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1940 May-July.

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AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

ON BEHALF OF
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May 1, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith some campaign information on Detroit, Michigan, where you are to be the guest speaker at the campaign opening meeting scheduled on Monday, May 6th. You have no doubt by this time heard from Mr. Isidore Sobeloff with regard to the details of the function itself.

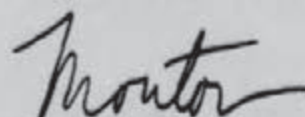
I am sure that you will wish to fly from Cleveland to Detroit. The plane schedule is as follows: There is a plane out of Cleveland via the Pennsylvania Central Airlines which leaves at 2:30 PM Standard Time on Monday, May 6th and arrives in Detroit at 3:09 PM that day. There is another plane which leaves Cleveland at 4:40 PM and arrives in Detroit at 5:19 PM.

Will you please be good enough to advise Mr. Isidore Sobeloff, whose address is Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit, 1401 Hotel Statler, Detroit, on which plane you will arrive, so that proper arrangements can be made for someone to meet you.

Returning to Cleveland there is a morning plane out of Detroit on Tuesday which leaves at 11:20 AM Standard Time and arrives in Cleveland at 11:59 AM on May 7th. There is an earlier plane which leaves Detroit at 7:20 AM and arrives in Cleveland at 7:59 AM.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:DEF
Enclosure
Air Mail

May 1, 1940

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR REFUGEES & OVERSEAS NEEDS

Digest

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Detroit, Michigan

The Allied Jewish Campaign of the Jewish Welfare Federation, Inc. will inaugurate its campaign on May 6th and continue through May 16th for a total goal of \$925,000. The UJA is included for \$458,600. (We had requested \$600,000 as this community's fair share of the national \$23,000,000 quota). Mr. Isidor Coons attended the Budget Committee meeting on March 17th at which the above recommendations were reached; these will be submitted to the Board of the Federation for approval. It is Mr. Coons' belief that the decisions of the Budget Committee are usually sustained by the Board.

The record of the giving history in Detroit has shown a decided increase in the middle brackets, but with the exception of the Wineman family, those who should be in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 brackets contribute about 20%, or at best 40% of their potential giving ability. We have been confidentially informed that Mr. Isidore Sobeloff, the Executive Director, does not believe that more than \$800,000 will be realized this year.

On December 19, 1939, January 16, 1940 and February 20, 1940, Messrs. Henry Montor, Dr. William Haber and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, respectively, addressed organization meetings of the Budget Committee and presented authoritative information on the latest developments of the overseas situation as it affects the work of each constituent agency of the UJA. Dr. Frank Kingdon addressed the annual meeting of the Federation on March 24th. Mr. Morris C. Troper addressed this community on March 30th on the latest overseas developments and the work done by the JDC.

In an effort to stimulate the workers to secure substantial increases from the Big Gifts group, Dr. Baruch Braunstein addressed a report meeting of the top and middle bracket workers. Nate Shapero has pledged \$5,000 to the campaign and Sidney Allen advised he would give a similar amount (\$5,000) if that was all Mr. Shapero contributed; these two gentlemen are Chairmen of the Special Gifts Committee. Leo Butzel intends to contribute the same as in 1939 - \$5,000. Mr. Fred M. Butzel is the Chairman of the campaign.

The total population of Detroit is 1,568,662 of which 67,500 is Jewish.

In 1939, as a result of the campaign conducted in May, the Allied Jewish Campaign raised approximately \$650,000 toward the total goal of \$790,000. The UJA was allocated \$318,000 against which \$270,300 has been paid to date.

Officers of the Campaign were:

Fred M. Butzel, Co-Chairman
Henry Wineman, Co-Chairman
Joseph Bernstein, Co-Chairman Organization Committee

Officers of the Federation are:

Abraham Srere, President
Israel Himelhoch, Vice-President
Nate S. Shapero, Vice-President
Mrs. Henry Wineman, Vice-President
Clarence H. Enggass, Chairman Board
Fred M. Butzel, Chairman Executive Committee
Maurice Aronson, Treasurer
Isidore Sobeloff, Secretary

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
(Detroit, Michigan)

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May 1, 1940

Officers of the Federation (continued)

Budget Committee

Mrs. Joseph H. Ehrlich, Co-Chairman
Julian H. Krolik, Co-Chairman
Fred M. Butzel, Chairman Budget Steering Committee

The following were some of the larger contributors:

Henry Wineman - \$20,000	Sam & Henry Frank - \$7,000
Andrew Wineman - \$15,000	Leo Butzel - \$5,000
Judge Henry Butzel - \$8,000	Nate Shapero - \$4,000
Meyer L. Prentis - \$8,000	Harry Grant - \$3,000
Clarence H. Enggass - \$1,100	

Other important leaders in the community are:

Simon Shetzer	Rabbi Abraham Hershman
Rabbi Morris Adler	Theodore Levin
Lawrence W. Crohn	Gus D. Newman
James I. Ellmann	Charles Rubiner

The following is campaign data on a few comparable communities:

<u>J. P.</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Am't. Pledged in '39</u>	<u>'40 Assigned Quota</u>
38,000	San Francisco, Calif.	\$ 350,000	\$ 550,000
20,250	Washington, D. C.	154,680	250,000
18,500	Cincinnati, Ohio	190,000	250,000
400	Greensboro, N. C.	80,000	80,000

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
111 FIFTH AVENUE

MEMORANDUM

Date May 1, 1940

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Henry Montor

Subject

Attached herewith is a copy of a cablegram received today signed by Ussishkin, Hantke and Kaplan, and addressed to the United Palestine Appeal

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COPY OF CABLE

JERUSALEM APRIL 27, 1940

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEWYORK

FURTHER OURS FIRST MARCH AGREE ALLOCATION UNIVERSITY

15000 DOLLARS FOR 1939 1940 EACH

USSISHKIN HANTKE KAPLAN

May 1, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith the correspondence which I received, this afternoon, from Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser. I think that the gentleman is bent on stirring up a lot of controversy, and it is quite an impertinence on his part to call into question the decision of the Allocations Committee, and at this late date, to ask for a clarification.

Please have a letter drafted for me containing all the necessary observations on Mr. Goldwasser's letter and send it to me so that I can send it on to him. Also, get in touch with Rabbi Goldman about this letter. The letter should clearly indicate Mr. Goldwasser's lack of competence to raise the question at the present time; also the fact that he has not the right to canvass by mail the members of the Allocations Committee for no one has authorized him to make such a canvass or to base any action on such a canvass.

I have, in the meantime, sent the enclosed letter to Mr. Goldwasser.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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

May 2, 1940

Henry Munton
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Is Henry man coming this month?
What is your latest information?

Please wire.

Silver

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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a draft
of a letter to Dr. Goldwasser.

Mr. Charles Ress has gone
over this letter.

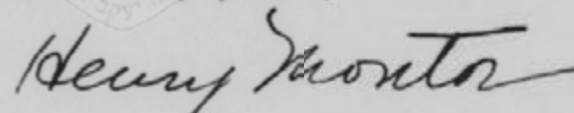
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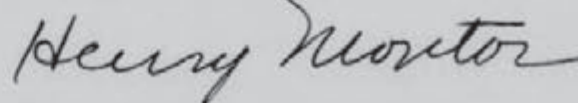
Executive Director

Henry Montor

Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested in a copy of a letter which A. Ulitzur, Treasurer of the Keren Hayesod, sent to Leo Herrmann in reference to a series of letters which I have been writing to Jerusalem insisting upon unified auditing practices that would provide for America a comprehensive picture of the functions and activities of the national funds.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

THE EREZ ISRAEL (PALESTINE) FOUNDATION FUND KEREN HAYESOD, LTD.

C O P Y

PRIVATE

11th April 1940

Ref. T. 7/6
AU/MR

L. Herrmann, Esq.,
London

Dear Herrmann,

I have your letter of the 3rd inst. with the enclosed copy of Montor's letter to Dr. Silver of the 12th March and copy of your letter to Mr. Montor.

I only want you to know that I greatly welcome Montor's insistence on a unified system of accounting and reporting because it is certainly moving us forward to the realisation of an ideal which I have long cherished. For my part I am doing everything possible in this direction, and I am glad to tell you that Mr. Kaplan has agreed that an official of the Accounting Department of the Jewish Agency should devote half his time to this particular work.

We have prepared the material for a comprehensive account covering the five months October 1939 to February 1940. We are now working out the details in the fullest possible manner so that the account may not only show the operations of the National Funds but also give an idea of the far-reaching results of these operations and of all other activities initiated or supported by the National Funds. I hope that in another few days we shall be able to send this account to Montor and yourself. We shall then await Montor's reply and recommendations on how the account can be improved.

The question of a monthly audit, as you realize yourself, is far from easy. At the moment our colleagues at the Jewish Agency are rather doubtful whether it can be arranged, as a regular monthly audit of the voluminous accounts particularly of the Jewish Agency and the German Bureau must impose a heavy extra burden. However, it is felt that when we receive Montor's observations on the account which is now being prepared, we shall have a better idea of what the proposed audit would involve and shall be in a better position to decide on it.

I myself also think that a monthly audit will be very difficult to arrange, but I realize that it is necessary and important that there should be someone at the Jewish Agency entrusted with the special job of collecting, checking, comparing and combining the accounts of the National Funds. I share your opinion that the additional labour, time and cost involved will be fully justified and will in the long run give even to ourselves a better control of our work than we have at present.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Montor so that he may see that we are working energetically to meet his requirements.

(signed) Yours sincerely,
A. Ulitzur

Copy to Mr. H. Montor, New York, by Am. Clipper.

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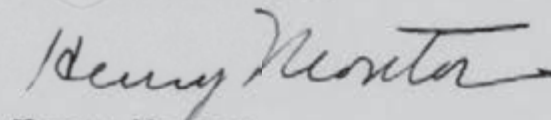
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am informed that Dr. Weizmann is expecting to take the Clipper which should bring him to the United States on May 14th or 15th. If he does not get the Clipper he will be here by boat on May 21st.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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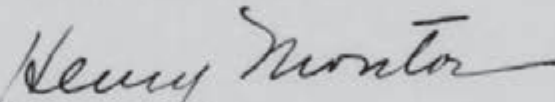
Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your request of April 30th ,
the letter from Elbogen is being turned over to the
Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs.

However, I have had previous wind of this so-
called subsidized emigration to Palestine. I believe
that the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Geneva has
definitely washed its hands of the whole program, and
in one case actually returned a draft that was forwarded
to Geneva from America. This was a case that was
called to my attention by Morris Troper during his visit
to the United States. The draft was sent to Geneva on
behalf of an individual in whom someone connected with
H. E. Becker & Co. was interested.

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 hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to you but apparently intended for the Joint Distribution Committee. Do you wish any answer made to this on your behalf?

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH
Encl.

COMITE D'ASSISTANCE AUX REFUGIES JUIFS

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BRUXELLES, le 18 Mars 1940

25-27, rue Roger Van der Weyden

Monsieur le Rabbin Abba Hillel Silver,
AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE,
160 East 42nd Street, Room 514
NEW YORK.

Monsieur le Rabbin,

D'après communication du Jewish Télégraphique Agencu, nous avons pris connaissance de votre résumé en dix points des besoins immédiats des réfugiés juifs et nous sommes extrêmement étonnés de ce que vous ayez omis de mentionner l'aide aux réfugiés d'Allemagne se trouvant dans des pays démocratiques, notamment en Belgique.

Vous n'ignorez sans doute pas que les Comités belges d'assistance ont à leur charge environ 15.000 personnes auxquelles ils doivent assurer la nourriture, le logement, les secours médicaux, etc... Nous joignons à la présente une petite notice qui résume l'activité du Comité de Bruxelles. Celle du Comité d'Anvers est en tous points semblable.

Nous avons dû réduire l'assistance par semaine par réfugié à 35 FR.

Nous estimons que, dans ces conditions, nous ne pouvons accomplir qu'imparfaitement le rôle de Comité d'assistance car avec 35 Fr. par semaine - un peu plus d'un dollar-il est impossible d'assurer le minimum de besoins vitaux. Nous croyons que, dans ces conditions, la question d'aide à des milliers de réfugiés se trouvant dans notre pays ne peut être omise sur la liste que vous avez bien voulu communiquer à la Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Sans un secours immédiat de votre part, nos protégés se trouvent devant une situation inextricable. Les ravages produits par la sous-alimentation menacent de ruiner complètement la santé et l'avenir des 15.000 personnes se trouvant en Belgique.

Soucieux de leur avenir, nous vous adressons un pressant appel de comprendre dans votre budget, pour l'année 1940, le crédit nécessaire pour nous permettre de continuer notre Oeuvre sur la même base que par le passé.

Nous vous rappelons qu'avec une assistance de 60.000 dollars par mois, nous sommes à même de secourir plus efficacement nos protégés.

Nous espérons que la présente retiendra votre
toute spéciale attention et nous vous remercions à
l'avance de la suite que vous voudrez bien réserver
à notre demande.

Nous vous prions d'agréer, Monsieur le Rabbīn,
les assurances de notre considération la plus haute.

COMITE D'ASSISTANCE AUX REFUGIES JUIFS

BRUXELLES



CE QUE LE COMITE D'ASSISTANCE AUX REFUGIES JUIFS, a BRUXELLES, A
FAIT POUR SES PROTEGES, PENDANT L'ANNEE 1939

- 1.- 7.531 personnes recevaient, au 31 decembre 1939, l'assistance hebdomadaire qui leur permettait de payer leur loyer et de se nourrir. Le secours hebdomadaire est en moyenne de 30 Fr. par semaine et par personne. Il est insuffisant pour assurer le minimum des besoins vitaux. Nous avons dépensé fr. 10.631.796,22 pour l'assistance hebdomadaire des réfugiés.
- 2.- Des subsides supplémentaires sont accordés aux réfugiés les plus nécessiteux et dont le cas mérite une aide particulière de notre part. En plus de l'aide pécuniaire, les réfugiés reçoivent des vêtements, des chaussures, des layettes et, pendant les mois d'hiver, du charbon pour les familles avec enfants et malades. Nous avons dépensé 824.658,15 Frs. pour cette aide complémentaire.
- 3.- Nous donnons l'aide médicale aux réfugiés. Douze médecins, tant belges que réfugiés, s'adonnent aux soins ~~des malades~~ des malades auxquels nous délivrons les médicaments nécessaires. L'achat des médicaments et les soins médicaux nous ont fait dépenser 185.301,89 Frs. Le Service Médical reçoit par jour 80 malades et rend visite à 20 personnes à domicile.
4. Les réfugiés malades pouvaient recevoir, sur l'avis du médecin, un supplément de 15 Fr. par semaine, de façon à mieux se nourrir. Nous avons dépense, à cet effet, 391.293,23 Fr.
5. Des conseils juridiques sont donnés aux réfugiés. Nous nous occupons de tout ce qui concerne leurs documents et nous sommes en contact permanent avec le Gouvernement à ce sujet. Nous avons payé 269.503,60 Frs. pour les cartes d'identité délivrées aux réfugiés. Nous sommes autorisés à visiter les réfugiés emprisonnés.
- 6.- Nous avons géré cinq centres de refuge où se trouvaient, au 31 Décembre 1939, 1.400 personnes. Nous nous chargeons de leur alimentation, de l'achat de leurs vêtements, des soins médicaux, en un mot de tout ce qui leur est nécessaire pour vivre. Nous avons organisé dans les centres des ateliers de réadaptation professionnelle où les réfugiés apprennent des métiers utiles à leur émigration. Nous avons dépensé, pour les centres, 1.953.896,62 Fr.
- 7.- Une école modèle pour la réadaptation professionnelle des réfugiés "AREPROR", est gérée par le Comité de Bruxelles. 110 élèves y suivent des cours. Nos dépenses, pour l'AREPROR, se sont élevées à 567.218,22 Frs. y compris l'assistance accordée aux élèves, suivant un barème spécial.
- 8.- Un foyer est organisé pour les réfugiés. Ceux qui veulent s'y tenir, ont à leur disposition une bibliothèque, des journaux et des distractions saines.
- 9.- Des cours de langues pour environ 1.000 réfugiés sont organisés par le Comité et ont nécessité une dépense de 17.210,65 Frs.

- 10.- Le Service Social du Comité se charge de l'aide morale aux réfugiés qui leur est tellement nécessaire. Il place les enfants dans des écoles et des hômes. Il dirige les malades vers les hôpitaux et sanatoria.
- 11.- Un Service de Placement procure aux aides-ménagères et à certains spécialistes une occupation et les permis de travail.
- 12.- Un Service s'occupe des bagages des réfugiés et facilite les relations avec la douane. Nous avons dépensé, pour les bagages, des réfugiés 54.506,03 Frs.
- 13.- Tout ce qui concerne l'émigration des réfugiés se fait à l'intervention du Comité. Nous avons assuré le départ de 916 personnes en 1939. Nous avons dépensé, à cet effet, 1.149.488,68 Frs. En plus de cette somme, les billets de passage pour certains réfugiés ont été fournis par la HICEM.
- 14.- Le Comité intervient financièrement dans la gestion des oeuvres qui ont pour but soit de procurer des repas à bon marché aux réfugiés, soit de leur fournir des vêtements et chaussures.
- 15.- Le Comité est représenté à la Commission de Surveillance, créée par le Gouvernement pour examiner toutes les questions relatives aux réfugiés. Sur l'intervention du Comité, le Gouvernement belge a autorisé, le premier, le débarquement des passagers du Saint-Louis. Egalement sur l'intervention du Comité, le Gouvernement libère de prison les réfugiés arrivés illégalement depuis la guerre et les place dans nos centres. Prenant en considération nos demandes, le Gouvernement nous a accordé un subside important.
- 16.- Les fonds nécessaires à notre activité en 1939 nous ont été procurés par :
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dons et souscriptions locales..... | 1.657.826,45 Frs. |
| Subvention Etat Belge..... | 1.834.286,90 Frs. |
| Organismes étrangers et divers..... | 2.814.127,93 Frs. |
| Joint Distribution Committee..... | <u>11.198.131,82 Frs.</u> |
| | 17.504.373,10 Frs. |
- 17.- Les Services d'Administration du Comité sont assurés par 110 employés parmi lesquels 73 réfugiés. Les frais d'administration se sont élevés à 961.972,59 Frs. soit 5,52 % du total de nos dépenses (lesquelles se montent à 17.426.179,21 Frs.)

May 3, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Enclosed herewith is a letter which
Rabbi Silver received from Mr. Paul Baerwald.
I am also enclosing a copy of the Rabbi's reply
for your files.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

BJK



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

There will be no meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal on Thursday, May 9th. The JDC officers could not attend. William Rosenwald, Edward M.M. Warburg, I. Edwin Goldwasser, James Becker, Solomon Lowenstein, were among those who indicated that for one reason or another they could not participate in such a meeting. Under the circumstances, as you pointed out, there was no value to a meeting.

A meeting for technical purposes of the Board of Directors of the UJA is being called for Wednesday, May 8th at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. All that is required is a quorum, which consists of three from the JDC and three from the UPA to modify the By-Laws in conformity with the new agreement for 1940 to adopt certain bank resolutions and to take similar action.

If you are in town at that time, I think it would be helpful if you could attend the meeting, although it will be largely formal in character.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC

May 3, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
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My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to the letters which you sent to me from Brussels, I would suggest that you write to them over my signature that I have referred the correspondence to the offices of the Joint Distribution Committee and that they will undoubtedly hear from them.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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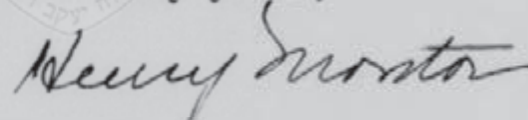
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I thought you might be interested in a copy of a letter which Leo Herrmann has sent me in comment upon a report by the Joint Distribution Committee of its financial and budgetary situation during 1939.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

May 5, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Enclosed herewith, signed and in duplicate, is the Rabbi's application for insurance with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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MAY 7, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I had a meeting this afternoon with Joseph C. Hyman to discuss some additional names as possibilities for representatives of the Welfare Fund communities on the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Hyman informed me that he had been told by the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds that a meeting of its Board of Directors was to be held in Pittsburgh on May 18th or 19th. At that time it is the intention of the Council officers to report that the JDC and UPA have made no progress in naming the three members intended to represent Welfare Fund communities on the Distribution Committee. The Council would then propose that the Board of Directors name its own slate of the three representatives and so inform the JDC and UPA.

