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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 20, 1940

Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Warburg:

In accordance with our conversation of yesterday, I am herewith sending you a series of reports prepared by certified public accountants on the United Palestine Appeal itself and on the agencies in Palestine financed with the support of the United Palestine Appeal.

The material which I herewith attach for your information includes the following:

- (A) The balance sheets of the Keren Kayemeth (Jewish National Fund) for the three years, 1936, 1937 and 1938;
- (B) The balance sheets of the Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund) for the years 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1939;
- (C) The report of the Central Bureau for the Settlement of German Jews, a department of the Jewish Agency, for the period from December 1933 through March 31, 1939;
- (D) A report of the funds administered by the Jewish Agency for Palestine which were made available for the settlement of German Jews by the Council for German Jewry of England;
- (E) the auditors' report of the United Palestine Appeal for the year 1938.

Klein, Hinds & Finke, the auditors of the United Palestine Appeal, inform me that the audited report for the year 1939 on the United Palestine Appeal will be ready within the next two days. A copy will be forwarded to you promptly.

May I again say that it is less than in good taste, aside from being less than American, for anyone to make any comment upon the activities of the United Palestine Appeal without having gone to the trouble of asking for a report on those activities. You ought to feel free to say to anyone who asks you about the United Palestine Appeal that our financial reports are available at any time covering all phases of our program. Moreover, I should appreciate the opportunity of meeting any persons who feel that they need further explanations of documents which have been prepared by certified public accountants.

What is actually happening is that a number of people, who for some reason have no concern with Palestine, are endeavoring to create a pretext for their lack of interest by referring to extraneous matters and then they refuse to ask for the material which would clear up their misunderstanding or their distortion of the points on which, apparently, they are confused.

I deeply appreciate your own personal interest in making clear to those people who have approached you that all they need to do is to ask for reports and they will receive them. The Palestine movement undoubtedly conducts the most democratic system of accounting that the Jewish world knows. These reports are published annually and biennially for everyone who has the time and the interest to read them.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

HM:BC

Henry Montor  
Executive Director



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— DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

## UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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February 23, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Weizmann is interested in having a special kind of letter from you which he thinks will be useful.

At a recent meeting at the home of the Warburgs' he heard many stories, with which you are familiar, of the failure of Palestine funds to provide reports. Naturally, Dr. Weizmann was indignant, knowing as he does how meticulous and regular these reports are.

He feels, however, that there is no reason why the Palestine funds should continue to be kept on the defensive, that, rather, they should place themselves on the offensive. He wonders, therefore, whether he could receive from you a letter in which reference would be made to the fact that in relation to the Allocations Committee the United Palestine Appeal provided all the material that was requested but that you felt that there was inadequate information provided by the other agencies; that you did not see Certified Public Accountants' reports of the Joint Distribution Committee and of the National Refugee Service, and that the reports that were submitted were tentative and general in nature rather than the specifications as are provided by such bodies as the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth.

If you send such a letter to Dr. Weizmann could you let me have a copy?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Montor*  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES  
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ON BEHALF OF

AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC.  
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and  
NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, INC.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise  
National Chairmen

342 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 23, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which was addressed to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise by Sidney Hollander, President of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

I do not think that Mr. Hollander or the Council is playing fair in this matter. It was my understanding that the Council would submit a list of names from whom the United Palestine Appeal and Joint Distribution Committee could make selections. Instead, Mr. Hollander has been "smart" and selected three names, placing upon the UPA and JDC the onus of rejecting any or all of them, if they are to be rejected. This, of course, creates an embarrassing situation.

That issue aside, however, I think that the list of three submitted by the Council is "loaded". I do not think that either Mr. Shroder or Mr. Blaustein is so adjusted temperamentally that he could look with particular fairness, impartiality and sympathy upon the needs of Palestine. Undoubtedly these men desire to be "fair", but inevitably in every individual there is developed a series of inhibitions or points of view which consciously or unconsciously color judgment. I remember particularly the vigorously condemnatory point of view that was taken by Mr. Shroder in connection with the anticipated visit by Dr. Weizmann.

I do not know whether the letter addressed by Mr. Hollander to "Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, Joint Distribution Committee," was a typographical error on the part of some stenographer or a deliberate act on his part. I hope that the UPA will not be put in the position of having to turn down these men and the JDC will have accepted them. I am sure that these names will probably be acceptable to the JDC.

What is the further procedure in this matter? Personally, I believe that you ought to talk by telephone to Rabbi Wise not as regards the individual persons suggested but as regards the general principle of the Council giving us three names and saying take them or leave them.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

*Henry Montor*  
Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

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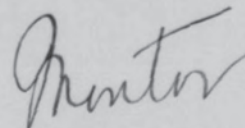
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am going out of town Monday, February 26th to visit a number of cities in connection with the setting up of adequate quotas. The cities include St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Des Moines and Omaha. I am returning to New York City on Wednesday morning, March 6th.

I am attaching herewith copy of my itinerary in the event that you need to reach me during this period.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG



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MELBOURNE HARRIS  
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RABBI

HARRY A. LEVY  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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>Special</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

Abba Hillel Silver



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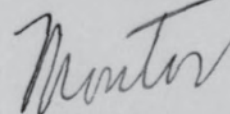
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is an excerpt from a letter received from Rabbi Eugene Mannheimer of Des Moines, Iowa. I wonder if this is at all possible for you? Des Moines has done one of the finest jobs in the country for a community of its size.

It might be helpful to write to Rabbi Mannheimer, expressing regret and appreciation for the good job he has done on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. I know that he will appreciate such word of encouragement from you.

He can be addressed: Rabbi Eugene Mannheimer, 427 West 51st Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG  
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EXCERPT

From letter of Rabbi Eugene Mannheimer  
427 West 51st Street  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dated February 23, 1940

"I have just learned that Rabbi Silver is to address the annual meeting of the Omaha Federation for Jewish Service on Thursday evening, March 14th. Although I have not as yet had a chance to discuss the matter with the others interested here in Des Moines, the question is if we could get Rabbi Silver to stop off in Des Moines, in connection with his visit to Omaha; on any day that would be convenient for him to address a mass meeting, or some kind of meeting, to open our campaign;--which we had figured on opening Sunday, March 10th, but which opening day we could change to any (later) day that would suit Rabbi Silver's convenience."



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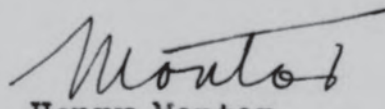
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a note dated February 23, 1940 from A. Keller, Chief Accountant of the United Jewish Appeal, who states that upon instructions of Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser, he is asking that the United Palestine Appeal inform the United Jewish Appeal as to whether it has received the proceeds from the Night of Stars. I have answered Mr. Keller in accordance with the attached letter.

I should appreciate your observations as to whether my answer meets the situation, and whether you approve of it.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
111 FIFTH AVENUE  
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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES  
AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

February 23, 1940

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

Gentlemen:

As per instructions received from Mr.  
I. Edwin Goldwasser, we would appreciate your advising  
us whether the United Palestine Appeal has received the  
proceeds of the Night of Stars.

Very truly yours,

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL INC.

A. Keller  
Chief Accountant

AK:IN



February 27, 1940.

Mr. A. Koller, Chief Accountant  
United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Koller:

This will acknowledge your inquiry of February 23, as to whether the United Palestine Appeal has received the proceeds of the Night of Stars.

The Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal has regarded the proceeds of the Night of Stars as in suspension, and any action to change that situation must come from the Executive Committee, which will consider your inquiry at its next meeting.

The United Palestine Appeal Executive Committee took this attitude with regard to the proceeds of the Night of Stars because of the fact that the United Jewish Appeal, with whose fund-raising program the United Palestine Appeal is associated, did not receive an adequate report of, or a remittance on account of, a pledge made to the United Jewish Appeal by the Hofneimer Foundation.

So that you may have the record before you, I should like to call your attention to the following facts:

- 1) On May 16, 1939, the New York United Jewish Appeal submitted a letter to the Nathan Hofneimer Foundation, Inc., Mrs. Lester Hofneimer, President, asking for a contribution to be made to the United Jewish Appeal.
- 2) On May 31, 1939, on the letterhead of the Nathan Hofneimer Foundation, Mrs. Helen M. (Arthur) Hofneimer wrote to the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, attention of Mrs. David Levy, Chairman of the Women's division, that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 12, 1939, a grant of \$40,000 was made to the National Coordinating Committee.
- 3) On May 31, 1939, Mr. Joseph Willen wrote an inter-office memorandum on the stationery of the New York United Jewish Appeal to effect that Mr. Henry Ittleson had telephoned him that day that the Nathan Hofneimer Foundation had voted \$40,000 to the National Coordinating Committee, and that a check for \$40,000 would be



sent directly to the National Coordinating Committee. Mr. Willen stated, "You may enter it, however, as a pledge of \$40,000 made to the New York campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, via the National Coordinating Committee. Please credit the gift to the Women's Division. Please report it to the national office of the United Jewish Appeal, so that when the time comes for allocation of funds to the various agencies, we will know that a gift of \$40,000 has been made by the Foundation, through the campaign, directly to the NCC. The UJA of New York will, of course, receive full credit for this gift."

4) It should also be noted that on May 16, 1939, Mr. Henry Ittleson wrote a letter to Dr. I. Edwin Goldwasser, saying: "I have this day sent a formal and formidable document to the Nathan Hofheimer Foundation, Inc., placing before them an appeal for a substantial grant on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal of New York. As I have some suspicion that you know something of the work of the Joint Distribution Committee, the National Coordinating Committee, and perhaps also the United Palestine Appeal, I hope that you will use your excellent persuasive powers to see to it that this appeal receives generous and thoughtful consideration by the foundation."

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It is very evident from the foregoing condensation of correspondence that a pledge was made to the United Jewish Appeal in the amount of \$40,000, although it was earmarked for the National Coordinating Committee. The original application was made by the United Jewish Appeal, so that there could be no misunderstanding as to the relation between the United Jewish Appeal and the National Coordinating Committee, two of its beneficiaries.

Nevertheless, although there has been no formal and written repudiation of this pledge, the attitude seems to be taken that the United Jewish Appeal is not entitled to this \$40,000, despite the very clear terms of the application and the manner in which the amount was originally pledged. In this connection, the following additional correspondence is pertinent.

5) On October 10, 1939, Mr. Arthur M. Lampert, co-Executive Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, wrote a memorandum on a conversation which he had with Dr. I. Edwin Goldwasser in connection with the Hofheimer Foundation. In that memorandum, Mr. Lampert wrote as follows: "The Hofheimer Foundation by law is limited to give gifts only to American institutions, therefore, if a gift is given to the United Jewish Appeal direct, it would be in breach of the articles contained in the Trust. He, Dr. Goldwasser, therefore recommended that the \$40,000 be paid direct to the National Coordinating Committee, whose activities are limited to the United States of America and in order to rectify and adjust this payment direct to them, the Allocation Committee should be



informed of the fact and therefore make an allowance in the intended grant to the National Coordinating Committee of \$40,000 to balance the \$40,000 received directly from the Hofheimer Foundation. Therefore, please adjust our records to indicate that this pledge will be paid directly to the National Coordinating Committee."

Subsequently, checks were forwarded to the National Coordinating Committee, on account of this pledge from the Hofheimer Foundation.

6) On November 29, 1939, Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser wrote to Mr. Arthur M. Lampert in part as follows: "In my last statement to you over the telephone I told you that the Hofheimer Foundation withdrew its appropriation from the UJA because of the point raised by Mr. Montor. The check for \$25,000 was returned by UJA to the Hofheimer Foundation. There was never any remittance of \$40,000. In brief, the UJA has lost this appropriation and the Foundation will spend the money in such manner and for such purposes as it may decide. This action, of course, fortunately is beyond the control of any suggestion from the UJA."

7) On February 2, 1940, on the personal stationery of I. Edwin Goldwasser, a letter was sent to Mr. Arthur M. Lampert, Executive Co-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of New York City, referring to a letter which Mr. Lampert, on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal had addressed to Mrs. Hofheimer, President of the Nathan Hofheimer Foundation. Mr. Goldwasser wrote, in his capacity as secretary of the Foundation, "I beg to inform you, because of certain demands made by Mr. Montor and his refusal to agree to the terms under which the grant had necessarily to be made under the permissive provisions for grants by the Hofheimer Foundation, the Board of Trustees rescinded the appropriation and requested the return of the check on account."

8) On February 20, 1940, Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser, on his personal stationery, wrote to Mr. Arthur M. Lampert to ask, "whether you will join me in making request of Mr. Montor immediately to have the proceeds of the 'Night of Stars' remitted to the New York City Campaign."

There are two major points that I should like to call to the attention of the Treasurers of the United Jewish Appeal:

a) No proof has been presented that there was fraud on the part of the New York United Jewish Appeal in connection with the making of the application to and receiving a pledge from the Hofheimer Foundation. Moreover, according to the conversation between Messrs. Lampert and Goldwasser, as recorded in a memorandum from Mr. Lampert dated October 10, 1939 (see item 5), Mr. Goldwasser recognized that the \$40,000 from the Hofheimer Foundation, although made to the National Coordinating Committee, was nevertheless a charge against the amount which



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the National Coordinating Committee would ultimately receive from the proceeds of the United Jewish Appeal;

b) the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, which receives its funds from the Night of Stars, Inc., a separate entity, will act upon the matters herein set forth at its next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET





[February 7, 1940]

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March 4, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a  
letter which Rabbi Silver received this morning  
from Mr. Gustave H. Kann of Pittsburgh.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

BJK  
Enc.



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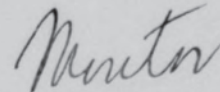
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The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I don't know whether Mayor LaGuardia wrote to you directly, but I find upon my return to the city that a copy of the letter which the Mayor's secretary sent to me has not gone forward to you. I am herewith attaching a copy.

If you are interested in any Washington people I think the best thing to do would be to let Breslau at this early stage set the works into motion. I have found him most effective in contacting people, especially when there is adequate time to do the job.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

City of New York  
Office of the Mayor

February 29, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor  
Executive Vice Chairman, United Jewish  
Appeal for Refugees,  
342 Madison Avenue, New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

Mayor LaGuardia has received and read  
your letter conveying to him Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's  
valued invitation to speak at the opening of the  
Cleveland, Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign on behalf  
of the United Jewish Appeal, on Sunday evening, May 5th.

The Mayor wants you to know that he has  
given this invitation his most sympathetic consideration  
but finds with regret that scheduled official engagements  
here in New York do not permit his making a trip to  
Cleveland at that time. He is sorry his answer cannot  
be a favorable one but he is confident you will understand  
his situation.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Byrnes MacDonald

Secretary to the Mayor



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EXTEND INVITATION TO YOU TO ADDRESS OPENING CAMPAIGN SUNDAY  
EVENING MARCH 31 HARTFORD HAS ALLOTTED NINETY ONE THOUSAND TO  
UJA IN COMPARISON FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND 1939. YOUR VISIT TO HARTFORD  
WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. WOULD APPRECIATE WIRE SO THAT COMMUNITY  
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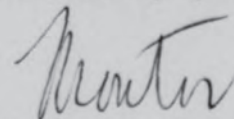
I think that the broadcast on Saturday evening, March 9th, will be widely listened to and will give the United Jewish Appeal an opportunity to present its case effectively.

My only fear is that the broadcast may be so general in character as to enable people to overlook the fact that it is the United Jewish Appeal which is the great central agency for aid in Europe, Palestine and America.

Probably the only one who can remedy this lack that might exist in the speeches of others is yourself, that is, through direct reference as occasion will permit to the United Jewish Appeal as an institution and to its requirements on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
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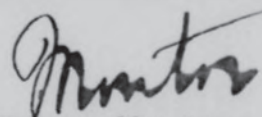
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which I have received from Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner.

We have received some requests for him and he might be useful in a number of communities. May I hear your thoughts on the subject.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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Attached



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EUCLID AVENUE TEMPLE

CLEVELAND

February 28, 1940

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

Dear Montor:

I tried to get in touch with you a few weeks ago when I was in New York, but you were out of the office and I left word.

I wanted to have an opportunity to talk with you and to learn how the Campaign is shaping up and to also ask you whether you and Coons have me in mind again this year as you did last year for a tour. If so, I should like to arrange my time so that it will not conflict with our local Campaign, which commences on May 5th. Last year, the tour brought me home just at the opening of our Campaign. If you would like me to serve again this year, I should like to avoid this difficulty.

May I hear from you soon so that I may arrange my calendar accordingly.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed)  
Barnett R. Brickner

BRB:FS



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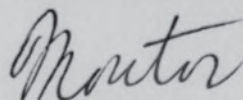
Dear Dr. Silver:

When I was in Kansas City, one of the important points they wanted to emphasize was the possibility of your coming there to address the community for their campaign. The drive is officially scheduled to open on May 6th. But I assume that this would be out of the question since you would be in the midst of the Cleveland campaign at that time.

However, a big gifts function might be arranged prior to May 6th, probably during the latter part of April. What dates would be acceptable to you?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from the publishers of "Palestine and Middle East".

In substance, it is a proposal for the United Palestine Appeal to spend \$1,000 to send to 1,000 key leaders throughout the United States copies of "Palestine and Middle East" for a six-month trial period.

The purpose would be to emphasize constantly the economic gains and prospects in Palestine as part of our enlarged publicity and propaganda program.

What is your thought in the matter?

Cordially yours,

*Montor*  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BG  
Enc.



