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FEDERATED COUNCIL OF PALESTINE INSTITUTIONS

August 19, 1940

**PALESTINE RABBIS APPEAL FOR QUICK HELP
TO FORESTALL CATASTROPHE**

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With a cry of deep agony and warning that all of the scores of religious educational and charitable institutions of Palestine are "faced with imminent collapse," the leaders of the Yishuv, headed by Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog, have called upon American Jewry to forestall a catastrophe by forwarding immediate and effective aid.

In urgent cable messages to the Federated Council for Palestine Institutions, recently formed in America and sponsored by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis and by the Central Relief Committee, the Palestinian leaders point out that all sources of income for these institutions have been closed as a result of the war, and that even the aid from the United States has fallen off because of the disrupted mail connections. Having thus been deprived of almost all of their income, these Yeshivoh, Talmud Torahs, hospitals, homes for the aged, orphan asylums, home for the blind, lunatic asylums, vocational schools, and others will have no alternative but to close their doors -- with dire results that stagger the Jewish mind.

American Jews, the only remaining source of help, have it within their reach to avoid such a calamity. In their cables, Rabbi Herzog and the others appeal for the immediate raising of a large loan to enable these hard-pressed institutions to weather the immediate crisis, until such time when funds may be raised for them through a special campaign.

The leaders of the Council who are bending all efforts to meet the urgent appeal from Palestine, trust and hope that American Jewry will realize the gravity of the situation and will do their very utmost to help in saving these great institutions.

Full information about these Palestinian institutions can be obtained from the Federated Council for Palestine Institutions, 38 Park Row, New York City.

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September 3, 1940

Mr. Elisha M. Friedman
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

In reply to your letter of inquiry permit me to say that I will be free to attend a meeting of the Distribution Committee on Thursday, September 19 or Friday, September 20. I have already an afternoon and evening meeting scheduled for Thursday. I am free for a morning and noon meeting on the 19th or a morning, noon or afternoon meeting on the 20th.

I do not favor the consideration of any application of any beneficiary agencies of the UJA before the report of the Distribution Committee survey is finally in. That was the purpose of the survey in the first place. An attempt to give "an early indication of the general disposition of the funds of the 1940 campaign" is to make a travesty of the survey.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

*Letter Sent to Mr. Montor
9-3-41*

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M E M O R A N D U M

September 11, 1940

To : Mr. Henry Montor

From: Mr. Elisha M. Friedman

Subject: Request for unofficial and non-binding advisory
opinions

In order to guide us in our inquiry and help us in arriving at practical conclusions, we shall from time to time address requests for information to the three constituent agencies. No one will be bound, but we are thinking out loud and would benefit by the experience of the constituent organizations in shaping our conclusions.

Each organization is free to reverse its opinion. No opinion or advice will be construed as a commitment on its part. Each of the organizations will have time to express an official opinion when the first draft of the report is filed with it for comment.

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September 11, 1940

T O : Mr. Henry Montor

FROM: Mr. Elisha M. Friedman

SUBJECT: Requested unofficial and non-binding opinion of
constituents on the question of centralized
control

Industrial corporations as well as governmental bodies have a comptroller-general who examines and comments on expenditures. Would it be feasible, without interfering in the affairs of the constituents, to have a centralized committee of control, either as an affiliate or a subsidiary of the Allotment Committee, to call attention to certain expenditures, or to approve certain expenditures affecting overhead, but having no say in direct expenditures to beneficiaries, which is essentially a manageable problem of each of the constituents?

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M E M O R A N D U M

September 11, 1940

T O : Mr. Henry Montor

F R O M : Mr. Elisha M. Friedman

S U B J E C T : Requests for unofficial and non-binding opinion on
quarterly budget, or flexible budget

The Inquiry Sub-Committee of the Allotment Commitment would appreciate an informal, non-binding advisory opinion on the question of whether the allotments should not be made for less than a year, say, for a quarter. The Allotment Committee is asked to make a decision affecting unforeseeable conditions of twelve months from today. No human being can foresee events that far ahead. In industrial corporations, budgets are made up by quarters, but in philanthropic agencies dealing with a series of crises and international instability, it is even making a bolder guess to budget for a year.

Therefore, the thought occurred whether we should not follow industrial practice and make allotments by quarters, so that if one of the three organizations is affected by some striking emergency, the next quarterly allotment could take account of the fact. Your opinion of pros and cons on the above would be welcome.

If the opinion is adverse, would the following be a more practical substitute: divide the annual budget into two parts. One is the fixed minimum, which each organization wishes to have fixed and definite so that it may make its own commitments to its subsidiaries. There would then be a supplemental budget which would be allotted quarterly on the basis of the preceding section. The J.D.C.'s budget was made up on the basis of six months and then multiplied by two. Did the budget-makers have in mind some flexibility? If not, then why multiply two half years to make one year?

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ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR 1940
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September 24, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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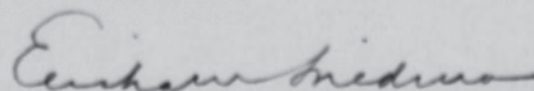
Dear Dr. Silver:

On September 18th we sent you the agenda and a summary of the minutes of the meeting of the Allotment Committee, with a request for your approval or suggested changes. Most of the members of the Committee have replied.

Will you kindly send us either your approval or your comments. The attached blank is for your convenience.

If we do not hear from you by Friday morning, shall we assume that you approve both documents?

Yours sincerely,



Elisha M. Friedman

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Please check:

☐ I approve of the minutes as they are.

☐ I suggest the following changes:



Signature: _____

Date: _____

September 25, 1940

Mr. Elisha M. Friedman
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

In reply to your letter of September 24, permit me to say that I am in no position to approve the Minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting inasmuch as I did not attend it. The approval must come from my alternate who in my absence has full authority.

I must call your attention, however, to the fact that there was a clear breach of agreement on your part. As a result of your telephone conversation with me, it was clearly understood that the matter of priority for the N.R.S. was not to come up, nor was Mr. Rosenwald to be present to make a statement for the N.R.S. It was contingent on these facts that I advised our representatives, who had previously decided not to attend the meeting, to reconsider.

As regards the final draft of the memorandum to the Allotment Committee, I am in complete agreement with the comments which Dr. Stephen S. Wise sent you on September 23.

Mr. Montor informed me this morning that you have rushed to him a brief article which you have prepared for the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds for publicity purposes. May I remind you that the Allotment Committee has authorized you to write no such articles, and to issue no such statements, and Dr. Lowenstein has no authority to order it. Generally speaking, matters which concern publicity in connection with the United Jewish Appeal and the distribution of funds should be channelled through the United Jewish Appeal and its publicity department appointed for just such a purpose.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. May I recall a line from 1176

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ELISHA M. FRIEDMAN

September 30, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

In reply to your letter of the 25th, I am rather surprised to read your language, "a clear breach of agreement on your part". You might, out of courtesy to me who was brought in as an impartial outsider, have given me credit for judgment and ethical conduct. We could not, as you requested, cancel the meeting which had already been accepted by six out of the seven on the committee, and therefore I carried out your stipulation to the letter, and the N.R.S. application was stricken from the revised agenda. I also told the N.R.S. officials that not only you, but also Mr. Baerwald and Mr. Hyman had stated quite independently that the matter of the N.R.S. application was not in order. The question of priority for the N.R.S. did come up, as you will notice in the minutes, not as a separate question of this particular application, but as part of the general discussion on the Aim and Scope of the Allotment Committee Inquiry.