The JDC finds the names of Jacob Blaustein of Baltimore and Robert Koshland of San Francisco entirely acceptable.

There was drawn up a further list for consideration by the JDC and UPA officers. These include Sidney Hollander, head of the Council; Leon Sunstein, Chairman of the Allied Jewish Appeal of Philadelphia; Horace Stern of Philadelphia; Harris Perlstein, Chairman of the Chicago campaign; Monte Lemann of New Orleans; Oscar Berman of Cincinnati; Louis E. Kirstein of Boston; Nathan Stein, Chairman of the Milwaukee campaign; and Governor Lehman. The UPA and JDC groups are supposed to discuss the merits of each of these men.

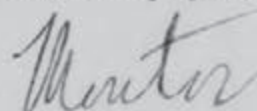
I would strongly urge that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the UPA be held some time next week for the purpose of (a) considering and naming the two UPA representatives on the Distribution Committee, and (b) the consideration of Welfare Fund representatives on the Distribution Committee. Otherwise we shall apparently be confronted with a fait accompli which we shall find it impossible to challenge.

During the discussion there were a number of names that I

suggested merely for discussion purposes as possible Welfare Fund nominees on the Distribution Committee. These include Fred Butzel of Detroit, Bernard Flexner of New York, Jonah J. Goldstein of New York, Henry Monsky of Omaha, Henry Wineman of Detroit, all of whom Mr. Hyman said would be unacceptable to the JDC.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

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EXTRACT OF LETTER DATED May 7th, 1940 FROM ISIDORE
SOBELOFF, DETROIT, MICHIGAN TO M. ROBERT HERMAN

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was most effective as the
speaker at our Opening Dinner last night. The
United Jewish Appeal is very, very fortunate to have
him as chairman, and the enthusiasm and response
within the next ten days in Detroit, I am sure, will
justify the time and the service that Dr. Silver con-
tributed last night to the Detroit phase of our United
Jewish Appeal efforts.

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Henry Montor

I note from your exchange of wires with Rabbi Wise that he is to be in Cleveland either Thursday or Friday. I assume that you will want to discuss primarily the following series of items:

(1) Night of Stars - Rabbi Wise is being badgered by I. Edwin Goldwasser. It is clear, of course, that the Night of Stars money is due to the United Jewish Appeal, but the United Palestine Appeal is not responsible for \$62,000 but for only \$50,000. That is all that the UPA has actually received - that is all that it can turn over to the UJA. The balance is in the treasury of the Night of Stars, the latter to determine how and if that money is to be given to the UPA or anyone else.

But if a settlement is to be made on the basis of the proceeds of Night of Stars going to the UJA it ought not and must not be deducted in one lump sum from the UPA allotment that is regularly made from the proceeds of the 1939 drive. What should be done is this: there should be a deduction from the UPA allotment spread out over a period of three months, let us say, so that every month approximately \$15,000 will be deducted from the UPA share.

(2) Hofheimer Foundation - Mr. Goldwasser says he knows of nothing. A pledge was made and properly recorded, but the only way in which that pledge can be obtained is by suing the Hofheimer Foundation in the courts. The UPA is supposed to have moral integrity but apparently the Hofheimer Foundation is not. I really don't know what can be done in regard to that item. Apparently UPA people don't have the moral obtuseness of others.

(3) 2/3-1/3 - It is very clear and unmistakable from the language of the decisions of the Allocations Committee of the UJA that if the UJA raises less than \$15,500,000 in 1939 the money must be divided on a 2/3-1/3 basis as between the JDC and the UPA. Some \$225,000 is lying in the treasury of the UJA on account of 1939 income. It is really outrageous that this money is not being distributed to the agencies which need the money so badly. But Goldwasser takes the position that he will not sign checks because his interpretation of a decision of the Allocations Committee is different.

What you and Rabbi Wise have to do is send a formal note to Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser and Mr. Arthur M. Lamport as

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

May 7, 1940

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Treasurers to proceed to the distribution of funds on the basis of the very definite and unmistakable language of the decision of the Allocations Committee that the 2/3-1/3 basis is to prevail inasmuch as it is very clear that the UJA of 1939 will certainly not obtain \$15,500,000.

X (4) Mr. Goldwasser, who is making such a fuss about the Night of Stars, is quite indifferent to the fact that the JDC owes the UPA over \$17,000 on account of the 1938 effectuating agreement which provided that 60% of all income from Welfare Fund cities should go to the JDC and 40% to the UPA. The calculation on this agreement was sent to you several days ago with a copy of a letter which I addressed to Mr. Coons asking for a check.

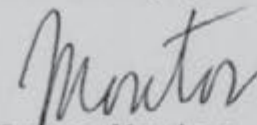
X However, it must be pointed out that the \$17,000 covers only the allotments regularly made by these Welfare Funds and does not include the supplementary income which the JDC received from its emergency appeal in the Fall of 1938. I do not know whether that sum was \$10,000 or \$100,000, since the JDC has not made any report on the subject.

It seems to me time that the JDC acknowledge the validity of the position which you took in behalf of the UPA in 1938 that the agreement of 1938 was very clear to the effect that all income, regardless of the source, obtained from Welfare Fund communities was to be divided on a 60-40 basis. Attached hereto is a copy of that agreement to refresh your recollection in the matter.

I shall try to be available during the day so that if there are any questions you may wish to ask while you are in conversation with Rabbi Wise I shall be around to answer them by phone.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH
Encl.

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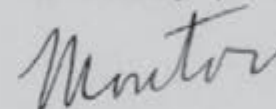
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested in a copy of a letter which Harry Lurie sent to the United Jewish Appeal on the basis of a request of Samuel Goldsmith of Chicago. Apparently Mr. Goldsmith is preparing a background.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS

165 West 46 Street, New York

May 6, 1940

Mr. Isidor Coons
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Coons:

Mr. Samuel Goldsmith of Chicago has asked us to secure some information for New York and other large cities for a meeting that he is planning to hold within the next ten days. The information he wants is for the New York UJA and since I don't know whether there is a permanent office record in the campaign headquarters, I would greatly appreciate if you would be good enough to secure the information for me that is probably in the files of the national UJA.

Mr. Goldsmith asks for the following figures:

- (1) What was the total amount raised by the N.Y. UJA
 - (a) in pledges, and
 - (b) in cash receipts during the calendar year 1939?
- (2)
 - (a) What was the amount pledged to the UJA from the New York Campaign for 1939?
 - (b) What part of this was remitted in cash to the UJA during 1939?
 - (c) What amount has been remitted thus far in 1940?
- (3) In addition to the UJA, did the N.Y. Campaign remit any funds for other purposes such as the New York local refugee service of NRS or other New York national or overseas agencies?

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) H. L. Lurie

H. L. LURIE

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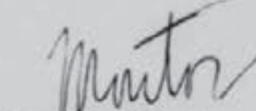
Dear Dr. Silver:

I am wondering if you could let me know how the Cleveland campaign is progressing.

It would be helpful to our records to have some information as to the present status, whether it has reached \$200,000, \$400,000, or...

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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HM:BG

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am hoping that we may persuade the ZOA to devote a session to the United Palestine Appeal at the forthcoming convention.

Should a line be sent in your name or mine to the officers of the ZOA asking that such a session be set aside? Before doing so, however, it would be important to know whether you are planning to be present at all the sessions of the ZOA Convention so that we may be guided accordingly.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

A luncheon is being given by the United Palestine Appeal for Eliezer Kaplan on Tuesday, May 14th. I am wondering whether there is any chance of your being present, although I realize that you are in the midst of the Cleveland campaign and probably cannot get away.

It would be a good opportunity also to conduct a meeting at that time to dispose of matters that are outstanding in the United Palestine Appeal.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



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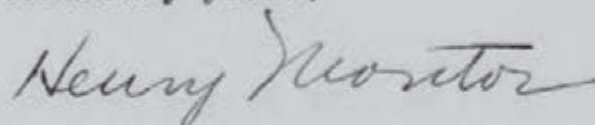
Dear Dr. Silver:

In connection with the 1939 money situation
may I tell you the following:

Goldwasser and Lampert between them agreed to
distribute the money on the basis of \$145,000 to the
Joint Distribution Committee, and \$65,000 to the United
Palestine Appeal. It was agreed in writing, however,
between them that the only reason for the distribution
was to enable the agencies to utilize money in the bank,
and that it was not to be regarded as a precedent in any
form for future distributions which would be dependent
upon the decisions which you and Rabbi Wise will reach.

I supported this distribution because today's
rate for the pound is \$3.37. If we can cable money to
Palestine today and tomorrow, our \$65,000 would amount to
approximately \$85,000 as far as Palestine is concerned.
I felt this was worthwhile. I hope that you will agree,
especially since it was emphasized that no precedent of
any kind was involved; and this was agreed to by
Goldwasser and Lampert.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

May 9, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

From all indications the Cleveland Campaign is progressing satisfactorily. The third report which was given this noon indicates that on the same cards as last year we are realizing about a seventeen percent increase. If this percentage is maintained, we shall reach our goal. My own feeling is that we will not fall very far short of the goal. Over \$320,000 has been reported. The campaign continues through next Wednesday night.

Mr. Goldhamer showed me a telegram which he received from Messrs. Baerwald and Warburg summoning him and a half dozen other directors of federations and welfare funds to meet at the Harmonie Club on May 20 in connection with the overseas relief needs of the JDC. This is to be a strictly confidential meeting. I do not know what the JDC has in mind. Perhaps you could find out. It would be a good thing to contact these executive directors, among whom are Goldsmith of Chicago, Sobeloff, Peiser, Selikman and one or two others, and suggest to them, in as indirect a way as you possibly can, that they ought to bring to the attention of the New York people the growing resentment of their communities at the failure of New York Jewry to do its duty. They should not be intrigued into attempts to launch supplementary campaigns in their respective communities. This will not result in any real money. A great pressure should be put on for the rest of the year on the Jewish community of New York.

I spoke with Fred Butzel and Sobeloff about this matter last Monday night in Detroit. They had a great meeting in Detroit Monday night, and we had an extraordinarily fine meeting in Cleveland Sunday night. I opened the Campaign here and the address was broadcast in full. From all indications there was a great radio audience including many non-Jews.

I agree with you that a special session should be set aside at the ZOA convention for the UPA. That session should be held

Henry Montor

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May 9, 1940

whether I attend the convention or not. My plans are quite indefinite.

I am afraid that I will not be able to attend the luncheon on May 14 for Eliezer Kaplan. I cannot get away from Cleveland on that day. However, I will be in New York on the 23rd of May for a campaign meeting and I hope that I shall have the pleasure then of seeing Mr. Kaplan.

The arrangements which Mr. Goldwasser and Mr. Lamport made about the distribution of money is agreeable to me in view of the fact that it was understood that this was not to be a precedent for any future distribution. I am sending you a copy of the letter which I received from Mr. Goldwasser.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.



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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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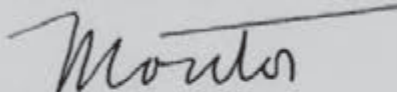
Dear Dr. Silver:

You will be interested to know the special value of money cabled to Palestine, because of the special low rate of the Pound.

Today, \$65,000 was sent to the Jewish Agency for which £P 19,400 was obtained. Only a month ago or so the same number of Pounds would have cost \$87,000.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It seems that Eliezer Kaplan never sailed on the Rex, although we had believed up to the last moment, no advice to the contrary being available, that he would be here today.

He is leaving together with Dr. Weizmann and Mr. Lourie on the Washington on May 18.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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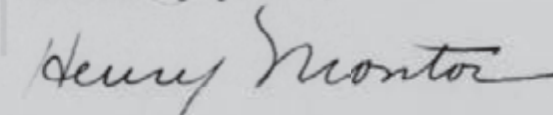
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a letter addressed to you from Rabbi Ranson of East Orange, New Jersey, and a copy of my reply thereto.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 10, 1940

Rabbi Marius Ranson
Congregation Sharey Tefilo
57 Prospect Street
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Rabbi Ranson:

Your letter of May 8th is being forwarded to Dr. Silver who is not able to be in the office today, although he had been expected, because of the death of his father-in-law in Wheeling on Monday night.

I do not think it likely that Dr. Silver will be able personally to be present at the New Jersey State Conference on June 2nd. The guest of honor on that occasion will be Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who is arriving in the United States at the end of this month.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

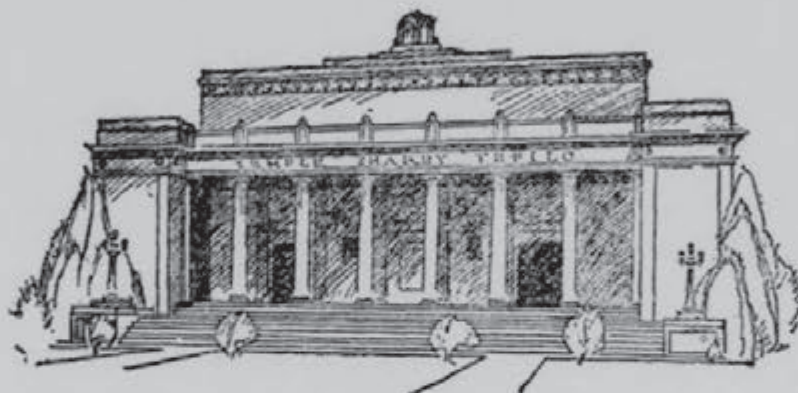
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92 Warrington Place
East Orange, N. J.

ORange 4-1414

May 8, 1940

Mr. Abba Hillel Silver
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Abba:

WRHS



I have your letter of May 2nd inviting me to attend the Conference of New Jersey Leaders at the Essex House in Newark on June 2nd.

I shall indeed be happy to come at 10:30 but I shall have to leave you at 12:30 in order to officiate at a wedding.

This cause to which you have devoted yourself so wholeheartedly, demands our cooperation in a manner that I regard as one of the great challenges of the Jewish religion.

It is always a pleasure to cooperate with you who I so deeply admire but in this case it is a double pleasure.

If on this occasion you will find some time to come up to my home after the session concludes at 5 P. M., Annette and I will deeply appreciate the honor of seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

Marius Ranson

mr;cs

May 10, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Our local campaign has again raised the question this year about chain stores and their contributions. Is anything being done in New York to contact national headquarters of the chain store organizations? There is a great field here and it should not be neglected. Some of the local branches claim that contributions are being given by their organization from their national headquarters.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 10, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

— Enclosed herewith is a contribution
to the United Jewish Appeal which was received
by Rabbi Silver.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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Henry Montoro
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May 10, 1940

Please arrange for meeting uPa
Administrative Committee May 23rd.

Four pm.

Silver

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HENRY MONTOR.

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May 12, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Mr. Lamport called me this morning and expressed to me his convictions concerning the absolute failure of the New York Campaign this year which he thinks will be an even more miserable failure than last year. He also expressed the conviction that the JDC people of New York are unwilling or incapable of making the right kind of effort to get more money from the wealthier classes. I am wondering whether the whole matter should not be brought out into the open by ourselves and whether a press conference with the Yiddish press would not be advisable; also a statement in the New Palestine. Perhaps an emergency conference similar to the one the JDC is calling for May 20 should be called by us in the City of New York to which we should invite five hundred of the leading Jews of New York in order to apprise them of the situation, to which conference thirty or forty of the leading welfare workers outside of New York should be invited. Talk this matter over with Wise, Lipsky and Goldstein and let me know.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 12 1940

Henry Monbr
UPA
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

WRHS



WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD PROCURE FOR ME THE NAMES OF THE FIFTY LARGEST DONORS UP UNTIL NOW IN 1940 CAMPAIGN NEW YORK CITY AND AMOUNTS THEY CONTRIBUTED. PLEASE SEND INFORMATION AIRMAIL. I AM EXPECTING JONAH WISE TOMORROW TO TAKE UP NIGHT OF STARS AND OTHER OUTSTANDING MATTERS. IF THERE IS ANY INFORMATION WHICH I SHOULD HAVE PLEASE SEND IT AIR MAIL

SILVER

D.L.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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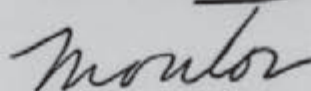
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to you by Louis Rimsky, offering his resignation as Associate Treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal.

Do you wish to answer this directly from Cleveland, or have me acknowledge it on your behalf?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:et
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Dear Dr. Silver:

It is good to know that the Cleveland campaign is doing so well.

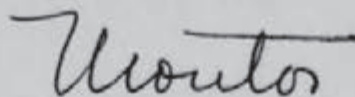
I wish the same could be said of some of the other major efforts.

As of this date Blitz reports the raising of \$2,500,000 in the New York campaign. At the meeting at Governor Lehman's home on Wednesday night, sixty-five people were present. Pledges were generally the same as last year, with several slight increases. Governor Lehman himself contributed \$25,000.

I shall endeavor to speak to some of the men who are being brought into New York by the JDC for May 20. It is amusing to see the effort which the JDC is expending to get money from directions which are already being thoroughly explored locally. Most leaders of the JDC, with a few notable exceptions, have no more to do with the UJA campaign than the man in the moon.

I have submitted a formal request to the ZQA that one session of the Convention be set aside for the UPA. Mr. Lipsky is in full agreement with that, and will try also to see that that is done.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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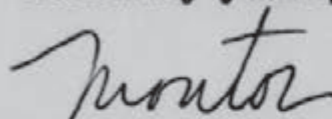
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As an index to the desire of the JDC to adjust outstanding accounts with the UPA, when at the same time Dr. Goldwasser is driving us mad with his references to the Night of Stars, I am herewith enclosing a copy of a letter received today from Mr. Isidor Coons, Director of Fund-raising of the JDC.

You will note that my request that over \$17,000 still due to the United Palestine Appeal from the JDC from the 1938 campaign ^{be paid} must be still further delayed. This \$17,000 plus does not have reference to the adjustments of the emergency appeal which the JDC conducted in the fall of 1938.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:et

May 14, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a check which
Rabbi Silver received from Mr. Jacob Deitz of
Wendell, N.C.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

MEMORANDUM

Date May 14, 1940

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Henry Montor

Subject

Attached herewith is a copy of the report submitted to the United Palestine Appeal, showing the expenditures of the World Mizrahi organization in Palestine for the period from September 1, 1939 through January 31, 1940.

As was indicated in previous reports of the World Mizrahi Central, the largest part of the £20,364 spent during this period (toward which £19205 came from the Mizrahi Organization of America) went for organization expenses, £2371, press and cultural activities, principally Hazofeh, £2103, debt payments, £10,668.



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Ohio Tax Return -
Halle Kross.

(As submitted to UPA by Mizrachi Organization of America)

WORLD MIZRACHI CENTER

JERUSALEM

Income and expenses

(From September 1, 1939 - January 31, 1940.)