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Tel-Aviv  
P.O.B. 6021

January 21st, 1940

Dear Mr. Montor:

This is about our "Palestine and Middle East". You may know that the Magazine is "economic" in its contents only not in cost of production. In 1939 it brought us a loss of over LP. 600. So with the approach of the New Year we had to decide whether to discontinue the publication. You know how we love this extravagant child of ours. It was very difficult to make up our minds. The war situation hit the paper first because in Palestine it led to a marked diminution in the number of advertisements and even of subscribers. At the same time it led to a rise on the production costs. We decided finally to continue and the Palestine and Middle East will appear in 1940 too. We have done what we could to reduce expenditure by reducing the size of the Magazine and using a cheaper paper and cover, which resulted in considerable economies on mailing costs, etc. What we maintain is the editorial standard of the Magazine.

Now we revert to the proposal as discussed with you in New York viz. that you subscribe for 2000 copies to be dispatched from here according to a list of persons to be supplied by you. This means that mailing will be undertaken by us and you will not have to bother with delivery.

Our calculations show that we can undertake this at an annual fee of \$2. - per subscriber. We would propose the following: that you should now enter into a trial arrangement with us for 1000 subscribers only and for a period of six months. This would mean an allocation on your part of \$1000 only which is very reasonable and worth while trying.

It is hardly necessary to dwell on the qualities of the Palestine and Middle East in general. One point we would stress however. There must be a natural spread of pessimism amongst Jewry outside Palestine regarding our present situation and immediate outlook. We are glad to say it is unfounded and nothing is more needed at present for the successful continuation of Zionist activities and intensified campaigns for the National Funds than a knowledge of concrete facts and comments coming from Palestine itself.

Should you decide in the affirmative, we would appreciate a) telegraphic advise, b) dispatch by "Clipper" of the mailing list together with a cheque covering the first three numbers (amounting to \$500 in the case of 1000 subscribers).

Awaiting the favour of your reply,

with kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. Idelson A. Evserov



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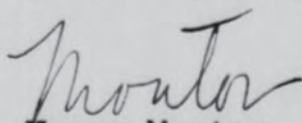
I have not yet obtained someone to occupy the post of Field Director for the United Palestine Appeal in the Middle West. I am anxious to avoid mistakes, and would rather delay a little longer, than have someone in the picture who might, after several months, turn out to be unsatisfactory.

I have been noticing the work of Philip Bernstein of the Cleveland Welfare Federation. I do not, of course, know whether he would be interested in such a position. What do you think of his work, and do you believe that he would be fitted to carry on the type of activity that we have in mind for the United Palestine Appeal?

I would like your opinion in the matter, before I discuss it directly with Bernstein.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
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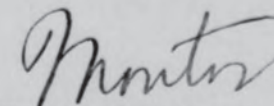
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise called me yesterday afternoon to inquire why the United Palestine Appeal had not turned over to the United Jewish Appeal the sum of \$50,000 representing the proceeds for the UPA from the "Night of Stars" production.

I told Rabbi Wise that the amount was being held in suspense by the UPA until formal action was taken by the Hofheimer Foundation with respect to the \$40,000 gift which had been pledged to the United Jewish Appeal in the New York campaign and which indirectly, according to Mr. Goldwasser, was later withdrawn completely. There has been no official communication from the Hofheimer Foundation announcing the withdrawal of its pledge of 1939.

Rabbi Wise pointed to the serious financial situation that prevailed and urged the UPA to turn over the \$50,000.

I should appreciate your counsel in the matter as to my further procedure.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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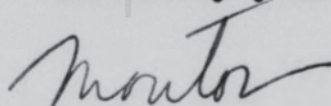
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Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with the suggestion contained in your letter of February 26, which I have but now been able to answer, due to my absence from the city on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, I have written to Mr. Charles Mishkin of Chicago, and I enclose herewith a copy of my letter.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET  
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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 8, 1940.

Charles Mishkin, Esquire  
127 North Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Mishkin:

Dr. Silver has written to me of your very gracious offer to be of service 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,

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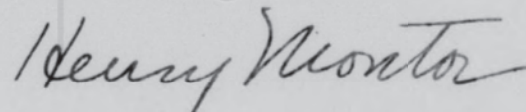
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which Dr. Landauer addressed to Mr. Ress with respect to his conversation with Messrs. Hyman and Kahn regarding the loan.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:FE



C O P Y

March 3, 1940

Mr. Charles Ress  
420 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Ress:

I should like to inform you that Messrs. Joseph C. Hyman and Bernhard Kahn invited me to meet with them, and took occasion to ask me for information on the loan project. I gave them full information and had a long argument with them with regard to the reconcilability of the loan and the fund-raising activities of the United Jewish Appeal.

At the end of our conversation, Mr. Hyman was not quite so adamant - while Dr. Kahn, as a matter of fact was quite helpful to our cause - and suggested that the matter be discussed with the United Jewish Appeal authorities. To this I naturally agreed.

We may, therefore, look forward to such an official discussion.

By the way, I mentioned to them the fact that Dr. Weizmann had spoken to Dr. Solomon Lowenstein and other gentlemen about it in Detroit, and that he was under the impression that we were already acting in agreement with our partners in the United Jewish Appeal. But Mr. Hyman and Dr. Kahn insisted that the Joint Distribution Committee, as well as the United Jewish Appeal, was not represented by Dr. Lowenstein and the other gentlemen. This can easily be understood.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Georg Landauer

GL:SB



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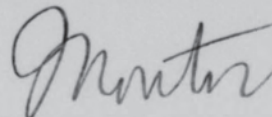
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Inasmuch as this letter has been directly addressed to you, I do not know whether you would like to have a copy of it sent to you. But perhaps Friedberg might want some acknowledgment.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH  
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March 4, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
c/o United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

My dear Rabbi:

Thought you might be interested in knowing the very fine and exceptionally favorable impression that Henry Montor made when here a couple of days ago.

We had a meeting of several members of the Budget Committee of the local Welfare Federation on Friday night, March 1st, at the home of the chairman of the campaign. Montor was there and presented the urgent need of an increased allocation for the United Jewish Appeal. He did it in a most convincing and impressive manner. The comment of everyone there was most favorable.

At a meeting yesterday (Sunday) of the Budget Committee, Montor's talk was referred to, and from the attitude of the members, the favorable impression remained. I do not think we will be able to meet his suggestion that our allocation for the United Jewish Appeal for the ensuing year be \$125,000, but strenuous efforts will be made, I believe, to meet the allocation of \$100,000.

I do not think a more effective representative could have been sent, or one who could have presented more convincingly the entire subject matter and urgency for increased overseas needs.

With best personal regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

(signed) Harry Friedberg

Harry Friedberg



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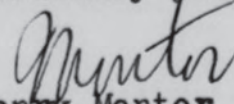
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to the National Refugee Service by the Baron de Hirsch Fund with regard to a \$25,000 contribution which the Baron de Hirsch Fund insists must be made payable exclusively to the National Refugee Service. It emphasizes that the gift will not be made if the United Jewish Appeal is to share in it.

Presumably this would come within the framework of the agreement whereby the National Refugee Service receives funds from such foundations whose charters do not permit gifts to agencies other than those operating in the United States.

Have you any observations to make on this?

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC  
Enc.



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CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE  
BARON DE HIRSCH FUND  
220 Fifth Ave.  
New York City

February 23, 1940

Mr. William Rosenwald, President  
National Refugee Service, Inc.  
165 West 46 Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

At our meeting held on January 24th, we voted a gift to the National Refugee Service, Inc. of \$25,000. Our Trustees made this gift directly to the National Refugee Service, Inc., despite the fact that you asked us to make this contribution to the United Jewish Appeal, realizing that funds for the National Refugee Service, Inc. are to be raised this year through the United Jewish Appeal. We are however, unwilling to make a donation to the United Jewish Appeal, as under our Deed of Trust our funds are to be used for aiding immigrants in this country and the other participants in the United Jewish Appeal would not, therefore, be eligible for our assistance.

In previous years, we made contributions to the Greater New York Coordinating Committee. Last year we also made a contribution to this Committee, in spite of the fact that last year there was a United Jewish Appeal. We are now informed that, possibly, our 1939 contribution was turned over to the United Jewish Appeal. It was not our intention to assist the United Jewish Appeal last year, nor is it our intention to ~~assist~~ do so this year. In acknowledging this contribution we must have your assurance that this gift will not be turned over to the United Jewish Appeal.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Eugene S. Benjamin  
Managing Director



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AS RESULT OF PUBLIC ATTACK MADE ON UJA BY DAVID DUBINSKY  
ADOLPH HELD FOR EXCLUSION ORT EDWARD WARBURG CALLING MEETING  
TOMORROW WITH ORT PEOPLE TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATION ORT NEWYORK  
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL. LIPSKY GOLDSTEIN ANXIOUS KNOW YOUR  
POSITION. I HAVE INFORMED THEM OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TODAY  
INDICATING YOUR OPPOSITION. GOLDSTEIN FEELS AMOUNT INVOLVED

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FUND-RAISING BEING DONE ON SPOT. IF APRIL 11TH IMPOSSIBLE,  
WOULD PREFER APRIL 18TH TO GIVE MORE TIME FOR ORGANIZATION.  
CAN YOU WIRE ACCEPTANCE SO THAT WORK CAN BEGIN. WHAT  
ALTERNATIVE DATE COULD YOU ACCEPT IF APRIL 18TH IMPOSSIBLE?

KINDEST REGARDS=

HENRY MONTOR.

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TO HAVE CONFIRMATIONRY WORD FROM YOU SO THAT PLANS  
CAN BE FURTHERED=

HENRY MONTOR.



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In confirmation of our telephone conversation of today, I am indicating to Mr. Louis Lipsky and Dr. Israel Goldstein, who represent the United Palestine Appeal on the committee planning the New York campaign, your revised views on the participation of ORT in the New York City United Jewish Appeal. As I understand it, you are agreeable to the inclusion of ORT if the amount allocated to it does not exceed \$100,000.

Inasmuch as you and Dr. Goldstein have agreed to this position, and Mr. Lipsky will probably also assent in view of the stand that both of you have taken, I assume that this decision would be generally satisfactory. I do not know of anyone in the United Palestine Appeal who is set firmly against the inclusion of the ORT. It is understood, of course, that your own attitude toward ORT is based upon the pressure which the ORT is bringing to bear and upon the nuisance value which the ORT has through its labor sponsorship. Undoubtedly it will be very harmful to the United Jewish Appeal in New York City if the labor leaders should make up their minds to conduct a continuous fight on the United Jewish Appeal instead of concentrating on the constructive job of fund-raising for ORT.....

However, for the record, I should like to enter my own views which are opposed to the admission of the ORT into the United Jewish Appeal. My understanding is that the labor leaders are asking for \$200,000 for the ORT. Blitz informed me that the ORT would compromise on \$100,000. It was on that basis that your assent was forthcoming.

It should be noted that the Jewish Labor Committee, in which Mr. Dubinsky and Mr. Adolph Held are active, contributed \$15,000 to the U.J.A. in 1939. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, which is headed by Sidney Hillman, an opponent of Dubinsky, and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, which is headed by Dubinsky, contributed \$150,000 to the New York U.J.A.

There are two bases on which another organization ought to be included in the United Jewish Appeal in New York City. One is, frankly, that of the blackmail value which can be exerted by



a powerful organization, and the other is the financial value to be derived from the active participation of an organization in an enlarged campaign.

An analysis of the New York U.J.A. should take into account the following facts: \$1,000,000 must go off to the National Refugee Service, an additional \$65,000 will not be available because of the fact that the Baron de Hirsch Fund is giving \$100,000 to the National Refugee Service direct, and \$40,000 from the Hofheimer Foundation will go to the National Refugee Service direct. At least \$500,000 must be deducted for the expenses of conducting the campaign.

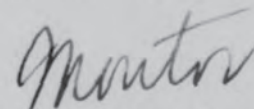
Inasmuch as the general expectation is that not over \$5,000,000 will be raised in New York City in 1940, although I trust that this expectation will prove erroneous, it is clear, then, that perhaps \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000 may be available for the U.J.A. If the United States, outside of New York City, should contribute as it did last year some \$11,000,000, it would mean that the total income of the U.J.A. for 1940 may range from \$14,000,000 to \$14,500,000.

To yield to the ORT, then, may be advisable from the point of view of the political implications of a ruthless campaign by the labor leaders, but (A) it will diminish the income of the U.J.A. and, of course, of the U.P.A., without a proportionate increase in income arising out of the activity of the labor groups. (B) It will be an opening wedge for the inclusion of other agencies. The J.T.A. and the Council of Federations, which were excluded last year from the New York City campaign on the ground that the United Jewish Appeal was composed exclusively of the U.P.A., J.D.C., and N.R.S., will be justified in asking for inclusion in 1940. (C) It will start the precedent which will encourage many other groups in the conviction that threats and the raising of hullabaloo and the invocation of the weapon of blackmail are irresistible by Jewish leadership.

But since these remarks are made for the record, they are probably not very important.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC



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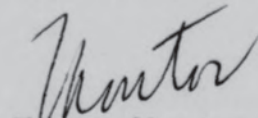
Dear Dr. Silver:

May I tell you how tremendously effective your address was on Saturday night. I thought that the whole program was, with perhaps one exception, exceedingly good, with Thomas Mann and Sheil doing very well.

Your own remarks were a summary of the whole problem and should do much to stimulate wider interest in the United Jewish Appeal.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BG



March 12, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a corrected copy  
of the radio address which I delivered last Saturday  
evening.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.



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Dear Dr. Silver:

#### National Co-Chairmen

Stephen S. Wise  
Chairman,  
Administrative Committee

I had luncheon yesterday with Harry L. Lurie, Executive Director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, in order to discuss with him problems of relationship between the Council and the United Palestine Appeal.

Louis Lipsky  
Chairman, Executive  
Committee

Solomon Goldman  
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(1) The major topic of discussion was the representation on the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for Welfare Fund communities. You will recall that in a letter written many weeks ago, Sidney Hollander, President of the Council, had suggested William Shroder, Jacob Blaustein and Ira M. Younker as the first three choices of the Council, because of their knowledge of budgeting and because of their constant availability.

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He felt that the Council would very much like to urge the retention among those three at least of Younker and Blaustein, both of whom, he felt, could approach the subject without bias.

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As you know, the Joint Distribution Committee has been quite unsympathetic to Younker for a number of years, although originally in the councils of the JDC; he had the unfortunate character of speaking up and expressing his opinion. My own belief is that the JDC will resist his inclusion as one of the three representatives of the Council.

#### Honorary Secretary

Charles Ress

#### Executive Director

Henry Montor

Blaustein, as you know, is the Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. His family is one of the major contributors to the Baltimore campaign. The only possible objection that there might be to Blaustein on the Committee is that Baltimore apparently does not plan to have a 1940 campaign. But perhaps Blaustein's presence on the Committee might be used as a lever to force a campaign through.

It seems that Shroder was told last year that the Joint Distribution Committee had proposed his name as the impartial Chairman of the Allocations Committee, but that the United Palestine Appeal representatives had turned him down. To my knowledge, this is the first time that Shroder's name was definitely raised in connection with last year's chairmanship of the Allocations Committee. Whoever was interested in telling him the story apparently obtained the effect desired.



I asked Lurie for the names of the members of the original committee appointed by the Council in order to consider the question of the United Jewish Appeal for 1940. These included:-

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Judge Philip Forman, | Trenton (might be good) |
| Henry Wineman        | Detroit                 |
| Charles Rosen        | New Orleans             |
| David Watchmaker     | Boston                  |
| Arthur Brin          | Minneapolis             |
| Joseph Berne         | Cleveland               |
| Donald Kaffenburgh   | Hartford                |
| Irvin Bettman        | St. Louis               |
| Elias Mayer          | Chicago                 |
| Samuel Goldsmith     | Chicago                 |

Lurie thought that three members representing the Council, who would be acceptable to the Council, might be Younker, Blaustein and Joseph Goldstein of Rochester. The latter is chairman of the Budget Committee of the Rochester Welfare Fund, and is also President of the Rochester Zionist District. He also suggested the possibility of a man like Ben Selekman of Boston. He thought it might be advisable to have a professional worker in the group of three, inasmuch as his technical experience in budgeting might be valuable.

Lurie suggested that the best procedure would be for you, Rabbi Jonah Wise, Hollander and himself to meet in order to have a discussion, out of which the three names might emerge. He felt, too, that a knowledge of who the JDC and the UPA representatives were to be would also be helpful in determining who the other three ought to be.

(2) Mr. Lurie told me confidentially that the JDC was planning to have a different type of representative on the Distribution Committee this year, as contrasted with Lasker and Ittleson in 1939. It seems that the JDC has in mind Harold Linder and James Becker as its two representatives on the Distribution Committee. Lurie inquired who the UPA representatives were to be. I confessed that I had no knowledge, since this was a matter exclusively in the hands of the Executive Committee for its decision.

(3) In discussing the functions of the Distribution Committee, Mr. Lurie thought that it ought to create a research machinery separate from the Council of Federations. He believes that in the first year the research work cannot be very productive, but it will at least clear the path for future years. The principle that has been established, he thinks, is very sound. Because of this, and because of the unwillingness of the Council to become involved in what may eventuate as a controversy, the Council does not want to have this research job under its own immediate jurisdiction, although it looks for the opportunity of serving in a consultative capacity.

