus, Ohio                                | 70,000.00      |
|                          | 8,500                        | Youngstown, Ohio                              | 40,000.00 Est. |
|                          | 9,000                        | Scranton, Pa.                                 | 30,000.00      |
|                          | 8,000                        | Dallas, Texas                                 | 65,000.00      |
|                          |                              |   | 411,219.95     |
|                          |                              |   | \$411,219.95   |
| 13                       | <u>5,000-7,499</u>           | Total Raised \$348,963.00 Average \$26,843.31 |                |
|                          | 6,000                        | Oakland, Calif                                | 20,000.00      |
|                          | 5,300                        | Waterbury, Conn.                              | 13,000.00      |
|                          | 5,000                        | Wilmington, Del.                              | 35,000.00      |
|                          | 7,000                        | Miami, Fla.                                   | 35,000.00      |
|                          | 5,500                        | Fall River, Mass.                             | 26,000.00      |
|                          | 5,500                        | New Brunswick, N. J.                          | 9,000.00       |
|                          | 5,000                        | Perth Amboy, N. J.                            | 26,100.00      |
|                          | 7,191                        | Trenton, N. J.                                | 40,000.00      |
|                          | 5,000                        | Akron, Ohio                                   | 30,000.00      |
|                          | 5,500                        | Wilkes Barre, Pa.                             | 25,000.00      |
|                          | 6,000                        | San Antonio, Texas                            | 35,000.00      |
|                          | 6,500                        | Norfolk, Va.                                  | 20,000.00      |
|                          | 5,500                        | Richmond, Va.                                 | 34,863.00      |
|                          |                              |   | 348,963.00     |
|                          |                              |   | 348,963.00     |
| 30                       | <u>2,500-4,999</u>           | Total Raised \$499,708.10 Average \$16,656.94 |                |
|                          | 4,200                        | Birmingham, Ala.                              | 20,000.00      |
|                          | 2,700                        | San Diego, Calif.                             | 15,000.00      |
|                          | 3,500                        | Stamford, Conn.                               | 9,500.00       |
|                          | 3,700                        | Jacksonville, Fla.                            | 12,000.00      |
|                          | 3,800                        | Savannah, Ga.                                 | 20,000.00      |
|                          | 4,224                        | Southern Illinois, Ill.                       | 21,192.50      |
|                          | 2,500                        | Gary, Ind.                                    | 14,000.00      |
|                          | 2,500                        | South Bend, Ind.                              | 9,500.00       |
|                          | 3,400                        | Des Moines, Iowa                              | 32,000.00      |
|                          | 2,700                        | Sioux City, Iowa                              | 10,500.00      |
|                          | 3,500                        | Portland, Maine                               | 14,988.00      |
|                          | 4,000                        | Brockton, Mass.                               | 19,800.00      |
|                          | 3,775                        | Lawrence, Mass.                               | 13,500.00      |
|                          | 3,970                        | New Bedford, Mass.                            | 23,500.00      |
|                          | 3,000                        | Duluth, Minn.                                 | 18,236.00      |
|                          | 2,500                        | St. Joseph, Mo.                               | 4,462.00       |
|                          | 3,400                        | Plainfield, N. J.                             | 10,346.50      |
|                          | 4,000                        | Union City, N. J.                             | 9,755.10       |
|                          | 2,500                        | North Bergen, N. J.                           | 5,000.00       |
|                          | 2,750                        | Binghamton, N. Y.                             | 18,625.00      |
|                          | 2,800                        | Poughkeepsie, N. Y.                           | 7,660.00       |
|                          | 3,800                        | Schenectady, N. Y.                            | 18,500.00      |
|                          | 2,800                        | Utica, N. Y.                                  | 20,000.00      |
|                          | 3,488                        | Canton, Ohio                                  | 11,137.50      |
|                          | 4,900                        | Dayton, Ohio                                  | 30,926.00      |
|                          | 2,500                        | Oklahoma City-Zone                            | 24,973.50      |



| <u>No. of<br/>Cities</u> | <u>Jewish<br/>Population</u> |             | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 4,500                    | Harrisburg, Pa.              | \$25,000.00 |              |
| 2,500                    | Reading, Pa.                 | 18,600.00   |              |
| 3,000                    | McKeesport, Pa.              | 11,000.00   |              |
| 2,800                    | Nashville, Tenn.             | 30,000.00   |              |
|                          |                              | 499,708.10  | \$499,708.10 |

66      1,000-2,499      Total Raised \$681,768.30      Average \$10,329.82

|       |                        |           |
|-------|------------------------|-----------|
| 1,100 | Montgomery, Ala.       | 9,000.00  |
| 1,200 | Phoenix, Ariz.         | 12,800.00 |
| 1,200 | Little Rock, Ark.      | 15,000.00 |
| 1,400 | Long Beach, Calif.     | 6,020.00  |
| 1,100 | Sacramento, Calif.     | 5,000.00  |
| 1,150 | Stockton, Calif.       | 7,000.00  |
| 1,000 | Meriden, Conn.         | 3,379.50  |
| 2,225 | New Britain, Conn.     | 11,000.00 |
| 2,000 | New London, Conn.      | 12,458.75 |
| 2,000 | Norwalk, Conn.         | 5,400.00  |
| 1,500 | Norwich, Conn.         | 17,000.00 |
| 1,200 | Tampa, Fla.            | 8,000.00  |
| 1,500 | Peoria, Ill.           | 11,000.00 |
| 1,530 | Rock Island, Ill.      | 10,000.00 |
| 1,500 | Evansville, Ind.       | 20,000.00 |
| 1,800 | Fort Wayne, Ind.       | 24,000.00 |
| 1,200 | Hammond, Ind.          | 7,000.00  |
| 1,501 | Mason City, Iowa       | 1,200.00  |
| 1,500 | Shreveport, La.        | 37,500.00 |
| 1,500 | Bangor, Maine          | 8,846.00  |
| 1,130 | Lewiston-Auburn, Me.   | 7,995.00  |
| 2,000 | Haverhill, Mass.       | 3,600.00  |
| 1,125 | Holyoke, Mass.         | 10,000.00 |
| 1,500 | Lowell, Mass.          | 7,500.00  |
| 1,400 | Peabody, Mass.         | 4,300.00  |
| 1,300 | Pittsfield, Mass.      | 10,589.25 |
| 2,400 | Salem, Mass.           | 7,000.00  |
| 1,250 | Flint, Mich.           | 7,000.00  |
| 1,500 | Asbury Park, N. J.     | 14,210.00 |
| 1,800 | Linden, N. J.          | 1,879.30  |
| 1,800 | Long Branch, N. J.     | 7,860.50  |
| 1,170 | Morristown, N. J.      | 3,000.00  |
| 1,350 | Rutherford, N. J.      | 3,477.00  |
| 1,800 | Vineland, N. J.        | 4,500.00  |
| 2,410 | West New York, N. J.   | 1,000.00  |
| 1,000 | Hoboken, N. J.         | 5,000.00  |
| 1,200 | Elmira, N. Y.          | 17,100.00 |
| 1,500 | Gloversville, N. Y.    | 13,500.00 |
| 1,750 | Kingston, N. Y.        | 8,000.00  |
| 1,200 | Monticello, N. Y.      | 8,000.00  |
| 2,150 | Newburgh, N. Y.        | 13,500.00 |
| 1,060 | South Fallsburgh, N.Y. | 1,496.00  |
| 1,200 | Tulsa, Okla.           | 20,000.00 |
| 1,960 | Allentown, Pa.         | 25,000.00 |
| 1,575 | Chester, Pa.           | 11,000.00 |
| 1,500 | Easton, Pa.            | 4,500.00  |
| 1,500 | Erie, Pa.              | 9,300.00  |
| 1,000 | Hazleton, Pa.          | 5,226.00  |
| 1,500 | Lancaster, Pa.         | 12,440.00 |



| <u>No. of<br/>Cities</u> | <u>Jewish<br/>Population</u> | <u>Total<br/>Raised</u> |                                     | <u>Average</u>      | <u>Total</u>        |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1,600                    |                              | Altoona, Pa.            |                                     | \$12,000.00         |                     |
| 1,200                    |                              | Johnstown, Pa.          |                                     | 15,750.00           |                     |
| 2,000                    |                              | Charleston, S. C.       |                                     | 15,600.00           |                     |
| 1,700                    |                              | Chattanooga, Tenn.      |                                     | 13,391.00           |                     |
| 1,400                    |                              | El Paso, Texas          |                                     | 11,800.00           |                     |
| 1,000                    |                              | Fort Worth, Texas       |                                     | 15,000.00           |                     |
| 1,000                    |                              | Galveston, Texas        |                                     | 11,500.00           |                     |
| 2,000                    |                              | Salt Lake City, Utah    |                                     | 18,000.00           |                     |
| 1,000                    |                              | Burlington, Vt.         |                                     | 2,600.00            |                     |
| 1,750                    |                              | Newport News, Va.       |                                     | 6,750.00            |                     |
| 2,180                    |                              | Portsmouth, Va.         |                                     | 9,800.00            |                     |
| 1,350                    |                              | Spokane, Wash.          |                                     | 18,500.00           |                     |
| 1,012                    |                              | Huntington, W. Va.      |                                     | 16,000.00           |                     |
| 1,250                    |                              | Charleston, W. Va.      |                                     | 20,000.00           |                     |
| 1,000                    |                              | Madison, Wisc.          |                                     | 4,500.00            |                     |
| 1,350                    |                              | Wausau, Wisc.           |                                     | 1,000.00            |                     |
| 1,500                    |                              | Grand Rapids, Mich.     |                                     | 10,000.00           |                     |
|                          |                              |                         |                                     | <u>\$681,768.30</u> | \$681,768.30        |
|                          |                              |                         |                                     |                     | <hr/>               |
|                          |                              |                         |                                     |                     | \$15,493,734.06     |
| 35                       | 750-999                      | \$183,026.72            | Lowest \$89.76 Highest \$16,700.00  | \$5,229.33          |                     |
| 60                       | 500-749                      | 256,078.41              | Lowest \$230.00 Highest \$13,000.00 | 4,267.97            |                     |
| 108                      | 250-499                      | 383,437.54              | Lowest \$172.00 Highest 8,000.00    | 3,550.35            |                     |
| 178                      | 100-249                      | 307,324.51              | Lowest 60.00 Highest 9,500.00       | 1,726.54            |                     |
| 364                      | 1-99                         | 238,174.79              | Lowest 3.00 Highest 5,702.50        | 654.33              |                     |
| <u>746</u>               |                              | <u>1,368,041.97</u>     |                                     |                     | <u>1,368,041.97</u> |
|                          |                              |                         |                                     |                     | <hr/>               |
|                          |                              |                         |                                     |                     | \$16,861,776.03     |
|                          |                              |                         |                                     |                     | <hr/>               |
|                          |                              |                         | Individual Organizations            | \$46,774.58         |                     |
|                          |                              |                         | Communities No Population           | 18,835.67           |                     |
|                          |                              |                         | Miscellaneous Special               | 53,123.82           |                     |
|                          |                              |                         | Night of Stars                      | 50,000.00           |                     |
|                          |                              |                         | Miscellaneous Communities           | 100,000.00          |                     |
|                          |                              |                         |                                     | <u>\$268,734.07</u> | <u>268,734.07</u>   |
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|                          |                              |                         |                                     |                     | \$17,130,510.10     |



[January? 1940]

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Dr. Stephen S. Wise  
Dr. Israel Goldstein  
Dr. Solomon Goldman  
Mr. Louis Lipsky  
Judge Morris Rothenberg  
Dr. Chaim Weizmann

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from the American Friends of the Hebrew University, which I assume is to be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal for its action.

In essence it is an application to the United Palestine Appeal for a grant for \$30,000 in 1939 and \$30,000 for 1940.





UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, INC.  
10 EAST 40th STREET, NEW YORK

January 24, 1940.

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

Attention of Mr. Henry Montor

Gentlemen:

We hereby submit our application for a grant of \$30,000 from the United Palestine Appeal's collections for the year 1939. This is in conformance with our custom of requesting an annual allocation from the funds of the United Palestine Appeal. In view of the presence in this country at this time of Mr. Salmann Schocken, Chairman of the Executive Council of Hebrew University, and Dr. David W. Senator, Administrator, we are submitting our application for a grant for 1940 as well, and for a similar amount, namely, \$30,000.

In the past few years the program of the Hebrew University has had not only its natural and normal expansion and development, but in consequence of the war situation in Europe, has had to assume a number of additional responsibilities and to undertake a number of new projects, all of which has resulted in the budget of the University being practically doubled what it was only a few years ago. The academic staff today includes some fifty scholars from refugee countries, (Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Italy.)

In order to meet these financial requirements, the Hebrew University had opened previously untapped sources of income. European countries, Poland in particular, had become sizable contributors toward the University budget, in collections and in tuition fees.

Moreover, money available for the University in Poland, Germany and Czechoslovakia, amounting to about \$55,000, and consisting of collections and tuition fees, has been lost. We had been engaged in negotiating for the transfer of these funds when the war broke out, making the consummation of this transfer impossible. Through the termination of our campaigns in neutral countries, notably in Scandinavia, we lost an additional \$20,000 in 1938/9.

The University has no cope during the current year with an extraordinary situation arising from that of the Jews from Poland. Almost half of the students of the Hebrew University come from Poland (total student enrollment at present is about 1000). A considerable number of them were dependent for their maintenance upon remittances from parents and relatives in Poland who sent them the necessary modest sums. These students--many of them already in their third and fourth years--are now without means of livelihood. The University has been unable to find employment for more than a very few and has had, therefore, to institute a large-scale relief program, covering shelter and food.

The losses of the University in 1939/40 are even greater than for 1938/9. The University is not in a position to initiate collections abroad, either in Nazi-dominated countries or in countries bordering on the war zone. The latter at the moment include Holland, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland. Our work in England, obviously, is also greatly handicapped.



These losses in collections for 1939/40 in consequence of this situation, amount to about \$75,000, exclusive of considerable income from tuition fees from Poland, Germany and Czechoslovakia which under present circumstances will, of course, not be realized.

In view of this situation, the Hebrew University has taken steps for a drastic curtailment of its expenditures. However, we must not only uphold the structure of the institution but must go ahead with the completion of departments in the Sciences of particular importance at this juncture.

We are perfectly willing to have the United Palestine Appeal feature the name of the University in its publicity for the Greater New York drive and are ready to cooperate with the United Palestine Appeal in every way possible.

Hebrew University has only one hope for help out of this state of dire emergency--America. It is for this reason--to consult with friends of the University, that the chairman of the Executive Council is now here.

We are aware that the United Palestine Appeal cannot be asked to make good all or even the bulk of our losses in Europe, but we feel that the leadership of the United Palestine Appeal is sympathetic to our needs and problems and will want to do everything possible to help the University.

Both Mr. Schocken and Dr. Senator would welcome an opportunity to appear before your committee to present the situation of the Hebrew University in greater detail.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Samuel B. Finkel  
Director

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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February 1, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As I indicated to you over the 'phone last Sunday and as I intimated in my written summary of the proceedings of the annual session of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds, the United Jewish Appeal will have to undertake heroic and dramatic gestures if it is to impress upon the country at large the necessity and usefulness of raising \$23,000,000. Otherwise, insofar as the United Palestine Appeal is concerned, I am wondering whether we can expect to get even the \$2,500,000.

The mood of the country is dark and defeatist. My belief is that this is because we have not utilized all the factors of emotional stimulation which are at our disposal.

I have been in touch with Benjamin V. Cohen and I shall see him in New York on Sunday morning or in Washington on Tuesday night. If agreement could be secured on that proposal, it could be one of the factors.

Another important factor is a joint tour by you and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, as National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal. I know that it might sound like a duplication of effort and a wastage of the energies of either or both of you if you were simultaneously to visit the same community. But my proposal is that during two weeks in March, any time agreeable to yourself, you and Rabbi Wise make whirlwind visits to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, Detroit, St. Louis, Newark, Pittsburgh and Kansas City.

At each of these places, the leading person in the community would arrange a small private meeting at some home for the purpose of meeting with forty to fifty of the leading contributors in that community. These would not be fund-raising functions, but merely intended as a forum from which you could wipe away the doubts that have accumulated in the past few months, largely, I believe, as a result of the inept



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

February 1, 1940

public relations policy of the Joint Distribution Committee and also, of course, due to the psychological illusions which American Jews have been fostering since the outbreak of war.

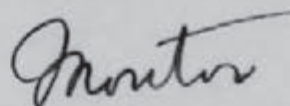
I do not think that I am either hysterical or unduly pessimistic in urging the need of some such program which can be beautifully dramatized in our public organs. The story would be that the need is so tremendous and the call for funds so urgent that the two National Chairmen have given up everything they must do during those two weeks in order to devote themselves completely to the sounding of a clarion call to the leading Jews of America to respond to the needs of the United Jewish Appeal.

I beg of you in the most sincere and urgent way that you consider favorably the possibility of undertaking such a tour jointly with Rabbi Wise. The presence of both you and Rabbi Wise will be unusual and unprecedented and will therefore catch the public imagination.

I am hoping to see you in New York next week so that details of such a plan, if it can possibly be approved by you, may be worked out.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BG

SPECIAL DELIVERY  
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AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC.  
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and  
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Dear Miss Kline:

Thank you for your kindness in forwarding a check for \$25.00 which was presented to Dr. Silver for the United Jewish Appeal by Mrs. M. R. Sanderson of Seneca Falls, New York. A receipt for this amount is being forwarded to the donor.