INCOME

Received from Mizrachi Organization of America	LP 9205.778
Mizrachi Organization of Canada	711.281
Monies collected for Palestine fund in Australia	309.400
United Fund in Africa	300.000
Mizrachi Organization of Holland	44.758
Monies collected for Palestine fund in Eretz Israel	82.000
Allocation of Jewish Agency for religion	485.000
Women's Mizrachi Organization in Africa	19.885
Loans	9201.098
Miscellaneous	5.118

LP 20364.318

EXPENSES

Paid to Torah v'Avoda Fund	LP 3099.709
Organization Department	2371.921
Press, culture and literature	2103.160
Department for payment of debts	10668.576
XXX Assistance department	572.241
Department for religious matters	665.450
Educational department	540.931
Department for Rabbi Cook's Institute	273.000
Department for support of colonies	42.330
Department for defence and security	27.000

LP 20364.318

ORGANIZATION EXPENSES

Pension	LP 165.000	
Salaries	LP <u>1275.000</u>	LP <u>1440.000</u>
		LP1440.000
Office Maintenance		
Postage, telephone and telegrams	213.474	
fares	86.052	
Office necessities	49.131	
Miscellaneous (including rent)	192.477	
Legal expenses	<u>22.500</u>	LP <u>563.634</u>
		LP 563.634
Bond discounts		86.000
National Mizrahi (Artisi)		247.795
Women's Mizrahi Organization, Tel-Aviv, Haifa		13.942
Women's Mizrahi Organization, Cernauti		5.000
Share in secretarial expenses of Rabbi Herzog		10.000
Expenses of conferences of Upper Committee and Court of Honor		<u>5.550</u>
		LP <u>2371.921</u>



PRESS, CULTURE AND LITERATURE EXPENSES

Hazofeh	LP 1592.310	
Mizrachi Young Girls' Home	300.000	
Bnei Akiva	100.750	
Institute for delegates to Diaspora countries	10.000	
Girl pioneers Home, Haifa	10.000	
Religious education center	50.290	
Publication of books	12.000	
Text-books for colonies, assistance to students, etc.	27.810	
		<u>LP 2103.160</u>

AGENCY FOR ASSISTANCE EXPENSES

Assistance to unemployed by Hapoel Hamizrachi	-LP 248.650	
Assistance to unemployed by National Mizrachi	130.000	
Assistance to Mizrachi branches in Tel-Aviv	20.000	
Assistance to refugees rabbis	11.517	
Contribution to feeding of children by Hadassah	5.000	
Various contributions by office	157.074	<u>LP 572.241</u>

RELIGIOUS EXPENSES

Rabbis and scholars	LP 526.000	
United Yemenites	25.000	
Share in repairs at Wailing Wall	16.000	
Share in religious arrangements at points: Sargina (Irgun Hazorim), Nes Ziona and Kfar Yechezkel	20.000	
Share in cost of making ritually suitable the kitchens in Pardes Chana and Kvutzath Achvah (General Zionists) and people of the Irgun	20.718	
Miscellaneous per Rabbi Fishman	35.000	
Furnishing synagogue in Kvutzath Rodges	5.000	
Phylacterials, Holy books, etc.	7.740	
Miscellaneous	10.000	<u>LP 665.450</u>

EXPENSES FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Yeshivah of the new settlement in Tel-Aviv	LP 105.000
Snifa (Yemenites) in Kfar Avraham	22.000
Yeshivath Bnei Ekviah in Kfar Haroeh	27.000
Alumah, Jerusalem	19.000
Torath Jerusalem	18.000
Talmud Torah Safed	15.000
Talmud Torah Nathanya	10.000
Talmud Torah Ohel Joseph, Jerusalem	5.000
Trade School in Tel-Aviv (Beth Hasefer Lemlacha)	27.500
School in Kfar Saba	20.000
School in Kfar Yaacov	15.000
School in Kfar Haroeh	10.000
School in Kfar Pines	10.000
School in Kfar Avraham	10.000
School in Nachlath Ganim	10.000
School in Rodges	5.000
School for Yeminitew in Jerusalem	5.000
School Bath Galim, Haifa	5.000
School in Zichron Yaacov	5.000
Yeshurun School	5.000
School in Raanana	5.000
School in Ramath Yitzchak	5.000
School in Pardes Chana	3.000
Beth Sefer L'Olei Iran, Jerusalem	2.000
Mizrachi School for Teachers, Jerusalem	25.000
Mizrachi School for Women Teachers, Jerusalem	73.763
Feeding of Children in Mizrahi Schools	40.000
Mizrachi Educational Convention	20.543
Miscellaneous	2.125
Gan Miriam, Jerusalem	8.000
Kindergarten in Schechunat Shapiro, Tel-Aviv	4.000
Kindergarten in Schechunat Tselnob, Tel-Aviv	4.000
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	LP 540.931

May 15, 1940

TO: Record Department

FROM: Mr. Henry Montor

RE: Pittsburgh, Pa.

I was in Pittsburgh Tuesday, May 14th, to investigate the status of the Pittsburgh campaign and to meet with the leaders in connection with that status.

This is the situation that I found:

As of Tuesday, May 14th, the United Jewish Fund of Pittsburgh had obtained in actual pledges the sum of \$360,000 toward an original goal of \$600,000. It was indicated by Oliver Kaufmann, chairman, and by his associates that there was an additional amount of \$40,000 that might be counted upon from contributors of last year who had not yet announced pledges. This included Nathaniel Spear, who last year gave \$10,000 to the Pittsburgh campaign in addition to \$5,000 in New York, and Charles Dreifus, who contributed \$7,500.

The leaders of the campaign were gripped by a spirit of defeatism and were trying to make themselves believe that even if they obtained only \$400,000 it was not so bad in comparison with 1939, when a total of \$458,000 had been obtained in pledges, of which \$20,000 had to be written off as uncollectible.

Were this situation to continue the maximum that the UJA could count upon from the United Jewish Fund of Pittsburgh for the year 1940 would be \$150,000 as against \$240,000 allotted in 1939.

The \$90,000 or \$100,000 difference between the amount for the UJA from Pittsburgh in 1940 as against 1939 is related entirely to provision for local refugees. Mr. Gustave Kann, President of the United Jewish Fund, reminded me that in January Mr. William Rosenwald and Dr. William Haber had both said to him that care of the local refugees was so important that they ought to borrow in anticipation of the campaign in order to keep their machinery going on a proper scale. My strictures against the Pittsburgh operations were received by them with the rejoinder that the \$100,000 they were providing for the refugees locally were as much a part of the obligations of the UJA as any other phase of its program and if New York would not send refugees to Pittsburgh they could give that money to the UJA. The anomaly in the campaign situation is that on one hand the NRS office keeps hammering away at Pittsburgh to take more refugees, while on the other hand the local community achieves the feeling that by cooperating with the NRS, one of the constituents of the UJA, in this operation it is very definitely contributing to the functions of the UJA as a whole.

There are certain local items of expenditure which the Pittsburgh community regards as irreducible and unchangeable. If the UJA is to receive even \$240,000, the amount allotted in 1939, Pittsburgh would have to raise \$500,000, which would comprise the following items:

Hebrew Institute)		
Montefiore Hospital)		
Y.M.H.A.)		\$110,000
Jewish Social Service Bureau	85,000)	All devoted to
United Employment Service	3,200)	service and main-
Hebrew Free Loan	2,500)	tenance of local
Tri-State Coordinating Bureau	9,500)	refugees
Campaign and Administration Costs	18,000	
Shrinkage - minimum estimate	10,000	
National Causes (on basis of 1939 allotments)	8,100	
Overseas Allotments (on basis of 1939 allotments)	<u>10,000</u>	
Making a total of	\$256,300	
For UJA	<u>240,000</u>	
	\$496,300	

Pittsburgh has received 7,000 contributions thus far as against 9,500 in 1939, but 1,500 of these contributions have been declared worthless for 1940 either because they were made up on children's cards or adult's cards with pledges made in 1940 either unpaid or uncollectible. There thus remain 1,000 cards to be covered, with 4,000 additional prospects not yet interviewed but who were not reached in 1939 either.

On Tuesday night there was a rally in Kaufmann's auditorium of some 350 workers and solicitors who were supposed to be given new inspiration to go out and solicit the outstanding cards.

After lengthy meetings during the day with Oliver Kaufmann, Gustave Kann, Stanley Kann and Irwin D. Wolf, a small meeting was arranged for me immediately after the workers' rally, at which the following were present: Oliver Kaufmann, Charles Rosenbloom, Gustave Kann, Stanley Kann, Irwin D. Wolf, Harry Rom, Alex Lowenthal, among others. I told the Pittsburgh leaders that it was inconceivable that the UJA might receive \$100,000 less than in 1939 and that I could not believe that in order to maintain their local institutions they would permit these enterprises to ride in on the backs of pleas for overseas needs. I said that with all the good will in the world the efforts of the solicitors to contact outstanding prospective contributors could result in a maximum of \$25,000, which would be a very sharp exaggeration. If at least \$100,000 was to be made available to provide for the UJA no more than in 1939, the top givers would have to provide at least an additional \$75,000 and probably more. Having been rather startled during the day by the status of the campaign and by the prospects for the UJA, I am afraid I was quite blunt and outspoken in talking to the men who carry the responsibility for the conduct of the Pittsburgh United Jewish Fund.

They were aware of the situation and finally determined to take some action along the lines I suggested. It was decided that a special supplementary gift action shall be initiated to be divided into two groups, one covering givers of \$1,000 and over; and the other, contributors of less than \$1,000 to \$200. It was proposed that William Klee be the chairman for this special action so that while Oliver Kaufmann is in charge of the general campaign he can devote himself exclusively to the getting up of two meetings to reach the big contributors for supplementary solicitation. It was indicated to me by Oliver Kaufmann that he would probably be able to persuade his family to contribute an additional 30% if the other leaders would go along in this action. 30% from the Kaufmanns would mean approximately \$12,000. The Kanns would also do the same. It is likely that the Rosenblooms would also go along to some extent in this supplementary action. I cannot predict whether the supplementary campaign which will now be undertaken will meet with full success, but it was evident to me that the men with whom I met were serious in their determination to try every possible method of reaching at least \$500,000 through this new solicitation campaign.

1939

The allotment to the UJA from Pittsburgh is recorded at \$240,000 out of a total of pledges of \$450,000, of which, as said above, \$20,000 has been written off as uncollectible. Mr. Joseph Meyer, Secretary of the United Jewish Fund, informed me that \$410,000 in cash has been collected to date in the 1939 campaign. \$205,000 has been paid to the UJA on account of its allotment. The reason more money has not been forthcoming to the UJA is that a great part of the sum has been used for local refugee purposes since the amount allocated for that project in 1939 has proved inadequate.

Mr. Charles Rosenbloom, Treasurer of the United Jewish Fund, expressed the belief that the UJA would not receive the full allotment of \$240,000. On the other hand, Mr. Oliver Kaufmann believed that Pittsburgh would fulfill its commitment even if it meant setting aside a certain sum of the 1940 income to pay off 1939.

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\$23,000,000 is the National Goal for 1940
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May 15, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mrs. Harry Finkel, the Secretary of the Rockford Federation of Jewish Charities in Rockford, Illinois, has written us, informing us that Mr. George Seidler is Chairman of the current Rockford campaign, and that Mr. Louis Weinstein is Co-Chairman. She writes that you have been notified of Mr. Seidler's appointment but not of Mr. Weinstein's.

We are wondering whether you have received such a communication from her and whether you would prefer to write directly to one or both of these gentlemen, or to have us do so.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:GBJ

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TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

May 16, 1940

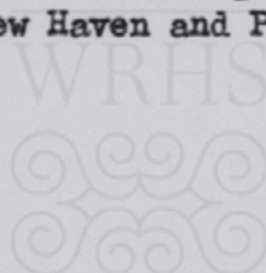
FROM: HENRY MONTOR

You may be interested in seeing an invitation issued for the New Jersey State Conference of the United Palestine Appeal to be held in Newark on June 2nd. This is a continuation of the regional program of the United Palestine Appeal.

The first of these meetings was held in Los Angeles on April 7th. The second, and most successful, was held in Boston on April 14th. It is planned to have other conferences in the coming months in San Francisco, Chicago, Rochester, New Haven and Philadelphia.

HM:BC

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Joseph C. Hyman of the Joint Distribution Committee telephoned me today to say that the Joint Distribution Committee had agreed that any of the three following names would be considered acceptable to them as members of the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal representing Welfare Fund communities:

Jacob Blaustein, Baltimore
Robert Koshland, San Francisco
Leon Sunstein, Philadelphia
Horace Stern, Philadelphia
Harris Perlstein, Chicago
Monte Lemann, New Orleans
David Watchmaker, Boston

I spoke by phone today with Dr. Goldman in Chicago, who feels that Harris Perlstein would be a good choice. He has undertaken to meet with Mr. Perlstein to sound him out.

From the consensus of opinion I have been able to sound, the name of Jacob Blaustein does not seem generally acceptable.

I had a conference yesterday with Joseph C. Hyman and Harry L. Lurie to discuss qualifications of various men for the post of Research Director of the Distribution Committee.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor

Executive Director

HM:EH

cc: Dr. Stephen S. Wise
Mr. Louis Lipsky

Dr. Solomon Goldman Dr. Israel Goldstein
Judge Morris Rothenberg Mr. Arthur M. Lamport Mr. Charles Ress

May 17, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

We have only reached \$763,500 so far. While our campaign officially closed Wednesday night, part of the organization is being kept intact to continue solicitation. It may be possible that we will reach \$800,000. I am inclined to think that the \$500,000 commitment to the UJA will hold even if we do not reach \$800,000.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I have taken up with Messrs. Lipsky, Wise and Goldstein the proposal of your letter of May 12, suggesting that an emergency conference of several hundred leading men of New York be called together, to apprise them of the campaign situation.

All three of them feel that this should be done.

The question that now remains is,

- a) what form should the conference take, and
- b) what will be the consequences of this action?

If the conference is to be called, would it be in your name as National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, or in the names of you and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise as National Chairmen? I am wondering whether Rabbi Wise would join you in such a call.

It is quite possible that the JDC, which is so thoroughly represented in the present New York leadership of the campaign, will represent any action calculated to impugn the capacity of the New York leadership. If then such a conference is held to make clear to the public that New York has been less than helpful in the United Jewish Appeal campaign, it must mean a break between those associated with the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee. Are we prepared for the consequences of that act at this particular time?

If you feel that regardless of the outcome and the repercussions the New York Community must in some bold, dramatic way be made aware of the situation, then will you give me authority for the convening of the conference in your name, at a date which you will select?

Or do you wish this matter delayed until the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal next Thursday, May 23?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
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Executive Director

HM:et

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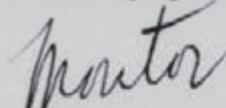
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of the
May 13, 1940 financial sheet issued by the
New York campaign of the United Jewish
Appeal.

With kindest personal regards, I
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Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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GREATER NEW YORK CAMPAIGN

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

May 13, 1940

	<u>PLEDGES</u>	<u>COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>UNPAID PLEDGES</u>
May 10 Balance	\$2,131,592.37	\$914,788.93	\$1,216,803.44
13	334,328.20	65,228.85	269,099.35
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	2,465,920.57	980,017.78	1,485,902.79
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<u>PLEDGES TO RAISE</u>			
May 10 Balance	96,890.00	6,781.65	90,108.35
13	600.00	3,000.00	2,400.00-CR
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	97,490.00	9,781.65	87,708.35
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GRAND TOTAL	\$2,563,410.57	\$989,799.43	\$1,573,611.14
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Henry Montor

I spoke by telephone today to Dr. Solomon Goldman who at my request met with Harris Perlstein, Chairman of the 1940 Chicago Welfare Fund drive, who has been suggested as a possibility for one of the places on the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal to represent the Welfare Fund communities.

It is Dr. Goldman's conviction, after this conversation, that Mr. Perlstein should prove entirely acceptable to the United Palestine Appeal forces.

Mr. Perlstein had not been previously approached by anybody in regard to the post.

The Joint Distribution Committee has indicated its willingness to accept Mr. Perlstein as one of the three Welfare Fund representatives.

In the meantime I have heard from Mr. Bernard Stone, United Palestine Appeal field representative on the West Coast, who feels that Robert Koshland of San Francisco would be prejudiced in favor of the Joint Distribution Committee, and that he could not be relied upon to view the Palestine situation impartially.

Mr. Simon Levin, field representative of the United Palestine Appeal for the Seaboard Region, said to me this afternoon that the Zionists and pro-Palestine forces in Baltimore do not think that Jacob Blaustein should be acceptable as a representative on the Distribution Committee as far as the United Palestine Appeal is concerned.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

cc: Dr. Wise, Dr. Goldman, Mr. Lipsky, Dr. Goldstein, Judge Rothenberg
Mr. Lampert, Mr. Ress.

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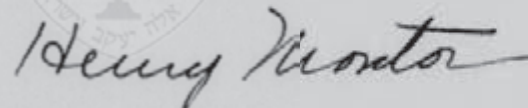
May 17th, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter
addressed to you by Z. Gluska of the Yemenite
Organization.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

C O P Y

The Centre of
YEMENITE ORGANIZATION IN PALESTINE
The Executive Committee
P. O. Box 86
TEL-AVIV, PALESTINE

41 Union Square
New York, N. Y., May 12, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 46th Street New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

In the printed United Palestine Appeal Report of May 1940, considerable space is devoted to the activities of the Jewish Agency in behalf of the Yemenite Jews. While I am pleased with this manifestation of interest, the question naturally arises, why just at this time, after years of silence, is the attention of American Jewry directed to U.P.A. undertakings for the Yemenites of Palestine. I trust it is an indication of increased support in the future in behalf of the Yemenites, as well as cooperation in my present activities here to arouse Jewish support for the Yemenite cause.

The illustrations in the Report are all taken from the El Yashiv settlement, which is the one outstanding settlement among eighteen other settlements of Yemenites in Palestine. I should like to show you pictures of these other settlements, where the Yemenites are crowded in tiny hovels and living amid considerable misery and lack of adequate shelter and nourishment. Picture a wooden shed of one room of six square meters in which a family of eight to ten persons must live. A report filed by the Social Service Department of the Vaad Leumi describes the abject poverty and actual hunger existing in Pardesia, near K'far Yona, mentioned in the May Report of the U.P.A. In one of the Yemenite settlements, the residents were threatened with being dispossessed, because they could not meet the payments required on their homes, due to depression conditions existing in Palestine.

The statement in the Report of expenditures incurred by the Jewish Agency for Yemenites in Palestine is also misleading, because no period is mentioned in which these sums were expended. The inference is that the sums were expended during the past year, while the fact is that it covers a period of twenty years or more. If the statement reported the actual expenditures during the past year or two, it would prove my contention that the Jewish Agency has neglected and almost forgotten the needs and requirements of the Yemenites in Palestine. From the funds raised and forwarded to Palestine less than one percent is appropriated for Yemenite purposes, though there are 27,000 Yemenites living in Palestine.

I am preparing a complete statement describing the deplorable conditions existing among the Yemenite Jews of Palestine, not only in the settlements but also in the overcrowded quarters of the cities, conditions which are a disgrace to the Yishuv and which the Jewish Agency overlooks because of its greater and keener interest in the Jewish refugees from Europe, particularly from Germany and Poland.

This memorandum will be forwarded to you shortly.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Z. Gluska, President, Yemenite
Organization in Palestine.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
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NEW YORK, N.Y.

M E M O R A N D U M

May 17, 1940

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached hereto is a copy of a note from Mr. Isidor Coons to Rabbi Jonah E. Wise questioning the latter's authority to arrive at any understanding with Dr. Silver insofar as the Joint Distribution Committee is concerned.

HM:BC

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

May 16, 1940

FROM: Isidor Coons

SUBJECT: Your conversation with Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver relative to adjustment of proceeds from Welfare Funds to the J.D.C. and U.P.A., respectively, in 1938

I am attaching hereto a copy of a memorandum received today from Mr. Montor and call your special attention to Item 2.

The J.D.C. and U.P.A., respectively, have clarified all matters pertaining to the adjustment of proceeds represented in normal allotments to the respective agencies from Welfare Fund communities covered by the 1938 agreement.

I have never received authorization from you as J.D.C. Campaign Chairman in 1938 or from any other officer of the J.D.C. to proceed with any adjustments on monies raised through the emergency campaign inaugurated following the November 10th riots. I shall await your further instructions.

A copy of this memorandum is being sent to Mr. Montor.

IC:JB
cc Mr. Montor

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested in the repercussions that seem to be brewing as a result of the strong letters you have addressed to Mr. Baerwald and to Governor Lehman.

Harry Lurie of the Council and Jacob Landau of the JTA apparently reporting on comments which they have heard in various places seem to think that you have stirred up a whirlwind.

I thought you would be interested to know that your letters have not only been read but apparently distributed.

Eliezer Kaplan arrived here today on the Clipper. He has been trying to get in touch with you to arrange to meet with you.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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May 17, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to you, asking the United Palestine Appeal to name three representatives with voting powers to attend the annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America, at Pittsburgh.

I assume that you wish this matter placed on the Agenda of the Administrative Committee meeting next week.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:et

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

May 20, 1940

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum which I have addressed to Isidor Coons on the subject of the Jewish National Fund. I have been flooded with observations, allegations and recriminations on this subject.

HM:BG
Enc.



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

TO: ISIDOR COONS

May 17, 1940

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

I have noted that from time to time reports have come in from field representatives of the United Jewish Appeal referring to the fact that certain sums have been raised locally by and on behalf of the Jewish National Fund.

May I point out that there is absolutely no occasion for continuous memoranda on this subject and that field men ought to be notified that very obviously the Jewish National Fund will be raising money from as many communities as it can. This is in consonance with its traditional fund-raising activity which has been in progress now for some thirty-eight years. The traditional collections of the Jewish National Fund include such items as the planting of trees, Golden Book inscriptions, Purim Stamp Books, Flower Day, Tag Day and similar items. It is characteristic and inevitable for local committees raising funds for the JNF to wait until a substantial sum is gathered in the treasury so that a single check may be sent to JNF headquarters. Sometimes the check may be for \$50, or a \$100, or even for a \$1,000. But the fact that a \$50 or a \$1,000 check has been forwarded to the JNF does not, for a moment, indicate that these amounts have not been brought together in a single sum from traditional collections of the JNF.