He believed that the research body to be set up by the Distribution Committee would have to be headed by a secretary. He indicated that the JDC had not only been looking around for such a secretary, but had actually had discussions. You will recall the episode centering around Samuel Goldsmith. It seems that the JDC also approached Dr. Maurice Hexter for the post, and that the latter turned it down. I expressed surprise to Lurie that the JDC, as only one of the bodies that



had to determine the composition of the Distribution Committee, should place itself and individuals whom it approaches under such embarrassment. My own belief was that the UPA would not accept Dr. Hexter as secretary of a research body attached to the Distribution Committee. He then asked my opinion of Moses Leavitt, who, as you know, is Secretary of the Palestine Economic Corporation, who has been in Palestine on many occasions, and who is very active in Zionist work. Although I do not know Leavitt intimately, I feel that he would be the most competent and sympathetic person that has thus far been suggested for the post.

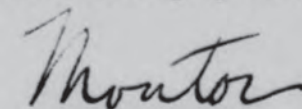
(4) I told Lurie that I had already set into motion certain steps to expedite the receipt of material by the Distribution Committee. It was my thought that in Jerusalem there ought to be a unified, certified audit on a monthly basis of the accounts of the Keren Hayesod, the Keren Kayemeth and the Jewish Agency. This is an entirely new procedure for Jerusalem, inasmuch as all three agencies are autonomous bodies which have always conducted independent financial activities, and which, moreover, did not have the practice of having monthly audited accounts.

Lurie said this would be helpful, but that auditing alone was not the sole criterion for evaluating activities. Thus it would be interesting to know, for both the Distribution Committee and the UPA, as well as for the National Refugee Service, exactly how many people were aided directly and indirectly by the activities initiated by these three bodies. In many instances, for example, what was regarded as relief activity actually involved little of actual expenditure on relief, while on the other hand an enterprise which might seem to have a limited effect on individuals actually created circles of help which had an ever-widening influence.

Lurie indicated that there were certain questions which the Council would formulate for submission to the Distribution Committee as guidance to its operations.

I continue to find Lurie not only intelligently interested in all our problems, but even sympathetic. I may, of course, be misjudging politeness for concern, but that Lurie has an intelligent conception of Jewish problems is quite obvious to me.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET



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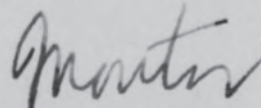
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith are two reports:

- (a) Statement of income and expenditure of the UJA for 1939, for the period January 1st through February 29th, 1940; and
- (b) A report of income and expenditure for 1940 for the period January 1st through February 29th, 1940

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
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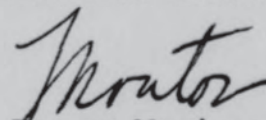
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of the letter which  
Colonel Edwin M. Watson, secretary to the President, addressed  
in reply to the communication which you and Rabbi Wise sent  
to the President, asking for an interview.

I have since been in communication with you by  
telephone in regard to the matter.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1940

My dear Rabbi Wise:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter to him of February ninth.

In accordance with the President's wishes, I am arranging a fifteen minute appointment for you and Rabbi Silver at 11.30 a.m. Wednesday, March twentieth. I would appreciate it if you would be good enough to confirm this date as soon as convenient.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

EDWIN M. WATSON  
Secretary to the President

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise,  
National Chairman,  
United Jewish Appeal (Inc.) for  
Refugees and Overseas Needs,  
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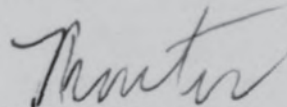
Dear Dr. Silver:

The Jewish Welfare Fund of Indianapolis is launching its campaign on Thursday, May 2nd. They are very anxious to have you for two functions on that date: one a Women's Division luncheon and the big rally in the evening.

Could you possibly accept? It is, as you know, one of our most important communities.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
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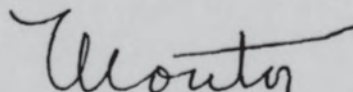
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a note which Mr. Blitz sent me about the attitude of Nathan Straus to the new U P A bulletin.

Knowing as I do how fussy Mr. Straus is, this is encouragement, indeed.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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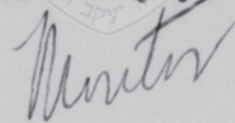
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a  
letter from Thomas Mann in acknowledgement  
of one from you thanking him for his par-  
ticipation in the recent radio broadcast.

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

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17th March, 1940

Dear Rabbi Silver,

Thank you for your very kind letter regarding  
my participation in your broadcast of Saturday,  
March 9th.

The twenty-three million dollar goal of the  
United Jewish Appeal for Refugees is in itself  
evidence of the huge sum of human misery which you  
seek to alleviate. I sincerely hope that your  
Campaign meets with the success which it so richly  
deserves.

Yours very cordially,

(Signed) Thomas Mann

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Inasmuch as you are to be in New York on April 17th in connection with the opening of the Brooklyn campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, do you think that we ought to call a meeting of the Executive or Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal?

I am sure that by that time there will have accumulated enough business to transact. By that time we should be able to make a decision and, of course, will have to make a decision on the representatives of the United Palestine Appeal on the Distribution Committee.

Will you let me know at your earliest convenience whether notices should go out for the April 17th meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Henry Montor*  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your telegram with regard to Indianapolis, Detroit and Boston. I know that Indianapolis will be made very happy, even if it is only one meeting in the evening. I think this is the important occasion.

#### Treasurer

Arthur M. Lampert

The meeting in Boston on April 14, as I wrote you in a previous letter, is really terribly important, and I am glad you are able to go there.

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Cordially yours,

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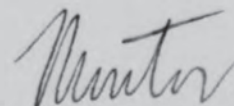
Dear Dr. Silver:

For the first of our regional conferences, Boston has been selected as the site of a New England gathering on Sunday, April 14th. There are to be morning, luncheon and afternoon sessions.

Inasmuch as you are due in Boston on April 14th, it would, of course, give importance to the conference if you were to be present to speak either at the luncheon or afternoon session. We are anxious that this conference be a success so that it may serve as an example for other sections of the country. Incidentally, this conference can be very useful to the United Jewish Appeal, since it will be held in the midst of the Boston campaign and the campaigns now being planned or conducted throughout New England.

I believe that they are wiring or writing to you from Boston directly. I do hope that you can give your consent to participating in this very important gathering for the United Palestine Appeal.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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March 1940

Henry Montor  
UPA  
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WILL ACCEPT INVITATION INDIANAPOLIS MAY SECOND FOR ONE MEETING ONLY IN THE EVENING. HAVE ALSO ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM DETROIT TO OPEN CAMPAIGN there Monday May sixth. THEY ARE CHANGING THEIR OPENING DATE FROM FIFTH TO SIX TO ENABLE ME TO GO THERE. STOP RECEIVED INVITATION FROM JACOB KAPLAN BOSTON TO ATTEND NEW ENGLAND UPA CONFERENCE APRIL 14. STOP. I AM AT HARVARD IN THE MORNING. COULD ADDRESS LUNCHEON MEETING IF OCCASION IS OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE. PLEASE INFORM INDIANAPOLIS AND BOSTON OF MY ACCEPTANCE.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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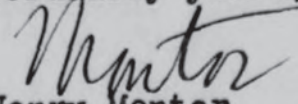
Attached herewith is a draft of a letter to be sent out by you to the key list of the United Jewish Appeal throughout the country. You will recall that about two weeks ago Rabbi Jonah B. Wise sent out a letter to the same group. I would appreciate it if you could go over this within the next day or two and let me have your corrections or approval.

Will you be good enough to have your secretary send me a plain sheet of your Temple stationery. We will then proceed to have duplicates made so that the letter can be multigraphed on your personal stationery. The letters will then be forwarded to Miss Kline in stamped form to be given to the Cleveland Post Office, so that in every way the letters will appear to have been issued by you from Cleveland.

I would appreciate it greatly if, when the replies begin coming in, Miss Kline would send either the original texts or the copies of such letters for our records or for follow-up.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC  
Enc.



T H E   T E M P L E

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear .....

In a few weeks Jews will be celebrating the Passover holiday. This festival of the liberation of the Jewish people will mock hundreds of thousands of Jews who are being enslaved or destroyed. American Jewry will be the only group in a free, peaceful, democratic land able to understand and appreciate the symbolism of this Passover.

Is it not appropriate that we should utilize the channel of the United Jewish Appeal to express a measure of our gratitude that Providence has permitted us to be on the west instead of east of the Atlantic?

What needs to be emphasized at this time is that we have it within our power to liberate Jewish life. The greatest enterprise in that program is the maintenance and expansion of the Jewish homeland in Palestine, which is the lodestar of great masses of Jews begging for the chance to share with other Jews in the building of a secure, dignified life in the land of Israel.

The funds of the United Jewish Appeal maintain the agencies of the United Palestine Appeal, the central organ of American Jewry to further immigration, colonization, land purchase and general development in Palestine. The tasks in Palestine are increasingly urgent, as the Hitler madness grips new portions of the Continent.

Thousands of refugees, undernourished, ill after weeks and months of hazardous travel on the Mediterranean, have been made the responsibility of the Jewish Agency. Food, clothing, shelter, medical attention and ultimate integration into the economic life of the country require far larger resources than could have been realized only six months ago.

War has affected various branches of Palestine's economy, including primarily the citrus industry, building and various industries. Widespread unemployment has not yet been curbed. With private initiative unable or unwilling to function in this crisis, it is the national institutions like the Jewish Agency which must come to the rescue of a network of activities on which the lives of hundreds of thousands of Jews are based. The Jewish Agency has aided old enterprises and helped new ones in order to offset unemployment; it has assisted construction programs to absorb workers. Above all, it has expended large sums for fundamental relief and social welfare purposes.

The Jewish community of Palestine has done more than its share. It has imposed a voluntary emergency tax for the very same purposes embraced in the United Jewish Appeal. The poorest worker and middle class groups alike have taxed themselves for monthly contributions ranging from ten to twenty percent of their entire income. Here indeed is a model of sacrificial generosity for emulation!

Recent discussion of the unjust, unwise land legislation enacted for Palestine by Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald has obscured the fact that in the "free" zone alone, there is twice as much land still to be bought as the Jewish National



Fund was able to acquire in thirty-eight years. American Jewry which is genuinely concerned with land for colonization purposes will take heed from recent experiences and mobilize all possible resources so that precious land may be quickly bought to settle the thousands of Jews who continue to enter Palestine month after month.

A few facts in review of Palestine's history in 1939 serve to remind us that Palestine is the great reservoir of Jewish strength and consolation, of Jewish manpower and self-affirmation. From a community of 55,000 souls during the last war, the Yishuv today exceeds 500,000. Land possessions of 420,000 dunams in 1914 compare with 1,533,000 dunams owned by Jews today. In 1914 there were 44 Jewish colonies, with 12,000 Jews earning a living on the soil, while today there are 254 settlements giving immediate livelihood to 130,000. In the last three years 55 new colonies were erected, six of them since the outbreak of war. Whatever the difficulties Palestine industry is experiencing in this transition period, it cannot be forgotten that Jewish production in 1914 was valued at less than £500,000, while in 1939 Jewish industry produced over £10,000,000.

In Palestine there is being built a permanent, sound economy for the readjustment of the Jew physically and spiritually. If American Jewry has imagination and statesmanship as well as compassion and generosity, it will dedicate itself in 1940, through the United Jewish Appeal, to help save the flower of Jewish youth in Europe through settlement in Palestine.

The task of plucking the victims of Hitlerism from imminent destruction will require a new conception of individual responsibility for the salvage of Jews. It will demand from Jewish leadership in every community a fair interpretation of the relationship between the emergency, unpostponable tasks of relief and rescue and the less critical problems that face the American Jewish community.

I send you best wishes for a joyous Passover holiday, in the hope that through your active assistance thousands of Jews may be set on the path toward freedom in Palestine.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver



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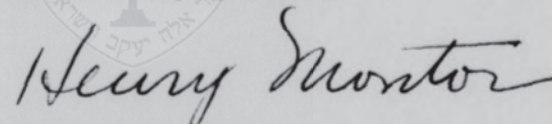
March 21, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which has been sent to Rabbi Wise in accordance with a decision of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal on March 18th.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:FE



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 21, 1940

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise  
United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wise:

Your letter of March 8th was presented to the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal at a recent meeting. It was decided that the distribution of the income accruing to the United Palestine Appeal from the 1939 performance of the "Night of Stars" should be left for arbitration in the hands of yourself and Dr. Silver in your capacities as National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal and in consideration of the clause in the 1939 agreement which provides that all details governing the United Jewish Appeal shall be determined by the two National Chairmen.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:FE



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March 22, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A very strange phenomenon has been occurring in New York City. A number of people who gave large sums in 1939 are asking, and apparently are being permitted, to count these gifts as covering 1939 and 1940. You may know of the case of the Guggenheim family which is supposed to have contributed \$250,000 in 1939. In the meantime, the New York campaign has been notified to regard the Guggenheim gift as a two-year contribution and \$125,000 is intended for 1940.

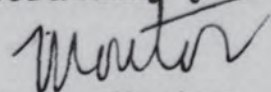
This means, in the first place, that we shall be getting less money than we had anticipated from the 1939 campaign and, secondly, that actually some of the big gifts announced will not be genuine big gifts.

Another person in this category is Robert Lehman who contributed \$20,000 for 1939 but who has now notified the New York campaign that that was intended for two years.

It seems to me that we ought to fight this phenomenon but I do not know how it can be properly done since a man is the master of his own gift. I do think, however, that the New York campaign ought not without a struggle give in to this "reversal" of gifts. You will recall that we had the same problem nationally in connection with the Hofheimer Foundation. In the end we may not come out any better but at least we have struggled hard to preserve the principle involved.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC



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March 23, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The New York campaign is anxious to have you launch the campaign in the Bronx. It is hoped that an appeal from the group that is expected to be present may result in \$100,000 being produced on the spot.

The dates which Blitz suggests are May 2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th. I know that you will be in Indianapolis on May 2nd and in Washington on May 8th.

I am wondering whether the 9th would do or if you would want to suggest a more suitable date.

Cordially yours,

*Montor*

Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

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March 25, 1940

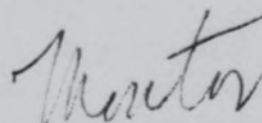
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum to me from Blitz asking for you for a meeting of the Rabbinical Division on Wednesday, April 17th at 11:00 A.M. You will be in New York for an evening meeting on April 17th.

Have I taken too much liberty in writing to Blitz as I did about this particular date? Attached herewith is my copy.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL - INTEROFFICE MEMO

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TO: Mr. Henry Montor      FROM: Mr. Samuel Blitz

Mar. 20, 1940

May we have Dr. Silver for a fund-raising meeting of the Rabbinical Division on Wednesday, April 17th at 11 A.M.

This will be a prayer service at the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue. Although only about \$10,000 can be expected at this meeting, Dr. Schwefel, who is in charge of the Rabbinical Division, feels that Dr. Silver may be willing to address his colleagues on this occasion.

We are fixing the date on April 17th as Dr. Silver will be in Brooklyn that evening but if Dr. Silver prefers, we can hold the meeting on Thursday morning, April 18th.



March 25, 1940

TO: SAMUEL BLITZ

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

I think it will be impossible for Dr. Silver to be in New York at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 17th, for the meeting at the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue. I do not know whether his train schedule will permit him to be in at that time of the morning.

Under the circumstances, therefore, I believe that you ought to try to get another speaker for the occasion.

HM:BC





March 25, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your letter of March 16 - it will be all right for you to arrange a meeting of the Executive or the Administrative committees of the United Palestine Appeal for the afternoon of April 17, the day when I am scheduled to open the Brooklyn campaign.

The committee to negotiate with the Union for the 1940 contract that governs the working conditions of the staff will consist of Mr. Arthur Lamport, Mr. David Wertheim and Mr. Henry Montor.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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March 26, 1940.

COPY FOR DR. SILVER

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the conference of the New England leaders called under the auspices of the United Palestine Appeal on Sunday, April 14, at the Hotel Statler (Ballroom) Boston, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

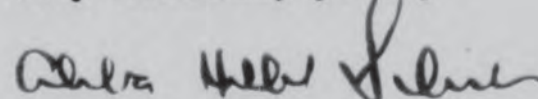
The dismemberment of Jewish life in Europe as a result of the war confronts us with a solemn responsibility to pursue a program of construction that will counteract the forces that are threatening the survival of the Jewish people.

What can we do to stem the tide of destruction? In all the blackness and misery that have engulfed our people, Palestine rises as the rock of hope for the future. If Europe is being converted into a vast ghetto of sorrow and pain, Palestine must become a center of revival where Jewish creative and cultural resources may be developed freely. If Jews are being trampled underfoot in Poland and other lands, Palestine must be prepared to receive and give homes to tens and hundreds of thousands of them.

At the Boston Conference we will have an opportunity to discuss the problems with which we must deal in extending the possibilities for settlement and rebuilding activity in the Jewish National Home. With the active participation of representative leaders like yourself, this conference will speak the mind of New England Jewry on a program of action with which the destiny of our entire people is linked.

I look forward to greeting you personally in Boston.

Very cordially yours,



Abba Hillel Silver  
National Chairman

P.S. There will be no solicitation of funds.  
Please reply to Judge Kaplan on the enclosed card.

AHS:ET



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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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Judge Jacob J. Kaplan  
600 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Judge Kaplan:

I shall  
shall not attend the New England United Palestine  
Appeal Conference to be held on Sunday, April 14, 1940,  
beginning at 10:30 a.m., at the Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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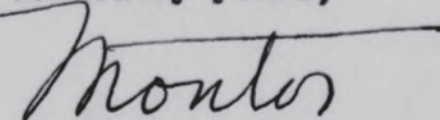
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you herewith a comparative analysis that has been prepared on the income from campaigns conducted by the United Palestine Appeal in the years from 1936 through 1939.

