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June 19, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver,

I believe it will interest you to note the attached figures of contributions received in the theatrical industry as of June 1st, under the auspices of Federation, as compared to overseas gifts as at the same time last year.

In 1938 this group gave to the JDC and UPA (including emergency gifts, recurrent gifts, etc.) a combined total of \$26,494. Up to June 1st of this year, \$163,053.10 was contributed. I have not tried to divide the 1938 monies between the JDC and UPA, but it is safe to say that in view of the fact that the JDC raised about three times as much money as the UPA did in New York in 1938, more or less the same average prevails in the theatrical group.

Almost all of the 1939 money was raised by the committee at about a dozen small meetings. Most of it was announced at the dinner at which you made your extraordinarily effective speech. Mr. Sanders tells me that the committee's efforts have been helped a great deal by your inspiring address.

May I suggest that you drop Mr. Sanders a note expressing your appreciation of these excellent results. Frankly, the most important difference between the 1938 and 1939 campaigns in the theatrical industry has been Mr. Sanders' devoted efforts in an extremely difficult situation. Of course, we are all hoping that this money has not been given at the expense of Federation. In a few months, Mr. Sanders will, among his many other responsibilities, undertake the job of proving to the Jewish community of New York that Federation's overseas efforts have resulted in good will and increased funds for local needs, rather than the contrary. He will need the friendliest cooperation of all good men to prove him right.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Hillel

JUNE 13, 1939

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN
AMUSEMENT INDUSTRY

	<u>1939</u> <u>U.J.A.</u>	<u>1938</u> <u>J.D.C. & U.P.A.</u>
Stuart Aarons Warner Bros.	\$10.00	
Phil Abrahams Warner Bros.	50.00	
Miles H. Alben Warner Bros.	50.00	\$30.00
Anonymous Universal Pictures	2.00	
Anonymous thru Arthur M. Loew	1000.00	
Jonas Arnold Paramount Pictures	15.00	
A. E. Arnstein R. K. O. Theatres Corp.	10.00	
Jerome Baker R. K. O. Theatres Corp.	10.00	
Phil Baker	500.00	
Barney Balaban Paramount Pictures	11000.00	1,550 150 (W/Acc)
Jack Barry Warner Bros.	25.00	
Lawrence Beatus Loew's, Inc.	50.00	10.00
Samuel N. Behrman	500.00	
Jack Bellman Republic Pictures	25.00	
Herbert Berg Paramount Pictures	5.00	
Irving Berlin	5000.00	5,000.
Harry Berman	250.00	
Jos. Bernhard Warner Bros.	1000 .00	



	1939 <u>U.J.A.</u>	1938 <u>J.D.C. & U.P.A.</u>
Ben Bernie	\$2000.00	
Mr. & Mrs. D. Bernstein Loew's, Inc.	10000.00	\$1252.50
Harry M. Bernstein Loew's, Inc.	200.00	50.00
Louis Bernstein	2000.00	
H. N. Birbaum 20th Century-Fox	50.00	
Joseph Birnstein Paramount Pictures	10.00	
David Black Republic Pictures	5.00	2.00
Max B. Blackman Warner Bros.	50.00	5.00
A. R. Blum Warner Bros.	25.00	
Leon Blumberg Warner Bros.	50.00	
N. J. Blumberg Universal Pictures	1000.00	100.00
Saul H. Bornstein	50.00	
Louis Brager Warner Bros.	100.00	
Harry Brandt & William Brandt Theatres	1500.00	435.00
Leo Brecher	400.00	900.00
Frances M. Bregman Elite Circuit, Inc.	15.00	
Bregman, Vocco, Conn. Inc.	200.00	1.00
M. B. Brenner National Screen Serv.	250.00	
In Memory of Sol Brill	500.00	



	1939 <u>U.J.A.</u>	1938 <u>J.D.C. & U.P.A.</u>
Marc Brody Warner Bros.	\$25.00	
Brooks Costume Co.	200.00	10.00
Arthur Brown R. K. O. Theatres Corp.	10.00	
Jos. Chasin Warner Bros.	25.00	
Ben Cohen Warner Bros.	50.00	
Harold Cohen Warner Bros.	35.00	
Jack Cohen National Screen Service	50.00	
Jack Cohn Columbia Pictures Corp.	2500.00	\$600.00
Columbia Pictures Employees	4000.00	
Joseph Cooper Paramount Pictures Corp.	2000.00	
Lillian Da Costa Paramount Pictures	2.00	
Harold L. Danson Paramount Pictures	25.00	
Geo. F. Dembow National Screen Service	250.00	25.00
Howard Dietz Loew's, Inc., Metro.	250.00	75.00
I. F. Dolid Warner Bros.	50.00	10.00
Henry Dreyfus	50.00	
George Dublin Paramount Pictures	25.00	
Michael Edelstein R.K.O. Theatres Corp.	15.00	
Moe Englander Warner Bros.	35.00	



	1939 U.J.A.	1938 J.D.C. & U.P.A.
Morris Epstein Republic Pictures	\$25.00	\$20.00
Zeb Epstein Warner Bros.	75.00	
Gillispie Evans Paramount Pictures	10.00	
Max Fader Warner Bros.	5.00	
Leo Feist Music Publisher	1000.00	300.00
Max Fellerman R. K. O. Theatres Corp.	100.00	25.00
Nat Fellman Warner Bros.	50.00	5.00
Robert Fels Warner Bros.	5.00	
M. J. Fessler Warner Bros.	50.00	5.00
Sam Forrest	500.00	175.00
George Fraser Paramount Pictures	10.00	
Paula Weiss Fraser Paramount Pictures	5.00	
Alan Freedman	100.00	
William Freedman 20th Century * Fox	20.00	
E. Friedlander % Dazians	150.00	260.00
Leopold Friedman Loew's, Inc.	3000.000	250.00
Lou Friedman Warner Bros.	35.00	
Louis Friedman R. K. O. Theatres Corp.	5.00	
Louis Frisch Rinzler & Frisch	1500.00	600.00



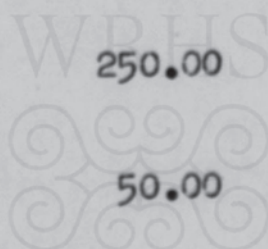
	1939 <u>U.J.A.</u>	1938 <u>J.D.C. & U.P.A.</u>
Joseph Geist	\$100.00	\$28.00
Harold Geller R. K. O. Prospect Theatre	5.00	
Louis Geller Warner Bros.	35.00	
Jules Girden Warner Bros.	50.00	
Harry M. Goetz %Max Gordon	1000.00	500.00
Irving Gold R. K. O. Theatre Corp.	10.00	
Herman Goldberg Warner Bros.	50.00	
J. W. Goldberg R. K. O. Shore Road	25.00	
Leon Goldberg R. K. O. Theatre Corp.	200.00	175.00
Louis Goldberg R. K. O. Theatre Corp.	100.00	25.00
Edward A. Godden Monogram Pictures	300.00	
Gilbert Golden Warner Bros.	75.00	
Sam Golden Warner Bros.	35.00	
Al Goodman	500.00	
Ben Goldman Warner Bros.	25.00	
Ed. Goldstein	25.00	
Joe Goldstein Warner Bros.	25.00	2.00
Larry Golob Warner Bros.	65.00	
Benny Goodman	2500.00	200.00