Unless our field representatives are made to understand this point, they will continue to invoke unjustifiable alibis.

I have pointed out again and again that where a Welfare Fund campaign is held, an allocation directly from the Welfare Fund to the JNF is distinctly a contribution which the UJA may claim and is claiming. But it seems to me by this time rather naive to swoon into consternation every time a field representative of the UJA discovers that the JNF is raising funds. Of course, it is, and the agreement constituting the UJA takes cognizance of that fact and recognizes and approves it.

HM:BG

cc: M. Robert Herman

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

~~111 FIFTH AVENUE~~

41 East 42nd St.

MEMORANDUM

Date

May 20, 1940

To

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From

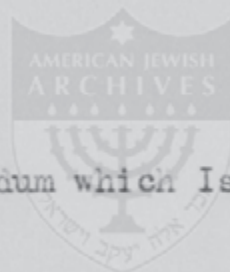
Mr. Henry Montor

Subject

Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum which Isidor Coons has sent to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise.

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Encl.

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MEMORANDUM

May 17, 1940

TO: Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
FROM: Mr. Isidor Coons
RE: Inclusion of Jewish National Fund in Welfare Fund Community Budgets.

To an increasing degree, Welfare Funds are including the Jewish National Fund for separate appropriations this year. We have been officially advised of this in a number of cases by our field representatives.

It is my understanding that our agreement with the United Palestine Appeal for 1940 provides that the Jewish National Fund is entitled to continue its traditional collections which we understand to be the sale of flowers, the sale of flags and the use of their established collection boxes.

I do not see how any community can, through its Welfare Fund, consider a contribution to the Jewish National Fund a traditional collection. I have brought this to the attention of Mr. Montor on a number of occasions and while I think he agrees with my point of view, he seems to be unable to do anything about it.

As a matter of fundamental responsibility, I must bring this to your attention. We can supply you with the names of the communities reported to us as including the Jewish National Fund in their Welfare Fund budgets for separate amounts up to \$500.000

I am giving a copy of this memorandum to Mr. Montor, as he may wish to discuss the matter with Rabbi Silver.

IC:ZW
cc: Mr. Montor

MEMORANDUM

May 20, 1940

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter
addressed to the United Palestine Appeal
by the Immigrants Pensioners Society!



G O P Y
IMMIGRANTS PENSIONERS SOCIETY
(Registered under Nr. 3939/1372 at the District Commissioner's Offices Jerusalem)
4, Aaron Road
Jerusalem
April 14th 1940

United Palestine Appeal
Suite 703
111 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Sirs:

We, the undersigned, take the liberty of addressing you on the following matters:

2. There are at present in Palestine 450 persons - together with their families over 1000 people - who are entitled to receive pensions and allowances from the German Reich, Authorities or Organisations in Germany.
3. These pensioners or annuitants have established an association, registered at the District Commissioner's Offices, Jerusalem, as the "Immigrant Pensioners Society".
4. These people belong to three different groups:
 - a) Ex Government officials or officials of public or religious institutions authorized by the Government; among them are High Court Judges, University professors, Rabbis and other Officials of the Jewish Communities, or their widows.
 - b) People who fought in the Great War and they or their heirs are entitled to a pension or allowance.
 - c) People who are entitled to receive allowances from social insurance institutions.
5. Until the war began these people received their pensions or allowances by means of transfer. This transfer was effected partly direct by post and partly through a special transfer institution, the so-called "Haavara".
6. The sum of the pensions and allowances, paid in in Germany, amounted to approximately 60 000 Reichsmarks monthly; the sums, paid out in Palestine, amounted - because of transfer losses - to approximately 3 000 monthly.
7. Even after the outbreak of war the pensions and allowances were still being paid, in Germany itself, into the "Sonderkonto Versorgungsbezüge" at the Warburg and Wasserman Banks. But the transfer of the pensions and allowances ceased simultaneously with the outbreak of war and all our endeavours to find a way of transferring them have been unsuccessful.
8. This has brought about a situation of great poverty to us, which is getting more acute day by day, for the pensioners are, on the average, over 60 years of age and an overwhelming majority of them have no means whatsoever nor the possibility of acquiring any new source of existence here.
9. The Jewish institutions in this country, though full of sympathy for our distress, are not able to support us.
10. In this desperate situation we take the liberty of approaching you with the heartfelt request to help us in any way you will be kind enough to find out.

Please accept our deepest thanks for your kindness.
We beg to remain, dear Sirs, Yours very truly,

Dr. E. Katzenstein

Dr. A. Jacobus

MEMORANDUM

May 20, 1940

TO: Mr. Elieser Kaplan

FROM: Henry Montor

I attach herewith a copy of a letter dated May 16, 1940, which the Gewerkschaften Campaign has issued to thousands of individuals in New York City in the midst of the United Jewish Appeal campaign.

I particularly call your attention to the claims made on behalf of the Histadrath.

Is there anything more that can be said for the United Palestine Appeal or the Jewish Agency itself?

CC: Dr. Silver
Dr. Wise
Dr. Goldman
Mr. Lipsky
Dr. Goldstein
Judge Rothenberg
Mr. Ross

C O P Y

NATIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE

Affiliated with the Histadrut Haovdim in Eretz Israel

May 16, 1940

275 SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

S. Blits
111-5th Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Blits:

In the course of the last few months, we approached you several times concerning your annual contribution to the Gewerkschaften Campaign. We have impressed upon you the urgency of contributing at this time, more so than ever before.

Palestine is faced with a grave crisis, largely due to the upset caused by the war. Aside from providing for the unemployed, the Histadrut has shouldered the responsibility for the thousands of immigrants - legal as well as illegal - who are now streaming into Palestine. The Histadrut is the agency that is deeply concerned with the welfare of the newcomers and seeks to provide them with a livelihood in the cities, as well as in the colonies. Of vast importance are the efforts of the Histadrut to gain admission into Palestine for the unfortunate refugees. Representatives are stationed in each land, where the war is raging and are striving against overwhelming odds to succor as many as possible from the scourge of war.

We, therefore, cannot comprehend your lack of response to our request for assistance to this vast undertaking of the Histadrut.

The Gewerkschaften Campaign, which is the fund-raising agency of the Histadrut in Palestine, will wind up its drive in the very near future. We appeal to you once more with the sincere hope that you will favor us with your generous response.

With Palestine greetings,

H. Ariel, Secretary
New York Campaign

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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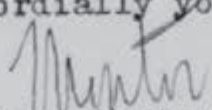
I have been asked by Blitz whether it would be possible for you to meet with David Bernstein, head of the Amusement Division of the New York campaign prior to the luncheon which you are to address on Thursday, May 23rd.

Mr. Bernstein gave \$10,000.00 last year and it is thought that if you could meet with him for fifteen minutes or a half-hour before the luncheon is scheduled to start, you might get him to increase his gift and thus influence contributors all along the line.

As I understand it, there has been no effort made to get pledges in advance of the Amusement Division luncheon, the feeling being that your address will help create a proper standard which individual approach could not do.

If you feel it desirable or possible to see Mr. Bernstein in advance, could you wire me so that arrangements can be made with Bernstein to meet with you.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BC

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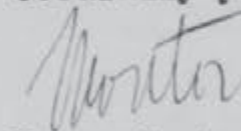
Dear Dr. Silver:

I think that you will be interested in the generosity of Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser.

I discover that at a recent Big Gifts meeting in Allentown, Pa., Mr. Goldwasser pledged \$100.00 to the local campaign. Subsequently Mr. Goldwasser sent a bill to the United Jewish Appeal for \$100.00. Mr. Coons had ordered Mr. Goldwasser reimbursed.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BC

May 20, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

We will of course have to reconcile ourselves to the fact that we will not be able to get full-fledged Zionists or pro-Palestinians on the Distribution Committee. The JDC will turn down such names. All we can hope for is that the three men who represent the Council shall not be anti-Palestinian and prejudiced against our work. You should have, by next Thursday, a list of five or six names to be submitted to the Executive meeting of the UPA - names which will not only be acceptable to us but which in our judgment would also be acceptable to the JDC.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I have written to Mr. Louis Rinsky expressing our deep regret that his health compels him to resign from the office of Associate Treasurer of the UPA.

May 21, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I think it would be better for me to talk to Mr. David Bernstein during luncheon prior to the address. I don't think it is necessary for me to meet with him before the meeting.

I wish you would procure for me a statement from Mr. Blitz as to how much Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser has contributed to the New York City Campaign. Do I understand that he does not contribute to the New York Campaign at all and that his \$100 contribution to the Allentown campaign represents his total contribution?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I am afraid that the recent and continuing crash on the Stock Market will have a serious effect on the giving at the meetings on Thursday.

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May 24, 1940

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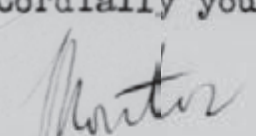
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May 24, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Wise:

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Inasmuch as we have no opportunity for a personal meeting may I ask your cooperation in sending me a ballot indicating the two nominees whom you would prefer. Based on the votes of the three of us I shall inform Mr. Hollander of our designation.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

AHS:MRH

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386 Fourth Avenue
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Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

AHS:MEH

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 24, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Replying to your note of May 24th, in which you state that a resolution of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal designated a committee consisting of yourself, Mr. Lipsky and myself to name the two representatives of the United Palestine Appeal on the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, I beg to urge and to cast my ballot for Dr. Silver and Dr. Goldman as the two representatives of the United Palestine Appeal on the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

Very cordially yours,

Stephen S. Wise (signed)
Chairman
Administrative Committee

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THE JEWISH CHARITIES
130 North Wells Street,
Chicago, Ill.

May 25, 1940

Mr. Isidor Coons
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Dor:

I do believe that Jonah Wise, or you, or whoever the appropriate person is, should take up with Mr. Baerwald or anyone else at the J.D.C. the writing of a somewhat better statement than that which appears in the communication dated May 21st, with respect to the J.D.C.

When one reads this, in juxtaposition to the statement of the United Palestine Appeal, I think, though I am sympathetic with the United Palestine Appeal, that the program of the J.D.C. suffers in its exposition. If we are going to make a statement with regard to the possibilities for work under present war conditions, it should be very well considered statement that would tend to carry forward the emphasis indicated by the distribution of funds under the agreement which the three organizations, or the two organizations rather, signed.

I think even this statement that you have submitted should go to all the people on the key list from Chicago, since it is a moot question here, as in other communities, whether anything can be done under present conditions.

Very sincerely yours,

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

May 26, 1940

To: HM

From: SSW

I haven't had a chance to read the memorandum giving the discussion of the composition of the Distribution Committee of the UJA for 1940, held Friday. But I cannot help saying -- and I hope you will communicate my thought to Dr. Silver and the Co-Chairmen -- that it is an appalling testimonium paupertatis for Dr. Silver alone, excepting for you, to meet with the other people, five of whom, including Coons, represent the JDC.

I know that Dr. Silver is quite competent to represent us, and has represented us exceedingly well. Still, it is a reflection upon the UPA for Dr. Silver to appear alone, excepting for you, in a meeting at which at least four members of the JDC are present. This should not happen.

cc: ✓ Dr. Silver
Mr. Lipsky
Dr. Goldman
Dr. Goldstein
Judge Rothenberg

May 27, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I think Mr. Goldhamer's position is very well taken on the matter of inviting Kaplan to address a group under the auspices of the Federation or the Welfare Fund. If Mr. Kaplan would like to come to Cleveland, we would be very happy to present him at the closing meeting of the Cleveland Zionist Society, although I know that he doesn't like addressing open meetings, nor is he particularly effective. Nevertheless, he would receive an attentive hearing from a large group among whom will be some of the people whom he would have reached had the Welfare Fund arranged the meeting.

The Cleveland Zionist Society will hold its closing meeting on Monday, June 10. Please wire me whether Mr. Kaplan can come.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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MONITOR IN MEMPHIS UNTIL WEDNESDAY. STEPHEN WISE WROTE YOU TODAY HIS CHOICE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE SOLOMON GOLDMAN AND YOURSELF. LIPSKY UNAVAILABLE TODAY BUT WILL WIRE YOU TOMORROW= BEATRICE COHEN.

MONITOR.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 29, 1940.

SSW

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I am wondering if I may say that your memorandum of the 26th, with reference to the meeting held at the UJA offices on Friday, May 24, is not a complete or reflective background.

1) The question of representation of the United Palestine Appeal and of welfare fund communities on the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal has been discussed at three meetings of the Executive and Administrative Committees of the United Palestine Appeal. On two occasions the subject was deferred for later consideration. At the third meeting it was decided that a committee of three, consisting of yourself, Dr. Silver and Mr. Lipsky, should have the power to select the two United Palestine Appeal representatives on the Distribution Committee.

2) The first meeting that was held to discuss the three welfare fund representatives on the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal was to have been attended by Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mr. Louis Lipsky and myself. Dr. Goldstein was unable to be present on the particular date which was chosen. Therefore, Mr. Lipsky and I represented the United Palestine Appeal.

May I point out also that you were to have attended that first meeting, at which were present Mr. Paul Baerwald, Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, Mr. Sidney Hollander and several others, but because of another engagement you had that morning, you could not attend.

At that first meeting discussion was had on the general subject of the type of men who ought to be representatives of the welfare fund communities. There was no agreement on names. Mr. Lipsky was authorized to consult with his colleagues, as was Mr. Baerwald.

3) Subsequently, a series of private meetings was held between Mr. Joseph Hyman, Mr. Harry L. Lurie and myself. This was in accordance with the decision of the first meeting, at which Mr. Lipsky was present. The purpose of the meetings of this sub-committee was to filter down the names acceptable to the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal. In the meantime, I kept in touch not only with Dr. Silver but with every one of the National co-chairmen of the United Palestine Appeal, submitting names as they arose, asking for advice on background of names and relationship to Palestine interests. Most of them offered their comments on the various names that were submitted by the Joint Distribution Committee, or that were contemplated by the United Palestine Appeal. It was on the basis of the observations of the United Palestine Appeal national co-chairmen that I acted in the discussions with Messrs. Hyman and Lurie. May I say, in this connection, that Dr. Silver had not attended up to that time a single meeting to discuss the Distribution Committee, and had very clearly indicated that he was not very familiar with most of the names that were submitted. He always suggested that I communicate with the other National co-chairmen, and get their observations, since they might be in a better position to know the various persons whose names came up from time to time.

4) You will recall that I had submitted to you, as to the other co-chairmen of the United Palestine Appeal, the list of seven names that the Joint Distribution Committee, through Hyman, indicated would be acceptable as the group from among whom three might be selected to represent the Welfare Fund communities.

SSW

HM

At the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal on Thursday, May 23, these seven names were thoroughly discussed, as you will recall, and three were selected. While we were in the midst of that meeting, word came that Sidney Hollander, President of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds, would be in the city on Friday morning, May 24, and he asked whether he could be given the choices of the United Palestine Appeal for the Distribution Committee, and for the three representatives of the Council for the welfare fund communities on the Distribution Committee. I thereupon asked Dr. Silver whether he would mind attending such a meeting at eleven o'clock on Friday morning, May 24, inasmuch as he had already arranged to stay over to discuss certain adjustments with Rabbi Jonah B. Wise in regard to matters of income from the 1938 and 1939 campaigns of the Joint Distribution Committee. Mr. Louis Lipsky would also have been present at the meeting with Mr. Hollander, were it not for the fact that he was in Savannah, Georgia on that day, on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

5) The fact that five people associated with the Joint Distribution Committee were present at the meeting on Friday morning, May 24, is due largely to the fact that it was held in the United Jewish Appeal offices, where Mr. Coons is always present, and where Rabbi Wise was present in order to meet with Dr. Silver to discuss the Joint Distribution Committee - United Palestine Appeal matters referred to before.

6) Insofar as Dr. Silver is concerned, I think it important for the record to point out that May 24 was the very first time that he had met with anybody to discuss anything connected with the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

7) I agree with you wholeheartedly that it is always advisable that the United Palestine Appeal should be represented by its volunteer leadership in all issues affecting its interest, particularly relating to other organizations. To my great regret, however, it has not always been possible for those who have been designated to perform such functions, to find the free time to attend the various meetings that are held in connection with these inter-organizational matters. I think it would redound to the greater benefit of the United Palestine Appeal, if some of our people could manage to be present at every single one of the sessions to which you referred.

HM:ET

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
~~242~~ 41 East 42nd St.
New York City

MEMORANDUM

May 29, 1940

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Mr. Henry Montor

You may be interested in a copy of a letter which Samuel A. Goldsmith of Chicago sent to Isidor Coons. Its interest lies in (a) its commendatory comment on the statement by the UPA on the present possibilities in Palestine. This statement was included in a three-barrelled analysis of the present war position issued by the UJA over the signatures of the National Chairmen; (b) Mr. Goldsmith's zealously on behalf of JDC interests.

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Encl.



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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

41 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK CITY

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I spoke to Mr. Louis Lipsky today in regard to his ballot for the two representatives of the United Palestine Appeal on the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Lipsky has asked me to send you in writing his choice for such representatives, as follows:

Dr. Stephen S. Wise and yourself.

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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May 31, 1940

Henry Montor
N. Y.

Have you sent copies of memo which you addressed to Dr. Wise on May 29 to the other co-chairmen of the A.P.C. This is important else I shall have to write to them myself. Please wire Silver.

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May 31, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have received the following votes from the committee which was appointed by the United Palestine Appeal to designate its representatives on the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal:

- 1) Dr. Wise cast his ballot for Dr. Silver and Dr. Goldman.
- 2) Mr. Lipsky cast his ballot for Dr. Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise.
- 3) My own ballot is cast for Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Louis Lipsky.

Based on these ballots, the committee has chosen Dr. Wise and Dr. Silver as the two representatives. Please inform the other members of the committee.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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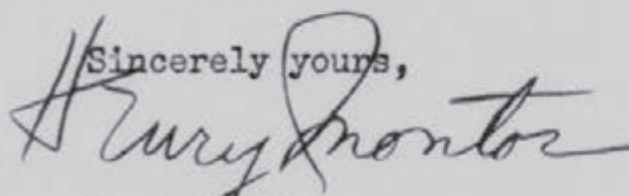
May 31, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In view of certain statements that have recently been made by the Revisionists in reference to the national funds, which are incorporated in the United Palestine Appeal, I am sending you herewith a statement describing the relation of the Revisionists to these national funds. The statement clearly reveals that the funds of the United Palestine Appeal are distributed in Palestine solely on the basis of need, and that at no time is origin, political creed or social philosophy considered in relation to the distribution of funds.

Sincerely yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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STATUS OF JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE IN RELATION TO REVISIONISTS

In recent weeks an organization calling itself "Tel Hai Fund" and another terming itself "American Friends of a Jewish Palestine", both of them "front" names for the Revisionist Zionist Organization (sometimes concealing its identity under the title "New Zionist Organization"), have been circulating statements whose sole purpose is not to raise funds for their own tasks, whatever they may be, but to gain attention by seeking to discredit well-known and established Jewish organizations which have been operating in Palestine for many decades.

The responsible Jewish organizations have for a long time been unwilling to combat or to counter these scurrilous letters, first because they recognized that there was no merit to the assertions, and, secondly, because they wished to avoid the one purpose held in mind by these politically motivated campaigns, that is, the winning of notoriety.

But since a number of the friends of the responsible Jewish organizations concerned with the upbuilding of Palestine have been flooded with literature of this type and have asked for a clarification of the record, it is illuminating to establish two points:

(a) What is the truth of the relationship between the Revisionist organization and the national funds (Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund) incorporated in the United Palestine Appeal, which is the central instrument of American Jewry for the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine?

(b) What practical achievements stand to the credit of the Tel Hai Fund on which an appeal to the American public might legitimately be based?

The following is the record:

Representatives of the Revisionist Zionist Organization some time ago approached the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem and proposed that an agreement be reached regarding the distribution of funds. The Jewish Agency Executive stated that it was prepared now, as it always had been, to deal with members of the Revisionist organization on exactly the same plane and basis as it did with the members of all other Zionist and non-Zionist groups in relation to the funds placed at its disposal by the voluntary gifts of the Jews of the world. It was prepared to see that full recognition was given to the Revisionists as to all other Jews in the expenditure for labor, immigration, colonization, social service, trade and industry and other departments established by the Jewish Agency.

