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November 4, 1940

Mr. Israel Mereminsky
317 W. 89th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind letter. I would suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Henry Montor of the United Palestine Appeal and discuss the matter with him in detail. I think the subject is of sufficient importance to have it come up for discussion at the next executive meeting of the United Palestine Appeal which will take place on November 13.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

RABBI IRVING MILLER
FAR ROCKAWAY, N. Y.

November 14, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

May I at the outset tell you how truly thrilling and moving your address was last night. I am sure that you must have felt the same reaction on the part of the whole audience.

It is at the suggestion of Montor that I am writing you to officially request on behalf of the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration Committee of the Keren Hayesod that one of the five sessions at the National Conference at the United Palestine Appeal at Washington be set aside for us to fittingly celebrate the Twentieth Anniversary. It is understood, of course, that whatever program will be planned will be presented to you for your approval. I personally feel that such a session can very well be integrated in the entire Conference program. I sincerely hope that you will give this matter your favorable consideration.

May I, at the same time, recall to you something which you said to me last year when I visited you in your study in Cleveland. You told me then that the greatest service we could render to the United Palestine Appeal would be to organize a body in New York whose concern it would be to safeguard and protect the interests of the U.P.A. in New York City where at the present time there is no such responsible body. I have been thinking that in line with the Regional United Palestine Appeal Conferences now being held throughout the country, such a Conference ought to be held in New York City for the purpose of organizing a permanent U.P.A. constituency in the Metropolitan area. I gladly offer you my whole-hearted cooperation in the organization of such a Conference and in the implementation of its resolutions. Such an organization is not only feasible, it is a vital necessity.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Irving Miller
Rabbi Irving Miller

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MINNEAPOLIS FEDERATION FOR JEWISH SERVICE

607 Andrus Building

December 18, 1940

Attention: Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

United Palestine Appeal
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I set forth below a copy of the resolution adopted yesterday by the Executive Committee of this Federation:

" WHEREAS, this Federation has always believed in the value of united effort in the solicitation and collection of funds for overseas relief and reconstruction and for refugee aid, and has, therefore, supported the idea of the United Jewish Appeal, and

WHEREAS, rumor now has it that a continuation of the United Jewish Appeal in 1941 is being threatened by internal division and disagreement, and

WHEREAS, this Federation believes that the discontinuance of the U. J. A. would be a step backward in American Jewish life,

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Executive Committee of Minneapolis Federation for Jewish Service, that this Federation hereby demands of the participants in the United Jewish Appeal that, notwithstanding factional and organizational differences, the United Jewish Appeal be extended for the year 1941.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be addressed to the organizations now participating in the U. J. A.

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United Palestine Appeal

December 18, 1940

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of
this resolution be addressed to the
organizations now participating in
the U. J. A."

Permit the writer to add his personal voice to the
sentiments expressed in the resolution. Unity in
American Israel today requires avoidance of factional
disputes and competitive fund-raising.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Amos S. Deinard
President



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

Mr. Charles Morris
600 Marion - Taylor Bldg.
Louisville, Ky.

Dec. 27, 1940
~~Jan. 14, 1941~~

Will make every effort to be with you
on Tuesday evening Jan. 14th
Warmest greetings

Abba Hillel Silver

Louisville Conference of Jewish Organizations

600 Marion E. Taylor Building

Louisville, Kentucky

December 27, 1940

AIR MAIL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. and Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was delighted to receive your telegram this morning and to know that you will be with us on January 14th. We shall begin at once to publicize your presence as we know that this will aid us tremendously in obtaining a large turn-out for this opening dinner.

As I told you last night, we hope to have between two or three hundred of our largest men contributors at this dinner. The success or failure of our Campaign, which, as you know is the first major effort in the country in 1941, will depend almost entirely on our success at this dinner. The national headquarters have been pressing upon us the necessity for our starting the ball rolling with an over-the-top Campaign.

The dinner is scheduled for 6:15 P.M. at the Kentucky Hotel. I would appreciate your advising me as soon as possible your time of arrival and departure and whether you would like for us to make your reservation at the hotel. If there are any details which you feel you need in regard to our community in order to plan your talk, please communicate with me and I shall be delighted to give you any information which I have.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Charles W. Morris

Charles W. Morris

CWM:LH

December 29, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of
the telegram which Mr. Paul Baerwald sent to Mr.
Joseph Berne and which you may have for your files.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

600 Marion E. Taylor Building

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

December 30, 1940

Mr. Henry Montor
Ex. Director
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City.