In the fifth draft, of which you have a copy, please note Page 8, Section G 6 (a): Are Jewish refugees a greater responsibility in U.S.A. than elsewhere? and (b): Have refugees in U.S. prior claim on U.S. funds? These questions were put into the Inquiry for the very purpose of finding out whether it was to recommend allotments among J.D.C. and U.P.A. alone, with N.R.S. having a sort of prior claim which was not subject to allotment, or whether all three organizations were equally subject to study and to recommendation.

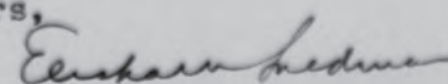
Would it not have been better to ask for an explanation instead of making a hasty assumption?

In answer to your fourth paragraph, your comment is correct. The Council of Federations stated that they have been pressed by the communities throughout the country for some statement concerning the Allotment Committee. I shall have Mr. Montor or his designee approve the article and have it released through the U.J.A. Of course, if the Council of Federations wishes to prepare a memorandum of their own, I should not wish to become involved in any controversy between them and anybody else.

With best wishes for Leshana Taba and hoping for your sympathetic understanding of the difficult problems the Inquiry is trying to solve, and also of our ignorance of many really trifling matters which, however, seem to loom large in this work, I am

Cordially yours,

EMF:BJ


Elisha M. Friedman

October 6, 1940

Mr. Elisha M. Friedman
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of September 30. I read it, but I am not convinced. Our understanding was not only that the application of the NRS for an immediate allotment would not be considered at the meeting, but also that the question of priority for the NRS would not come up. Both were out of order. The agreement entered into between the JDC and the UPA for the 1940 Campaign contemplated no priority payments to either of the contracting parties or to the beneficiary, the NRS, for whom more than generous provisions were made in this year's agreement. I am afraid that you were high-pressured into summoning a meeting hastily, and thus making it impossible for me to attend it, to consider two matters which were clearly out of order.

You will understand, my dear Mr. Friedman, that at this distance I have no way of knowing you or your motives. I can only judge your actions and I cannot permit considerations of courtesy to keep me from commenting on actions which I regard as unwarranted or unwise.

With all good wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date October 8, 1940.

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Montor

Subject

I send you herewith the original of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Mendel N. Fisher, Executive Director of the Jewish National Fund.

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September 29, 1940



Copy for WPA files

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Coons and many of the field men in the U.J.A. do not understand that under the agreement, the J.N.F. has a right to carry on its normal traditional activities. Every time a J.N.F. field representative visits a community, some of the J.D.C. people feel that it is an intrusion on the American Jewish community.

Whenever a complaint is registered, we immediately look into the matter and in nearly all instances, it seems that the reports that come into the U.J.A. office, to put it mildly, are not based on any facts. As for the matter about which Mr. Coons wrote to Mr. Montor, a form letter was sent out to the Seaboard area advising them that Mr. Shafer, our field representative, would visit the communities just as he did last year—not for the purpose of conducting any special effort or campaign but rather for the purpose of helping to strengthen our J.N.F. work.

Just because reference was made to the Tel Aviv bombing, Mr. Coons was somewhat shocked as though the bombs actually landed here and began to read into the situation.

I want you to know that the situation has been straightened out, although it did not need any straightening out. The J.N.F. representative will not be in Maryland until the U.J.A. campaign is out of the way. You can assure Mr. Coons of that.

We need not be reminded that we are partners in the U.J.A. campaign. All of us are doing what we can to help the campaign.

Sincerely yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER
Executive Director

MNF:SS

Happy New Year.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date October 8, 1940.

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Montor

Subject

I attach hereto copies of memoranda which Dr. Wise received from Mr. Elisha M. Friedman, together with a copy of a letter which Mr. Friedman sent to Mr. Lipsky.

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

October 1, 1940

TO: Dr. Stephen S. Wise
FROM: Elisha M. Friedman
SUBJECT: Your Comments on the Fifth Draft

Your comments on Page 1 concern the instructions given to the Inquiry by the Allotment Committee at two meetings at which the U.P.A. was represented. The Inquiry cannot presume to challenge the body of which it is the agent.

On Page 2 - I 2, "Imponderables" - this does not present conclusions but is merely a question. Similarly on Page 2 - C 2 d', "Goodwill of contributors" - this heading does not present any conclusion. It merely asks a question.

May I say a word in explanation? In collecting the questions which we were to investigate, we heard all sorts of criticisms on the nature of our inquiry concerning "goodwill of contributors". It* was included in the very first rough draft but was thrown out by the Committee at its meeting on September 6th, at which you were present, because one of the Committee stated, "the local contributors know less about allotments than the Allotment Committee itself and why ask the local contributors for their opinion?" The same conclusion would probably apply to your own comment. In any event, you will be able to present verbally at the next meeting an amplification of your written criticism. Of course, as an "impartial inquirer" I can express no opinion and I shall merely explore the question, giving both sides.

Concerning imponderables, I tried to put the whole Inquiry on a statistical basis and attempt to measure benefits per capita. This approach was criticized by several people consulted. The N.R.S. group particularly insisted on certain imponderables. As an "impartial inquirer" I had to ferret out imponderables which would apply equally to the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. which are included, you notice, in the memorandum. It would seem that your personal amplification at the final meeting of the subject of imponderables could be turned in favor of the U.P.A. In any event, I cannot exclude imponderables as a query, and shall give the imponderables in favor of each of the three organizations. The members of each, however, will presumably thresh out this question in discussion.

Page 8 - III G 6 b - "Have refugees in the U.S. prior claim on U.S. funds?" - this is merely a query. One organization insisted that this was a fact, and as an "impartial inquirer" I stated that it was not for me to accept any such assumptions but I wished a ruling from the Allotment Committee to decide. They have decided. They denied the assumption. The Inquiry report and recommendations will cite the adverse decision of the Allotment Committee at the meeting at which you were present.

I appreciate your careful reading and criticisms and I hope my reply to you is satisfactory.

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E.M.F.

*The question - "Is local opinion and approval desirable or necessary?" - Page 9, Fourth Draft

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

September 30, 1940

TO: Dr. Stephen S. Wise
FROM: Elisha M. Friedman
SUBJECT: Summary of Minutes

The brief summary of the minutes is an abstract from the verbatim record which is at the disposal of the members who question the accuracy of the transcript.

