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United Jewish Appeal, United Palestine Appeal, "E", 1940-1941.

Sol Edelstein

2116 Mount Vernon Blvd

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Dear Friend:

Mt. Carmel Church  
Bono, Ohio

On SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1940, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish will hold its ANNUAL FESTIVAL, on the Parish grounds.

There will be amusements and games of all kinds, including Bingo.

Also, \$125.00 in cash prizes will be given away on the grounds. You need not be present to win.

Also, a chicken dinner (half spring chicken) will be served from noon to 4:00 P.M. .... all for 50¢.

Come out and have a good time!

Mt. Carmel Church  
Bono, Ohio



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

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HENRY MONTOR UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL 41 East 42 St.

REGRET DUE TO UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES CANNOT FLY TODAY TO ATTEND MEETING. HAVE GIVEN YOUR LETTER CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT. CONVEY TO MEETING MY OPINION AS FOLLOWS. CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH JDC UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES MUST OF NECESSITY IN COURSE OF TIME MINIMIZE INFLUENCE OF PALESTINE. HOWEVER DOUBT IF UNDER PRESENT INDEPENDENT STATUS OF ZIONIST BODIES LIKE JNF KERENHAYESOD ZOA AND OTHERS WE CAN ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN. UNLESS EFFORT IS MADE TO UNITE ALL BODIES BY COORDINATING AND ELIMINATING DUPLICATION WE ARE AT THE MERCY OF THE JDC. SUGGEST TAKING STEPS FOR COORDINATING ALL EXISTING ZIONIST BODIES IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE ACTION. HOWEVER SINCE PROMPT DECISION MUST BE MADE FOR ACTION OF IMMEDIATE FUTURE I SUGGEST AN EFFORT BE MADE FOR UNITED DRIVE WITH JDC PROVIDING ALLOCATION SATISFACTORY. IF NOT EACH COMMUNITY SHOULD DEAL WITH WELFARE FUND INDEPENDENTLY TO BRING OUT POTENTIAL ZIONIST LOCAL FORCES AND THEIR INFLUENCE.

ALBERT K. EPSTEIN

(et 11.13.40)



November 28, 1940

Mr. Sol Edelstein  
2116 Mount Vernon Blvd.  
Toledo, Ohio

My dear Mr. Edelstein:

I want to tell you how greatly I appreciated the part which you played last Sunday night at the opening meeting of the Toledo United Jewish Appeal. Your forceful intervention was timely and inspiring, and will insure the success of your campaign. You have given distinguished leadership to your community for a great number of years and you are as dynamic as ever. More power to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

P.S. We had a very successful meeting in Denver, from which city I have just returned.



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MORDECAI EZEKIEL  
530 River Road, Friendship Station  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 15, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 E. 42nd Street  
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was very shocked and disappointed to hear that the United Jewish Appeal had been dissolved, as I felt that it would have the tendency to seriously disrupt the collection of funds for Jewish relief in foreign countries.

Your subsequent announcement of a United Palestine Appeal campaign for \$12,000,000 seemed to me to be quite astonishing, in view of the fact that I understand this organization received something less than \$3,000,000 out of the \$12,450,000 raised in last year's nationwide drive. Is the interpretation from this correct, that you feel that all Jewish funds raised in this country should be devoted to the Palestine work and that none should be devoted to other purposes? In view of the very small proportion of refugees who can be taken care of through aid given in Palestine, and the urgent necessity of caring for refugees both in Europe and other communities throughout the world, this would seem to me to be an exceedingly short-sighted and selfish approach.

If this interpretation is correct, I personally can see no alternative except to devote my entire contribution to the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service, and none at all to the Palestine fund, if you are attempting to raise for this fund an amount equal to the total funds which have been raised in the past.

Please let me know if this interpretation is correct.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) MORDECAI EZEKIEL

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