Dear Mr. Montor:

I appreciate your invitation to serve as Honorary Vice-Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal for 1941. I shall be very happy to serve.

Dr. Silver has consented to address our Special Gifts Dinner in connection with our current annual Campaign, on January 14. I am highly gratified at this acceptance because our community needs a great deal of stimulation if we are to reach the increased quota which we have set. I think I know you well enough to write you frankly.

This is essentially a J. D. C. community. Only a very small proportion of our large givers are affiliated with the Zionist movement, and it would be quite impossible to obtain a large amount of money from them for the U. P. A., unless such contributions were tied in with the National Refugee Service and the J. D. C.

At the time I talked with Rabbi Silver, I was not aware of the decision not to continue the U. J. A. I assumed that he would divide his talk equally between the three agencies. Dr. Silver said nothing about the new arrangement. Our community is determined to make a just and fair distribution, without regard to the decisions reached in New York, and, as Chairman of the Conference of Jewish Organizations here, I am familiar and deeply sympathetic with the aims and purposes of the U. P. A. However, I am realistic enough to know that a much larger amount can ultimately be secured by the U. P. A., if Dr. Silver devotes a larger part of his discourse to the needs and causes of the other two agencies.

I am not sufficiently intimate with Dr. Silver to write him on this subject and I realize that the matter must be approached with some delicacy. However, I think you are familiar enough with my interest in your organization to assist me, by stressing to Dr. Silver the entirely realistic aspects of the situation, and to feel confident that, ultimately, your organization will share in the results obtained.

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Mr. Henry Montor
December 30, 1940

May I have a word from you on this subject and, at the same time, will you be kind enough to secure an absolute confirmation of Dr. Silver's attendance here together with such biographical and other publicity matters as you think appropriate under the circumstances.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

CWM:LH

(signed)

Charles W. Morris.



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

December 30, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Morris:

I herewith submit to you the formal application of the 1941 United Palestine Appeal for inclusion in the fund-raising effort of the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Louisville, of 1941.

To meet the requirements of Palestine involving the maintenance, security and extension of the present structure, and to stimulate the absorptive capacity of the country for additional immigration, the United Palestine Appeal asks that out of the funds raised for 1941 by the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Louisville a sum of not less than \$42,500 be made available to the United Palestine Appeal.

In order that the facts to sustain this application may be presented directly to the officers entrusted with this responsibility, I request that the United Palestine Appeal be given the opportunity of meeting with the members of the Board of Directors of the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Louisville at the earliest opportunity.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Jewish National Fund, the two constituent organizations of the United Palestine Appeal, which also includes the Mizrahi Palestine Fund, have adopted a budget of \$13,640,000 for the period that coincides with our campaign effort. Because of the collapse of Jewish communities in Europe, which previously made substantial contributions to the Palestine upbuilding program, because of the effect of war on other countries, such as England, South Africa, Canada, etc., and because of the new emergency and war-time needs and opportunities that exist in Palestine, the leaders of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund believe that American Jewry will have to assume virtually the full responsibility for these programs.

This challenge to our statesmanship and our generosity the United Palestine Appeal is prepared to accept, with the understanding and sympathetic cooperation of the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Louisville and its constituency.

December 30, 1940.

Formal documents giving in detail the nature of these budgets will be submitted to you and to your fellow officers of the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Louisville through the personal meeting which I trust can be arranged soon, and through the submission of statistical material.

In brief, however, these are the essential elements of the program which requires our energetic and effective collaboration:

In the field of immigration, Palestine continues to be an outstanding factor in the absorption of refugees. There are now available 8,100 immigration certificates which can be used before March 31, 1941 by immigrants in various parts of Europe, whose efforts to enter Palestine must be facilitated by funds for transportation.

The continued entry of non-certificated immigrants into Palestine today assumes wider proportions than ever before, as is attested by the entry in the month of November of over three thousand non-certificated refugees. The fact that Palestine absorbed over 24,000 refugees in the first year of the war also must be taken into consideration in determining the enlarged financial responsibility of the Jewish Agency.

The continued influx of a large immigration, combined with the impact of war upon the economy of Palestine, has brought new burdens to the Jewish Agency budget in the form of provision for relief. In the past several months the Jewish Agency has made available increased sums of money through the Vaad Leumi so that some 75,000 people a month could obtain relief assistance.