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET
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September 30, 1940

Mr. Louis Lipsky
386 Fourth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Lipsky:

May I thank you for your kind letter of the 25th. In reply, may I say that the motion to have the Inquiry recommend definite allotments as a basis for discussion was passed at the end of the meeting, after you had left, thus accounting for your failure to recall it. I do not believe you need have any fear on that score. The recommendations of the Inquiry are to be made confidentially to the Allotment Committee and the Committee will be free to disregard, in whole or in part, any recommendations of the Inquiry. The Allotment Committee is not a rubber stamp to the Inquiry. The Inquiry is merely a scientific adjunct to the Allotment Committee.

However, I am here as an impartial inquirer and it is up to you and Dr. Wise to obtain from the Chairman, Mr. Perlstein, a ruling on the parliamentary procedure as to the rights of absent or non-voting members in reversing motions approved by the majority of those present and voting.

Yours sincerely,

Elisha M. Friedman

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date Oct. 8, 1940

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Henry Montor

Subject

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Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Elisha M. Friedman

C O P Y

October 1, 1940

Mr. Elisha M. Friedman
Allotment Committee of United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

In reply to yours of September 30th:

May I say that if such a motion as you mention was passed at the meeting after I had left, it was passed in the absence of the two representatives of the United Palestine Appeal, for Dr. Wise left the meeting before me. It seems strange that after views had been expressed on the subject on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal, strongly opposed to the decision made later, it should have been adopted in our absence.

It is not because we have any fear as to what the Inquiry will recommend. We believe that such recommendations should not be made at all, for they are bound to affect the freedom of opinion of the members of the Allotment Committee. If the Inquiry is to make specific recommendations - in confidence or otherwise - the Allotment Committee is bound to be unduly influenced by those recommendations.

The representatives of the United Palestine Appeal will certainly take steps to have the motion adopted reconsidered at its next meeting.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) Louis Lipsky

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October 18, 1940

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Dear Dr. Silver:

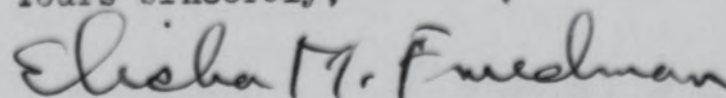
The official draft of the Memorandum on Aim and Scope has been sent to you. You should receive the Interim Report about November 8th and should have about a week to consider that Report before the meeting of the Committee to allot the balance of funds on hand.

As for the date of the meeting of the Allotment Committee, an early meeting is essential:

- a) In view of the date of renewal of the agreement between the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. concerning the 1941 campaign;
- b) For planning the longer range research outlined in the Memorandum;
- c) To reorganize Inquiry staff and curtail expenses;
- d) To enable any of the three organizations to borrow against allotments granted by the Committee.

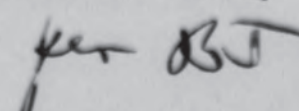
Attached is a tentative time schedule of the Inquiry. If we have the full cooperation of the three constituent organizations, and if there is no other obstacle, we should be able to meet late in the week ending Friday, November 15th. We are giving you this date as advance information. Before you receive the final draft of the Inquiry Report about November 8th, you will be asked to specify your preferences of a date near November 15th for the Allotment Committee meeting. If agreeable, we could meet Saturday evening, the 16th, and Sunday, the 17th. A full day may be needed for presentation of the Report of the Inquiry, criticism by the three constituent organizations, consideration by the Allotment Committee and decision as to allotments.

Yours sincerely,



Elisha M. Friedman

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Encl.



REVISED AGENDA OF MEETING OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE (Draft 2)

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| A. | Report by Inquiry Director | Approximately
30 minutes |
| | Facts, appraisal, recommendations concerning three organizations | |
| B. | Comments by Each Organization (3 x 20) | 60 minutes |
| C. | Discussion ^{by} of Allotment Committee of A. and B. (3 x 30) | 90 minutes |
| - Lunch - | | |
| D. | Reconsideration of Question: Shall Inquiry Recommend Specific Allotments? | 30 minutes |
| E. | Discussion on Allotments | 60 minutes |
| F. | Long Term Program of Inquiry | 45 minutes |
| G. | Reorganization of Allotment Committee Inquiry and Curtailed Budget ^{FY 45} Appropriation? | 45 minutes
<u>5 hours</u> |

Shall there be time limit per person and per topic - 5 minutes for presentation
3 minutes for rebuttal

If meeting runs 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. to 5 P.M., and if the time schedule is followed, there will be leeway for discussion of unforeseen contingencies.

Jewish National Fund of America

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November 4, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We deeply regret that you will not be able to attend our National Keren Kayemeth Conference. Unfortunately, it seems every time we extend to you an invitation, you have other commitments. It was my hope and dream that you would be able to attend our Conference this year, but I know that you have other engagements for the week-end of November 9th - 11th.

Will you please send a warm message to the Conference so that we may read it before our gathering. We are to present the replica of the Roosevelt Golden Book which will be received by Senator Barkley on behalf of the President. We realized over \$100,000. for this effort. The Roosevelt Golden Book effort was inaugurated as an expression of appreciation to the President in connection with his having convoked the Evian Conference.

May I ask that you be good enough to address your message to Dr. Goldstein and if possible, we would like to have it here by Thursday of this week, November 7th.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Mendel N. Fisher
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November 7, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for the message which you have sent to Dr. Goldstein. It is a splendid document and we will, of course, read it before our National Conference. I wish you could be with us.

Let me congratulate you upon your unanimous re-election as Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal. You have done a magnificent job and everyone who has been associated with you admires the manner in which you conduct the business of the United Palestine Appeal.

Cordially yours,

Mendel N. Fisher
Mendel N. Fisher
Executive Director

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November 13, 1940

To the Members of the Allotment Committee

Dear Sir:

In our attempt to get a suitable date for a meeting of the full Allotment Committee, two members of the Committee suggested Monday and Tuesday, December 2nd and 3rd, and two members suggested Saturday and Sunday, November 30th and December 1st.

Will you kindly advise us by airmail or telegram which of these dates is your first choice, second choice and which, if any, are impossible. It is hoped that none will be regarded as impossible, in view of the importance of a full attendance.

Yours very truly,

EMF per BT

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Elisha M. Friedman

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November 20, 1940

To the Members of the Allotment Committee

Dear Sir:

By order of the Chairman, Mr. Harris Perlstein, a meeting of the Allotment Committee has been called for Friday, December 6th and Saturday night, December 7th. This confirms your acceptance. You should receive in due course accounting and statistical data and a brief report for your perusal before the date of the meeting.

EMF:BJ

Yours sincerely,

Elisha M. Friedman

Elisha M. Friedman

per BJ

MEMORANDUM

Rabbi A. N. Silver

Your copy No. 7

December 10, 1940.

TO: Members of the Allotment Committee

FROM: Elisha M. Friedman, Secretary

The Inquiry is recalling all copies of the Inquiry Report requesting simultaneously suggestions for deletions, additions and modifications. Only the members of the Allotment Committee will be allowed to retain the first proof of the report, but they are requested herewith kindly to submit memorandum covering suggested revisions, not merely as to wording but also as to statistics and accounts.

To facilitate the work of the Editorial Committee, Messrs. Lowenstein, Lipsky and the Director, a reply will be appreciated before Monday, December 18th.