The figures are interesting for the evidence they provide of the increasing participation by individual communities in the UPA program. It should be noted that the figures for 1939 represent the share of the United Palestine Appeal in the allocation to or the cash received by the United Jewish Appeal.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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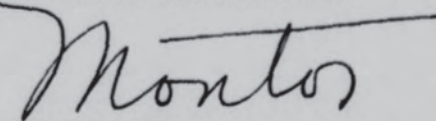
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I send you herewith a statement of expenditures incurred during February, 1940, by the Jewish Agency, the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth.

These figures were supplied by cable, in response to my request.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:et  
-encl.



RECAPITULATION OF CABLE SIGNED KAPLAN DATED MARCH 20, 1940

February expenditures for Jewish Agency in Palestine:

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Colonization.....              | 9,192         |
| Agricultural Research.....     | 1,385         |
| Education, culture.....        | 2,880         |
| Immigration, training.....     | 2,856         |
| (Refugees..... 1,384)          |               |
| Labor.....                     | 5,571         |
| (Refugees..... 718)            |               |
| Relief.....                    | 2,573         |
| Political Security.....        | 9,082         |
| London.....                    | 744           |
| Trade, Industry, Artisans..... | 1,290         |
| Economic Research.....         | 496           |
| Religious.....                 | 583           |
| Administration.....            | 1,511         |
| Sundries.....                  | 1,393         |
| TOTAL.....                     | <u>39,556</u> |

German Department:

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Colonization.....   | 817           |
| Training.....       | 275           |
| Scientists.....     | 19            |
| Urban Loans.....    | 172           |
| Immigration.....    | 36            |
| Youth Aliyah.....   | 11,510        |
| Administration..... | 235           |
| Sundries.....       | 293           |
| TOTAL.....          | <u>13,357</u> |

Keren Hayesod:

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Loan Repayments.....                  | 4,334         |
| Chief Rabbi's House.....              | 601           |
| Vaad Leumi for Purchase Building..... | 2,000         |
| Administration.....                   | 3,446         |
| TOTAL.....                            | <u>10,381</u> |

Keren Kayemeth:

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Land Purchase Occupation..... | 47,176        |
| Dept. Repayments.....         | 16,471        |
| Administration.....           | 9,269         |
| TOTAL.....                    | <u>72,916</u> |



March 28, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

The Budget Committee of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund met yesterday afternoon. It was voted to allocate to the United Jewish Appeal the sum of \$500,000 out of the 1940 campaign. You will recall that last year you received \$475,000, although \$500,000 was allocated. This year nothing will be deducted from the \$500,000 even if the full amount of the campaign goal is not reached.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

~~SIXTY-THIRD AVENUE~~

41 East 42 Street

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* March 29, 1940.

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Henry Montor

*Subject* Attached herewith is a copy of the report by Gewerkshaften on its activities. Please take particular note of the fact that all slogans duplicate in every respect the claims of Keren Hayesod, Keren Kayemeth, and the Jewish Agency. How is it possible for Welfare Fund leaders to distinguish?

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NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE  
275 SEVENTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

Summary\* Report for the Year Ending August 31, 1939

The National Labor Committee for Jewish Workers in Palestine, which raises funds for the Histadrut Haovdim, General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine, supports the program of the Histadrut for

1. Training and preparing pioneers in countries of Eastern and Central Europe and the United States for the physical, cultural and social life in Palestine. The activities are carried on through Hechalutz, a youth pioneer movement.
2. Receiving the pioneers when they arrive in Palestine, and assisting them in securing employment, trade training and in phases of social and economic adjustment.
3. Contributing to "Nir", a colonization agency for developing industrial and agricultural cooperatives for transportation, communication, wholesale and retail buying, sale of farm products, agricultural undertakings, bankings, life insurance, housing, medical aid, education and other types of collective action.

While there is no fiscal relationship between the National Labor Committee and the United Palestine Appeal in America, the Histadrut in Palestine cooperates functionally and financially in phases of its program for immigrants and colonization with the Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund, the Keren Kayemeth (Jewish National Fund), and the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which receive American support through the United Palestine Appeal, a constituent of the United Jewish Appeal. The program of training for emigration by Hechalutz in Eastern and Central Europe also receives support from America through the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

During the past fiscal year ending August 31, 1939, the receipts of the National Labor Committee of \$390,808 show an increase of 37 percent over the previous year.

Contribution income, received from individuals and organizations and flower day collections, was 34 percent higher in 1939 than in 1938.

Funds contributed by the Pioneer Women's Organization and the Farband 'Women's Club, included as receipts by the National Labor Committee, for the Histadrut's program for working and immigrant women increased 37 percent in 1939 over 1938.

"Special Emergency Funds", supplied by the Trade Union Divisions, Pioneer Women's Organization, Farband Women's Club, Poale Zion-Zeire Zion and the League for Labor Palestine, increased in 1939 over funds received from the same sources in 1938 by 147 percent.

\*More detailed report available on request.



Disbursements of \$386,263 during the past year left a balance of \$4,545.

Funds transmitted to the Histadrut for its regular budget and emergency purposes was 49 percent more in 1939 than in 1938, an increase of \$102,753.

Cost of fund raising of the National Labor Committee was 18 percent more in 1939 than in 1938. On the basis of \$288,934 collected in 1939 at an expense of \$70,675, the cost of fund raising was 24 percent.

The budget of \$1,000,000 for 1940 proposes an anticipated increased income for transmission to the Histadrut of 189 percent, and an increased cost of fund raising of 27 percent.

**Income Changes:**

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Contributions increased   | \$ 73,922.        |
| Increased collections by Pioneer Women's<br>Organization and Farband Women's Club | 16,652.           |
| Special Emergency Funds increased   | 19,755.           |
| Total increases   | <u>\$110,329.</u> |
| Decrease in loans and balance   |                   |
| Net increase  | <u>4,844.</u>     |
|   | <u>\$105,485.</u> |

**Receipts and Disbursements  
as of August 31, 1939**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Receipts:</b>   |                   |
| Contributions  | \$292,869.        |
| Pioneer Women's Organization<br>and Farband Women's Club | 61,113.           |
| Emergency Purposes                                       | 33,190.           |
| Balance, Previous Year                                   | 3,636.            |
| Total Receipts   | <u>\$390,808.</u> |
| <b>Disbursements:</b>                                    |                   |
| Transmitted to Histadrut                                 | \$314,239.        |
| Fund Raising (including Administration)                  | 70,675.           |
| Miscellaneous  | 1,349.            |
| Total Disbursements                                      | <u>\$386,263.</u> |
| <b>Balance:</b>  | \$ 4,545.         |

**Administrative Committee of the National Labor Committee for Palestine:**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>Chairman</b>    | - Morris Feinstein, New York  |
| <b>Co-Chairmen</b> | - David Pinski, New York<br>- Alexander Kahn, New York<br>- David Wertheim, New York<br>- Joseph Breslaw, New York<br>- Louis Segal, New York<br>- Sara Feder, New York<br>- L. Hollander, New York |
| <b>Treasurer</b>   | - Max Zaritsky, New York  |



**HISTADRUT HAOVDIM  
PALESTINE**

**History**

The Histadrut Haovdim was created by the Jewish Workers in Palestine in November 1920. Its dues-paying members consist of men and women workers. In addition, wives and children of workers are affiliated members.

The women workers are organized as the Council of Working Women (Meatzot Hapealot).

**Admini-  
stration**

The Conference of the General Federation of Jewish Labor is the highest legislative body of the General Federation of Jewish Labor. The ballots are secret and proportional and all members of the General Federation have the right to vote. The delegates to the Conference choose from among their members a Council, which is convened between Conferences when necessity demands. The Council, in turn, elects from among its members the Executive Committee, which is the highest body of the Federation.

**Function**

The program of the Histadrut for trade union activities includes

1. The securing of recognition of trade unions by the government, public institutions and private employers.
2. Establishment of fair and equitable relations between employers and workers.
3. Stabilization of labor conditions through the promotion of social legislation.

The practical benefits to the members are:

1. Labor Exchanges for securing employment.
2. Participation in Workers' Sick Fund (Kupat Holim).
3. Accident and unemployment insurance.

Funds for these activities are secured from membership dues, income from financial and economic undertakings, and payment of rent. (See Table I, following.)

The portion of the program of the Histadrut, supported mainly by American funds, provides for:

1. Agricultural labor colonization.
2. Immigration and employment
3. Labor homes, school buildings, Women's and Youth Centers.
4. Cultural and educational activities.
5. Day homes for children, health facilities, for participation in unemployment, and other social service activities.
6. Defense and security
7. Sport training



8. Issuance of literature and bulletins giving information on conditions in Palestine and Histadrut activities.

Other organizations participate in financing the program supported by the Histadrut, including the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund, all receiving American support from the United Palestine Appeal. The Joint Distribution Committee contributes to Hechalutz for its training program of the Pioneers, prospective immigrants to Palestine.

Finances

Receipts and Disbursements, 1938, Organizational Purposes

| <u>Receipts:</u>                                   |                  | <u>Disbursements:</u>                      |                  |
|--|------------------|--|------------------|
| 1. Membership dues                                 | \$ 35,000        | 4. Labor union benefits and administration | \$ 86,000        |
| 2. Income from financial and economic undertakings | 45,000           | 5. Subsidies for colonization purposes     | 14,000           |
| 3. Rent and other earnings                         | 25,000           |  |                  |
| <u>Total Receipts</u>                              | <u>\$105,000</u> | <u>Total Disbursements</u>                 | <u>\$100,000</u> |
|  |                  | Transferred, 1939 Budget                   | \$ 4,000         |

It is reported that dues in 1939 will approximate \$40,000. Payments are six percent of the worker's salary, and are used for sick fund, unemployment insurance, Histadrut centers, cultural fund and union activities.

Income is also received from financial and economic undertakings of the Histadrut, such as the Workers' Bank, Industrial Cooperatives, Transport Cooperatives, Savings Bank and Building Contracts.



**Co-Treasurers** - A. Miller, New York  
- Joseph Schlossberg, New York

**Secretary** - Isaac Hamlin, New York

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Sol Metz, New York  
Mrs. Anna Schlossberg, Bronx, N.Y.  
A. O. Weinberg, New York  
Sara Kahn, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**History** The National Labor Committee for Jewish Workers in Palestine was organized in 1923 by the United Hebrew Trades in New York City to raise funds for the Histadrut Haovdim\* (General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine) for its program concerned with the creation of a labor commonwealth in Palestine.

**Admini-  
stration** The National Labor Committee is governed by a Council of 250 members, which meets quarterly, receives reports and determines policies; and an Administrative Committee of 25, made up of New York representatives, which acts as the executive committee of the organization.

Members of the Council of Administrative Committee are selected at the annual convention attended by representatives of affiliated groups (trade unions, fraternal and civic organizations).

**Function** Funds raised by the National Labor Committee are used by the Histadrut for:

1. Training the Pioneer (Hechalutz) in European countries and America, and preparing him for physical, economic and cultural life in Palestine.
2. Receiving and guiding the immigrant when he arrives in Palestine, providing him with employment on farms and in industry, housing facilities and general aid for his physical and cultural welfare.
3. Investments in labor settlements, housing projects, port enterprises, road building and many cooperative undertakings.
4. Providing medical care for the immigrants in its hospitals, dispensaries and convalescent homes.
5. Cultural needs of adults, youth and children, through vocational schools, libraries, evening courses and elementary schools.
6. Providing physical training through sport organizations.
7. Attempting to cooperate with the Arab working masses.

\* Report of the Histadrut Haovdim follows.



**Income** Total income for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1939 was \$390,808. Seventy-five percent of the income was from contributions (of which \$52,488, or 18 percent, was from federations and welfare funds.) (The balance was from individuals, groups and labor organizations in unorganized communities.) One percent of the income (\$3,636) was a balance from the previous year. Collections by other organizations, transmitted through the National Labor Committee to the Histadrut, amounted to \$94,303, the remaining 24 percent of the income. (Money collected by other organizations included from the Pioneer Women's Organization and the Farband Women's Club \$61,113 for the regular budget of the Women's Council of the Histadrut, which carries a program for immigrant girls and women workers. The additional \$33,190 was contributed for "special emergency funds" by the Trade Union Division, Pioneer Women's Organizations, Poale Zion-Zeire Zion, Farband Women's Club, and the League for Labor Palestine, all organizations concerned with the program of the Histadrut.)

**Disbursements** Expenditures of \$386,263 left a balance of \$4,545 at the end of the year. Eighty-one percent of the money spent was transmitted to the Histadrut for its regular budget and for special purposes. Eighteen percent was for fund raising, while repayment of loans and equipment accounted for one percent.

| <u>Trends in</u><br><u>Finances</u> | <u>Fiscal Year Ending</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Disbursements</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|
|                                     | August 31, 1937           | \$229,452     | \$225,222            | \$4,230        |
|                                     | August 31, 1938           | 285,323       | 281,667              | 3,656          |
|                                     | August 31, 1939           | 390,808       | 386,263              | 4,545          |

There were increases from direct contributions from year to year to the National Labor Committee of \$30,288, or 16 percent, in 1938, and of \$73,922, or 34 percent, in 1939.

Money transmitted to Palestine for the regular budget of the Histadrut was \$47,819, or 31 percent, more in 1938 than in 1937, and \$91,849, or 45 percent more in 1939 than in 1938.

**Budget 1940** The National Labor Committee adopted a minimum budget of \$1,000,000 for 1940. The budget estimate includes expenditures for fund raising of \$90,000, an increase over actual expenditures of 1939 of \$19,325, or 27 percent; and an increase for the Histadrut of \$595,761, or 189 percent. On the basis that 75 percent of the income in 1939 came from contributions, this budget presumes an income of \$446,821 from contributions in 1940, an increase of 52 percent over the contributions received in 1939.

- Comments**
1. The National Labor Committee does not finance the program of the Histadrut for its trade union activities and its membership benefits. (See report, Histadrut.)
  2. For training of pioneers in European and American countries and for emigration to Palestine, funds are also received from the Jewish Agency (which receives American support through the United Palestine Appeal) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.
  3. There is no fiscal relationship between the National Labor Committee and the United Palestine Appeal. The Histadrut in Palestine cooperates both financially and functionally in phases of its colonization program with the Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund) and the Keren Kayemeth (Jewish National Fund) and the Jewish Agency for Palestine. All three of these agencies receive support from American through the United Palestine Appeal.



**RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, GENERAL PROGRAM  
HISTADRUT - PALESTINE**

| <b>A. RECEIPTS</b>              |  | <b>Fiscal Year Ending</b> | <b>October 1, 1938</b> | <b>August 31, 1939</b> |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. National Labor Committee     |  |                           | \$192,475              | \$296,230              |
| 2. Emergency Palestine Purposes |  |                           |                        | 19,510                 |
| 3. Other countries              |  |                           | 4,440                  |                        |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>           |  |                           | <b>\$196,915</b>       | <b>\$315,740</b>       |

| <b>B. DISBURSEMENTS</b>   |  | <b>Fiscal Year Ending</b> | <b>October 1, 1938</b> | <b>August 31, 1939</b> |
|---|--|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 4. Agricultural Labor Colonization                                |  |                           | \$ 71,250              | \$ 95,717              |
| 5. Schools, cultural work, vocational training and social welfare |  |                           | 39,625                 | 31,287                 |
| 6. Labor homes and centers  |  |                           | 20,365                 | 57,306                 |
| 7. Labor immigration, employment and organization                 |  |                           | 32,505                 | 72,691                 |
| 8. Defense, labor settlement, aviation and sports                 |  |                           | 15,600                 | 28,561                 |
| 9. General educational work                                       |  |                           | 12,195                 | 10,668                 |
| 10. Labor insurance   |  |                           | 2,875                  |                        |
| 11. Palestine Pavilion<br>(New York World's Fair)                 |  |                           | 2,500                  |                        |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>  |  |                           | <b>\$196,915</b>       | <b>\$296,230</b>       |
| 12. Special purposes  |  |                           |                        | \$ 19,510              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |  |                           | <b>\$196,915</b>       | <b>\$315,740</b>       |



**TABLE SUPPORTING SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS**  
**NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE FOR JEWISH WORKERS IN PALESTINE**

**TABLE 1 - RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1937, 1938 and 1939**  
(All figures have been secured from financial audits.)