This is in addition to the obligation which the Jewish Agency assumes when non-certificated refugees are released into its custody by the Government. Thus, in the case of some 1700 hapless refugees, whose fate became known to the world through the explosion of the Patria, the Jewish Agency was given the responsibility to see to it that these men, women and children did not become public charges, and moreover that they were fed, sheltered, clothed and restored to the health which they had lost in the months of wandering on the seas.

The war has dislocated a great part of the economic and industrial life of the country. To prevent demoralization, to cut down on the relief load, the Jewish Agency as the representative of the Jewish people has undertaken to stimulate commerce and industry so that men could be employed in jobs and that the security of the country could simultaneously be strengthened through the continued functioning of the economic machinery and through the extension of various public works, particularly those to enlarge and to link the Jewish settlements.

The continuation of the colonization program is one of the most important duties facing the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund in 1941.

The 257 Jewish settlements which dot Palestine must be protected and their areas and activity extended; equipment, livestock, agricultural instruction and assistance must be given, particularly to some hundred colonies established in the past decade, sixty of them in the last four years.

In the year 1940 the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund were responsible for the establishment of eight new colonies. The program now under way provides for

the erection of fifteen additional settlements in 1941. This colonization program is essential for these reasons, in brief:

To widen the frontiers of Jewish colonization in the Jewish Homeland, to provide the soil upon which the Yishuv's capacity for self-sufficiency in agricultural production may be enhanced, to erect settlements for the purpose of increasing the strategic security of colonies already established, and to give a foot-hold on the land to an increasing number of refugees who have come to Palestine to rebuild their economic life through integration on the soil of Palestine.

The program of land acquisition that has been carried on by the Jewish people since 1903 through the Jewish National Fund must be continued. The land previously contracted for must be redeemed, and new areas available for acquisition must be obtained so that the refugees who enter Palestine may have land upon which to settle and land from which to obtain the food for their support.

Grave new burdens have fallen upon the Jewish community of Palestine. It has met these burdens with patience, faith and self-sacrifice, providing increasing sums of money for emergency, security and war-time needs. However, certain programs which the Jewish community in Palestine was unable until the war to carry on by itself in whole or in part must, if this magnificent structure is to be preserved and widened, be assumed by American Jewry.

Thus, the Jewish Agency must enlarge its contribution for the maintenance of the educational system of Palestine, which embraces some sixty thousand children. This is but one illustration of the wide variety of cultural and economic, as well as agricultural activities which the United Palestine Appeal is sponsoring.

The facts of Palestine's development are in themselves a source of pride and encouragement to all Jewry. We must remember that because of the generosity and the vision of the Jewish people in previous years, there exists in Palestine the largest free Jewish community in the world, next to that of the United States. Preservation of the Jewish people and of Jewish values is bound up with the growth of the Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Today the Jews of Palestine are playing a significant role in the struggle whose outcome will determine the fate, not alone of one country, but of our present-day civilization. Over six thousand Palestine Jews are in the British Army. Palestine Jews are now serving in the battles in Egypt and Greece. In the coming months, additional thousands of Palestine Jews will be recruited in the regular forces and in the Volunteer Force, which has been initiated in the past week.

The Jews of America have the opportunity and the responsibility of making clear to this great Jewish community in Palestine that we share with them the spirit of faith in the ultimate triumph of the cause for which they are fighting, and that we shall do everything in our power to maintain their morale, not alone with moral, but with an increased material support.

For these reasons, I have every confidence that you and your associates in the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Louisville will give the most sympathetic consideration to the request of the United Palestine Appeal for a minimum allotment of \$42,500 for 1941, and that the Jewish community of Louisville will respond to your 1941

December 30, 1940.

welfare fund campaign with a generosity sufficient to meet this obligation which we have eagerly assumed.

Looking forward to word from you for one of several days on which the United Palestine Appeal might meet officially with the members of the Board of Directors of the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Louisville, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles J. Rosenbloom
Treasurer

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LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE OF JEWISH
ORGANIZATIONS

Louisville, Kentucky

CC: DR. SILVER

January 1, 1941

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Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 30, 1940, making a request for an allocation of \$42,500 from our community.

Our total allocation for the three organizations, formerly comprising the United Jewish Appeal, is \$75,000. This amount has already been fixed, and our Campaign begins in about a week. It is going to be extremely difficult to raise this \$75,000 under any circumstances, and if any serious competitive element should be injected into our Campaign, I am quite sure that we would fall far short.