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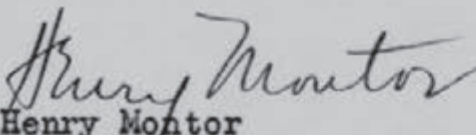
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With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
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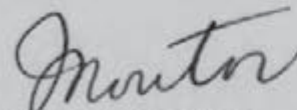
Mr. William Holzman, President of the Federation for Jewish Service of Omaha, has wired that he is delighted with the news that you can be in Omaha for the annual meeting of the Federation on March 14th.

Paul Veret, Director of the Omaha Federation, was in New York yesterday and I discussed with him the kind of function or functions that would be most helpful to the interests of the United Jewish Appeal.

He is supposed to arrange two events: (1) A dinner meeting at the home of Morris Jacobs, Chairman of the 1940 Omaha campaign, or at some hotel to which would be invited forty or fifty of the biggest contributors in Omaha. At that time there would be presented to them a picture of the needs and an emphasis of their responsibility to the United Jewish Appeal and to the Omaha Federation for more generous giving than has been characteristic in the past. (2) A mass meeting where the needs of the United Jewish Appeal could be presented to the larger middle givers as the opening gun in their 1940 drive.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG

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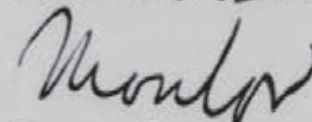
In accordance with our telephone conversation today I have arranged with Mr. Lipsky, chairman of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, that a meeting of the Executive Committee is to be held on Thursday, February 8th, at 4 P. M.

I have also arranged that Rabbi Wise and Coons will meet with you and me on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the United Jewish Appeal headquarters, 342 Madison Avenue, to make decisions on the various campaign problems.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal will also be held on the same date at 8:30 P. M. at United Jewish Appeal headquarters.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:EH



No. 77  
OVERSEAS

February 1, 1940

BUDGETING  
For Member Agencies

C O N F I D E N T I A L

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR WAR-TORN YESHIVOTH  
under the auspices of the  
UNION OF ORTHODOX RABBIS

Information obtained by interview (1/17/40) with Rabbi Eliezer Silver, Chairman of the Committee, and four committee members.

Purpose of Campaign

The Union of Orthodox Rabbis, at a special convention in November 1939, decided to undertake a one-time emergency campaign to raise \$500,000 for the reestablishment of former Polish yeshivoh which are now in temporary quarters in Lithuania. The funds are to be spent to move the yeshivoh, most of which are now in Vilna, to other sections of Lithuania, to Roumania, Palestine and possibly to the United States. It will be impossible for them all to remain in Vilna. Money will be required for transportation of students and teachers, for rental of buildings, for equipment such as bedding and books.

A special delegation is being sent to Vilna to confer with the deans of the yeshivoh and other Rabbis regarding the requirements of the yeshivoh. They will determine the method of allocating the funds and make necessary plans for moving the yeshivoh to permanent quarters.

Method of Conducting the Campaign

The Union of Orthodox Rabbis has obtained the cooperation of approximately 200 of its members who have offered their services without compensation in raising the funds. They will travel in delegations to the communities for which the Committee has established definite quotas.

Neither the Emergency Committee nor the delegations of rabbis will communicate directly with Jewish federations and welfare funds. Before a delegation arrives in a given community, the Committee will communicate with local rabbis who will get in touch with the welfare funds before the local campaign is undertaken. If the welfare fund agrees to meet the quota set by the Committee, no separate appeal will be made. If the welfare fund and the representatives of the Committee cannot come to an agreement, a separate campaign will be instituted. The campaign will be conducted during the months of January, February and March 1940.

Relation to Regular Appeals of the Yeshivoh

The Committee emphasized the fact that this is a one-time campaign to meet an emergency situation and bears no relation to the regular appeals of the Yeshivoh. However, the institutions involved have agreed not to solicit funds for the duration of the campaign.



The exact number of yeshivoth involved will not be known until a report is made by the delegation being sent to Vilna. The institutions listed below are now located in Lithuania. Other Polish yeshivoth which have not been heard from may still find their way into Vilna at some future date.

Yeshivoth which, in the past, have been permanently located in Lithuania, as well as those in Roumania and Hungary, are not affected by the emergency campaign and will continue to appeal individually for support.

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The Joint Distribution Committee, which contributes to most of the European yeshivoth through its Cultural Committee and other projects and which has already made grants to some of these agencies for emergency needs, has been asked to advise on this campaign. The J.D.C. feels that it is not in a position to approve or disapprove this effort. It has, however, always maintained that in order to avoid a multiplicity of fund-raising drives, contributions for programs and projects sub-ventioned by the major overseas organizations should be centralized through one agency.

The J.D.C. has offered its services to welfare funds in transmitting their appropriations to yeshivoth now in Lithuania. Those who wish may send a check to the J.D.C. with specific instructions as to the amount to be given to each of the yeshivoth on their list.

FORMER POLISH YESHIVOTH WHICH  
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE PART  
OF THEIR STUDENT BODIES TO LITHUANIA

(According to reports received by the J.D.C. and the Emergency Committee for War-Torn Yeshivoth)

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GRODNO YESHIVAH

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February 1, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a draft of a letter which Mr. William Rosenwald plans to send to me on the basis of a conversation which I had with him in Detroit last Sunday. I have not taken the trouble to correct this letter. I plan to do so tomorrow when Mr. Rosenwald or his representative will discuss his proposed letter with me further. I am sending you this Airmail Special Delivery so that you might find it possible to phone to me your observations since, if the major points are agreeable, nothing remains to delay the signing of the agreement.

I spoke to Schwartz of the JDC today and he said that as soon as matters can be ironed out with Baerwald on the NRS, the agreement can be signed. However, the JDC people were not ready to accept my simple laymen's version of the agreement but submitted it to Philip Hoffman, the attorney, who will undoubtedly insert all the teutonisms of legal phraseology.

The difficulty with Mr. Rosenwald's draft of the letter is that where I've suggested tentatively certain permissive language, he makes it mandatory language. Moreover, suggestions that he made are made to appear my own contributions to the discussion. In substance, the letter involves the following:

(a) The UJA must be informed of all receipts of the NRS regardless of sources.

(b) A Contribution received from any Foundation which did not contribute to the UJA or NRS in 1939 might be retained by the NRS without deductions from its allotment.

(c) Foundations which contributed to the NRS or UJA in 1939 must continue to make remittances to the UJA, if they continue to make contributions.

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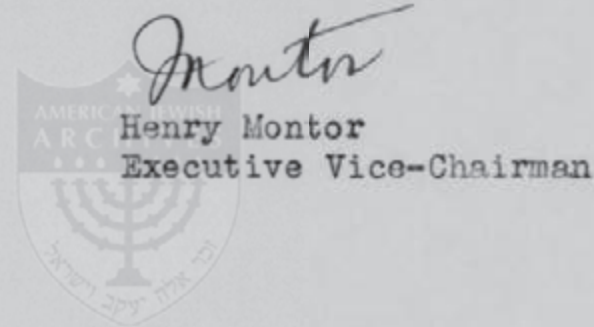


X The exceptions which Mr. Rosenwald wishes us to agree to are the Baron de Hirsch Fund which gave \$25,000 in 1939 and the Hofheimer Foundation, which gave \$40,000 in 1939, although officers of the NRS, with the exception of Mr. Rosenwald, continue to insist that the Hofheimer Foundation never sent any money to the NRS. Mr. Rosenwald agrees, however, that the letter of application addressed to any fund is to emphasize the value of making the contribution to the NRS and urging that this be included within the UJA. The Baron de Hirsch Fund and the Hofheimer Foundation would be included in letters to be addressed in this language.

(e) The Davison Fund gave \$100,000 in 1940 to the NRS through the UJA. Mr. Rosenwald wants our agreement that the NRS is to keep exclusively whatever funds may be received from the Davison Fund (or any other Rockefeller Foundation) which he hopes in 1940 to be substantial amounts.

Cordially yours,

HM:BC





February 2, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to the NRS: I think that you ought to discuss the question of the Baron de Hirsch Fund and the Hofheimer Foundation with Lipsky and Wise; also the matter of the Davison Fund. I see no reason why we should make such extensive concessions to the NRS. The original thought was that the NRS should be entitled to receive contributions (a) from those foundations which did not contribute to the United Jewish Appeal in 1939 and (b) from such foundations whose charter does not permit them to contribute to causes outside of the United States.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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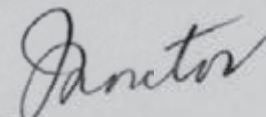
February 2, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Joint Distribution Committee has turned over to the United Jewish Appeal the sum of \$642, which it reports it received from various individuals during June and July of 1939 in connection with the appeal that went out for the St. Louis passengers.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:EH



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith are copies of documents  
in which you will be interested:

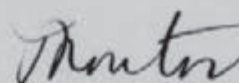
(a) A letter that was issued to the major  
Welfare Funds throughout the country, making formal  
application for inclusion of the United Jewish  
Appeal in the Welfare Fund;

(b) The text of the statement that is being  
printed to be circulated among our key list through-  
out the country;

(c) A statistical report on cities showing  
population and cash returns for cities in various  
categories.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG

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111 FIFTH AVENUE

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* February 3, 1940.

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Mr. Henry Montor

*Subject* Attached herewith is a copy of a cablegram addressed to the United Palestine Appeal by Chief Rabbi Herzog of Palestine.

I am wondering whether there are any prior communications which you have received which would help clarify this matter.

HM:ET



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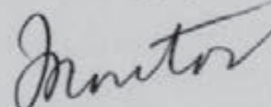
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The leadership of the Trenton Welfare Fund has asked whether you could possibly speak at the mass meeting opening the Trenton campaign on February 29th. Trenton gave us last year \$40,000. We are asking \$60,000 for 1940.

Does there seem to be any possibility of your accepting this invitation?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
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February 5, 1940.

Hon. David Ralph Hertz  
1001 Hippodrome Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Judge Hertz:

Dr. Silver has referred to me your very gracious letter of January 29, offering your services to our campaign which, as you know, is embraced within the United Jewish Appeal.

A quota of \$23,000,000 has been set for the United Jewish Appeal in 1940. We shall have the utmost need of cooperation and stimulation that can be provided by friends like yourself. Your offer is being called to the attention of the Speakers Bureau of the United Jewish Appeal which I am sure will want to take advantage of your eloquent championship of the greater needs that must arouse American Jewry's generosity in the coming year.

With kindest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET



February 5, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have received the text of the statement which you are printing and which is to be circulated among our key list throughout the country. It reads well.

Somewhere in Subdivision VI, there should be a statement that Palestine has absorbed since the Hitler persecutions the largest number of Jewish refugees in the world and that hundreds of thousands of Jews in Central and Eastern Europe who must emigrate have indicated their preference to go to Palestine and settle there.

I am enclosing on a slip of paper my signature. I do not like the one which you have now. Have a fresh one made.

In signing communications of the United Jewish Appeal by both chairmen, it would be well to move the signatures around from time to time so that the signature of the chairman of the UPA is not always at the left. This is suggested for the sake of maintaining the equality of status....

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



February 5, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In view of the fact that the JDC has agreed to the Philadelphia proposal, I do not see that we can do anything else but give our approval as well. The whole procedure however, in my judgment, is very irregular, for overseas agencies are again being victimized to take care of the needs of large and prosperous Jewish communities.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



February 5, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me the records containing the radio address which I delivered in Washington. My children have gotten quite a kick out of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



February 5, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reading over the agreement between the JDC and the UPA, Paragraph 6: I am wondering whether it was the intention to turn over the \$25,000 to the Distribution Committee, or to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. My impression was that the \$25,000 would be made available at once to the Council so that it could proceed with its studies and make its findings available to the Distribution Committee. Inasmuch as the Council already has considerable data accumulated, and the machinery for further study, it seems to me more logical that the money should be turned over to it.

In Paragraph 10: It is stated "Such a campaign or appeal must have the approval of the United Jewish Appeal and the proceeds must be reported to it." There should be added "and considered part of the United Jewish Appeal.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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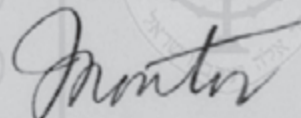
February 5, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your request of January 30, I have written to Judge David Ralph Hertz, and I attach herewith a copy of my letter.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I should like to have your council in a matter which it is most difficult for me to discuss in the same intimate way with anyone else. It has to do with an increase in salary for myself.

I am frank to say that by and large I have the rather old-fashioned notion that the level of salaries should be related to permanent standards of living. From that point of view I certainly consider my present salary adequate. Under ordinary circumstances it would not occur to me to suggest any increase. However, there are two facts that I keep in mind: One is that in this competitive world one's abilities seem to be judged by the amount of salary one receives rather than the kind of work one turns out. My own view of salaries is that people in my general bracket should be receiving approximately the salary that I do. I find, however, that I am what is called "an underpaid" individual in that bracket in relation to the inflated sums which are being distributed. It would be silly of me, therefore, to insist upon my own code of social conduct when I observe the merits of those upon whom these fantastic salaries are conferred.

The second consideration that I keep in mind is the usefulness of one's service in organizations, particularly those related to the Zionist movement. I am not free of the suspicion that if certain leaders in the United Palestine Appeal had their hopes realized I would not be associated with the United Palestine Appeal for more than several weeks.

I have always taken the position that any group of officers of the United Palestine Appeal has the right to ask for my resignation. You may be sure that the resignation would be submitted instantly, for I do not believe in fighting for a position which others who are in control of the situation do not want you to hold.

Since my service with the UPA or any body may be terminated at any time, I must see to it that as long as I am useful I shall be paid in accordance with certain standards that prevail. If

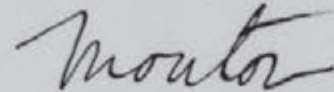


you feel, therefore, that my service warrants an increase in salary, I trust that you may have an opportunity to discuss this with Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, since the two National Chairmen have the final determination of salaries paid by the United Jewish Appeal.

If, however, you feel that the salary which I am receiving is adequate, I assure you that I shall feel perfectly satisfied if you do not discuss it and take no action upon it.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC





February 5, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In a letter from Morris Seunik, one of the  
leaders of the Winston-Salem campaign, the following  
paragraph appears:

"Would it be asking too much of you to  
find out if Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's  
services can be secured as speaker for  
Winston-Salem in the near future and if  
so, please advise how much his fee would  
be and whether we would have to pay his  
expenses. Thanks very much."

Do you wish to write directly or would you  
prefer that I answer this inquiry?

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH



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February 5, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

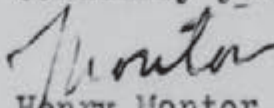
I suppose the healthiest thing would be not to notice things that are so utterly at odds with one's conception of unified effort and logical action, but we may as well notice these things before they are brought to our attention.

I observe that it was announced at the Z.O.A. Administrative Committee in Baltimore that debentures to the value of \$72,000 were pledged for disposal at Chicago following an address by Dr. Weizmann. The Z.O.A. Administrative Committee has voted a tax on its members to raise a special immigration fund. If only this enterprise meant money instead of mere publicity!

Knowing how you feel about these matters, I realize I need add nothing to elaborate upon the facts.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 6, 1940

Mr. Arthur M. Lampert  
Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser  
Co-Treasurers, United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Gentlemen:

May I call your attention to an error that has arisen in the distribution of funds accruing to the United Jewish Appeal as between the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee.

The Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal made its decisions with respect to allocations on the basis of a net income from the 1939 campaign of \$15,500,000. There is no assurance, however, that the net income accruing to the United Jewish Appeal from the 1939 campaign will reach \$15,500,000. Wisdom and caution would dictate therefore that the treasurers of the United Jewish Appeal should act in accordance with the recommendations of the Allocations Committee insofar as minimum income is concerned.

At the present time the treasurers are distributing the funds of the United Jewish Appeal in full anticipation that \$15,500,000 will be the net income. May I call your attention to that section of the decision of the Allocations Committee which provides that in the event that the income of the United Jewish Appeal is less than a net of \$15,500,000, the proportion between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal on the amount above the first \$9,500,000 shall be in the ratio of two-thirds to one-third. This formula is not being followed at the present time. It is the purpose of this letter to suggest the wisdom of following the decisions of the Allocations Committee, which in paragraph 4 read as follows:

"If the total amount available for distribution is less than \$15,500,000, the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal shall share in such amounts up to \$5,150,000 (eliminating \$9,500,000 already distributed, \$600,000 National Refugee Service, \$250,000 Negotiating Committee), in the ratio of two-thirds for the Joint Distribution Committee and one-third for the United Palestine Appeal, - provided that the total amount



Messrs. Lampert and Goldwasser

February 6, 1940

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distributed to either the Joint Distribution Committee or the United Palestine Appeal, under such conditions, does not exceed the amounts stated in Section (2) of this resolution, namely, \$1,500,000 to the United Palestine Appeal and \$3,650,000 to the Joint Distribution Committee."

As of February 2, 1940, there had been distributed by the treasurers, over the original \$9,500,000, the sum of \$1,344,000 to the Joint Distribution Committee and \$540,000 to the United Palestine Appeal. If the formula decided upon by the Allocations Committee had been followed, the one-third available for the United Palestine Appeal out of a total sum of \$1,854,000 should have been \$618,000.

