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UNITED STATES  
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January 15, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you for your letter of January 9, extending to me an invitation to lecture in Cleveland. I regret that it will be impossible for me to accept this invitation for the dates you mention - "Toward the end of January or the beginning of February". My time is fully booked from now until approximately April 1st.

I shall be glad to meet with your group in Cleveland at some future date. If you are still interested in having me come to Cleveland, would you please write me about the 1st of April. Then it might be possible to arrange a time convenient to all concerned.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

W. C. LOWDERMILK  
Assistant Chief

(1/20/41)



LOUIS LIPSKY  
386 Fourth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

July 8, 1940.

Dr. A. H. Silver  
Harvard Faculty Club  
20 Quincy Street  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Silver:

I want to express my sincere appreciation of the support your delegation gave to us at Pittsburgh. It was a very strange Convention. There were alien forces at work, hard to describe, hard to recognize. It required the greatest restraint to prevent action which might have brought about a splintering of the ZOA for a long time to come.

The support you gave through your delegation was most heartening.

With best regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

*Louis Lipsky*

LL/RW



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**Received at**

NEW YORK CITY JULY 17, 1940

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FELLOW MEMBER OF U J A DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE I TAKE THE LIBERTY OF TELEGRAPHING YOU ABOUT THE HOFFHEIMER FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION TO N R S FOR 1940 I BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY THAT UNLESS THIS MONEY IS ACCEPTED UNDER CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY HOFFHEIMER THE MONEY WILL BE ABSOLUTELY LOST I AM SURE YOU DO NOT WISH TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING UNAVAILABLE IN THESE EMERGENT DAYS A SUM OF \$40,000 I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO STAND IN THE WAY OF THIS ACCEPTANCE AND I DO HOPE AND URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION AND AGREE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT UNDER THE TERMS OF THE FOUNDATION

SOLOMON LOWENSTEIN



Distribution Committee  
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL  
71 West 47 Street  
New York City

July 30, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Moose Lookmeguntic Inn  
Haines Landing, Me.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The special sub-committee consisting of Messrs. David M. Watchmaker, Chairman, Hon. Morris Rothenberg and myself, appointed at the initial meeting of the Distribution Committee of the 1940 United Jewish Appeal to select a secretary to have charge of the budgetary process and to report his recommendations after appropriate study of requested appropriations to the full Distribution Committee has decided to recommend the appointment of Mr. Elisha Friedman of New York City to this position.

Mr. Friedman is an economist of many years standing who is familiar with the general problems involved in the work of the United Jewish Appeal and is unanimously recommended by the sub-committee.

I am sending this notice at the request of the committee for two reasons:

- 1) To ascertain whether you are willing to approve of this appointment without the necessity for a further meeting and if so to indicate in writing your approval thereof;
- 2) To ask if you are prepared to leave the final engagement of Mr. Friedman and the arrangements for his services to the sub-committee and thereby obviate the necessity for a further meeting of the full committee for this purpose only.

Will you please record your vote on these questions on the enclosed post-card and return at once to this office in order that if the vote is in the affirmative a special meeting for this purpose of the sub-committee may be called for next Monday, August 5.

With thanks for your cooperation, I am

Yours truly,

*Solomon Lowenstein*

Solomon Lowenstein  
Secretary pro tem

SL/M  
(Enc.)



UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DISTRICT COURT, SECOND DISTRICT  
SAINT PAUL

Chambers  
Judge Loevinger

October 9, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
412 East 42 Street  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi:

Permit me to thank you for your New Years greetings. I am sure that every normal-minded citizen of the United States, both Jewish and non-Jewish, appreciates your services in the cause of liberty and tolerance. It is difficult to foresee what the future has in store for us but at any rate we may wish, hope and work for a saner world before the end of the new year.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Gustavus Loevinger





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Rev. Samuel Malavsky, *Cantor*

Tishrai 20, 5701  
October 22, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Corner E. 105th St. and Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

We have gratefully received the news that you will be the speaker to open the Allied Campaign on Tuesday evening, November 26th.

This will be your second visit to Denver in the last few years, and it has been my regret that you have not addressed a Zionist meeting here. I am, therefore, taking the liberty of proposing to you that we arrange a meeting of all Zionist groups in my Synagogue on Wednesday evening, November 27th. This is the regular evening of the dinner-meeting of our Men's Club. We would like to have you as our guest for dinner, and open the meeting to the entire city for your Zionist address.

If you can see your way to accept this invitation, we would extend official invitations to Hadassah, the Zionist Organization and the Men's and Women's Mizrachi organizations.

I hope that you will find it possible to accept this invitation. Our city is in need, particularly at this time, of Zionist inspiration such as you can provide so beautifully.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year to you and your family, I am

Yours truly,

*Manuel Laderman*

Rabbi Manuel Laderman



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

## MEMORANDUM

*Date*            October 25, 1940

*To*             DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

*From*          HENRY MONTOR

*Subject*

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to you and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise by Solomon Lowenstein.

I assume that this is satisfactory.

HM:BG

Enc.

WRHS





DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

FOR 1940

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N.Y.

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CC: DR. SILVER

October 23, 1940

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

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the agreement whereby the sum of \$25,000 was appropriated from this year's receipts of the United Jewish Appeal for the financing of the activities of the Allotment Committee, I would ask that you be good enough to authorize the issuance of check in the amount of \$5,000 on account of this appropriation to meet the present requirements of the Allotment Committee.

This would represent a second payment of \$5,000 out of the funds available.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

SOLOMON LOWENSTEIN

Solomon Lowenstein

SL/M



October 28, 1940

Rabbi Manuel Laderman  
Hebrew Educational Alliance  
West Colfax at Meade  
Denver, Colorado

My dear Mr. Laderman:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to address a meeting of the Zionists of Denver on the occasion of my visit. I wish I were free to accept it. However, my schedule for the week of my Denver visit is an exceedingly crowded one. I must leave Denver, if possible, the same night; the latest, Wednesday morning by plane, to keep an important engagement in Cleveland the following night.

Please convey my best wishes to all our Zionist friends in Denver. I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



October 28, 1940

Dr. Solomon Lowenstein  
Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Lowenstein:

In reply to your letter of October 23, permit me to say that I authorize the issuance of a check in the amount of \$5000 on account of the appropriation made by the United Jewish Appeal to meet the requirements of the Allotment Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



EXTRACT FROM LETTER DATED OCTOBER 30, 1940

FROM FRANZ L. LYON, Head of the Palestine Office in Berlin  
to MR. R. LICHTHEIM, Geneva.

"The Youth Aliyah organization and the section of the Palestine Office which is concerned with Hachsharah continues its work without interruption and is busy preparing young people in accordance with the system hitherto existing for immigration. We are fortunate in having a number of workers in the Palestine office who are especially qualified to conduct this work. Even if for the time being there is no possibility of an orderly individual immigration, the work of preparation for settlement and Youth Aliyah goes steadily forward.