In our community, which is completely integrated, the large proportions of our big gifts come from strong JDC supporters. We welcomed the UJA, among other reasons, because it enabled the UPA to secure a much larger proportion of our community funds than it could otherwise possibly have obtained. We feel that the best ends can be served by allocating the sum of \$75,000 to the three agencies, during the course of the Campaign. After the Campaign is concluded, we shall then consider appropriate action with respect to the manner in which the total is divided.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Charles Morris

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January 2, 1941

Mr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a personal letter addressed to me by Mr. Charles W. Morris, Chairman of the Louisville Conference of Jewish Organizations. Although it is marked "personal" and he does raise a delicate question, I do not see how I could possibly keep the letter from you. I am also attaching a copy of my acknowledgment to Mr. Morris.

Louisville happens to be one of the first 1941 campaigns and I am very happy that you have accepted the invitation to address its opening. It will give you the opportunity to meet privately with some of the leaders to impress upon them the necessity of the 50-50 ratio for Palestine.

Do you believe that we ought to ask Rabbi Solomon Bazell of Louisville to arrange a meeting for you privately so that our Louisville friends could be bucked up to make demands upon the Louisville Welfare Fund when allotments are considered?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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January 2, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for your letter of December 30th. Please be assured that Dr. Silver who has been Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal in 1939 and 1940 is fully familiar with the requirements of a Welfare Fund campaign. You probably know that he is Chairman of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund and is responsible for the most phenomenal growth of that Fund in the past four years. That he is National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal has not, in the slightest, blunted his interest in other Jewish communities. But I am sure that you know all this.

You surely do not expect Dr. Silver, as National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, not to devote appropriate attention to the largest constructive program now undertaken by the Jewish people and being financed by the Louisville Welfare Fund.

You may be sure that Dr. Silver in Louisville, as in every other community he has visited, will deal appropriately with every branch of Jewish needs.

Under separate cover, there have gone forward to you copies of photographs and biographical sketches of Dr. Silver.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EG

CC: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

January 6, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Morris:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 1st in which you state that it is now planned to make available a total of \$75,000 toward the agencies which formerly comprised the United Jewish Appeal. You have noted that the United Palestine Appeal, in an endeavor to attain its objective of \$12,000,000, for war emergency purposes in 1941, has urged upon Louisville an allotment of \$42,500.

The United Palestine Appeal desires to cooperate fully with the Louisville campaign and I am sure Louisville in its turn wishes to play its full part in preserving and extending the Jewish community of Palestine through the United Palestine Appeal.

You remark that a "large portion of our big gifts come from strong JDC supporters." I am wondering whether that phrase helps to clarify the state of mind of American Jews at this time. It seems to me that every Jew is concerned with the responsibilities of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal and that no serious-minded Jew can establish a differentiation between them on the ground of being favorable to one as against the other.

The Jews of Louisville, like the Jews of any other city, want to serve Jewish interests in the most fruitful way. The existence of the United Palestine Appeal makes possible a large measure of service to the Jewish community of Palestine whose contribution to the solution of the Jewish problem in Europe has been unparalleled. As you are aware, during the eight-year period from July 1, 1932 through June 30, 1940, Palestine absorbed 289,000 Jews; during the same period the United States took in 130,000 Jews. It is evident, therefore, even from the refugee problem point of view alone that Palestine represents a magnet for increasingly large contributions for the solution of the refugee problem.

Mr. Charles Morris

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January 6, 1941

I have no doubt that in Louisville, as in every section of the country, there are citizens whose relatives in Germany and in Poland have found freedom and opportunity in Palestine during this past decade.

However, all these facts must be known to you and to your associates. Surely it is on the basis of the facts and the opportunities for using most effectively the contribution of the Louisville Jewish community that your decisions on allotments will be made.

During the course of your campaign an opportunity to clarify the Jewish situation will present itself through the participation of a number of leaders. I know that you will find Dr. Silver's presence in Louisville a unique contribution to a comprehensive understanding of the position of the Jewish people today.

Cordially yours,

CJR:MBG



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January 6, 1941

Rabbi Irving Miller
1295 Central Avenue
Far Rockaway
New York, N.Y.

WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE WITH YOU ON JANUARY 20. PLEASE SEND ME DETAILS ABOUT MEETING.

Abba Hillel Silver

January 8, 1941

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

Confidential Digest- Louisville, Kentucky

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Special Gifts Dinner- January 14th

Assigned Quota-\$42,500

Jewish Population-13,800

A formal letter of application for a UPA allotment of \$42,500 was addressed to Charles W. Morris, Chairman of the Conference of Jewish Organizations of Louisville, on December 30th, under the signature of Dr. A. H. Silver. Copies of this application were sent to Rabbi Solomon N. Bazell, Rabbi Jacob J. Gittleman, Clarence F. Judah, Secretary; James H. Levy and Charles Strull.