Trusting that the treasurers will give directions to our bookkeeping department to revise the method of distribution to coincide with the decisions of the Allocations Committee, I am



Cordially yours,

Henry Kantor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

KM:EH



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Feb. 6, 1940

Avery Montros  
u. Pa.

N. Y.

What good speakers are available  
for my pulpit next Sunday a. m.  
Please wire.

A. H. Silver



# 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.

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RABBI JONAH B. WISE

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342 MADISON AVENUE  
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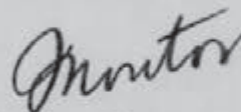
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a report which I have prepared following a visit to Pittsburgh.

You will note my discussion of a possibility of a visit by you and by Rabbi Wise to Pittsburgh to meet with fifteen or twenty big givers at the home of Mr. Oliver M. Kaufmann. The Kaufmanns, Rosenblooms, Franks and Falks could between them give a minimum sum of \$300,000 and not notice it in the slightest.

If an invitation is extended, I would certainly urge that, if at all possible, a visit be made by you and Rabbi Wise to Pittsburgh as part of the program about which I have written to you previously.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG

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



MEMORANDUM

February 7, 1940

TO: RECORD DEPARTMENT

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Subject: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

On Tuesday, February 6th, I visited Pittsburgh and had meetings with the following:

- (a) With Edward Wolf, to discuss the plans already made for the Pittsburgh 1940 campaign;
- (b) With Joseph M. Meyers, Secretary of the United Jewish Fund of Pittsburgh, to obtain his observations on the technical plans for the 1940 campaign;
- (c) With Oliver M. Kaufmann and Stanley Kann, principal officers of the Pittsburgh campaign;
- (d) With Morris Neaman, to discuss the situation in the Tri-State area;
- (e) With Mr. Henry Posner and Charles Joseph, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Publicity Committee of the United Jewish Fund of Pittsburgh;
- (f) With some forty key workers and division heads of the 1940 campaign at a luncheon at the William Penn Hotel at which I discussed the needs of the agencies within the United Jewish Appeal.

QUOTA

I had originally anticipated that I would have the opportunity of meeting with the principal officers of the 1940 campaign for a private session at which I could discuss frankly the failings of Pittsburgh and the necessity of getting larger sums. Because of the illness of Gustage Kann, President of the United Jewish Fund, and the absence of William K. Frank, Leon Falk and Louis Caplan there was no opportunity for an official discussion of this character, except as I discussed the problem with Oliver M. Kaufmann and Stanley J. Kann.

Mr. Kaufmann told me that no budget had been considered as yet by the United Jewish Fund for 1940. Edward Wolf had told me privately that in a preliminary discussion he had been told of a 25% increase in Pittsburgh's general quota with a 25% increase asked from the contributors. This was not confirmed, however, in my conversation with Mr. Kaufmann.



Mr. Kaufmann and Mr. Kann varied in their opinions as to whether larger sums could be raised in 1940. Mr. Kaufmann felt that if an impression could be made upon the contributors that the needs were larger, more than in 1939, that \$459,000 could be raised, while Mr. Kann believed that conversations that he had had with major contributors did not indicate a willingness to provide substantially larger sums.

Mr. Kaufmann informed me that even if larger sums could be made available in 1940 from Pittsburgh, as a whole, certain factors would have to be taken into consideration by the United Jewish Appeal in determining what it might receive from these sums. In the first place, the local refugee problem is considered by Pittsburgh first charge on its income. In 1939, \$46,000 was spent by the local refugee committee. A deficit has already been incurred for the first three months in 1940.

Mr. Stanley J. Kann, who is the head of the Pittsburgh Refugee Settlement Committee, anticipated that a minimum amount of \$65,000 would be asked for the local refugee work from the United Jewish Fund. Mr. Wolf even spoke of \$85,000. Mr. Kaufmann took the position that Pittsburgh was interested in helping the refugees and it made no difference to it whether these refugees were helped through the United Jewish Appeal or locally in Pittsburgh. He could see no reason why the United Jewish Appeal should object to the deduction of amounts to be spent locally for individuals for whom the United Jewish Appeal was conducting a campaign.

The United Jewish Appeal is the only agency from which deductions can be made or from whose prospective income money may be taken, because the other major beneficiaries, including the Montefiore Hospital, the local "Y" and the Hebrew Institute are fixed charges from which no deductions can be made. Aside from comparatively minor grants to the Ort and one or two other overseas agencies, the Pittsburgh funds are used primarily for local institutions, for the U.J.A. and for local refugees.

Mr. Kaufmann even said that if the total amount raised in 1940 was not much more substantial than in 1939, the U.J.A. might even suffer cuts, if additional sums were required for local refugee work.

Mr. Stanley Kann, describing a conversation which he had in Detroit with Messrs. William Rosenwald and Dr. William Haber, said that the latter told him that they wanted to send three families a week to Pittsburgh. Mr. Kann pointed out that Pittsburgh could not take care of that number of families unless it had funds. Messrs. Rosenwald and Haber told Mr. Kann that he was perfectly justified in deducting from the resources of the United Jewish Fund sufficient amounts to take care of that number of refugee families per week, which is a far larger number than Pittsburgh has been accommodating in the past year.

#### OFFICERS

Mr. Oliver M. Kaufmann is Chairman of the 1940 campaign in Pittsburgh. Actively associated with him as Co-Chairmen are William K. Frank and Stanley K. Kann. They will share completely with Mr. Kaufmann in decisions as to steps to be taken in the 1940 campaign. Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom continues as Treasurer. Mr. Edward Wolf is the Executive Director of the Pittsburgh United Jewish Fund.



### STIMULATION OF BIG GIVERS

It is admitted that there is a number of big givers in Pittsburgh who have not yet reached the top of their giving capacity. In 1939, the Kaufmann family gave \$40,000; the Rosenbloom family, \$33,000 (of which Charles J. Rosenbloom gave \$20,000); the Frank Family about \$7,500 and the Falk family, \$17,500. It is felt that Mr. Falk could well give \$50,000 to \$100,000 if he were to give on a basis comparable with gifts to other institutions.

I discussed with the Messrs. Kaufmann and Kann the possibility of utilizing some special pressure to awaken the big givers to the special needs for 1940 and pointed out that unless these big givers were to share to a greater degree in the attainment of a larger goal, even broadening the base, as is planned in Pittsburgh, would not be of much help. At the present time, the United Jewish Fund of Pittsburgh has a list of 23,000 prospects. Twelve thousand prospects were approached in 1939; 9,000 gave.

Mr. Kaufmann agreed that he would be prepared to sponsor a meeting in his home for 15 or 20 major contributors of Pittsburgh and officers of the Budget Committee for the purpose of convincing them, prior to the adoption of a quota or of a budget, of the larger requirements for 1940. I discussed, tentatively, the possibility of having the two National Chairmen of the U.J.A., Rabbis Silver and Wise, meet with the Pittsburgh big givers at Mr. Kaufmann's home. Both Mr. Kaufmann and Mr. Kann felt that this could be most helpful if it could be arranged.

A number of the big givers are in Florida at the present time, but most of them are returning for a meeting of the Pittsburgh Federation to be held on February 29th. A date tentatively suggested for a meeting at Mr. Kaufmann's home with Rabbis Silver and Wise was either February 27th or March 1st.

### DATE OF CAMPAIGN

The 1940 campaign in Pittsburgh is scheduled to be launched officially on March 26th with a large meeting at which Mord Marley is scheduled to be the guest speaker. The officers want to end the campaign on April 22nd.



February 9, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

My expenses to and from New York in connection  
with the meeting yesterday amounted to \$40.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RK



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

February 9, 1940

Mr. Albert D. Lasker  
c/o Lord and Thomas  
247 Park Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Lasker:

First let me express the hope and wish that you will have a very pleasant vacation in Arizona.

I am sure you are concerned about our enormous responsibility here and will be interested in knowing that we are vigorously starting in action on the business of raising money to meet the needs of the National Refugee Service, the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal through the 1940 United Jewish Appeal. You know better than anyone that we cannot let go without being shot into space. We are simply being whirled around by a centrifugal force. We are starting out this year with a severe handicap. The Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service owe heavy amounts of money which they borrowed from banks, Foundations and every place from where they could scabble funds. The National Refugee Service is without a single penny of income to carry on a budget of \$300,000 a month and simply has to finance itself by all kinds of borrowing devices, at least up to the 1st of May. I am sure this is not news to you but it certainly makes campaigning for money a nightmare of pressure.

However, my telling you that the needs are there is like "carrying coals to New Castle." I can say one thing about it and that is that the United Jewish Appeal, if at all successful, can provide an awful lot of service for the money invested and can for every dollar save a tremendous amount of suffering. I do not know why I am writing you all of this except that it is preliminary to telling you that you have been elected as Honorary Chairman for the campaign this year and I assume without any question that you are eager and willing to serve. I know that you have no particular use for Honorary offices but we expect to provide you with a pair of overalls as soon as you return from your vacation.

With kindest regards in which Mrs. Wise joins me, I am

Cordially yours,

JBW:LQ

Jonah B. Wise



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

February 9, 1940

Mr. Henry Ittleson  
Ocean Boulevard via Delmar  
Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Ittleson:

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With kindest regards to Mrs. Ittleson and yourself in which Mrs. Wise joins me, I am

Cordially yours,

JEW:LG

Jonah B. Wise



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IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE YOU MUST APPOINT COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH ALL MATTERS RELATING TO SETTING UP NEWYORK UJA. DO YOU WISH TO SEND WIRES NOTIFYING COMMITTEE YOU WILL APPOINT? DO YOU WISH TO DESIGNATE MORRIS ROTHENBERG AS CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMITTEE? A WIRE FROM YOU TO HIM DESIGNATING HIM AS CHAIRMAN AND INSTRUCTING HIM TO START ACTION IMMEDIATELY TOWARDS FORMULATION OF CAMPAIGN PLANS COULD BE ADDRESSED TO HIM 305 WEST END AVENUE. PERHAPS OTHERS ON COMMITTEE MIGHT BE SELECTED FROM AMONG FOLLOWING; DR. G. A. LOWENSTEIN, FERDINAND SONNEBORN ,



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Feb. 9 1940

Henry Montoro  
N. Y.

Have wired Rotherberg requesting him  
to act as chairman. Suggest that you  
get ~~one~~ <sup>two</sup> of following to act with him.  
Lowenstein, Sonnenborn, Wechsler,  
or Lipsky.

Silver



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

M E M O R A N D U M

February 12, 1940

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, sent in identical form to the ORT, HIAS and JTA, with respect to the desire of those agencies for inclusion in the United Jewish Appeal for 1940.

HM:BC

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Similar letter sent to:

American Ort Federation  
212 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Jewish Telegraphic Agency Inc.  
1560 Broadway  
New York City

February 9, 1940

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society  
425 Lafayette Street  
New York City

Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal at its first meeting to organize the work for 1940 considered at length the question of the participation of other agencies than those now associated with the United Jewish Appeal. Among the agencies referred to was the HIAS. After a thorough study of the material available and of the conditions under which the 1940 campaign must be conducted, the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal was unanimously of the opinion that it would be impracticable at this time to include any other than the present beneficiary agencies in the 1940 campaign.

The Executive Committee suggests, however, that the problem of the HIAS in its relation to overseas activities be submitted for consideration to the Distribution Committee about to be formed and financed by the 1940 United Jewish Appeal. This Distribution Committee will have the power to make complete studies of all phases of overseas work and it will be recommended that the Distribution Committee review the functions of the HIAS with a view to the presentation of a program to be considered for 1941.

The action of the Executive Committee is, of course, not at any time or ever to be construed as a judgment upon the work and merit of the HIAS whose problems have been most sympathetically considered by all concerned. We take it for granted that the HIAS will continue in 1940 as in the past to make application to Welfare Funds and individuals and to conduct any form of community collection which it finds advisable. I know that you would want to have this decision as promptly as possible to enable you to go forward with your own fund-raising program.

Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise  
National Chairman

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DR. SILVER

FEBRUARY 12, 1940

TWS - PREPAID

AT MEETING HERE TO REVIEW NEEDS OF CONSTITUENT AGENCIES OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL WE HEARD GRAVELY DISTURBING REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING REFUGEES WHICH REQUIRE MOBILIZATION MAXIMUM FUNDS IMMEDIATELY. DESPERATE NEEDS OF REFUGEES IN LANDS BORDERING POLAND AND MOUNTING RELIEF REFUGEE REQUIREMENTS PALESTINE MAKE IMPERATIVE DISPATCH LARGEST POSSIBLE SUMS IMMEDIATELY. URGE YOUR COOPERATION IN MEETING THIS EMERGENCY BY FORWARDING FROM YOUR TREASURY OR THROUGH SPECIAL ACTION AMONG CONTRIBUTORS SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS ON ACCOUNT OF 1939 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL EFFORT.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

AHS:FYB



February 12, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Rabbi Silver received the enclosed  
telegram from Judge Rothenberg this morning.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD)  
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For the Settlement in Palestine of Jews of Germany, Poland, Rumania and Other Lands

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February 12, 1940

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Henry Montor

This morning Edward Warburg called me to suggest that I discuss with him the situation in New York City as it relates to Samuel A. Goldsmith. I then met with him and Joseph C. Hyman for an hour.

In the discussions that had been held with Mr. Goldsmith these are the conditions he has set forth as the basis for his entry into the New York picture:

(a) That it must be understood that he is coming to New York as a neutral and is not a candidate or executive associated with any special group, whether it be the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal or the National Refugee Service. This to him is the primary essential, if he is to be useful in New York City.

(b) He wants his position to be one that is more than that of fund-raising. He recognizes that the major responsibility is to come to New York to reorganize the New York City United Jewish Appeal and to conduct the campaign; at the same time he would leave behind in Chicago a position in which he was able to function not merely in relation to a Welfare Fund campaign, but in relation to all other community projects. Thus he was head of the Federation, head of the Welfare Fund and was called in on most of the major Jewish enterprises in the city that related to social research and which required a knowledge of the Jewish position.

Naturally, a position such as he had in Chicago cannot be created for him instantly in New York City. It is one into which he must develop by his own capacity.

In connection with this desire of his to be regarded as more than a fund-raiser in New York City, the suggestion was proffered by Joseph Hyman, apparently after discussion of the matter, that there might be offered to Goldsmith the post of Director of the Distribution Committee of the national UJA. In this post he could concern himself with all phases of the international situation and bring to it the benefit of his experience in budgeting and the regard in which he is held by all the groups within the UJA.

(c) At the present time Goldsmith receives \$18,000 a year from the Chicago Welfare Fund. Even if he were to receive \$20,000 in



February 12, 1940

New York City this would be less than his \$18,000 salary in Chicago, inasmuch as Illinois has no income tax. In addition, there would be the substantial expense involved in his moving from Chicago to New York and the additional costs of integration to a new home and community. Although there was no definite mention of a figure it is apparent that the sum of at least \$22,500 is being thought of.

I told Warburg that you had appointed Judge Rothenberg as chairman of a New York committee to represent the UPA in negotiations with the JDC in the setting up of a New York UJA for 1940. Mr. Goldsmith is coming to New York on Tuesday, February 13th. It would be up to that committee, together with the JDC committee, to hear Mr. Goldsmith and to arrive at its own conclusions. I indicated to him that the New York committee of the UPA has full power to act in any arrangements it decides are necessary for the conduct of the New York UJA.

Indicating that I had not discussed the subject with anyone and had no power to express an opinion, and had no personal opinion to offer, I asked a number of questions which I said would clarify in my own mind some of the problems connected with Goldsmith's transfer to New York City.

The question might be raised that, inasmuch as the primary consideration in urging Goldsmith to come to New York is to reorganize the New York City campaign machinery, it would be diverting from his proper function to have him concern himself with budgetary questions, which in itself was a big job. I could appreciate the desire of Goldsmith to come to New York in a position that would not be too less influential than the one he occupied in Chicago, but at the same time the major concern of everyone in connection with New York today is the setting up of a fund-raising machinery which shall make possible the raising of larger sums of money. Might one job interfere with the other?

Mr. Hyman was of the opinion that Mr. Goldsmith could set up a machinery through the use of assistants and that during the summer months when the campaign was dead he could give it his personal attention for such attention as it might need. He reminded me that Mr. Goldsmith had been Director of the Jewish Social Research Bureau before he went to Chicago and that he was undoubtedly the most competent man for the post under any circumstances, aside from his capacity for organizing a campaign.

I also raised the question as to whether the Council of Federations would permit Goldsmith to take the post of Director of the Distribution Committee in view of the fact that if he should take the New York UJA job he would no longer be regarded as a neutral person but one associated with the interests of the JDC, the UPA and the NRS. Would not the Council feel that an impartial job of examining budgetary requirements demanded someone outside the official family of the UJA?

Mr. Hyman said that in the first place if the JDC and the UPA came to a common decision in this matter, which he thought was essential, then the stand taken by the Council could not be of importance, since it would be a question of four people against three (two of the UPA and two of the JDC against three representing Welfare Fund communities). In the second place, Mr. Hyman contended, even if the Council should seek far and wide it could find no one who would be better equipped for the job of directing an analysis of budgetary needs and of overseas requirements than Mr. Goldsmith. The Council could not possibly contest Mr. Goldsmith's capacity for the job because of the wide knowledge<sup>of</sup> and respect for him throughout the country in Welfare Fund communities and also because of his well-known equipment as a social researcher.