"We continue to remain in regular touch with Mr. Barlas ( of the Immigration Office of the Jewish Agency Executive) in Istanbul and we hope that current events will not also put a stop to this.

"One fact remains, that unless our friends are able to do something to help us (in regard to immigration)- and I cannot believe that no way of help can be found - it may soon be too late. I say this dispassionately but with the full seriousness that the situation demands."



LOUIS LIPSKY  
386 Fourth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

November 1, 1940.

Dr. A. H. Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

I have read your letter to Lurie. It serves a very useful purpose.

It should be impressed upon Elisha Friedman that it is not the intention of the U.P.A. to place upon the shoulders of his Survey Committee the responsibility for evaluating the importance of the work done by any of the agencies in the U.J.A. Unless these steps are registered, I am sure Elisha Friedman will make a lot of trouble for us.

From the meeting of the Negotiating Committee held yesterday, you will see that we are probably facing a decision on the issue of an independent campaign. The J.D.C. seems to be determined to maintain the status quo of 1940, and will not budge an inch.

We ought to have a meeting as soon as possible in order to explain matters to all interested parties.

Very cordially yours,

*Louis Lipsky*

LL/RW



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=HAVE RECEIVED ASSURANCE FROM JOSEPH HYMAN OF JDC THAT THEIR GROUP ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT COUNCIL INVITATION FOR A CONFERENCE TOMORROW AFTERNOON TO EXPLORE NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY ONE CAMPAIGN POSSIBILITIES WITHOUT PRIOR COMMITMENT. WILL TELEPHONE YOU TOMORROW MORNING AT HOTEL COMMODORE FOR FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ON MEETING=

=H L LURIE=

JDC

COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE



C O P Y

NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, Inc.

165 West 46th Street  
New York City

December 16, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman  
United Palestine Appeal  
East 105 Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I do not have any formal statement concerning the action of the Allotment Committee, at its meetings on Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7. I have, however, been advised, informally, that, in addition to the decision to accelerate the remittance of funds, from 1940 campaign collections, to the National Refugee Service, Inc., the representatives of the United Palestine Appeal and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee indicated their willingness to recommend to their respective Executive Committees, the proposal that these two organizations lend to the National Refugee Service, Inc., such sums as may be needed up to the amount, and in the ratio indicated in the discussions of the Allotment Committee.

Such loans to the National Refugee Service, Inc., it was understood would be subordinate to any borrowing which the National Refugee Service, Inc. may obtain from a bank.

We are advised by those who are, at present, arranging certain bank loans for the National Refugee Service, Inc., not only for the balance of this year, but also for the first few months of next year, that it is essential to advise the bank of the Allotment Committee's recommendation, and particularly, that this has been approved by the Executive Committees of the United Palestine Appeal and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. It would, therefore, be very much appreciated, if we could be formally notified, by the proper officers of the United Palestine Appeal, that your Executive Committee has approved this recommendation and will stand ready to make such a loan to us on the basis indicated above.

A similar letter is being sent to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

On behalf of the National Refugee Service, Inc., I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the generous attitude indicated in your willingness to make this recommendation to your Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Richard P. Limburg  
Treasurer

(fe 12/18/40)



*Also sent to  
attached just*

December 18, 1940

Dr. Ferdinand Sonneborn  
Savoy Plaza  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Sonneborn:

Knowing how busy each of us is and desiring to notify you as promptly as possible so that your calendar may be arranged accordingly, I sent you a telegram today as follows:

"TO PREPARE FOR PARTICIPATION OF NEW YORK IN 1941 UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL CAMPAIGN AM ASKING YOU AND SEVERAL OTHERS TO MEET WITH ME AT UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL OFFICE, 41 EAST 42 STREET, MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, AT 4:00 P.M. TO PLAN ORGANIZATION OF NEW YORK CAMPAIGN. KINDLY ADVISE WHETHER I MAY EXPECT YOU. REGARDS."

It is important that adequate representation of the United Palestine Appeal in Greater New York be organized so that whether there is an independent appeal of the United Palestine Appeal or whether it is combined in a city-wide campaign, the interests of Palestine may be conserved. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss plans of campaign methods of procedure and to lay the foundations for a permanent New York United Palestine Appeal organization.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday afternoon, December 23, I am,

Cardially yours,

LL:MBC

Louis Lipsky  
Chairman, Executive Committee



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146 CENTRAL PARK WEST  
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118 RIVERSIDE DRIVE  
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300 CENTRAL PARK WEST  
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812 PARK AVENUE  
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LOUIS LIPSKY

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*V. Silver*

IN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AM ASKING TEN UPA LEADERS IN NEW YORK TO  
MEET AT UPA OFFICE MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 4:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS 1941  
SET-UP. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ARRANGING TO BE PRESENT. REGARDS

LOUIS LIPSKY

HM:BC



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1384 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK CITY

ABRAHAM WECHSLER  
204 EAST 23 STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

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NEW YORK CITY

JULES FREED  
902 BROADWAY  
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NEW YORK CITY

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NEW YORK CITY

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543 WEST 23 STREET  
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C/O KNICKERBOCKER YARNS  
20 EAST 20 STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

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1295 PRESIDENT ST.  
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

MORRIS MILLER  
370 CROWN STREET  
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

ISADOR FINE  
93 WORTH STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

RABBI I. H. LEVINTHAL  
576 Eastern Parkway  
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

HARRY SCHERMAN  
BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB  
385 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

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REGARDS.

LOUIS LIPSKY

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LOUIS ALTSCHUL  
BRONX HOSPITAL  
169 STREET & FULTON AVE.  
BRONX, N.Y.

JACOB SCHAFER  
330 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

BERNARD KRANSMAN  
332 EAST 149 STREET  
BRONX, N.Y.

DR. MAURICE KAPY  
71 WEST 47 STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

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DR. STEPHEN S. WISE  
40 WEST 68 STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG  
305 WEST END AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

A. A. STRELSIN  
444 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

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STEPHEN STROOCK  
1 WALL STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

MRS. NATHAN GOLDSTEIN  
1337 PRESIDENT STREET  
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

WRHS



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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
41 EAST 42 STREET

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CPS

NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, INC.  
165 WEST 46 STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

December 23, 1940

Doctors Jonah B. Wise and Abba Hillel Silver,  
National Chairmen  
United Jewish Appeal (Inc.) for Refugees and Overseas Needs  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

It is our understanding that a meeting of the United Jewish Appeal Executive Committee will take place next Monday, December 30, 1940 in order to implement the motion passed by the Allotment Committee at its meeting on December 7, 1940:

"On the condition that the U.J.A. elects to pay to the N.R.S. the balance of the original allotment at the rate of 50% of the total disbursements of the U.J.A. for its beneficiary organizations until that is completed, and with the specification that that payment during the month of December shall not be less than \$600,000, we will vote no allotment (to the N.R.S.). We will leave it to the U.J.A. to carry out."