On November 26th, 1940, Mr. Coons addressed a meeting of Louisville leaders to clear up any doubts as to the ability of the United Jewish Appeal agencies to carry out their programs and the tremendous need of increased financial support. On December 6th, Mr. Morris visited UJA headquarters and advised that a goal of \$118,000 had been set for the 1941 campaign with about \$75,000 intended for the United Jewish Appeal; the campaign to open between January 20th and February 1st. Lewis Tachau and Murrel Klein have accepted the '41 campaign co-chairmanship.

Mr. Clifton Fadiman is scheduled to address a meeting here today (January 8th) and Moses A. Leavitt of the JDC is also due there today. Mrs. Myron S. Falk will address a meeting of the Women's Division on the 15th, and Rabbi Irving Miller will appear at an orthodox mass meeting on the 15th.

The following have accepted membership on the National UPA Council:

James H. Levy
Stuart G. Levy
Charles W. Morris
Charles Strull

Rabbi Solomon N. Bazell and Charles W. Morris have consented to serve as Honorary Vice-Chairmen of the UPA.

Attached hereto is copy of a recent exchange of correspondence between Mr. Morris and Mr. Montor relative to your visit on the 14th.

1940 - Louisville conducted a very successful campaign in January, 1940 when the \$110,000 goal of the Federation was oversubscribed. The UJA was allocated \$68,775 with practically the entire amount paid to date. Stuart G. Levy and James H. Levy served as campaign chairmen.

1939 - The UJA received the sum of \$67,565 from the 1939 campaign.

1938 - No campaign was conducted in Louisville during the year 1938.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date January 10, 1941

To Miss Bessie Kline

From Miss Esther Hoffman - Speakers' Bureau

Subject Dr. Silver's visit to Louisville, Ky.- January 14th

When Dr. Silver was in New York I asked him if he wanted us to arrange his transportation to Louisville. He said that he did not know where he would be the day before and that you would take care of it for him.

I suppose you would do it anyway, but may I suggest that as soon as you have determined the manner and exact time of Dr. Silver's arrival in Louisville you write to Mr. Charles Morris, 600 Marion E. Taylor Building, Louisville, Ky., giving him the details and asking him to have Dr. Silver met at the station or airport.

I hope you will forgive me if this is superfluous interference.

EH

Louisville Conference of Jewish Organizations

600 Marion E. Taylor Building

Louisville, Kentucky

January 10, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
East 105th St. & Ansel Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio

AIRMAIL

Dear Dr. Silver:

Within the last few days I have received a number of communications over your signature, relating to the independent campaign of the United Palestine Appeal. Some of these communications have reached me in my capacity as Honorary Vice-Chairman of the UPA and some of them were addressed to me as Chairman of the Louisville Conference of Jewish Organizations.

Last week I spoke with you over the phone and was delighted to have you accept our invitation to speak to our Special Gifts Dinner, opening our 1941 United Jewish Campaign.

The Budget for this Campaign was fixed some time ago. Our total quota is \$118,000. Of this amount, the sum of \$75,000 was allocated to the United Jewish Appeal. The quotas for the various constituent organizations are fixed by the Executive Committee of the Conference. The subscribing public does not participate in these deliberations or decisions, except through its elected representatives on the Conference.

Our community does not know of the determination of the three agencies to discontinue the United Jewish Appeal. From our acquaintance with our community we feel that a disclosure of this unfortunate situation would seriously affect the success of our Campaign. It is our plan to raise as much money as we possibly can for the three agencies, without attempting at this time to determine how this money shall be divided. After our Campaign has been concluded we propose to invite representatives of the UPA, the JDC and the NRS to visit our Executive Committee and present their respective point of view, in order to assist us in arriving at an equitable division. I trust that this procedure conforms with your own ideas and, from the general context of the communications which I have received, I believe that it does.

Page II
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
January 10, 1941

Our community is looking forward eagerly to hearing you, and I am sure that no man in America can more eloquently and convincingly present the case for the three agencies which will share in the distribution of the aforesaid \$75,000.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles Sumner

CWM:LH

Copy to:
Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom



January 11, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 10. I accepted your invitation to open your campaign on January 14 and there were no strings attached to my acceptance. I shall speak of all the three agencies which previously were beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal, and which now make separate applications to Welfare Funds throughout the country. I am a member of the Council of the Joint Distribution Committee and also a board member of the National Refugee Service besides being chairman of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund. You need have no concern about my being unfair to any of the agencies.