The Jewish Agency, in accordance with the practice which has governed its activities, stated that its expenditures for Revisionists would be based on needs, that is, no discrimination of any kind as between one Jew in need and another. Thus, if there were one hundred Revisionists who required settlement on the land or assistance for relief or educational aid, they would be given exactly the same amount and treated in exactly the same manner as a hundred members of the Mizrachi Organization or the Labor Organization. The Jewish Agency Executive emphasized that it was not interested in "party strength" but in the requirements of individual Jews.

The Jewish Agency made three fundamental demands in its discussion with the Revisionists:

(a) Equality of treatment of all Jews benefiting from the funds remitted to the Jewish Agency;

(b) That the Revisionists should halt their vindictive campaign against and their boycott of the national funds (Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund) and

(c) That Revisionists should be willing to declare when they receive funds that such aid is obtained from the national funds. This is a procedure followed by all the organizations.

The Jewish Agency further stated that it was willing to recognize the Revisionist organization as a collective group through which funds might be disbursed. However, the Jewish Agency required supervision and control of the expenditures in the same way as it supervised expenditures by all other bodies obtaining funds from the Jewish Agency. The purpose of this provision is to make certain that all funds are used for specific purposes intended and that none of the funds shall be utilized for party or organizational purposes.

A further instance of the extent to which the Jewish Agency was willing to go in order to bring about a full harmony of all Jewish groups in Palestine was its offer to establish full rights for Revisionists in the labor exchanges, the central bureaus through which employment for workers is obtained.

The Revisionists, however, declined to meet any of these recommendations which all other groups participating in Jewish Agency funds regard and have regarded for many years as a normal procedure in a democratic movement. The Revisionists demanded a definite percentage of the funds obtained by the Jewish Agency, with no

control by the Jewish Agency as to the manner in which these funds would be expended. The Jewish Agency was compelled to answer this demand negatively, because through such a system not service and concrete needs would be met and satisfied, but merely a party caucus established.

What the Revisionists objected to was to have their Revisionist members deal directly with the departments of the Jewish Agency for service purposes. If the Revisionist Organization were unable to maintain contact and to show to its party adherents that it was the source of funds it would lose political power and organizational expenses.

The Revisionists said that they were prepared to participate in the drives of the national funds but that they should be joint drives, that is, between the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund and the Tel Hai Fund on an equal basis. This demand was declined by the Jewish Agency on the ground that the movement for the upbuilding of Palestine had throughout its history had only two funds into which all Zionists and non-Zionists were invited and that the creation of new funds could serve only to splinter the resources available for upbuilding. The Revisionists then stated that they could not work and raise funds for the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund. They refused to recognize the institutional authority of the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund, although they had indicated that they were willing to take the money raised by these bodies.

Since the Revisionists were unprepared to submit to the discipline and democratic procedure which must govern the effective distribution of public funds obtained by the Jewish Agency and since the Revisionists were unwilling for political purposes to recognize the authority of the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund and continued unwilling to give up their own political party organization, the Tel Hai Fund, the negotiations had to be concluded.

BUT it must be emphasized that the Jewish Agency for Palestine is continuing to satisfy the needs of individual Revisionists as of all other Jews, as it has in the past, to the extent that funds are available and at its disposal.

Insofar as individual Revisionists have approached the Jewish Agency they have obtained appropriations in all funds on the same basis as any other group. Very often, however, Revisionists have been ordered by their party leaders not to approach the Jewish Agency for help because they fear thus to impair their political

strength as a party. On other occasions when Revisionists have asked for funds and have then been required to sign the usual receipt of the Palestine Foundation Fund, they have refused to do so - again on orders of the party. In this connection, it might be noted that the Revisionist settlers of Ramath Tiomkin, on land furnished by the Jewish National Fund, which was granted a loan of £1,700 by the Jewish Agency, when asked to subscribe even nominally to the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund - a practise which all Palestine settlers observe - refused to do so on the ground that they were opposed to these national funds.

Assistance to Revisionists

Treating Revisionists on the same basis as all other Jews requiring its assistance, the Jewish Agency has been guided solely by needs, whether among unemployed, refugees or other categories. It has not been concerned with the particular number of followers of a political philosophy but exclusively with the requirements of the needy among them.

In 1939 the Revisionist labor organization in Palestine, according to its own figures, had an enrolled membership of 7,200 persons, comprising approximately 4,800 paying members and 2,400 non-paying members (owing to unemployment). The number of workers enrolled in the Palestine labor movement at the end of 1939 was approximately 120,000.

During the budgetary year, October, 1938 to September, 1939, the Jewish Agency appropriated to the Revisionist group the sum of £2,121. In the months from October, 1939 to January 31, 1940, an additional sum of £842 was appropriated. These figures do not, however, include the assistance given to individual Revisionists in the Jewish Agency hostels or through the funds made available for trade, industry and handicraft. Thousands of pounds were given as loans through these channels to the members and sympathizers of the Revisionist organization.

The grants for the period from October, 1939 through January, 1940, do not, moreover, include the assistance given through the Vaad Leumi (Jewish National Council) for ordinary relief and unemployment relief to the Revisionists and members of their labor organization. As of October 1, 1939, the Jewish Agency decided to concentrate all relief work in the hands of the Vaad Leumi. The Revisionists received through the Vaad Leumi for unemployment relief alone approximately £2,500 during October, 1939, to January, 1940. The Jewish Agency provides more than one-third of all funds at the disposal of the Vaad Leumi for social welfare and unemployment relief.

There has been no occasion when an immigrant, refugee or laborer, has approached the Jewish Agency and been denied its service and help on the very same terms and in the same manner as all other groups in Palestine - whether Zionists or non-Zionists.

Income and Disbursements of Tel Hai Fund

The following statement of income and expenditures of the Revisionist Tel Hai Fund is interesting for its revelation of the extent of work performed by the Revisionists.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE REVISIONIST TEL HAI FUND
SUBMITTED TO THE REVISIONIST WORLD CONGRESS IN
1938 FOR THE PERIOD 1934 THROUGH 1937

NOTE: The above figures were published on July 7, 1938, in "Haolam", the World Organ of the Zionist movement. These figures were never challenged or denied by the Revisionists.

INCOME:

1) Direct receipt of Tel Hai Fund	£32,000
2) From the political fund of the Revisionist Movement (1936 - 1937)	11,000
	£43,000

EXPENSES:

1) For National Revisionist Workers' Organization in Palestine	300
2) Mobilization of Brith Trumpeldor	300
3) Sick Fund of the National Workers' Organization	200
4) Airplanes	70
5) Miscellaneous	2
6) Z'ev Building in Tel Aviv	1,805
	£ 2,677
7) For the Praesidium in London (It was reported in 1937 that the monthly expenses were £700 or £8,400 per year. This included support to the Betar (Revisionist Youth Organization) and to the Brit Hachaeel (Organization of Ex-Soldiers in Poland) to the extent of £900.) Assuming that the annual expenses in London for the four year period were the same as in 1937, it would seem that the total expense for this item was	33,600
8) For the organization of a school for the preparation of officers for the Brith Hachaeel and Betar £1,000 per annum or for the four year period	4,000
	£40,277

IN PALESTINE:

The income of the Revisionist funds in Palestine from May 1, 1936 to April 30, 1937 was £2,403 as compared with £1,707 in 1936.

The figure of £2,403 is made up of the following: Dues, £726; Box Collections, £215; Special Contributions, £397; Tickets, £8; Stamps £32; Street Collections, £91; Mil-tax from Banks, £15; Postcard Pictures, £7; Z'ev Bldg. Fund, £740; Women's Colony, £51; Airplane Fund, £46; Herzl Day, £15; From Synagogue Collections, £39; Miscellaneous Meetings, £19; and Miscellaneous, £2.

The expenses for rent, etc., for the same period was £325.

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

May 31, 1940

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached hereto is a report of May 28, 1940 of the
status of the Greater New York campaign of the
United Jewish Appeal.

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GREATER NEW YORK CAMPAIGN

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

May 28, 1940

	<u>PLEDGES</u>	<u>COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>UNPAID PLEDGES</u>
May 27 Balance	\$3,337,955.01	\$1,473,097.33	\$1,864,857.68
28	50,894.23	62,916.48	12,022.25-CR
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	\$3,388,849.24	\$1,536,013.81	\$1,852,835.43
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PLEDGES TO RAISE

May 27 Balance	\$ 105,504.00	\$ 10,581.65	\$ 94,922.35
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	\$ 105,504.00	\$ 10,691.65	\$ 94,812.35
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GRAND TOTAL	\$3,494,353.24	\$1,546,705.46	\$1,947,647.78
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United Palestine Appeal
41 E. 42 Street
New York, N. Y.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

May 31, 1940

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to the United Jewish Appeal by Mr. Samuel D. Leidesdorf, Treasurer of the New York United Jewish Appeal, and a copy of the reply by Mr. Arthur M. Lamport.

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL - NEW YORK CITY AND METROPOLITAN AREA

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May 24, 1940

United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Gentlemen:

On April 25th I wrote as Treasurer of the New York campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, respectfully requesting that the sum of \$62,301.80, raised by the 1939 Night of Stars, be deducted from the sum allocated to the United Palestine Appeal; I also stated that this would leave an accounts receivable item due the Night of Stars, Inc. of \$1,823.00, which would be subject to allocation when collected.

This is in accordance with the agreement reached between the Night of Stars and the New York campaign last year, which agreement, dated September 21, 1939, reads in part:

"The net proceeds of the Night of Stars will be remitted to the United Palestine Appeal. The account remitted shall be deducted by the United Jewish Appeal from the sum allocated to the United Palestine Appeal. The New York United Jewish Appeal will be credited for the net amount realized by the Night of Stars."

I have received a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Montor to Mr. Coons stating that:

"It was agreed between the National Chairmen that the \$50,000 which was turned over to the United Palestine Appeal from the proceeds of the Night of Stars should be credited to the United Jewish Appeal. The balance which the Night of Stars has is, as in previous years, to be kept by the Night of Stars, Inc. to launch its next program."

This in my opinion does not comply with the agreement reached between the Night of Stars and the New York campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, and I do not believe that it is within the power of either or both of the National Chairmen to abrogate the agreement between those two agencies.

Moreover, the statement that "the balance which the Night of Stars has is, as in previous years, to be kept by the Night of Stars, Inc., to launch its next program" is not borne out by the audited statement

of Klein, Hinds and Finke. This statement reports:

- a. That the bank balance of the 1938 Night of Stars was \$723.70 - p. 1 - which includes the undistributed balance of \$537.96 from the 1937 account - p. 5.
- b. That the total allocation paid from the 1938 Night of Stars to the United Palestine Appeal was \$65,000 - p. 5.

It should be noted here that the withholding of these funds from the United Jewish Appeal deprives the two agencies of funds that are urgently needed for their work.

In accordance with these figures and in accordance with the agreement between the Night of Stars and the New York campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, I formally request that you deduct from the allocation to the United Palestine Appeal for the year 1939 an additional \$12,301.80, leaving an accounts receivable item of \$1,823.00 which will be subject to allocation when collected.

Yours very truly,

Samuel D. Leidesdorf
Treasurer



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

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May 31, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Leidesdorf:

Respectfully do I respond to the letter which you have addressed to the United Jewish Appeal in connection with the Night of Stars remittances. I beg to say as follows:

That the Night of Stars, Inc. is an autonomous corporation, separate and apart from the United Palestine Appeal, and that out of the total proceeds received by the Night of Stars in 1939 of \$62,301.80, \$50,000 has already been disposed of through the action of the National Chairmen and a great part of this \$50,000 has already been credited on the books of the United Jewish Appeal. The other \$12,301.80 the Night of Stars, Inc. intends to keep as a balance for future operations.

You are mistaken as to balances in 1939 and in 1938 from the proceeds of the Night of Stars performances in the respective years previous. For instance, from the 1938 performance, which netted \$66,667.44, the Night of Stars remitted only \$40,000 to the United Palestine Appeal and retained \$26,667.44 (in accordance with the statement dated January 27, 1939 prepared by Klein, Hinds and Finke). Furthermore, it was not until much later in 1939 that additional monies had been paid to the United Palestine Appeal by the Night of Stars, but always the Night of Stars retained a balance for working capital.

The Night of Stars has followed the same practice with the proceeds of its monies in 1939.

The balance of \$12,301.80 will ultimately be paid by the Night of Stars, directly or indirectly, into the treasury of the United Jewish Appeal 1939 account, in accordance with the decision of the National Chairmen. It cannot pay this balance now because Night of Stars, Inc. cannot deprive itself of cash with which to commence operations for the 1940 Night of Stars performance.

It would be manifestly unsafe to depend upon financing the Night of Stars performance for 1940, owing to the very unfriendly attitude adopted by many individuals during the year 1939 in the bitter antagonism that they have displayed to the holding of the function altogether. The

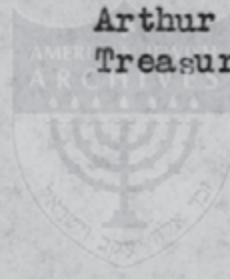
Night of Stars not only suffered from opposition, but from non-participation to such an extent that had they had the wholesome support of "other groups", as they had a right to expect, it is highly likely that the net proceeds from the Night of Stars for 1939 would have been higher. It was only after determined persistence by the writer that the Night of Stars was held after all.

May I call your attention to the following at this moment, that it does not seem to me that the attitude taken now clicks with the attitude taken prior to the giving of the Night of Stars performance. Despite the fact that the Night of Stars was forbidden to tell the plain truth that its net proceeds were for the benefit of the United Jewish Appeal and had to agree not to use this sentence in its literature, now a persistent demand is being made for these very net proceeds to the detriment of the Night of Stars' financial position.

Yours very sincerely,

AML:EG

Arthur M. Lamport
Treasurer



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date June 3, 1940

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Montor

Subject

In a letter dated May 17, Richard Lichtheim, who is now head of the Jewish Agency Executive office in Geneva, writes as follows: "In case I have to leave I shall probably go to London, but I would prefer to proceed to America if this could be arranged from over there. Can you do something in this respect?"

I do not know Mr. Lichtheim personally, but I have had evidence during the past nine months of contact of the most unusual efficiency on his part in dealing with all matters affecting Zionist and Palestine interests. Perhaps you are more familiar with his work, and might suggest a basis for an answer to the question he poses.

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June 3, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

As per Rabbi Silver's request, I
am enclosing herewith letters from Mr. Sidney
Hollander and Mr. A. M. Lopez.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

June 3, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your inquiry, I have
not received any invitation to attend the
Lehman meeting in New York.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

MEMORANDUM

June 3, 1940

TO: Mr. Eliezer Kaplan

FROM: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached hereto is an estimate of cash which the United Jewish Appeal may anticipate during the months from June through December, 1940, (1) on account of 1939, and (2) on account of 1940.

These estimates indicate that the UPA might look forward to approximately \$1,800,000 in cash during the period from June through December. In giving you these attached estimates it is important to emphasize that they are only "estimates" and that any situation affecting the psychology or economy of the country would be reflected in the figures of cash income of the UJA and, in turn, of the UPA.

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June 1, 1940

CASH ESTIMATES

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	<u>1939</u>		<u>1940</u>	
	<u>U.J.A.</u>	<u>U.P.A.</u>	<u>U.J.A.</u>	<u>U.P.A.</u>
June	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 99,166.66	\$1,700,000.00	\$ 425,000.00
July	350,000.00	99,166.66	1,000,000.00	250,000.00
August	250,000.00	83,333.33	1,000,000.00	250,000.00
September	100,000.00	33,333.33	500,000.00	125,000.00
October	75,000.00	25,000.00	600,000.00	150,000.00
November	75,000.00	-	500,000.00	125,000.00
December	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700,000.00</u>	<u>175,000.00</u>
	\$1,250,000.00	\$340,999.98	\$6,000,000.00	\$1,500,000.00



MEMORANDUM

June 3, 1940

TO: THE OFFICERS OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Another Regional Conference of the United Palestine Appeal was held on Sunday, June 2, at Essex House, Newark, New Jersey. Sessions held in the morning, at noon, and in the afternoon were attended by more than 600 men and women who were fully representative of every section of the state of New Jersey.

The wide variety of the program is reflected in the following list of speakers:

MR. ELIEZER KAPLAN, who reviewed the economic position of Palestine;
MR. LOUIS LIPSKY, who emphasized the importance of stressing Palestine as a paramount unit in any local campaign;
MR. KURT BLUMENFELD, who urged that every section of the Jewish community should be considered fertile ground for the winning of friends for Palestine;
MR. MAURICE SAMUEL, who said that Jews have their own sector to defend and maintain, and that through their efforts on behalf of Palestine they were contributing their bit to the victory of the Allies;
MR. MOSHE FURMANSKY of Hashomer Hatzair, who spoke on Arab-Jewish relations and pointed out that the new friendliness between Arab and Jew in Palestine, despite four years of disturbances, is the best antidote to hysteria among those who are prepared to believe that current headlines offer room only for despair;
MRS. ARCHIBALD SILVERMAN, who felt that Palestine must be raised above the level of the bodies with which it is associated in Welfare Funds; and
RABBI JOACHIM PRINZ, and Henry Montor, who spoke of the needs of the United Palestine Appeal and its constituent national funds.

The morning session was presided over by Michael A. Stavitsky, the luncheon session by David T. Wilentz, and the afternoon session by Abe J. Green, editor of the Paterson Evening News.

The Conference resulted in the creation of a New Jersey Regional Unit of the United Palestine Appeal. David T. Wilentz, Attorney General of the state of New Jersey, accepted the chairmanship of this Region, and with him were elected a great many representative men and women throughout the state.

The Conference was remarkable for its large attendance, especially on the most beautiful day, and the warmest day that the east has known this year. There was an extraordinary interest in every one of the sessions and there was none of the hilarity and restlessness that so often characterize conferences of this character.

Robert Silverman, who was responsible for a similarly successful Regional Conference of the United Palestine Appeal in Boston for the New England states on April 14, also directed the New Jersey Regional Conference.

This memorandum is being sent to the officers of the United Palestine Appeal, so that they may be made aware of the fact that an effort is being made to create a closer relationship between the leaders in the communities and the work of the United Palestine Appeal.

The next conferences in the east are to be held in Rochester for upper New York state, and in Philadelphia for Pennsylvania. Mr. Bernard Stone is now endeavoring to arrange a conference in Denver, Colorado.

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

41 EAST 42ND STREET

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Dear Dr. Silver:

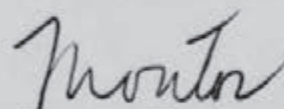
Mr. Lamport has been speaking to me about the advisability of having the United Palestine Appeal engage an expert accountant and analyst, who will prove of service to us during the coming year not only for the work of the United Palestine Appeal, but also to analyze the efforts of the Distribution Committee's Research Director, and the reports of the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service. I am in full agreement with Mr. Lamport's idea on this matter.

The man he recommends that we contact for this purpose is Bernard J. Reis, one of the best known accountants and socio-economic experts in New York. He is the accountant and analyst for such groups as the Civil Liberties Union and the Consumers Union, as well as the Palestine Economic Corporation. I do not know whether Mr. Reis would undertake the kind of job that we have in mind. Would you authorize me to meet with Mr. Reis and sound him out?

If there is any prospect of changed attitudes and methods of campaigning in 1941, we will do well to have at our disposal all the material available which has been expertly analyzed. What is your view in the matter?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

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

June 3, 1940

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Mr. Harry L. Lurie, Secretary of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, informs me that Dr. Solomon Lowenstein and Mr. James G. Becker have been named by the Joint Distribution Committee to represent it on the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

The representatives of the United Palestine Appeal are Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

Mr. Sidney Hollander, President of the Council, is advising the three who are to represent Welfare Fund communities on the Distribution Committee of the selection of the above four names.

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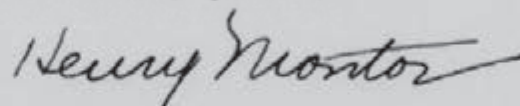
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

At the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal you were authorized to name three delegates to represent the United Palestine Appeal at the Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

Will you let me know whom you have selected so that I may notify them accordingly.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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GREATER NEW YORK CAMPAIGN

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

June 3, 1940

	<u>PLEDGES</u>	<u>COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>UNPAID PLEDGES</u>
May 31 Balance	\$3,476,042.29	\$1,620,875.65	\$1,855,166.64
June 3	40,241.56	40,472.06	230.50-CR
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	\$3,516,283.85	\$1,661,347.71	\$1,854,936.14
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<u>PLEDGES TO RAISE</u>			
May 31 Balance	\$ 111,604.00	\$ 11,741.65	\$ 99,862.35
June 3	250.00		250.00
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	\$ 111,854.00	\$ 11,741.65	\$ 100,112.35
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GRAND TOTAL	\$3,628,137.85	\$1,673,089.36	\$1,955,048.49

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a draft of the report which the United Palestine Appeal submits to The New Palestine in connection with the Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

Treasurer

Arthur M. Lampert

It is more or less tentative in form so that I may have the benefit of your advice as to inclusion or exclusion of material.

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With kindest personal regards, I am,

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Cordially yours,



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Henry Montor
Executive Director

Honorary Secretary

Charles Ress

Executive Director

Henry Montor

June 5, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to engaging an expert accountant for the UPA - there may be merit to the suggestion. I feel, however, that the subject should first be discussed at a meeting of the Executive of the UPA. There is no harm, of course, in sounding out Mr. Reis or anyone else as a possible candidate for the position in case the UPA decides to engage a man.

With reference to Mr. Richard Lictheim - I know him very well and he is a splendid man. I do not, however, understand his request to us to arrange for his coming to America. For what purpose? What official post will he occupy here? We already have a few Palestinians and Europeans here who do not seem to have anything in particular to do.

I received the enclosed bill from the Hadassah. Mrs. Epstein was here to address a luncheon meeting of the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign. Is it the practice of national headquarters to charge local welfare fund campaigns with the cost of speakers?

I received your statement describing the relation of the Revisionists to the National Funds. I wish you would consult me or the Executive of the UPA before sending out such a statement. I think there is more involved here than routine. You will pardon me for suggesting that in some instances the language of the statement is quite intemperate, and while the provocation is there, our position is such that we ought not to adopt the same technique.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

COPY

MEMORANDUM

Date June 5, 1940

To Mr. Henry Montor

From Eliezer Kaplan

Subject

I spoke to Dr. Wise and to Mr. Lipsky with regard to Mr. Lichtheim. My opinion is that they should invite him to act as Internal Secretary of the Emergency Committee. This might be of great help.

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et 6/7/40

\$23,000,000 is the National Goal for 1940
**UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES
AND OVERSEAS NEEDS**

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

342 MADISON AVENUE
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and officers

June 5, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of the letter which was sent to the Hofheimer Foundation requesting a meeting at which Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and yourself could discuss the Hofheimer Foundation gift.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BC
Enc.

June 3, 1940

Nathan Hofheimer Foundation, Inc.
41 East 57th Street
New York City

Dear Friends:

My colleague, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, a National Chairman of the 1940 United Jewish Appeal, and I are eager to confer with you about your gift in aid of the refugee program. If you will let me know when such a conference would be agreeable to you, we shall be happy to meet with you at your convenience.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

JBW:LG

Jonah B. Wise
National Chairman

MEMORANDUM

Date June 5, 1940

To Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

From Isidor Coons and Henry Montor

Subject Meetings with Representatives of Local 16, United Office & Professional Workers of America (C.I.O.)

In conformity with the action taken at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal on February 8, 1940, we were authorized to meet with representatives of the above named Union and to confine our discussions merely to exploring facts for report to the Executive Committee. A series of meetings were held with the committee of the U. J. A. chapter of the above named Union. At each of these meetings there were present in addition to the Shop Committee of the Union, Mr. Alex Rothenberg, Office Manager of the U. J. A., and Mr. Peter Hawley, President of Local 16.

At our request the Union submitted a form of contract which they would desire executed by this organization. A copy is attached for your information.

We call your special attention to certain practices and procedures which are different from those now followed by the United Jewish Appeal:

- I. (See Page 1, THE EMPLOYER AGREES, 1.) The Union asks for complete recognition, which means closed shop. Their Committee admitted cheerfully to us that they had no knowledge of discrimination against anyone of the employees at present belonging to the Union. We are informed that there are now many employees belonging to this classification. (See also Page 6, Item 6.)
- II. (See Page 1, Item 3) The Union asks for double time payment for work on Sundays and holidays. The Union demand for week-day overtime is in precise conformity with the practice now being followed by this organization.
- III. (See Pages 3 & 4, Item 9, (a), (b) and (c)). Upon the recommendation of Mr. Rothenberg, Office Manager, we agree to certain minor adjustments in minimum salaries; otherwise, the Union request for minimum salaries is precisely that which now obtains.

We both take the position that we do not agree to the Union request for a blanket increase for those employees who have not been previously awarded increases on the basis of individual merit.

The Union demands for working hours, holidays, vacations, sick leave, etc. are in exact conformity with the present practices of the U. J. A. The remainder of the contract seems to be standard as to text and application.

Members of the Union chapter of the U. J. A. urge an early meeting of the Executive Committee to discuss further action upon their submitted proposals.

Having been entrusted with the task of determining what demands are being made of the United Jewish Appeal by Local 16, United Office & Professional Workers of America (C.I.O.), we held the meetings with the representatives of the Union solely for the purpose of clarifying these demands. We do not, however, offer any personal opinion as to the validity or desirability of the submitted proposals.

Isidor Coons
Isidor Coons

Henry Montor
Henry Montor



WORKING AGREEMENT

between the

LOCAL 16, UNITED OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICA, (C.I.O.)

and

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (INC.) FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS, National Office.,
342 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y.

The parties to this agreement, entered into this _____ day of
_____ 1940 are the UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS
NEEDS, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer," and LOCAL 16, UNITED
OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICA, CIO, hereinafter referred to as
the "Union."

The parties hereto, desiring to continue harmonious relations and
clearly to define mutual obligations, stipulate and agree as follows:

THE EMPLOYER AGREES:

1. To employ only members of the Union in good standing to perform
all office work of temporary and permanent character. To fill all vacancies
with members of the Union engaged through the office of the Union. In the
event that the Union is unable to furnish satisfactory employees within
forty (40) hours after being called upon to do so by said Employer, then
the Employer may employ non-Union employees, provided that such individuals,
so employed, shall make application for membership to the Union within two
weeks.

(a) The trial period for new employees shall be one month.

2. To grant employees a five-day work week of thirty-seven and a
half (37½) hours per week from September 9th to June 30th, and a five-day,
thirty-five (35) hour work week from June 30th to September 9th. Employees
shall be given one hour off for lunch.

3. Over-time shall be paid for at the rate of time and a half on
week days and double time on Sundays and holidays. Over-time on week days
shall start at 6 P.M.

4. To grant employees a whole holiday with pay on the following
legal holidays and all religious holidays and other holidays customarily
observed in the office. The legal holidays are:

New Year's Day
Washington's Birthday
Decoration Day
Independence Day
Labor Day

Election Day($\frac{1}{2}$ day)
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

The Jewish holidays are:

Rosh Hashoneh - two (2) days
Yom Kippur - one (1) day
Succoth - two (2) days
Passover - two (2) days
Shevouth - one (1) day

Orthodox employees who customarily observe the second and eighth day of Passover shall be given these two additional holidays.

5. To grant employees an annual vacation on the following basis:

For all those employed for six months:	1 week's vacation
For all those employed less than six months:	1 day for each month of service
For all those employed from 1 to 5 years:	2 weeks vacation
For all those employed from 5 to 10 years:	3 weeks vacation
Over 10 years:	4 weeks

All vacations to be chosen impartially and schedule posted prior to June 1st.

6. Not to dismiss its permanent employees except for just and sufficient cause; nor to discriminate against or discharge any members for his or her action on behalf of the Union; not to dismiss a permanent employee without two weeks notice. Any employee discharged after May 1st, after being employed at least six months, shall receive a salary in lieu of vacation. Notice of discharge may not be given during vacation or during the two weeks preceding it.

(a) In the event of a decrease of business to the extent that it is necessary to cut down on the number of employees, the Employer agrees to apply wherever applicable, the seniority right, namely, that the last employee hired shall be the first to be dispensed with. Also in the event of an increase in business the discharged employee, if available, is to receive preference when increasing the number of employees.

(b) Seniority shall be considered on the basis of the date when the employee entered the employ of the beneficiary agency, that is, employees, who have come to the United Jewish Appeal, from the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal, et cetera, shall have their seniority rated as of the date when they originally entered the employ of these latter organizations.

(c) In making promotions, wherever applicable, the employee with the greatest seniority shall be given preference. After a reasonable trial period, the employee thus promoted shall be given an increase in salary commensurate with the new position. If the employee does not qualify for this new position, he or she shall be returned to his old position at his or her old salary.

7. The Employer agrees to grant employees a reasonable amount of sick leave with pay.

8. To designate in writing a person or committee who shall have power and authority to consider all questions of wages, conditions of employment or grievances and to make all office rules not inconsistent with the terms of this agreement.

9. Except as herein stated, no employee shall receive less than twenty-one (\$21.00) per week.

(a) The following are the minimum salaries which shall be paid to all employees:

\$18.00 -- Stock Room

\$21.00 -- Office Clerks
File Clerks
Typist

\$23.00 -- Switchboard Operator
Stenographers
Stock Room Head

\$25.00 -- Record Department
Statistical Department
Bookkeepers

\$28.00 -- Special Stenographers
Collection Assistant

\$35.00 -- Secretaries
Assistant to Field Director

\$40.00 -- Correspondents
Heads of Departments
Speakers Bureau
Filing Department
Record Department
Statistical Department

(b) All employees whose salaries are not increased by virtue of the establishment of the minimum salaries (Paragraph 9a.) or whose salaries are increased to an amount not equal to seven and one half ($7\frac{1}{2}\%$) percent, shall be given an increase of seven and one half percent ($7\frac{1}{2}\%$).

(c) Those employees who received salary increases or adjustments in the year 1940 or whose increases or adjustments aggregate less than seven and one half percent ($7\frac{1}{2}\%$), shall be given an additional increase so that the total amount aggregates seven and one half percent ($7\frac{1}{2}\%$).

10.. To permit members to observe general rules applicable to union offices, not inconsistent with this agreement, provided however, that no action may be taken or any activity engaged in which may interfere with the working hours or discipline of the office.

11. To furnish adequate rest rooms for the employees.

12. To insure its employees under the New York State Unemployment Insurance Fund.

13. The Union agrees to appoint and designate in writing from time to time a responsible committee to represent the Union and the employees covered by this agreement.

14. The Union agrees to furnish competent members on reasonable notice, providing their services are available.

15. The Union agrees to compel its members to give two weeks notice before quitting.

16. The Employer agrees that it will not ask its employees to make any written statement or verbal contract which may conflict with this agreement.

17. No employee is to suffer any reduction in wage, if transferred to other work, temporarily or otherwise.

18. Dishonesty shall be sufficient cause to discharge without further notice.

19. The Employer agrees that when a member leaves, he will, on request, issue a true statement as to his or her character of service.

20. No clause in this agreement is understood to imply a lowering of the working conditions heretofore existing in the office.

21. In case of disagreement in carrying out the terms of this agreement and inability to mutually settle same, it is agreed that the matter in dispute will be submitted for arbitration to a board of arbitration consisting of one representative of the Employer, one representative of the Union, and a

third to be mutually agreed upon by both arbitrators. In the event of the inability to agree upon a third arbitrator, the third arbitrator then shall be appointed by the New York State Board of Mediation of the State Department of Labor.

(a) It is agreed that when the arbitration clause has been invoked by either party, arbitration machinery will be set up within forty-eight (48) hours.

(b) The Board of Arbitration, when chosen, shall sit and decide the issue in controversy and its decision shall be final and binding upon both parties

22. This agreement shall remain in full force and effect until December 31st, 1940 and shall automatically renew itself from year to year, if the United Jewish Appeal is continued, unless notice shall be given by either party to the other in writing sixty (60) days in advance of such termination.



LOCAL 16, UNITED OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL
WORKERS OF AMERICA, CIO

BY _____

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

BY _____

UOPWA
NO.16

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date

June 6, 1940

To DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

From HENRY MONTOR

Subject

Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum which Mr. M. Robert Herman sent to Isidor Coons and myself.

HM:BG

Enc.

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IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF HAVING PRIVATE MEETING FOR MR KAPLAN
ON MONDAY AFTERNOON ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN MY LETTER JUNE 3=.

HENRY MONTOR.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

M E M O R A N D U M

June 5, 1940

TO: Mr. Isidor Coons
Mr. Henry Montor

FROM Mr. M. Robert Herman

SUBJECT: Editorial in New Palestine

Last night I had my hands full at a big gifts meeting in Middletown, overcoming the disastrous effects of the editorial which appeared in the New Palestine chastising the big givers in New York City. All of the big givers in Middletown wanted to know why I should expect them to increase their big gifts when the big givers in New York City were falling down so badly. At least five different men commented upon this and stated that the people in New York City must know the facts and if they didn't give funds it was because they either weren't needed or that we were imposing upon the smaller communities.

We finally succeeded in getting our gifts increased approximately 35 percent over last year, but I assure you that the greatest obstacle we had to overcome was this unnecessary editorial.

The only explanation I thought I could give was that this editorial was merely put in to stimulate increased giving in New York City, because the circulation of the New Palestine was so large in New York City. Of course, I knew this wasn't the true story, but what else could I say?

One individual in New York mentioned this to me, although New York is not a predominantly Zionist community and would not be influenced by a New Palestine editorial. Middletown, on the other hand, is a Zionist community and I thought you might care to let the editors of New Palestine realize what harm they were doing to this campaign.

M. Robert Herman
Director of Field Staff

MRH:LST

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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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June 6, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I thought you might be interested in a copy of a letter which Edmund Kaufmann of Washington sent to a group of people whom he had previously invited to his Annual Boat Trip.

It is rather interesting to see that he believes that American Jewish leaders have reached the maximum of their giving capacity.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH
Encl.

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June 6, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

1) On Tuesday, June 4th, I discussed with Coons the question of the outstanding amount owed to the United Palestine Appeal by the Joint Distribution Committee on account of the 1938 agreement covering Welfare Funds. The accountant of the J.D.C. tried to interpose additional difficulties. Coons, however, was quite cooperative. There was agreement on the part of the J.D.C. that more than \$17,000 is owed to the U.P.A. All that remains now is for a check to be forwarded to the U.P.A. But I have been waiting for that check for almost two years now and I can give no guarantee that it will be forthcoming at blitzkrieg tempo. At this time I can only hope.

2) Coons declined to take up the question of the emergency funds raised by the J.D.C. in the special campaign launched in the Fall of 1938. Coons said that Rabbi Jonah Wise had told him that he was to take no action whatever. Apparently, Rabbi Wise, since his meeting with you in Cleveland, has changed his conviction that the income on the emergency campaign should be reviewed. Would it be possible for you to telephone or write to Rabbi Wise and ask him why he declines or why the J.D.C. declines to have the emergency income of 1938 reviewed?

3) What do you think of the advisability of convening a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal? None has been held since the first one. Will it not be helpful to get a general review of the picture we face on the basis of the results that we know for the first half of the year? Perhaps you might telephone Rabbi Jonah Wise and agree on a mutually acceptable date when the lay leaders of the J.D.C. could also be present.

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor

Executive Director

HM:EH

June 7, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith correspondence which I received from Mr. Speiser of the National Refugee Service relative to a loan which was made by that Service on January 31, 1940 from the Nathan Hofheimer Foundation.

The Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Nathan Hofheimer Foundation asked the written assurance from the United Palestine Appeal that the amount of \$40,000 will not be used as an offset against any amount which the National Refugee Service may receive from the United Jewish Appeal in 1940.

Under the terms of the United Jewish Appeal 1940 agreement, the Nathan Hofheimer Foundation would not come under the categories of those foundations whose gifts to the National Refugee Service would not be included in the United Jewish Appeal account. I do not see, therefore, just how the United Palestine Appeal can give assurances such as the Hofheimer Foundation requests. Please have a carefully worded letter drafted and scanned for its legal slant and send it to me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

June 7, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In connection with the delegates which the UPA is to send to the Annual Conference of the ZOA, I would appreciate it if you would send me a list of eight or ten people from which I can select three - perhaps people not far from Pittsburgh who would be prepared to attend the Convention.

The report of the UPA to be submitted to the Annual Convention of the ZOA is entirely satisfactory. I think a word should be added about the regional conferences, about the intensive educational work for Zionism and Palestine which we directly or indirectly carry on through our campaign speakers, literature, etc. A warm word of praise should be included for our field workers and our staff and yourself. I note that you omitted the name of Louis Rimsky. Inasmuch as he resigned within the year on account of his health, some word should be included in the report about him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.
342 MADISON AVENUE

MEMORANDUM

Date June 7, 1940

To DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

From HENRY MONTOR

Subject



Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which Rabbi Jonah B. Wise received in response to his communication to the Nathan Hofheimer Foundation.

HM:BG
Enc.

RECEIVED JUNE 5, 1940
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NATHAN HOFHEIMER FOUNDATION, INC.
41 EAST 57th STREET
NEW YORK

June 4, 1940

Dr. Jonah B. Wise
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Wise:

Your letter of June 3 arrived at this office during Mrs. Hofheimer's absence. On her return the letter will be brought to her attention.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

Lillian Michaelson

Secretary to the President

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

With further reference to Richard Lichtheim, I am sending you herewith a copy of a memorandum with Eliezer Kaplan wrote to me on the subject.

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am placing the expert accountant on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Executive of the United Palestine Appeal. Incidentally, do you believe that another meeting of the Administrative Committee should be or can be held before the next Zionist Convention?

Since I wrote to you about Richard Lichtheim, I have been informed that a cable was received by the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs. There is some plan on foot whereby he would cooperate with the Emergency Committee and be the liason between America and all the Jewish communities in Europe with which he seems to be familiar.

The bill of Mrs. Epstein for her visit to Cleveland is being turned over to the United Jewish Appeal. This particular engagement, I understand, was not made through the United Jewish Appeal office. Apparently the Hadassah does not believe in taking on expenses of its speakers.

I must agree with you that my failure to consult with you on the statement on the Revisionists was definitely an error. I shall be guided in the future by this incident, so that there may be more careful consideration of the content of such a statement.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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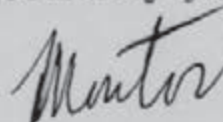
Harry Lurie of the Council spoke to me today about the financial needs of the Council. He asked that the UPA allot \$7,500 this year to the Council instead of \$2,500 as in 1939. This will, of course, be discussed by the Executive or Administrative Committee.

The reasons that he cited for an increase and for the cooperation of the UPA are most interesting. At our next meeting I shall elaborate upon them.

My own opinion is that we ought to encourage the Council and Lurie insofar as such financial assistance is concerned.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EC

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

There was a meeting in the UJA office this afternoon to meet with one of the candidates for the post of Research Director of the UJA. Mr. Joseph C. Hyman, Harry L. Lurie, and I were present. The candidate was Dr. Lewis Lorwin, who is now connected with the National Economic Research Bureau and who is also economic consultant to the Monopoly Committee and to the American Youth Commission.

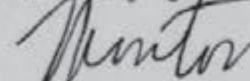
Previously, I had asked Mr. Lipsky to inquire of Mr. Meyer Jacobstein, who is with the Brookings Institution, about the qualifications of Dr. Lorwin. Mr. Jacobstein, who is not only an economist but also a Zionist, seemed to feel that Dr. Lorwin could be depended upon for objectivity, although he is not a Zionist.

We had a thorough discussion with Dr. Lorwin on all the points involved. He made a most sympathetic impression on me. I think that I would be willing to trust to him consideration of the needs of Palestine. I assume that Messrs. Lurie, Hyman and I will meet sometime next week insofar as our recommendation to the Distribution Committee is concerned.

Dr. Lorwin is not a candidate in the sense that he wants the job. He is returning to Washington and will let us know whether he wants to be considered for the post. It was Mordecai Ezekiel of the Agriculture Department who suggested Dr. Lorwin's name without having obtained Dr. Lorwin's consent beforehand.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC

June 7, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to your suggesting of calling an Executive Meeting of the United Jewish Appeal - you may recall that I made that suggestion more than a month ago and nothing came of it. Any further request for such a meeting must now come from the JDC people.

I have written to Rabbi Jonah Wise asking him to attend to the matter of the emergency fund of 1938.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 10, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to making a larger allocation to the Council of Welfare Federations - I am afraid that in view of our sharply reduced income for this year we will not be able to increase our contribution. However, the matter will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of our Executive Committee.