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Mr. Hyman believed it essential that the task of examining budgetary needs and determining relations within the UJA was one which should be kept firmly within the hands of the JDC and the UPA as against what was represented by the Council.

Mr. Warburg expressed the thought that there might be some objection to the size of a salary of \$22,500 for a director of the New York UJA campaign and that this might be adjusted if the New York UJA paid \$15,000 and the balance were to be paid out of the sum set aside for the operation of the Distribution Committee of the UJA.

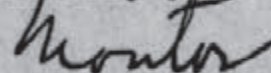
Mr. Hyman indicated that Mr. Goldsmith had not insisted upon being Director of the Distribution Committee in its budgetary analysis but that this was something that had been thought up as a means of strengthening the appeal to Goldsmith to come to New York City. I inquired whether there was any specific way in which Goldsmith himself had thought his position might be strengthened in New York so that he would not be made to appear merely as a fund-raiser. Apparently he had not given any indication except the broad one as wishing to be regarded from the first as a general citizen of the community who might render a service to the community in its various functions.

Mr. Warburg is arranging to talk to Judge Rothenberg first and then have a meeting on Tuesday afternoon, at which would be present three representatives of the UPA headed by Judge Rothenberg, three of the JDC, and because of the interest of the NRS in the New York campaign, William Rosenwald. There would be a discussion with Goldsmith so that there could be a sounding out of his views with regard to New York and that he might answer any questions that the various members of the committees might ask him.

The things that the UPA must decide, then, are the following:

- (1) Is Samuel Goldsmith the best available man at this time to reorganize and conduct the New York City campaign of the UJA?
- (2) Does the UPA favor indicating to Mr. Goldsmith that it looks sympathetically toward making his position something in addition to that of fund-raiser, possibly offering him the job of director of the Distribution Committee of the national UJA?
- (3) Does the UPA favor a minimum salary of between \$20,000 and \$22,500 for Goldsmith, to be derived either solely from the New York City UJA or from the New York UJA and the national UJA?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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1940  
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342 MADISON AVENUE  
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February 12, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Have you had occasion to get in touch with Mr. Morris Sosnik of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with regard to his invitation for you to deliver an address there that is not in connection with the campaign?

Attached herewith is a copy of the letter which I wrote to him on February 5th.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Montor*  
Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

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Feb 13, 1940

Henry Montro  
New York

Please follow thru with Joseph Wise invitations  
Lehman to open Clive Welfare Fund  
Sunday - May 5th Failing Lehman  
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Silver



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## UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD)  
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (KEREN KAYEMETH)  
For the Settlement in Palestine of Jews of Germany, Poland, Rumania and Other Lands

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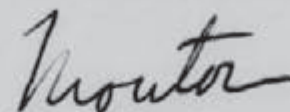
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that at the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, you were asked to appoint a committee to complete all details with regard to the moving of the United Palestine Appeal headquarters from 111 Fifth Avenue.

Would you care to appoint on that committee Mr. Louis Lipsky, as chairman, Mr. Charles Ress and Mr. Arthur Lamport?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET



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

M E M O R A N D U M

February 13, 1940

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached herewith is a copy of a cable received today from Eleazar Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, on behalf of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, which acted jointly in reference to the possibility of inclusion of the Aguda Israel in the United Palestine Appeal campaign.

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NLT MONTOR UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
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PALESTINIAN PURPOSES STOP VERY DISCUSSION IN AMERICA ENCOURAGES VARIOUS  
BODIES MAKE FURTHER CLAIMS CAUSING DISORGANISATION HERE STOP HAD HERE  
LONG NEGOTIATIONS WITH AGUDA AGREED SHOULD ENJOY ALL OUR SERVICES EQUALLY  
OTHER ORGANISATIONS WE ONLY DEMANDED THEIR STOPPING CAMPAIGN AGAINST FUNDS  
AND ISSUING DECLARATION IN FAVOUR FUNDS STOP ACTUALLY AGUDA ALREADY BENEFITS  
EQUALLY RELIEF MONEYS DISTRIBUTED PREVIOUSLY THROUGH AGENCY NOW THROUGH  
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INITIAL ACCOMMODATION GRANTS ALSO ACCOMMODATED OUR IMMIGRANTS HOSTELS STOP  
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2000 PUPILS STOP OUR IMPRESSION WAS AGREEMENT REACHED ALL POINTS  
EXCEPT SCHOOLS AND EXPENSES THEIR ORGANISATION STOP AGUDA DEMANDED 860  
POUNDS MONTHLY WHEREOF ABOUT HALF EXPENSES THEIR ORGANISATION STOP  
APPRECIATE IMPORTANCE COOPERATION AGUDA BUT REFUSED GRANT ORGANISATION  
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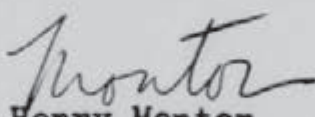
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of the letter received by the United Palestine Appeal, asking for the nomination of two members and two alternates representing the United Palestine Appeal on the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for 1940.

I assume that this matter will have to come before the Executive Committee.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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February 9, 1940.

United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that the Distribution Committee, authorized by Article 4 of the 1940 agreement as to the United Jewish Appeal, will be constituted of two representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee, two representatives of the United Palestine Appeal and three representatives at large, chosen according to the provisions of the contract.

Will you please advise our office of the appointments from your organization prior to March 1st. We hope that your organization will entrust to its appointees on the Distribution Committee the selection of those representatives at large mentioned above.

Hoping this meets with your approval and looking forward to hearing from you promptly, we remain

Sincerely yours

Abba Hillel Silver

Jonah B. Wise

National Chairman

SW:RZW



February 13, 1940

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

Dear Julius:

I am delighted to know that you have undertaken the Chairmanship of the St. Louis campaign. The high level on which you are capable of placing this appeal will, I am sure, benefit the community as well as increase its giving. It is more than reassuring to me when communities turn to their rabbis for leadership and when those rabbis have the quality which all of us know you to possess.

I hope to see you soon. In the meantime, I wish you strength and I know you have the spirit.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

JBW:LG

Jonah B. Wise



February 14, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I do not know why a telegram should not be sent to the Cleveland Welfare Fund, similar to that sent to other communities. You might sign both chairmen's signatures to the telegram for Cleveland.

Please write to Mr. Morris Sosnik of Winston-Salem, N. C., that while I deeply appreciate his kind inquiry concerning my visit to his city for a lecture, it will be quite impossible for me to do it this season.

I have had an invitation from the New Orleans Jewish Welfare Fund, a copy of which I herewith enclose, inviting me to address their opening meeting on April 2nd. Would you advise me to take it?

Have you followed through with the approach to the President? We had agreed to send a letter asking for an interview. Has that been attended to?

Already I have received two complaints from men of prominence that they are being flooded with the publicity of the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee. I wonder whether we ought not to limit our correspondence in quantity and concentrate on quality.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise  
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February 14, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:


Rabbi Julius Gordon has been named Chairman  
of the 1940 Welfare Fund campaign in St. Louis.

We can derive a great deal of encouragement  
and stimulation from a report sent by Mr. Coons  
following his visit to St. Louis to meet with the  
Budget Committee. There is a very definite im-  
pression that we will receive a substantial increase  
over the sum made available from St. Louis in 1939.  
This is the first large community from which so en-  
couraging a report has been forthcoming.

I think it would be most helpful to everyone  
concerned if, in your capacity of Chairman of the  
United Jewish Appeal, you can send an encouraging word  
to Rabbi Gordon on his assumption of the Chairmanship  
of the St. Louis drive.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG



United Palestine Appeal  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

February 15, 1940

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached herewith are statements of the budgetary needs submitted to communities throughout the country by the United Jewish Appeal on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service.

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Enc.





NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, INC.

B U D G E T

Calendar Year 1 9 4 0

We are presenting herewith the National Refugee Service, Inc. budget for the calendar year 1940.

The National Refugee Service, Inc. was organized in June, 1939 to take over the activities of the former National Coordinating Committee and certain of its affiliates. Upon it has fallen the responsibility of meeting the first impact of the refugee immigration to the United States. To its offices in New York come from 5,000 to 6,000 persons each week, seeking advice, information, service or financial assistance. These include not only refugees who may have landed the very day they come to our offices, but also Americans, relatives and friends. In addition, nearly 5,000 inquiries are made by letters and telegrams each week, many of these seeking technical information concerning immigration or dealing with the problems of resettlement.

The work of the National Refugee Service, Inc. has expanded rapidly as a result.

It is, perhaps, unnecessary to indicate that there are many difficulties in planning a budget a full year in advance. Our problem is dynamic and there are many hazards in calculating the specific needs in funds for temporary relief, resettlement, transportation, employment, migration services and other activities for twelve months ahead. It should be said, therefore, that the budget submitted represents the objective estimate of our needs on the basis of recent experience and present trends. It does represent a most conservative estimate for the ensuing year.

In considering this budget, several factors must be recognized. To begin with, there is little doubt that the full quota of refugees will enter the country during this year. Those who are now arriving are almost completely without resources and many of them must, of necessity, be assisted immediately after their arrival. Then, too, a larger proportion of the new arrivals are older people. For these employment is



more difficult to obtain; this necessitates increased services on the part of our organization. It must also be considered that the war has increased the complexity of our immigration problems and has introduced new difficulties and heavier demands for our services.

On the basis of our most conservative estimates, the National Refugee Service, Inc. will require \$4,362,450.00 during 1940.

For our National Resettlement work there will be needed.....\$ 569,835.

The Resettlement Department, through some 600 committees throughout the United States, resettles families from New York City into more suitable and less congested areas throughout the entire country. Efforts are being made to resettle as many families as possible in order that the large concentration in New York City may be reduced. That this is necessary is self-evident. The number of units (families and unattached individuals) resettled has been steadily increasing. There is every reason to anticipate a continued increase in the future. We believe that the maximum capacity of other communities throughout the United States to absorb refugees on a resettlement basis is 500 family units per month. It is expected that close to 300 units will be resettled during the month of January.

We estimate that there will be an increase of 25 additional units monthly until the above-mentioned capacity of 500 is reached. The expenditures for resettlement include assistance given to needy refugees until such time as the communities are ready to receive them, and transportation and moving expenses to the new community, in addition to maintenance for the first two weeks in the new community for those of the refugees in need of such help.

There is also included under this category provision for the maintenance and training of refugee boys in National Youth Administration Camps. During January 1940 70 boys were enrolled in such training programs. It is expected that by December, 1940 over 200 refugee boys will receive such training. The maintenance required for each youth is \$30.00 per month, of which the National Refugee Service, Inc. carries \$15.00 and the remaining \$15.00 is usually met by the local community.

Thus it is expected that we shall resettle during 1940 a total of 4,600 families representing nearly 10,000 individuals, in addition to which we shall, by the end of this year, help train and maintain on National Youth Administration projects 200 refugee boys.

For the National and International Services of the Migration Department there will be needed.....\$ 458,860.

The Migration Department offers pre-immigration advice; technical information on affidavits; deals with immigration authorities in



this and other countries on immigration problems. When necessary, it gives financial assistance and advice to temporary visitors and emigres in transit. During the month of January approximately 400 refugees and their families will have been given cash assistance either for maintenance or for transportation. Of these, 300 are visitors' visa cases, and approximately 100 are permanent visa cases who are in transit to some community within the United States and for whom assistance must be given in order to reach their destination. On the basis of past experience it is anticipated that this number will increase at the rate of approximately 25 cases per month during the year. It is estimated that by December, 1940 a total of 620 cases will be receiving cash assistance.

In addition to those aided with cash assistance, the Migration Department received nearly 2000 applications during January, 1940, for some type of immigration service from persons resident in the United States. During the same period some 1,500 applications for service were received on behalf of persons still abroad. This number has been increasing steadily and it is expected that by December of this year such applications may reach a total of 5,400 for the month, as against 3,500 at the present time. This is in addition to the relief cases mentioned in the preceding paragraph which will reach approximately 620 by December, 1940.

For Temporary Aid through the Relief and Service Department  
there will be needed.....\$ 2,128,315.

Refugees who come to the United States are almost entirely without resources. For the most part the burden of immediate assistance is being met by affiants and relations. However, thousands of the newcomers require temporary cash assistance to tide them over until affiants and relatives can be located or until a resettlement, employment or other program can be worked out for them.

It is the function of the Relief & Service Department to provide such cash assistance to those refugees who are without financial assistance. This help is given after investigation of the refugee's resources and the ability of the affiant, relatives and friends to contribute towards his maintenance. The cash assistance given by this department is distinct from that given by

- a. The Migration Department which deals only with refugees in this country on temporary visas and also those on permanent visas who are destined for points outside of New York City.



- b. The Resettlement Department which gives temporary help to those families about to be resettled as well as some assistance to help maintain themselves for about two weeks within the new community.

In addition to financial aid, this department assists with advice on problems of adjustment, housing, child care, and medical care. All possible steps are taken to help the applicant find some way to meet his problem without financial assistance from this organization.

During the month of January, over 2,400 families will have received financial aid, while about 900 additional cases will have been given some service other than cash relief. On the basis of our recent experience, and in line with our assumption that the full quota will enter during 1940, it is anticipated that by December, 1940, the number of cases which will receive both cash and other aid will reach a total of 5,000. This number would be considerably greater if it were not for the work of the Resettlement and Employment Departments.

It is significant to point out that of those receiving financial assistance from this organization, close to 60% have been in this country three months or less and only 8% have been here over a year. This clearly indicates that the newcomer lacks resources to maintain himself here immediately upon arrival. It is also significant that he requires aid for a temporary period only, at most for about 3 to 6 months.

A considerable portion, nearly 35% of those given temporary assistance in New York, have affidavits signed by some one living in other parts of the United States. This assistance is necessary until the affiants are able to assume the responsibility or until other arrangements are made.

For the Employment Department there will be needed.....\$111,960.

The Employment Department seeks to find job opportunities for employable refugees in New York as well as in other parts of the country. This is a difficult undertaking since it involves placing refugees without, at the same time, creating any displacement of American workers. Records are maintained of occupational experience of refugees who register with this organization. In many instances we have been successful in finding employment opportunities which capitalize on the special skills which refugees possess.



During the month of January, a total of 400 refugees have found employment through our efforts and it is expected that during the entire year we shall have placed over 6,100 individuals. We are placing particular emphasis upon this phase of our work, it being quite evident that an increase in the number of jobs found will mean a reduction in the financial aid we shall be called upon to give, aside from the salutary effect upon a refugee when he or she has been able to find work in this country. At the present time we have 6,000 active applications for job placements. It is expected that this number will increase to 9,300 by December, 1940.

For the most part refugees have not gone into competitive employments; many have in fact been established in occupations new to this country and a considerable number of American workers have found jobs in such establishments.

Within the Employment Department a vocational retraining service for refugees is now provided and it is contemplated that this work will be expanded rapidly in 1940. Refugees will be assisted when necessary or practicable with fees and tuition. The beginning already made suggests that this is one of the most constructive activities from the viewpoint of providing a rapid adjustment of the refugee to the American community.

For Special Committees there will be needed.....\$74,905.

In order to provide specialized services to those refugees who because of special training, or experience require such services the National Refugee Service, Inc. has organized special committees to deal with these problems.

These are:

1. National Committee for Resettlement of Foreign Physicians.  
The work of this committee consists of placing refugee physicians and dentists in practice, of finding internships as well as institutional positions, and in furnishing fees for State Medical Board examinations.

During 1939 this Committee received requests for assistance from 1,908 emigre physicians and medical and dental students. Of this number, 180 have been placed in practice in their regular professions through the Committee's efforts. A total of 145 have received internships or residencies, positions as laboratory technicians or pathologists, or positions as assistants to established practitioners.



2. Musicians' Placement Committee. The work of this committee consists not only of placing artists in permanent positions but also arranging special performances for them, as well as assisting them with funds to continue their musical studies. Efforts are also being made to effect resettlement in all parts of the country.

During the 15 months of its operation, the Committee has secured professional assignments for 105 refugee musicians. In addition, a total of 340 summer or single engagements have been filled.

3. Committee on Refugee Jewish Ministers. This Committee is placing refugee Rabbis and Synagogue functionaries in permanent and temporary positions. In addition to that, it obtains contracts for Rabbis enabling them to come to this country with their families under non-quota status. A total of 50 Rabbis and 25 Synagogue functionaries have been placed in various communities throughout the United States during the year 1939.

Special training classes for refugee Rabbis are being conducted at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America where graduate Rabbis of recognized European Rabbinical schools are eligible to attend free of charge. Classes are held in English, public speaking and Synagogue and school administration.

4. Self-Support Committee. The Self-Support Committee assists refugees in the investigation and planning of small enterprises and gives advice to refugee business men who have their own funds but are, of course, not familiar with American business procedures.
5. Division for Social and Cultural Adjustment. It is the function of this Division to help the refugee obtain a knowledge of our social and cultural institutions and the familiarity with our language and customs so that he may be equipped with the essentials so necessary in his search for a livelihood and his adjustment to the American community.

A special effort is made to place as many refugees as possible in English classes.



In cooperation with other organizations, the Division has worked out a comprehensive program for the cultural orientation of the refugee in America, including the collection of material and the drafting of suggested lecture programs for neighborhood centers.