In this connection we refer to the telegrams sent by Mr. Harris Perlstein, Chairman of the Allotment Committee, on December 16th to the Joint Distribution Committee and to the United Palestine Appeal urging action on the part of the two organizations, in order that the balance of the 1940 campaign funds may be made available to the N.R.S. as promptly as possible.

Our cash situation is such that we cannot wait for the action of the United Jewish Appeal Executive Committee next Monday, and we would ask that you send us on account immediately \$100,000, which, of course, can be deducted from the total amount which may be distributed under any decision which may be reached.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Richard P. Limburg

Richard P. Limburg  
Treasurer.



December 26, 1940

Mr. Richard P. Limburg, Treasurer  
National Refugee Service, Inc.  
165 West 46th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Limburg:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 23. I have not yet seen the final draft of the report of the Allotment Committee, nor am I aware of any such motion as you report in your letter. Any monies distributed by the United Jewish Appeal, until otherwise ordered by its Executive Committee, will have to be on the basis heretofore in force.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

CC: Dr. Silver

January 2, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Lurie:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 26th with which you enclosed a tentative draft for a statement to be issued by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds with respect to 1941 campaigns.

I should like to offer the following observations:

Page 1:

In recalling the history of combined and separate campaigns you probably wish to point out that the Palestine Foundation Fund, now a constituent of the United Palestine Appeal, conducted a combined drive with the Joint Distribution Committee in 1930 under the name of the Allied Jewish Appeal.

Page 2:

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It was not in 1937 but in 1938 that the "JDC/ agreed to co-operate in campaigns in welfare fund cities that were members of the Council." The first paragraph on page 2 will have to be revised accordingly.

It was not until 1938 that the 60-40 agreement to cover welfare fund cities was entered into.

In the third paragraph on page 2 it is possible to misconstrue the type of campaign which the Jewish National Fund conducted in 1934 and 1935. In those years the Jewish National Fund was not associated with the Palestine Foundation Fund and therefore was free to conduct not merely its traditional collections, but any type of campaign which it chose to hold.

Page 3:

In the first paragraph a slight correction might be in place in the language referring to the allocations in 1939 to the NRS. The agreement provided that the NRS in 1939 could apply to the Allocations Committee with proof that it needed an additional sum up to \$500,000 which might be voted by a majority of the Allocations Committee, but that any sum above \$500,000 would require the unanimous consent of the Allocations Committee.



Mr. H. L. Lurie

January 2, 1941

It seems to me important to point out both for 1939 and 1940 that the Allocations Committee had at its disposal not the full sum of the proceeds of the 1939 and 1940 campaigns, but only the sums above the initial allotments which were decided upon by the representatives of the agencies in their negotiations.

In the first paragraph on page 3 there should also be a correction in the sentence which begins "Additional funds to the JDC and UPA were on the basis of 66-2/3 percent to the JDC, 33-1/3 to the UPA for all funds up to a total of \$15,500,000 etc." Actually, the Allocations Committee had at its disposal a sum of some \$6,000,000 of which it gave \$250,000 to the Catholic and Protestant Refugee organizations, \$600,000 to the National Refugee Service and the balance was divided by the JDC and the UPA, with a guarantee to the UPA of \$1,500,000, making a total of \$4,000,000 for 1939. The Committee decided that if any funds were distributed in excess of \$15,500,000 the proportions would be 70 to the JDC and 30 to the UPA. But \$15,500,000 will not be distributed because of shrinkage, so that the proportion between the JDC and UPA will not be 66-2/3 to the JDC and 33-1/3 to the UPA. A reading of the text of the decision of the Allocations Committee, which I assume you have in your office, will indicate the error.

Page 4:

I do not know what purpose is served in the announcement of the nature of the 1941 campaigns to include tables 1 and 2 which are attached. Does this represent the effort of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to indicate to the communities how funds shall be distributed on the basis of proportions previously established? Note should be taken of the fact that it has been the contention of the United Palestine Appeal that the increase in generosity on the part of the American Jewish community has not been reflected in a proportionate increase in the proceeds for Palestine development, even though the ratio of expansion of Palestine's needs has been so great. May I urge that the inclusion of these ratios be deferred. It is, of course, interesting to observe how the percentage for the UPA has shown a constant decrease ever since 1934.

In connection with the campaigns of 1934 and 1935, may I point out that your figures on the JDC and UPA (Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth) income do not coincide with those used by the Inquiry Committee which showed that in 1934 and in 1935 the income of the UPA agencies was greater than that of the JDC.

If the purpose of the tables is to indicate how funds of American Jewry have been utilized during these years, it would seem to me that your figures are certainly incomplete. You will recall that we discussed this subject previously at a session of the Inquiry Committee a few weeks ago at the United Jewish Appeal office when you attended. In order that American Jewry may get a full picture of how its funds are used for overseas Palestinian and American refugee purposes, account must be taken of the resources made available in America privately for refugees, the resources provided by various agencies other than the NRS, including the amounts made available locally for refugee purposes; also, the expenditures of such agencies as the

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Refugee Economic Corporation, the Dominican Republic Settlement Association, the Joint Reconstruction Foundation, etc., etc., not to speak of the remittances made by American Jews to their relatives in Europe which undoubtedly constitute the overwhelming bulk of the sums received in Europe for assistance purposes. In addition, note ought to be taken of the amounts which Landsmanschaften have been sending across to their communities in Europe.

What has always earned my appreciation has been the consistent effort of the Council to be fair to all the institutions embraced in welfare funds. It is because of that experience that I am sure that you will wish to consider most thoughtfully the question of the inclusion of these tables which are subject to misconstruction.

In the fourth paragraph on page 4 there seems to be a departure from the point of view reflected on page one in the discussion of "Joint Appeals". You personally have taken the position that independent appeals in 1941 may be valuable from many points of view. The emphasis on "competitiveness" and other factors could serve at this time only to agitate public opinion. Certain decisions have been taken by the agencies in the United Jewish Appeal. It would seem to me that the cause of communal harmony and unity could be most effectively served at this time by soothing public opinion so that the effects of a decision not to continue the United Jewish Appeal might not become the cause of an actual disruption of unity.

Page 5:

With respect to the "continuation of the studies of the work and finances of the agencies" referred to in the second paragraph on this page, may I assure you that the UPA looks forward to making available to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds all the material with respect to its operations in the same way as it did in the past. We are endeavoring to enlarge the scope of this information and trust that the acquisition of Bernard J. Reis & Company as the accountants and statisticians of the UPA may be helpful toward that end.