I am sending you a copy of the letter which I received this morning from Mr. Baerwald. At long last we are beginning to make some headway about the New York situation.

With reference to Mr. Herman's complaint about Middletown - I think that the editorial in the New Palestine is very timely and I am glad that other communities are beginning to take notice of New York City's failure in recent campaigns and are beginning to bring pressure upon headquarters. Mr. Herman should channel the criticism which he heard in Middletown not to the New Palestine but to headquarters of the New York City Campaign, and instead of criticizing the New Palestine, he should direct the criticism where it belongs. It is high time to bring the whole matter out in the open because next year Mr. Herman will get that reaction not from small communities like Middletown, but from the large cities of America who will not be made "suckers" for New York City.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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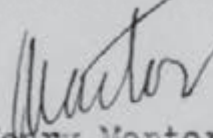
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is an inquiry addressed
to you by the Contemporary Jewish Record.

I assume that you will answer this in-
quiry directly.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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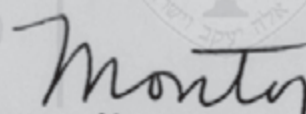
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from
Saul Spiro. Do you wish to prepare such a statement,
or do you wish to authorize me to prepare it in your
name for the souvenir program Pittsburgh is issuing?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

901 Keystone Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

June 11, 1940.

Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

In connection with the coming Zionist Convention in Pittsburgh, the local committee in charge of arrangements is issuing what we hope to be a very fine souvenir program. We are extremely anxious to have included in the text of this book a statement by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman of the U. P. A. I trust that it will be possible for you to arrange to let me have such a statement not later than June 18, so that we may give the statement proper space.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Saul S. Spiro
President, Pittsburgh
Zionist District

SSS:dk

et 6/14/40

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I should again like to urge on you the practical wisdom of permitting the United Jewish Appeal to utilize your name in addressing leaders of campaigns throughout the country. We have not had an opportunity to do so except in rare instances throughout the year and a half during which the United Jewish Appeal has been in existence.

I thoroughly appreciate your desire not to be responsible for any letters which you have not personally seen and also not to reduce to ineffectiveness the value of your name through constant usage. However, there are other factors which ought to be taken into consideration. Leaders in a community acquire certain habits. In the course of a campaign they learn to know certain names which recur in correspondence. One cannot predict at this time what the fund-raising situation in 1941 will be. I really believe that from now on there ought to be as much emphasis as possible upon your name as National Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

An overwhelming majority of the letters that issue from the United Jewish Appeal - and they go out by the hundreds during the week - is written over the signature of Rabbi Wise because he has consented to such use. The balance of the letters is divided between the names of Goldwasser and Lampport.

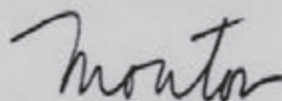
Necessarily, in his letters Rabbi Wise emphasizes the Joint Distribution Committee. He has his rights, as National Chairman, to write such letters as he cares to. But on occasions when mention of Palestine would be quite proper and even helpful to the campaign, it isn't always done. I am afraid that I have reached the point where I have ceased to believe that those who were originally indifferent or opposed to Palestine will change their con-

victions.

If you see your way clear toward giving me permission for the use of your name on a general basis, I think it would be helpful.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am wondering whether there is any way in which some benefit might be obtained from the \$50,000,000 fund which Congress has entrusted to the President.

You will have noted that the President is authorized to distribute this money through the Red Cross or through other agencies at his discretion. In fact, the powers granted to him are very broad.

Possibly the officers of the JDC are inquiring as to whether the JDC would be eligible to grants from the \$50,000,000 fund. Would it not be advisable that such application, if it is feasible, be made through the United Jewish Appeal?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EC

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 EAST 42 STREET
New York City

M E M O R A N D U M

June 14, 1940

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter dated June 7, 1940, which the Joint Distribution Committee sent out to its select list.

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, Inc.
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

June 7, 1940

SENT TO SELECT LIST OF J.D.C.

A number of our friends have been inquiring regarding the present status of J.D.C. activities and I am therefore writing you this informative note, quite apart from our Bulletin which has been sent to you.

The invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg, the battles now being waged in France, have enormously complicated the overseas situation and the problems of the J.D.C. The influx into France of 1,500,000 - 2,000,000 refugees from Belgium, 75,000 from Luxembourg and 50,000 from Holland, has produced such a catastrophe as to challenge the concerted efforts of the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations.

The American Red Cross calls on this country for \$20,000,000. This call deserves the support of all Americans. We know that Jewish citizens, in common with their Protestant and Catholic fellow-citizens, will generously contribute to this effort, as a special effort entirely apart from their contribution to the United Jewish Appeal.

The American Red Cross program deals with the immediate emergency - with the wounded soldiers and civilians, with the people who need momentary relief. The numbers affected, the suddenness of their enforced flight, the requirements for food, clothing and shelter will quickly exhaust even the large sums now solicited. That work is being conducted without discrimination.

Among the masses that have poured into France, there are included, undoubtedly, a large number of the native Jewish inhabitants of Belgium and of Holland, as well as the German refugees who had found temporary asylum in those countries.

Mr. Morris C. Troper, the European Chairman of J.D.C., is in close touch with the European Director of the Red Cross, Mr. Wayne C. Taylor. Our relationships with the American, French and Belgian Red Cross Societies, and other bodies, have been most cordial. Officers of the J.D.C. have been meeting in Washington from time to time with Mr. Norman H. Davis, President of the American Red Cross.

For the time being, J.D.C. finds its avenues of assistance in Belgium and Holland cut off. What may be required on a large scale in France is now subject to inquiry. Meanwhile, our contributions to the French Jewish relief committees continue. It should also be remembered that J.D.C. activities extend far beyond the areas in which the present battles are being waged. More than ever, the J.D.C. is faced with the aggravated needs of hundreds of thousands of Jews in Poland, Roumania, Hungary, in Old Germany, former Austria, Bohemia-Moravia and Slovakia, in Switzerland, Italy, Shanghai, and in

fifteen South and Central American countries. These programs which the J.D.C. has been conducting cannot be suspended. We have already been forced to reduce appropriations for these programs; they will have to be reduced further if adequate funds are not forthcoming. Except for the J.D.C., no other organization, Jewish or non-Jewish, is regularly operating in those countries to bring help to Jews in desperate need of food, shelter, clothing and other elementary necessities.

The situation of the 1,300,000 Jews in German-occupied Poland is indescribable. Eighty percent face actual starvation. Through J.D.C. assistance, 850 relief stations have been serving one meal a day to as high as 500,000 persons in recent months. A minimal program of aid for Poland today calls for expenditures of \$300,000 monthly, a sum we cannot provide unless the campaigns make the funds available. In Lithuania 10,000 Jewish refugees are being fed daily at the kitchens in Vilna. The impoverished native Jews of Lithuania are also helped. We spent \$75,000 monthly there. Without aid from us, the refugees in Lithuania face deportation.

In Germany, Austria and Bohemia-Moravia, 400,000 Jews remain, many of them dependent for their daily bread on what we give. During the early months of the year, we were able to help many thousands to emigrate. The refusal of Italy to issue transit visas today closes the most important avenue of escape. Alternative methods of travel, however, are being explored. These may prove more expensive, but they have to be considered.

One hundred thousand refugees in South and Central America and in Shanghai require our aid. This is imperative, if we are to do the right and just thing by them, by the normal Jewish populations in that area, and by our American neighbor requirements.

We call to your attention that the J.D.C. has appropriated, for January through July 31st, \$5,000,000 for its programs of aid. Up to the end of May, the J.D.C. spent on its 1940 program about \$3,500,000. The cash was not on hand; the campaigns had not yielded these sums in actual payments. The J.D.C. therefore borrowed \$1,500,000 from the banks and \$700,000 from affiliated institutions, - a great responsibility.

At this writing, Mr. Troper and Dr. Schwartz of our European Council, are visiting Switzerland, Italy, and Hungary to meet with representatives of the Jewish communities there and with those of Germany and Austria. Members of our staff are now stationed in Paris, Angers and Bordeaux, France, in Vilna, Budapest, Genoa and St. Gall, Switzerland. Our Warsaw office carries on. Our representatives are now covering South America.

From this summary you will see that J.D.C. requirements have in no way been lessened by the new war situation. In fact they have been aggravated. Numerous appeals come to us daily and many of them from places which heretofore never had to appeal to us. Our Budget and Scope Committee has been compelled to refuse practically all of these new requests, many of which are of great urgency and the denial of which, unfortunately, will result in untold hardships. You will see that we are not in want of opportunities to spend money and we know that there is urgent need of much more money than we have at our disposal.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Paul Baerwald
Chairman

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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of June 7, I submit herewith the names of ten people from among whom you might wish to select the people to attend the Annual Zionist Organization of America Convention, as delegates. All of these people have rendered service in one form or another to the United Palestine Appeal.

Dr. Philip D. Bookstaber,	- Harrisburgh
Gustav Kaplan	- Harrisburg
Emanuel Teitelbaum,	- Johnstown
Robert M. Bernstein,	- Philadelphia
Judge Benjamin Lencher,	- Pittsburgh
✓ Alexander Lowenthal,	- Pittsburgh
Morris A. Neaman,	- Pittsburgh
✓ Charles Rosenbloom,	- Pittsburgh
Louis Frankel	- Reading
A. B. Cohen	- Scranton.

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

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JUNE 17, 1940

KAPLAN
CARE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION
111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

FOLLOWING LETTER SENT JUNE 14TH TO COLONIAL SECRETARY QUOTE
WHEN WAR TOOK A NEW AND CRITICAL TURN WE RENEWED OUR OFFERS TO HIS
MAJESTYS GOVERNMENT TO MOBILISE RESOURCES ECONOMIC MILITARY AND
TECHNICAL OF JEWS IN PALESTINE AND OUTSIDE STOP BEFORE THESE
OFFERS WERE ACCEPTED ITALY ENTERED WAR AND JEWISH NATIONAL HOME
IN PALESTINE IS NOW IN IMMEDIATE DANGER STOP WE REQUEST THAT JEWS OF
PALESTINE BE GIVEN FULLEST OPPORTUNITY OF ORGANISING FOR HOME DEFENSE
STOP TIME PRESSES THINGS POSSIBLE TODAY MAY BECOME IMPOSSIBLE TOMORROW
DELAY MAY MEAN ANNIHILATION OF HALFMILLION JEWS IN PALESTINE AND
DESTRUCTION OF ALL OUR WORK WE ASK HIS MAJESTYS GOVERNMENT WHATEVER
THEY MAY DECIDE ABOUT OUR OFFERS OF HELP:

- (1) TO ALLOW JEWS OF PALESTINE UNDER DIRECTION OF JEWISH AGENCY AND
JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL AND UNDER CONTROL OF BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES
TO ORGANISE AS MANY MILITARY UNITS AS THEY CAN AND TO TRAIN THEIR MEN
AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WITH HELP OF BRITISH FORCES IN COUNTRY.
- (2) TO PROVIDE ARMS UNDER CONTROL OF BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES FOR
JEWS THUS TRAINED ON IMMEDIATE RESPONSIBILITY OF JEWISH AGENCY.
- (3) TO AUTHORISE JEWISH AGENCY IN LONDON AND ITS BRANCHES IN UNITED STATES
BRITISH DOMINIONS AND OTHER NEUTRAL COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE HELP
ECONOMIC FINANCIAL AND MILITARY TO JEWS OF PALESTINE AGAIN UNDER SUPERVISION
OF BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

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JUNE 17, 1940

(4) TO INSTRUCT PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION TO TREAT JEWISH COMMUNITY IN PALESTINE AS ALLIES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND TO ENCOURAGE FULLEST EXTENT THEIR COOPERATION IN DEFENSE OF COUNTRY.

ACTION IS REQUIRED AT ONCE STOP SPEED MAY MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH FOR US STOP BEFORE VICTORY IS WON JEWISH PALESTINE MAY BE IN SUPREME DANGER STOP IF WE HAVE TO GO DOWN WE ARE ENTITLED TO GO DOWN FIGHTING AND MANDATORY POWER IS IN DUTY BOUND TO GRANT US THIS ELEMENTARY HUMAN RIGHT UNQUOTE

CABLE RECEIPT



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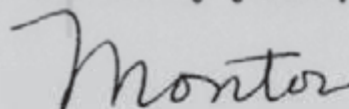
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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a proposed letter for the
National Refugee Service. Mr. Charles Ress has gone
over it.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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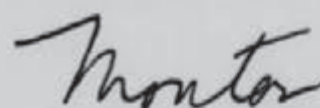
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a draft of a letter which I thought you might want to consider for dispatch to President Roosevelt.

Will you let me know if there are any changes that you may make in the letter so that we may have on file at the UPA office an exact copy of the letter which is to be forwarded to President Roosevelt?

Copies of this letter are also being shown to Dr. Wise, Mr. Lipsky and Eliezer Kaplan.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date June 18, 1940

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Henry Montor

Subject

A few days ago Mr. Hyman, Mr. Lurie and I met with Dr. Lewis L. Lorwin of Washington, D. C., now a member of the American Youth Commission of the United States Government, to consider him as a candidate for the position of Research Director of the United Jewish Appeal.

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which Dr. Lorwin addressed to Mr. Lurie, indicating his conception of the responsibilities involved, and the scope of the project as he conceived it.

What is your feeling in this regard?

HM:ET

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

AMERICAN YOUTH COMMISSION

744 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

June 12, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Lurie:

I have been thinking about the problem which we discussed in New York last Friday, and about the character and scope of the report that can be of use to you. I have a strong feeling that the time allotted for this report is entirely too short, and that there would not be adequate opportunity in 4 or 5 months to dig into the subject, to master fully the statistical and other data, and to work out standards on the basis of which an acceptable budgetary statement could be drawn up.

In my judgment, to prepare the report you want would take at least eight or nine months. In the course of the work, materials and statistical charts and memoranda on one or another phase of the problem would be forthcoming which would be of use to you in considering the distribution of funds. At the end of six months, a provisional first draft of the report might be available for preliminary discussion. But the final report should not be expected until another two or three months work had been done on it so as to take account of all valid comments and suggestions.

I am fully aware of the force of circumstances which make an early report desirable and even urgent. But it would be useless to have a hasty report which failed in its purpose. It might, perhaps, be wiser to make a temporary arrangement and allocate say one third of your 1941 budget on some agreed basis, deferring the distribution of the remainder until the final report had been submitted.

I find it difficult to submit estimates of the cost of the project since I am not familiar with conditions of office rentals and costs in New York City - Approximately, I should think that on the basis of a 9 months report, the cost would be between \$45,000 and \$50,000; I assume that the renting of office space and office equipment would be between \$4,000 and \$4,500; that supplies, telephone and travel would be between \$1,500 and \$2,000. I should think it necessary to spend on secretarial help and assistants (providing for 2 secretaries and 5 assistants of varying grades) about \$25,000. The remainder, about \$15,000 or \$16,000 would cover the Director's salary.

This is some \$20,000 more than you had assigned for the job. I do not know whether in view of the tragic world situation and the urgent call to use every penny for the relief of immediate human needs it is worth-while spending all this money on this particular enterprise. But I do feel that there is no economy in spending less and not getting what is wanted.

The above is my advice based on my experiences with the time and other requirements of an adequate and acceptable report, regardless of whether I, myself, will feel free to undertake it or not.

It was a great pleasure to me to have had the opportunity of meeting you and Mr. Montor and Mr. Hyman. With best regards.

Sincerely,
Lewis L. Lorwin

P.S. My expenses from Washington to New York and return were about \$25.00

June 18, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I would suggest that in the letter which is to be sent to President Roosevelt (if it is to be sent) more should be said about what is being done for the refugees in Palestine - their pitiful condition when they arrive, and the great shortage of funds to render some measure of adequate assistance to them. The plea should be on the basis of the desperate plight of the refugees as well as to the large number which are coming there and will have to come there.

I should like to have the reactions of Wise and Lipsky to the letter before the final draft is made.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. Rabbi Jonah Wise called me yesterday with reference to obtaining the approval of the UPA to the Hofheimer matter about which I wrote you. I told Rabbi Wise that in my judgment there was no hurry about this matter. The 1939 contribution of the Hofheimer Foundation should first be disposed of. I also told him how we felt about the failure of the Rosenwald people to renew the contribution of their Foundation to the UJA as well as their failure to apprise us of the fact at the time of the negotiations when altogether different allocations might have been decided upon had we known that the Rosenwalds who were demanding so much for the Refugee Service intended to give practically no money to the Campaign.

If you knew how ineffective the signature of Jonah Wise is

Henry Montor

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June 18, 1940

to the letters which are sent out over his name, you would not urge upon me to follow in his footsteps. As a good public relations man you undoubtedly know that it is not wise to plaster your name indiscriminately ^{upon} to every piece of correspondence that is sent out by a campaign organization. After a while your name loses its distinction through excessive usage.

I should like to have a more detailed account of Governor Lehman's meeting.



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FORM OF BUFFET SUPPER AT UNITED JEWISH APPEAL HEADQUARTERS.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF CONVENING ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON JUNE TWENTY
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For delegates to convention in Pittsburgh representing U P A please invite Alexander Lowenthal & Charles Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh and Solomon Cohen of New York.

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June 19, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have read the letter of Dr. Lewis L. Lorwin. It envisages a setup which I am sure was not in the minds of the negotiators when they agreed to set aside a fund of \$25,000 to be placed at the disposal of the Distribution Committee to obtain such information as it may require for its decisions. Such detailed information requiring eight or nine months of research which Dr. Lorwin has in mind will, I am afraid, be of very little help to the Distribution Committee in arriving at its decisions. Again, there will be very little money to distribute, and this colossal research effort costing close on to \$50,000 will be like using a sledge hammer to kill a gnat. Dr. Lorwin is right in suggesting that it might perhaps be wiser to make a temporary arrangement and allocate say one-third of the 1941 budget on some agreed basis and defer the distribution of the remainder until the final report has been submitted. I rather think that the whole sum should be allocated on some such arrangement for there will be mighty little to allocate, and the protracted research work will reveal that both programs of the JDC and the UPA call for the legitimate outlay of vast sums of money for which only a pitifully inadequate amount is available.

However, the UPA cannot take the position that it is opposed to the kind of research director called for by the agreement. But certainly no more than the indicated sum of money should be expended (\$25,000) and the time allotted for the investigation should be limited to 1940.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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June 20, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am wondering whether the letter to President Roosevelt was sent from Cleveland or whether, on the basis of your letter of June 18th, you had expected me to rewrite the draft along the lines which you suggested. My original thought had been that any possibility that the President or one of his immediate advisers would read the letter and act upon it was dependent on its brevity, so that a great deal of material necessarily had to be left out.

If the letter has not yet been sent and you wish a revised letter sent, would you be kind enough to telegraph me so that there will not be too great a delay in sending the letter to Washington?

Rabbi Jonah Wise was trying to arrange this morning for a meeting with the officers of the Hofheimer Foundation for next Wednesday morning.

I am informed that eighty people attended the meeting which Governor Lehman called on June 10th at the Harmonie Club. A total of \$25,000 in new money was raised.

I think it is fair to say that a genuine effort is being made by the officers of the New York UJA, especially by Edward Warburg, to get a maximum amount. He feels the criticism very keenly, but if anyone is doing his job properly, it is Warburg. He is as disappointed as all of us in the failure of some of the leaders to come forward. Take, for instance, Maurice Wertheim, who has been active in the JDC for years, who is Treasurer of the American Friends of the Hebrew University and is in many other Jewish activities. I understand that he has completely declined to make any contribution to the UJA this year on the ground that we should concentrate our efforts in America.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a cable which Eliezer Kaplan received from the Jewish Agency, containing the text of a letter which the Jewish Agency sent to the Colonial Secretary on June 14th.

It is learned that the Colonial Secretary is hostile to the idea of arming the Jewish community in Palestine despite the obvious dangers that might arise from the possible withdrawal of troops or the reaction of the Arabs.

It is therefore thought that the invocation of additional support from members of the British Cabinet might be helpful to the Jewish Agency officers in London, who are now working feverishly to get consent for the establishment of Jewish army units in Palestine, concerned primarily with home defence.

I have drafted a cablegram and attach it herewith. Are you prepared to join in signing it as is indicated in the proposed list of signatories? Do you have any corrections or additions to make?