I am surprised to learn, however, that your community does not yet know of the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal. I am sure that you must be mistaken. I understand that it is your intention not to determine at this time how the funds which are to be raised will be allotted as between the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service. This is to be regretted. We have found it far more desirable and helpful in a community for the contributors to know in advance how their contributions will be used, and what each agency will receive. This is almost universally the practice throughout the country. I shall be glad to discuss this matter with you further when I see you in Louisville.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

C O P Y

JULIAN W. MACK
U. S. CIRCUIT JUDGE
NEW YORK CITY
24 Fifth Avenue

January 17, 1941

Dear Dr. Silver,

I shall be very glad indeed to accept re-election as one of the Honorary Chairmen of the United Palestine Appeal for 1941.

I wish this meant that I could be personally more active in the very important work that lies ahead and that I could participate in the Conference to be held in Washington, January 25th and 26th. Long continued and continuing illness however makes this impossible.

I trust that the Conference will be but the beginning of what must be a most intensive drive, in order that we may continue to build on the firm foundation that has been laid, so that Palestine may be enabled within a reasonable time to absorb several times the present Jewish population of over a half a million.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) JULIAN W. MACK

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman

United Palestine Appeal

41 East 42nd Street

New York City

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

January 20, 1941

Honorable Julian H. Mack
24 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Judge Mack:

I appreciate greatly your encouraging letter of January 17th in which you accept re-election as an Honorary Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

In this year particularly we have need of your faith and your courage so that we may adequately respond to the hopes placed in us by the Yishuv.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

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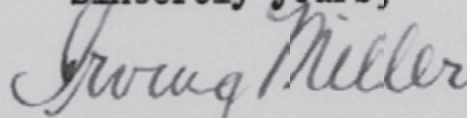
Dear Dr. Silver:

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Officers and Executive Committee of the Greater New York Campaign on Thursday, February 20th, at 5:00 o'clock, in the Board Room of our Campaign Headquarters, 200 Madison Avenue (entrance on 35th Street).

Mr. Sylvan Gotshal, Executive Chairman of the Campaign, will render a report on the progress that has been made in organizing the community for the Drive. Dr. Bernard Joseph, Legal Adviser to the Jewish Agency in Palestine, will deliver a confidential report on the political situation in Palestine.

It is of the utmost importance that we give earnest consideration to these reports and I hope you will make every effort to attend the meeting. A reply card is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



Irving Miller
Chairman, Executive Committee

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For the Settlement of Refugees and for the Defense and Support of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine

JULIAN W. MACK
200 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 17, 1941

May I present, for your consideration, the facts about the Campaign of the United Palestine Appeal and some of my reasons for believing that its success is of vital importance at this critical period in Jewish history and, indeed, in the history of democracy.

The United Palestine Appeal, as you know, is the agency through which funds are received in the United States for the use of the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund.

As we go about our affairs here in peace and comparative safety, a grim struggle is being waged across the sea. While it is unnecessary to review the facts of the heroic resistance of Great Britain against the monstrous Nazi machine, I want to call your attention to the part that Palestine is playing in helping to make Britain's resistance more effective -- and we all know what victory for Britain means to the United States and to Jews everywhere.

More than 8,000 Jews of Palestine have already enlisted for service with the British forces and, given the opportunity, Palestine is able and eager to provide a total force of at least 40,000 men.

In industry, too, Palestine is doing its part; it has over 200 factories in the metal industry manufacturing motorcar spare parts, armored cars, hospital equipment, barbed wire and numerous metal products. Thirty firms are actively producing electrical appliances, including searchlights. Three spinning mills working day and night make khaki drill for military use. There is a leather industry which can turn out 150,000 pairs of shoes per month. And most important of all to the war effort are the potash works of the Dead Sea which contains almost unlimited supplies of potash and other chemical products so essential to the conduct of the war.

Palestine is also helping to feed the army. Jewish farmers have placed some 50,000 additional dunams of land under cultivation. Agricultural output since the beginning of the war has increased by over 40%. Substantial quantities of potatoes and other vegetables, milk and eggs are being supplied.

These are but a few of the things which Palestine is doing; this is a war record of which Palestine may well be proud and one in which we in this country, too, may feel justifiable satisfaction. For it is largely through the efforts of the United Palestine Appeal that funds have been made available for the achievement of these results.