May I say that I appreciate the observation made on page 5 that the member agencies "study the 1941 appeals and consider all new factors that have been developed since the 1940 campaigns." It would seem to me, however, that this admonition is at variance with the second half of the sentence that they "review carefully the factual experience of previous years." New conditions have been created in Jewish life. These conditions are known to a large extent. The Council, I am sure, can make available additional information as to the transformation that has taken place in the framework of European Jewish activity and in the Palestine upbuilding program. Surely you as a respected scientist of Social Economy would not wish to be bound by conditions of the past, except to the extent that they have a real bearing on the events of the present and of the future.

I recognize that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds endeavors to be an institution representing the whole of the Jewish community. Under these circumstances, I know that you will continue to do everything in your power to assist the cause of the United Palestine Appeal through the transmission of adequate information on its work and that you will share with



United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee and other agencies in making clear to American Jewry that the functioning of the welfare fund in each community does not have to be affected by separateness of appeals, especially since in most welfare funds the number of individual agencies applying for funds ranges from at least five to as many as one hundred or more.

With best wishes for the New Year to you and the Council and with kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND  
WELFARE FUNDS, Inc.

165 West 46th Street, New York, N.Y.

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January 3, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Many thanks for the detailed suggestions in your letter of January 2nd. They have been very helpful to us in the editing of the draft for this members' bulletin. Unless otherwise noted, I have used your suggestions and made changes and additions to the draft.

Page 2 - You are in error in thinking that there was no agreement on campaigns in welfare fund cities before 1938. Mr. Morris Rothenberg, Co-Chairman of the UPA, Mr. Joseph C. Hyman for the JDC and Mr. William J. Shroder for the Council signed this agreement on January 29, 1937.

Page 4 - The main reason for the bulletin and for the tables is a number of requests that we have received from our member agencies for a summary statement on results of previous campaigns in which the JDC, UPA and NRS were involved. Following your criticism, I have changed the text of this paragraph as follows:

Tables I and II give the results of fund campaigns of a number of the major overseas and refugee agencies. It should be noted that these tables are incomplete both as to the agencies with organized projects in these fields and as to other methods of overseas aid from private sources, etc. Data are unavailable for the complete picture of American aid but it is reported that the Inquiry of the 1940 UJA Allotment Committee is making an effort to secure more comprehensive information. Figures secured from previously published Council reports. For more detailed information on the financial experience of the overseas and refugee agencies included in these tables, refer to annual Council reports on individual agencies.

Since this is an office bulletin which is being prepared following Sidney Hollander's letter, I have eliminated the section on Page 4 beginning "Attitudes of the Council and Member Agencies" and all of page 5 up to the final paragraph at the bottom of the page which has been revised. The bulletin becomes therefore exclusively information requested and desired by our member agencies.



Our aim in this bulletin is to direct the attention of our member agencies to the fact that most of their beneficiary agencies conduct separate appeals and relate the 1941 picture to previous years of combined and separate appeals. I know that we can continue to count on you to help us in our task of presenting to our member agencies all of the factual data which is required for an effective administration of welfare funds. You will agree, of course, that the purposes of our member agencies were being served more effectively in many respects because of the cooperation between the major overseas agencies made possible by the UJA and that to achieve smooth and wise functioning of the Jewish welfare fund method of fund raising, we will need to develop constructive and impartial methods for considering and reviewing all of the facts in the situation which action by welfare funds require.

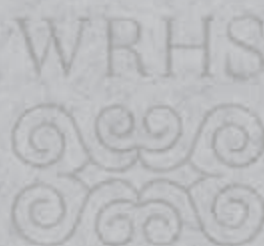
Thank you for your personal regards. With New Year's wishes to you, I am

Cordially,

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(Signed)

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RABBI MENDEL LEWITTES  
77 Vesper Street  
Portland, Maine

January 7, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

As an individual who participates in our local United Jewish Appeal, I want to let you know of my favorable reaction to the decision of the U.P.A. to conduct an independent drive this year. In view of the rejection by the J.D.C. of the fair proposals represented by the administrative committee, there was no alternative but to bring the question of allocation to each local committee, who perhaps in most cases understand the vital, yes focal, part which Eretz Yisroel must take in the problem of relief and the Jewish future.

As yet our local Zionist Council has had no meeting at which to plan our demands on the local U.J.A., but I will inform the chairman of the Council of the stand taken by you and the necessity of implementing that stand by our local committee.

With Zion's greetings, I remain

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Rabbi Mendell Lewittes



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January 7, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman  
United Palestine Appeal  
New York City.

My dear Rabbi:

I received your "Private and Confidential" letter of December 27th together with copy of your letter of November 28th to Mr. Paul Baerwald, and I hereby request that you grant me permission to make these communications public and place them before our Tulsa Jewish Community Council.

Prior to receiving your letter I received the letter of December 27 signed by yourself and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, and a telegram from Mr. Baerwald and Mr. Warburg.

I am enclosing copy of telegram addressed to yourself, Rabbi Jonah Wise, and William Rosenwald. Our Tulsa Jewish Community Council met last night, and Rabbi Shusterman, Albert Finston and myself were appointed on a committee to send a message outlining the position of our community in this matter. I personally wish to say that if this dissolution remains in effect and unity does not prevail, as far as our community is concerned, the U.P.A. will continue to receive its fair and proportionate share of our contributions, and my efforts will continue to be directed toward aiding this cause to the fullest extent.

However, I wish to have it clearly understood that we in Tulsa are extremely disappointed and upset and completely demoralized by the action of our national leaders in this matter. We feel they have failed to comprehend the disastrous results that will occur because of their action. They are throwing into the laps of the various communities the problem of properly allotting their funds to the J.D.C., U.P.A. and N.R.S., and only in a very few instances do the budget committees of the local communities have the knowledge and ability to properly evaluate these respective agencies. In many instances the proper distribution will not be made, personal differences will arise, and the cause of unity in all communities, which we have been striving for, will be lost. We who work in the field and make the house to house appeal know whereof we speak when we say the dissolution of the U.J.A. is a staggering blow to Jewish morale in America and comes at the most critical time in our history, when we should all be united and ready to give our utmost for our vital causes.

I presume you read the Jewish Anglo-American press and are familiar with its re-action to this matter. From the papers I have read, mainly those printed in the Southwest, all agree a serious mistake has been made.



I appreciate from your communications that the U.P.A. made every effort to prevent what has occurred, but I asked this question at our meeting last night, and am now asking you for the answer:

Why was it that when the negotiations were going on between our national leaders and they saw a split was eminent, why did they not call upon the communities from which they derive their strength and support and a referendum presented before them so we, the American Jewish Communities, could have been heard? I am sure the over-whelming voice of protest that would have been raised throughout the United States would have impressed the leaders in New York, and they would have realized that no one group, or two or three groups, have the power to destroy that which we are all striving for and have a right to expect. Certainly, in the most critical hour of our history, there are impartial men who could make up a committee to study the situation and properly allot the money and this dissolution would not have been permitted. If we have been permitted to voice our sentiments I am sure no agency would have permitted this split to come about. This could easily have been brought before the communities throughout the United States, as most cities now have community councils and the facts could have been presented to the various councils.