I would be grateful for telegraphed word from you so that the cable, if approved by all those concerned, may go off tomorrow, Friday, at the latest.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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COMRADESHIP IN TRAVAIL THROUGH WHICH GREAT BRITAIN IS PASSING ON BEHALF OF ALL
MANKIND STOP IN OUR DESIRE TO RENDER EVERY ASSISTANCE WE RESPECTFULLY URGE THAT
EFFORT OF JEWISH AGENCY TO PLACE MANPOWER AND RESOURCES OF PALESTINE JEWRY AT
DISPOSAL OF GREAT BRITAIN BE ACCEPTED STOP IN GRANTING TO PALESTINE JEWRY RIGHT
TO ARM UNDER BRITISH MILITARY SUPERVISION THERE IS INVOLVED NOT ALONE DEFENCE OF
GREAT JEWISH STRUCTURE IN PALESTINE TO WHICH AMERICAN JEWRY HAS CONTRIBUTED SO
LARGELY BUT SECURITY OF ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT LINKS IN CHAIN OF BRITISH DEFENCE STOP
WE ARE CONFIDENT THE UTILIZATION BY BRITAIN OF AID PROFFERED BY HER MANY FRIENDS
MAY RESULT IN ULTIMATE TRIUMPH FOR CIVILIZATION WHOSE CAUSE BRITAIN IS DEFENDING

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PRESIDENT AMERICAN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR
PALESTINE

SECRETARY ZIONIST LABOR PARTY

PRESIDENT MIZRACHI

June 20, 1940

FROM: Morris Margulies

TO: Dr. Abba Hiller Silver

The following cable was received from Tel Aviv:

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND HADASSAH

GOLDMAN WISE LIPSKY SILVER JACOBS SOLAPOOL GOLDSTEIN STONE SZOLD
111 FIFTH AVENUE NEWYORK

BEST WISHES ZOA CONFERENCE STOP IN THIS GRAVE SITUATION DEMAND FOR
GENERAL ZIONISTS KIBUTZIM AND GENERAL ZIONISTS MOVEMENT OF MIDDLE
CLASS BY MIFDE EZRAHI FIFTYTHOUSAND DOLLARS STOP SEND MONEY URGENTLY
NEED IS GREAT.

SUPRASKY DAWIDSOHN KELINBAUM KOLODNY



MEMORANDUM

June 21, 1940.

To: DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN
MR. LOUIS LIPSKY
JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG
DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER
DR. STEPHEN S. WISE

From: MR. MENDEL N. FISHER

In view of the present situation, you will be interested in the cable received this morning by Dr. Israel Goldstein from Mr. Ussishkin, copy of which we attach herewith.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be a stylized "M" or "W" followed by a flourish.

MNF:RB
Enc.

CABLE

NLT

June 21, 1940

JERUSALEM

GOLDSTEIN JEWISH NATIONAL FUND
111 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

IN THIS AWFUL CRISIS THREATENING ENTIRE CIVILISED WORLD AND
FOREMOST JEWISH PEOPLE FAITH IN OR REHABILITATION IN OUR LAND
IS SOLE REALITY STOP ENTIRE YISHUV UNITED THIS BELIEF SHALL STAND
GUARD WITH ALL MEANS POWER OUR DISPOSAL WHATEVER MAY TRANSPIRE STOP
YISHUV PROCEEDING NORMAL LIFE AND WORK UNINTERRUPTING EVEN
MOMENTARILY WILL CONTINUE WHATEVER HAZARDS AWAIT US STOP AMERICAN
JEWRY REST ASSURED WE SHALL NOT falter stop NOT DISMAY BUT
DETERMINATION ANIMATES US ALL STOP YISHUV FURTHER CONFIDENT AMERICAN
JEWRY ESCAPING BY DIVINE PROVIDENCE RUIN JEWRY OLD WORLD WILL SHOULDER
HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY STOP LAST WAR YOUR POLITICAL INFLUENCE FINANCIAL
HELP SALVATED THEN SMALL COMMUNITY STOP TODAY YOUR FUNCTION EXCEEDINGLY
MORE SIGNIFICANT NOT ONLY RESCUE BUT PROVISION POLITICAL AND MATERIAL
RESOURCES CARRY ON AND STRENGTHEN YISHUV ALL DIRECTIONS STOP PRESENT
CONDITIONS ESPECIALLY NOW RENDER ESSENTIAL FEASIBLE EXTENSION
AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT NEW SPHERES STIMULATION INDUSTRY MAINTENANCE
PRIMARY CULTURAL REQUIREMENTS ORGANISATION WHOLE YISHUV AS STRONG UNITED
FORCE STOP FEARLESSLY AWAITING WHATEVER MAY COME I REPEAT ISRAEL'S MOTTO
CONCENTRATE ALL PEOPLES FORCES IN EVERLASTING UPBUILDING OF FATHERLAND
FOR ITS CHILDREN

USSISHKIN

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Following our telephone conversation today on the subject of the Mizrachi grant, I am sending you an excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal held October 30th.

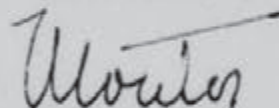
You will note that the resolution definitely stated that the \$15,000 was "on account of the Mizrachi's prospective allotment from the 1940 United Palestine Appeal."

There followed, : "with the specific understanding that the money would be used for the purposes mentioned by Rabbi Berlin in his cable of October 4."

It is probably irrelevant to note that the money was not used for the purpose indicated.

The subject of the Mizrachi grant is being placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal next Wednesday, June 26.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET
encl.

Motion was made and carried that the United Palestine Appeal advance to the Mizrachi Palestine Fund the sum of \$15,000 on account of the Mizrachi's prospective allotment from the 1940 United Palestine Appeal, with the specific understanding that the money would be used for the purposes mentioned by Rabbi Berlin in his cable of October 4th.

June 21, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In looking over the minutes of the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the UPA dated December 11, 1939, page 3, I find that the Joint Committee of the K.H. and the K.K. that the allocation to the Mizrachi for 1940 should be for \$25,000 but that "if during 1940 the Mizrachi Palestine Fund feels that a larger sum is required, it will have the right to submit an additional request to the UPA for an amount not exceeding \$15,000."

This evidently is the \$15,000 which the Mizrachi is now appealing for. I wired Mr. Public that I have no authority to make any advances, but that I will submit the matter to the Wednesday meeting of the UPA.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 21, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Please put the matter raised in
the enclosed letters on the Agenda for the next
meeting of the United Palestine Appeal.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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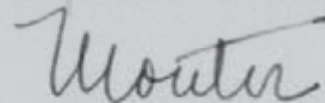
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of the letter
which at your suggestion has gone to Mr. Baerwald.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET
encl.

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

June 25, 1940

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

One of the chief factors affecting the income of the United Jewish Appeal in 1940 is the financial provision in local communities for refugee service and maintenance.

I have selected a number of large and small cities at random to indicate what allowances are being made within the budgets of those Welfare Funds for refugee care. It should be emphasized that these amounts set aside locally are entirely separate from the sums voted to the United Jewish Appeal in which the National Refugee Service is included as a beneficiary.

It should also be noted that in addition to the National Refugee Service, which has a network of field representatives, State Emigre Bureaus and County Emigre Bureaus have been set up in various parts of the country and the program is to create such bureaus universally. Local communities are being asked to set aside funds not alone for the United Jewish Appeal, of which the National Refugee Service is a part, and for local refugee maintenance and service, but also for these State and County Emigre Bureaus.

Many communities are making allocations to the latter bureaus, but some are beginning to take the position that service for the refugees on state and regional bases is a normal function of the National Refugee Service, which denies this. This position must also be taken by the United Jewish Appeal officially, since otherwise its allotments would be severely cut into.

HM:BG
Enc.

ALLOCATIONS TO LOCAL REFUGEE WORK

T (tentative)

MAJOR CITIES

Los Angeles - \$160,000

Chicago - 225,000 T

Detroit - 84,614

St. Louis - 70,000 T

Pittsburgh - 100,000

Baltimore - 75,000 (allocated in '39 for '39 and '40)

San Diego, Calif. - \$3,000

Washington, D. C. - 10,000

Danville, Ill. - 1,200

Springfield, Ill. - about \$1,200

Indianapolis, Ind. - 15,000 T

Des Moines, Ia.. - 2,000 T

Springfield, Mass. - 2,500

Minneapolis, Minn. - 12 - 15,000 T

Kansas City, Mo. - about \$15,000

Elizabeth, N.J. - 1,000

Union City, N.J. - 1,000

Albany, N.Y. - 5,000

Canton, Ohio - 400

Lima " - 1,000

Portland, Ore. - 10,000 T

Reading, Pa. - 1,500

York " - 700

Salt Lake City - 2-2,500 T

Norfolk, Va. - 15-2,500

Seattle, Wash. - 8,000 min.

Milwaukee, Wis. - about \$25,000

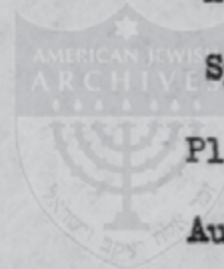
Saginaw, Mich. - \$1,000

Homestead, Pa. - \$750

Syracuse, N.Y. - 2,000

Plainfield, N.J. - about \$1,000

Augusta, Ga. - 1,000



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July 3, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Having just returned from the Zionist Convention, I cannot say that it was a stimulating event. As usual, the sessions were dominated by the question of who would be the next president, rather than what would be the destiny of Palestine.

Quite a number of people remarked to me on the contrast between the annual United Palestine Appeal conferences and the usual Zionist convention, insofar as form and content are concerned.

Probably the only thing that gave the delegates a sense of participating in something real in connection with Palestine was the launching of the loan. It had been intended that ten or fifteen people be called together in a quiet way to sound out sentiment. This was done on two different occasions; although the minds of most leaders were pre-occupied with the election situation, it was managed to get \$130,000 for the loan at one of these private luncheon sessions.

A. K. Epstein and Ben Harris of Chicago together provided \$25,000 of this amount and Charles Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh \$20,000. After a great deal of discussion Mr. Edmund I. Kaufmann, the new President, said that he would make \$25,000 available. The total of the subscriptions was approximately \$275,000, which, I must confess, exceeded my own expectations. I did not really think it would be possible to get more than \$100,000, and I said so in advance of the convention. With that splendid nucleus, it should be easy for Mr. Kaplan and the Keren Hayesod to get the balance quickly. He asked me to help, and I have given such help as I can without infringing on my work and responsibility to both the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal.

I know that Mr. Kaplan is very much interested in seeing what can be done in Cleveland. I know that you will be away during the summer. Is there any possibility that some one in Cleveland could be entrusted by you with the task of

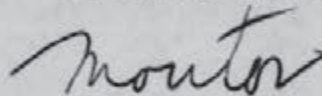
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getting together a number of people whom Kaplan could talk to about lending money on this one-year basis? Knowing something of Cleveland, I feel very doubtful as to whether there is anyone who could do anything when you were out of town.

Attached herewith is a galley-proof of a subscription blank which will give you an idea of the nature of the loan and the time.

I do hope that I shall have an opportunity to see you during the summer. With kindest personal regards, and with best wishes to Mrs. Silver and the boys for a pleasant summer vacation, I am

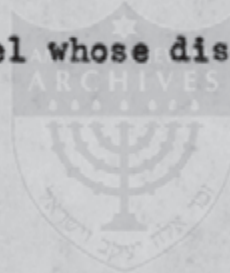
Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

P.S. I wonder if that was your Daniel whose discourse on Palestine appeared in Young Israel?



PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD), INC.

41 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

The undersigned, in consideration of similar agreements on the part of others to lend a sum of money to PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD), INC., and in consideration of obligations to be incurred by Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. based upon this and such other agreements, hereby agrees to lend said Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. the sum of _____ Dollars, to be repaid by Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. with interest thereon at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum.

Principal to be paid at the National City Bank, depository of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc., on October 1, 1941.

Interest thereon to be paid on October 1, 1940, and on the first days of January, April, July and October, 1941, by the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. to the lender at his premises by check.

Payment will be made by the undersigned to Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. at its office, No. 41 East 42nd Street, in the City of New York, on or before July 10, 1940, upon delivery by Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. of its promissory note to the order of undersigned, payable as aforesaid.

Dated, _____, 1940.

(L. S.)

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Dear Dr. Silver:

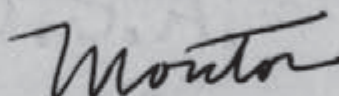
Attached herewith are copies of two letters from Harry L. Lurie, Executive Director of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds, asking me to join a committee to review the budgets of national agencies.

Since the committee will be formed with or without our consent, I thought it might be helpful for me to share in it, but I would wish to take no action, or make any decision until I have your thought in the matter.

Do you approve of my accepting this designation?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUND
165 West 46 Street, New York, N. Y.

July
second
1940

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

I should like to say, in relation to the enclosed letter of invitation, that we are also inviting Dr. Haber and Mr. Hyman, in addition to a selected list of leaders in welfare fund and non-welfare fund cities who are interested in these problems of budgeting. We need your technical advice and your experience as the professional director of a national agency, to help us formulate our recommendations to the Board of Directors. We are therefore asking that you serve on this committee as a representative of the UPA.

Cordially,

H. L. Lurie

HLL/ed

encl.

(et 7/3/40)

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUND
165 West 46 Street, New York, N.Y.

July 2nd 1940

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

Following the adoption of resolutions by several regional groups of the Council member agencies, and similar requests from a number of Jewish welfare funds, the Board of the Council is initiating a study of the feasibility of establishing some acceptable method for reviewing the budgets of the overseas and national Jewish agencies receiving general support from welfare funds, and to advise our members of the results of such a review, with a view thus to present a guide which may be helpful in the allocation of funds. A special committee is being organized to direct such a study and our President, Mr. Sidney Hollander, has asked me to invite you to serve on it.

Many local communities have expressed a preference for making allocations in harmony with some plan to be developed by some nationally representative committee that would evaluate the work and results of the agencies.

The problem is a complex one, with wide ramifications. The Council has for many years been concerned with obtaining data and preparing reports on individual agencies; it has also taken leadership in bringing together various agencies operating in the same field for joint consultation or for combined fund-raising appeals, but up to this time, it has not attempted to establish machinery for evaluating their work. There are differences of opinion among our own Board members as to the feasibility of extending our service in this direction, despite the many resolutions and requests from our member agencies. The purpose of the committee now to be set up will be to determine the different possibilities as well as the general desirability of developing such a national evaluating procedure and to suggest suitable methods or organization and procedure if the project is feasible.

This committee has been given authority to obtain funds outside the regular budget of the Council to make such special studies as may be required, and for the necessary expenses of the members in attending meetings. Staff service from the Council will also be available to the extent desired.

When we receive a sufficient number of acceptances from those who have been invited to serve, we plan to proceed in the following manner:

(a) The Council staff will prepare a detailed brief giving the experiences and advantages that centralized budgeting processes have brought to local communities, and will consider possible means by which similar procedures might be developed for the national and overseas group. The staff will also prepare an analysis of the problems that may be inherent in such a national budgeting process.

(b) This staff report will be sent to the members of the committee for their criticisms, and they will be asked to sound out interested persons in their communities and regions to ascertain their views on the value of such a budgeting process to their local budgeting committees, the services that might be required, the type of national budgeting committee that would be preferred, and suggestions for working procedures.

(c) After the information and opinions have been received from individual members of the committee, it will probably be desirable to have a meeting of the entire committee late in the summer or early in the fall to review the information and decide on further steps. There should be some formal method for sounding out all of our member agencies on such suggestions as may have developed from the preliminary study. Another meeting of the committee will probably be needed thereafter to decide on recommendations to be presented to the Board of Directors at the General Assembly of the Council in January, 1941.

In view of the great importance of this problem to so many communities, I hope you will find it possible to participate. Let me hear from you as soon as you can.

Cordially,

H. L. Lurie

HLL/ed

(et 7/3/40)



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July 7, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of the letter which Sidney Hollander, as President of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, proposes to send to the three men who are being invited to represent Welfare Fund communities on the Distribution Committee.

I should like to have your observations on this letter so that I may offer some corrections.

These are my own observations on the letter:

a) That the phrase "a special DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE is now being jointly organized by them and the COUNCIL" should be re-phrased because actually the Distribution Committee must continue to be recognized as an instrumentality of the United Jewish Appeal, otherwise the agencies in the United Jewish Appeal will wind up to find that the Council has taken over direction of distribution affairs and decisions.

b) Mr. Hollander outlines a program for the Distribution Committee which seems beyond the purview of what had originally been contemplated. I do not know that it has ever been considered or decided upon that this Distribution Committee should be "in a position to recommend real programming not only for the various agencies now members of the U.J.A. but also of other Jewish organizations."

Mr. Hollander wanted the letter to go out today (Friday). I did not want to give any consent on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal, particularly since I think that the letter ought to have some re-phrasing done to it.

I would appreciate it greatly if you could send me by Air Mail Special Delivery your own corrections and observations to be incorporated in what I shall tell Mr. Hollander with regard to the letter.

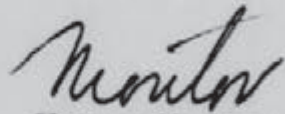
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

July 7, 1940

I have also submitted a copy to Louis Lipsky for his observations.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BG
Enc.

Air mail
Special Delivery



COPY of letter from: Sidney Hollander
2410 Greenmount Ave.
Baltimore, Maryland

June 6, 1940

Mr. Monte M. Lemann
Whitney Building
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Lemann:

As you are doubtless aware, there has been for some time a growing demand from Jewish communities thruout the country for their greater participation in the disposition of the funds they are called on to raise for overseas relief and service to refugees in this country.

In response to this demand, the COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS was urged to recommend to the United Jewish Appeal that a special committee be established on which the welfare fund cities would be represented whose function would be a continuing study of the needs and expenditures of the major agencies providing service abroad and assistance to refugees at home, an evaluation of their results, consideration of their possibilities for effective present service, and allocation of the funds raised in this country in relation to these factors. X

The United Jewish Appeal has accepted this suggestion, and a special DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE is now being jointly organized by them and the COUNCIL which will determine the appropriations to the three major agencies for the rest of this year. X
I want you to serve on that committee.

I hope you will consent to do this; it is probably the major service that can be rendered the Jewish communities of America today. While in the narrower view you would be representing the welfare fund cities, in a larger sense you would speak for all Jewish communities. Your selection was approved by both the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, and they join me in urging your acceptance.

The full Committee will consist of two representing the J.D.C., two representing the U.P.A. and three (selected by the COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS) to represent the welfare fund cities. It is as one from the latter group that you are asked to serve.

The J.D.C. has named Mr. James H. Becker of Chicago and Dr. Solomon Lowenstein of New York; the U.P.A. has selected Rabbi Hillel Silver of Cleveland and Rabbi Stephen Wise of New York. The two others to serve with you as representatives of the welfare funds will be named within a few days. I might add that both the J.D.C. and U.P.A. join me in urging your acceptance.

The United Jewish Appeal has alloted \$25,000 for the use of this committee to organize a research fund to secure objective factual data on the programs and expenditures of the overseas and refugee agencies. As promptly as possible, competent personnel will be secured for this work.

One immediate responsibility of the Committee will be to allocate the balance of funds raised this year beyond the original commitments to the J.D.C., U.P.A., and the National Refugee Service. An appraisal of the overseas problems and the work of the constituent agencies to be made by the research staff will be available to the Committee in arriving at its decisions.

But the setting up of this special Committee seems to me to involve something of far greater significance than its first task of allocating the funds raised this year. It will be concerned with all aspects of overseas and refugee needs, and therefore in a position to recommend real programming not only for the various agencies now members of the U.J.A. but also of other Jewish organizations engaged in overseas work that obtain their support from Jewish welfare funds here. The work of the Committee this year should have a profound effect upon future plans for fund-raising, and the coordination of programs among the various Jewish organizations engaged in these functions. In this, our three representatives will be of special use in bringing the views of local communities to bear on questions of policy that must be decided this year, and help shape future policies if the U.J.A. is to continue.

The amount of time involved in the work of this Committee cannot be definitely stated in advance, but on the basis of the aims and functions outlined I believe it will probably require two or three meetings to be held in New York City before the end of the calendar year. Its members will also be able either at special meetings or thru correspondence to help shape the policies and guide the technical staff in the collection of data and the preparation of reports.

No matter what other commitments you may have, I feel that the outstanding importance of this particular assignment warrants me in asking that you consider it a first request upon the time you have available to help deal with Jewish affairs of major importance.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

SIDNEY HOLLANDER
President