The Division rendered service to a total of 10,000 applicants involving nearly 16,000 requests for different types of service during 1939. More than half of all requests were for instruction in English. More than 7,200 individuals were referred to and accepted by the social committees of 39 organizations throughout the city. The other requests included those of athletic and cultural opportunities and the placement of children in day nurseries.

Subventions to related and other organizations and special projects within the National Refugee Service, Inc.....\$ 579,150.

A number of organizations assisting refugees such as the Council of Service to Foreign Born of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Medical Scientists, The Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars and the German-Jewish Children's Aid, Inc. receive subventions from the National Refugee Service, Inc. In addition to these, several special activities are engaged in within our own organization, one of which, The Central Loan Fund, extends loans to refugees attempting to establish themselves in small self-supporting business ventures. It is interesting to note that a number of these small projects are assisted by local communities throughout various parts of the country, as well as by individual organizations such as the Refugee Economic Corporation and the American Joint Reconstruction Fund, so that in many instances these loans are only a part of the total assistance of this type.

Administration including Accounting, Statistics, Research and general overhead..... 189,425.

Reserve for Contingencies for possible increase in relief load above present estimates, and for new situations which may arise, etc..... 250,000.

Total Budget for the year 1940.....\$4,362,450.



BUDGETARY ANALYSIS  
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
1940

I. THE BUDGETS SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

A. The Nature of the United Palestine Appeal

The United Palestine Appeal, the central instrument of American Jewry for the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, is dedicated to the task of supporting and expanding the institutions of Palestine in order that the ancient Jewish homeland may become the effective answer to the problem of Jewish homelessness.

Combined within the United Palestine Appeal are the two great funds which are responsible for every phase of the upbuilding program in Palestine: the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), the fiscal instrument of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which is recognized in the League of Nations Mandate as the supreme representative of the Jewish people in Palestine; and the Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth), the agency for land redemption in the name and for the inalienable possession of the Jewish people.

For the supplementary support of orthodox institutions in Palestine, the United Palestine Appeal also makes a grant to the Mizrachi Palestine Fund.

General Functions of the Funds

The Palestine Foundation Fund makes appropriations for assistance to immigration; agricultural and urban settlement of immigrants; furtherance of labor and housing; development of trade and industry; education and culture; promotion of national organization and security; health and social service; and every enterprise designed to increase the absorptive capacity for Jewish immigration.

The funds of the Jewish National Fund are allotted to land purchase and land amelioration, in order that Jews may become firmly rooted in the soil of Palestine.

B. The Record of the Palestine Foundation Fund (1921-1940)

The development of Jewish Palestine into one of the large Jewish communities of the world can be understood only in relation to the activities of the Keren Hayesod since its inception in 1921 and of the Keren Kayemeth since 1903. During the eighteen and one-half years ending September 30, 1939, the Palestine Foundation Fund spent £8,930,000 in Palestine.

The largest single segment of Keren Hayesod expenditures was devoted to the extension of Jewish agriculture and to the development of methods of intensive soil cultivation which assist the absorption of new thousands of settlers upon the land. Since April, 1936, 41 of the 56 new settlements erected in outlying sections of the country have been built with Keren Hayesod funds. There are today 263 Jewish agricultural settlements in Palestine. Aid rendered by the Keren Hayesod for agricultural colonization has totaled £2,710,300.

Immigration has represented another major item, £1,038,800, in Keren Hayesod allocations. This sum includes not only the training of immigrants before their



arrival in Palestine, but aid for traveling and entrance into Palestine, and building and maintenance of immigrants' hostels. With the support of the Keren Hayesod, the Jewish community of Palestine was enabled to admit more than 225,000 immigrants during the past seven years, an achievement in meeting the pressing question of Jewish wandering not equalled by any other country in the world.

Labor and housing expenditures, totaling £847,900, include investments in road construction, drainage works, homes for workers, and maintenance of employment bureaus.

Funds of the Keren Hayesod have been made available to the sum of £718,300 for loans for the building of urban and suburban quarters, for industrial and business enterprises, for participation through the semi-public Bitzur Corporation in the establishment of large-scale industrial enterprises and investments in central land companies.

The Keren Hayesod assists the Vaad Leumi (the Jewish National Council) in the maintenance of public and secondary schools, colleges and technical schools. It provides funds for school building and for support of cultural institutions. In the Vaad Leumi system there are 400 schools, with 52,000 children enrolled. For this work £1,632,200 has been spent.

Other major activities which are the province of the Keren Hayesod include arrangements for security of the Jewish community, provision for health institutions, sick funds and social service, on which £373,300 was spent. The organization and maintenance of various other national institutions cost £740,600. Large sums have been spent by the Jewish Agency, Central Bureau for the Settlement of German Jews, for the settlement of approximately 70,000 German refugees who were enabled to go to Palestine. The Bureau spent over £1,000,000, toward which the Keren Hayesod also contributed a share. Additional allocations include support of the Haifa Technicum and maritime training of Jewish youth.

The Keren Hayesod represents an instrument new to the annals of large-scale colonization, for although it is not a public body in the sense that it derives its income from a national treasury, yet it has rallied voluntary world-wide support.

Throughout the past nineteen years the greatest single part of the Keren Hayesod expenditures has been allocated for colonization and land development.

In 1939 the Yishuv speeded up the pace of agricultural colonization which it had steadily maintained since the beginning of the disturbances in April, 1936. During the past year 24 new settlements were established, 14 of which were founded by the Keren Hayesod on Jewish National Fund land.

#### C. The Record of the Jewish National Fund (1903-1940)

The Jewish National Fund, whose primary function is the redemption of the land in the name of the Jewish people, now owns 471,000 dunams, or 35 per cent of all Jewish-owned land in Palestine. Its expenditures since its inception have totaled approximately £6,000,000. The Keren Kayemeth has also allocated monies for land reclamation and road building between settlements, so as to improve transportation and the security of settlers.

During the year ending September 30, 1939, the Keren Kayemeth achieved a new high record for land purchase by buying 51,892 dunams. Immediately upon the out-



break of the European conflict, further buying was made more difficult by the general insistence of owners upon cash payment. Yet from September 1 to mid-November 1939, the Jewish National Fund bought 10,000 dunams.

During the twelve months ending September 30, 1939, the Yishuv provided haven for 35,000 Jewish men, women and children who escaped from the cauldron of Europe. From September 3 through December 31, 1939 8,050 immigrants made their way to Palestine's shores despite the war. Of this number 4,300 had immigration certificates.

## II. PALESTINE IN 1940

### A. Integration of Immigrants

A total of 6,000 young men and women in European lands are being trained for farm life in Palestine under the direction and with the assistance of the Jewish Agency. Training farms have been established in England, Holland, Belgium and the Scandinavian countries, as well as in Rumania, Yugoslavia and Hungary in Southeastern Europe. To coordinate immigration activities and to facilitate the rescue of Jewish refugees, the Jewish Agency established a special Palestine Bureau in Geneva, which organizes the work throughout Europe.

### B. Immediate Needs for Relief

The steady, irresistible flow of immigration into Palestine has created widespread problems since the outbreak of war. The refugees who have arrived during the past year have entered the country at the end of long weeks or months of malnutrition, disease and indescribable hardships. They have had absolutely no resources upon which to count. Their elementary requirements of clothing and food must be met; in many instances they must be nursed back to health; they must be maintained until place is found for them; finally, plans must be laid for their integration in the agriculture or industry of the country.

Expenses of providing for the newcomers have now been greatly increased for various reasons; mainly,

(1) owing to the rise in prices; provisions for immigrants which formerly cost £1.250 now amount to double the price.

(2) the Jewish agricultural settlements are crowded to their utmost capacity. The Jewish Agency is, therefore, asked to share in the expenditures for the maintenance of the immigrants. The setting up of working camps and expansion of public works projects to relieve the slack in employment will require large sums.

### C. The Needs of the Unemployed

The unemployed laborers, the middle classes, small traders and others who have lost their livelihood through the war crisis present another grave problem. Members of the staff of the Economic Research Institute of the Jewish Agency estimate that the total number of people for whom some provision must be made is 80,000. The number of unemployed as of October 1, 1939, was 18,000 to 20,000. To this number should be added those belonging to other classes of the population.



It becomes of supreme urgency at this time when Jewish survival is endangered in Europe and the requirements for maintenance and growth of the communal structure in Palestine are greater than ever before that American Jewish community make available through the instrument of the United Palestine Appeal the means for the continuance of the upbuilding effort.

### III. BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS

#### A. The Effect of War Upon Budgets

Concerned as they are with the well-being of every phase of Jewish life in Palestine, the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund are today confronted with three major problems:

##### 1. Requirements for Relief.

The tens of thousands of refugees who have recently arrived, plus the thousands who continue to come to Palestine, must be provided with the elementary necessities of existence. Provision must also be made for their livelihood.

##### 2. Unemployment Aid and Middle-Class Support.

The European war has resulted in the suspension of many private industrial projects and agricultural enterprises, so that thousands of laborers have been thrown out of work. Middle-class groups have been similarly affected.

##### 3. Acceleration of the Upbuilding Effort.

In order to provide place for the refugees in the country; to make provision for additional newcomers; to counteract the effects of the war and to bolster up the foundations of the economy erected during the past two decades; and to strengthen the Jewish Homeland against an unforeseeable future, the national funds must not only continue their normal tasks of colonization, land acquisition, and national reconstruction, but must intensify their efforts to an unprecedented degree.

#### B. The Proposals of Geneva

At the twenty-first World Zionist Congress held at Geneva in August, 1939, normal budgets of the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund were adopted by the delegates to the Congress and the Council of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

At Geneva a minimum budget of £720,000 was adopted for the Jewish Agency for Palestine (Palestine Foundation Fund) and another of £950,000 for the Jewish National Fund. In addition the Jewish Agency also decided to undertake a national loan of £1,000,000 to supplement the normal income. Its purpose was to provide for those activities which could not be delayed.



GENEVA MINIMUM BUDGET OF PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD) AND  
JEWISH AGENCY (adopted August 1939 before outbreak of war and based  
not upon estimated needs but upon anticipated income)

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Aid to Refugees in Palestine  | £ 100,000        |
| Agricultural Colonization, Aid to Orange Growers, Agricultural<br>Experiment Station of Jewish Agency | 122,000          |
| Immigration, Training, Labor, Housing, and Maritime Works   | 110,000          |
| Security, London Office, and Political Dept. Jerusalem  | 95,000           |
| Education   | 30,000           |
| Trade, Industry and Artisans  | 35,000           |
| Jewish Agency Economic Research Institute   | 4,500            |
| Bialik Institute and Rabbi Kook Institute   | 4,000            |
| Technical and Maritime School, Haifa  | 2,000            |
| Religious purposes  | 2,500            |
| Administration of Jewish Agency   | 13,500           |
| Payments on Account of Obligations:   |                  |
| A. On Account of Loan of £500,000   | 45,000           |
| B. " " " " " £175,000 and Interest  | 57,000           |
| C. " " " " " South African Loan   | 8,400            |
| D. " " " " " PICA   | 2,500            |
| E. " " " Balances of Budget Year 5699<br>(£40,000) and Payments a/c Buildings (£6,000)                | 46,000           |
| Administration of Keren Hayesod   | 30,000           |
| Miscellaneous Budgets   | 12,000           |
|   | <u>£ 720,000</u> |

GENEVA MINIMUM BUDGET OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (KEREN KAYEMETH)  
(As adopted August 1939, before outbreak of war)

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Liabilities (Loans, bills, debentures, etc.) payable  | £ 520,000        |
| Cost of land, purchase of which has been contracted<br>for (total value -- £605,000)  |                  |
| Purchase price due for payment during fiscal year<br>October 1, 1939 - September 30, 1940 forming<br>Part of the above amount | £ 240,625        |
| Registration fees and similar expenses  | <u>14,375</u>    |
|   | 255,000          |
| Grants  |                  |
| Upkeep of lands and colonization  | 28,000           |
| Plantations   | 15,000           |
| Reclamation of land   | 6,500            |
| Special emergency activities  | <u>51,500</u>    |
|   | 101,000          |
| Organization and education  | 26,000           |
| Administration  | 24,000           |
| Payment on Huleh Valley concession  | 15,000           |
| Taxes and sundry expenditures   | <u>9,000</u>     |
|   | <u>£ 950,000</u> |



C. The New Budgets: \$21,530,000 Required

The onset of war completely transformed the picture. The needs of Palestine for the period beginning October 1, 1939 and ending September 30, 1940, have now been conservatively estimated at \$21,530,000.

At an hour when the needs of the country are greater than ever before, the help which the Yishuv (the Jewish community of Palestine) may expect from many overseas countries must be discounted as negligible. The German Jewish community and now Polish Jewry can no longer provide support for the national funds. Moreover, in belligerent and neutral nations alike the imposition of serious exchange restrictions since September has radically altered the financial prospects.

At least eighty percent of the requirements of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth must be met by the Jewish community of the United States.

The following represent, as of December 24, 1939, the minimum budgets based upon the impelling necessities of maintaining Jewish communal existence in Palestine and of providing place there for new thousands of men, women and children driven from their homes by the double scourge of war and persecution:

1. Relief arising out of the effects of war on the Palestine economy and provision for refugees. \$1,200,000

At \$100,000 a month, this budget takes care of 15,000 persons, partly unemployed workmen, partly larger destitute families.

2. Promotion of agriculture. 1,800,000

This sum must be spent in order to enlarge the existing colonies in Palestine and to establish new colonies. This program represents the only method of absorbing the immigrants and refugees into the economic structure of the country and of enabling the settlements to provide the necessary food for the Jewish community of Palestine during war-time.

3. Public Works. 3,200,000

As an imperative measure to provide work and to avoid relief, the Jewish Agency must continue sponsoring such public works projects as road building and colonization improvements. This budget provides work for about 12,000 workmen, half the amount required being provided by the Jewish Agency and the other half being contributed by communities and other public institutions in Palestine.

A part of the relief program involving public works is to be financed by loans and not gifts. These funds would, therefore, constitute a revolving fund.

4. Aid to Citrus Growers. 2,600,000

The citrus industry, one of the most important branches of the economic life of Palestine, has been severely hit by the war. The livelihood of thousands of laborers and the existence of a great industrial enterprise must be safeguarded. According to expert analysis, this sum will be required for irrigation, fertilizing of orange groves and for advances on other work to be performed in the groves; partly also for the repayment of debts, which is necessary in order to free this year's crop for sale.



New Budget, Continued

5. Aid to Industry. \$2,600,000

The preservation of the industrial structure of Palestine is vital to assure the existence of thousands of workmen and the continued expansion of the Jewish homeland for further immigration. The restriction of credits arising out of the war and other burdens must be offset by the national institutions.

The sum of \$1,000,000 is urgently required to finance the importation of raw materials which are indispensable for the continuation of Palestine industry. There is also required a loan fund of \$1,600,000 as working capital for those industries which, owing to wartime conditions, must enlarge their production.

6. Obligations Already Incurred Which Must Be Met.

The thousands of Jews who enter Palestine must be given a sound foundation on the soil. Commitments for land purchase must be met and new land acquisition opportunities must be utilized. The land program is the very essence of a new life for refugees and immigrants.

Contracts for the acquisition of land for colonization purposes by the Jewish National Fund \$4,000,000

Meeting options in 1940 on special land purchases in strategic areas \$1,000,000

Repayment of loans contracted by the Keren Hayesod in current and previous years and for definite commitments, including the deficit incurred by the Keren Hayesod in the year from October 1, 1938-September 30, 1939, involving \$350,000 \$ 640,000

7. Other budgetary expenditures of the Keren Hayesod and Jewish Agency

Security Needs (approximate) 960,000

Work of Government relations departments in Jerusalem and London 150,000

Miscellaneous items: 330,000

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Education grants                            | \$120,000 |
| Agricultural station                        | 50,000    |
| Various institutions and religious purposes | 50,000    |
| Miscellaneous                               | 50,000    |
| Administration                              | 60,000    |

TOTAL NEEDS OF PALESTINE \$21,530,000

Inasmuch as the United States is expected to provide a minimum of eighty percent of these requirements, the United Palestine Appeal must endeavor to raise in 1940 \$17,224,000

The following is a summary of income and expenditure of the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund during the Jewish calendar year 5699, corresponding to the period October 1, 1938 through September 30, 1939.

The figures show an excess of expenditure over income of £P88,286, with which deficit the national funds are burdened in addition to the extraordinary budget described above.