How has the war affected the people of Palestine? How do these free Jews react to actual attacks from the air, like those in Tel Aviv and Haifa in which several hundred people were killed and wounded? What is the state of their morale? The Jews of Palestine react to terror and attack just as free people have always reacted in the face of crisis. There is no fear in Palestine; there is only the unyielding determination to carry on and to beat back the enemy of mankind.

But this is only one phase of the great work in which Palestine is engaged. There is another way in which Palestine has coped with a critical situation -- another way in which the United Palestine Appeal with your help can continue to aid in a program that is a matter of life or death to hundreds of thousands of persecuted souls. For a number of years -- ever since the black cloud of Hitlerism darkened European skies -- our brother Jews in Europe have been cruelly maltreated, persecuted and hounded from pillar to post. Dispossessed from one nation, they have taken refuge in another, only to find themselves in a very short time confronted again with the necessity of fleeing to another temporary haven.

Much has been said about the duty of the rest of the world toward these unfortunates -- many meetings have been held -- many conferences have been called -- but out of them all has come merely a trickle of immigration into one country and a miserable quota in another. There have come soup kitchens, temporary relief and shelter -- all of which, of course, are highly important; their helpfulness is not, in any way, to be minimized.

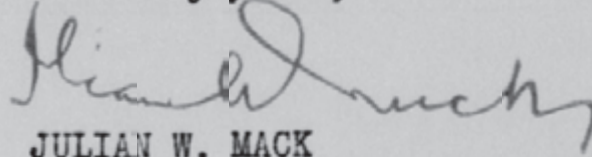
But only Palestine has tackled the problem of the refugee and with the proper vigor on a scale proportionate to its absorptive capacity. Since Nazism began its reign of terror, Palestine has received over 280,000 refugees -- more than were received by all other countries in the world combined. But even more important than this is the fact that when a refugee arrives in Palestine, he is no longer a refugee -- he is at home; he is made to feel that he is wanted. There is no thought of a refugee problem in Palestine. In fact, the Jews of Palestine consider it a holiday occasion when it becomes known that a boatload of wanderers has arrived.

Can Jews, whether Zionists or non-Zionists, who are themselves secure in a great democracy, refuse to do everything in their power to see that Palestine continues as a beacon light of hope for many of their oppressed brethren?

Among the many things that can be done through the United Palestine Appeal is the possibility of the immediate rescue in Rumania, Poland and other countries in Europe, of 8,000 Jewish families who have the necessary visas and certificates for emigration to Palestine. The keys that will open the doors of these homes are in our hands, for all that is lacking is money to pay their passage.

This campaign of the United Palestine Appeal is not one to dramatize suffering and despair. It is rather a call to hope and courage. There is a new world in the making. We Jews whose brethren have suffered so much in the old world, must do our part to build the new in accordance with the ideals of decency and freedom. It is to these ideals that Palestine and its wonderfully courageous Jewish community are dedicated, and it is to the support of Palestine's virile program that the United Palestine Appeal devotes itself.

Sincerely yours,


JULIAN W. MACK

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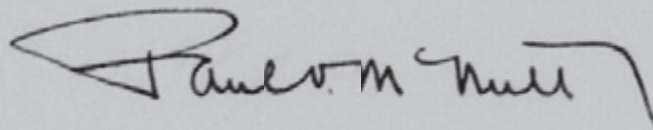
March 7, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your recent telegram suggesting that I lend my name to the American Palestine Committee. On February 26, I wrote Rabbi Wise that I would be happy to serve as a member.

With kindest regards and every good wish, I am

Very cordially yours,



Paul V. McNutt

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

March 16, 1941

Rabbi Irving Miller
Far Rockaway, N.Y.

My dear Irvings:

I have just returned from the Pacific Coast where I believe we have done some good. There was a very hearty response.

I found on my desk a memorandum about the set-up of officers for the New York City Campaign for the UJA. The list seems over-weighted with JDC people. You will recall the difficulties which we had in previous years about the New York City campaign and I am hoping that you will be vigilant and see first that the interests of the UPA are fully safe-guarded as regards publicity and meetings. There should be a spokesman of the UPA at every important trade division meeting. Last year, at some of the most important meetings, JDC people spoke for the UJA and only a passing reference was made to Palestine.