I have talked to leaders in this part of the country, and they all feel as we in Tulsa do about this matter. Am therefore awaiting your prompt reply to my letter and also your permission to release the communications you sent me.

Hoping this matter may yet be straightened out and national unity prevail, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Julius Livingston



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January 7, 1941.

United JEWISH APPEAL  
342 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

ATT: RABBI HILLEL SILVER  
RABBI JONAH WISE  
WILLIAM ROSENWALD

WE DESIRE PROTEST YOUR ACTION SUSPENDING UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR 1941. WE FEEL THAT SERIOUS SITUATION OF JEWISH PEOPLE EVERYWHERE AND GREAT NEED FOR ALL POSSIBLE FUNDS TO MEET IT DEMANDS UNITY UNDERSTANDING AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION INSTEAD OF THE TURMOIL MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND FAR GREATER EXPENSES YOUR SEPARATE ACTIONS WILL CAUSE. AMERICAN JEWRY HAS BEEN WORKING FOR YEARS TOWARD UNIFIED ACTION AS ATTESTED BY MANY FEDERATIONS AND COUNCILS AND THE SUCCESS OF UJA. ANY MORE TO DISRUPT THIS PROGRAM SHOULD THEREFORE HAVE APPROVAL OF THE MANY JEWISH COMMITTEES FROM WHOM YOU DRAW YOUR FINANCIAL AND MORAL RESOURCES. THE MANY WEEKS OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN YOU GAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR A REFERENDUM TO THE COMMUNITIES BEFORE THIS VITAL STEP WAS TAKEN. WE PLEAD WITH YOU FOR A RECONSIDERATION AND URG WITH ALL OUR STRENGTH THAT YOU AS OUR LEADERS GET TOGETHER TO WORK OUT A UNIFIED PROGRAM INSTEAD OF THROWING INTO THE LAPS OF VARIOUS COMMUNITIES THE JOB OF ALLOCATIONS WHICH WILL RESULT IN DISUNITY AND TREMENDOUSLY INCREASED EXPENSES BESIDES CAUSING MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN ORDER FOR EACH OF YOU TO TRY AND GET AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THE FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED. THE BALANCE OF OUR FUNDS NAMELY FIFTEEN THOUSAND HAS BEEN REFERRED BACK TO OUR BUDGET COMMITTEE AWAITING FURTHER WORD FROM YOU BEFORE DISBURSEMENT.

TULSA JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
BY

ALBERT FINSTON  
JULIUS LIVINGSTON  
RABBI A. SHUSTERMAN



January 9, 1941

Mr. H. L. Lurie  
Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds  
165 West 46th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lurie:

I have just received a copy of a letter which you wrote on January 3 to Mr. Henry Montor in which you write: "I believe that you are incorrect in your statement that the UPA considered \$2,000,000 to the NRS as only an original allotment. Just the contrary attitude was expressed. A united appeal would have been possible if your representatives had not indicated that they were unwilling to consider additional commitments to the NRS during the year." For the sake of the record, and not for the purpose of opening the whole matter again, may I tell you that your statement is incorrect as the following resolution adopted by the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the UPA on Tuesday, December 17 will indicate:

Motion was made by Mr. Rosenbloom, seconded by Judge Levinthal, and carried that the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal approve the proposal made to the Joint Distribution Committee representatives as follows: on the basis of the first distribution of \$9,000,000 - \$2,000,000 go to the National Refugee Service, to include New York City as well as the country as a whole; a proportion of 65-35 for the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal respectively in the distribution of \$7,000,000; the balance of the funds obtained by the United Jewish Appeal to be distributed by an Allotment Committee.

Should the Joint Distribution Committee reject this proposal, the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal directs the National Chairman to proceed immediately with the organization and conduct of an independent United Palestine Appeal Campaign.



January 9, 1941

This resolution was passed the same evening on which the conference in the office of the Council was held. You will see that there is no suggestion in this resolution that the Allotment Committee which was to distribute the funds over and above the original \$9,000,000 would be prevented from voting funds to the NRS. This was your own hasty deduction, and judging from a conversation which Mr. Hollander had with me last evening, is shared also by him. What we insisted on was that the \$2,000,000 to be originally allotted to the NRS should cover New York City and the country at large, and that no special million dollars be earmarked for the NRS in New York City as was done in the campaign of 1940.

I have deeply regretted the role which the Council has played throughout in this situation. It was belated and uninformed as your letter of January 3 proves, and slightly hysterical as Mr. Hollander's letter sent broadcast to the Welfare Funds indicates, and as is also indicated by the news item which you rushed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in which you announced that I had declined to accept the invitation of Mr. Hollander to meet for a conference of mediation, forgetting to mention that there had already taken place one such a conference which I did attend.

I regret that the Administrative Committee of the UPA was forced to adopt a resolution of protest last evening, a copy of which I am sure you will receive from the secretary of the Committee. The Council is being driven headlong under the impact of the present situation to take positions which might prove disastrous to its future growth and usefulness.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



THE NEW PALESTINE  
The American Zionist Weekly Devoted to Jewish Affairs  
1720 Sixteenth Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

January 14, 1941

Judge Louis E. Levinthal  
Court of Common Pleas  
606 City Hall  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Judge Levinthal:

The Editorial Board of The New Palestine very seriously considered the editorial on the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which you submitted, at their request.

It seems that there have been new developments since you wrote the editorial. You are no doubt aware of the statement by Sidney Hollander, president of the Council, urging the Welfare Funds to withhold making commitments, as well as the very strongly worded U.P.A. resolution disapproving of Hollander's move.

In view of this development and especially because of the strong line taken by the U.P.A., the Editorial Board feels that your editorial, though proper at the time it was written, is now far too mild a statement. The Board feels that the Zionist case must be presented to the Council unequivocally and without pussy-footing, for it now seems to be clear that they are more likely to be against us than with us.

I am accordingly withholding the editorial from this week's issue and returning it to you at the suggestion of the Board, so that it may be re-written "with fire and with teeth". I would therefore want to run it a week later.

I shall be looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

Carl Alpert (Signed)

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

JANUARY 15, 1941

HARRIS PERLSTEIN  
221 NORTH LA SALLE STREET  
CHICAGO, ILL.