SUMMARY OF INCOME

5699

(Pounds quoted instead of dollars, in view of variable exchange rates)

|   | £P.                 | £P.                |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| I. Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) and<br>Jewish Agency - Oct. 1, 1938-Sept. 30, 1939 |                     |                    |
| A. Keren Hayesod  | 630,615             |                    |
| B. Jewish Agency*   | 113,048             |                    |
| C. Central Bureau for Settlement of German Jews**   | <u>318,339</u>      | 1,062,002          |
| II. Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth)<br>October 1, 1938 - September 25, 1939               |                     | 1,101,070          |
| III. Transfers of Immigrants' Capital from Czechoslovakia                                       |                     | <u>206,435</u>     |
|   | <u>TOTAL INCOME</u> | <u>£P2,369,507</u> |

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE

5699

|   |  |                    |
|---|--|--------------------|
| I. Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) and<br>Jewish Agency - Oct. 1, 1938-Sept. 30, 1939 |  |                    |
| A. Keren Hayesod  | 637,439                                  |                    |
| B. Jewish Agency*   | 194,684                                  |                    |
| C. Central Bureau for Settlement of German Jews**   | <u>327,052</u>                           | 1,159,175          |
| II. Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth)<br>October 1, 1938 - September 25, 1939               |  | 1,092,183          |
| III. Private Czech Capital  |  |                    |
| A. Payments on account of Immigrants' Capital of<br>Czechoslovakia                              | 135,124                                  |                    |
| B. Remainder earmarked for immigrants from<br>Czechoslovakia                                    | <u>71,311</u>                            | <u>206,435</u>     |
|   | <u>COMBINED EXPENDITURE</u>              | <u>£P2,457,793</u> |
|   | <u>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</u> | <u>£P 88,286</u>   |

\* Does not include allotment from J. N. F. of £P80,854 toward expenditures of Emergency Fund.

\*\* Does not include £P8,364 contributed toward this work by Jewish Agency and £P18,583 made available by Keren Hayesod.



D. The Share Borne by the Yishuv

The Jewish Community of Palestine has itself contributed liberally to funds providing for further upbuilding and for the relief of distress.

From April 1, 1938 to March 31, 1939, the Yishuv contributed to the Palestine Foundation Fund the sum of £16,687. From October 1, 1938 to September 30, 1939, it contributed to the Jewish National Fund £46,946. To the Kofar Hayishuv, the fund established to meet security needs, it gave, from August 1938 until July 1, 1939, £129,000; to the refugee relief fund of the Vaad Leumi, for the year beginning August 1938, it provided £40,000; and to voluntary relief funds within Palestine; £98,000 for the Pidyon Avodah, relief fund of the General Federation of Labor, and £35,000 for Mifdeh Ezrachi, the relief fund for the middle class.

In addition, the Yishuv began on November 1, 1939 to pay a voluntary income tax to the Vaad Leumi to meet immediate relief needs occasioned by the war crisis. It is estimated that the receipts of the tax, which rises to as much as 20 per cent of income in the higher brackets, will aggregate £225,000 during the first six months of its operation. Another voluntary tax borne by the entire Jewish community relates to health, social service, education and other welfare projects which together receive approximately £500,000 from the community each year. During 1939, moreover, it is estimated that several hundreds of thousands of pounds were sent in private remittances abroad by individual Jews of Palestine.

IV. THE PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD)

A. New Colonies Established

Of the expenditure of the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency for the year beginning October 1st, 1938, and ending September 30, 1939, totaling £1,294,299, the greatest fraction, or £587,569, went toward colonization.

The largest single item in the colonization program of the Jewish Agency was one for £345,286 devoted to the settlement of German Jews in Palestine. A separate department of the Jewish Agency, called the Central Bureau for the Settlement of German Jews, with Dr. Chaim Weizmann as Director, handles the resettlement of the thousands of German Jews who have taken up their homes in Eretz Israel. Under its direction 70,000 Jews from Germany and her protectorates have entered Palestine since 1933.

Noteworthy in the settlement of German Jewish refugees has been the colonization effort by middle-class groups, formerly businessmen and professionals in Germany who are now tilling the land.

B. Agricultural Experiment Station

A subvention of £23,442 was made to the Agricultural Experiment Station at Rehoboth. Among the problems which have been referred to the Station for solution are: salinity of soils and irrigation with water having a high salt content; cultivation of suitable fodder and artificial pasturage for cattle. It is of interest to note that largely as a result of the introduction of such scientific methods, Jewish agriculture has moved rapidly forward. The average milk yield per cow has been improved from 700 litres to 4,000 litres annually. The average annual yield of eggs per hen has been increased from 70 to 144. During 1939, Jewish egg production rose to 55 million pieces as against 48,337,000 in 1938, 39,457,000 in 1937 and only 150,000 in 1922.



Crop rotation is being studied and new types of fertilizer are being introduced. The Station has undertaken the planting of potatoes in December, in addition to Fall and Spring plantings. The addition of a third crop is of the utmost importance in the achievement by the Yishuv of economic self-sufficiency in wartime. New uses are being sought for wastage of olive oil.

On the settlements of the Keren Hayesod, 189 successful well borings have been completed and an adequate water supply assured. The necessity for making water available has meant a continuance of further geological surveys.

C. Aid to Immigration and Labor.

During the twelvemonth from October 1, 1938 through September 30, 1939, the Keren Hayesod spent a total of £52,576 on immigration. Expenditures in this field have mounted steadily during the past few years and the total expenditures of the Keren Hayesod for immigration since 1921 have been more than £1,000,000. Labor activities have been aided to the extent of £133,711 during the 1938-39 period. There are more than 110,000 Jews registered in labor exchanges as laborers in Palestine, in addition to several-score thousands who are unregistered.

D. Support for Education

The Keren Hayesod, during the year 5699, contributed £38,353 to the education budget of the Vaad Leumi.

The Hebrew Technical Institute at Haifa, including the Technical High School and the Nautical School; the Bialik Foundation, which carries on its work in the spheres of language, literature and science; the Rabbi Kook Institute; the Habima and the Ohel theatres; and the Maccabi and the Hapoel sport organizations received support. The branches of Jewish culture have been expanded to include a flourishing Hebrew literature and an active Hebrew press, and the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, known throughout the world.

E. Basic Investments for Public Development

During the same period under review, the Keren Hayesod made extensive investments in various economic fields, largely in the domain of agriculture, industry and maritime activity. It invested £10,847 in the Palestine Agriculture Settlement Association (PASA) which arranges settlement of colonists and directs irrigation projects; and an additional sum in the Mekoroth Water Company, Ltd., which has supplied water to numerous colonies in the Western Emek and has built several reservoirs in that section of the country. An additional appropriation was made to the Rural and Suburban Settlement Company (RASSCO), which is the instrument of the Jewish Agency for the settlement of middle-class immigrants.

From October 1, 1938 to August 31, 1939 the Keren Hayesod bought £40,025 of shares and debentures in Bitzur, Ltd., which is the public works arm of the Jewish Agency whose entire capital is held by the Keren Hayesod and the Unemployment Fund of the General Federation of Jewish Labor. Bitzur, Ltd., up to June 15, 1939, had invested a total of £390,562 in public works and £617,880 in building works, or a grand total of £1,008,442. Its loans total £383,129, consisting of £208,531 made for public works and £174,590 for building works.

The Keren Hayesod bought during that period £10,000 in shares in Marine Trust, Ltd., which owns the Tel Aviv Port, and supervises the expansion of its facilities.



There are today 1,400 workers employed in the Tel Aviv Port, providing a promising new outlet for Jewish endeavor.

F. Industrial Development

The rapid expansion of Palestine's industrial plant since 1933 testifies to the heightened activity of the Trade and Industry Department of the Jewish Agency. Various industrial and economic enterprises received support to the extent of £33,718 during the period ended August 31, 1939.

The latest industrial census taken in Palestine in 1937 showed that production of foodstuffs represented approximately one-quarter of the value of the industrial output of the country. Stone, cement, and similar building materials ranked second, with metal works, wood-working, chemical production, leather manufacture, textiles, clothing, printing and paper, and electrical goods also of importance.

Following the events in Austria and Czechoslovakia, a large number of new industrial enterprises were established in Palestine with the cooperation of the Trade and Industry Department.

Working alongside the Foreign Trade Institute, the Trade and Industry Department was instrumental in expanding the market for Palestine goods among lands of the Near East, and penetration into the market of South Africa was effected for the first time.

G. Support of Small Industry

The support rendered to small industry by the Keren Hayesod cannot be gauged entirely in terms of cash outlay made to business organizations. Much of the assistance it provides comes in the form of private capital which it helps to obtain for expansion of enterprise. As in all other branches of this work, the Keren Hayesod is interested mainly in providing maximum opportunities for employment of additional immigrants.

H. Economic Research Institute

An allocation was made to the Economic Research Institute of the Jewish Agency, which conducts investigations in the following fields: the position of the population; the development of agriculture and industry; monetary problems; foreign trade; public finance, and the problem of absorptive capacity generally.

I. The Daniel Sieff Institute

The Daniel Sieff Chemical Research Institute headed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann received a substantial allocation in connection with its scientific research. As a result of experiments undertaken at its laboratories at Rehoboth, new methods have been discovered for production of fodder from orange peel and alcohol from citrus juice, promising an increase of Jewish manufacture of alcohol to 2,000 tons annually against the present output of 1,200 tons.

J. Security Expenditure

During the year 5699 the Keren Hayesod spent £133,415 for security and similar activities. Listed among security expenditures are those upon roads linking settlements, which are of permanent economic benefit. Security represented a vitally necessary undertaking in order to safeguard the achievements of the entire Yishuv.



## V. THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (KEREN KAYEMETH)

As the instrument for land redemption the Jewish National Fund provides the soil on which are built new agricultural settlements of the Palestine Foundation Fund, the PASA, the Refugee Funds, and other settlement enterprises. Under the terms of ownership maintained by the Keren Kayemeth, plots are leased for long periods to Jewish settlers, with the provision that the lessees will themselves work the land. It remains, however, in the inalienable possession of the Jewish people and may be obtained upon leases periodically renewed.

### Expenditures - October 1, 1938 to September 25, 1939

From October 1st, 1938 to September 25th, 1939, the Keren Kayemeth spent a total of £1,092,183. It now owns 471,000 dunams, (four dunams make an acre) or 35 per cent of all Jewish-owned land in the country.

Of the land purchased during the past two years, approximately 5.1 per cent has been in Judaea, 10.9 per cent in the Plain of Sharon, 19.5 per cent in Samaria, 21.3 per cent in the Jordan Valley and 38.7 per cent in Upper Galilee.

Highways and security roads were constructed in several sections; buildings were erected at 11 settlements; and a number of public works were undertaken.

During the period between May 1st, 1937 and April 30, 1939 the Keren Kayemeth bought 80,000 dunams of which 79,699 were rural and 291 located in urban and suburban areas. Purchased for new settlements were 2,210 dunams in Judaea; 7,186 in the Plain of Sharon; 15,559 in Samaria; 570 in Emek Zevulun; 669 in the Acre district; 18,000 in Emek Jezreel; 16,322 in the Jordan Valley, and 30,846 in Upper Galilee. Under its program for rural housing 11 workingmen's quarters were erected during the two years 1937-39 on Keren Kayemeth land in or near large villages.

Among the most important of the land amelioration projects of the Keren Kayemeth has been afforestation. On April 30, 1939, the Keren Kayemeth had afforested 11,730 dunams of its land, on which have been planted 2,838,441 trees, 75 per cent of which are pines. During the one-year period ended April 30, 1939, 652,497 trees were planted on 3,138 dunams in Judaea, Samaria, Emek Zevulun, Emek Jezreel and Upper Galilee.

The Jewish National Fund has newly contracted for the purchase of 70,920 dunams at a cost of £605,050 with an absorptive capacity of 1,869 families. It is conducting negotiations for 29,200 additional dunams to cost £251,350 with an absorptive capacity of 815 families.

The situation becomes of historic moment in consolidating Jewish ownership in order to acquire as firm a foothold as possible.

## VI. THE ROLE OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

### A. Palestine As Haven

The United Palestine Appeal may justly claim a large share in the accomplishments of the Jewish community of Palestine which in two short decades has become, from a small group of some 55,000, a flourishing center of Jewish existence with a half million inhabitants. During the last seven years, Palestine has taken first rank as a haven.



B. The Growth of Industry

The funds raised by the United Palestine Appeal have been invested in every branch of Jewish life in the country. Jewish industry employs more than 30,000 workers in Palestine, and a number of large-scale enterprises such as the Palestine Electric Corporation, the Nesher Cement Works, Palestine Potash, Ltd., and the Tel Aviv Port account for employment of some thousands of this total. The growth of Jewish industry in the post-war period has been remarkably rapid, and the index of industrial expansion may be gauged from the increase in power generated by the Palestine Electric Corporation, 2,343,764 kilowatt hours in the year 1926, to 72,253,610 kilowatt hours in 1938. Moreover, the number of Jewish industrial enterprises grew from 1,850 in 1922 to 5,606 in 1937, and output registered a seventeen-fold increase.

C. The Development of Agriculture

Alongside the growth in Jewish industry has been the development of a new Jewish agriculture, which today accounts for approximately 67 per cent of the yield of the country's citrus crop alone. In the 1938-39 growing season, Palestine exported a new high record total of 15,310,346 cases of citrus, as against the export of fewer than 1,000,000 cases in 1913.

The agriculture of the country has not been confined to citrus plantations, but has been extended to dairying, truck farming and cultivation of cereals and grains. There are extensive fruit orchards in the land. Many products native to temperate and sub-tropical regions are now raised.

The all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv, housing 175,000 people, is a tribute to the initiative and imagination of the Jewish pioneers.

Jewish activity has been devoted to employment of every land resource and to exploitation of the reserves of the sea as well. A new Jewish fishing industry and a Jewish fleet have been developed, thus broadening even further the elements on which the maintenance of the structure of the Yishuv rests. Aeronautical training has been encouraged and the Jews of Palestine are beginning to take their place in the air as well as on the land and on the sea.

D. A New Standard Of Living

Meanwhile standards of health and general living conditions have been steadily improved and medical services available at low cost have enabled the general infant mortality, both Jewish and Arab, to drop by more than 40 per cent between 1919 and 1939.

To all these enterprises funds of the United Palestine Appeal have been contributed. American Jewry may feel proper pride in the realization that through its support of its instrument of Palestine reconstruction, the United Palestine Appeal, it has taken part in a constructive achievement whose consequences for the future of Jews everywhere may be more far-reaching than any of us today can contemplate.

VII. SUMMARY: THE FUNCTIONS OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

The funds raised by the United Palestine Appeal are devoted to the following major objectives:



- A. To assist immigrants from lands of distress to prepare vocationally and culturally for immigration to Palestine.
- B. To handle systematically such immigration.
- C. To meet all problems arising from immigration, whether registered or unregistered, viz., to aid the immigrants until place is found for them, to provide them with supplementary training and guidance, and to adjust agricultural and urban centers to provide maximum capacity for absorption of the newcomers.
- D. To purchase land on which Jewish settlement is reared; to develop water resources and otherwise to improve such land in order that colonies founded upon it may as quickly as possible become self-supporting entities aiding the agricultural upbuilding of the homeland.
- E. To finance establishment of agricultural settlements and to provide all means and appurtenances necessary for the foundation and growth of colonies.
- F. To assist the educational system, to promote all branches of cultural, religious and institutional life and to carry on social services, relief and health activity in the country.
- G. To promote every enterprise in the fields of agriculture, commerce, trade and industry which will directly and indirectly provide employment and enlarge for the future the capacity of Palestine to absorb additional thousands of immigrants.



AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF

ESTIMATED BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS FOR 1940

(Subject to revision in the light of overseas developments)

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We set forth herein what we conceive to be the factual analysis of the relative size of the problem in terms of the numbers of human beings affected, in terms of the needs that should be met, if a substantial portion of the Jewish population of Eastern and Central Europe, and of the refugees therefrom, is to be accorded any measure of alleviation of their misery in these days of tragedy for most of the Jewish people of the world.

The Jewish population in the countries in which the J.D.C. has been called upon to render aid is approximately 5,500,000, of whom at least one-third -- the Jews in the German-occupied section of Poland, the Jews in old Germany, Austria, the Protectorates and Slovakia -- exist under the most intolerable conditions of persecution and suffering. The conditions of 900,000 Jews in Roumania, of whom one-fourth have been denationalized, and of about 600,000 in Hungary, present extreme problems of destitution and hardship. The plight of 170,000 refugees on the continent of Europe, of 75,000 in Central and South American countries and in Shanghai, the special needs of alien Jews in France and in other countries of Europe, and the vast needs for emigration require large sums of money, which presents problems of unprecedented proportions.

Not only are the needs greater than they have ever been before, but funds which were available in the past to meet these needs from local sources and from contributions in other countries are no longer forthcoming. The situation of the Jews throughout Eastern and Central Europe is going from bad to worse. Sums heretofore contributed by the Jewish populations toward their own local budgets which, prior to the war, had reached in some sections a substantial percentage of their total requirements, have now been sharply reduced. This is true, not alone in Hungary and in Roumania, where racial legislation or denationalization has increased impoverishment and thereby reduced giving, but also among the native Jewish populations of Belgium, France, Holland, Switzerland, England and other countries to which refugees from Greater Germany have fled. In each of these countries, due to war conditions and the absorption of socially-minded leaders in the public or military service, the contributions of the local communities have dropped substantially. In this respect the J.D.C. experiences special disadvantages by reason of the fact that many of its activities, especially in connection with the extension of aid to the Jews of Germany, Austria, the Protectorates and the refugees, were conducted in cooperation with the Council for German Jewry representing the British Jews, and in collaboration with the Jewish Colonization Association of France. The J.D.C., which had to a large extent relied upon the participation of the British and other European groups in refugee programs, finds that the contribution of these groups has been reduced almost to the vanishing point and thereby the burden on the J.D.C. has risen enormously.



- A. For the work in Greater Germany -- in old Germany, Austria and former Czechoslovakia -- it is estimated that there will be required for emigration and for relief purposes a sum of no less than ..... \$4,800,000.

It should be noted that in connection with the grants made by the J.D.C. for Germany, Austria and former Czechoslovakia, special clearance arrangements have been effected, primarily to enable the emigration of large numbers of Jews able to leave those countries for other parts of the world, namely: North, Central and South America, Palestine, etc. In this way, no dollars which the J.D.C. makes available for work in Greater Germany go into that section.

Of the foregoing sum, we are advised that there is needed for the emigration of 30,000 Jews from Austria by the end of 1940 a minimum of \$2,300,000 and another \$120,000 to emigrate at the earliest possible moment the remaining 1,600 Jews still in Danzig. The balance of about \$2,400,000 is the minimum that the J.D.C. will be called upon to provide for the programs in old Germany, Slovakia and the Protectorates, where the impoverishment of the Jews has so greatly increased and the intensified anti-Jewish regulations and pressure make emigration their only salvation.

- B. The situation of the refugees in the various countries of Europe, our European Director advises, is "uniformly serious, with living costs mounting and economic conditions growing steadily worse." It should be emphasized that for these refugees in countries of temporary asylum, guarantees were given that they would be maintained by the Jewish communities and would not become public charges. Failure to meet these guarantees may result in wholesale deportations back to German-controlled territories or in any event, may provoke dangerous reactions against the local Jewish populations in the countries of refuge.

To provide for these refugees in the countries of France, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, etc. who require support entirely or in part, we estimate an average per person of \$10 a month. If less than half of the refugees are to be maintained, say 75,000 persons, there will be needed \$750,000 per month. However, it is still hoped that some portion of this may be found from the local Jewish populations, making a minimum estimate of outside aid required, of ..... 4,000,000.

The foregoing, however, makes provision only for the maintenance of these refugees, -- for food, clothing, lodging, etc. For those refugees who have the possibility of emigrating to other countries, transportation costs have to be provided, and for this purpose, it is estimated that the J.D.C. share will amount to no less than ..... 800,000.

C/F \$9,600,000.



B/F

\$9,600,000.

- C. In Poland, the catastrophe of the Jews overshadows the terrible plight of the Jews still in Germany and the tragedy of the refugees. The indescribable suffering of the Polish Jews makes immediate relief work in the broadest sense a duty which Jewish organizations must fulfill. The immediate requirements are actual feeding, medical assistance, care of children, care of the many thousands of new orphans created as a result of the death of many thousands of Jews. Dealing only with absolutely minimal requirements, provision must be made for not less than 100,000 meals a day to adults in Warsaw and at least the same number of meals in the provinces. Calculated at about 6¢ a meal, only one meal per person per day, this would cost \$12,000 a day -- \$360,000 a month -- over ..... 4,300,000.
- a year. To this must be added 150,000 meals daily for children at schools, in asylums and orphanages, one meal per day, at a cost of another \$270,000 a month, or ..... 3,240,000.
- Roughly calculated, the above would provide merely for less than one-fourth of the Jewish population. Present inquiries disclose that between 60% and 80% of the Jewish population is in need. Possibly later some of the Jewish population may be taken care of by remittances from relatives, but in any event, one-fourth, or the most destitute, will require this assistance.

Even during actual hostilities, we were able to provide 20,000 meals per day in Warsaw and at the present time, this has been increased to 50,000. In addition, 25 provincial committees have been organized to provide for the Jews in communities near Warsaw. This work has been conducted by the Warsaw office of the J.D.C. and the organizations affiliated with it. The J.D.C. has been the only organization to render substantial relief since the very outbreak of the war. Reports received both from our European Chairman and directly from Warsaw indicate that these programs have already been enlarged and will have to be augmented as indicated herein to 100,000 meals a day in Warsaw for adults, an equal number in communities elsewhere in Poland, plus 150,000 meals for children.

Provided additional substantial help is given by the Red Cross and other non-sectarian agencies, for urgent medical assistance and for clothing, the J.D.C. may be able to limit its own contributions to about ..... 350,000.

for these purposes.

In the foregoing, no provision is made for assistance in the Russian-occupied territory of Poland. Shortly after military operations, we were able to make relief available in a fair amount in behalf of the Jews who fled to that section, but formal difficulties in connection with the status of local relief committees and the problem of remittances have prevented any further work. This matter is now the subject of very close study by our Committee and until we are in a better position to appraise the situation, we have made no provision in our budget for requirements in that area.

C/F

\$17,490,000.



B/F

\$17,490,000.

D. There remains, however, the large problem of the Jews who fled from Poland into border countries - Latvia, Hungary, Roumania and Lithuania; an especially heavy responsibility rests on the J.D.C. in connection with the last-named country, to which over 25,000 Jewish refugees fled, aggravating the already insupportable position of the Lithuanian Jews. In that country alone our representatives estimate minimum monthly requirements of \$150,000, or a total for the year 1940 of \$1,800,000. Possibly some part of this may be supplied by non-sectarian agencies, but the bulk will undoubtedly have to come from the J.D.C. To make provision for Lithuanian and other sections as well, it will be necessary to find at least ..... 1,400,000.

E. In Central and South American countries, it is of interest to note that already there are at least as many immigrants and refugees as have come to the United States or to Palestine from Germany and Austria in the last seven years. The seriousness of this problem may better be appraised if it is realized that prior to 1933, the total Jewish population in Latin American countries did not exceed 245,000. To enable the newcomers, under the difficult conditions of readjustment in these Latin-American countries, to become absorbed and not to create new foci of anti-Semitism in the Western hemisphere, it is estimated that a minimal contribution by J.D.C. of ..... 850,000. will be required in 1940.

In these calculations we have set forth only indispensable amounts necessary to feed the hungry, to make possible the emigration of the Jews from Greater Germany and to provide for the maintenance of refugees who have virtually no other source to which to turn for help.

F. The above calculations make no provision for what may be regarded as normal social welfare activities, institutional and economic aid, which the J.D.C. has been called upon to furnish in countries like Latvia, Estonia, Roumania, Hungary and other Baltic and Balkan States (quite apart from new problems which the influx of refugees has presented). To continue these activities, to make some provision for schooling of Jewish children still in Poland and likewise to restore some of the social welfare and medical aid agencies in Poland, there will be required at least an additional sum of ..... 720,000.

G. Administration and operating expenses - New York and Overseas offices ..... 500,000.

GRAND TOTAL ..... \$20,960,000.

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It should be noted that the foregoing total of \$20,960,000 makes no provision for a reserve to meet emergency situations which in the past few years have arisen only too frequently.

January 22, 1940



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(Dictated February 14)

February 15, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth on Tuesday, February 13th, there was a discussion of the various applications that have been submitted to these bodies by reference from the United Palestine Appeal. These include the Hebrew University, the Sieff Institute, Chief Rabbi Herzog, as well as the Agudath Israel.

The cable from Kaplan, of which you have a copy, was read. There was a discussion of the fact that the United Palestine Appeal anticipated receiving less in 1940 than in 1939, and particularly in view of the position taken by the Jewish Agency, there could be no agreement to include the Agudath Israel in the 1940 United Palestine Appeal.

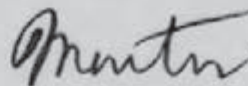
Those present at the meeting of the Sub-Committee included Dr. Israel Goldstein, Louis Lipsky, Louis Rimsky, Louis Segal, Mendel Fisher and I was present by invitation.

The Committee decided to notify Rabbi Leo Jung of the decision that had been taken by the Sub-Committee with regard to the Agudath Israel.

Today I read to Rabbi Jung the cable that had come from Eliezer Kaplan in regard to the conversations with Agudath Israel. He seemed interested in the cable but made no comment.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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MONTOR.





February 16, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I would suggest as members of the committee to rent new quarters, Louis Lipsky, Israel Goldstein and Arthur Lampert. I think that both the K.K. and the K.H. ought to be represented on the Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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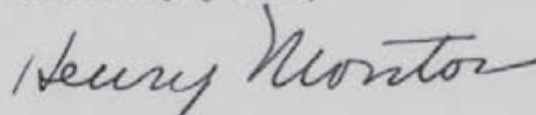
Dear Dr. Silver:

In further reference to the question as to whether we should keep in touch with our friends throughout the country I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter from Rabbi Albert T. Bilgray of Providence. Rabbis don't frequently take the trouble of writing such letters but what is more important, it is characteristic of expressions we have received rather than an isolated phenomenon.

As long as the material we issue is sound and attractive we ought not to fear the consequences.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:FE



C O P Y

RABBI ALBERT T. BILGRAY  
197 Congress Avenue  
Providence, R. I.

February 14, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have just concluded reading the "Budgetary Analysis" which I received a few weeks ago. My immediate response is reflected in the desire to congratulate you on the clearness, lucidity and inspiration which emanates from that study. If the work of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth are to be understood more clearly by Zionists, as well as non-Zionists, in this tragic hour, it is essential that Jewish leaders and executives who have not seen this analysis may be reached.

I hope you are sending the "Budgetary Analysis" to other friends, the members of the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal.

With Zion's greetings, I remain

Sincerely,

(Signed) Albert T. Bilgray



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I think it is most important, from every point of view, that the invitation extended to you to open the New Orleans Welfare Fund campaign on April 2nd be accepted.

The reasons are the following:

New Orleans, which has 7,000 Jews, contributed \$77,000 in 1939 and is being asked to give \$100,000 in 1940. There is a great likelihood that it can. In other words, it deserves recognition from the national leadership for the splendid job it has done.

Secondly, New Orleans is the home of Edgar Stern of the Rosenwald family. New Orleans is not, by any means, a "Palestine minded" community and to have the National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, as well as the National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal as the spokesman of the Welfare Fund campaign is, to my mind, most important from the long range point of view as identifying our leadership with the success of their campaign.

Since you have been invited directly and will have to answer directly, you might make sure, in accepting, that the function is directly related to fund-raising. There may be either a dinner or a mass meeting which would be most helpful. But you might ask that 25 or 30 of the biggest prospective or actual contributors meet with you prior to this official function for a private talk.

New Orleans is one of the finest communities in the country and certainly deserves every consideration.

Would you be good enough to send the UJA office a copy of your acceptance of the New Orleans invitation so that we may have an official record of your acceptance?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Montor*  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BG



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a cable received from Kaplan in reply to one which I had sent him indicating the desirability of a JTA-Palcor merger and pointing out that you were most sympathetic to that proposal.

The main difficulty in coming to some understanding with Landau is that he refuses to put anything in writing, even the tentative discussions that are held. It is not possible for any responsible, authoritative body to conduct such vest pocket negotiations.

It is Landau who would like to show to the Jewish Agency for Palestine that the JTA is prepared to give every consideration to Palestine needs in order to bring about the merger. Under these circumstances it would seem to me that the responsibility lies on Landau to submit the "detailed proposals" which Kaplan refers to.

From the cable it is also clear that it might be to the JTA's benefit to come some part of the way in these negotiations.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Henry Montor*

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:FE



C O P Y

JERUSALEM      FEBRUARY 15, 1940

MONTOR  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

The various matters referred to in your letter of February 14th have been attended to as indicated in other correspondence I am sending to you.

I should, however, like to deal with "two complaints from men of prominence that they are being flooded with the publicity of the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee." Insofar as the United Palestine Appeal is concerned I think I can fairly say that we are holding the correspondence down to the minimum. However, during the year it is very likely that people will receive as many as twelve communications as part of our educational program, whether it be in the form of a letter or a piece of literature. It is quite likely that the Joint Distribution Committee has a far more extensive correspondence and literature department.

Looking at it from the broad point of view, isn't it true, in view of the JDC's attitude toward the publicity policy of the United Jewish Appeal, that the only avenue of approach we have to the community leadership is through correspondence, since the radio is more or less foreclosed to us, and so is the general press?

From time to time people complain that they receive telegrams about collections, and yet if it were not for these telegrams and correspondence and literature there would be absolutely no way of reaching the mass of Jews, whether it be men of prominence or the men on the street.

It is the first law of modern advertising that the reiteration of a name and continued emphasis on a program are vital for the maintenance of good will and the distribution of a product. The United Jewish Appeal and its individual agencies have something to sell, and there is no reason why they should not utilize every device of advertising and salesmanship technique.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Henry Montor*

Henry Montor, Executive Director

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise  
National Chairmen

342 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 16, 1940


Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a letter which  
was sent over yours and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise's  
signature to President Roosevelt, asking for  
an appointment.

It is clear, of course, that in view  
of the President's departure for a two-week  
cruise, no answer could be forthcoming.

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

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February 9, 1940

His Excellency  
President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

The outlook for 1940 with respect to the alleviation of the plight of Jewish refugees is one that has given great concern to us as the National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, which is the unified fund-raising instrument of American Jewry on behalf of Jewish refugees in and of Europe, Palestine and the United States.

The successful continuation of the program of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, in which you have taken so deep an interest, is dependent, in part, upon the ability of the United Jewish Appeal to maintain in America an interest in and realization of the extent of the problem.

It is in connection with this situation, to which we have given the most earnest thought during the past few weeks, that this letter is written to you. We believe that the matter is of such importance that we would appreciate the opportunity, at your convenience, to come to Washington and to present to you personally certain facts related to the continuation of our program in which we feel you will be concerned.

We recognize the arduous responsibilities that engage your time, but are encouraged to ask for this appointment by the knowledge of the consistent and indescribably generous support you have given toward the solution of the refugee problem.

Respectfully yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

Jonah B. Wise

National Chairmen

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February 16, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

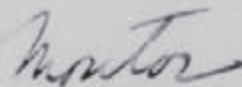
I am sure that you will be pleased to learn that the issue on allocations has been satisfactorily solved and Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser has retreated.

The sum of \$117,000 owing to the United Palestine Appeal is being paid out over a period of the next few weeks and the principle of two-thirds for the JDC and one-third for the UPA has been established in all further distribution of funds.

As a result of catching this item in time, the UPA has been saved probably between \$250,000 and \$300,000 on account of the 1939 campaign.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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MONHEIMER & GRIFFIN  
Suite 1715 Smith Tower  
Seattle

February 19, 1940

Mr. Isidor Coons  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dor:

It might interest you to know that the attractive Misses Warburg and Gordon took Seattle by storm and so thoroughly sold the Youth Aliyah program that I am wondering just what effect their visit will have on the Federated Jewish Fund in Seattle and elsewhere.

Dick Lang, Max Block and Berman Schoenfeld accepted their statements that the money they would collect would be money which the UJA would not otherwise collect and authorized them to publicly state that the Federated Jewish Fund had granted them permission for the solicitations. My guess is that between their luncheon, Minyonim and "can" receipts the Youth Aliyah will take better than \$7,500 out of Seattle.

It is my opinion that this is way out of proportion, but again I seem to stand alone and would not bother you with this question if it were not with the idea that New York can and should do something about it.

Seattle has consistently urged a joint appeal and a joint distribution for moneys to be sent out of the United States under the direction of the JDC. I think the UPA should be compelled to take care of all agencies in Palestine and if it is permitted to encourage "agencies over which it has no control" to take the field in advance of the UJA then there will be no end of such fund raising activities and we might just as well fold up our Federation and say to the agencies "Come and get it - the race is to the swift".

Deeper than that is the thought that if Youth Aliyah can successfully invade every community in the United States for approximately 15% of the UJA total it will receive \$3,500,000 to take care of four to six thousand children.

If Youth Aliyah needs that much money, or even 10% of that much money, it should have responsible leadership and its facts and figures should be audited and given to the public. It is unfair to send two pretty and overenthusiastic young ladies into a community with no appeal other than to save little children.

If Youth Aliyah needs that much money its case should be presented to the UPA or the UJA or both. If it refuses to abide by the decision of these agencies then we must determine whether we want to follow the leadership of the UJA or the Youth Aliyah



I am wondering if you could obtain for me the answers to the following questions:

1. Will contributions to Youth Aliyah be credited to UPA in the division between JDC and UPA?
2. Does JDC or UPA grant money to Youth Aliyah?
3. Does UPA encourage Youth Aliyah in these pre-drive solicitations?
4. How many cases did Youth Aliyah care for in 1939 and at what cost?
5. How much money did Youth Aliyah raise in 1939?
6. What is its 1940 budget and how many cases does it anticipate for 1940?
7. What does Youth Aliyah do for little children prior to their entry into Palestine that would not be or is not done by JDC?
8. If Youth Aliyah program is so good why does not UPA take it over?
9. Do the leaders of UPA encourage Youth Aliyah representatives to belittle relief programs of other agencies?

I know you will understand my attitude on JDC and I am not trying to undermine anything, rather I am trying to stop agencies from undermining the structure of JDC or discouraging people whose instincts are to give for relief. Not only that but the further thought that here in Seattle our Federation has done so much to unite the community and to develop such splendid leadership and to raise so much greater funds for overseas needs that I naturally rebel against anything that tends to disrupt it. It is not fair to our leaders to let New York send forth appeals for anything other than the Federation.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

(signed) Mell



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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise  
National Chairmen

342 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 19, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The meetings that have been arranged in Omaha on March 14th to take advantage of your presence are as follows:

- (a) A private dinner for the big gifts prospects which has been arranged by Morris Jacobs, chairman of the 1940 Omaha campaign.
- (b) The community meeting, which is the annual assembly of the Omaha Federation for Jewish Service.