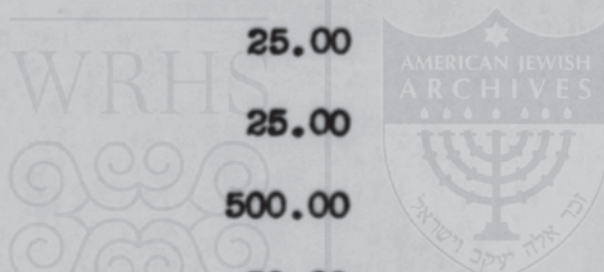
	<u>1939</u> <u>U.J.A.</u>	<u>1938</u> <u>J.D.C. & U.P.A.</u>
Bernard Goodman Warner Bros.	\$25.00	
Ralph Gordon Warner Bros.	50.00	
Harry A. Gourfain Warner Bros.	100.00	
Shirley Frankel Warner Bros.	5.00	
Max Greenberg Warner Bros.	10.00	
Irving H. Greenfield Loew's Inc.	200.00	\$15.00
Monroe W. Greenthal United Artists	50.00	
Mrs. Dora Grogin Warner Bros.	10.00	
Louis Grogin Warner Bros.	50.00	
Toby Gruen National Screen Service	2000.00	100.00
Leo Haas Warner Bros.	10.00	
Maurice Harris R. K. O. Theatre Corp.	5.00	
George W. Harvey Paramount Pictures	10.00	
Joseph H. Hazen Warner Bros.	500.00	100.00
Marcus Heiman	500.00	200.00
Morris Helprin United Artists	25.00	5.00
Fred Herkowitz R. K. O. Theatre Corp.	15.00	
Jack Herman Warner Bros.	25.00	



	1939 <u>U.J.A.</u>	1938 <u>J.D.C. & U.P.A.</u>
Ed. K. Hessberg Warner Bros.	\$85.00	
Herman Hochberg Warner Bros.	2.00	
Irving Hoffman Paramount Pictures	10.00	
Hal Horne R. K. O. Theatre Corp.	250.00	
Rube Jackter Columbia Pictures	200.00	\$50.00
Thomas E. Jefferson Paramount Pictures	10.00	
Louis Joffe R. K. O. Theatre Corp.	25.00	5.00
Harry Katz R. K. O. Theatre Corp.	250.00	140.00
Louis J. Kaufman Warner Bros.	50.00	
M. L. Kaufman National Screen Service	25.00	5.00
Sam S. Keller Warner Bros.	10.00	
Chas. Kemke Warner Bros.	20.00	
Malcolm Kingsberg R. K. O. Theatre Corp.	500.00	500.00
Tess Klausner Paramount Pictures	5.00	
Barney Klawans Warner Bros.	100.00	
H. B. Kornheiser Warner Bros.	15.00	
Rudolph Kramer R. K. O. Theatre Corp.	5.00	
Cyril S. Landau	10.00	

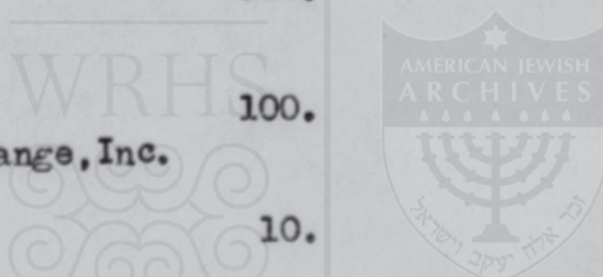


	1939 <u>U.J.A.</u>	1938 <u>J.D.C. & U.P.A.</u>
Henry Lerner	\$7.00	
Meyer Lavenstein	200.00	\$100.00
Paul N. Lazarus United Artists	200.00	
Paul N. Lazarus, Jr. Warner Bros.	50.00	5.00
Betram Lebharr, Jr.	100.00	
Joe Lee 20th Century Fox Film Corp.	25.00	40.00
Sam Lefkowitz	50.00	
Jules Levey	100.00	
Herman Levine	25.00	
Louis Levine	10.00	
Isador H. Levinson	25.00	15.00
Jack Levy	25.00	5.00
Jules Levy (R.K.O.)	500.00	
Louis S. Lifton	50.00	
Mr. Jerome Loeb	50.00	10.00
Arthur M. Loew Loew's, Inc.	11,100.00	600.00
Harry Lyons	10.00	
Sam Lyons	500.00	
Mack, Max (Roy Mack)	16.00	
Milton L. Maier R. K. O. Theatres Corp.	50.00	20.00



	1939 <u>U.J.A.</u>	1938 <u>J.D.C. & U.P.A.</u>
Harry Mandel	15.	
J. Manheimer Independent Theatre Owners Assn.	25.	
Albert Margulies	15.	
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Milton R. Marx	35.	
Arthur L. Mayer	1,000.	500.
Harry Mayer	75.	
Seymour Mayer	50.	
Miller Music, Inc.	500.	100. 200 (W/Leo Feist)
Jack Mills	500.	100. (W/Mrs.)
Max Mink R.K.O.	5.	
Abe Montague	1,000	300.
Sam E. Morris	1,000	100.
William Morris	500.	100.
Charles Moskowitz	1,500.	200.
Alec Moss	50.	
Motion Picture Art Fund	3,500.	
Arthur Murray	2,728.10	200.

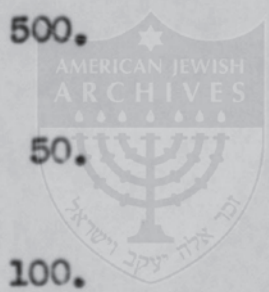
	1939 <u>U. J. A.</u>	1 9 3 8 <u>J.D.C. & U.P.A.</u>
Lou Nathan Paramount Pictures	\$ 20.	
Millard Ochs RKO 90th St. Theatre Corp.	5.	
William S. Paley Columbia Broadcasting System	20,000.	
Irving Papiroff Warner Bros.	25.	
Harry Pear Pear Bros. Estates Operating Co.	10. (F)	
Louis Phillips & Louis Mizer	500.	250. (F)
Eugene Picker Loew's, Inc.	500.	25.
Sidney Picker Republic Pictures Exchange, Inc.	100.	30.
Harry M. Pimstein R.K.O.	10.	5.
Saul Plosky Warner Brothers	20.	
Louis Pollock Universal Pictures	25.	
Hyman Rachmil Windsor Theatre	250.	75. 25 (w/Mrs.)
Sid Rechetnik Warner Bros.	60.	
Samuel Rinzler Rinzler & Frisch	1,000. (W/Louis Frisch) 500. (F)	100. 500. (F)
Herman Robbins National Screen Service	2,500	850.
J. J. Robbins Music Publishers	500.	100.
Robbins Music Co.	1,000.	200.
Harold Rodner Warner Bros.	300.	15.