THE REVISED DRAFT OF THE INQUIRY COMMITTEE REPORT WHICH ELISHA FRIEDMAN  
HAS SUBMITTED TO ME IS SO UNFAIR AND INCLUDES SUCH NEW MATERIAL THAT  
I MUST INSIST THAT BEFORE THIS REPORT IS CIRCULATED IN ANY WAY THAT  
THERE SHOULD BE ANOTHER MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLOTMENT  
COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION. REGARDS

LOUIS LIPSKY

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CHARGE: UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL, 41 EAST 42 STREET, NEW YORK CITY



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January 17, 1941.

Mr. Louis Lipsky  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Lipsky:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 8, bearing the slogan "MORE JEWS FOR PALESTINE".

This morning I am also in receipt of a letter signed by your good self and by Dr. Silver and Dr. Wise, protesting against the proposed action on the part of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Please note that I deeply regret the attitude of the United Palestine Appeal in this regard. Those of us in the interior cities, who have organized federations after much labor and travail, for the purpose of unified action, are obliged to look to the Council of Federations for leadership in just such problems as have been precipitated by the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal.

Our feeling in the matter is best expressed by the leading editorial in the American Jewish World which appeared this morning, and a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Charles I. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

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copies to Dr. Silver & Dr. Wise



LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL  
606 CITY HALL  
PHILADELPHIA

January 17, 1941.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

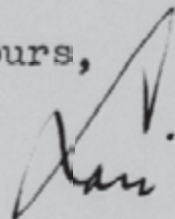
I suggested to Henry Montor that you ought to make every effort to attend the Atlanta Assembly of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds. We have a strong case and it should be presented by you. I am not at all sure that the rank and file of the Council will support Hollander.

I have been invited to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors on Friday, January 31st. I shall make every effort to do so, but my trip, at great personal sacrifice, will be utterly futile unless there are other Zionists present.

Sometime ago I was asked by THE NEW PALESTINE, at your suggestion, to prepare an editorial on the Council Assembly. I am enclosing copy of the draft I sent on. This was written before the Hollander episode. I am enclosing copy of letter received from Carl Alpert dated January 14th. I still think that despite Hollander's action, it would be a mistake to have The New Palestine editorial written "with fire and with teeth." We shall have time for that kind of an editorial if the Assembly endorses the Hollander proposal. We should not assume in advance that this is bound to happen. However, I should like to get the benefit of your judgment. Please feel free to edit, delete and supplement the draft of the editorial - or completely rewrite it - in accordance with your own judgment.

With warm personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,






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Louis Lipsky  
386 4th Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

TRUST THAT YOU HAVE WIRED PERLSTEIN ABOUT INSTRUCTIONS  
TO FRIEDMAN TO HAVE FIGURES IN HIS INQUIRY REPORT  
CERTIFIED BY CHIEF ACCOUNTANT AS WAS VOTED AT ATLANTA MEETING.  
KINDEST REGARDS



A H SILVER



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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

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Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

February 20, 1941.

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Henry Montor

I am doing my best to maintain such relations in the Allotment Committee as will enable us to bring the matter of the Inquiry Report to a reasonable close. It is hard to do this because the parties have been thrown into a state of partisan excitement.

It is impossible for me to influence Elisha Friedman in the climate in which he finds himself now. When I speak to him over the 'phone, he seems to be rational. When I get Montor's version of the state of affairs, I think that he is not only irrational, but also malicious. I cannot make a decision in the matter. I think it is of the utmost importance, however, to bring the whole thing to a conclusion.

I have repeatedly told Friedman that the figures would have to be passed upon for correctness by the chief accountant, Mr. Bernard Reis. He told me that that would be done. A meeting was arranged to be held yesterday (Wednesday), at which Mr. Reis was expected to be present. The meeting was fixed at two o'clock in order to suit Mr. Reis' convenience. Later, I learned from Montor that Mr. Reis would not attend, and that his place would be taken by Mr. Kalafa. At this meeting which Mr. Reis was to attend, expert representatives of the other agencies were also expected to be present. Montor attended the meeting for a few minutes, and left after having challenged the whole procedure. Subsequently, I called up Friedman and inquired what had happened, and was told that the matter of the figures had been turned over to Mr. Kalafa, and that the reconciliations would be suggested by him. Under the circumstances, I could not wire to Mr. Perlstein, asking him to give instructions to Friedman without getting involved in the interminable disputes in this matter.

I think that we ought to proceed as we had agreed. The responsibility for the Report of the Inquiry is to be assumed exclusively by Mr. Friedman. Included in the Report of the Inquiry are to be such criticisms of the Inquiry Report as may be offered by the representatives of the three agencies. These criticisms are to be kept within reasonable bounds as to space and length. What are reasonable bounds will have to be determined by the agencies themselves.



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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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I have written to this effect to Dr. Lowenstein. I seem to have gotten Mr. Friedman's approval of this proposition, but, of course, I cannot tell what will happen in the next twenty-four hours. The final version of Friedman's Report will not be ready until sometime next week. When that version is submitted to us, our comments will have to be prepared and filed with the Allotment Committee within forty-eight hours.

I think we ought to get this matter out of the way as soon as possible. *It interferes with all other business*

Very cordially yours,



*Louis Lipsky*



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Copy for Dr. Silver

February 20, 1941.

Dr. Solomon Lowenstein  
Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies  
71 West 47th Street  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Lowenstein:

Your letter to Mr. Perlstein of February 19th seemed to indicate that you misinterpret the purpose of the criticism of the Inquiry Report which was sent to Mr. Friedman.

It was not intended as an appendix in the forthcoming publication of the Inquiry Report. My understanding was that Mr. Friedman assumed full personal responsibility for the Report of the Inquiry, but that he was prepared to include in his report any suggestion offered by representatives of the agencies, which might improve the Report. But his final Report would be submitted to the three agencies, who would then be in a position to make such comment on the Report as they deemed fit, which comment would be inserted as appendices to the Inquiry Report. Responsibility for any criticism to be offered to the Inquiry Report is to be assumed by the agency making such criticism.

I do not see how you can come to the conclusion that a reasonable space must not exceed five pages, or that it would be possible, in a criticism of the Report, to avoid making allusion to the work of the three agencies. In a number of instances, the unfairness of the Report arises from the fact that certain conclusions are stated with regard to one agency, while the other agencies are not given any consideration in this particular. It is not intended to use the criticism as a criticism of the agency, but as a criticism of the Inquiry Report itself. I think that we are entitled to the right of stating our views with regard to the Inquiry, and that we are entitled to a reasonable space to do that.

I have had a talk with Mr. Friedman about this matter, and he is agreed that after he has digested the criticisms that have been made by all three agencies and incorporated them, as far as possible, in his Report, he is to submit the final version of his Report to the three agencies, and that they are to be given time to file their dissenting opinions, which dissenting opinions are to be included in the publication of the Report.

I think that this represents a reasonable way of bringing the Inquiry to a rational end.