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December 12, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

You have done extraordinarily well with the Allocations Committee. I hope you will permit me to say a word of commendation, to express what is in our hearts, for the magnificent job that you have accomplished. You and I know that we did not expect \$400,000. It is not that we cannot use the money, or that we cannot use more, but that all the cards were stacked against us.

I met Mr. Watchmaker accidentally on Sunday morning, and he told me the story. It is a dramatic chapter. Your leadership and your presentation of our cause contributed in a very, very large measure to winning not only \$400,000 for us, but dignity and the establishment of our position before those who still had ears to listen to what we had to say.

You have every reason to be proud of the achievement. It is a trying thing to be a leader now, so that a few words, even though coming from a humble worker in the ranks, in appreciation of what I think is a truly outstanding achievement is very much in order.

All indications are that we will have to have an independent campaign. There seems to be a cleavage between the two agencies in point of view and in outlook. It is impossible to reconcile irreconcilables. It is not that on principle we want a break, but that the terms they offer are humiliating. All of us believe in unity and do not wish to create polemics. Certainly not now, when we have the enemy to fight. But a time comes when the price we have to pay for peace is so great that we must take up the cudgels and fight. Unless the JDC is willing to change its position, there is no other course open to us. There will be many timid spirits. There are many good Zionists who will be asking for a joint campaign, but once they understand what is involved, and once

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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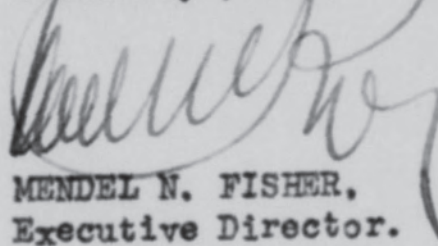
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you, as our leader, and our colleagues will issue a call for the mobilization of our forces, I think you will find all Zionists backing you up to the very limit.

We shall have to make a decision next week. Whatever decision we shall make, I am sure that you will have our complete loyalty in whatever course we are to pursue in 1941.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,



MEDEL N. FISHER,
Executive Director.

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December 19, 1940

Mr. Elisha M. Friedman
Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for 1940
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

I received a communication from you including (a) Verbatim quotations from Minutes of meeting of Allotment Committee, and (b) a memorandum addressed to Mr. Paul Baerwald and myself with reference to "N.R.S. Acceleration".

May I remind you, first, that no official report of the Allotment Committee covering its findings and recommendations has as yet been drawn up and signed by the members of the Allotment Committee and dispatched to the only body competent to receive it -- the Executive of the United Jewish Appeal. Until such time you have no authorization to send any memoranda concerning what might be in the final report of the Allotment Committee to Mr. Baerwald or to me.

Again, no one has authorized you to make available to anybody verbatim quotations from the Minutes of the Allotment Committee. To my best knowledge final disposition of what should be done with the Minutes has not been agreed upon. It is not within your competence to excise parts of such Minutes and to put dots for parts which you omit and which you think are irrelevant. No one has authorized you to send these edited Minutes either to me or to Mr. Baerwald.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Pearlstein.

Very sincerely yours,

AME:HK

*Copies Harris Pearlstein
Henry Martin*

MEMORANDUM

Date December 19, 1940.

To MR. LOUIS LIPSKY CC: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From MR. MENDEL N. FISHER

Subject

In the report prepared by Mr. Elisha M. Friedman, the figures of income for the JNF are definitely incorrect. In checking the matter, we find that the figures that were used were taken from the report submitted by the National Council of Jewish Welfare Funds. In one instance, the income for a four or five month period was quoted as income for the entire year.

I informed Mr. Revutsky of this fact and a representative of the Inquiry Committee was here today and we gave him the correct figures. These figures are, of course, taken from the audited reports of the JNF. Attention is called to the fact that these figures are for our fiscal year, which is from October 1st to September 30th, whereas the UPA fiscal year is, of course, from January to January.

It would be well for you to officially inform Mr. Friedman of the inaccuracy of the figures quoted. Unfortunately, a copy of that report dealing with the JNF figures has not been furnished us. We are entitled to such information. The figures represent the traditional income from 1935 to September 30, 1940. They are, of course, the gross figures just as the figures of the UPA and JDC are gross. The income for the UPA has not been included since these figures have been furnished by the UPA.

The following are the correct figures:-

J.N.F. INCOME

October 1, 1934 to September 30, 1935	-	\$ 297,846.33
October 1, 1935 to September 30, 1936	-	307,301.17
October 1, 1936 to September 30, 1937	-	329,069.39
October 1, 1937 to September 30, 1938	-	354,188.57
October 1, 1938 to September 30, 1939	-	532,057.28
October 1, 1939 to September 30, 1940	-	546,307.32

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date January 6, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Henry Montor

Subject

The attached is a copy of a letter received today from Rabbi Feuer of Toledo. You will be interested in it.

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COLLINGWOOD AVENUE TEMPLE
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TOLEDO, OHIO
Leon Israel Feuer
Rabbi

January 5, 1941

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

My dear Harry:

In response to your letter of December 27th, I will be glad to accept any assignment given me.

May I use this opportunity of applauding the decision of the United Palestine Appeal to conduct a separate fund-raising effort in 1941. In my opinion we have nothing to lose and everything to gain. If the trend of events abroad continue in the same direction as they have been going in the past few months, it is apparent that the appeal of Palestine will loom larger and larger. In my opinion it is not even fantastic to imagine the day when the J.D.C. and the N.R.S. will have a difficult time competing with us for popular appeal. I am not only willing but ready to do everything I can in a practical way for the United Palestine Appeal.

I regret exceedingly that I could not accept the assignment to go to Duluth, but it just happened to be one of those weeks when I had a number of engagements which prevented my leaving town on so long a trip.

If nothing prevents I hope to see you in Washington.

With kindest regards, I am,

As ever,

Leon

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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 7, 1941

Chambers of
Justice Felix Frankfurter

Private

Dear Rabbi Silver:

It is harder than you might suspect to find myself so circumscribed and confined within my judicial duties that I cannot take any part in the coming National Conference for Palestine. I don't need to assure you of my unabated interest in all that pertains to Palestine.

With every good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

Signed - Felix Frankfurter

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

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JANUARY 16th 1941

ELISHA M FRIEDMAN, SECRETARY
COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS
1560 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, N. Y.



REGRET CANNOT COME JANUARY 24th. MUST BE IN WASHINGTON AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE U P A OVER THAT WEEK END. COULD COME ANY DAY AFTER 26th PREFERABLY MONDAY THE 27th.

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c/o Council of Jewish Federations
1560 Broadway



MEMORANDUM

January 17th, 1941.

TO: MEMBERS OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE
From: Elisha M. Friedman, Secretary
Subject: Contemplated Meeting.

As the U.P.A. has a meeting in Washington, on January 25th and 26th, no member or alternate was able to attend the meeting of January 24th. It has therefore been cancelled. No other nearby date proved suitable.

The question of the form or future of the Inquiry may be considered at a meeting to be called later.