It is, of course, the dinner prior to the large meeting which will be the determining factor with regard to the 1940 campaign results.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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Henry Montor  
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On Monday afternoon, February 19, there was a meeting at the Harmony Club to discuss the 1940 New York United Jewish Appeal campaign. Those present included Louis Lipsky, Edward Warburg, I. Edwin Goldwasser, Abner Bregman, Samuel Blitz and Henry Bernstein, who are the co-Directors of the New York campaign, and myself. Dr. Israel Goldstein was to have been present, but a meeting of the Jewish National Fund at the same time conflicted.

There was a discussion of the following matters:

- a) Campaign arrangements;
- b) Designation of campaign officers;
- c) Special gifts activities;
- d) Dates of campaign opening;
- e) Public relations policy;
- f) Function with Dr. Weizmann.

Mr. Blitz reported that he and Mr. Bernstein had gotten together a complete campaign organization, which included a staff of sixty people, with Directors to cover every major division, such as trades, organizations, boroughs, and similar major groups. However, this large scale organization is not yet in a position to undertake specific activity, since it does not have a chairman or other lay leadership, and thus the task of getting local leadership, whether it be in a trade or a section, is made more difficult.

It was reported that the campaign records of the New York United Jewish Appeal are in better shape than ever before in the history of the New York community. Mr. Abner Bregman, who has been active in the office in this respect, and who is the JDC representative on the Committee, felt that the New York UJA records are at least as good as those of the New York Federation. This, of course, is an important element in the satisfactory functioning of a campaign machinery.

A list of officers was submitted for consideration. Henry Ittleson was suggested for Honorary Chairman, on the basis that he had been Chairman of the campaign in 1939. It was thought that this might be an additional stimulus for him to get into the campaign, and to give adequately. However, it was indicated to me privately by Mr. Warburg that Ittleson was thinking of making a "token" payment instead of a large gift. In the meantime you will have seen a copy of the letter from Henry Ittleson to Rabbi Jonah Wise, declining the Honorary Chairmanship of the National



United Jewish Appeal. It would therefore seem unlikely that he would be the Honorary Chairman of the New York UJA. Edward Warburg was proposed as Chairman. The Treasurers would be the same as last year: Samuel Leidesdorf, with his associates, Abraham Liebovitz for the UPA, and Benjamin Bittenweiser for the JDC. Then, a series of Chairmen were proposed to head various divisions of trades, organizations and sections. The important personalities in the campaign would be included in a group of Honorary Vice-Chairmen. The names ranged from Paul Baerwald to Dr. Stephen S. Wise, including also Governor Lehman.

Included somewhere in the list of campaign officers, according to Blitz, is every substantial layman whom the UPA could provide to such a campaign, not merely to be on a letterhead, but actually to serve the campaign.

The problem of special gifts is, of course, a major one in New York City. If anybody can do the job, it will be Edward Warburg. First, because he has the will to do the job, and secondly because he has the contacts. I had hoped that Goldsmith would be gotten to do the special gifts job, but it was announced at the meeting on Monday afternoon that Goldsmith was definitely out. He had written a letter to that effect. He was not satisfied that he was being offered a position in New York City in which he could be something other than merely a fund-raiser. The question then arose as to who might do the job. Actually, of course, the success of this phase of the campaign will depend exclusively upon Warburg, and upon the friends he can get in as far as the lay leadership is concerned.

He is not starting under the best tokens. In addition to the discouragement from Littleton, Warburg told me privately that the Rosenwalds were planning to have little to do with the campaign this year. When I protested at this point to say that the National Refugee Service had gotten as much consideration as it had primarily because of the Rosenwald contact with it, Warburg felt that this was unfair, and that the merits of the NRS should be the sole consideration as to the amount it should receive.

William Rosenwald is planning to make his gift, but it was not clear whether the Rosenwald Foundation, which last year gave \$250,000, would repeat that contribution. Mrs. David Levy, the sister of the Rosenwalds, has declined to take the Chairmanship of the Women's Division in New York City, in which capacity she did a fine job last year. The Rosenwalds still complain that they get "no reports on Palestine". It seems that these miserable libels were also conveyed to Dr. Weizmann at a meeting which he had at the Warburg home last Saturday. Once again I went to the trouble of sending to Warburg for the use of the Rosenwalds a complete set of photostatic reports issued by the certified public accountants in Palestine with regard to the expenditures of the Keren Hayesod, Jewish Agency, Keren Kayemeth, etc., as well as the reports of the United Palestine Appeal.

It is absurd that the United Palestine Appeal should be placed in this position of answering fantastic charges, which are never proffered in the proper places, but have vitality only as malicious gossip.

I then referred to the fact that the National Chairmen had spoken of the advisability of having someone in the National Office of the United Jewish Appeal maintain a liason with the New York UJA. Isidor Coons had indicated a willingness to do this job, if the New York campaign wished him to serve. There was no enthusiastic response by any of the people



affiliated with the JDC, neither from Warburg, Bregman, nor Goldwasser. However, it was decided that Warburg would have a talk with Coons when he gets back to the city from a trip he is now making on behalf of the UJA. Coons could then be brought in for the special gifts section of the campaign, since he is persona grata to the big gift group.

Goldwasser suggested that Coons and I be of service in this connection, but I pointed out that it was essential that one man alone do the job and have the responsibility, although I would be glad to render any service that Coons called for.

What Warburg is trying to do is to have the major big givers of New York City "draft" him for the Chairmanship of the New York campaign. He does this with no sense of modesty or coyness, but as a stunt in order to make these big givers feel an equal responsibility with him for the success of the campaign. The idea is excellent. He is planning to write a letter to these big givers, to say to them that he will not accept the Chairmanship of the campaign unless he can be sure of their wholehearted cooperation.

The major difficulty of announcing the campaign opening is that most of the big givers are still in Florida. It was felt that this year's campaign might suffer, if instead of being able to electrify the community with substantial gifts, as in 1939, the campaign were to start with the far smaller sums that are normal in trade groups. However, this matter of strategy ought to be ironed out soon.

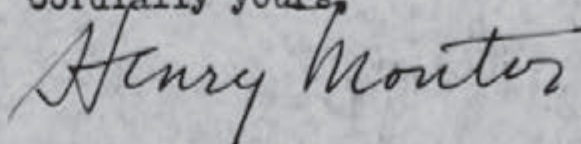
The question of public relations was decided last year by a group closely affiliated with Federation, which took the position that no word of the campaign must be spread to anybody. This question will be discussed by the larger Committee this time, for the formulation of a policy. Whether the New York crowd can be persuaded that news about the campaign is essential cannot be prophesied.

I proposed that the New York UJA take advantage of the presence of Dr. Weizmann in the country, to meet with big givers in New York City. It is true that there is not sufficient time to arrange the kind of a meeting that was held last year at the Harmony Club, but in the limited space of time that is available something helpful might be arranged.

The date of March 4th would seem to be the most convenient, since Dr. Weizmann is flying back to London, definitely, on March 6th. There was no great enthusiasm from the JDC crowd on the Dr. Weizmann idea. Even Warburg, in whose home Weizmann has been on several occasions, said that it was undoubtedly a good idea, and would have to be considered most carefully. Apparently, they were afraid that if Dr. Weizmann were too closely identified with the UJA, some big givers might be frightened off by thinking it was all a Palestine campaign.

This morning Blitz telephoned me to say that the question of a Weizmann function had been considered, and that it would probably take the form of a party sponsored jointly by Warburg, Baerwald and Maurice Wertheim. The latter two had undertaken to give a cocktail party prior to Dr. Weizmann's departure. Warburg felt that this event could very well be turned into a UJA function. Blitz will follow through on this.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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

M E M O R A N D U M

February 20, 1940

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Henry Ittleson addressed to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, one of the National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Ittleson had been invited to serve as an Honorary Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

The attached is his reply.

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HENRY ITTLESON  
One Park Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

February 14, 1940

Doctor Jonah B. Wise  
36 East 62nd Street  
New York City

Dear Doctor Wise:

I received yours dated February 9 (post marked New York February 12) today. I hasten to reply so that you may not be delayed in making your arrangement for the final set-up of this campaign.

Without indulging myself in any captious criticism as to the manner in which the negotiation with U. P. was handled, I tried to make it clear in my telegrams to Mr. Becker, as also at the meeting before I left New York, that I deemed certain conditions to be essential prerequisites before coming to any agreement as to the 1940 campaign. These conditions were not made part of the unified plan - number one. Number two, through an illy considered approval expressed to Dr. Weizmann by Welfare Council members at Detroit, no objection was raised in the final negotiations to the Zionists soliciting "investment" funds for Palestine at the same time that the United Appeal was under way.

I think, as I expressed to Dr. Weizmann here, that this will prove to be a serious injury to the campaign of the U. P. appeal. Being in this critical frame of mind, it is obvious that I cannot be of any benefit unless I submerge my personal objections in the light of present conditions, and that I cannot do. Outside, however, of the reasons above frankly stated, my doctor does not want me to go into any more campaign activities, and I know in the past these objections have been met by our friends stating that all that was needed was the use of a name. In practice that hasn't worked out, however. So under the conditions outlined, you will be good enough to forget my proposed designation and take my decision as final.

With kindest personal regards, I am as ever

Sincerely,

(Signed) HENRY ITTLESON

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

M E M O R A N D U M

February 21, 1940

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
FROM: Henry Montor

Attached hereto is a copy of a confidential letter which Edward Warburg sent to Adolph Held in regard to the participation of the Jewish Labor Committee (Ort) in the New York UJA.

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Suite 1240

30 Rockefeller Plaza

February 14, 1940

Adolph Held, Esq.  
Jewish Labor Committee  
175 East Broadway  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Held:

Thank you so much for your letter concerning the ORT situation. As you undoubtedly know, the difficulty of getting immediate action one way or the other is due to the fact that there is as yet no New York campaign set-up capable of making such a ruling. There is a Committee of Three, consisting of Mr. Abner Bregman, Mr. Edwin Goldwasser and myself, representing the J.D.C. Similarly, there is a Committee of Two, Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mr. Louis Lipsky, representing the U.P.A., and I am not sure just whom Mr. William Rosenwald has designated for the N.R.S.

You may have heard confidentially that we are endeavoring at this point to find someone to head up the professional staff of the campaign as FEDERATION'S field staff is not at our disposal this year. Negotiations are still pending at this time and as soon as they are completed, I think the rest of the campaign structure will be organized. At such time, whether I am or am not included in the campaign picture, I will make it my personal responsibility to see that a decision is made on the subject of ORT's inclusion in the U.J.A. Greater New York Campaign.

Might I urge you, confidentially, to contact the other gentlemen I have mentioned above, so that they will be informed of your request and be prepared to act upon it.

We are naturally handicapped by the ruling of the National U.J.A. in this regard, but perhaps if the necessary pressure is brought to bear an exception could be made in connection with the New York campaign.

I should greatly appreciate it if you would treat this as a "personal" letter, and strictly entre nous, as I speak only from a personal standpoint in this matter. If I can be helpful in any other way, do give me a buzz on the telephone, and perhaps we could arrange to have lunch together in the very near future.

With kindest regards,

Most cordially yours,

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Edward M. M. Warburg

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

M E M O R A N D U M

February 21, 1940

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Henry Montor

I attach hereto for your information a copy of a letter which the United Jewish Appeal has received from Melville Monheimer, one of the leaders of the Seattle Jewish community. Its discussion of Youth Aliyah in relation to a Welfare Fund and to the UPA is, to my mind, most pertinent. It adds further evidence to smash the sentimental belief held in some quarters that there is a mysterious well in every community down which one can send the bucket to bring up large resources without affecting the total supply.

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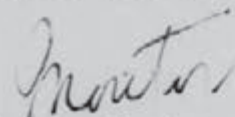
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I should like your permission to have a check made out to Mr. Edward Levin, an accountant with Klein, Hinds and Finke, the Certified Public Accountants of the United Palestine Appeal, who, as part of his duties with Klein, Hinds and Finke, has served the UPA since 1936.

I think that Mr. Levin is eminently deserving of a bonus of \$150 for a service that has gone beyond the mere routine of duty. Sometime I should like to explain to you in a personal way the extent of the valuable service he has rendered which has involved the saving of large sums of money for the UPA.

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BG



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

February 23, 1940

FROM: MR. HENRY MONTOR

You will be interested in a copy of an invitation which Mr. Paul Baerwald has sent out to the big givers in New York City for a function which Dr. Weizmann is to address at Mr. Baerwald's home on Monday, March 4th.



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9 East 88th Street  
New York City

February 21, 1940

As you know, Dr. Chaim Weizmann has been in this country for the past few weeks and is planning to leave for Europe on March 6th. Edward Warburg, William Rosenwald and I are most anxious that, before sailing, he meet with a number of our community leaders and discuss the problems growing out of the situation overseas.

Will you join us at my home, 9 East 88th Street, on Monday, March 4th, at 9 P.M.

I am sure that on the basis of this informal discussion, each of us will be in a position to indicate the measure of his individual responsibility for the vast war-relief and refugee aid program for which funds are sought by the United Jewish Appeal.

I find it deeply moving to think how, in the face of all the disastrous events of the past few years, our community rose in each instance to meet the emergency with dignity and honor. I know the same feeling must move you, as we prepare today to cope with the great problems before us.

Please write me that you will be with us on March 4th.

Sincerely yours,



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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

There was a telephone call today from Mendel Fisher to the effect that a cable had been received by the Jewish National Fund saying that a large sum of money was required at once. Presumably this may have some relation to the land legislation which has been discussed in London.

In any event, the National Fund asked for a substantial sum from the United Palestine Appeal, which at the moment is without funds. Accordingly, it has been decided to borrow \$200,000 from the bank on a two, three and four month basis. I trust that this has your approval so that we can meet the needs of both the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayesod.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:EH



February 26, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor  
Lowry Hotel  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have also received a letter from Mr. Hollander similar to the one he wrote to Rabbi Jonah Wise. I share your reactions to that letter. I would suggest that upon your return to New York, you get in touch with Mr. Coons, and together have a conference with Mr. Lurie and advise him that the method adopted by Mr. Hollander, of designating three specific representatives, is a very unwise one, that it would put the UPA or the JDC in the unpleasant position of having to reject one or another of the names presented. It would be far preferable if the Council would present to the UJA the entire list of its Welfare Fund <sup>Indirectly</sup> committee from which the JDC and the UPA, by agreement, would then indicate who would be acceptable.

With reference to the loan of \$200,000 for the K.K. and the K.H. - formal action should be taken on such an important matter by the Executive of the UPA.

I read the letter which Mr. Warburg wrote to Mr. Adolph Held of the Jewish Labor Committee. We should oppose the inclusion of the Ort in the New York City Campaign. It will mean the loss of perhaps another quarter of a million dollars to the JDC and the UPA.

A copy of the letter which you sent me, signed by Mr. Monheimer of Seattle, should be sent to Mrs. de Sola Pool, president of the Hadassah.

I approve of your suggestion to grant a bonus of \$150 to Mr. Edward Levine for the extra services which he rendered to the UPA.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



February 26, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Mr. Charles Mishkin, of the Law Office of Mishkin and Mishkin, 127 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, has written to me offering his services to our Campaign. He has sent me a biographical sketch which I am enclosing. Mr. Mishkin is a splendid and capable man and I hope that you will be able to use him around Chicago.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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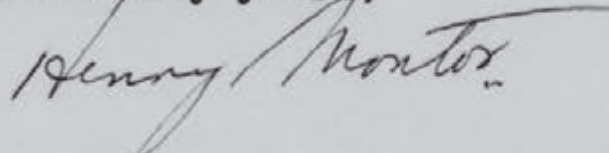
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland  
Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I think that you will be interested in the attached statement showing the income and expenditures of the Palcor News Agency for the United States from January 1st through December 31, 1939.

I wonder if there is any other office in the United States, or for that matter in the world, which succeeded in operating throughout the entire year on the basis of an expenditure of \$5,791.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor

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## Statement of INCOME and EXPENDITURE January--December, 1939 . . . .

### RECEIPTS

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Jewish Agency Executive | 2,054.40 |
| Keren Hayesod           | 250.00   |
| Newspapers              | 2,930.00 |

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|---------------------------------|--------|
| Morning Journal (inc. Congress) | 930.00 |
| Forward "                       | 680.00 |
| New Palestine "                 | 590.00 |
| Associated Press                | 520.00 |
| Montreal Eagle                  | 110.00 |
| Day (Congress)                  | 100.00 |

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Individual Subscriptions | 419.00 |
| Miscellaneous            | 12.00  |

5,665.40

### EXPENDITURE

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Salaries | 2,924.75 |
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|-------------|----------|
| Clerical    | 1,262.00 |
| Translators | 1,238.50 |
| Messenger   | 424.25   |

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| Rent  | 860.85   |
| Communications (telephone, cable, telegram) | 551.41   |
| Miscellaneous                               | 1,454.92 |

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|--------------------------------|--------|
| Furniture (typewriter repairs) | 132.88 |
| Printing                       | 108.32 |
| Stationery                     | 160.12 |
| Stencils                       | 137.75 |
| Postage                        | 299.86 |
| Publications                   | 101.68 |
| Sundries                       | 514.60 |

5,791.93

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| To be charged to 1940 operating expenses | 126.53 |
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February 29, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor  
Bellerive Hotel  
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith the answer  
of Rabbi Leon Franklin to the request that  
he go to Saginaw. Please correspond with him  
and make final arrangements.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.