Very cordially yours,

LL/RW

Louis Lipsky



M E M O R A N D U M

February 25, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Subject: Article by Rabbi Morris Lazaron

Attached herewith is the text of a statement by Rabbi Morris Lazaron of Baltimore which appeared in the Synagogue Bulletin of February 14, 1941.

HM:JB  
Encl.



## THE JEWISH APPEAL CONTROVERSY

(Published in the "Synagogue Bulletin" - Baltimore  
Hebrew Congregation - February 14, 1941)

Several weeks ago I discussed the questions involved in the decision not to hold a joint campaign this year. I supported the suggestion of Mr. Sidney Hollander, President of the Council of Welfare Federations, that a committee on study and appraisal be set up - such a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Jacob Blaustein was already functioning - which should report to the country the needs of the various agencies and their ability to spend the money they seek which should suggest percentage allocations for the guidance of community leaders. Since that time a number of things has happened which defines the issues sharply and clarifies the situation. The split between nationalist Jews and non-nationalist Jews has come. There is no sense in attempting to gloss over the issues. The only question is how can American Jewry continue to maintain its existing communal Jewish organizations, and at the same time, not compromise with the principles of Jewish life which they hold. This will require that restraint of utterance and conduct which Jews have a right to expect from Jewish leadership. Unfortunately, thus far, little such restraint has been shown.

At the Washington Conference on Palestine, non-Zionist Jews were charged with attempts to sabotage the Palestine effort, despite the fact that large sums have been given to Palestine work by non-Zionist Jews; all who did not give Palestine reconstruction primacy in program and Jewish nationalism centrality in thinking were called traitors; all other efforts for relief, immigration and to find homes for Jews elsewhere were condemned as futile and the leaders of such efforts castigated as "philanthropists and plutocrats."

At the Atlanta Conference of the Welfare Funds the same charges were made and the same tactics were employed by the Palestine groups. The Executive Committee of the Welfare Federations passed the resolution to submit to the constituent agencies with favorable recommendation the appointment of the appraisal and budget committee. The United Palestine Appeal groups presented the issue as an attack by the classes against the Jewish masses. They raised the issue of "class warfare" between Jews. They are taking that issue to the country.

Why should anyone object to a calm study by an objective group of the budgetary requirements and possible constructive expenditures of any organization which appeal for funds? One would think the agencies would welcome such an investigation. American Jews will surely give now as in the past. Yet the Palestine groups do object. Suspicion naturally arises from this objection. Is there anything to hide? Do they perhaps fear the result of such an investigation? The fact remains that they have organized a special committee whose purpose it is to go to every community within the Welfare Fund organization and all the others as well and quash the investigation. American Jews will not be brow-beaten by such tactics. Jewish community leaders who often in the past have given more liberally to Palestine work despite their fear of Jewish nationalism will react in disgust at such tactics. Especially will they resent the "class warfare" technique. They certainly will not be moved to contribute in the same measure to Palestine causes. Palestine will lose support in the house of its friends. Such methods smack of totalitarianism. Many American Jews friendly to Palestine and anxious to bring as many Jews there as possible might well look to other non-political Palestine agencies through which they can express their feeling for Palestine other than the Zionist Organization of America or the Jewish Agency or the Palestine Appeals.



No group in Jewry can say to any group or individual: if you don't contribute the way we want and through us, if you don't think the way we think, you are a traitor to the Jewish cause. There is only one word for such procedure - and that word is Fascism!

American Jewish community leadership will not make any decisions now. They will await the results of the investigation of the budget committee and allocate funds accordingly. If this does not suit the nationalist Jewish leaders, they can act accordingly.

MORRIS S. LAZARON





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:LOUIS LIPSKY



Copy to Members of the Allotment Committee

March 10th, 1941.

Mr. Elisha M. Friedman  
Allotment Committee of United Jewish Appeal  
1560 Broadway  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

I decline to confirm or reject your version of the statement I made to you over the 'phone on March 6th. I am bound to conclude that what you have put in your communication of March 10th is intended deliberately to deceive and confuse the situation.

I did not forbid anything at all. I pointed out to you that under the agreed procedure, you had no right to publish any rebuttal of comments made by any one of the agencies; that you had no right to take a referendum of the members of the Allotment Committee on what you call "The Issue," but that any change in the agreed procedure would have to be made at a meeting of the Allotment Committee called for that purpose; that you had no right to make any cross references in the foot notes of your report, comparing my comment with the official documents; that your Inquiry Report was supposed to be final and closed before the comment offered by any one of the agencies would be sent to the Secretary of the Allotment Committee.

Furthermore and finally, I add that it is a piece of impudence on your part to assume that what you have written in your communication of March 10th would be regarded as a correct transcript of our conversation "unless I hear from you by Tuesday morning, March 11th, at 10 A.M." This presumption on your part that failure to communicate with you by Tuesday morning, March 11th, at 10 A.M. implies my assent to the correctness of the transcript, is unwarranted under any legal procedure.

Very cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky

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IRVING M. LEVEY, Rabbi

March 13, 1941

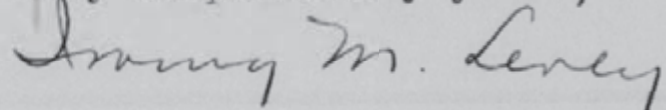
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th St.  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In response to your communication of March 2,  
I shall do everything I can to persuade our  
local welfare group, of which I am a member,  
to vote down any and all proposals for a  
National Committee on Budgeting.

With kindest personal greetings, I am

Very respectfully yours,



Irving M. Levey, Rabbi

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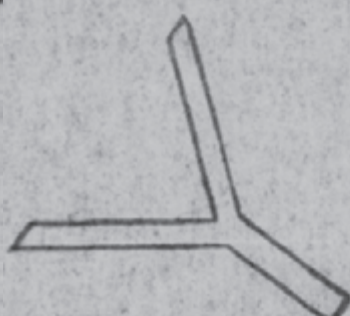
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
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March 19, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Dr. Jonah B. Wise  
National Chairmen  
United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.



Sirs:

The Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, meeting on Tuesday, March 18th, took note of the publication of the report of the Inquiry conducted under the auspices of the Allotment Committee of the 1940 United Jewish Appeal. The publication of this report completely terminates the work that was undertaken by the Allotment Committee.

The United Palestine Appeal has asked me to convey to you as National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, and to the members of the Allotment Committee our appreciation of the service performed and the devotion given in studying the requirements of the constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal, Inc., and of distributing such funds as are available.

The United Palestine Appeal asks that you be kind enough to notify the members of the Allotment Committee of our appreciation, and officially inform them with great thanks of the termination of their services as members of the 1940 Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. Any activities initiated by that Allotment Committee with reference to inquiries or other studies made necessary by their labors are simultaneously completed.