| <b>A. RECEIPTS</b> Fiscal year ending    | <b>August 31, 1937</b> | <b>August 31, 1938</b> | <b>August 31, 1939</b> |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Federations and welfare funds         | \$ 15,776              | \$ 48,205              | \$ 52,488              |
| 2. Others                                | 168,883                | 166,242                | 236,506                |
| 3. Flower Day Collections                | 4,000                  | 4,500                  | 3,875                  |
| <b>Total Contributions</b>               | <b>\$188,659(82%)</b>  | <b>\$218,947(76%)</b>  | <b>\$292,869(75%)</b>  |
| <b>FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS</b>          |                        |                        |                        |
| 4. Pioneer Women's Organization          | \$ 33,000              | \$ 42,461              | \$ 58,552              |
| 5. Farband Women's Club                  | 1,277                  | 2,000                  | 2,561                  |
| <b>Total From Other Organizations</b>    | <b>\$ 34,277(15%)</b>  | <b>\$44,461(16%)</b>   | <b>\$ 61,113(16%)</b>  |
| <b>SPECIAL EMERGENCY FUNDS</b>           |                        |                        |                        |
| 6. Trade Union Division                  |                        |                        | \$ 9,145               |
| 7. Farband Women's Club                  |                        |                        | 6,950                  |
| 8. Poale Zion-Zeire Zion                 |                        |                        | 4,150                  |
| 9. League for Labor Palestine            |                        |                        | 3,550                  |
| 10. Pioneer Women's Organization         |                        |                        | 3,250                  |
| 11. Miscellaneous                        |                        |                        | 6,145                  |
| <b>Total Special Emergency Funds</b>     |                        | <b>\$ 13,435(5%)</b>   | <b>\$ 33,190(8%)</b>   |
| 12. Loans                                | \$ 5,375(2%)           | \$ 4,250(2%)           |                        |
| 13. Balance from previous years          | 1,141(1%)              | 4,230(1%)              | 3,636(1%)              |
| <b>Total 12, 13</b>                      | <b>\$ 6,516(3%)</b>    | <b>\$ 8,480(3%)</b>    | <b>\$ 3,636(1%)</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                    | <b>\$229,452(100%)</b> | <b>\$285,323(100%)</b> | <b>\$390,808(100%)</b> |
| <b>B. DISBURSEMENTS</b> Fiscal Yr ending |                        |                        |                        |
| <b>TRANSMITTED TO PALESTINE</b>          |                        |                        |                        |
| 14. Histadrut Haovdim (Regular Budget)   | \$155,061              | \$202,880              | \$294,729              |
| 15. For Special Purposes                 | 5,440                  | 8,606                  | 19,510                 |
| <b>Total Transmitted to Palestine</b>    | <b>\$160,501(71%)</b>  | <b>\$211,486(75%)</b>  | <b>\$314,239(81%)</b>  |
| <b>FUND RAISING</b>                      |                        |                        |                        |
| <b>Administrative</b>                    |                        |                        |                        |
| 16. Salaries                             | \$ 8,762               | \$ 8,996               | \$ 9,989               |
| 17. Rent, Light and Office Supplies      | 1,650                  | 1,408                  | 2,617                  |
| 18. Stationery, Printing and Literature  | 3,318                  | 3,863                  | 6,424                  |
| 19. Postage and Express                  | 1,170                  | 1,385                  | 1,787                  |
| 20. Telephone, Telegraph and Cables      | 1,972                  | 1,630                  | 2,384                  |
| 21. Bank Charges, Fees and Exchange      | 205                    | 272                    | 251                    |
| 22. Furniture and Fixtures               | 171                    | 266                    | 331                    |
| 23. Interest on Loans and Miscellaneous  | 356                    | 436                    | 235                    |
| <b>Total Administrative</b>              | <b>\$ 17,604(8%)</b>   | <b>\$ 18,257(6%)</b>   | <b>\$ 23,918(6%)</b>   |
| <b>Organization Expense</b>              |                        |                        |                        |
| 24. Travel of Organizers, Palestine      |                        |                        |                        |
| Delegation and Speakers                  | \$ 9,109               | \$ 9,998               | \$ 11,320              |
| 25. Campaign Activities in New York      | 6,220                  | 6,050                  | 5,663                  |
| 26. Mass Meetings, Conference and        |                        |                        |                        |
| National Convention                      | 4,433                  | 4,587                  | 4,358                  |
| 27. Advertising and Publicity            | 4,584                  | 4,573                  | 4,576                  |
| 28. Collection Material for Flower Day   | 705                    | 743                    |                        |
| 29. Salaries                             | 14,384                 | 15,586                 | 20,840                 |
| <b>Total Organization Expense</b>        | <b>\$ 39,435(18%)</b>  | <b>\$ 41,537(15%)</b>  | <b>\$ 46,757(12%)</b>  |
| <b>Total Fund Raising</b>                | <b>\$ 57,039(26%)</b>  | <b>\$ 59,794(21%)</b>  | <b>\$ 70,675(18%)</b>  |

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Brought forward                     | \$217,540       | \$271,280       | \$384,914       |
| Continued                           |                 |                 |                 |
| B. DISBURSEMENTS Fiscal Yr Ending   | August 31, 1937 | August 31, 1938 | August 31, 1939 |
| MISCELLANEOUS                       |                 |                 | \$ 250          |
| 30. Repayment of Loans and Advances | \$ 7,682        | \$ 10,407       | \$ 800          |
| 31. Furniture and Equipment         |                 |                 | 299             |
| Total Miscellaneous                 | \$ 7,682(3%)    | \$ 10,407(4%)   | \$ 1,349(1%)    |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS                 | \$225,222(100%) | \$281,687(100%) | \$386,263(100%) |
| C. BALANCE                          | \$ 4,230        | \$ 3,636        | \$ 4,545        |





**TABLE - SUPPORT OF JEWISH FEDERATION AND WELFARE FUNDS  
TO THE NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE  
For the Period September 1, 1938-August 31, 1939  
(From the records of the National Labor Committee for Palestine)**

| <b>CITY</b>          | <b>Total<br/>Allocation:</b> | <b>CITY</b>         | <b>Total<br/>Allocation</b> |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Akron, O.            | \$ 750                       | Pontiac, Mich.      | \$ 20                       |
| Atlanta, Ga.         | 600                          | Portland, Ore.      | 500                         |
| Binghamton, N.Y.     | 1,300                        | Reading, Pa.        | 500                         |
| Birmingham, Ala.     | 175                          | Richmond, Va.       | 750                         |
| Bridgeport, Conn.    | 1,600                        | Rochester, N.Y.     | 2,000                       |
| Buffalo, N.Y.        | 2,500                        | Sacramento, Cal.    | 75                          |
| Camden, N. J.        | 200                          | St. Paul, Minn.     | 1,500                       |
| Canton, O.           | 412.50                       | San Diego, Cal.     | 150                         |
| Cincinnati, O.       | 2,500                        | San Francisco, Cal. | 3,000                       |
| Columbus, O.         | 250                          | Schenectady, N.Y.   | 400                         |
| Dayton, O.           | 100                          | Scranton, Pa.       | 1,200                       |
| Des Moines, Ia.      | 150                          | Seattle, Wash.      | 200                         |
| Duluth, Minn.        | 750                          | Selma, Ala.         | 10                          |
| Edmonton, Alberta    | 700                          | Sioux City, Ia.     | 150                         |
| Erie, Pa.            | 100                          | South Bend, Ind.    | 400                         |
| Flint, Mich.         | 500                          | Springfield, Mass.  | 1,000                       |
| Ft. Worth, Texas     | 150                          | Syracuse, N. Y.     | 1,200                       |
| Harrisburg, Pa.      | 50                           | Toledo, O.          | 1,000                       |
| Hartford, Conn.      | 1,869.63                     | Toronto, Ont.       | 4,000                       |
| Houston, Texas       | 1,500                        | Troy, New York      | 150                         |
| Indianapolis, Ind.   | 500                          | Tulsa, Oklahoma     | 1,000                       |
| Jacksonville, Fla.   | 200                          | Virginia, Minn.     | 261.78                      |
| Johnstown, Pa.       | 200                          | Waco, Texas         | 275.                        |
| Kansas City, Mo.     | 2,000                        | Washington, D. C.   | *                           |
| Louisville, Ky.      | 900                          | Wichita, Kansas     | 100                         |
| Memphis, Tenn.       | 300                          | Wilmington, Del.    | 500                         |
| Miami, Florida       | 300                          | Winnipeg, Manitoba  | 2,000                       |
| Milwaukee, Wisc.     | 7,500                        | Worcester, Mass.    | 2,500                       |
| Montgomery, Ala.     | 50                           | Youngstown, O.      | 1,000                       |
| Newark, N. J.        | 3,000                        |                     |                             |
| Newburgh, N.Y.       | 300                          |                     |                             |
| New Haven, Conn.     | 1,700                        |                     |                             |
| New Orleans, La.     | 350                          |                     |                             |
| Niagara Falls, N. Y. | 50                           |                     |                             |
| Norfolk, Va.         | 500                          |                     |                             |
| Oakland, Cal.        | 500                          |                     |                             |
| Omaha, Neb.          | 600                          |                     |                             |
| Passaic, N. J.       | 400                          |                     |                             |
| Peoria, Ill.         | 75                           |                     |                             |
|                      |                              | <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$61,823.91</b>          |

\* Washington, D.C. allocated 5 percent of the income. Actual cash payment was \$6,450, but this is not included in total allocations shown above.



United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

April 1, 1940

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

You may be interested in seeing a few reverberations of the enormous publicity (without any adequate results as far as I can see) given to the ZOA refugee transportation fund.

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March 20, 1940

Rabbi Solomon Goldman, President  
Zionist Organization of America  
111 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Rabbi Goldman:

I know that you will not object to constructive criticism, and therefore I do not hesitate to address this letter to you for I know it will be understood.

The present wave of sympathetic contributions which is engendered by the plight of the refugee can very well become a source of severe difficulty. You and I know that there are certain irresponsible organizations or persons in our community life today who are inclined to utilize this appeal in an untoward manner. This is an evil that we try to control, but when a responsible and honored organization addresses an appeal of that character in the midst of the preparations for a gigantic money-raising effort in which it indirectly participates, then the harm that is done is beyond calculation.

I have reference to the recent communication addressed to "Fellow Zionists" for voluntary contributions because of the sad plight of thousands of our co-religionists. You and I cannot disagree on the proposition that the American Jewish community has not yet begun to give, but apparently we are in disagreement as to the best method to bring about maximum results. For example, we in Omaha are in the midst of our preparations for a united campaign. It goes without saying that the United Jewish Appeal is a principal beneficiary. When Zionists receive the type of communication which the organization recently addressed to them, it very definitely interferes with the conduct of a united campaign. Aside from that, there are those of us who feel that it violates the spirit of the United Jewish Appeal. It may even give us cause to wonder if some of the leadership of the Joint Distribution Committee were not correct in their hesitation about the continuance of the United Jewish Appeal. In the last few days our office has received several telephone calls from workers and contributors. Their attitude is one of amazement as well as disgust.

I feel it is my duty to write this letter as much as I do not like it. I cannot help but feel that the continuation of such tactics will be harmful to the rebuilding of the National Jewish Homeland. The relatively few dollars that such an appeal can produce will hardly overbalance the reaction on many communities.

Frankly, I would appreciate receiving some word from you explaining the happening. As matters stand now, we have no intelligent way of answering the inquiries of our past and potential contributors.

I recognize that you are very occupied in your duties and ordinarily I would not be inclined to disturb you, but I do feel that the matter is of sufficient moment to justify your usual careful attention.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Philip M. Klutznick  
Chairman, Budget Committee



MINNEAPOLIS FEDERATION FOR JEWISH SERVICE

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March 20, 1940

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

Dear Henry:

Some Zionist friends have 'phoned in the last three days inquiring about the Z.O.A. transportation campaign. Those of us who are engaged in organizing campaigns are rather disturbed by these conflicting appeals.

I notice that "New Palestine" states editorially that this appeal is supposed to be over and above what one contributes to the U.J.A. and to the Zionist funds. But, the question is whether it was timed properly.

I would appreciate any information that you may have for the purpose of answering any questions that may come to me.

Sincerely, .

(Signed) Charles

Charles I. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
41 East 42 Street  
New York, N.Y.

MEMORANDUM

April 2, 1940

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM: BEATRICE COHEN

Mr. Blitz informed me that he wired and wrote to you that the Brooklyn meeting, originally scheduled for April 17th, has been postponed to April 18th.

Mr. Montor was unaware of this change when he asked me to send you the attached memorandum.

Mr. Blitz will let me know of your decision regarding the Brooklyn date so that I may notify Mr. Montor.



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
41 East 42 STREET  
NEW YORK, N.Y.

M E M O R A N D U M

April 2, 1940

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Do you think you might want to arrange a meeting with Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and Hollander in regard to the three representatives of the Welfare Funds on the Distribution Committee on either April 17th or 18th?

Also, do you believe that any meeting with Landau and Backer on the JTA-Palcor merger would be without point since no cable has yet been received from Jerusalem giving absolute authority to the committee of four originally designated?

I am wondering whether you feel that there ought to be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. Your present schedule, as far as I know, provides for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the UPA at 2:00 o'clock and a dinner meeting in Brooklyn on April 17th.

Would you wish to stay over for the 18th to dispose of these other matters?

HM:BC



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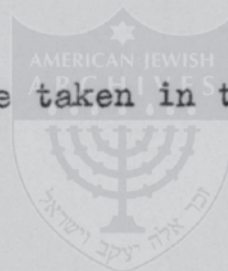
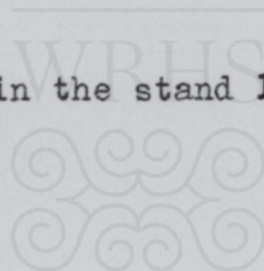
## MEMORANDUM

*Date* April 2, 1940.

*To* Dr. Silver

*From* Henry Montor

*Subject* Do you support me in the stand I have taken in the enclosed copy of a letter to Edward M. M. Warburg?





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111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 2, 1940.

Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg  
United Jewish Appeal for Greater New York  
261 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Warburg:

It has come to my attention that the Executive Committee of the New York United Jewish Appeal has given consideration to a request on the part of the National Refugee Service for preferential payments out of the income of the New York campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

As one who shared in the extended discussions leading up to the formation of the 1940 United Jewish Appeal, involving particularly the participation of the National Refugee Service, I think it is fair to say that at no time was the possibility approved or even considered that the needs of the National Refugee Service took precedence over the obligations of the United Palestine Appeal or the Joint Distribution Committee. As one who is familiar with the work of the three organizations, you are naturally aware of the extraordinary pressure on each. For the New York City campaign, on the representations of one group, to make preferential payments, is to undermine the very basis of the United Jewish Appeal. You and the other officers would open yourselves to a series and system of pressures that would be intolerable in the light of the heavy obligations you have already assumed for fund-raising.

May I make this formal request, that if any action along these lines is contemplated, there be a prior discussion of the problem?

Cordially yours,

Henry Heater  
Executive Director

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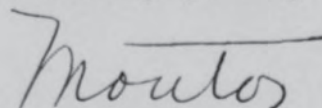
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am deeply appreciative of your kindness in writing me of the decision made by the Budget Committee of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund to allocate \$500,000 to the United Jewish Appeal. It is extremely encouraging to note the rigidity with which this allotment has been made. It will serve as an exemplar for other communities, I hope.

What is happening is that for 1940, as far as we can see, Cleveland will be the third city in the United States, from the point of view of contribution to the United Jewish Appeal.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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April 2, 1940

TO Samuel Blitz

FROM Henry Montor

I have seen the list of campaign officers of the New York United Jewish Appeal. As I recall the first meeting we had, the list of Honorary Chairmen is not the list that we agreed upon. It was distinctly understood that there would be no Honorary Chairmen, but if there were, Dr. Stephen S. Wise would be one of them.

I wonder why it is that regardless of the composition of the New York United Jewish Appeal; regardless of the lavish gestures of conciliation and tact that are displayed, these grave breaches of decency occur.

HM:BG





UNITED JEWISH APPEAL *for* REFUGEES *and* OVERSEAS NEEDS • INTER-OFFICE MEMO

**To** Mr. Henry Montor

**From** Mr. Samuel Blitz

**Date** April 3, 1940

cc: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

I do not think that you correctly recall the proceedings of the meeting in connection with the New York setup. At that meeting Mr. Warburg announced that Mr. Henry Ittleson, who was last year's Chairman, would be invited to serve as the only Honorary Chairman. In addition, there would be a number of Honorary Vice-Chairmen, the complete list of which I read at that meeting. The list included the JDC and UPA leaders residing in New York. Dr. Stephen S. Wise was of course included in that list.

Subsequent to that meeting, Mr. Ittleson had declined to serve as Honorary Chairman of the national UJA but finally agreed to serve as an Honorary Chairman of the New York UJA provided Governor Lehman would also accept. We were glad to have the Governor's consent.

I therefore fail to see where any "grave breaches of decency" have occurred in connection with the Greater New York Campaign.



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GOLDWATER & FLYNN  
60 East 42nd St.  
New York City

April 5, 1940

Dear ~~Mr. Blitz~~:

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will be guest of honor at the Bronx Division dinner of the United Jewish Appeal on May 8, at the Hotel Commodore.

This is good news indeed. Dr. Silver occupies a unique place in our national life as one of the most eloquent spokesmen of American Jewry. At this moment Dr. Silver's name means even more. He is a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, heading the gigantic task of rushing aid to the war-sufferers overseas and the refugees who seek to rebuild their lives in Palestine, the United States, and other countries.

He is making a special trip from his home in Cleveland to be with us at the dinner and you can appreciate how much encouragement his presence will give to our activities. Many leaders have agreed to serve on the Executive Committee, but in order to make this dinner the complete success it must be, it is imperative that the name of every prominent individual in our borough be listed.

Will you, then, accept a place on our Executive Committee. Please let me know on the enclosed card that we may count on your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Monroe Goldwater  
Chairman, Bronx U.J.A.

It is with pleasure that I am able to announce my fellow-officers who are working with me to make this effort a success:

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April 5, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have just returned from my trip to New Orleans and Dallas. Both communities arranged very fine public meetings and I enjoyed my visit to them greatly. They are very well organized for the campaign and there is a marked enthusiasm. Both communities feel they will do substantially better than last year. I also spoke with a representative from Houston who happened to be in Dallas, suggesting a considerably higher quota for that community.