You should insist that there be regular meetings held of the Executive Committee of the UJA. Last year the campaign was carried in the vest pocket of two or three people in the office. Please arrange to have the New York UPA campaign organization meet regularly and insist on adequate consultation on all important matters. The UJA of New York City is a joint effort of the UPA and the JDC and this can not be emphasized too strongly.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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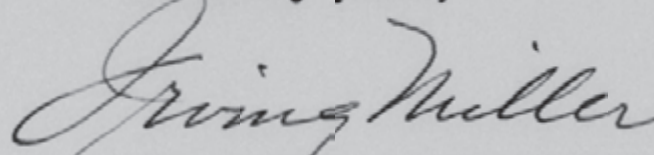
Dear Dr. Silver:

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greater New York United Palestine Appeal on Thursday, April 3rd at 5 P.M. at the office of the United Palestine Appeal, 41 East 42nd Street.

At this meeting a report will be rendered on the status of the Greater New York Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal and a program of educational activities for the United Palestine Appeal will be adopted. Your presence is of the utmost importance.

Please favor me with your reply on the enclosed card.

Sincerely yours,



Irving Miller
Chairman, Executive Committee

IM:mf
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For the Settlement of Refugees and for the Defense and Support of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine

RABBI EDGAR F. MAGNIN
WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE
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April 2, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

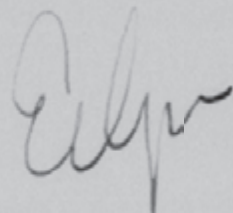
It was good to hear from you. I am sorry I missed you when I was called to San Francisco on account of the death of my uncle.

It was a great joy to have you here and the more you come the better I like it.

I have at long last accepted the chairmanship of the campaign and have gotten on the job already. I realize that this will be a tough year everywhere in the country, but I feel that this is all the more reason for taking hold of the responsibility.

With kindest greetings to you and Virginia, in which Evelyn joins me, I am

As Ever,



p.s. I heard five reports of the
Hillcrest dinner & especially your
speech.

RABBI IRVING MILLER
FAR ROCKAWAY, N. Y.

April 2nd, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Upon my return this morning from Toronto where I opened the UPA campaign, I found your letter of the 16th.

While it is true that on paper, the New York City set-up seems over-weighted with JDC people, I want to assure you that in practice, such is not quite the case. Jonah Wise, as Chairman, is more than matched by Gotshal who is the only Executive Chairman and who is really taking his job very seriously. While Wise is basking in the Florida sunshine at the present time, Gotshal is in the office almost every day.

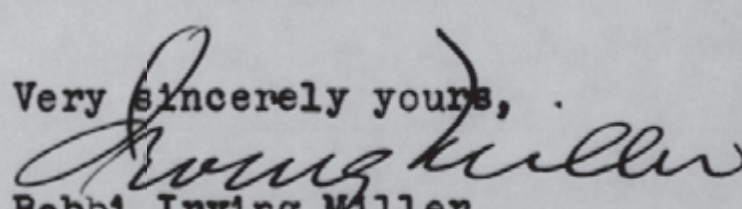
I know you will also be glad to hear that he is more zealous for UPA than I had expected, and that his words carry a good deal of weight with the JDC crowd. In addition, Blitz, as you know, has been made Executive Vice-Chairman with Bernstein directly under him, which, of course, means that the real management of the campaign is in Blitz's hands.

I note what you say about regular meetings of the UJA Executive. I have already taken up the matter with Gotshal, and both of us are going to ask for more frequent meetings than last year. In addition, I have just called a meeting of the New York UPA Executive. I hope to establish this body on a permanent basis in order that it may keep a close watch on everything which concerns the UPA.

When I next see you in New York, I hope to be in a position to give you a more adequate report of the UPA status in the city.

With all good wishes, and with kindest regards, I
am

Very sincerely yours, .


Rabbi Irving Miller

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April 16, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with the decision of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal of Greater New York, held on Thursday, April 3, the following Committee has been appointed to formulate a program of activities to be submitted to the National U.P.A. for approval:

Judge Emanuel Greenberg, Chairman
Herman W. Bernstein
Sol Cohen
Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt
Dr. Maxwell Silver

The first meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, April 21, at 5 P.M. at the United Palestine Appeal, 41 East 42nd Street. I hope you will arrange to be present in order that the Committee may have the benefit of your valued counsel and cooperation in this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Irving Miller

Irving Miller
Chairman, Executive Committee

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April 17, 1941

Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman, Executive Committee
United Palestine Appeal of Greater New York
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Miller:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of April 16. I am happy to know that you have appointed a committee to formulate a program of activities for the Greater New York U.P.A.

I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the first meeting of your committee. I am scheduled to be in New York on the 24th for a meeting of the Administrative Committee and will not be free to spend more than one day next week in New York City. I shall, however, be very happy to receive the recommendations of the committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK