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SEPTEMBER 20, 1940

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JEWISH AGENCY
JERUSALEM (Palestine)

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE DISCUSSED POSITION THOUSAND CHALUZIM FOR
WHOM TRANSPORTATION NEEDED STOP AFTER DISCUSSION WITH JDC UNDERSTAND
NO CHANCE OBTAIN CONTRIBUTION FROM JOINT OR NICHM STOP REGARD
HERE AS ESSENTIAL THEIR TRANSPORTATION TO PALESTINE STOP URGE
YOU AGREE PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FARE FROM UPA FUNDS SUCH ACTION
WOULD GREATLY IMPRESS AMERICAN ZIONISM AND JEWISH PUBLIC OPINION
AND BE MOST HELPFUL FOR FUTURE UPA CAMPAIGN STOP CABLEING YOU
REHAFY EDMUND KAUFMANN WISE LIPSKY SILVER CABLE REPLY

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SEPTEMBER 23, 1940

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NAHUM GOLDMANN
NEW YORK

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September 23, 1940

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President
Jewish National Fund of America
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I received this morning the enclosed statement of income for the month of August, 1940 of the Jewish National Fund. I note that the income was a little over \$27,000, and the expenses were a little over \$11,000. I am wondering whether this ratio of expenditures to net income is an unusual one for this month, because it does seem extraordinarily large.

By the time this letter reaches you, you will probably have been informed that the Red Cross has made a cash grant of \$25,000 to Palestine. From the conversation which I had this morning with Mr. Norman Davis, I feel confident that the Red Cross will send very substantial aid to Palestine by way of materials, medicine, food, if necessary, etc. The attitude of the Red Cross is splendid.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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SEPTEMBER 24, 1940

LICHTHEIM FOR HECHALUTZ
ZICHORO GENEVA

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MAHIM GOLDMANN

September 26, 1940

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President
Jewish National Fund
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

I am enclosing herewith a memorandum
about an unpleasant situation which has arisen in
Maryland. I wish that you would look into it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

October 4, 1940

Mr. Leon Gellman, President
Mizrachi Organization of America
1133 Broadway
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Gellman:

May I express to you and through you
to the members of the Mizrachi Organization of
America my appreciation of your thoughtfulness
in sending me New Year's Greetings. I hope
that the coming year will hold for our people
and for Eretz Yisrael redemption and peace.

Most cordially yours,

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OCTOBER 4, 1940

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NLT NAHUM GOLDMANN ZIONISTS 111 FIFTHAVE NEWYORK

ACCORDING LATEST FROM RUSSIAN OCCUPIED TERRITORY POLISH
REFUGEES BEING EXPELLED ENMASSE TO SIBERIA WHERE EXPOSED
COLD STARVATION COULD YOU TAKE STEPS PREVENTING EXPULSION
ASCERTAIN IF POSSIBLE ORGANIZE AMERICAN EXPEDITION KOSHER
FOODSTUFFS WORN WINTER CLOTHING CONGRATULATIONS NEWYEAR



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OCTOBER 7th, 1940

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JEWISH AGENCY
PALESTINE (Jerusalem)

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ESSENTIAL AGENCY DESPITE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES UNDER TAKE
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BECAUSE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES C A B L E

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OCTOBER 10, 1940

NAHEM GOLTMANN

PLEASE INFORM DETAILS SCHEME TRANSPORTATION 600 VILNIUS PIONEERS
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OCTOBER 13, 1940

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OBTAINED BULGARIAN TURKISH VISA

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

October 15, 1940.

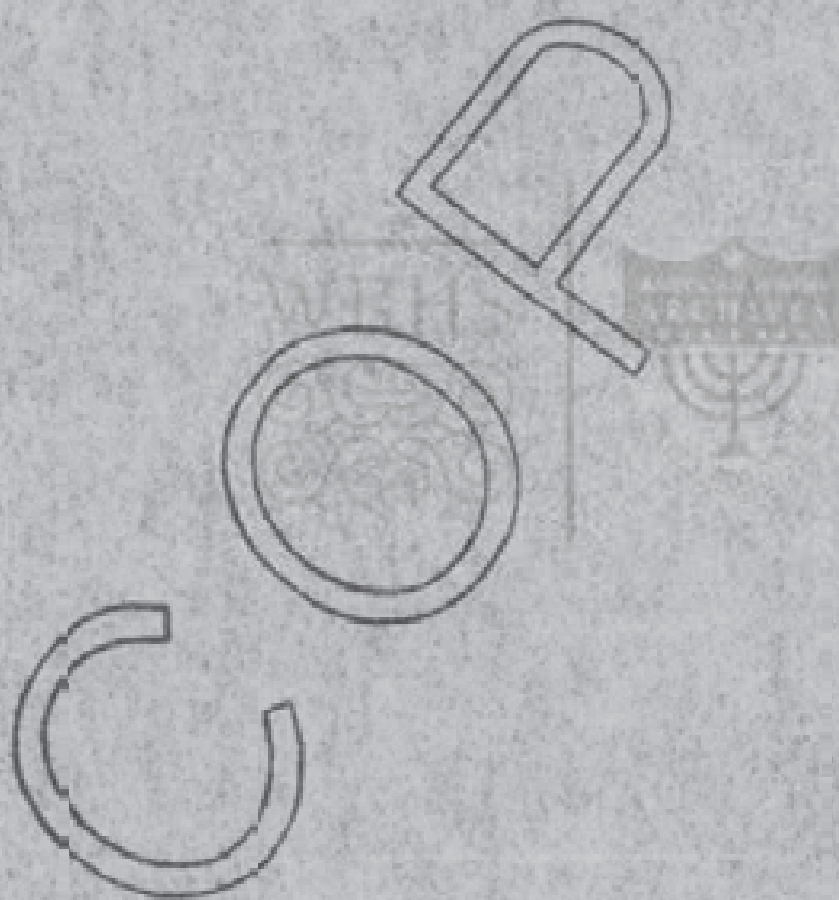
Dr. Nahum Goldmann

Mr. Henry Montor

Herewith is a check for \$2500 as a grant from the United Palestine Appeal to the Palestine Emergency Committee toward the transportation to the United States of Zionists now in Russia.

This grant is made with the approval, according to your statement, of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Mr. Louis Lipsky.

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PALESTINE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

41 EAST 42nd STREET
ROOM 1111
NEW YORK CITY
MURRAY HILL 2-3754

October 16, 1940

Dr. Abba Rissel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 9th.

I will deal, as you will readily understand, with the general Jewish situation, and with special reference to the Palestine situation. I shall leave it to you to formulate the subject. You are much better at it than I.

Under separate cover you will receive two copies of a biographic sketch and a photograph of me. I shall let you know when I arrive in Cleveland.

With warmest greetings. I am

Cordially yours,

Nahum Goldmann
Nahum Goldmann

NG.SB

Jewish National Fund of America

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October 21, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I am terribly sorry that you cannot be with us at our National Conference in St. Louis, November 9th to 11th.

We should very much like to have a message from you.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Israel Goldstein,
President.

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Jewish National Fund of America

111 FIFTH AVENUE

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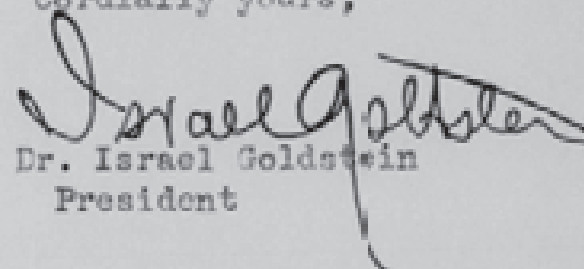
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am pleased to inform you that at a meeting of the Joint Committee acting on behalf of the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth for the purpose of drawing up the agreement which is to constitute the United Palestine Appeal for 1941, there was the unanimous decision that you be invited to serve as National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal for the year 1941.

May I add the expression of our appreciation for the wise, vigorous and zealous leadership you have given to the United Palestine Appeal during the year now closing.

Cordially yours,



Dr. Israel Goldstein
President

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November 6, 1940

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President
Jewish National Fund of America
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

Will you please convey to the delegates who will be assembled at the National Keren Kayemeth Conference my warmest greetings. I regret more than I can say my inability to attend the Conference, but other Zionist duties in connection with the United Palestine Appeal make that impossible.

I understand that at this Conference there will be presented the replica of the Roosevelt Golden Book which was dedicated to President Roosevelt in appreciation for his having convoked the Evian Conference for refugees, and for many other great services rendered to the cause of humanity. It is a fine and well-deserved tribute and also a great service to the upbuilding work in Palestine.

Your Conference, which I know will be very successful, will be another proof of the high resolve of the Jewish people not to be shaken or disheartened by the events of the hour, but to think and work unflinching for the enduring objectives of Jewish life. Other peoples are giving superb evidence today of the unshatterable courage of free men - great England, and little Greece. Surely Israel, inured to suffering and tested by so many national tribulations, will do no less.

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

COPY TO DR. SILVER, MR. MENDEL N. FISHER
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

DAY LETTER NOVEMBER 7, 1940

RABBI JULIUS GORDON
7029 KINGSBURY STREET
SAINT LOUIS MISSOURI

IN VIEW CLOSE RELATIONSHIP OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND TO UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL DESIRE
WE BE OFFICIALLY REPRESENTED THROUGH GREETINGS ADDRESSED TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN
ST. LOUIS. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN ACTING AS MY REPRESENTATIVE IN EXTEND-
ING FELICITATIONS TO CONFERENCE. UNDERSTAND YOU ARE GREETING DELEGATES ON BEHALF SAINT
LOUIS WELFARE FUND SUNDAY NIGHT. MAY I ASK YOU TO CONVEY BEST WISHES UNITED PALESTINE
APPEAL TO MEN AND WOMEN GATHERED AT SAINT LOUIS TO DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO UPBUILDING
JEWISH NATIONAL HOME. REGARDS.

ABRAHAM SILVER
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

cc
CHARGE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL



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

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

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

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. ✓

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ELIHU D. STONE
and officers

November 15, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are sending you herewith authorization form and copy of explanatory letter written by our attorneys in connection with the proposed sale of certain unimproved real estate which was donated to us some months ago.

Will you please execute the authorization form in accordance with the instructions contained in the attorneys' letter immediately, and return it to us.

We would call your particular attention to the necessity for a notarial acknowledgement, and in some cases, a County Clerk's Certification of Authentication.

In view of the urgent need for speed in the premises, may we ask you to see that the enclosed authorization is back in our hands by return mail.

Very truly yours,

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC. ✓

I. Edwin Goldwasser
I. EDWIN GOLDWASSER ✓
Treasurer

PW
Enc. 2

GOODELL, HOFFMAN & SPARK
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

EDWARD GOODELL
ELI M. SPARK
PHILIP E. HOFFMAN

RUPPERT BUILDING
535 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

TELEPHONE VANDERBILT 5-3060
CABLE ADDRESS "GOODHOOF"

November 15, 1940

United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Att: Mr. Keller

Re: U.J.A. - Bronx Property

Dear Mr. Keller:

I am enclosing herewith director's consent which we discussed in our recent telephone conversation.

One of these documents should be signed and acknowledged before a notary public by each of the surviving thirteen members of your Board of Directors. Where the acknowledgment is taken by a notary not authorized to act in New York County, a county clerk's certificate of authentication should be attached to the enclosure. The present surviving members of your Board are the following:

Paul Baerwald
David M. Bressler
Joseph C. Hyman
James H. Becker
Solomon Lowenstein
Sidney Lansburgh

Jonah B. Wise
Solomon Goldman
Israel Goldstein
Louis Lipsky
Stephen S. Wise
Abba Hillel Silver
Louis P. Rucker

As we explained to you over the telephone, this matter is most urgent. A court order is required for the proper sale of real estate by a membership corporation. Said order, under the pertaining statute must be based upon the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of the entire Board of Directors.

We understand that it will be impossible to convene the necessary meeting of the Board before the date on which the delivery of the deed should be effected. Therefore, we are attempting to obtain the individual consents of the directors, as per the enclosure, in order to overcome this obstacle, and to find a means of serving the maximum convenience of the Board. We have discussed this procedure at the courthouse, and, while no definite commitments as to its acceptability have been made, we have been encouraged in its use. We do not know what attitude the purchaser's title company will adopt.

If, for any reason, individual consents should be found to be unacceptable for the purpose in hand, as an alternative to a formal meeting, we shall have to call such a meeting in the future.

GOODELL, HOFFMAN & SPARK

U.J.A. - Mr. Keller

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November 15, 1940

May we here repeat our admonition as to the urgency of this matter. The importance of having the enclosure fully executed, in accordance with the foregoing instructions, and back in our hands by return mail cannot be over-emphasized to all directors.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Philip E. Hoffman

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Encl.



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PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

Nov. 18, 1940

Dr. Mahum Goldman
41 East 42nd St
N. Y.

Regret that due to severe cold will not
be able to attend meeting tomorrow.
Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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

I. EDWIN GOLDWASSER
2 Park Avenue
New York

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November 19, 1940

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

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have your letter of the 18th. I am very glad, indeed, that some step has been taken to fill the vacancy left by the death of Mr. Arthur Lamport. I regret exceedingly that the method of filling the vacancy is not correct.

Article V, Section 1 of the by-laws of the corporation which constitutes the base of the United Jewish Appeal, reads as follows:

"The Executive Committee may elect any number of honorary chairmen and shall elect two treasurers and two executive vice-chairmen and such other officers as the Executive Committee may deem necessary, to hold office for a term for which by resolution they shall be elected. None of the officers need be members of the corporation."

Therefore the Executive Committee should elect a successor, and the successor cannot be designated by the U.P.A. I say this without any reference at all to Mr. Rosenbloom who is known to me and who in my opinion, if he is available for signing checks, etc., would be extremely helpful and in every way acceptable. The point I make is that the election cannot take place by action of the United Palestine Appeal but only by action of the Executive Committee.

It probably will be difficult to get a meeting together and I, therefore, suggest that instructions be issued so that waivers of notice can be sent out, the special business of the meeting be indicate as the election of a successor to the late Mr. Lamport, that the nomination of Mr. Rosenbloom be put before the members of the Executive Committee and their vote by mail be requested.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) I. EDWIN GOLDWASSER

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AUTHORIZATION OF DIRECTOR TO SELL REAL PROPERTY

The undersigned, a director of THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC., a membership corporation, duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York, does hereby vote to authorize the sale of certain real property owned by the said corporation, as follows:

WHEREAS, on or about February 5th, 1940, THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC. received a gift and is now the owner of the following described unimproved real property, which it desires to sell, to wit:

ALL those certain lots, pieces of parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City, County and State of New York, known and designated as and by the lot numbers

Two hundred and seventy four (274)
Two hundred and seventy five (275)
Two hundred and eighty two (282)
Two hundred and eighty three (283)

on a certain map entitled: "Map of 336 choice lots known as the property of the Sisters of Charity desirably situated on the Eastern Boulevard opposite the Country Club, Borough of the Bronx, 24th Ward, New York City," filed in the office of the Register of the County of New York, on the 22d day of May, 1906, under Map Number 1116A

and

WHEREAS, CARPGLASS REALTY CO., INC. has offered to purchase said property and has agreed to pay the sum of \$1,850.00 therefor, \$500.00 in cash, upon delivery of the deed, and \$1,350.00, payable with interest at the rate of 5% per annum six months from the date of the conveyance of said premises, payment thereof to be secured by a purchase money first mortgage and the purchaser's bond in said sum, and

WHEREAS, said sum of \$1,850.00 exceeds the highest offer heretofore received for said property, and is believed to be the highest amount that can be obtained for the said

property, and

WHEREAS, the undersigned director is of the opinion that the charitable purposes of THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC. will best be promoted, and the interests of its beneficiaries will best be served by authorizing the sale of the aforescribed premises upon the terms outlined herein,

NOW, THEREFORE:

1. The undersigned director of THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC. does hereby vote to authorize the said THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC. to sell and convey, by bargain and sale deed, the said real property to the said CARPGLASS REALTY CO., INC., upon the terms and conditions hereinabove described, subject to the approval of a court of competent jurisdiction in a proceeding brought for the purpose of obtaining such permission.

2. The undersigned director of THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC., does further hereby vote to authorize JONAH B. WISE, one of the Co-Chairmen, and PHILIP E. HOFFMAN, the Assistant Secretary of said THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC. to bring a proceeding in a court having jurisdiction of the matter, for the purpose of obtaining leave to sell the said premises, and further to authorize and empower the said officers, upon obtaining such leave, to execute, acknowledge, and deliver a deed of the said premises to the said CARPGLASS REALTY CO., INC. upon payment of the agreed consideration for the same.

Dated: Nov. 19,

, 1940

Abraham H. Heller

STATE OF
COUNTY OF

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SS.:
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On the *19th* day of *November* 1940, before me
came *Abba Hillel Silver*, to me known to be
the individual described in, and who executed the foregoing
instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same.

Eugene C. McF
Notary Public



Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

41 EAST 42nd STREET
ROOM 1121
NEW YORK CITY

November 20, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As we informed you by wire yesterday, we postponed the Emergency Committee meeting for Friday, when I sincerely hope you will be able to attend. It would really be helpful to have you here.

While I am writing, I want to ask you whether there is any possibility of our getting an allocation from the Cleveland Welfare Fund for the World Jewish Congress. You will probably remember that when I was in Cleveland for the Congress almost two years ago you told me that if the World Jewish Congress would make special application to the Welfare Fund, it might get an allocation. We did make the application. I don't know how or why it happened, but we did not receive a grant. Now the headquarters of the World Congress have been transferred to New York, and we want to establish a separate office of the World Congress as apart from the American Jewish Congress.

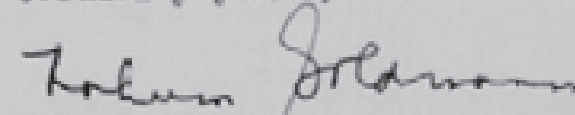
The World Jewish Congress is now doing a very important piece of work, of importance particularly to South American Jewish communities, and is preparing, among other things, for a Pan-American Jewish conference to create a union of the American Jews of the Western Hemisphere. We are also in close contact with the British Government with respect to diaspora questions, and are beginning to work on the question of the Jewish problem in European countries after the war. I do not need to go into detail with you, but I am ready to submit all the details which may be required.

In view of the fact that we do not receive any money now from European countries, we have to be financed by contributions from the United States and South America as well as Canada. I should therefore appreciate it very much if we could get some money from your Welfare Fund.

Will you please let me know what the chances are?

With kindest greetings, and hoping that you are now quite well, I am

Cordially yours,



Nahum Goldmann



CHAMBERS OF JONAH J. GOLDSTEIN
JUDGE OF THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS
32 FRANKLIN STREET, NEW YORK

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Gentlemen:

I have been requested at a meeting held in my Chambers, December 3rd, attended by a number of leading givers and workers to communicate ~~with~~ you that it was the unanimous opinion of those present at the meeting that:

(1) The interests of the community as well as the interests of the constituent organizations (UPA, JDC and NRS) require one unified campaign in the City of New York.

(2) That if the three constituent organizations (UPA, JDC and NRS) fail to reach an agreement, those present at the conference have decided to re-convene and take steps for assuring the continuation of a joint fund raising effort for overseas needs in New York for 1941, by organizing a campaign and setting up an independent allocations committee to disburse the funds collected in accordance with the requirements of the three agencies.

Those gathered further authorized me to offer their services in connection with the present efforts to reach an agreement for a united campaign in 1941.

Should you desire to avail yourself of this offer, please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

United Palestine Appeal,
41 E. 42nd Street,
New York City.

Attention - Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman

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100 E. 42nd Street,
New York City.

Attention - Paul Baerwald, Chairman

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December 9, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was extremely sorry not to have been able to participate in the meetings from Thursday to Saturday. I have not been feeling well since Thursday evening. If I had any sense, I should not have gone to Providence for their Saturday night campaign opening, but it is the kind of folly I am sure you commit very often, when you permit your sense of duty to overrule your common sense. Anyhow, I have been in bed the last two days with a nasty cold.

The report of the Allocations Committee was conveyed to me by Montor. You deserve a big *בד צל*. We certainly had every reason to anticipate a bad break. You must have put up a valiant battle.

With reference to the 1941 campaign, you know how I have felt about it since the issue came up for our attention. I still feel as I did then, that unless we can be assured of a minimum of two and one-half million dollars from a joint campaign, we ought to go out independently, especially since we have the sanction of Jerusalem to do so. In the last analysis, the responsibility is theirs. If they are willing to take the risk, then surely we have so many other good reasons for trying our own strength.

Cordially yours,

Isaac Goldstein
DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

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December 9, 1940

Judge Jonah J. Goldstein
Court of General Sessions
32 Franklin Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Judge Goldstein:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of December 4. I shall refer it to the forthcoming meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dec. 10, 1940

I. Edwin Goldwasser
United Jewish Appeal
432 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT YOU HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW SCHEDULE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BASED ON DECISION OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE. MAY I REMIND YOU THAT THE DECISION OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE WAS ONLY TO RECOMMEND TO JDC AND UPA A NEW SCHEDULE INASMUCH AS COMMITTEE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT IT HAD NO POWER TO ORDER ANY PRIORITIES IN PAYMENT. NEITHER UPA NOR JDC NOR UJA HAS YET RECEIVED REPORT OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE OR HAS TAKEN ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS. UNTIL SUCH TIME ANY CHANGE OF SCHEDULE IS COMPLETE UNAUTHORIZED.

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Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

41 EAST 42nd STREET
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December 10, 1940.

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

My dear Silver:

Knowing that you would be here on Tuesday evening for the UFA meeting, I had hoped to arrange the Emergency Committee meeting for that afternoon as I was very anxious that you should be here when the organizational committee report came up for consideration.

Unfortunately, that has not proved possible (for one thing Hadassah has its National Board meeting that day), and we are accordingly arranging the Emergency Committee meeting for Wednesday afternoon, December 18, at 4 p.m.

I very much hope that you will find it possible to remain overnight as, if you possibly can, it would be very desirable for you to attend this meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Nakum Goldmann
Nakum Goldmann

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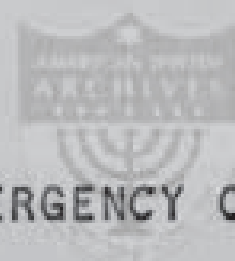
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BE CONSIDERED MOST IMPORTANT AND EARNESTLY HOPE YOU CAN STAY OVER
STOP HAD HOPED ARRANGE TUESDAY BUT HADASSAH NATIONAL BOARD
MEETING WOULD PRECLUDE THEIR ATTENDANCE WHICH ESSENTIAL OUR
MEETING STOP PLEASE WIRE ME WHETHER YOU CAN ATTEND REGARDS=

GOLDMANN.

I. EDWIN GOLDWASSER
2 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

December 12, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have your telegram. I had been strongly urged by National Refugee Service earlier in the week to take steps in accordance with what was quoted as the decision of the Allotment Committee, such steps to relieve the acute financial stringency of N.R.S. which was approaching a head by December 15th.

I attempted to get in touch with Mr. Friedman, but could not reach him, and finally was informed in general terms of what the findings of the Committee had been. I checked up this report with Dr. Lowenstein who confirmed in a general way the figures that had been given to me. I then worked out the simplest book-keeping method of complying with the rulings of the Allotment Committee, submitted them to the office of the United Jewish Appeal and asked the accountant to communicate them to the co-treasurer, Mr. Rosenbloom.

Your telegram is the first indication I have that the decision of the Allotment Committee is merely a recommendation to J.D.C. and U.P.A. The procedure that I have submitted to Mr. Rosenbloom was submitted also to J.D.C. and has been approved by them.

Sincerely yours,

I. Edwin Goldwasser

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105th at Ansel Road

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is purely a personal communication to you, though you may desire, as Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal for 1941, to take some official action in the matter.

As you know, the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago has begun its 1941 campaign. We have already secured, in the Special Gifts Division, some \$720,000. The campaign is for \$2,000,000, and includes, aside from local refugee needs, a relatively small amount to meet the net deficit of The Charities, and also includes some \$300,000 toward local building needs. If the campaign is successful, I surmise that the J.D.C., U.P.A., and N.R.S. will, in grand total, secure something more than the \$1,000,000 that was distributed to them last year. If the campaign is something or much of a failure, naturally, the amount to be distributed to these three organizations will be less than last year.

Quite naturally, all of us here who have the welfare of our community at heart and who desire that our community shall do all that it can on behalf of major national agencies, are working very hard in the campaign. You probably also know that in our own community there are some small collections made for the Jewish National Fund; there is a sum in the neighborhood of \$50,000 raised independently of our Welfare Fund drive by the Geverkschaften Campaign; and there is a sum which in late years has averaged around \$60,000 to \$70,000, raised also outside of the Welfare Fund, by Hadassah. Very few of our local citizens - perhaps four or five altogether - give substantial amounts to individual projects in Palestine beyond all this, because, in our city, only the U.P.A. is part of the Welfare Fund.

I write you because today I had quite a number of telephone calls from persons who in the past have been active in the Trades, Industries, and Professions Division of our campaign, and I have learned through my associate, Mr. Friedlaender, of a conversation which he had with Rabbi Berman, who is the Chairman of the Rabbis group in the campaign.

It seems that a number of persons here, possibly acting on advice from the national office of the U.P.A., have been endeavoring to bring all possible pressure on the Welfare Fund and more particularly on its President, Mr. James H. Becker, to compel a decision at this time with respect to the proportion or percentage of the funds to be raised that will be allotted to the U.P.A. The inference that has been made to us is that this would have a decided bearing on the proportionate amounts that might be allotted in other cities, because of the presumptively influential position that Chicago has with respect to other communities.

I realize fully, of course, the tremendous responsibilities that you are carrying as Chairman of the present campaign of the U.P.A. and personally, of course, I do not wish to aggravate those responsibilities. However, I do feel very sincerely and very definitely that maladroit tactics will inevitably result in such small participation on the part of Zionists and Zionist sympathizers in our present campaign as to make very difficult a reasonable attitude on the part of those who will vote the expenditures to be made by the Welfare Fund to various participating beneficiaries. Not only is this true with regard to the Welfare Fund, but, in this city particularly, it does seem to me, knowing the sources of the funds which we have raised, and personally having been responsible for the institution of the Welfare Fund, that the over-all amount to be raised on behalf of Palestine will be materially reduced.

What some people here are talking about as part of a pressure campaign, is an independent U.P.A. campaign. It does seem to me that you, as National Chairman, or that the administrative group of the campaign, ought to decide whether or not you wish to participate in the Welfare Funds on any crude or refined budgetary basis which the Welfare Funds may work out individually, or whether you truly desire to make a campaign in each individual city.

When Mr. Montor was here recently he, I thought, made it very clear to me that it was the desire of all of you who were associated in the management of the U.P.A. that you wished to be part of the Chicago Welfare Fund and its campaign. What has been said here to me today, however, leads me to the belief that you desire not only to receive funds from the Welfare Fund and to receive some indication of how much money the Welfare Fund will give, but to receive such an intimation of a contribution well in advance of the Welfare Fund's securing from the U.P.A., from you personally and from all other sources, facts on which the division of funds might be based. Furthermore, we have already been informed that persons have been approached and asked to withhold gifts to the Welfare Fund so that in the event the U.P.A. decides to have an independent campaign, they might make their gifts to such an independent campaign.

Insofar as our present Welfare Fund campaign is concerned, it, of course, would be somewhat affected by the spreading of any such propaganda as that which I have just mentioned. I doubt, however, whether in terms of dollars it will so substantially affect the total amount to be raised as to prove a useful weapon, even of propaganda, to the U.P.A. It may, however, quite on the other hand, so discourage the non-Zionists or the non-active Zionists with respect to the usefulness of continuing the Welfare Fund beyond this year, as to wreak serious damage to the U.P.A. and other causes that have had the support of the Welfare Fund, and might mitigate against the possibility of continuing the structure into the future.

Naturally, an independent U.P.A. campaign would be strongly competitive with Geverkschaften, Hadassah, and other like efforts. I repeat that I think,

without arguing the Welfare Fund case too strongly -- I need not do this with a person who has been, for a number of years, the Chairman of the Cleveland Welfare Fund -- common sense would dictate the utmost support of the Welfare Fund in order to have the utmost influence in the decisions which it will reach.

So far as our Special Gifts work has gone, I might say this to you:

Though we are securing a number of increased gifts, and though there are relatively few persons active in this bit of propaganda who have given in the Special Gifts Division as yet, those that have given have in no single instance increased their gifts over last year, and in other instances, possibly in the light of this propaganda, gifts have as yet not been made. You can understand how, from the standpoint of campaign psychology, this is not a good situation within which to advocate immediate action on the U.P.A. and action that would lead to any increased appropriation to the U.P.A.

We have, in the publicity attendant upon the Special Gifts effort so far, and we intend, in the publicity that will be concerned with the general campaign, to include substantial mention of the U.P.A. and of the work in Palestine. Do you wish us, at this time, to drop this publicity? Do you wish us, at this time, to notify those who have already given that the U.P.A. is withdrawing from the Chicago Welfare Fund? Do you wish us, at this time, to consider with equal justice the appeals which the J.D.C. and N.R.S. certainly will make at some future date to us together with, of course, equal justice to the appeal that you personally or someone who acts on your behalf will desire to make on behalf of the U.P.A.?

Finally, might I say this:

It has been our regular procedure to gather the funds and then, insofar as we have been free to do so in the past, to vote allocations at the close of the campaign. I say, "insofar as we have been free to do so" because, by far, the major part of our funds went to the United Jewish Appeal in the past, and we had nothing to say, as a Jewish Welfare Fund, with regard to the distribution of funds collected by the United Jewish Appeal. Quite obviously, it is desirable for us to receive requests for funds from other organizations that have, in the past, been beneficiaries of our Fund. Quite obviously, it is important for us, insofar as we can, to make some evaluation of those appeals from facts presented and thereafter to have hearings with representatives of the organizations, after which time allocations can be made. Under the circumstances attendant upon the current campaign, we hope that hearings such as I have just indicated can be held either toward the end of February or early in March.

I do believe that it would be quite important, as rapidly as you conveniently can get to the matter, for you to give some word to us and to those who apparently are acting on behalf of the U.P.A. here in Chicago, as to whether or not the U.P.A. is desirous of acting as the agency of our community, via the Welfare Fund, or whether it is desirous of making its own appeal.

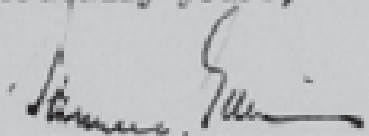
This letter is written you purely as a personal communication and not upon instructions of the Welfare Fund. As you can surmise, I am deeply engrossed in the campaign and have to carry a good deal of responsibility in connection therewith. I would view with a good deal of chagrin any breakdown in the expression of solidarity on the part of our Jewish community, so far as our Welfare Fund expresses it, and, frankly and personally, I would view with a good deal of dis-

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satisfaction any material reduction that the present somewhat vicious propaganda tactics will bring about in the total support that goes from Chicago to Palestine.

With all personal good wishes,

Cordially yours,


SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH



January 2, 1941

Mr. Samuel Goldsmith, Secretary
Jewish Welfare Fund
128 North Wells Street
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 31. On December 22, I sent a letter to Mr. James H. Becker, President of the Chicago Jewish Welfare Fund, in which I submitted an application for a grant to the United Palestine Appeal out of your 1941 campaign, and in which I requested the opportunity to meet with the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund in the near future to explain the application more fully and to submit such additional information and material as may be required. This application and request were made to your Board in view of the new situation which has arisen as a result of the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Becker did not take the trouble to reply to my letter. You, as secretary, sent me a rather brusque note declining the request of the United Palestine Appeal, and suggesting that an opportunity to meet with your Board might be granted after your campaign has been finished.

The United Palestine Appeal can not consent to have any Welfare Fund undertake to raise money for it without first consulting with it, and without some understanding as to what the United Palestine Appeal might expect from the campaign. With the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal, there are no longer any national ratios which give the former beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal the protection of at least their minimum requirements. The United Palestine Appeal must make sure of these minimum requirements. The friends of Palestine in every community will wish to know before they make their contributions to their Welfare Funds what Palestine's share will be out of the total raised.

This is not an unusual position to take. This was the position taken by the United Jewish Appeal in all of its campaigns, and Jewish communities throughout the nation readily complied with a few exceptions, notably Chicago, which was always a law unto itself. In Chicago, the United Jewish Appeal was consulted neither before the campaign nor after. In fact, it is the only position which a Welfare Fund can take in order to insure whole-hearted cooperation on the part of all the members of the community.

Mr. Samuel Goldsmith

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January 2, 1941

Since you declined to meet with an official representative of the national headquarters of the United Palestine Appeal until after your campaign is over, we have decided to leave the entire matter in the hands of our friends in Chicago.

Very sincerely yours,

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GROSBERG-GOLUB CO., INC.

140 Erie Boulevard

Schenectady, N. Y.

January 2, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Replying to your letter, I shall be very pleased to serve as Honorary Vice-Chairman for the United Palestine Appeal again this year.

I note that we have finally decided to separate the United Palestine Appeal from the United Jewish Appeal. While I regret that there could not be unity, I believe, however, that it will be better for the large numbers of contributors who are good Zionists and are anxious to promote the welfare of our Homeland to know that they will have a direct voice in the allocation of their contributions towards both the J. D. C. and the United Palestine Appeal.

You remember that I expressed my thought at the Convention last year to the effect that I would not like to be placed in the position of receiving alms from the United Jewish Appeal, and that is the way the other group seem to feel towards us. I do not know how some of the other communities throughout the country will re-act, but I do believe that as far as Schenectady and other communities in the vicinity are concerned, there will be a larger percentage of money allocated to the United Palestine Appeal from the funds raised here than was received by it in the past two years.

With my best personal wishes to you for a Happy 1941, and hoping that you will continue to devote your energy and ability to the Great Cause of Palestine, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Joseph E. Grosberg, Chairman
Schenectady Jewish Welfare Fund.

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January 5, 1941

Dr. Abba H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I should like to offer as a suggestion which I believe would help the UPA campaign this year;- the advisability of inviting Bakstansky to come over from London for the period of our campaign.

It is true we already have several European and Palestinians here, but Bakstansky possesses unique qualifications. He speaks our language, in more senses than one, is an expert campaign technician as well as propagandist, having been the "works" behind the Keren Hayesod and Council for German Jews campaigns in England. Moreover, coming fresh from London, he would be an effective person to tell American Jews how British Jews, in the midst of their great danger, work for Palestine.

Montor, I am sure, would welcome the suggestion. Bakstansky, I have reason to believe, would be receptive to the invitation at this time as the Palestine fund-raising effort in England is to be concluded shortly.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Cleveland Monday, if you will be in town.

Cordially yours

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN

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January 10, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to be sure that I understand properly the matter of how the appropriation for the Vilno Group is to be handled. Needless to say, I agree fully that it serves a useful purpose for us to take care of this emergency. The only point I wish to make is with reference to procedure.

1. The United Palestine Appeal operates by virtue of an agreement between the K.H. and K.K. as to how its money should be disbursed. No disbursement outside the terms of the agreement can be undertaken by us. It is for Kaplan in Jerusalem to authorize expenditures for the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency whose budget the Keren Hayesod covers and for Ussishkin to authorize expenditures for the Keren Kayemeth. If the Keren Hayesod here wishes to assume authority without Kaplan's sanction, that is their business. So far as I am concerned in relation to the Keren Kayemeth, I always refrain from assuming any independent authority.

2. The item pertaining to the Vilno refugees falls within the Jewish Agency budget and it is, therefore, for Kaplan to determine or if the Keren Hayesod people here wish to act for Kaplan, it is for them to determine. It has nothing to do with the Jewish National Fund. As a matter of fact, Nahum Goldmann properly cabled to Kaplan about this. He told me that my name too was affixed to the cable but that was done without my knowledge or consent. In any event, the expenditure is one which belongs exclusively to the Keren Hayesod which covers the Agency budget including matters of this kind.

I heard someone suggest that this might be considered as a legitimate U.P.A. administrative or publicity expense because of its value to the U.P.A. Campaign. Obviously, the U.P.A. claims credit properly enough for all expenditures made both by the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth for their respective activities. If the J.N.F. buys Jevne or the Keren Hayesod colonizes Hanita, the U.P.A. which raises the funds for the K.H. and K.K. is entitled to claim credit for making possible those achievements. The Vilno expenditures likewise redound to the credit of the U.P.A. via the K.H. It is fairly clear, however, to believe that these expenditures can be recorded as administrative or publicity expenses.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - 1/10/41

If any checks have been or are to be issued in connection with this matter, they should, therefore, be issued from the K.H. Conceivably if the matter is urgent, and the K.H. has no funds immediately available here in its Treasury, the U.P.A. may make an advance to the K.H., the amount to be deducted later from the next U.P.A.

It may well be that this is actually what you intended, but as you were so taken up last Wednesday evening with other matters, I wasn't able to get your ear long enough to go into the details. At the meeting of the Emergency Committee last Thursday, where I inquired about this matter, since it had been discussed before the Emergency Committee previously, those present agreed that my interpretation was correct.

Very cordially yours,



DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN
President

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January 10, 1941.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I wish to be sure that I understand properly of how the appropriation for the Vilno Group is to be handled. Needless to say, I agree fully that it serves a useful purpose for us to take care of this emergency. The only point I wish to make is with reference to procedure.

1. The United Palestine Appeal operates by virtue of an agreement between the K.H. and K.K. as to how its money should be disbursed. No disbursement outside the terms of the agreement can be undertaken by us. It is for Kaplan in Jerusalem to authorize expenditures for the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency whose budget the Keren Hayesod covers, and for Ussishkin to authorize expenditures for the Keren Kayemeth. If the Keren Hayesod here wishes to assume authority without Kaplan's sanction, that is their business. So far as I am concerned in relation to the Keren Kayemeth, I always refrain from assuming any independent authority.

2. The item pertaining to the Vilno refugees falls within the Jewish Agency budget and it is, therefore, for Kaplan to determine. Or, if the Keren Hayesod people here wish to act for Kaplan, it is for them to determine. It has nothing to do with the Jewish National Fund. As a matter of fact, Nahum Goldmann properly cabled to Kaplan about this. He told me that my name too was affixed to the cable but that was done without my knowledge or consent. In any event, the expenditure is one which belongs exclusively to the Keren Hayesod which covers the Agency budget including matters of this kind.

I heard someone suggest that this might be considered as a legitimate U.P.A. administrative or publicity expense because of its value to the U.P.A. Campaign. Obviously, the U.P.A. claims credit properly enough for all expenditures made both by the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth for their respective activities. If the J.N.F.

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buys Jevne or the Keren Hayesod colonizes Hanita, the U.P.A. which raises the funds for the K.H. and K.K. is entitled to claim credit for making possible those achievements. The Vilno expenditures likewise redound to the credit of the U.P.A. via the K.H. It is fairly clear, however, that these expenditures cannot be regarded as administrative or publicity expenses.

If any checks have been or are to be issued in connection with this matter, they should, therefore, be issued from the K.H. Conceivably if the matter is urgent, and the K.H. has no funds immediately available here in its Treasury, the U.P.A. may make an advance to the K.H., the amount to be deducted later from the next U.P.A.

It may well be that this is actually what you intended, but as you were so taken up last Wednesday evening with other matters, I was not able to get your ear long enough to go into the details. At the meeting of the Emergency Committee last Thursday, where I inquired about this matter, since it had been discussed before the Emergency Committee previously, those present agreed that my interpretation was correct.

Very cordially yours,

Israel Goldstein

Dr. Israel Goldstein.
President.

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SYLVAN GOTSHAL
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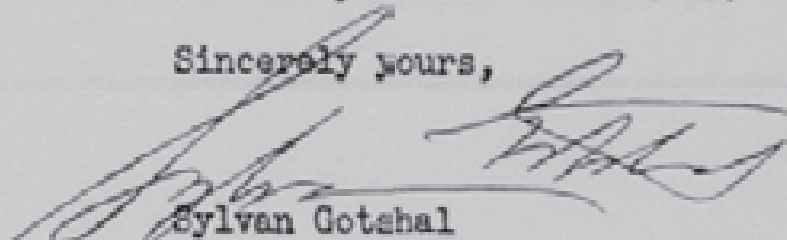
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Mr. Nathan Straus joins me in inviting you to be our guest at luncheon on Monday, January 20th at 12:30 P.M. at the Harmonie Club, 4 East 60th Street.

On that occasion, which will not be a fund-raising function, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, will outline to us the problems confronting American Jewry in the crucial year of 1941.

Please let me know that you will be with us.

Sincerely yours,



Sylvan Gotshal

SG:mf

January 10, 1941

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President
Jewish National Fund of America
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

Your conversation with me Wednesday night with reference to the Vilna refugees, and a telephone call from Dr. Nahum Goldmann, this morning, left me somewhat disturbed.

The Vilna refugee problem was brought to my attention by Dr. Goldmann who telephoned me and said that arrangements were being made to provide transportation for these refugees in cooperation with the JDC, HIAS, Hadassah and the Jewish Agency. The JDC and the HIAS were willing to advance the sum of \$35,000 towards the total cost of \$175,000. Zionist funds would therefore have to share the major share of the cost. Dr. Goldmann said that a cable had been sent to Palestine asking approval. He wondered whether it would be wise, now that we were going out on an independent campaign, to let the JDC and the HIAS capitalize on the publicity value of this act, rather than use it for the UPA as its first major campaign publicity for 1941 since the Zionists would have to pay most of the money themselves. Dr. Goldmann said that Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky approved of our taking over the whole business.

I expressed the thought that perhaps this would be establishing a precedent of absolving the JDC in the future of all responsibility for the transportation of refugees to Palestine. Dr. Goldmann thought there was something to my comment and that he would discuss the matter again with the UPA people in New York.

I was later on informed by Dr. Goldmann that a \$10,000 deposit would have to be made in a day or two and that a decision must be reached at once.

Wishing to capitalize on the publicity value of this matter (which, by the way, has had excellent press) and eager to have the announcement made at the press conference which I had in New York City on December 30, I told Dr. Goldmann that I would assume responsibility for the decision and would ask confirmation from Palestine.

Dr. Goldstein

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Fortunately, the refugees have received permission to travel by way of Turkey so that the total cost to the UPA for these 995 refugees will be between \$40,000 and \$50,000 -- a sum considerably less than we had originally counted on for our share in the partnership with the JDC and the HIAS.

I hope that no difficulty will be put in the way of the final consummation of the responsibility which the UPA has now assumed and announced in the public press. Any wrangling over the issue as between the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth, either here or in Palestine will embarrass the Campaign and me greatly.

I am sorry that you were not kept more closely informed about the negotiations. I had assumed that you had been, and that Dr. Goldmann, in reporting to me the sentiment of the UPA leaders in New York, was also reflecting your judgment. I do not know now whether you attended the meeting of the Zionist Emergency Committee on Monday evening, December 30. I made a statement on this matter at that time.

With all good wishes, and trusting that you are well, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK



January 10, 1941

Mr. Joseph Goldberg, President
New England Zionist Region
401 Slater Building
Worcester, Mass.

My dear Friends:

I was delighted to receive your letter and I feel greatly encouraged by your communication and by the many others which I received. It is on the kind of whole-hearted loyalty and devotion such as you manifest that Palestine is counting so much during the coming year.

I trust that I may have the pleasure of seeing you at the National Conference in Washington on January 25 and 26.

With all good wishes I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

*Letter from Mr. Goldberg
sent to N. Y.*

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January 14, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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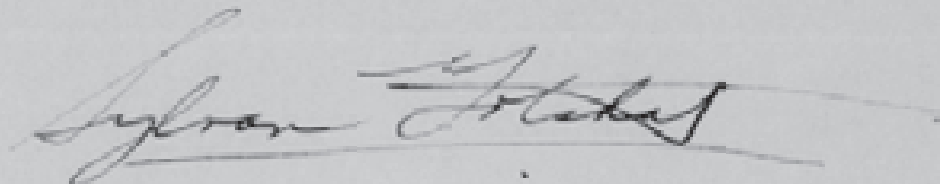
Dear Dr. Silver:

It is a pleasure to be associated with you again in the United Palestine Appeal Drive, and I look forward to seeing you at the luncheon on Monday.

I thought it might be advisable for you and I to have a short talk before the luncheon so I would appreciate your dropping in at my office at 12:00 Monday. That would give us about a half hour to chat together. Please let me know if this is satisfactory to you.

Cordially yours,

SG:SS



P.S. Enclosed is a copy of the type of letter which was sent inviting guests.

January 15, 1941

Mr. Sylvan Gotshal
Weil, Gotshal & Manges
60 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

I shall be very happy indeed to drop in on you next Monday prior to our meeting, and I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS: BK

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January 15, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Mentor:

I have your letter of January 14th with reference to the welfare convention and I speak for the entire Zionist group here when I say we are absolutely behind you in the struggle with the unfriendly element throughout the country.

In New Britain, however, we do not have a welfare fund. We have always conducted a United Jewish Appeal drive only. I, myself, have been the local director of the National Refugee Service. Since we are not an organized welfare group and do not belong to the National Council, I do not believe any member of this section would be qualified to vote at the convention although I have been invited several times to other conventions and am now holding an invitation to attend the convention in Atlanta. We can probably make some arrangement to have someone there represent us or to represent the United Palestine Appeal here. In that case I, as director of the campaign here for the past several years, would most likely go. I am going to call Leo Gallin of Hartford, who as you probably know is an ardent Zionist, and get his opinion. If we qualify at all I believe we can arrange to send someone who will defend the interests of the United Jewish Appeal.

I might add that here in New Britain we accept no other arrangement other than 50% allotment to the United Jewish Appeal. The Zionist members last year were instrumental in bringing in approximately 75% of all pledges.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) GEORGE L. GANS

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January 17, 1941.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

In reading the copy of my letter to you of January 10th, I find that the stenographer has misnoted and transcribed wrongly the last sentence in the first page. It should read: "It is fairly clear, however, that these expenditures cannot be regarded as administrative or publicity expenses."

I am therefore sending you a corrected copy of the letter for your files.

Sincerely yours,

Israel Goldstein

Dr. Israel Goldstein,
President.

IG:RB
Enc.

CC: DR. SILVER

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DAY LETTER

DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN
3200 LAKESHORE DRIVE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

JANUARY 21, 1941

HAVE BEEN FULLY INFORMED OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH CHICAGO WELFARE FUND BOARD, AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL AUTHORIZE AND URGE YOU TO LAUNCH INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN IN CHICAGO AS ONLY MEANS OF OBTAINING ADEQUATE RECOGNITION FOR PALESTINE'S EXTRAORDINARY NEEDS IN CHICAGO AND THROUGHOUT AMERICA. IF WE YIELD IN CHICAGO WE SHALL DEMORALIZE REST OF COUNTRY WHICH HAS BEEN ASKED TO GEAR CAMPAIGN TO WAR EMERGENCY TASKS ENGULFING YISHUV. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN WE AS TRUSTEES FOR PALESTINE ACCEPT OTHER THAN FORTY PERCENT OF TOTAL INCOME FOR REFUGEE AND OVERSEAS PURPOSES IN CHICAGO WELFARE FUND DRIVE AND MUST HAVE DECISION NOW. APPRECIATE DESIRE FOR UNITY. BUT JUST AS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS NOT SACRIFICING VITAL INTERESTS OF AMERICA MERELY FOR SAKE OF SURFACE UNITY TO APPRAISE THOSE WHO HAVE LEAST UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICA'S BEST INTERESTS SO MUST WE BE VIGILANT TO PROTECT OUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND OUR FUTURE IN PALESTINE. WE CANNOT SACRIFICE FUNDAMENTALS MERELY TO ATTAIN UNITY WITH THOSE WHOSE BASIC CONVICTIONS ARE SO HOSTILE TO OUR CAUSE THAT THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO YIELD THEIR OWN PREJUDICES IN THIS GRAVE HOUR IN JEWISH HISTORY WHEN PALESTINE IS KEY AND SYMBOL OF OUR STRUGGLE FOR JEWISH SURVIVAL. IN COMRADESHIP AND DEVOTION CHICAGO JEWRY WILL LEAD THE WAY FOR ALL AMERICAN JEWRY IN 1941 IN AN UNPRECEDENTED EXERTION OF WILL AND RESOURCES FOR PALESTINE. YOUR DECISION FOR INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN IN FACE OF UNWILLINGNESS OF CHICAGO WELFARE FUND TO RECOGNIZE TRUE INTERESTS OF JEWISH PEOPLE WILL BE MOSTHEARTENING MESSAGE THAT YOU CAN BRING TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL AT WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND. BE OF GOOD COURAGE, TOGETHER WE SHALL ANSWER THE CHALLENGE OF THE YISHUV WITH DIGNITY AND WITH COURAGE GIVING IT THE VITAL RESOURCES TO SUSTAIN ITS MORALE IN THIS CRITICAL PERIOD.

ABBA HILLY SILVER

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February 6, 1941

JUDGE EMANUEL GREENBERG
80 Center Street
New York, N.Y.

UNDERSTAND THAT FAIR TERMS FOR A UNITED CAMPAIGN IN BROOKLYN HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY JDC AND THAT UPA WILL NOW PROCEED WITH INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN. MAY I URGE UPON YOU IMMEDIATE AND VIGOROUS ACTION IN LAUNCHING SUCH A ~~U.P.A.~~ CAMPAIGN. CONTINUED DELAY WILL INTERFERE WITH SUCCESS OF THE CAMPAIGN. UNDER YOUR SPENDIE LEADERSHIP OUR CAUSE WILL BE PROPERLY PRESENTED TO THE GREAT JEWISH COMMUNITY OF BROOKLYN WHO WILL I AM CONFIDENT RESPOND IN FINE MEASURE. KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

(U.P.A. Account)

SYLVAN GOTSHAL
60 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 19, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio


Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing a clipping from the
"New York Times" of February 17th in regard to the
publicity obtained by the Joint Distribution
Committee meeting, which I thought would be of in-
terest to you.

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With kindest personal regards, I

Sincerely yours,


Sylvan Gotshal

SG:EL

February 20, 1941

Mr. Sylvan Gotshal
60 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friends:

It was indeed very thoughtful of you to send me the clipping from the New York Times of February 17. I had seen the report of the JDC meeting and I was surprised as you must have been, to read that a proposal for mediation had been made at Atlanta, that the JDC had accepted it, and that "it was now up to the UPA". Actually the proposal which was made at Atlanta was made by Mr. Warburg and Dr. Lowenstein for the JDC. The UPA made a counter proposal which evidently was not referred to it at all at the JDC meeting in New York; nor have we, as yet, had any reply from the JDC and NRS as to whether our proposal is acceptable.

You may be interested in the enclosed letter which I wrote to Mr. Lurie, Executive Director of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds which explains what transpired at Atlanta and what our proposal was.

I shall be in New York next Monday and Tuesday and I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

February 21, 1941

Mrs. Nathan Goldstein
1837 President Street
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

I am delighted to learn that you have accepted the chairmanship of the Women's Division of the United Palestine Appeal in spite of the fact that you have just gone through another intensive campaign. This is indeed a great sacrifice for which all of us, and more especially, Palestine are deeply grateful. I wish you every success.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ARS:EK

I. M. GOLDEN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

March 1, 1941

Dear Friend:

Herewith I hand you copy of address of Henry Monsky, President of the Supreme Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

But I am not addressing you as Vice-President of the Supreme Lodge or even as a member of B'nai B'rith - as one Jew to another.

Read Monsky's address and after you have done so, put it aside for a few days and read it again, as I did.

You of course know that the United Jewish Appeal has been split. This is a major disaster to the Jews. Be assured B'nai B'rith is not responsible for it. Indeed, B'nai B'rith has for years striven to bring about unity in Israel, but in vain.

Ever since he became our President, Monsky has been in the forefront of the struggle to achieve this unity. At the recent Conference of the Council of National Welfare Funds in Atlanta, Georgia, with masterful eloquence and unanswerable logic, he opposed the proposal that a National Budgeting Council be appointed to consist of a small group of individuals whose job it shall be to take charge of the allocation of Jewish funds and to make recommendations (which in the end will be commands) to each community, how, to whom and in what amounts these monies shall be allocated.

Having read thus far, read Monsky's address again and that will tell the story of the causes of this break-down and failure of Jewish 'leadership.'

Of course, President Monsky does not know I am sending you his speech, but it is so good, I feel justified in doing so on my own responsibility.

Already you have and doubtless will be, deluged with appeals, exhortations, arguments, statistics, figures, discourses and the like, issued by the various agencies which up to now have been beneficiaries of the Welfare Funds. But Monsky's address tells the story.

Presuming on a continuous service of thirty years to the Jews, during which time I have gained some knowledge, and on the assumption that you will at least give some consideration to my views, I take the liberty of saying this to you.

No. 1 -- I agree with everything that Monsky says.

No. 2 -- I recommend that in all legitimate ways you disapprove the proposal to create a "Fact Finding" Budgeting Allocation Committee.

No. 3 -- That you urge your own community to decide for itself how funds shall be allocated, in what amounts, and to whom.

No. 4 -- That in the allocation of these funds, the legitimate needs of B'nai B'rith be provided for, and

No. 5 -- That United Palestine Appeal and Joint Distribution Committee be put on a parity, that is to say, that both organizations be treated impartially and allocated equal amounts.

May I have the favor of an acknowledgment of this communication.

With all good wishes, and with the fervent hope that B'nai B'rith will continue to grow in strength as the good right arm of American Jewry,

Sincerely,

(Signed) I. M. GOLDEN

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Enc.

ADDENDUM TO FOREGOING

March 3, 1941

Supplementing the foregoing letter of March 1st, I am just now in receipt of a circular letter from Wm. J. Shroder of Cincinnati, Ohio, dated February 25, 1941.

Perhaps by the time you get this, you too will have received such a letter.

Among other things, Mr. Shroder states that a National Budgeting Council "will strengthen community organization in this country--by developing improved relationships between the national agencies themselves and between the national agencies and the local communities; etc."

To the contrary, this proposal has already done precisely the opposite. And it will get worse.

Mr. Shroder's letter also states, "a National Advisory Budgeting Service would have to take into account the degree of interest which contributors throughout the country manifest in the different causes and would have to carry on its work in collaboration with the national and overseas agencies being studied. It could not function otherwise!!"

The last quotation is really the crux of the proposed program. The words, "the degree of interest which contributors throughout the country manifest, etc." in simple language refers to the so-called "Donor" group or "Big Giver" group. In other words, it is this particular group that is to control the affairs of the Jews and to dictate through the medium of a "Recommendations Committee" how each community shall allocate Jewish funds collections. For instance, if they do not like the B'nai B'rith it will be reflected in the

recommendations; if they do not like Palestine; it will be reflected in their recommendations; if they like any other agency, it will be reflected in their recommendations.

Now, I am not criticizing anyone for having likes and dislikes or for being in favor or against any agency or program. I am criticizing a plan whereby a carefully selected Committee consisting of five or seven or nine men, or any other number of men, be placed in a position of such vast powers as to ultimately become dictatorial and dominate the Jewish world scene. This, in my opinion, is a thoroughly undemocratic proposal.

There can be no objection to a budgeting service that deals with hospitals, old peoples' homes, orphan asylums and the like. Such however, are minor problems in Jewish life. The problems of the Jew now are those in the field of national and world politics and economics. They have to do with maintaining the integrity of the civil and political status of the Jew, both in America and throughout the world.

Any thinking Jew knows that it is impossible to disassociate the position and status of the Jews in this country from that of the Jew everywhere else. Welfare Fund machinery is incapable of dealing with such problems. It is dangerous and destructive that Welfare Funds even make an attempt to do so.



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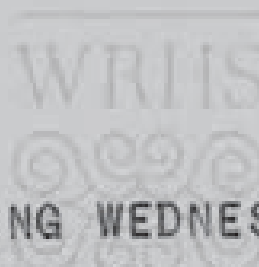
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Dr. Silver

March 10, 1941

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith, Secretary
Chicago Jewish Welfare Fund
128 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 14th addressed to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

In the meantime, the fund-raising program of the United Palestine Appeal has been revised with the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal to serve as the fund-raising medium for the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service.

Undoubtedly Chicago welcomes this decision for unified campaigns. Under these circumstances the allotments made to the agencies constituting the United Jewish Appeal will be directed to the common headquarters of the United Jewish Appeal at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

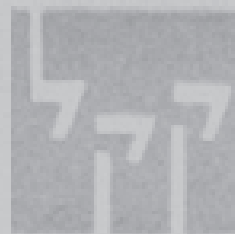
With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

RM:JB

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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March 11, 1941.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

At a meeting of the newly chosen Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund, which is to administer the affairs of the Keren Kayemeth in the United States for the current year, the following list of Honorary Chairmen was unanimously elected:

Rabbi Wolf Gold
Dr. Solomon Goldman
Mr. Edmund I. Kaufmann
Mr. Louis Lipsky
Mr. David Pinaki

Mrs. D. de Sola Pool
Judge Morris Rothenberg
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Mr. Robert Szold
Dr. Stephen S. Wise

Your consent to accept an Honorary Chairmanship of the Jewish National Fund would mean much to us. Your name would enhance the prestige of our administration. The community at large would, I am sure, derive from the knowledge that you are in aid of the administration, a heightened sense not only of the importance of the Jewish National Fund, but of the unanimous confidence which it enjoys at the hands of the recognized leaders of American Zionism.

May we have your acceptance?

Cordially yours,

Israel Goldstein
Dr. Israel Goldstein,
President.

IG:RE

March 12, 1941

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President
Jewish National Fund of America
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of March 11 to Rabbi Silver. Rabbi Silver is at present on the Pacific Coast on a tour in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. I shall be pleased to refer your letter to Rabbi Silver's attention when he returns to Cleveland on March 25.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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Dr. and Mrs. A.H. Silver
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My dear Dr. and Mrs. Silver:

On Monday, March 24th, the Pioneer Women's Organization will open its huge bazaar for Palestine at Hotel Capitol. I am hoping that possibly you will be in town during that time in which case we would deem it a great honor if you would stop in some time during the course of the bazaar which will last through Wednesday the 26th.

We are hoping to make this bazaar beautiful as well as productive, and also to work our decorations out in such a way that we will have plenty of Palestinian themes et cetera.

I need not tell you how much it will encourage us if our leaders in the Zionist movement were to stop in to visit us.

With cordial greetings,

Bert Goldstein

BG:ds

Mrs. Israel Goldstein
Chairman



March 28, 1941

Dr. Israel Goldstein, President
Jewish National Fund of America
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter of March 11 in which you ask me to serve as one of the Honorary Chairmen of the Jewish National Fund. I shall be very happy to serve.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

P.S. Please pardon the brevity of this note. I have just returned from the Pacific Coast and I am immersed in work as you may well imagine.

March 28, 1941

Mrs. Israel Goldstein, Chairman
Spring Bazaar
Pioneer Women's Organization
275 Seventh Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friends:

Both Mrs. Silver and I deeply appreciated your kind invitation to attend the Bazaar for Palestine arranged by the Pioneer Women's Organization. It would indeed have given us great pleasure to attend, but I have just returned from a two weeks tour of the Pacific Coast in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and of course could not attend the Bazaar. I trust that it was greatly successful.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am informed that it will be impossible to issue any publicity on the action taken by the B'nai B'rith with regard to the Referendum.

Mr. Bernard Postal of the B'nai B'rith informs us that the action taken is meant for the guidance only of the members and cannot be issued to the public.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence E. Gould
Lawrence E. Gould

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April 7, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is my first opportunity to write you, with regard to our aid-to-Britain effort, since the time when you were good enough to consent to serve as one of our Vice-Chairmen.

We are working closely with the British War Relief Society. Our problem is how to accomplish maximum results with a minimum staff. This can be done if we can count on the cooperation of important national bodies to see to it that their constituent units respond.

At the last meeting of the Zionist Organization of America Executive, a Resolution and line of action which I proposed, were adopted, so that now every Zionist District and Society knows that it is part of the Zionist policy to aid this effort.

We are hopeful of having similar success with other national organizations. Among the most important of these is the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its affiliated bodies, who are going to have a Convention in Detroit at the end of this month.

We need your advice and help in getting a hearing at this Convention. If you would consent to represent our organization there, as one of its Vice-Chairmen, and to talk about our work, it would be the best possible representation. Should you feel that it would be inadvisable because of your U.P.A. identification to represent another cause, Perlzweig, who by the way is a member of the Executive of the International Body for Progressive Judaism, would I think be able to come and make the proper representation, especially in view of his ability to speak first hand of the need of mobile kitchens and other forms of relief. If that suggestion seems good in your eyes, could you get an invitation extended him to come for that purpose.

I would appreciate greatly your early and favorable response. With cordial greetings and best wishes for the Passover season, I am

Faithfully yours,

Make all checks payable to the British War Relief Society, Inc.

Israel Goldstein

April 9, 1941

Dr. Israel Goldstein, Chairman Jewish Section
Interfaith Committee for Aid to the Democracies
57 William Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Goldstein:

In reply to your letter of April 7 I would suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Robert P. Goldman, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Merchants Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, and request to have a representative of the Jewish Section of the Interfaith Committee for Aid to the Democracies address one of the sessions of the convention. Dr. Perlzweig would be a good man for the job.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dr. Silver

April 17, 1941

Mr. Samuel E. Goldsmith, Secretary
Jewish Welfare Fund
128 N. Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sam:

As you undoubtedly know, the productive fund-raising campaigns for 1941 are just about getting under way and the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal are experiencing a cash stringency which handicaps them in meeting their budgetary requirements for the first quarter of the year. This is, of course, our annual experience.

It would be helpful if the U.J.A. could anticipate a substantial remittance from Chicago to the credit of our 1941 allotment. I know that this will have your most generous consideration and that we may count on your good offices.

Has Chicago decided on its allotment to the U.J.A. since this national effort has been reconstituted? I am aware of the decisions made in January when the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service, respectively, were conducting independent campaigns. Such information as you will be able to give me in this matter would be helpful. I shall also welcome word as to the results of the Welfare Fund campaign as of this date.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Jonah L. Wise
National Chairman

(ls 4/28/41)

Dr. Silver

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JEWISH WELFARE FUND

128 North Wells Street

CHICAGO

April 23, 1941

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

Dear Jonah:

I have your letter of April 17th. As my secretary indicated on April 21st, it came to my attention upon my return from Memphis this morning.

I have authority from the Jewish Welfare Fund, as Secretary, to issue a check to the United Jewish Appeal in the sum of \$250,000 when and if I am notified by the United Jewish Appeal that it is now set up to receive funds.

We had a report that the final agreement had not been signed and that you did not have official machinery at the disposal of the Joint Treasurers to receive and disburse monies. I should assume from your letter of April 17th that you have such machinery ready. Won't you, therefore, be good enough to advise either Mr. Goldwasser or his associate to indicate to me that as Treasurers, he and his associate are now ready to receive the funds.

As for your other questions, Chicago has not as yet decided what its allotment to the U.J.A. will be. We have raised to date approximately \$1,575,000, which is a little better than we did last year. We may raise \$1,600,000, and we may not. As you know, a considerable amount of our fund this year is going to local purposes.

Very sincerely yours,

Sam

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH
Secretary

(is 4/28/41)

72 Mansfield St.,
Hartford, Conn.
April 23, 1941.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
National Co-Chairman of the
United Jewish Appeal.

Dear Dr. Silver,

Your coming to Hartford is considered a great spiritual treat to our community. Unfortunately I am forced to deprive myself of the privilege of enjoying an inspirational evening. An inspirational evening! God knows how needful it is to my hungry soul! It is not lack of time or poor health that robs me of the rare opportunity to listen to your eloquence and important message, but rather the hypocritical conduct of the "humanitarian gentry" the so-called leaders of Zionism and welfare, whose organizations and enterprises I shun, as do many others, who take causes and principles seriously.

Tacitly and slowly the tide of rebellion is growing against an order of oppression and despotism within the internal affairs of Hartford Jewry, against the Cains who forever shift scenes, but never issues; Cains who cultivate the tongue but never the heart; Cains who change clothes but never the spirit. The Hartford Cains who disguise themselves under the names of Rapaports, Goldsteins, Feldmans, Kaffenbergs and their bigots, wrapt in the holy mantle of charity, priesthood and Zionism, have an important answer before God and man: "Where is thy brother?" Why do you hide behind the bushes of silence? Why do you keep a closed press, when you are challenged with an answer about your destructive commitments and sins?

But what good will come of my writing? No good can prevail where democracy does not exist, neither in name nor in spirit.

It would require a book, or at least an extensive treatise, and it is not possible in this letter to mention even some of the facts of the nefarious scheming and evil doings of the "Saviours of Jewry" whose black hands you may press tonight. If God will grant me years and energy, then I shall lend a hand and tongue to time, and together we will unshroud the deathly silence of the Cains. What behooves me to write this rather lengthy letter is not the outpouring of grief, but rather a feeling of affection - affection for everything that is beautiful, truthful and useful. Affection for my unfortunate sisters and brethren harassed and uprooted by the hand of European tyrants.

With all due reluctance to local leadership I nevertheless would consider myself equally wrong should I fail to contribute my mite to the alleviation of the heartrending sufferings of my fellow Jews.

Having made myself somewhat understood, I hope, that under prevailing conditions, I must shun the organizations and enterprises of the hypocritical leadership, I am therefore obliged to make my contribution through other channels, so that the innocent may not suffer for the sins of the guilty.

Having allocated ten dollars towards the United Jewish Appeal, I consider this money no more my own, and am happy to turn over this modest sum to you, with the hope that my name remain unrevealed in this community, and the check be despoited with the National Treasury, or elsewhere outside of Hartford. For this and for bearing with me through this lengthy letter I thank you very kindly.

Respectfully yours,

(Mrs. Abraham) Sarah Grobar

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

JEWISH WELFARE FUND
128 North Wells Street Chicago, Illinois

June 10, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
Joint Chairmen - United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Gentlemen:

I am happy to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund held yesterday, an allocation of \$900,000 was made to the United Jewish Appeal for the year 1941, subject to the following provision, which applies to all our beneficiary organizations excepting those dealing with the problems of refugees in the city of Chicago:

"This allocation is made tentatively and may be subject to revision if, in the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund, such revision is justified, or if collections on outstanding pledges are not paid in full."

A check for \$250,000 has already been sent to the Co-Treasurers of the United Jewish Appeal and an additional check of \$300,000 will be sent in a day or two, thus bringing the payment of funds up to 50% of the total amount provisionally allocated.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Samuel A. Goldsmith
SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH
Secretary

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

41 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

CC: Dr. Silver

June 13, 1941.

Dr. Jonah B. Wise
Central Synagogue
35 E. 62nd St.
New York City

My dear Jonah:

I should like to make the following correction in the Minutes of the meeting that was held last Thursday.

You will recall at the end of that meeting after Mr. Gottschal had made his suggestion, I opposed the appointment of the smaller committee to give further study to the proposal, stating that the appointment of a committee involves, morally, if not legally, some kind of commitment and that in my opinion those who represent the UPA were not authorized to make any commitment, however tentative or tenuous, but that they were authorized only to attend the first meeting and come back and report.

May I request that this correction be entered into the Minutes.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein,
President.

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June 13, 1941.

Mr. Sylvan Gottschal
60 East 42nd St.
New York City

My dear Mr. Gottschal:

I have your letter of June 13th, but regret that I cannot attend the luncheon on Monday as I have to be in Atlantic City at the Convention of the I.O.B.F.A. for JNF business.

At the meeting which was held last week, it was impossible for me in the presence of the JDC, NRS group to explain my misgivings regarding the proposal of Dr. Jonah Wise. In view of the fact that I cannot attend the luncheon, may I take this means of briefly stating my point of view, in which incidentally Mr. Montor joins completely. I have not had the opportunity to discuss it with Dr. Silver beyond the mere statement of my position at a recent meeting of the UPA Executive.

I can see where, from the standpoint of the man who makes a contribution to the campaign or who works for it, the proposal of Dr. Jonah Wise would seem highly desirable. There is another point of view, however, namely, that of the UPA. It is the latter which I believe it to be our duty to consider first.

Our recent experiences in connection with the reconstitution of the UJA should teach us the value of having for the UPA strong constituent groups in various parts of the country to defend the UPA interests. Unfortunately, the JDC will not give recognition to our demands merely on the basis of their merits. They are apparently much more impressed by our strength both in fundraising and in the stimulation of public opinion. Perhaps the second impresses them even more than the first. Were it not for this factor, I doubt if the JDC would have swallowed its pride and retreated in our favor from its original formula in connection with the recent reconstitution of the UJA.

June 13, 1941.

I believe it is fair to say that the strongest weapon we had in that controversy, and the strongest we may expect to have in the future, is right here in New York. This is the place where the main portion of their leadership resides, and this is the place where a large portion of the UPA leadership resides. It is in New York, therefore, that they can be moved to feel the greatest amount of irritation. Our ability to threaten a separate campaign in New York for the UPA is therefore an advantage which should not be forfeited.

Up to the present time, New York has been the one open territory for an independent campaign because of the fact that almost everywhere else there have already developed community chests, welfare funds and permanent machinery for united campaigns.

Were we to give up this advantage which we now possess here in New York, we should be forfeiting a very substantial weapon.

The creation of a permanent machinery in New York will seriously impair our ability to use the New York situation as a means of pressure to accomplish a satisfactory arrangement nationally between the JDC and the UPA.

I have no confidence in the suggestion that an Allotment Committee of impartial people can be set up. Such an Allotment Committee is bound to lean toward a JDC-IRS combination.

Even if it is to be assumed that a permanent machinery would save \$100,000 or \$150,000 for expenses in New York, the UPA share of that saving would somewhere between \$30,000 and \$50,000. The question for us from the UPA standpoint is whether it is worth risking that amount of money in order to maintain for strategic purposes the best asset we have in our bargaining with the JDC. My own opinion is inclined to the negative. Needless to say, however, if Dr. Silver and my other colleagues feel differently, I shall gladly defer to that point of view.

Would you be good enough to read my letter at the luncheon meeting.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein,
President.



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JEWISH WELFARE FUND
128 North Wells Street - Chicago, Ill.

December 31, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
105th at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is purely a personal communication to you, thought you may desire, as Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal for 1941, to take some official action in the matter.

As you know, the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago has begun its 1941 campaign. We have already secured, in the Special Gifts Division, some \$720,000. The campaign is for \$2,000,000, and includes, aside from local refugee needs, a relatively small amount to meet the net deficit of The Charities, and also includes some \$300,000 toward local building needs. If the campaign is successful, I surmise that the J.D.C., U.P.A., and N.R.S. will, in grand total, secure something more than the \$1,000,000 that was distributed to them last year. If the campaign is something or much of a failure, naturally, the amount to be distributed to these three organizations will be less than last year.

Quite naturally, all of us here who have the welfare of our community at heart and who desire that our community shall do all that it can on behalf of major national agencies, are working very hard in the campaign. You probably also know that in our own community there are some small collections made for the Jewish National Fund; there is sum in the neighborhood of \$50,000 raised independently of our Welfare Fund drive for the Geverkschaften Campaign; and there is a sum which in late years has averaged around \$60,000 to \$70,000, raised also outside of the Welfare Fund, by Hadassah. Very few of our local citizens -- perhaps four or five altogether -- give substantial amounts to individual projects in Palestine beyond all this, because, in our city, only the UPA is part of the Welfare Fund.

I write you because today I had quite a number of telephone calls from persons who in the past have been active in the Trades, Industries, and Professions Division of our campaign, and I have learned through my associate, Mr. Friedlaender, of a conversation which he had with Rabbi Berman, who is Chairman of the Rabbis ~~g~~ group in the campaign.

It seems that a number of persons here, possibly acting on advice from the national office of the UPA, have been endeavoring to bring all possible pressure on the Welfare Fund and more particularly on its President, Mr. James H. Becker, to compel a decision at this time with respect to the proportion or percentage of

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the funds to be raised that will be allotted to the UPA. The inference that has been made to us is that this would have a decided bearing on the proportionate amounts that might be allotted in other cities, because of the presumptively influential position that Chicago has with respect to other communities.

I realize fully, of course, the tremendous responsibilities that you are carrying as Chairman of the present campaign of the UPA and personally, of course, I do not wish to aggravate those responsibilities. However, I do feel very sincerely and very definitely that maladroitness tactics will inevitably result in such small participation on the part of Zionists and Zionist sympathizers in our present campaign as to make very difficult a reasonable attitude on the part of those who will vote the expenditures to be made by the Welfare Fund to various participating beneficiaries. Not only is this true with regard to the Welfare Fund, but, in this city particularly, it does seem to me, knowing the sources of the funds which we have raised, and personally having been responsible for the institution of the Welfare Fund, that the over-all amount to be raised on behalf of Palestine will be materially reduced.

What some people here are talking about as part of a pressure campaign, is an independent UPA campaign. It does seem to me that you, as National Chairman, or that the administrative group of the campaign, ought to decide whether or not you wish to participate in the Welfare Funds on any crude or refined budgetary basis which the Welfare Funds may work out individually, or whether you truly desire to make a campaign in each individual city.

When Mr. Montor was here recently he, I thought, made it very clear to me that it was the desire of all of you who were associated in the management of the UPA that you wished to be part of the Chicago Welfare Fund and its campaign. What has been said here to me today, however, leads me to the belief that you desire not only to receive funds from the Welfare Fund and to receive some indication of how much money the Welfare Fund will give, but to receive such an intimation of a contribution well in advance of the Welfare Fund's securing from the UPA, from you personally and from all other sources, facts on which the division of funds might be based. Furthermore, we have already been informed that persons have been approached and asked to withhold gifts to the Welfare Fund so that in the event the UPA decides to have an independent campaign, they might make their gifts to such an independent campaign.

Insofar as our present Welfare Fund campaign is concerned, it, of course, would be somewhat affected by the spreading of any such propaganda as that which I have just mentioned. I doubt, however, whether in terms of dollars it will so substantially affect the total amount to be raised as to prove a useful weapon, even of propaganda, to the UPA. It may, however, quite on the other hand, so discourage the non-Zionists or the non-active Zionists with respect to the usefulness of continuing the Welfare Fund beyond this year, as to wreak serious damage to the UPA and other causes that have had the support of the Welfare Fund, and might mitigate against the possibility of continuing the structure into the future.

Naturally, an independent UPA campaign would be strongly competitive with Geverkschaften, Hadassah, and other like efforts. I repeat that I think, without arguing the Welfare Fund case too strongly -- I need not do this with a person

who has been, for a number of years, the Chairman of the Cleveland Welfare Fund -- common sense would dictate the utmost support of the Welfare Fund in order to have the utmost influence in the decisions which it will reach.

So far as our Special Gifts work has gone, I might say this to you:

Though we are securing a number of increased gifts, and though there are relatively few persons active in this bit of propaganda who have given in the Special Gifts Division as yet, those that have given have in no single instance increased their gifts over last year, and in other instances, possibly in the light of this propaganda, gifts have as yet not been made. You can understand how, from the standpoint of campaign psychology, this is not a good situation within which to advocate immediate action on the UPA and action that would lead to any increased appropriation to the UPA.

We have, in the publicity attendant upon the Special Gifts effort so far, and we intend, in the publicity that will be concerned with the general campaign, to include substantial mention of the UPA and of the work in Palestine. Do you wish us, at this time, to drop this publicity? Do you wish us, at this time, to notify those who have already given that the UPA is withdrawing from the Chicago Welfare Fund? Do you wish us, at this time, to consider with equal justice the appeals which the JDC and NRS certainly will make at some future date to us together with, of course, equal justice to the appeal that you personally or someone who acts on your behalf will desire to make on behalf of the UPA?

Finally, might I say this:

It has been our regular procedure to gather the funds and then, insofar as we have been free to do so in the past, to vote allocations at the close of the campaign. I say, "Insofar as we have been free to do so" because, by far, the major part of our funds went to the United Jewish Appeal in the past, and we had nothing to say, as a Jewish Welfare Fund, with regard to the distribution of funds collected by the United Jewish Appeal. Quite obviously, it is desirable for us to receive requests for funds from other organizations that have, in the past, been beneficiaries of our Fund. Quite obviously, it is important for us, insofar as we can, to make some evaluation of those appeals from facts presented and thereafter to have hearings with representatives of the organizations, after which time allocations can be made. Under the circumstances attendant upon the current campaign, we hope that hearings such as I have just indicated can be held either toward the end of February or early in March.

I do believe that it would be quite important, as rapidly as you conveniently can get to the matter, for you to give some word to us and to those who apparently are acting on behalf of the UPA here in Chicago, as to ~~whether~~ whether or not the UPA is desirous of acting as the agency of our community, via the Welfare Fund, or whether it is desirous of making its own appeal.

This letter is written you purely as a personal communication and not upon instructions of the Welfare Fund. As you can surmise, I am deeply engrossed in the campaign and have to carry a good deal of responsibility in connection therewith. I would view with a good deal of chagrin any breakdown in the expression of solidarity on the part of our Jewish community, so far as our Welfare Fund expresses it, and, frankly and personally, I would view with a good deal of dissatisfaction

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any material reduction that the present somewhat vicious propaganda tactics will bring about in the total support that goes from Chicago to Palestine.

With all personal good wishes,

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Samuel A. Goldsmith