More than one individual in New Orleans and Dallas spoke to me about the poor showing of New York City in '39. I have had similar complaints from other communities. They do not know why the rest of the country should be asked for even more money than it raised last year, when it met its full requirement, while New York failed in '39, and gives every indication of doing even less this year. I spoke, this morning, to Rabbi Jonah Wise and Mr. Blitz about the situation in New York. I believe that the New York community ought to be made aware that it is facing a crisis in its giving, and that Draconian measures must be resorted to to make New York Jewry - the classes and the masses alike - aware of the situation. National Headquarters of the UJA would do a better job if it devoted less time and thought to the communities outside of New York and devoted itself almost exclusively to the problem in New York City.

It would be advisable to have the lay-leadership of cities like St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Cincinnati, etc. bear down upon New York and call for a show-down with the lay-leaders of that city. Mr. Loeb, of Chicago, had to do it years ago to shock New York Jews out of their damnable complacency and conceit, and I am persuaded that it needs to be done again. Perhaps an open letter signed by the leaders of a dozen welfare fund communities throughout the United States addressed to the Jewish community of New York City confronting it with its clear but unmet responsibility might help.

I am at a loss also to understand some of the organizational methods of Mr. Blitz. For weeks now, he has bothered me about giving



Mr. Montor

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him a date for Brooklyn. The date was set. I cleared my calendar for it. It was only yesterday that Mr. Blitz discovered that some other affair will be held in Brooklyn that evening, and that the meeting has to be postponed. This is also inept and amateurish.

When you return to New York, I would suggest that you and Mr. Coons spend the rest of your time on the New York situation. As things stand now, New York City will probably raise less than \$5,000,000 this year.

Very cordially yours,

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Solomon Goldman  
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Please find enclosed our check payable to your order in the sum of \$40, in reimbursement of travel and hotel expense which you incurred in connection with your trip to New York on March 18, 1940.

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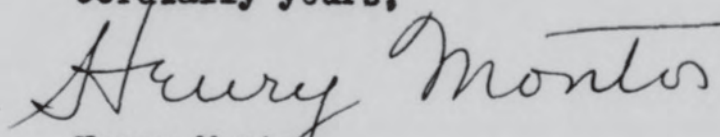
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With kindest regards, I am

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

London, 10th April 1940

Mr. Henry Montor  
New York

Dear Montor,

I received your note of the 27th ult., containing the memorandum of the Financial and Budgetary Situation during 1939 of the Joint Distribution Committee. What an interesting memorandum! I am sure our friend Dr. Landauer studied it with enthusiasm and gave you and other friends some hints how to read it. I will go into it, if I can, for my own enlightenment, will show it also to Dr. Rosenblueth who till not derive less pleasure than I did from seeing this document. For the time being and before having studied the document properly, I want only to dot down some notes which are, of course, subject to correction.

The first page opens with the picture of \$10,527,094.- as the amount of approved appropriations for the programme of activities in 1939. This corresponds to what we used to call the Congress budget, but the budgetary deficit of the Joint, stated to be during 1939 \$2,177,094 is apparently not the same as our deficits which are not budgetary deficits but real ones. If we would have to show for certain purposes large budgetary deficits, we should not find it difficult, because we could easily start from those budgetary estimates which are brought from our various departments and committees into the finance and budget commission and result in a budget, which subsequently is cut down to the bare minimum. Our mistake so far as policy vis a vis the Joint is concerned, is that we publish this minimum budget as our starting point, whilst the appropriations of the Joint contain figures which are not cut down to the bone as ours.

One of the most startling disclosures of the memorandum is contained on page 2 in the third paragraph, indicating that the Joint has not paid to the Coordinating Foundation for Refugees \$800,000 as received from the 1939 collections of the United Jewish Appeal through the decision of the Allocations Committee, but only \$160,000; the balance of \$640,000 to be paid to the Coordinating Foundation over a period of years at the rate of \$40,000 annually (exhibit "A"). That means that the Joint claimed these \$800,000 which otherwise may have been distributed between Joint and United Palestine Appeal, for an earmarked purpose, but has not to pay them immediately, but can make use of the balance for its purposes; in other words, interposing the Coordinating Foundation, the Joint has received a loan from the United Jewish Appeal 1939, and I should not be surprised if this loan is one which is not burdened with a difficult debt service. Part of this amount would have relieved the U. P. A., i.e. Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth from the necessity to borrow money under Severe conditions for pressing expenditure.

At the bottom of page 2 and on top of page 3 of the memorandum you find that the Warsaw office of the Joint has borrowed \$638,000 from whatever source was available. You will note further on, on page 6 under paragraph 4 that the Joint borrowed from affiliated organizations overseas \$343,300, and under III A 1 that the Joint has an obligation of \$200,000 to meet advances secured in Poland from private sources and groups which are liable to call for reimbursement at any time.

It is somewhat difficult to adjust these three figures without further explanation but anyhow it seems clear that the Warsaw office borrowed money from private people who will receive payment in dollar from the Joint. These private people will be fortunate enough if they have escaped from Poland to have effected in this way a private transfer. It is a pity that the Joint had always refused to come to an agreement with the Keren Hayesod in Poland, as the K.H. and the Keren Kayemeth have, of course, lost enormous sums in Poland, because they were unable to transfer their collections. The Joint always



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insisted that they must send dollars to Warsaw and not use the funds of the Keren Hayesod and that the Joint itself cannot take part in negotiations with the Polish Government about clearing arrangements which would secure the transfer of the Palestine Funds. And in the end it seems that again not public funds benefited from the clearing and transfer effected through the Warsaw Joint, but private people. These private people are of course more fortunate.

On Page 3 under B 1 I note the amount of \$2,235,000 for clearance arrangements. It is a pity that no more details are given for this amount. You know from my previous correspondence how much I am interested just in these figures.

On Page 4 (7) you note the figure of \$160,000 described as first instalment of Subscription to Coordinating Foundation for Refugees and headed "Special Wartime Grant". Was it a grant of the Joint or of the United Jewish Appeal?

The figure of \$12,500 for the Hebrew University Jerusalem, \$16,667 for the ITA, \$50,000 for research surveys of settlement projects, \$100,000 for functional service, education and campaign stimulation and \$393,927 for administration charges (without any details!) are quite interesting.

But more interesting is under C the figure of \$517,880 as surplus, accumulated over a period of years, representing excess of income over expenditure from 1933 to 1938. How often has this figure been challenged or dug out? It is in fact a hidden reserve. The United Palestine Appeal or the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth were never in the fortunate position to accumulate such hidden reserves, burdened as we are by deficits and commitments and obligations, arising not from responsibilities in the future but from services rendered in the past.

On the same page (5) too, you find a small working fund of \$620,000 which has also been accumulated over a period of years, a second reserve, showing that the Joint was able in fact to accumulate a reserve of \$1,137,880, proving in fact that the Joint is a better business organization than we are, as we have never been able to put even the smallest amount on reserve for emergencies.

On Page 7 we find under 111 A b that the amount of \$100,000 will have to be paid to the Coordinating Foundation during the early months of 1940 for the 1939 appropriation. I do not understand it. Means that, that even of the \$160,000 which, as said above were "granted" to the Coordinating Foundation, only \$60,000 were paid and \$100,000 left for 1940?

That 111 A 3 ~~summarizes~~ enumerates as one of the pressing needs of the Joint, "to reinstate the working fund of \$620,000" is not surprising. Perhaps the U.P.A. would not declare the necessity also to instate such a working fund for Palestine purposes?

Quite unexplained remains the figure of \$126,941 under 111 A 4 to meet other requirements on account of 1939 programme. What may these other requirements be?

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) L. Herrmann



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Henry Montro  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of April 5th describing the meetings you had in New Orleans and Dallas. Your experience bears out the gratifying response that has been evident in the greater number of communities. I am glad that your letter invites certain comments on campaign problems.

First, as to myself and my visits to a number of the major communities this year, particularly in the West. I have gone there for the UJA campaign, of course. But I had another objective also. I was to establish contact on a friendly basis with the leaders in these communities. I wanted to see what the sentiment was and might be toward the United Palestine Appeal. I found a number of things: first, that if we had to depend on organized Zionist districts, we would be totally lost virtually everywhere; secondly, that the leaders of these communities are not at all hostile to Palestine and are prepared to give generous support - if only we could eliminate some of the Zionist leadership whose calibre is confused with the importance of Palestine. If I say so myself, I think I have created a number of important friendships which will be valuable to the UPA for the future. As Executive Director of the UPA (if that job is to continue for any length of time, an uncertain quantity in a movement as volatile as the Zionist) my usefulness to the organization has been greatly enhanced during this year's activities. I have made many personal friends and registered certain impressions. Campaigning and allocations are very largely built on social pressure and personal relationships as well as merit of causes.

Now, as to the New York campaign. Blitz is the director of it. I personally believe he has the most fantastic conception of his relationship to the United Palestine Appeal. For all practical purposes he has none whatever. He does not at any time act in the UJA as if he were linked in the slightest to the UPA. When questions arise involving UPA prestige, interests, etc., all he does is refer his Co-Director, Mr. Bernstein, to me - since I (in contradistinction to Blitz) am supposed to understand and interpret UPA policy.

I think I can be helpful in the New York campaign. I certainly want to be. It's preferable to traveling long distances for usually idle meetings. But all I can do is tell Warburg I want to help; and tell Blitz the same. I can't hang on their doorsteps all day long.



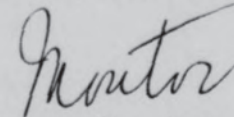
In San Francisco I addressed the 25 most influential men in the community - and they seemed to find it helpful to the campaign. In Los Angeles, I addressed the three biggest big gift luncheon meetings they have had, and it seemed to be satisfactory. Money was raised at all these luncheons. I cite this merely to indicate that helpfulness to a campaign is not beyond my scope. But as long as Blitz and Warburg act with the same secretiveness for which Willen was blamed last year, there is nothing that anybody can do. Perhaps Blitz resents me and my possible interference with him. I wouldn't care much about his feelings in the matter. But there are certain organizational forms. In the same way as Goldhamer would resist and resent my coming to Cleveland without being invited, Blitz has the legal right not to invite my help in the campaign. It's all very silly and technical, I know. But I am not standing on my pride. I merely want to be given directions.

New York is bad and will continue to be bad while it is under the domination of Federation leadership. Direct or indirect that leadership is functioning. It consists of not doing too much to make the community aware of the campaign.

I do hope that when you get here on April 17th I shall have a full opportunity to discuss this problem with you. I might add that Coons is in the same position with respect to the New York campaign as I am.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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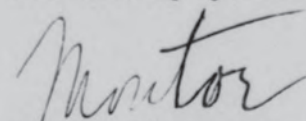
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I think you will be interested to hear the observation of Al Lichtman, general manager of MGM, with whom I spent quite a bit of time. He is chairman of the motion picture division of the campaign. The highlight in Hollywood is still remembered as the address you delivered to the group two years ago. If only they could repeat on that, he sighed.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of April 5th describing the meetings you had in New Orleans and Dallas. Your experience bears out the gratifying response that has been evident in the greater number of communities. I am glad that your letter invites certain comments on campaign problems.

First, as to myself and my visits to a number of the major communities this year, particularly in the West. I have gone there for the UJA campaign, of course. But I had another objective also. I was to establish contact on a friendly basis with the leaders in these communities. I wanted to see what the sentiment was and might be toward the United Palestine Appeal. I found a number of things: first, that if we had to depend on organized Zionist districts, we would be totally lost virtually everywhere; secondly, that the leaders of these communities are not at all hostile to Palestine and are prepared to give generous support - if only we could eliminate some of the Zionist leadership whose calibre is confused with the importance of Palestine. If I say so myself, I think I have created a number of important friendships which will be valuable to the UPA for the future. As Executive Director of the UPA (if that job is to continue for any length of time, an uncertain quantity in a movement as volatile as the Zionist) my usefulness to the organization has been greatly enhanced during this year's activities. I have made many personal friends and registered certain impressions. Campaigning and allocations are very largely built on social pressure and personal relationships as well as merit of causes.

Now, as to the New York campaign. Blitz is the director of it. I personally believe he has the most fantastic conception of his relationship to the United Palestine Appeal. For all practical purposes he has none whatever. He does not at any time act in the UJA as if he were linked in the slightest to the UPA. When questions arise involving UPA prestige, interests, etc., all he does is refer his Co-Director, Mr. Bernstein, to me - since I (in contradistinction to Blitz) am supposed to understand and interpret UPA policy.

I think I can be helpful in the New York campaign. I certainly want to be. It's preferable to traveling long distances for usually idle meetings. But all I can do is tell Warburg I want to help; and tell Blitz the same. I can't hang on their doorsteps all day long.



In San Francisco I addressed the 25 most influential men in the community - and they seemed to find it helpful to the campaign. In Los Angeles, I addressed the three biggest big gift luncheon meetings they have had, and it seemed to be satisfactory. Money was raised at all these luncheons. I cite this merely to indicate that helpfulness to a campaign is not beyond my scope. But as long as Blitz and Warburg act with the same secretiveness for which Willen was blamed last year, there is nothing that anybody can do. Perhaps Blitz resents me and my possible interference with him. I wouldn't care much about his feelings in the matter. But there are certain organizational forms. In the same way as Goldhamer would resist and resent my coming to Cleveland without being invited, Blitz has the legal right not to invite my help in the campaign. It's all very silly and technical, I know. But I am not standing on my pride. I merely want to be given directions.

New York is bad and will continue to be bad while it is under the domination of Federation leadership. Direct or indirect that leadership is functioning. It consists of not doing too much to make the community aware of the campaign.

I do hope that when you get here on April 17th I shall have a full opportunity to discuss this problem with you. I might add that Coons is in the same position with respect to the New York campaign as I am.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

HM:BC

Henry Montor  
Executive Director



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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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April 15, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Please find enclosed herewith our check payable to your order in the sum of \$28.63, representing payment for secretarial services for the month of March, and telegrams.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Montor*

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

HERBERT H. LEHMAN  
Albany - New York

April 16, 1940

Dr. Stephen S. Wise  
40 West 68th Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Wise:

Will you please meet with me and a number of other community leaders on Wednesday, May 8th, at 8:30 p.m., at my home, 820 Park Avenue.

Latest developments in the war abroad place a compelling mandate on us, who live in peace, demanding the rallying of all our forces and all our energies to do all that is humanly possible for the war sufferers and refugees overseas. In addition, refugee immigration to the United States constitutes a problem on our doorstep, which we are pledged to solve "within the family", and on which we must follow through.

Fortunately, as a group and as individual citizens, we have built up a rich tradition for meeting and surmounting difficult communal problems. It is a tradition which I feel sure will help arouse that type of extraordinary community devotion required of each of us at this moment.

I consider it extremely important that you attend the conference at my home, which I am calling, of course, in the capacity of a private citizen.

As you know, Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg has shouldered the enormous responsibility devolving on the chairmanship of the New York campaign of the United Jewish Appeal. Now it is our duty to come forward to do all we can to assist him, and to assume whatever measure of individual responsibility is required of us in this emergency.

Please write me at 1 William Street, New York City, telling me that you will join us at my home on May 8th.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Herbert H. Lehman

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United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y.

M E M O R A N D U M

April 17, 1940

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

I believe that it will be of interest to you to see the attached copy of a letter that has been issued by the National Refugee Service in regard to the German-Jewish Childrens Aid, Inc.

Apparently the NRS considers the German-Jewish Childrens Aid, Inc. as part of its functions, but separates it for 1940 because it does not believe that adequate funds for the purpose will be forthcoming.

HM:BG  
Enc.





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NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, INC.  
165 West 46th Street  
New York City

March 14, 1940

The German Jewish Children's Aid, Inc. has, for a number of years, brought into this country (under the immigration quota) in monthly groups, children from Germany, and now has a large number of applications from Austria, Bohemia and Moravia. The total number of children who have already come to the United States through the German Jewish Children's Aid, is 464. On account of the situation abroad, there is today a resumption - on a larger scale than heretofore - of the immigration of these children. Reports reaching us from Germany and Central Europe indicate that Jewish parents who were most reluctant to let their children leave them, are today anxious to send even children of tender years to us. The problem, therefore, becomes more significant today than before.

As a result of this development, conferences have taken place between the National Refugee Service, Inc. and the National Council of Jewish Women in order to provide effective methods of meeting this situation. The Council was requested two years ago, by the then National Coordinating Committee, to concern itself with the finding of funds adequate to provide for the needs of these children in this country, and to furnish the essential services for the national offices of the German Jewish Children's Aid, Inc. The Council has, therefore, in the last few years, succeeded in raising through its local sections and by cooperation with the welfare funds (where these undertook responsibility for maintenance) the requisite amounts, both for the care of children in the communities in which they are placed, and, also, for the office and general administrative services of the German Jewish Children's Aid in New York.

Through these discussions, there has been every desire to take into account conditions in the respective communities, with a view to avoiding in every degree, any elements of friction with local welfare funds or campaigns.

Late in 1939, the National Refugee Service, Inc. desirous, in the general interest of the whole American Jewish community, to effect a closer centralization of this work within the whole general structure of the emergency refugee program, studied the problem with a view to effectuating two steps:

- 1) To supervise the general administration of the national office of the German Jewish Children's Aid, Inc.
- 2) To finance the general operating charges of the German Jewish Children's Aid, Inc.



The first step has proceeded quite successfully, and there is, today, a very close community of interest and collaboration between the office of the German-Jewish Children's Aid, Inc. and the National Refugee Service, Inc., the latter body exercising a general supervisory relationship.