Cordially yours,

Louis Lipsky  
Chairman  
Executive Committee

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1720 - 16th Street, N.W.

Washington, D. C.

April 10th, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The next meeting of the Administrative Council will be held at Hotel Astor, New York on Sunday afternoon, April 20th, at 1:00 P. M.

Inasmuch as this may likely be the concluding meeting of the year for the Administrative Council, would it be possible for you to prepare a report on behalf of the U P A to be presented at the meeting? If you yourself find it impossible to be present, we will of course be delighted to have Mr. Montor.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

(Signed) LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL

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cc: Mr. Henry Montor



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Henry Montor

May 13, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, of which you are a member, will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 1941 at 4:00 P.M. at the United Palestine Appeal office, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City.

The agenda will include among other subjects:

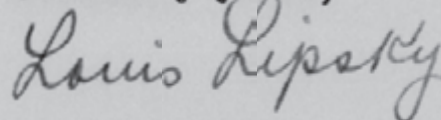
(a) consideration of representatives of the United Palestine Appeal on the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal;

(b) consideration of a grant to be made to Chief Rabbi Herzog on the basis of a plea addressed to the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal;

(c) discussion of the organization of a Welfare Fund in New York City.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you at the meeting, I am

Cordially yours,



Louis Lipsky  
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LOUIS E. LEVINthal  
606 CITY HALL  
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June 3, 1941.

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

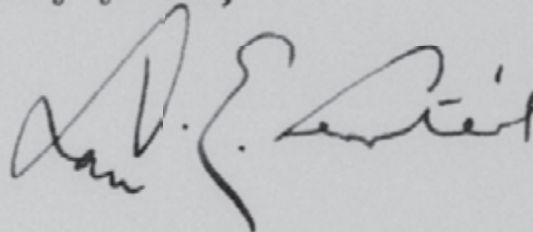
Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am enclosing copy of a letter  
from Sidney Hollander to Rabbi Heller, which  
Henry Montor sent to me, and a copy of my  
letter to Mr. Hollander.

I feel that under the circumstances  
the U.P.A. should appoint someone other than  
myself to represent it on the Board of the  
Council of Federations and Welfare Funds.

With kind personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Louis E. Levinthal", written in a cursive style.



LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL  
606 CITY HALL  
PHILADELPHIA

June 9, 1941.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Enclosed you will please find copy  
of letter received from Mr. Hollander dated  
June 6th, together with copy of my reply.

With kind personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Louis E. Levinthal*



June 9, 1941

Judge Louis E. Levinthal  
606 City Hall  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Judge Levinthal:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have this day sent to Mr. Hollander. If you could not represent the United Palestine Appeal at the meetings of the Board of the Council without having your opinions misrepresented, then there is no point in sending anyone else.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Irma Lindheim  
136 West 55th St.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Irma Lindheim:

I am very glad to learn of the progress you have made in the matter of the House it is to be hoped will bear the name "Brandeis", for Youth.

I think it admirable to seek to create a training school for Zionist leadership in the future. I shall be very glad to subscribe the sum of \$100 per year for the years 1941 and 1942. I will send you my check for the first instalment in the month of February.

I am delighted to learn that Ed Kaufmann has contributed the sum of \$500 per year, which I believe is to be one-tenth of the entire budget.

I rather think you will wish to write to some of my colleagues, such men as Dr. Silver, Dr. Goldman, Dr. Brickner, Dr. Heller, Dr. Israel, all of whom I am sure will be eager to have part in this fine enterprise.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,



# EDITORIAL

## The Responsibility of the Council of Jewish Federations

**I**N our editorial of January 3 we discussed the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal. At that time we stated that "we are inclined to the opinion that the Zionist position was not without considerable merit," and that "the pivotal role played by Palestine as the greatest haven for refugees and as a historic opportunity for the moral and cultural regeneration of Israel" did not receive in the United Jewish Appeal the emphasis the United Palestine Appeal had reason to expect.

Nevertheless, we cannot agree with the resolution of protest adopted by the administrative committee of the United Palestine Appeal against the request issued to welfare fund communities by Sidney Hollander, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, urging them to withhold making commitments on their 1941 campaigns until a budgeting body which Mr. Hollander has proposed, is established to recommend allocations to local communities.

In its protest the United Palestine Appeal states that "it has consistently given its cooperation to the Council in the belief that the Council was an impartial, fact-finding body interested in serving its member agencies with dependable reports." This is precisely what we understand the intention of the Council to be in establishing the proposed advisory budget committee. This committee, if it is to deserve any consideration at all, will necessarily have to study the respective claims, budgets and potential services of the agencies involved. Is the subjecting of the local communities to an overwhelming flood of the voluminous and often duplicating reports and propaganda of the contending agencies conducive to a fairer budget from local federations and welfare funds? With all the limitations of the Council of Federations—and it has many limitations—it certainly is at least as representative of American Jewry and as conscious of the needs and problems of local communities as the Joint Distribution Committee, United Palestine Appeal, National Refugee Service—agencies whose heads have never been elected by any community, however well-meaning and self-sacrificing the individuals may be. Moreover, we must remember that the proposed Council budget body can only be advisory. There is nothing to prevent Federation communities from modifying the local budget in response to local ideologists.

As there is little likelihood that Federation and Welfare Fund communities will conduct separate campaigns, we do not share the fear of the United Palestine Appeal that the proposed Council budget committee will paralyze the campaigns of the United Palestine Appeal and the other agencies. There is nothing to prevent them from conducting their independent campaigns in the non-federated communities. As for Federation communities, they can conduct their campaigns as in the past, and set aside a certain total sum for the agencies under discussion. A percentage of that total could then be forwarded to their respective agencies on account, and by the time the full pledges are collected, the report of the Council budget committee will be available.

The annual conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is scheduled to meet in Atlanta, Ga., the end of this month. The point of view and the respective claims of the three



agencies will be presented and discussed at the conference. It is the duty and the privilege of all Zionists to see that the cause of the United Palestine Appeal is adequately presented and that Zionists are among the representatives of the local communities at the conference.

The proposal of Mr. Hollander places a tremendous responsibility upon the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Not only is there the question of American Jewish unity at stake, but there is also the vital problem of the preservation of Israel's historic values. We trust that in the selection of this very important committee the Council will remember that Jewish survival was due to the realization that "Man liveth not by bread alone." The membership of the proposed committee must include not only men of means, but also men who have proven their will for Jewish survival and for Jewish historic continuity. The committee must be expressive of the voice of **Klal Yisroel**, the voice of the mass of little contributors as well as of the small group of large donors. Unless the committee is thus representative it will fail in its ultimate purpose. It will only add more heat to a situation which requires less heat and more light.

It is a great responsibility which a critical situation is placing upon the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds. May it rise to this great responsibility.