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Mr. S. H. Friedman

New York

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I plan to attend Atlanta meeting.
Please forward revised draft to
Cleveland immediately.

A. H. Silver

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Temple Beth El

HIGH AND LOCUST STREETS
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January 30, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
C/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am writing you this note as a reminder pursuant to our conversation in Washington last Saturday night after you gave that magnificent fighting speech, which, in my opinion, is a clarion call to all American Israel.

I again strongly urge that you record the central portion of your talk in which you emphasized the urgent need of the democratization of American Jewish life and the further extension and development of Jewish Community Councils. I, myself, have been preaching this message for as far back as I can remember. It is important, however, that your voice and your name should be brought directly into the "inner chambers" of American Jewish community life throughout the land.

I feel so strongly about this that I, myself, tell you frankly that I consider it your sacred duty to bring this message to every Jewish Kehillah. Since it is physically impossible for you to reach every group in person, you have the wonderful opportunity to bring to your aid modern invention as your emissary. The Zionist Organization should, therefore, in my opinion, immediately proceed to have your central message recorded and sent out to every Zionist District and to every Community Council.

Failure to take this step in this, our critical hour, would, in my opinion, be **sinful**.

I know that you will not object if I drop a note together with a copy of this letter to Edmund Kaufman.

With kindest personal regards and warmest fraternal greetings, I am

Yours for a speedily recovered Zion,

Jacob Freedman
Rabbi Jacob Freedman

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January 30, 1941

Mr. Samuel Fishman
225 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Fishman:

Permit me to thank you for writing to me.
The contents of your letter will be brought to the
attention of the next Administrative Committee meeting
of the United Palestine Appeal.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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February 7, 1941

TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE J.N.F. COUNCILS:

We are now preparing the list of those who are to receive our annual Purim Appeal. Our custom of enclosing a booklet of stamps, asking the individual who receives it to remit \$6.00, will be followed this year. Our list is a choice one. In the main, we address ourselves to those who have responded in the past.

May we ask you to please reply not later than February 20th, which is the dead-line. If, for any reason, you do not wish us to send out this direct appeal to the prospects in your community, please indicate it immediately on the enclosed postal-card. Before sending out our appeal, we want to make sure that this meets with your approval.

Please reply not later than February 20th. If we do not hear from you by that time the letters will go out automatically.

In addition to a direct appeal, plans should be made immediately to organize the Purim action in your own community. Purim booklets are available for distribution in the Synagogues and among our Zionist friends. Every Congregation ought to be adequately covered, and an appeal should be made before the reading of the Megillah.

Your cooperation in organizing this Purim action in your city will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

MENDEL N. FISHER,
Executive Director.

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Enc.

FEBRUARY 17, 1941

MR. HENRY MONTOR

MR. MENDEL M. FISHER

Mrs. Silverman visited the following communities on behalf of the Jewish National Fund in connection with her tour through Texas: Fort Worth, Kilgore, Corsicana, Waco, Austin, San Antonio, Galveston, Houston, Beaumont, Dallas and Tyler, Texas.

You know from Mrs. Silverman's reports that she has done as much in all of the cities for the U.P.A. as she has for the J.N.F. Although the trip was, of course, taken on behalf of the Jewish National Fund long before it was contemplated that the U.P.A. would have an independent campaign.

In all of the communities Mrs. Silverman pleaded for parity. Her visit was even more worthwhile for the U.P.A. than it was for the J.N.F. Mrs. Silverman contributed no small part in securing parity in Fort Worth. Whether it was San Antonio, Dallas or Houston, in all of the cities she met with our own fellow-Zionists upon whom she impressed the urgency of seeing to it that we secure parity. She also spoke with many of the non-Zionist leaders as she did in Houston and the other communities.

MNF:SS

February 18, 1941

Rabbi Jacob Freedman
Temple Beth El
Fall River, Mass.

My dear Freedman:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been traveling about a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

The address which I delivered in Washington has had wide repercussions. It has been extensively reprinted in the Anglo-Jewish press. The New Palestine carried it in full. The United Palestine Appeal is putting it in brochure form and will give it wide circulation. I have been asked to make a short recording in connection with the campaign. I doubt whether the limitations of a record will permit an adequate discussion of the democratization theme since I have so much to say about Palestine itself. However, I shall keep it in mind.

I hope that your Welfare Fund, if you have one in your community, and your Federation, will vote down the proposal for national budgeting which will be submitted to the welfare funds of America for a referendum. This is of utmost importance.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

[March 1941]

The
Hebrew University
of
Jerusalem

1925 - 1941



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

We briefly summarize here the progress made by the University in its constructive program, — most of it within recent years, despite the great obstacles created by the European situation.

Among these obstacles have been (1) the banning of Jewish scholars from country after country in Europe; (2) loss of income by the University from most of the countries in Europe; (3) the inclusion of Palestine in the Near Eastern War Zone.

REFUGEE SCHOLARS Hebrew University has a greater number of refugee professors and students than has any other university in the world. Fifty-two members of the faculty and over 800 of the students are refugees.



18 BUILDINGS The University is now housed in eighteen buildings. During this past year there were opened: the Agricultural College; the Rosenbloom Building, housing the Institute of Jewish Studies; the new Gymnasium in which all students receive health education and physical training.

There is now under construction: a new wing of the Jewish National and University Library (the largest library in the Near East) and the Kootcher Museum of Jewish Antiquities.

DEPARTMENTS EXPANDED Its departments now include Agriculture, Humanities, Jewish Studies, Oriental Studies, Biological and Chemical Sciences, Physics, Mathematics and Medicine.



The School of Agriculture inaugurated in the fall of 1940, provides, in cooperation with the Agricultural Experimental Station at Rehovoth, a complete five year course in theoretical and practical agriculture designed especially to meet Palestine's needs.

There were created this past year the following new chairs: Psychology, Theoretical Physics and Ophthalmology.

LARGEST ENROLLMENT Twenty-nine students received their degree this past year. There are already 226 Hebrew University graduates. The degrees awarded are Ph.D., M.A., M.S., and are recognized internationally. This year's enrollment — 1259 students is the largest since the University was founded in 1925, when there were 64 students.

FACULTY OF 135 On its faculty of 135, Hebrew University has brought together scholars and scientists from all over the world, renowned in their respective fields.

Many foreign universities and institutions have extended invitations to members of the faculty of the Hebrew University to deliver guest lectures under their auspices. Such lectures and courses have been given at universities in Egypt, England, France, Holland, the United States, Canada, Russia, Switzerland, Syria and Turkey.



Practically all of the professors of the Hebrew University are members of foreign academies and other learned societies, are contributors to the publications of these societies, and have taken part in scientific expeditions under non-Palestinian auspices.

SERVICE TO PALESTINE Palestine has become, and will continue to be for many years to come, one of the chief havens of refuge of large numbers of Jewish emigres. The development of the country to meet this need is of paramount importance not only to Palestine, but to world Jewry.

From the very first, the development of Palestine was regarded by the University as one of its chief functions. It was expected that the University would not only contribute new cultural values to the life of the Palestinian community, but would also deal with the practical problems of settlement. These expectations have been fulfilled.



The work of the University's Department of Hygiene and Medical Science accrues to the direct benefit of the entire population.

The farmers of Palestine have always derived much benefit from the Laboratory of Soil Science, the Department of Geology, the Department of Botany, the Department of Zoology, the Department of Hygiene, the Department of Bacteriology, the Department of Parasitology, and the Meteorological Laboratory.

The Chemistry Departments of the Hebrew University have done much to promote the industrial development of Palestine.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE

The Hebrew University in Jerusalem is the only university founded by the Jewish people. Hence it must serve not only the Palestinian community, but the Jewish people as a whole. For this reason, it attaches great importance to Jewish Studies.

The University's Institute of Jewish Studies approaches all branches of Jewish knowledge in a spirit of free and unbiased inquiry, which is unconcerned with apologetics or other irrelevant factors, and aims solely at ascertaining the truth.

From these researches it is expected that a new and striking picture of Jewish history and Jewish contemporary life will emerge; that the forces which operated and still operate within Jewry will be made clearly manifest, and that thereby the ties which bind Jews to one another and to Judaism will be revived and reinforced.

LEADS IN WAR DEFENSE Because of the inclusion of Palestine in the Near Eastern war zone Hebrew University has assumed an important role in the war defense of Palestine and the entire Near East. Foods, medicines and industrial supplies previously imported from Europe are being produced by methods worked out by University scientists.

Avenues of self sustenance are explored and waste places turned to good use. Experiments go forward in the University's laboratories in the use of saline soils, in methods of finding water, and in crop combination and rotation. With the market for citrus fruit largely cut off, University scientists have eliminated the danger of a sugar shortage by extracting sugar from orange peel.

Alcohol and acetone, now difficult to import, and needed for industrial and military supplies have been produced from citrus peel in University experiments.

The threat of typhus, a common war epidemic, led to the manufacture in University laboratories of a typhus vaccine which is being used throughout the Near East. Dysentery vaccine is also produced. In Palestine and on the Sinai Peninsula, University botanists have found herbs containing base materials for many medicines previously imported.

The medical faculty, together with the Hadassah Hospital, offers courses in surgery, camp sanitation and endemic health problems to physicians with the English and Australian troops, as well as to Palestine residents.

Anti-malaria precautionary work for troops stationed in Palestine was put in the hands of the University Malaria Research Station.



AMERICAN ROLE The American Friends of the Hebrew University recognizing the increased needs of the University, and recognizing that the support of the University must now rest chiefly with America, has adopted an emergency budget and is calling upon individuals and community funds to increase their support of the University. The American Friends feels that American Jewry in assuming this responsibility will make a significant contribution to the future of Jewry and the betterment of humanity.

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Gifts and Bequests

The Hebrew University receives no Government subvention and is entirely dependent on private support.

Hebrew University stands in need of large additions to its unrestricted endowment funds.

Among those who have made substantial endowment gifts to Hebrew University are: Louis Bamberger, Eleanor S. Cohen, Henry Dix, Samuel I. Eber, Jacob Epstein, Harry Friedenwald, Felix Fuld, Adolf Lowinger, Sol Rosenbloom, Mrs. Ferdinand Sonneborn, Israel Unterberg, Samuel Untermeyer, and Felix M. Warburg.



SUGGESTED FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the American Friends of the Hebrew University, Inc., a Corporation organized under the Membership Corporations Law of the State of New York, the sum of \$_____ to be applied to the uses and purposes of the Hebrew University Association in Jerusalem, under the direction of the governing authority of the University.

I think the Hebrew University is doing remarkable work. Especially devoted to the cultivation of Jewish thought and to maintaining the spiritual tradition of the Jewish people, it is also going to facilitate the better understanding of that thought by the world at large.

JOHN DEWEY

We must count on the intelligent few to recognize the necessity of maintaining those institutions which provide a home for the tradition of science and learning. With the gradual extinguishment of every center of Jewish learning and tradition, the Hebrew University in Palestine has a greater role to play than ever before.

EDWARD M. M. WARBURG

It is being recognized that at Hebrew University the scientific investigations and researches in the fields of public health, agriculture and the exploration of natural resources have brought substantial benefit to Arab and Jew alike—and not only practical and material benefits. There is going forward the building of an understanding of Islamic culture and civilization.

Editorial, NEW YORK TIMES

In these grim and terrible days that confront Jewry—and not merely Jewry but the most precious conquests of the human spirit—the claims of Hebrew University are inescapable.

FELIX FRANKFURTER

The Hebrew University has today already demonstrated its vitality. If the University would be provided with better means, we could avoid the sad result of having many of our gifted refugees in remote corners—their gifts becoming fruitless and of no value. Our youth ever hungry for education know that they have a place where they can study without being treated as unasked guests—or worse. Our own sense of self-respect and dignity must impel us to vigorous support of our University.

ALBERT EINSTEIN

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

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HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND THE WAR EFFORT

THE Hebrew University on Mount Scopus has harnessed itself wholeheartedly to Eretz Israel's war effort and to the solution of the country's problems.

At the very start of the war the University placed itself at the disposal of the authorities and indicated various ways in which it could be of help. It has already rendered striking service to the Army Health authorities.

Six courses in tropical and sub-tropical diseases have been held for English and Australian Medical Officers under the direction of Prof. Saul Adler, Head of the University's Department of Parasitology. In addition, an intensive two-weeks' course in wartime surgery and military hygiene was held under the auspices of the University Medical School and the Hadassah University Hospital.

The Hygiene and Bacteriological Departments have prepared for the Australian Army diagnosis serums for typhoid, paratyphoid, dysentery and meningitis. Blood-test serums have also been prepared for the Polish Army.

Food research is another wartime problem which is engaging the University's attention. The Department of Bacteriology and Hygiene has already achieved in this direction results which are of value for both military and civilian purposes.

Other departments, and particularly the Department of Physical Chemistry, have been devoting their attention to the problems connected with the fullest possible exploitation of Palestine's industrial and agricultural resources. This work is under the direction of Professor Ladislaus Farkas, head of the Department and also head of the Jewish Agency's Committee for the Development of the Chemical Industry.

The Botanical Department has succeeded in perfecting a method for the storage of local seed potatoes which will make the country independent of imports. This Department has also carried out an extensive study of the pharmaceutical properties and industrial uses of the country's wild plants. It has discovered a plant from which the drug valerian can be extracted, and has also found plants that can be processed into thread. Fibers have already been prepared experimentally from these plants, and the results look promising.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

10 East 40 Street, New York, N.Y.
March 4, 1941

Dear Dr. Silver:-

With reference to my letter to you of March 1st, may I say that I should like to withdraw this letter for the following reasons:-

1. I have since read the minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting at the Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, on January 31st, as edited in Mr. Perlstein's handwriting, reading:

"At the suggestion of Dr. Silver and accepted by the Committee, Mr. Bernard J. Reis was to go over the tables and accounts and make suggestions, but in this respect also the acceptance of change is to be subject to the discretion of the Director."

2. About the middle of December, Mr. Friedman was informed verbally by me that I was retained by the United Palestine Appeal to act as their accountant. At his request, I put this statement in writing in a letter dated January 20, 1941, reading as follows:-

"This is to inform you that I have been retained by the United Palestine Appeal, Inc. for the purpose of setting up a complete financial system...."

Mr. Friedman, having confidence in me and wishing to help the United Palestine Appeal to solve its accounting difficulties, agreed to my service with the United Palestine Appeal and continued to consult me on changes in the Inquiry Report., after receiving the approval of Dr. Solomon Lowenstein on the propriety of such consultation. Many of these changes Mr. Friedman accepted.

On Thursday, February 27th, I suggested to Mr. Friedman that certain tables be deleted, particularly the tables showing the sharp decline in J.D.C. commitments from January 1940 to October 1940, and also the table attempting to reconcile the budgetary surplus and the cash deficit of the N.P.S. Mr. Friedman refused to do so, and stated he was acting correctly in the view of written instructions of the Allotment Committee. Furthermore, he recalled to me that I was his personal accounting advisor, for on September 19, 1940, Mr. Friedman wrote me: "This is to confirm our understanding that you are to act as my personal advisor on the accounting aspects of the Inquiry.." The Chief Accountant of the Inquiry was Mr. Joseph Kalafa.

I then told him that I would write a letter to the Allotment Committee that my observations and criticisms were largely ignored. He requested me not to mail this letter until my partner, Mr. Kalafa, who was out of town, returned. I did not wait. My partner has now returned and after consultation with him, I decided that in view of the fact that I was subsequently retained by one of the agencies to be appraised, I could not at the same time act as advisor to the impartial body which was doing the appraising. Will you therefore kindly ignore my letter of March 1st.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter to Mr. Elisha M. Friedman, Director of the Inquiry, c/o Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, 1590 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard J. Reis

Cc/ Messrs. Perlstein, Becker, Lowenstein, Silver, Watchmaker, Wineman, Wise

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YOUR PURIM

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will provide

MORE LAND FOR MORE FOOD

March 5, 1941

The finger of history is moving rapidly on the Scroll of Time these days, but as Purim comes around an interesting comparison suggests itself:

The event which has long been remembered and celebrated on Purim is being re-enacted. Like the Chancellor of the ancient Empire who ruled over 127 lands, the Haman of today is seeking world domination by means of hate, terror and bloodshed. However, in 1941 the nefarious plot is directed not against our people alone. Other peoples, despoiled and enslaved by him, and the mighty forces of civilized mankind are arrayed against his brutal aggression. Now as then, the ultimate outcome is certain to be: ignominious defeat for Haman; triumph and vindication for his victims.

Anticipating the observance of Purim in this period of trial, we take pleasure in enclosing herein a booklet of Purim Stamps which have the nominal value of \$6.00. If contributed by you as your Purim gift or raised among your friends, this amount will be applied for the furtherance of the Jewish National Fund's wartime program in Palestine: to provide more land for more food and thus to strengthen the embattled Jewish National Home.

Please accept these stamps in consideration of your Purim gift. Let your gift convey a message of hope and strength to the builders and defenders of Zion.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob Sincoff
Co-Treasurer

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March 17, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

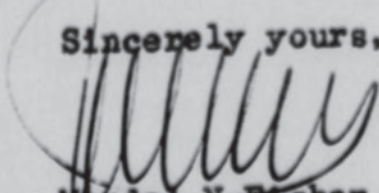
There were certain questions raised by
the Director of Inquiry, which points were submitted
to Palestine by cable in December.

An answer has come by letter to these
questions together with substantiating data. The
material has already been turned over to Reis & Company.

You will be interested in the reply made
to the various points raised by the Director of Inquiry.
A copy of Dr. Granovsky's communication of February 14th,
on this subject, is attached hereto.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,


Mendel N. Fisher
Executive Director

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VIA PACIFIC CLIPPER

14th February 1941

The Jewish National Fund of America
New York

Dear Sirs,

Referring to your telegram of 19th December, 1940, giving points raised by the Director of the Inquiry Allocations Committee:-

Point one: YOUR REPORT AMOUNT EXPENDED LAND PURCHASES MISLEADING BECAUSE INCLUDES LAND NOT FULLY PAID FOR

Amounts paid by us under the heading "land" are in respect of various stages involved in land purchase in Palestine; thus an advance payment may be made in one year in consideration of a contract, although title to the land is only taken in a subsequent year.

The usual procedure in land purchase is as follows. A contract is signed obliging the vendor to transfer the territory free of encumbrances. Although the price and the periods of payment are determined, nevertheless the payments so due from us are not entered in our books pending the completion by the vendor of his obligation to clear all encumbrances from the land, as expressly provided in the contract itself. Only when this is done to our satisfaction (and the process may be prolonged over one or more years) does our liability become operative when it is discharged either by a cash payment or an undertaking (bills, etc.) to pay the balance due in installments. In the latter case only are we required to enter such obligation as a liability. Pending the execution by the vendor of his undertaking, there is no operative obligation on our part. This explains why a deposit or initial payment, entered in our books against a certain purchase, does not always represent the whole price, since the balance is entered only when, as explained above, it becomes an effective liability.

This procedure has been taken in consultation with and on the advice of the auditors, who have not even desired that such obligations be entered as "contingent liabilities". There is therefore nothing "misleading" in the citation of amounts spent for land on which further payments are still due.

Point two: ADVISABILITY LAND PURCHASE QUESTIONED VIS A VIS EUROPEAN RELIEF THIS ARGUMENT MUST BE COUNTERACTED.

It is a fact that Palestine in recent years has absorbed a greater number of Jewish immigrants than the U. S. A. itself. This is surely the most effective reply to those who would give preference to relief in Europe as against the upbuilding of Palestine. Recent European history demonstrates effectively enough that relief in Europe is not merely only a palliative, but even as such fails to have more than a passing effect. On the other hand, every individual saved for Palestine means not only that he is rescued and becomes a productive unit of society, but means that he is in a position to assist his relatives or other Jews still awaiting rescue. One of the most potent factors and certainly an indispensable one in extending the absorptive capacity of Jewish Palestine is the land. We have seen how every Jewish group on the land has accommodated additional immigrants, whether of the Youth Aliyah, middle class immigrants or halutzim. Hence from the point of view of relief, Palestine is the most effective agency. As for the fundamen-

solution of the Jewish problem in Europe, that can only be held out by a strong Jewish National Home, which in turn means one founded on a broad land basis.

Point three: BUDGET REQUIREMENTS NINETEEN FORTY FORTY-ONE TWICE WHAT IT WAS PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONED AND PARING AGENCY KAYEMETH BUDGETARY ESTIMATES TO TWENTY FIVE PERCENT STATED AMOUNT URGED

A distinction should be made between the budget of the Keren Kayemeth and that of other bodies, like the Jewish Agency. In the latter case the requirements can be determined more or less definitely in advance. In the case of the Keren Kayemeth, which has as its main purpose the acquisition of land, we are not bound by any limitations other than the market opportunities. These cannot be estimated exactly in advance. Hence we submitted to you as our budget an amount which we hoped we should be in a position to spend on land acquisition. That it should be larger than the previous year's budget is beside the point, because it will be noted that last year we spent on land purchase more than we budgeted.

Conditions in regard to land purchase are apt to change from day to day. We may ~~xxxxxx~~ unexpectedly receive at any moment an offer of an important sale. It is essential to be in a position to take advantage of such offer so as not to lose the opportunity. For the Keren Kayemeth it is vital to utilise circumstances as they arise.

It must be borne in mind that in view of the collapse of European Jewry we are bound to depend much more now upon U. S. A. Jewry. Last year over 60% of our receipts came from the U. S. A. and this year we must expect that proportion to be considerably higher. This situation is certainly clear to our friends in America and explains our ~~great~~ greater claims upon their support.

Point four: RE MONITOR TO KAPLAN NOVEMBER TWENTY SEVENTH ALSO KAPLAN'S REPLIES DECEMBER FIFTH QUESTION LOAN REPAYMENTS KAYEMETH ALSO WANT CLEAR STATEMENT WHAT REPAYMENTS REPRESENT AND DETAILS OF LOANS DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN BUDGETARY ITEMS AND ACTUAL CASH EXPENDITURES MADE LAST FISCAL YEAR ALSO OCTOBER NOVEMBER

The information required was passed to Mr. Kaplan and forwarded by him through the Jewish Agency.

Point five: QUESTION WHETHER KAYEMETH ACTUALLY PAID FOR LAND AS STATED IN REPORTS THEY ARGUE IT REPRESENTS COMMITMENTS NOT ACTUAL COST OUTLAY THIS MUST BE CLARIFIED.

This point is dealt with in reply to point one above.

Your final remark. ADVISABLE YOU EMPHASIZE IN DOCUMENTS YOU ARE FORMULATING VIEW COLLAPSE INCOME OTHER LANDS AMERICAN RESPONSIBILITY MAJOR PORTION BUDGET.

This has also been dealt with above.

Yours faithfully

(Signed) DR. A. GRANOVSKY

Head Office
Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael

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M E M O R A N D U M

March 23, 1941

TO Mr. Henry Montor (Copy Dr. Goldstein)
FROM Mr. Mendel N. Fisher

Since you sent me the draft of the United Jewish Appeal agreement for 1941, it is important that you should enter, either in the agreement itself, or make a memorandum of the fact that the Keren Kayemeth traditional collections are excluded from the pool. These collections include all of the items enumerated in the agreement between the K.H. and K.K., and also such Nachlah projects covered by the exchange of memoranda when we first entered the United Jewish Appeal. In other words, it must be made clear that all income from Nachlahs are excluded from the pool.

(Signed) M.N.F.

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April 14,
1941.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Morris has sent us a copy of his letter to you of April 10th, to which we have replied as per copy enclosed.

Our Purim mailing list is limited to those who have responded in the past. The list consists of some ten or twelve thousand names. Before sending out the Purim appeal we communicated with the respective communities, as you will see from the enclosed letter.

If the question that Mr. Morris raises is about our right to carry on our traditional collections, then I am sure you will be the first one to point out to him that the J. N. F. is living up to the letter of its agreement when it carries on its traditional fund-raising program. We have no intention of engaging in any controversy with Mr. Morris. You can tell him that you are communicating with us and if the matter of sending out a few letters creates a difficulty insofar as the local U. J. A. campaign is concerned, we will, of course, see to it that such letters do not go out next year.

With very best wishes for a Happy Passover,

Sincerely yours,

Mendel N. Fisher,
Executive Director.

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Encl.

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C. C. RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

April 14,
1941.

Mr. Charles W. Morris, Chairman,
Conference of Jewish Organizations,
600 Marion E. Taylor Building,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Morris:

Let me thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of your letter to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver under date of April 10th.

It is the policy of the Jewish National Fund, as I indicated in my last communication, not to conduct campaigns in any of the communities. Under the agreement we have the right, of course, to carry on our traditional collections.

Even though there is no question about our right to send out mail to the communities provided it is limited and it has been done in previous years, we communicated with our respective leaders before sending out such mail to make inquiry whether there is any objection in doing so. We, of course, did that in the case of Louisville.

I have just checked up our lists and I find that altogether we have written to 30 people in your city, which you see is a rather limited mailing. If the sending out of these few letters should create difficulties insofar as your local campaign is concerned, of course we would not want to send out any direct mail to your community.

There is no controversy between us. It is just a matter of understanding just what the J. N. F. has a right to do. The J. N. F. intends to live up to the very letter of its agreement. We are all deeply concerned in the success of the U. J. A. and if the sending out of mail in any way affects your local campaign we would be the first ones to withdraw such an appeal. I beg of you to understand that all we have been asking for is Purim Gelt.

With this communication I hope the matter will be settled to your complete satisfaction.

Sincerely yours,

Mendel N. Fisher,
Executive Director.

MEMORANDUM

April 21, 1941

To: Members and Alternates of the Allotment Committee
From: Elisha M. Friedman

On March 1, Bernard J. Reis, formerly accounting advisor to the Director, sent you a letter concerning the Report of the Allotment Committee. On March 4, he sent a letter of retraction, copy of which is attached. In it he requested that you acknowledge receipt of the attached letter to me.

To date, we have not received your acknowledgments and I shall therefore greatly appreciate your advising me by the attached return self-addressed stamped envelope whether or not you have received the attached letter.

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Copy for the attention of Rabbi Silver, National Chairman

April 25, 1941

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

Gentlemen:

We hereby apply to the United Palestine Appeal for a grant of \$30,000 to Hebrew University for the year 1941. We are applying earlier than usual because of the compelling necessity to obtain additional funds at the earliest possible moment.

In support of our request we submit the following:

1. Hebrew University has lost all its income from the European countries where societies of friends similar to that of the American Friends had been organized. This loss amounts to approximately \$150,000.
2. In addition to these losses of income the University has had to assume the responsibility of providing maintenance for hundreds of destitute students, which involves an expenditure of approximately \$50,000.
3. Hebrew University has had an unwelcome but unexcelled opportunity to put to practical war use many of its scientific researches. The University has placed its laboratories and the services of its scientists at the disposal of the Government.
4. With the opening of the Department of Agriculture this year, the University has filled one of the most urgent needs of Palestine. Young men previously had to go to Europe and the United States for this training. Special courses are being provided for farmers in which they obtain needed theoretical knowledge. As you are aware, the University's agricultural course supplements the training offered by the Jewish Agency.
5. There are more Palestinian students at Hebrew University this year than ever before. More and more the educational system of Palestine is becoming dependent upon the Department of Education at Hebrew University.

Your prompt and favorable action on our application will be deeply appreciated.

Cordially yours,

(Copies to Dr. Silver, Dr. Wise,
Mr. Rosenbloom)
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Samuel B. Finkel, Direct