	1939 <u>U. J. A.</u>	1 9 3 8 <u>J. D. C. & U. P. A.</u>
Saul E. Rogers	250.	250.
Billy Rose	1000.	
Carolyn Rosen Warner Bros.	5.	
Martin Rosen R. K. O.	5.	
Samuel Rosen Fabian Theatre Corp.	200.	100.
Harry Rosenband Warner Bros.	15.	
Morris Ruffman Warner Bros.	15.	5.
Edward Rugoff Rugoff & Becker	50.	25. (W/Mrs.)
Samuel Rydell R. K. O.	5.	
Arthur Sachson Warner Bros.	50.	
Julius Sanders	10.	8.
Rudolph Sanders	250. (W/Mrs.) 50.	100.
David Sarnoff Radio Corp. of America	2,500.	250.
Carrol Sax	1,000.	
A. Schenck 20th Century Fox	25.	
George Schenck Loew's	50.	
Nicholas M. Schenck Loew's	10,000.	3,661.94
Leonard Schlesinger Warner Bros.	50.	
Abraham Schneider Columbia Pictures	1,000	300.



	1939 U.J.A.	1938 J.D.C. & U.P.A.
Samuel Schneider Warner Bros.	500.	100.
Edw. M. Schnitzer Warner Bros.	150.	35.
Alfred W. Schwalberg Warner Bros.	50.	15.
Harry Schwartz Century Circuit, Inc.	150.	150.
Sol A. Schwartz R.K.O.	20.	
Silas F. Seadler Loew's	25.	15.
Sada Seeff Paramount Pictures	5.	
Jos. H. Seidelman Universal Pictures	500.	20.
Maurice Seidlitz Loew's	50.	
Albert Semels National Screen Service	100.	20.
Louis Semels National Screen Service	100.	20.
Harold Seroy R.K.O.	5.	
Robert Sherman R.K.O.	5.	
Sol Shernow Warner Bros.	15.	
Harry Shier Music Publishers	100.	
Lee Shubert	5,000.	
Arthur Siegel Warner Bros.	100.	
A. J. Silverstein Paramount Pictures	10.	



	1939 <u>U. J. A.</u>	1 9 3 8 <u>J. D. C. & U. P. A.</u>
Emanuel Silverstone United Artists	25.	5.
Maurice Silverstone United Artists	3,000.	
David M. Sohmer Republic Pictures	10.	
Nate B. Spingold Columbia Pictures	1,500.	350.
Lillian Spitz Warner Bros.	5.	
Herman Starr Warner Bros.	500.	25.
Mark Stone Warner Bros.	15.	
Samuel Strausberg	750.	155.
Abraham L. Suchman Consolidated Amuse. Ent. Inc.	50.	25.
William Sussman 20th Century Fox	100.	60.
Jos. Tishman Warner Bros.	100.	20.
<i>Sophie Tucker</i> Bob Ungerfeld R.K.O. Proctors Theatre	1000 50.	
Abel A. Vigard Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.	100.	
A. Mike Vogel Quigley Publications	50.	
Jos. R. Vogel Loew's, Inc.	1,000.	100.
Bernard Waldman	1.	
David Warfield	1,000..	250.
Albert Warner & Warner Bros. Warner Bros.	10,000.	1,450

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	1939 <u>U.J.A.</u>	1 9 3 8 <u>J.D.C. & U.P.A.</u>
Warner Brothers Employees	2,000.	
Emamiel Waxberg R.K.O. Radio Pictures Corp.	5.	
A. P. Waxman	100.	50.
Harry H. Weiss R.K.O. Madison Theatre	10.	
Isidore Weiss I. Weiss & Sons	200.	125.
Rudolph Weiss Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.	100.	
Sam Q. Weissman Warner Bros. Pictures	25.	
Eugene Werner Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.	40.	
David J. Whyte R.K.O. Alden Theatre	10.	
Jacob Wilk Warner Bros.	300.	150.
Irving Windisch Warner Bros. Strand Theatre	25.	
Windsor Circuit Corp. Windsor Theatre	100.	
Ben Wirth Warner Bros., Inc.	50.	
Jos. Wolf (Vitagraph Inc.) Warner Bros.	25.	
Jack Wahrman Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.	15.	
	\$163,053.10	\$26,494.44



June 22, 1939

Mr. Joseph Willen
United Jewish Appeal for Refugees
200 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Willen:

I regret that your letter arrived after Rabbi Silver had left the city for his summer's vacation. I shall be pleased to refer it to his attention when he returns to Cleveland in September.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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UNITED JEWISH SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY POALE ZION-ZEIRE ZION of AMERICA

275 SEVENTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

September 9, 1939.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I take this occasion to extend to you a hearty welcome upon your return to America. Though vast stretches of sea separated one ship from another, we were all united by our common interests in the Yishuv and in all those problems which we discussed in Geneva.

I am writing you immediately after the conclusion of a special emergency meeting of our Central Committee, at which we rendered a report of the Zionist Congress. We are all determined to adjust our activities to the present needs and plight of the Jewish people throughout the world, and in Palestine especially. In all these discussions special consideration was of course given to the United Palestine Appeal. We also feel that the Gewerkshafte Campaign this year has possibilities to raise larger sums from the friends of the Histadruth in America for the emergency needs of the Histadruth.

We also devoted considerable time to discussion on the role of America in providing food and other supplies to the Yishuv.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these problems with you, since we are eager to coordinate our plans and efforts. May we hear from you when you plan to be in New York, and whether you could set the time for an appointment with our leading members for that purpose.

I am anxiously awaiting your reply.

Sincerely yours,

David Wertheim
David Wertheim,
Secretary.

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September 11, 1939

Mr. David Wertheim
275 Seventh Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wertheim:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of September 9. I am glad to know that you and your friends have arrived safely home.

You have probably received word, by this time, that there will be a meeting of the Administrative Committee on Tuesday evening, September 19. I shall be free to meet you and your committee - say at four o'clock in the afternoon at the Commodore Hotel. Please let me know whether the hour is convenient for you.