As to the financing of the German-Jewish Children's Aid program during the year 1940, it was intended, if the income and resources of the National Refugee Service, Inc. this year warranted such a step, for the National Refugee Service, Inc. to include financial provision for the German-Jewish Children's Aid program. An analysis of the current financial situation of National Refugee Service, Inc., however, the rising costs due to the cumulative nature of the work of National Refugee Service, Inc., in so many other essential fields - relief, resettlement, employment, migration, etc. - makes clear that the National Refugee Service cannot (in the immediate future) assume the financial responsibility for German-Jewish Children's Aid, Inc. during 1940. In these circumstances, National Refugee Service, Inc. again looks to the National Council of Jewish Women, which has generously agreed to finance this program, to continue to secure the funds requisite for the national office administrative and service charges of the German-Jewish Children's Aid, Inc., in addition to the commitments which local sections have made to take care of children in local communities for the balance of this year.

It is understood that the local sections of the National Council of Jewish Women, in seeking these funds, shall in all instances bear in mind the viewpoint and practice in the respective communities, and shall adapt their procedure to the requirements of the local welfare funds and campaigns this year.

National Refugee Service, Inc. contemplates, should its income and resources prove adequate in 1941, to include the entire program of the German-Jewish Children's Aid, Inc. so far as national office administration, services, supervision and finances are concerned.

Sincerely yours,

NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, INC.

William Haber  
Executive Director



JEWISH WELFARE FUND  
128 NORTH WELLS ST.  
CHICAGO, ILL.

April 17, 1940

Miss Julia Rubenstein  
United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Dear Miss Rubenstein:

I do not believe that, in the light of the circumstances here, it would be wise for a Passover appeal to be sent out, and I do believe it should be on behalf of all three organizations and not so substantially on behalf of Palestine, no matter where sent.

Especially since our campaign is nearing its close, a letter such as that contemplated would only serve the purpose of raising additional funds from those who have not yet given. These people would not be substantial givers, and to them I do believe the appeal of the relief needs of Europe and the needs of the refugees in the United States - whether it should be so or not - at the moment are more potent than the appeal of Palestine.

In other words, I do not believe that Rabbi Silver's letter fits our particular situation.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH  
Secretary



Dr. Solomon Goldman  
Dr. Israel Goldstein  
Mr. Louis Lipsky  
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Dr. Stephen S. Wise

April 18, 1940

Morris Margulies

I received a letter the other day from a Zionist of St. Louis in which he asked whether he could send some money to a relative in Palestine. I answered "Yes" and offered the services of the ZOA. Today I received his check for \$25.00 with the name of his Palestinian relative.

He attached to his letter, a letter he received from Palestine signed Selman Stamm, in which among other things, Mrs. Stamm writes: "We come from Bavaria. My uncle is Mr. Paul Baerwald of New York, Chairman of the 'Joint', etc.."

I thought you would be interested to know that the niece of Mr. Baerwald has found sanctuary in Eretz Israel. It appears from the letter that Mrs. Stamm and her husband and children have been living in Palestine for some two years.



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April 18, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At 10:30 o'clock this morning there was a meeting at the office of Dr. Solomon Lowenstein at the New York Federation building, to discuss the three representatives who are to represent Welfare Fund communities on the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

Present were Sidney Hollander and Harry L. Lurie for the Council of Federations; Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, Paul Baerwald, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, and Joseph C. Hyman for the Joint Distribution Committee; Louis Lipsky and myself for the United Palestine Appeal.

## I. WELFARE FUND REPRESENTATIVES ON DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

The names were read of the twenty people whom the Council had suggested in connection with the three posts on the Distribution Committee. As each name was read either the JDC or the UPA representatives, or the Council representatives, made observations as to their availability or usefulness on the Distribution Committee.

The three names which the Council preferred comprised Jacob Blaustein of Baltimore, William Shroder of Cincinnati, and Ira Yunker of New York.

On Blaustein there seemed to be no special objection.

On Shroder I submitted that he might not be acceptable to the UPA. Lowenstein assumed that this was because of the attitude that Shroder had taken toward the visit to the United States of Dr. Chaim Weizmann. Hollander and Lurie urged Lipsky and myself to reconsider the question of Shroder, first, because of his general objectivity in discussing problems of Jewish life, secondly, because of the prestige which he would bring to the Distribution Committee and, thirdly, because of his knowledge of budgeting processes. Mr. Lipsky indicated that the name would be considered by the UPA.



The JDC took the position that Ira Younker was not acceptable to it.

Irvin Bettman was not acceptable to the JDC; Lessing Rosenwald and Morris Wolf were not acceptable to the UPA. Frank Weil and Fred Greenman of New York City were suggested by Dr. Lowenstein but it seemed to be felt that they were not sufficiently informed of Jewish organizational life. Elias Mayer and Richard Frank of Chicago were turned down by the UPA.

After these various names had been weeded out, the following six were considered for acceptance, the decision as to the three best names to be left to the JDC and UPA:

- X 1. William Shroder, Cincinnati
2. Judge Jacob J. Kaplan, Boston
3. Robert Koshland, San Francisco
4. Jacob Blaustein, Baltimore
- X 5. Edwin J. Schanfarber, Columbus
6. Judge Philip Forman, Trenton

After the JDC and UPA will have made their decision as to the three individuals whom they like best, the Council, through Sidney Hollander, will undertake to ask each of the men whether he has the time or the inclination to serve on the Distribution Committee. If any one of the first three is not available, then the Council will ask one of the next three in the order indicated until the three posts are filled.

You will recall that at the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal on April 17th, it was voted that you, Dr. Wise, and Louis Lipsky were to constitute a committee of three to select the Welfare Fund representatives on the Distribution Committee. Inasmuch as it is not likely that a meeting of the three can be arranged conveniently, will you be good enough to indicate by wire or letter whether you approve or disapprove any or all of the names that have been suggested, or whether you approve of the list of six in the order indicated.

1. My own previous opinion of Shroder has been that normally he has an objective, impartial mind. It is true, of course, that his associations throughout his lifetime have not been with the Palestine group. It is also true that he did not believe that Dr. Weizmann's visit to the United States at this time would be helpful. Whether it is advisable to give him the benefit of the doubt is for a consensus of opinion to determine. Undoubtedly he has more information on Jewish conditions generally than most of the others and might, from that point of view, be acceptable.

2. Judge Kaplan is a name approved by both the JDC and UPA. You will recall him for his participation in a series of UPA conferences and for his sponsorship of the New England UPA conference on April 14th. He would seem to me to be a very excellent choice from the point of the UPA.

3. Robert Koshland is a member of probably the most outstanding family on the West Coast. A man of 42, he is sufficiently well-to-do to be able to devote time to any project with which he affiliates himself. He has, of course, been associated with the JDC point of view, but in view of the failure over a number of years of the Zionist movement to attract many of the



leading and wealthier members of the community, that observation might be made of most of the candidates for posts on the Distribution Committee. I have had occasion to be with Koshland frequently and feel that he might be inclined to be fair. You might be interested to know that his mother was to have been, and perhaps will be, the host to Dr. Weizmann when the latter goes to the Pacific Coast.

4. Jacob Blaustein has been active in the Jewish community of Baltimore, has been one of the largest contributors and is probably one of the wealthiest men on the East Coast. He is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the JTA. I think that he would try to be impartial.

5. Edwin Schanfarber has been the head of campaigns in Columbus for the past ten or fifteen years. He is actively associated with the Bnai Brith. He has a penetrating mind which can be fair when it wishes.

6. Judge Philip Forman is on the Federal Bench at Trenton, N.J. He has a fine orthodox Jewish upbringing. At the present time, he is an Honorary Vice-Chairman of both the UPA and JDC. JDC leaders have endeavored to cultivate him. I have a feeling that his judicial temperament is his prized possession.

## II. RESEARCH DIRECTOR OF DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Hollander then stated that it would be advisable to begin thinking of a person who would act as the director or researcher of the Distribution Committee. The qualifications suggested included a knowledge of economy, some understanding of Jewish problems, an affable personality and a fairness of approach. It was generally agreed that Moses P. Levitt, formerly of the Palestine Economic Corporation, had these qualifications. However, he is no longer available inasmuch as he has already replaced Dr. Joseph Schwartz as Executive Secretary of the JDC, who is going to Europe as assistant to Morris Troper for the duration of the war.

In order to test the reaction of the others present, I submitted the name of Emanuel Neumann but Mr. Hyman felt that although Mr. Neumann had a brilliant mind he might be considered too biased.

Other names mentioned included Louis Bean of the Agriculture Department, Paul Gourrich, Marcus Nadler and David Popper, now associated with the Foreign Policy Association. There seemed to be no particular conviction as to the merits of any of these except that Mr. Baerwald seemed to feel that Marcus Nadler might be the best man. I suggested Harry Lurie, but the latter said this was impossible.

It was then agreed that Harry Lurie, Joseph Hyman and myself would constitute a committee of three to weed out names and submit recommendations for the director of the Distribution Committee.

I would, therefore, appreciate your observations on:

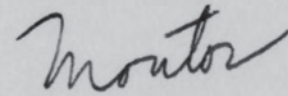
A. Your choice with respect to the first three of the six names suggested for the Welfare Fund representatives on the Distribution Committee, and



B. Any nominations that you would like to make for the post of Research Director of the Distribution Committee.

Trusting that you are on the way to recovery from your heavy cold, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC





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ALL POLITICIANS WARY OF APPEARING OF SUCH MEETINGS THIS  
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HENRY MONTOR



April 22, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 E. 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

The enclosed checks are in answer  
to the letter that was sent out over Rabbi  
Silver's signature. Rabbi Silver would like  
you to acknowledge them.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc. 3

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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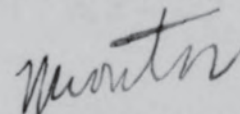
Dear Dr. Silver:

The United Jewish Appeal carries policies for those who travel on its business. It has occurred to us that you might wish similarly to be included. I am, therefore, attaching an original and duplicate blank of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company.

If you would wish us to carry this insurance, would you have someone fill out both blanks to forward to this office?

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

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April 22, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would very much like to have an autographed photograph of you for placement in the new offices of the United Palestine Appeal. I do hope that this will be possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Montor*

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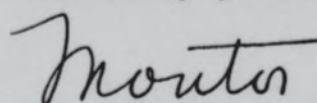
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am wondering if you have seen a copy of the invitation which Governor Lehman has sent out for a meeting at his home on Wednesday, May 8.

I attach a copy.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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April 22, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

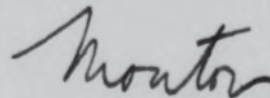
It is the standing rule of the United Jewish Appeal office that before any of the agencies in the UJA send literature or publicity to Chicago, the consent must first be obtained of the officers of the Welfare Fund. ARCHIVES

In accordance with this policy, a copy of your Passover letter was submitted to Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith to ask whether he would mind if this letter were circulated among the leaders in Chicago on the same basis as in other communities.

You may be interested in Mr. Goldsmith's reply, a copy of which is hereto attached.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC



April 24, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 E. 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

Enclosed herewith are two responses received by Rabbi Silver in answer to the letter sent out over his signature; also two contributions from the following:

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| George Koble            |         |
| Witherbee, N.Y. . . . . | \$5.00  |
| Nathan H. Richman       |         |
| Albany, N.Y. . . . .    | \$25.00 |

Under separate cover I am sending you an autographed photograph of Rabbi Silver as you requested.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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April 25, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I know you will wish to have the enclosed data on the Indianapolis campaign. I am also enclosing a blank containing the details of the meeting in Indianapolis at which you will be the guest speaker on Thursday, May 2nd.

I am writing to H. Joseph Hyman in Indianapolis today, telling him that you will communicate with him direct regarding your travel plans. I am submitting the following for your choice:

If you wish to travel by train, you may leave Cleveland at 12:25 noon Eastern Standard Time on Thursday, May 2nd via the Big Four Railway and arrive in Indianapolis at 5:55 PM Central Standard Time that day.

If you prefer to fly, however, the schedule is as follows:  
Via American Airlines:

|        |              |   |                               |
|--------|--------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Leave  | Cleveland    | - | 5:30 PM Eastern Standard Time |
| Arrive | Cincinnati   | - | 7:35 PM " " "                 |
| Leave  | Cincinnati   | - | 7:45 PM " " "                 |
| Arrive | Indianapolis | - | 7:35 PM Central Standard Time |

This schedule may seem odd to you, but due to the change from Eastern Standard Time to Central Standard Time you have the benefit of an hour.

I know you will prefer to return to Cleveland by train from Indianapolis, since the flying schedules are rather inconvenient. I will quote them for your own information.

|        |              |   |                               |
|--------|--------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Leave  | Indianapolis | - | 3:16 PM Central Standard Time |
|        |              |   | Friday, May 3rd               |
| Arrive | Cincinnati   | - | 5:04 PM Eastern Standard Time |



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

-2-

April 25, 1940

|        |            |   |                               |
|--------|------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Leave  | Cincinnati | - | 5:13 PM Eastern Standard Time |
| Arrive | Cleveland  | - | 7:17 PM " " "                 |

The train schedule is much better than the above quoted flying schedule.

|        |                |   |                                |
|--------|----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Leave  | Indianapolis   | - | 10:50 PM Central Standard Time |
|        | (Via Big Four) |   | Thursday, May 2nd              |
| Arrive | Cleveland      | - | 5:28 AM Eastern Standard Time  |
|        |                |   | Friday, May 3rd.               |

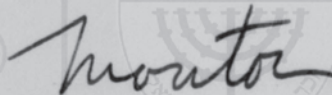
You may, of course, remain on the train until about 8:00 AM. I know that you, too, will decide that the train trip to Indianapolis and return to Cleveland is much better.

Mr. H. Joseph Hyman's address in Indianapolis is:

Jewish Welfare Fund  
705 Majestic Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:DEF



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

Dr. A. H. Silver  
Campaign Opening- 5/2

Digest - Indianapolis, Indiana

The 1940 campaign of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Indianapolis will be officially launched on May 2nd at a community and workers rally. Solicitation of funds will begin the following day and continue through the 10th.

The United Jewish Appeal has made formal application for an allotment of \$125,000 in the budget of the Welfare Fund.

No formal goal has been adopted as yet. After his conference with leaders in March, Mr. Coons reported that Louis J. Borinstein, who has again accepted the campaign chairmanship, believes that if the big givers contribute one-third more, individually, than they did last year, and the rank and file contributors one-half more, this year, then the Welfare Fund will be able to provide the UJA with a possible 15% increase over '39.

For the first time, the local Jewish Center has been included in the Fund's budget for about \$13,000. This year, also, because of the larger number of refugees being serviced in Indianapolis, the budget will have to provide \$15,000 for this work, which represents a substantial increase over '39. Leaders doubt whether these new sums can be raised over and above the \$125,000 of last year, but they are agreed that the UJA should not receive less than \$90,000 (last year \$80,000) - Mr. Coons' feeling is that \$95,000 should be satisfactory. He points out that a difficult factor is that one or two big givers, who are willing to contribute generously, are withholding because others do not support their standard. For instance, G. A. Efroymsen gave \$12,000 last year, but if he could get some more people to join him in his own feeling as to the responsibility of the wealthier people, it is possible he would give up to \$25,000. (Louis Wolf also contributed \$12,000 last year).

Field representative Klatch reported recently that several large gifts already obtained indicate an approximate 35% increase over last year. Among these are the following:

|                   |          |            |
|-------------------|----------|------------|
|                   |          | <u>'39</u> |
| G. A. Efroymsen - | \$15,000 | \$12,000   |
| Goodman Family -  | 7,500    | 5,000      |
| Louis Borinstein- | 3,000    | 2,500      |

The outlook for a successful campaign is good, Mr. Klatch states, but he doubts whether the UJA's allotment will be substantially increased because of the large increase for local refugee work and the substantial amount for the Jewish Center.

Joseph C. Hyman addressed a big gifts meeting on April 16th; he too advised that increases averaged about 35%.

The following are officers of the Welfare Fund:

Samuel Mueller, President  
Allan W. Kahn, 1st Vice-President  
J. J. Kiser, 2nd " "  
Philip Greenwald, Treasurer  
Samuel Frommer, Secretary  
H. Joseph Hyman, Executive Director



Indianapolis, Ind.

Isidore Feibleman is President of the Jewish Federation.

Indianapolis has a Jewish population of 9000.

Below is comparative data on a few communities:

|                  |      | 1940            |             |
|------------------|------|-----------------|-------------|
|                  | J.P. | Assigned Quota- | 1939 Pledge |
| Greensboro, N.C. | 400  | \$80,000        | \$ 80,000   |
| New Orleans, La. | 7000 | 100,000         | 77,000      |
| Portland, Oregon | 8000 | 90,000          | 73,000      |
| Nashville, Tenn. | 2800 | 45,000          | 30,000      |
| Shreveport, La.  | 1500 | 50,000          | 37,500      |

In 1939 the UJA was allocated \$80,000, less \$100 deducted from its share for the Jewish Labor Committee; against which \$62,900 has been paid to date. The total goal of the campaign launched on April 20th was \$123,400.





UNITED JEWISH APPEAL  
FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS  
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NEW YORK CITY

SPEAKER'S INFORMATION BLANK

NAME OF SPEAKER Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

DATE OF MEETING May 2nd HOUR 8 PM ~~Daylight~~ Standard ☒ X

PLACE OF MEETING Kirshbaum Center ✓

CITY Indianapolis STATE Indiana

AUSPICES Jewish Welfare Fund

PERSONS IN CHARGE L.J. Borinstein - H. Jos. Hyman

OBJECT OF MEETING Community and Workers Rally--Inspirational

NATURE OF MEETING



☒ Mass Meeting

☐ Dinner Meeting Formal ☐  
Informal ☐

☐ Initial Gifts

DIRECTIONS

H. Jos. Hyman Executive Director  
Jewish Welfare Fund  
705 Majestic Building  
Indianapolis, Ind.



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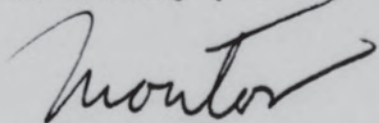
A regional conference for the UPA for the state of New Jersey will be held in Newark on June 2nd.

It is planned to have the same form of procedure as was used at the Boston Conference on April 14th which, from all reports, was enormously successful.

Do you think it would be possible for you to participate in the New Jersey Conference on June 2nd?

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
111 FIFTH AVENUE

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* April 25, 1940.

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Mr. Montor

*Subject* Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which Mr. Lipsky sent to Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg, following the decision of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal on April 17.

HM:et



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 18, 1940.

Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Warburg:

May I suggest, on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal, that it would be helpful in stimulating interest in the New York United Jewish Appeal, as well as settling any questions that may arise that require adjustment, if regular stated meetings were held of the so-called "organization committee" which is composed of representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, held on April 17th, the following were named as representatives of the United Palestine Appeal for such regular meetings: Judge Morris Rothenberg, Dr. Israel Goldstein and myself. As I recall from previous meetings, the other representatives on the committee comprise Dr. I. Edwin Goldwasser, Mr. Abner Bregman and yourself.

Knowing that you welcome cooperation in securing regular consideration of campaign problems, I believe it would be helpful if you undertake to act as Chairman of this committee and establish a regular meeting period, perhaps once a week, to review such matters as might properly come before us.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky

LL/RW



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
111 FIFTH AVENUE

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* April 25, 1940

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Mr. Montor

*Subject*

I attach herewith a copy of a memorandum I have today sent Mendel Fisher.

HM:et



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

April 25, 1940.

TO MR. MENDEL FISHER


FROM MR. HENRY MONTOR

On March 19, Hadassah sent \$50,000 to the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem. Our records do not indicate, however, that the JNF in New York has taken into account this sum, in making a report to the United Palestine Appeal.

Inasmuch as all other fund-raising activities of Hadassah on behalf of the Jewish National Fund are included in the gross income reports submitted to the United Palestine Appeal, I am wondering when it is intended that this particular item shall be reported to the United Palestine Appeal?

Since the United Palestine Appeal is based on an agreement whereby the net income of the Jewish National Fund is credited to the United Palestine Appeal, I am sure that you will want to dispose of this matter at your earliest convenience.

HM:ET





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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
41 East 42nd Street  
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April 25, 1940

M E M O R A N D U M

TO Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
FROM Mr. Henry Montor

Attached hereto is an analysis of April 25, 1940 showing:

(a) the pledges; (b) the amounts distributed; and (c) amounts expected to be distributed -- as a result of the 1939 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

HM:EH  
Att.



1939 CAMPAIGN

April 25th, 1940

|                |                                 |                  |                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| National       | Gross Pledges                   | \$10,182,804.19  |                 |
| New York City  | " "                             | 6,227,925.74     |                 |
| Chicago        | - Estimated possible additional | 50,000.00        |                 |
| Night of Stars |                                 | <u>55,000.00</u> | \$16,515,729.93 |

|                           |                   |                        |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Expenses - National       | \$450,000.00      |                        |
| Shrinkage - National      | 160,000.00        |                        |
| Expenses - New York City  | 600,000.00        |                        |
| Shrinkage - New York City | <u>240,000.00</u> | <u>1,450,000.00</u>    |
|                           |                   | <u>\$15,065,729.93</u> |

ALLOCATIONS

|                             | <u>Paid as of</u><br><u>April 25, 1940</u> | <u>Estimated</u><br><u>To be Paid</u> | <u>Total Estimated</u><br><u>Allocations</u> |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Joint Distribution Comm.    | \$ 7,095,666.67                            | \$1,120,063.26                        | \$ 8,215,729.93                              |
| United Palestine Appeal     | 3,532,833.33                               | 467,166.67                            | 4,000,000.00                                 |
| National Coordinating Comm. | 2,560,000.00                               | 40,000.00                             | 2,600,000.00                                 |
| Christians                  | <u>250,000.00</u>                          | <u>-</u>                              | <u>250,000.00</u>                            |
|                             | <u>\$13,438,500.00</u>                     | <u>\$1,627,229.93</u>                 | <u>\$15,065,729.93</u>                       |

PERCENTAGE OF ALLOCATIONS

|                                 |                        |             |             |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Joint Distribution Committee    | \$ 8,215,729.93        | 55%         | 67%         |
| United Palestine Appeal         | 4,000,000.00           | 27%         | 33%         |
| National Coordinating Committee | <u>2,600,000.00</u>    | <u>18%</u>  | <u>—</u>    |
|                                 | <u>\$14,815,729.93</u> | <u>100%</u> | <u>100%</u> |



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Dr. Silver

Thomas Mann's address is  
65 Stockton St., Princeton, N. J.  
Mouton



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U. P. A.  
N. Y.

Please wire address of Thomas

Mary

R. H. Silver



April 25, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 E. 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

Enclosed are letters received in  
response to the Passover letter sent out;  
also a check of \$5 from

Sam Marks  
Munsing, Michigan

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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April 26, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

There was a meeting on Wednesday afternoon, April 24, to discuss the appointment of the Research Director of the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. The meeting was held in the office of Joseph C. Hyman of the Joint Distribution Committee. Mr. Hyman, Harry L. Lurie of the Council of Federations, and I constituted a committee of three which is supposed to be canvassing names. Also present were Moses Leavitt and Joseph J. Schwartz. Leavitt is the new secretary of the Joint Distribution Committee, vice Schwartz, who is going to Europe next week.

I had previously told Harry Lurie by 'phone, and confirmed with Hyman the rejection of William Shroder for one of the three positions on the Distribution Committee to represent welfare funds. Mr. Hyman informed me that Judge Kaplan of Boston, and Edwin Schanfarber of Columbus had been ruled out by the Joint Distribution Committee.

It was then decided that Mr. Hyman and I should keep in touch with each other to suggest names that the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal would offer to each other for consideration.

The following is a list of names of those considered for the post of Director of Research, or for assistant, in the event that one of the executive directors of the Welfare Funds might be selected to supervise the work, having at his disposal a well-known and competent economist:

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Albert Abramson, Prof. Economics, Bowdoin College  |                             |
| Sol Kuznetz, National Bureau of Economic Research  |                             |
| Paul Gourrich                                      | Ben Selekman                |
| Harry Greenstein                                   | John Slawson                |
| Isidore Sobeloff                                   | Maurice Karpf               |
| Louis Sobol  | Philip Bernstein, Cleveland |
| Prof. Philip Klein, New York School of Social Work |                             |
| David Popper                                       | Marcus Nadler               |
| Nathan Reich, Professor at Hunter College          |                             |

Cordially yours,

*Montor*  
Henry Montor  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Do you not think that it is time for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the UJA at which there could be a thorough-going discussion of some of the major problems that have arisen for the UJA up to this time? If it would be possible for you to stay over on May 9th, perhaps that might be a convenient day for you for such a meeting.

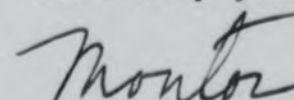
I believe that it is particularly important that there be a clarification of the status and the progress of the UJA before the arrival in this country of Dr. Chaim Weizmann. It is imperative, it seems to me, that a record be made of the fact that whatever reverses the UJA has suffered will have been inflicted long before Dr. Weizmann came to America, so that his being here and the purpose of his being here may not be used as a pretext to explain the results of the 1940 United Jewish Appeal campaign.

It is rather remarkable that New York and Chicago, which have more than their justifiable share of anti-Zionists, should be the ones to give the largest headache to the UJA, even though so substantial a part of the money goes to the JDC.

If you think the May 9th date, or some other more convenient date, should be used for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the UJA, will you notify me accordingly so that I may make arrangements with the other agencies.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC

P.S. Jonah Wise said to me today that he was going to write to you about (a) disposition of the Night of Stars item and (b) the possibility of both of you going to Chicago to talk to some of the leaders there about their campaign.



April 26, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 E. 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

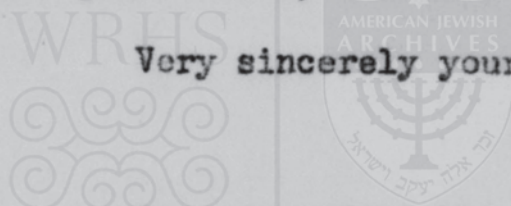
My dear Mr. Montor:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the  
letter which Rabbi Silver sent to Governor  
Lehman today.

With all good wishes, I remain  
Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

Secretary To Rabbi Silver





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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

## UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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For the Settlement in Palestine of Jews of Germany, Poland, Rumania and Other Lands

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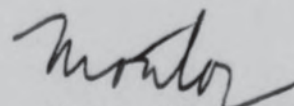
Dear Dr. Silver:

The New York situation is not without its complications, even in the monetary direction.

The treasurers of the New York UJA continue to distribute their funds on the basis of \$50,000 to the UJA and \$25,000 to the NRS. The way has been pretty well blocked for me to deal with the situation. I call it to your attention only that you may have a further picture of the special interest which is exhibited in the NRS in relation to other factors in the UJA.

I have spoken to Mr. Lipsky on the subject and he has undertaken to talk to Abner Bregman, Executive Chairman of the New York campaign. At least the New York officers will have the realization that someone is cognizant of what is going on.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
111 FIFTH AVENUE

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* April 29, 1940

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Mr. Henry Montor

*Subject*

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from Harry L. Lurie, Director of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds, together with a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Lurie by Mordecai Ezekiel of the Department of Agriculture, suggesting certain names for Research Director of the Distribution Committee of the UJA.

Do you have any knowledge of any of these men?

HM:EH  
Atts.



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COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS

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

April 26, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor  
United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

You will be interested in a copy of a letter received from Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel suggesting candidates for the study project. Each of the three candidates mentioned has unusual standing and ability in economic research work. I returned to Dr. Ezekiel the full information that he sent me on Dr. Alexander Gutfeld, since apparently this man is not yet in the U.S. His record and his references were excellent and he may be a suitable person as an assistant in the project, should he come to this country. You may know Dr. Gutfeld because of his recent connection with the Hilfsverein der Juden in Deutschland, for whom he engaged in research work of a similar character to what we have in mind.

I am also writing to Dr. David Weintraub who has had considerable experience in research on relief projects for the FERA. I understand that Dr. Weintraub himself may not be interested but I would like to hear from him directly and perhaps get other suggestions from him. Dr. Weintraub's work in building up reports on finances and program for the FERA is very closely related to the type of project we have in mind.

Cordially,

(signed) H. L. Lurie

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON

April 25, 1940

Dr. H. L. Lurie  
Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds  
165 West 46th Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Lurie:

After some inquiry, I have the following people to suggest for the job you mention:

1. Dr. Lewis Lorwin, The Marlyn Apartments, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Lorwin is an economist of many years standing at Brookings Institution, and was for several years American representative with the International Labor Office. He has recently returned to this country, and at the moment is making a short-time study of the American Council of Education. "Who's Who" has a full statement of his experience and writings.

2. Maurice Leven, Brookings Institutions.

Dr. Leven has done statistical work for many years and was at one time associated with the National Bureau of Economic Research in their work. He would prefer to find work here in Washington, but was interested to hear of this job and asked me to mention his name as one of those who might be a possible candidate. The people at the National Bureau of Economic Research can tell you of his work, or if you wish, I can send you a statement of his training and experience.

3. Dr. Aaron Direktor, Brookings Institution.

Dr. Direktor is a younger man, having taught statistics some years ago at Wisconsin, I believe, and having been on the staff of the University of Chicago. More recently he has done research work for Brookings and the Republican National Committee. I can obtain a statement of his training and experience for you if you wish.

4. Dr. Joseph M. Gillman, Railroad Retirement Board, Wash. D.C.

I believe you know Dr. Gillman and have some idea of his training and experience. He now has a permanent job in the government service and would be rather reluctant to leave it for merely a one-year assignment.

One other person who might be a good possibility is Dr. Alexander Gutfeld, whom I last heard of in Berlin a year and a half ago. Enclosed I am sending a statement of his training and experience. I do not know whether he has yet been able to leave Germany, but it would appear that the work he has done and his previous training would fit him for the job you have in mind. You will note his physical handicap, but apparently he is able to carry on his work quite effectively. If you are not interested in him, please return this statement to me. It may be that I would hear of something else for which he might be suited.

I believe that Dr. Lorwin would be very much interested in the work and would be in position to begin on relatively short notice. Dr. Direktor and Dr. Leven are somewhat less free, and apparently Dr. Gillman would be less inclined to consider the job.

I hope that out of these five you will be able to find a good person for the job.

Sincerely yours,

Mordecai Ezekiel  
Economic Adviser  
Office of the Secretary



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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from I. Edwin Goldwasser addressed to Mr. Arthur M. Lampport. Also attached is a copy of a reply which Mr. Lampport is sending.

Where these people get all their "chutzpa" is beyond my imagination; but apparently he who has, gets.

Today, when checks were to have been issued on the 1939 account of the United Jewish Appeal Mr. Goldwasser refused to sign the check for the United Palestine Appeal on the ground that the United Jewish Appeal should deduct from the United Palestine Appeal the amount owing on account of Night of Stars.

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May I again point out that to which I referred in a previous letter - that the United Palestine Appeal cannot possibly turn over \$62,000 since it received only \$50,000 from Night of Stars, Inc., which, as a separate entity, has the power to decide how much money it shall turn over to the United Palestine Appeal and when.

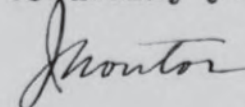
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Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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Encls.



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I. EDWIN GOLDWASSER  
2 Park Avenue  
New York

April 26, 1940

Mr. Arthur M. Lampor t  
111 East 56 Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Lampor t:

This morning I received a copy of a letter dated April 25th from Mr. Leidesdorf and addressed to the United Jewish Appeal. I assume that the quotation of the letter from Mr. Blitz and the arrangement as indicated in the letter are both accurate. It would, therefore, seem to me that we should issue instructions that the amount from the 1939 Campaign proceeds should be considered in any allocations and that this arrangement should be instituted immediately.

As you undoubtedly recall, I have registered my formal dissent from the interpretation which Mr. Montor has placed on the terms of the decision for the 1939 allocation, which interpretation resulted in the  $2/3-1/3$  formula. I have tried to check up my own interpretation with the intent of the allocators with whom I have been able to discuss the matter and I find that my interpretation is in line with their own intent.

I, therefore, suggest that we jointly address a letter, either to the Allocations Committee as a whole or to Mr. Kirstein as chairman, and ask him to reconvene the group in order that there may be a further clarification. Will you join with me in this request?

I should like to take the matter up promptly because I understand that Mr. Ittle son is back in the city and Mr. Lasker, I was told yesterday, either is in the city at this time or will be here shortly.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) I. Edwin Goldwasser



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 29, 1940

Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser  
2 Park Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Goldwasser:

In answer to the two points raised in  
your letter of April 26th:

(1) My understanding is that Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise have had placed before them the disposition of the item involving the income to the United Palestine Appeal from Night of Stars, Inc. In accordance with the agreement constituting the United Jewish Appeal, final decision with respect to this item will be made by the two national chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal. Under the circumstances, therefore, we can only await their action in this matter and the communication of their decision to us as Treasurers.

May I point out that several conversations we had some months ago definitely established the nature of the decisions of the Allocations Committee with respect to the distribution of funds and that this agreement between us was reflected in the final equalization of payments on the basis of the two-thirds - one-third decision of the Allocations Committee.

(2) It seems to me that the decision of the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal requires no interpretation for its terms are clear. It was not my understanding that the action of the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for 1939 was tentative. I do not see, therefore, what purpose can be served by a further meeting of the Allocations Committee which disposed with definitiveness of all eventualities.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Lamport  
Co-Treasurer

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April 30, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am happy to learn that there will be regional conference for the UPA held in Newark on June 2, and I hope that it will be as successful as the Boston Conference. I regret that I will not be able to attend it as my program for the early part of June is already very crowded.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



April 30, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I agree with you that a meeting of the Executive of the UJA should be held on May 9, and I would agree to stay over for that day provided that I were assured that the actual leaders of the UJA and not the office people would attend this meeting. If Mr. Baerwald is prepared to bring in the leaders of the JDC to this meeting, the meeting will be worthwhile. Otherwise I would rather not waste another day in New York because, as you undoubtedly know, next week is the week of our Cleveland Campaign and I am greatly needed here.

I don't think that you need be worried about the effects of the possible result of the campaign on Dr. Weizmann's visit. He cannot be held responsible either for the failure or the success of the campaigns.

I sent you a copy of the letter which I addressed to Governor Lehman. I think it would be well to circulate that letter among four or five of the important people in New York.

I have not heard from Jonah Wise with reference either to the Night of Stars or to the situation in Chicago.

I believe that the President of the ZOA, who lives in Chicago, ought to be apprised of the miserable collapse of the Campaign in Chicago and consulted as to what ought to be done about it. It would not be amiss, in my judgment, to have the situation aired in public in Chicago. The City also should be reminded that it welshed on a whole year's campaign two years ago. This is also a good opportunity to crack the crass impertinence of Mr. Goldsmith, who seems to monopolize the whole situation in Chicago. He is another



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one of those gentlemen who know it all and are able to do it all, but who somehow fail to deliver the goods.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





April 30, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Professor Elbogen. It should be considered at the next meeting of the Zionist Emergency Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.