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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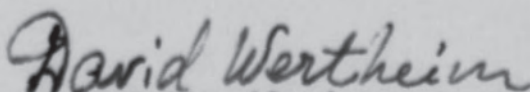
Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of September 11, and the appointment for our meeting on Tuesday, September 19, at 4 P.M., at the Commodore Hotel.

With best wishes for the new year,

DW: CR


David Wertheim,
Secretary.

JOSEPH WILLEN

71 WEST 47 STREET
NEW YORK

September 20, 1939

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
East 105 St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

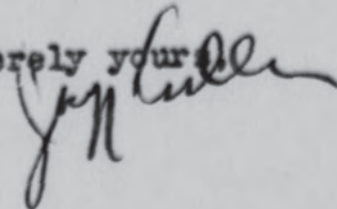
I cannot tell you how sorry I am that I did not get a chance to see you at 5 o'clock yesterday. Mr. Montor had told me that you expected to be in New York on the 19th and 20th and I had cleared the 20th of appointments. I made every effort to get away from my meeting so that I might join you, but all meetings nowadays have the habit of being called "emergency plus."

The Mr. Sanders we had in mind was Herman Sanders (of Federation) who, as you may remember, acted as director of the United Jewish Appeal campaign in New York. Since the suggestion was made in June and the UJA campaign seems somewhat distant now, I do not think it necessary to write him any more.

I am looking forward to seeing you to talk about the ever so many things in our hearts and minds and may get to Cleveland soon.

With warm regards and best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,



JW.s

September 18, 1939

Mr. Joseph Willen
United Jewish Appeal
200 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Upon my return from abroad, I found your kind letter of June 19 apprising me of the results of the United Jewish Appeal campaign in the Theatrical Industry - results which are highly gratifying. You suggest that I write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Sanders. I would be very happy to do so if you will send me Mr. Sanders' address. I do not know where to reach him. I assume that you were referring to Mr. Rudolph Sanders.

I trust that I may have the pleasure of seeing you soon in New York and of talking over with you some things which are, I am sure, in both our minds at the present time. With all good wishes for a happy new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Bernard Kahn and Mr. Joseph C. Hyman of the Joint Distribution Committee appeared promptly at my study at 8:45 this morning, and your telegram arrived within a few moments of our meeting telling us to our regret that you had found it necessary to leave last night because of the uncertainty of planes this morning.

Let me deal first with the cablegram from Dobkin-Magnes. They have sent formal acknowledgement, which perhaps we might do if we thought it necessary.

As for the first part of the letter, the estimate of Dr. Kahn is that the 2,000,000 Jews in the Soviet-occupied part of Poland should be reduced to 1,200,000, excepting possibly for two or three hundred thousand who have temporarily taken themselves into the area for protection against the Nazi regime.

As for the repatriation of 2,000 Palestinian citizens or Jews resident in Palestine, who happen to be stranded in Poland, the question is whether they are Palestinians, whether they hold Palestinian citizenship, or whether they are merely Palestinian residents.

As for the evacuation proposal, Dr. Kahn does not believe -- and I am inclined to share his view -- that Russia will permit huge concentration camps for tens of thousands of people; but will send them into the country regions; and, in any event, not permit them in large numbers to be in or near Odessa.

Assuming that it be true that there are two to four hundred thousand refugees from German occupation areas, where shall they go even if the impossible sums could be found that would enable them to be moved?

As for #3, we are agreed that those people, who hold British visas to Palestine from Lithuania and Latvia, can only be a limited number.

I feel, as does Dr. Kahn, that with respect to #4

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there is hardly any possibility of the evacuation of Zionist leaders from Russian areas now. I do not see why this should be considered an opportune time for such evacuation.

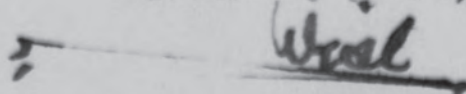
As for the final suggestion that Rosen explore these matters, the Committee has already thought of sending him after some weeks.

Dr. Kahn and Mr. Hyman do not believe -- and I am prepared to agree with them -- that things are sufficiently stable in the way of community organization to permit more than limited exploration at this time. I think we should have a chance to discuss that matter further in the next days.

With regard to the other and more pressing matter, namely 2,960 Palestinian immigrants possessing certificates and transit visas, Mr. Hyman and Dr. Kahn are entirely sympathetic, but maintain that formerly the arrangement was that the expense of transportation to Palestine was divided between the Council for German Jewry, the ACA and the Joint Distribution Committee. On account of exchange regulations arising out of prohibitive war conditions, it may become impossible for the Council for German Jewry -- which has changed its title to Council for (Jewish) Victims of Nazi Oppression -- to grant any funds for these purposes; and the Joint Distribution Committee would probably be left alone among the three organizations as far as meeting the burden of expense is concerned. The ACA has English incorporation and therefore is in the same position as the Council. Mr. Hyman made the suggestion that if we would do the rest, they might be prepared to recommend that they continue to bear their share of the burden; but in view of the enormous claims that will shortly be made upon their support, they could not afford to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for transportation. We agreed that we would recommend to our several organizations that we divide the expense -- they to meet one-half, and we to meet on-half. I pointed out the difficulty under which we rest insofar as we are not a distributing, but merely a collecting body. The matter thus rests until after we shall have discussed it, as I told them that we would find it necessary to take the matter up with London (Weizmann) and with the Executive in Jerusalem.

With cordial greeting, I am

Faithfully yours,



Stephen S. Wise

P.S. I still feel that as an Emergency Committee we ought to act as if we had power and accept the responsibility for our action, whether it temporarily dislocate the budget or not,

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seeing that there is every reason to believe that there will be considerable allocation for Palestine needs from the UJA.

I have omitted to make reference to the fact that Mr. Hyman called special attention to a statement made by you in your recent communication, which was to the effect that the Zionists would take over the task of transporting the refugees to Palestine. I have looked over the memorandum and your statement on the war situation, but I cannot find any such reference unless it be the statement at the foot of Page 1, namely "On September 8th, as a result of a message from the Jewish Agency representatives in Geneva, sufficient funds were sent by the United Palestine Appeal in New York to make possible the transportation of a thousand Jews from Germany to Palestine."



October 6, 1939

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

My dear Dr. Wise:

Let me thank you for the report of the meeting with Dr. Kahn and Mr. Hyman which you held last Tuesday.

The question whether the UPA should help finance the transportation of immigrants to Palestine is a very serious one, and there ought to be a decision in principle made by us in agreement with the Jewish Agency in Palestine for there will be many such requests in the future. Heretofore, our funds were not used for that purpose. If we show too ready a disposition to assume responsibility for this item, it may well be that the JDC would be only too eager to unload the responsibility which it has in the matter upon us. I am inclined to believe that our act in financing a thousand Jews from Germany to Palestine, in response to the appeal from Geneva, has encouraged the JDC to regard that as a precedent. I also think that we should make definite inquiry from the Council for German Jewry and the I.C.A. whether they are in a position to continue their subventions. While there will be increased allocations for Palestine out of the 1939 campaign, the demands of Palestine upon us will be much greater because other sources of revenue for Palestine will be practically shut off, whereas the income of the JDC, derived wholly from the United States, will suffer no reduction because of the war. The JDC will receive far more than it expected out of the 1939 campaign, and while the demands upon it next year will undoubtedly be much heavier, they will be met not out of the 1939 campaign, but out of the 1940 campaign. I am inclined to believe that the JDC has large available funds which it can put to no better use than that of assisting in the transportation of refugees from Europe to Palestine where they cease to be a charge upon that organization.

I am in favor of making our necessary contribution to the \$100,000 fund required for the transportation of the 2,960 Palestinian immigrants, as an emergency, but it should be clearly understood that the JDC is not to regard that as a precedent for similar requests in the future.

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With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



October 16, 1939

Mr. Franklin C. Wisbaum, President
Up-State N.Y. and Ontario Conference of Jewish Communal Agencies
809 United Office Bldg.
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wisbaum:

Let me thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the Resolutions which were adopted at the Sixth Annual Conference of the Up-State New York and Ontario Region of Jewish Communal Agencies. I shall be very happy to bring them to the attention of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal at its next meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

,Chairman

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

AHS:DK

October 19, 1939

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

My dear Dr. Wise:

I received your letter of October 17. It is a serious question as to where we ought to center our efforts at the moment, on the relief of the Yishuv or on the transportation of additional immigrants to Palestine. Kaplan's radiogram of October 12 states that the relief question has been aggravated in the last few years and paints a very dark picture of the status of the Yishuv. The country is evidently confronted with a major economic crisis. According to Kaplan's radiogram, the Keren Hayesod had to give relief to some thirty thousand people last month. This number is likely to increase. Should we, at this moment, concentrate on sending all the money available into Palestine so as to avert a major collapse, or should we use part of our funds to transport additional immigrants into the country who, by the way, might still further increase the relief burden of the Yishuv?

Frankly, I am unable to answer this question. It seems to me that we should depend in a large measure upon the judgment of our Executive in Palestine and in London. There is, of course, terrific pressure brought to bear from our distressed refugees in all parts of Europe. But is not our first responsibility to look after the minimum needs of those already in the country, and of our institutions there?

I would suggest that we send an immediate inquiry to Weizman, Kaplan and one or two others whom you would suggest, touching this subject. If you wish to put it in the form of asking for their approval to the proposal that we, here, use the sum of one hundred fifty to two hundred thousand dollars in cooperation with the JDC to finance the transportation of European refugees to Palestine, I would agree to such a cable.

What has been the final action taken by the Emergency Committee with reference to the Mizrahi's request for an

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appeal for food packages? I recall that our understanding was that if the answer from Jerusalem was negative, we would discuss the subject again.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

OCTOBER 20, 1939

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Montor tells me that you will be in New York next Wednesday. I am anxious to discuss with you a matter of great importance to the Pavilion and seek your advice thereon.

Would it be possible for me to see you for a few minutes any time it may be convenient for you in the morning, afternoon or evening?

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Meyer W. Weisgal
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November 14, 1939

Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal
225 West 34th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Weisgal:

I shall arrive in New York on Wednesday in time to attend an Allocations Committee meeting at noon, and I am leaving immediately thereafter for Philadelphia to open their drive in the evening. I shall therefore not have time to see you. I would suggest that you convey to Mr. Montor what you have in mind and he will transmit it to me, or that you write to me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 E. 62ND ST. • New York, N. Y.

November 16, 1939

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
E. 105th St. at Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Ab:

Governor Herbert H. Lehman, you will be pleased to know, has accepted an invitation to be a guest speaker at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee at the Standard Club in Chicago on December 2 and 3. Since the Joint Distribution Committee sent you an invitation to the meeting, assurances have also been received from the Hon. James G. McDonald, chairman of the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees, that he will participate in the program. Nothing that I can say to you could indicate more effectively than this the importance and significance of the conference.

In checking through the list of community leaders who have written that they will attend the meeting, I find no reply has as yet been received from you. It is my hope that you will join us in Chicago.

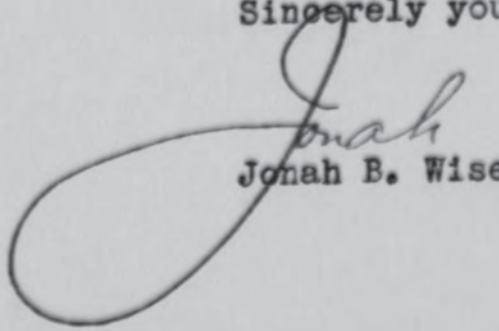
This meeting, which marks a quarter of a century of humanitarian activity by the Joint Distribution Committee, is not just another conference. Around our council tables, outstanding leaders in the American Jewish community, together with some of the most eminent Christian leaders in the field of refugee and war relief work, will discuss problems of tremendous concern to the Jews of America. All concerned are making a special effort to attend the meeting and it is important that you, as a member of the National Council, meet with us.

This is not going to be a fund-raising meeting. This is an effort to bring together our best minds to consult on these grave overseas problems.

Won't you let me hear from you by return mail that you are planning to be with us?

With kindest personal regards, believe me,

Sincerely yours,


Jonah B. Wise

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thanks very much for your letter.

In accordance with your suggestion,
I am meeting tomorrow with Montor. Either
he or I will write you after our conference.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Meyer W. Weisgal
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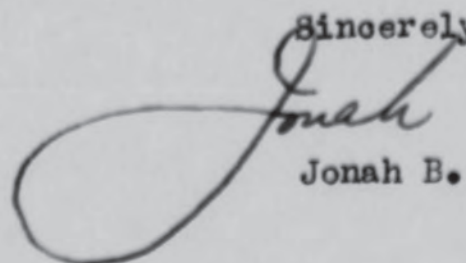
Dear Ab:

Enclosed please find letter to Mr. Kirstein. I think it is not too formal. However, if you wish to change it, it is agreeable to me. I am confident that if you do change this draft, you will forward a corrected copy to me.

I will be glad to meet with you for the distribution of the \$250,000 fund on the same day as we meet for making arrangements for the 1940 United Jewish Appeal. Please make whatever plans you choose, as I shall hold myself available for the whole day from 11:00 in the morning on. I shall ask someone in the Joint Distribution Committee to serve with us.

Looking forward to seeing you, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Jonah B. Wise

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IF IT BE HUMANLY POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO BE NEWYORK TUESDAY NIGHT
MOST STRONGLY URGE YOU, AS CHAIRMAN UPA, BE PRESENT AND SPEAK
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BY GOLDMAN LIPSKY=

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Dr. Stephen S. Wise

New York, N.Y.

Deeply regret my
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meeting



inability to remain
for Tuesday night

Abba Hillel Silver

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Dr. Stephen S. Wise
40 W. 68th - N. Y.

WRHS



Deeply regret my inability to remain over in
New York for Tuesday night meeting.

A. H. Silver

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WRHS



:A MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED
PALESTINE APPEAL TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THE 1940 CAMPAIGN,
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, AT 4.30 PM AT THE OFFICE
OF THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, 111 FIFTH AVENUE. YOUR PRESENCE
IS URGED=

STEPHEN S WISE.

February 1, 1940

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
Central Synagog
35 E. 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jonah:

I received your note and your clipping. There is more to this than appears on the surface, and I shall be glad to talk it over with you when I see you. There are quite a number of things that we ought to talk over in connection with the United Jewish Appeal nationally, and more particularly, in connection with the campaign in New York City.

I plan to be in New York City on Thursday, February 8 and I hope that it will be possible for us to meet together in morning, say around eleven o'clock, or at luncheon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

111 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

February 6, 1940

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I saw Dr. Weizmann on Sunday night. He was very much disturbed over the failure of Caplan and the rest to fix the bases of the loan, which he hopes to make possible.

Dr. Weizmann asked me to get into touch with you, Dr. Goldman and Mr. Lipsky and say to you that he expects us solemnly to call a conference of perhaps one hundred leaders of the Zionist movement for Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday, February 19th, 20th or 21st, in order that the leaders may be urged to take their part in the loan. Of course, Dr. Weizmann will expect all of us -- you, Goldman, Lipsky and myself, -- to be present.

If you will send me word by wire, I will try to arrange the date to suit your and Goldman's convenience. Please wire at once.

I was glad to see that Dr. Weizmann felt that he had had hearty and even enthusiastic receptions everywhere, including Cleveland and Chicago and Detroit; and I gathered that he was tremendously effective -- and alone effective -- in Detroit.

With cordial greeting, I am

Faithfully yours,



Stephen S. Wise

P.S. I remember Dr. Weizmann using the term: "In solemn fashion you should call a meeting of a hundred of really representative Zionist leaders of the country in order to move them to have part in the loan and get them to accept their share in the responsibility."

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:EAST 105TH ST & ANSEL RD=



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WILL YOU PLEASE TELEPHONE ME AT MY OFFICE REGENT 4-4073 SOMETIME
TOMORROW MORNING. WILL BE FREE ALL MORNING=
JONAH B WISE.

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

ON BEHALF OF

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

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
National Chairmen

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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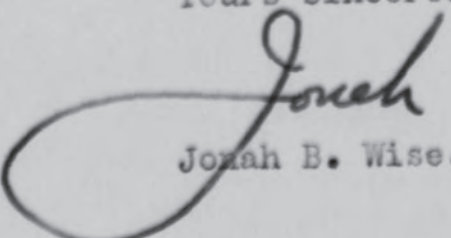
Dear Ab:

The enclosed was necessitated by a family row here between Lampport and Goldwasser. The details are a little foggy as far as I am concerned. I am, however, convinced that it is for the good of the cause for me not to sustain the order of February 8 to the Accounting Department which is referred to until I have had the unanimous consent from the two Treasurers. There is no need for you to withdraw your signature unless you choose to do it on the basis of maintaining whatever peace is possible.

I just returned from Tulsa where we had a Southwest Regional meeting and where I made one of the best Palestine talks they ever heard in that part of the world, despite the fact that you visited there. It was in reality a U.J.A. Conference as we took in also the N.R.S. They were very much encouraged and promised to do better than they did last year. They very much appreciated the fact that William Rosenwald and I visited Oklahoma.

Mr. Coons reports that St. Louis undertakes to allot more than in 1939. He estimates between \$350,000 and \$375,000 as against \$325,000 last year. I think if you and I visit the same people, we can probably improve on his excellent beginning. I shall let you have a report on New York as promptly as I can get some facts together.

Yours sincerely,


Jonah B. Wise.

JEW:LG
ENC.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.
342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 15, 1949

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

Gentlemen:

On February 8 I signed a notice to the Accounting Department jointly with Rabbi Silver, looking toward a distribution of funds accruing to the beneficiaries of the 1949 United Jewish Appeal. When I signed this memorandum I was under the impression that it had been approved by the Treasurers of the United Jewish Appeal. I am advised that it was not so approved.

I must, therefore, withdraw my approval and I am sending a copy of this notice to the Accounting Department, Rabbi Silver as well as to yourselves. I am eager to adjust this matter promptly as the beneficiaries are in need of money. Therefore, if you will communicate with me at your earliest convenience, I shall be grateful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise
Jonah B. Wise
National Chairman

JBW:LB

C O P Y

HENRY ITTLESON
ONE PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

February 14, 1940

Doctor Jonah B. Wise
36 East 62nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Doctor Wise:

I received yours dated February 9 (post marked New York February 12) today. I hasten to reply so that you may not be delayed in making your arrangement for the final set-up of this campaign.

Without indulging myself in any captious criticism as to the manner in which the negotiation with U. P. was handled, I tried to make it clear in my telegrams to Mr. Becker, as also at the meeting before I left New York, that I deemed certain conditions to be essential prerequisites before coming to any agreement as to the 1940 campaign. These conditions were not made part of the unified plan - number one. Number two, through an illy considered approval expressed to Dr. Weizmann by "elfare Council members at Detroit, no objection was raised in the final negotiations to the Zionists soliciting "investment" funds for Palestine at the same time that the United Appeal was under way.

I think, as I expressed to Dr. Weizmann here, that this will prove to be a serious injury to the campaign of the U. P. appeal. Being in this critical frame of mind, it is obvious that I cannot be of any benefit unless I submerge my personal objections in the light of present conditions, and that I cannot do. Outside, however, of the reasons above frankly stated, my doctor does not want me to go into any more campaign activities, and I know in the past these objections have been met by our friends stating that all that was needed was the use of a name. In practice that hasn't worked out, however. So under the conditions outlined, you will be good enough to forget my proposed designation and take my decision as final.

With kindest personal regards, I am as ever

Sincerely,

(Signed) HENRY ITTLESON

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RABBI JONAH B. WISE
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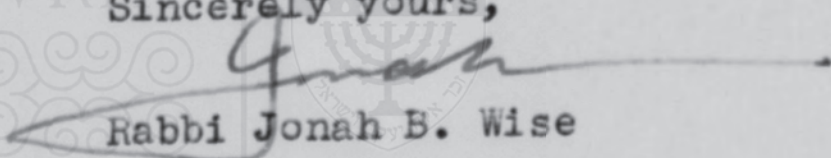
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

I am sending you a copy of the letter
I received on Saturday from Henry Ittleeson, which
I believe explains itself. I have not yet answered
it, but I am considering doing so without pressing
him to reconsider.

Sincerely yours,


Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

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Enclosure
cc - Mr. Henry Montor

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STREET AND LEXINGTON AVENUE NEWYORK PLEASE WIRE YOUR REPLY TO ME

AT THE HOTEL COMMODORE WITH ZIONS GREETINGS

CHAIM WEIZMANN.



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RABBI ABBA HILLSEL SILVER

THE TEMPLE CLVD

URGENCY OF SITUATION ABROAD COMPELS ME TO CURTAIL MY STAY IN THE
UNITED STATES. I AM EXTREMELY ANXIOUS BEFORE LEAVING TO MEET WITH A
SELECTED GROUP OF LEADING ZIONISTS TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF MOST VITAL
CHARACTER AFFECTING OUR MOVEMENT. I CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO MEET WITH
ME NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25TH 8:30 PM AT THE HOTEL COMMODORE 42ND

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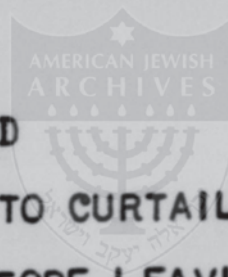


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CIRCLE 6-3473

Twenty-four years ago my father invited a group of leaders here in the City of New York to his office on William Street and asked them to serve with him in the great war-relief effort then being organized. They responded with energy and enthusiasm and the result of their efforts constitutes a page of history respected by Jews and non-Jews alike.

Today, the problems of war confront us again, but this time in a more acute form as far as our people are concerned. I have been asked to serve as Chairman of the New York campaign of the United Jewish Appeal which has as its national goal the raising of \$23,000,000. I can move forward confidently only if I can count on the old guard.

I know how much you have done in the past and I wish it were possible to relieve you of all burdens in connection with the present campaign, but there is no stepping aside in times of crisis. I, too, would prefer not to be so actively involved again in the campaign leadership; but I feel that, because of my close contact with overseas conditions through the daily cables, there is no choice but to accept this responsibility.

I know that you understand the situation and I hope that I can count on your cooperation. Will you serve as

Please do let me hear that you accept. I will appreciate a reply from you by return mail so that we can proceed with the work ahead of us.

Sincerely yours,

Edward M. M. Warburg

[February 1940?]

M E M O R A N D U M

From JONAH B. WISE

To Abba H. Silver

Dear Abba: -

Could we do
some form of mayhem
on one or both of the quar-
relling factions in the
enclosed clipping? The
Times in advice of J.H.K.
& myself refused to print
it. Newman & Co. sent
the "smear" direct to the papers.

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May 6, 1940

Dr. Jonah B. Wise
35 E. 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

WRHS



I WILL BE IN NEW YORK WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND WILL BE PLEASED TO SEE YOU TO DISCUSS MATTER RAISED BY MR. GOLDWASSER CONCERNING NIGHT OF STARS FUNDS AS WELL AS A FEW OTHER ITEMS WHICH WE AS CO-CHAIRMEN OUGHT TO STRAIGHTEN OUT. CAN YOU MEET ME AT FOUR O'CLOCK AT THE COMMODORE HOTEL KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

CARE HORKHEIMER WOODLAWN WHEELING WVIR=

WILL YOU AND MRS SILVER ACCEPT MY CONDOLANCES IN YOUR HOUR OF SORROW. LOUIS HORKHEIMER LIVED A FULL RICH LIFE OF BLESSING TO HIMSELF AND HIS COMMUNITY. THE MEMORY OF HIS DEEDS WILL BE HIS MONUMENT. REGARDS. ANXIOUS TO MEET YOU ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT PROBLEMS. IF YOU COULD POSSIBLY COME TO NEWYORK ON THURSDAY IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. OTHERWISE I WOULD BE PREPARED TO COME TOEITHER WHEELING OR CLEVELAND THAT DAY. PLEASE WIRE=

JONAH BE WISE.

JONAH BE WISE.

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 E. 62ND ST. • New York, N. Y.

May 9, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

I trust you and Virginia reached home safely.

I am sorry that I could not come today as Helen was nervous about my flying. I had flown in from Chicago the day before yesterday, under rather unfavorable conditions. Personally, I am nervous about it myself, when the weather is as bad as it is today.

I want especially to see you about the "Night of Stars." It is important that we clear this matter as promptly as possible, as it is causing all sorts of difficulties in our office here. It was submitted to us for our judgment. I suggest that the fund be turned over to the United Jewish Appeal. It was announced that such would be the case when the "Night of Stars" was held, and I see no other disposition that can possibly be made of the money.

There are some details as to expenses, etc. which I think we can take up at our leisure. We can lighten our burden here in the New York Campaign situation very materially if we cut the Gordian knot and order the distribution of the net amount from the "Night of Stars." Other matters, which may seem to be contingent, we may discuss when I see you.

I am very hopeful about the New York Campaign. At a meeting at Governor Lehman's house last night, we had some very excellent increases, as well as a continuation of previous substantial gifts. We have canvassed some of our large donors who did not give this year as much as last, and had most encouraging responses. At a dinner in the Bronx this week, we increased the subscriptions in that particular group from \$6,000 to \$18,000. If we can go ahead in New York at the rate we are now moving, I am confident we will make an excellent showing.

I visited St. Louis and found that the prospects there are that they will get about as much as last year, and possibly a little more.

I stopped in Chicago and met the Welfare Fund Committee there and discussed with them the very unpleasant fact that Chicago had collected less and proposed to remit \$400,000 less this year than last. I succeeded in getting them to postpone their alloca-

Rabbi A. H. Silver

May 9, 1940

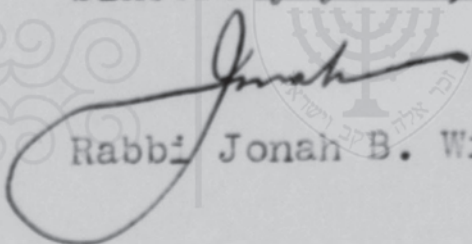
tion and also have a feeling that we can again reopen the matter in Chicago if we make tactful efforts to do so.

We visited Baltimore and have an agreement for a canvass this year of those givers who made contributions of \$200. or more in 1939. The present plan is to canvass by letter, but I feel that we shall be able to meet personally with a large number of big givers, which will give us a chance to have Baltimore share in the 1940 Campaign, which up to now it has been unwilling to do. If we do not accept this plan from Baltimore, we shall have no campaign of any kind there in 1940.

Please let me hear from you as promptly as you can about the "Night of Stars" matter, so that I can get it out of my hair. It worries me and complicates things terribly here and makes for more difficulty than the amounts involved can possibly compensate the United Palestine Appeal for.

Looking forward to hearing from you promptly, and with best regards to Virginia, I am

WRHS
Sincerely yours,


Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

JBW/ks

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May 10, 1940

Rabbi Jonah Wise
N. Y.

I shall be very happy to see you
Monday morning. Please telephone
me on your arrival.

Abba

WRHS



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THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

DUE TO UNFAVORABLE FLYING CONDITIONS, CANNOT MEET YOU IN
CLEVELAND TODAY. WOULD MONDAY MORNING BE AGREEABLE TO YOU=
JONAH B WISE.



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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 E. 62ND ST. • New York, N. Y.

May 14, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

In order to supplement our conversation of yesterday, I suggest that the procedure listed below be followed:

1. That funds now in the hands of the United Palestine Appeal resulting from the Night of Stars up to \$50,000 be credited to the United Jewish Appeal of 1939 at a rate of payment to be spread over a period of four months. This will result in closing this item at about the time that our campaign collections for the 1939 effort will have been practically completed.
2. That an effort be made to contact the Chicago leaders for the purpose of reviewing their campaign and presenting to them the necessity for additional funds. This matter will be taken up here, first, with Mr. Lasker as soon as he comes to the city and, second, informally with Samuel Goldsmith who is expected to be in New York next Monday.
3. That an immediate statement be sent to the community leaders throughout the country as to the increased need because of the invasion of the Low lands and the impact of the refugee problem in those countries and in Switzerland and France.
4. That every effort be made in New York to increase the rate of giving and to provide for a larger amount which seems at present in prospect.
5. That contact be established with the Hofheimer Foundation to discuss with them their gift to the 1939 and 1940 campaigns.

I am enclosing a duplicate sheet of this letter and if you agree with the arrangements will you kindly initial it and return it to me.

I was very happy to be with you in Cleveland in your beautiful home and was very much impressed with the luncheon meeting, the quality of leadership and service which your community is providing under your guidance. I had a rather rough trip home but arrived promptly and safely.

With kindest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise.

JBW:LG

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2. That an effort be made to contact the Chicago leaders for the purpose of reviewing their campaign and presenting to them the necessity for additional funds. This matter will be taken up here, first, with Mr. Lasker as soon as he comes to the city and, second, informally with Samuel Goldsmith who is expected to be in New York next Monday.
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5. That contact be established with the Hofheimer Foundation to discuss with them their gift to the 1939 and 1940 campaigns.

I am enclosing a duplicate sheet of this letter and if you agree with the arrangements will you kindly initial it and return it to me.

I was very happy to be with you in Cleveland in your beautiful home and was very much impressed with the luncheon meeting, the quality of leadership and service which your community is providing under your guidance. I had a rather rough trip home but arrived promptly and safely.

With kindest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise.

JBW:LG

C O P Y

May 14, 1940

Dr. Jonah B. Wise
35 East 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

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Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver

Copies sent to:

Paul Baerwald
Edwaard M. Warburg
Henry Montor
Louis Lipsky
Dr. Stephen S. Wise
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May 17, 1940

Dr. Jonah B. Wise
35 East 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jonah:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 14. There was one other item which we discussed which you have probably overlooked: the outstanding balances owing to the UPA on the account of 1938. This includes all funds which were received by the JDC in response to its emergency appeal in the Fall of 1938. The JDC was to be requested to turn over to the UPA whatever is outstanding. With this addition I shall be happy to initial the memo which you sent me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 E. 62ND ST. • New York, N. Y.

May 20, 1940

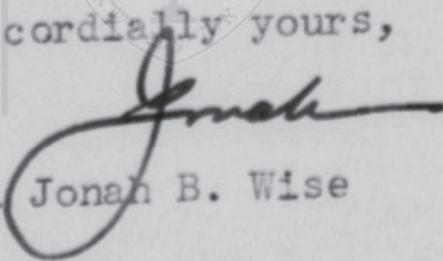
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Colleague:

In reply to your letter of May 17th, I shall be glad to go with you into a complete discussion and adjustment of all funds in dispute between the J. D. C. and the U. P. A.

I feel that it will be to our common advantage to have all these matters adjusted once and for all.

Very cordially yours,


Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

JBW/ks

cc - Miss Morrissey, J. D. C.
- Mr. Paul Baerwald
- Mr. Isidor Coons

May 31, 1940

Dr. Stephen W. Wise
40 West 68th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Wise:

I received a copy of the Memorandum which you addressed to Mr. Montor on May 26. By now you have probably received Mr. Montor's Memorandum to you. May I suggest that in the future you get the facts first before you begin sniping.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

June 7, 1940

Rabbi Jonah Wise
35 E. 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jonah:

You will recall that at the conference at my home, as well as at the meeting following that one in New York City, we agreed to have the JDC give an accounting of the emergency fund which was raised by it in the Fall of 1938. This was in conformity with the terms of the 1938 agreement between the JDC and the UJA. I have heard from Mr. Montor that as yet nothing has been done in the matter and that Mr. Coons has had no word from you about it. Will you please attend to this so that the matter can be disposed of.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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P.S. There has been no meeting of the Executive of the UJA this year. I have more than once pressed for such a meeting. It is regrettable that big organizations are called into existence and no effort is then made to give their membership an opportunity to express themselves on vital matters. We have now completed half of the year and most of the campaigns are now over. Don't you think that an accounting should be given to the Executive of the UJA and plans made for the remainder of the year?

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 E. 62ND ST. • New York, N. Y.

June 10, 1940

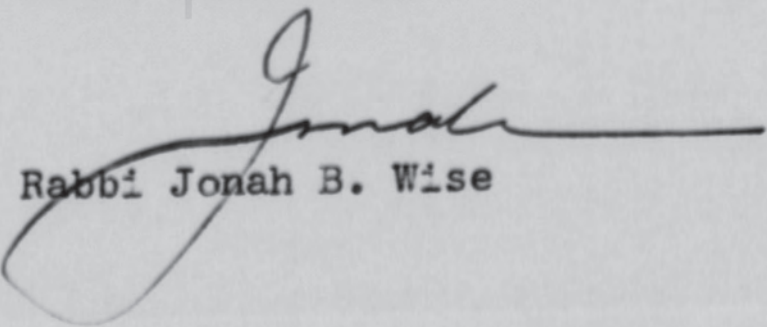
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

I agree with you that an Executive Meeting
of the U.J.A. should be called and shall ask for it
today, to suit your convenience.

The matter of the J.D.C. accounting is being
taken care of.

Yours sincerely,



Rabbi Jonah B. Wise

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