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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD)
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (KEREN KAYEMETH)
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

National Chairman

Abba Hillel Silver

I send you herewith a tentative draft of the agreement between the JDC and the UPA for the 1941 UJA as of Thursday, March 27th.

National Co-Chairmen

Stephen S. Wise
*Chairman,
Administrative Committee*

Two items are still outstanding for discussion:

Louis Lipsky
*Chairman,
Executive Committee*

A. The question of how the expenses incurred by the agencies before the UJA was reconstituted shall be made.

Solomon Goldman
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We have taken the position that the UPA as well as the other agencies launched independent campaigns in good faith, and the expenditures they incurred were expenditures that normally would have been undertaken by the UJA itself. Moreover, these expenditures accrued to the benefit of the united campaign. Accordingly, the UJA should reimburse the agencies for the expenses, whatever they are.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

The JDC people have been taking the view that the UJA should not bear the expenses but that they should be pooled and each agency receive a portion in direct ratio to its share in the UJA. On this issue, as on all the other issues raised, Judge Rothenberg has really been splendid in his firmness and thoroughness.

Associate Treasurers

Abraham L. Liebovitz
Jacob Sincoff

B. Linder still insists that the National Refugee Service shall have the right to have representatives present when the Allotment Committee meets without, however, having the power to vote. Judge Rothenberg has taken the position that the Allotment Committee consists of seven members, and that the presence of any others can only serve to change the balance. If the NRS later on wants to have a representative at a meeting of the Allotment Committee, this is a request it should submit in writing to the Allotment Committee itself; but the right to have such representative present should not be included in the agreement.

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The meeting on Thursday, March 27th, at from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M. was held at the JDC office, with Harold Linder and Joseph C. Hyman for the JDC, and Judge Rothenberg and myself for the UPA.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

April 1, 1941

The JDC people, in accordance with the position they took at the previous meeting last Friday (March 21st) wanted to have no reference made to the fact that the NRS could not apply for any additional money to the New York UJA. They agreed that this was expressly understood and was part of the agreement for the 1941 UJA but they wanted nothing in writing. They finally yielded to Judge Rothenberg's insistence that there must be a minute at least, which would be signed by the parties, so that there could be a definite record as valid as the agreement itself to show that the NRS could not apply for any additional money to the New York UJA. Attached is a copy of the minute.

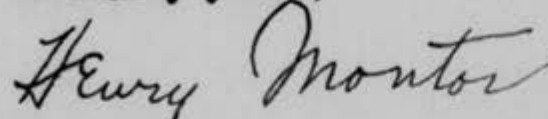
Linder is a very vigorous advocate. It took a great deal of patience on the part of Judge Rothenberg as well as good humor to wear him down.

In the meantime the auditors of the three agencies have been asked to compile statements in detail of the expenses they incurred in the conduct of their campaigns, and Coons and myself are supposed to survey these auditors' lists before submission to Judge Rothenberg and Mr. Linder for final adjudication.

Mr. Linder said he would consult with Mr. Rosenwald about the representation of the NRS people in Allotment Committee meetings.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

A G R E E M E N T

Between
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE AND UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
Constituting the 1941
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES, OVERSEAS NEEDS AND PALESTINE

1. The United Jewish Appeal (Inc.) for Refugees and Overseas Needs is a continuation of the 1939 and 1940 campaign structure through the United Jewish Appeal, Inc. by means of which the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. (J.D.C.) and the United Palestine Appeal, Inc. (U.P.A.) will, during the calendar year 1941, conduct, in the United States, a joint campaign for funds for their combined needs and those of the National Refugee Service, Inc. (N.R.S.) upon the following terms.
2. The quota of the 1941 United Jewish Appeal shall be fixed by the National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal.
3. All net funds received by the United Jewish Appeal and any of the organizations abovementioned, as a result of its 1941 campaign, are to be distributed as follows, after expenses of the National United Jewish Appeal have been deducted:
 - A. The first such funds up to \$8,800,000 are to be divided in the following proportions:

(a)	The N.R.S. is to receive	\$2,000,000	
(b)	The J.D.C. " " "	4,275,000	
(c)	The U.P.A. " " "	<u>2,525,000</u>	<u>\$8,800,000</u>
 - The amount for the National Refugee Service is to include its participation without special or additional allotment from the New York City and metropolitan area campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.
 - B. All net sums collected, received or raised through the United Jewish Appeal, and by or through any of the aforementioned organizations, over and above the funds disposed of by the preceding subdivisions of this paragraph shall be divided between the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service at the sole and exclusive discretion of an Allotment Committee. It is distinctly understood

and agreed that the allocation of funds provided for in subdivision "A" of this paragraph shall not in any manner be regarded as a precedent or guide by the Allotment Committee in dividing any funds subject to its disposal, it being the intent and purpose hereof that the Allotment Committee shall make such division upon the basis of its own independent study.

C. Expenditures incurred by the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal in connection with the launching of their campaigns for 1941, prior to the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal, shall be charges upon the campaign expenses of the United Jewish Appeal, Inc. and these agencies shall be reimbursed by the 1941 United Jewish Appeal for such expenditures.

4. The aforesaid Allotment Committee shall be composed of an equal number of nominees of the Joint Distribution Committee and of the United Palestine Appeal. The Allotment Committee will also include three representatives of Welfare Fund communities, to be approved by the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal before said representatives shall become members of the Allotment Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the Allotment Committee for any reason whatsoever, the said vacancy shall be filled by a person designated in exactly the same manner as was the person whose place had become vacant. The Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal may respectively name alternates for their nominees to the Allotment Committee. The Allotment Committee shall act by a majority vote of the total number. As and when the Allotment Committee shall make grants as authorized over and above the amounts set forth in Paragraph 3A, the Treasurers of the United Jewish Appeal are authorized to make payments of such grants forthwith out of available funds.

5. Upon organization of the Allotment Committee, there shall be allocated to it from the United Jewish Appeal, Inc. an amount to be agreed upon between the parties to be used during 1941, in connection with budget studies, personnel and other overhead expenses, to the end that the said Allotment Committee shall have for consideration at its various meetings all material which may be pertinent to a thorough analysis of all matters before it. The Allotment Committee shall be named not later than April 15th and shall be requested to endeavor to make its first allotment by July 1st.
6. The traditional collections of the Jewish National Fund are not to be included in or to be considered a part of the United Jewish Appeal. However, a report of its net receipts shall be made available to the Allotment Committee. Any income received by the Jewish National Fund through allotments from Welfare Funds is to be considered income for the United Jewish Appeal.
7. Any funds paid or payable directly to the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal or the National Refugee Service as the respective beneficiaries of any Will, Estate, Testamentary Bequest or Provision and under any power of Appointment, shall be retained by the recipient thereof and not included in, or considered part of, the United Jewish Appeal.
8. The National Refugee Service shall have the right to receive and retain grants and contributions from Foundations whose charters, or established policy prior to the making of such grant specifically exclude gifts that are not to be used within the United States; and certification of such established policy by the duly authorized officers of such foundations shall be deemed conclusive. Such grants or contributions shall not be included in, or considered part of, the United Jewish Appeal. However, it is understood that this paragraph shall not be deemed to give the National Refugee Service the right to obtain grants or contributions from any Foundation or Agency which contributed funds to the

United Jewish Appeal on behalf of the National Refugee Service during the years 1939 and 1940. The National Refugee Service shall report to the Allotment Committee all funds received from whatever source with a description of the sources.

9. The United Jewish Appeal shall constitute the unified fund-raising instrument for the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service and none of the three last-mentioned organizations shall undertake separate campaigns in the United States during the year 1941, with the exceptions noted herein. If a supplementary appeal or campaign is to be initiated in the United States by any of the said three beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal, such a campaign or appeal must have the approval of the United Jewish Appeal and the proceeds must be reported and transmitted to it.
10. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service agree that all funds and assets of any nature whatsoever pledged to and/or collected or received by any of them directly during the year 1940, which would in the ordinary course be credited to the 1940 United States campaign of the recipient, and/or any and all funds and assets pledged to and/or received and collected by any of them directly as a result of any 1940 United States campaign activities, shall be assigned, transferred and/or paid over to the United Jewish Appeal, Inc. and shall be considered part of the receipts of the joint campaign and subject in their entirety to the provisions hereof.
11. The two technical managing heads of the United Jewish Appeal, representing the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal respectively, shall have equal status in the direction of the activities of the United Jewish Appeal, Inc.
12. No agencies other than the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service are to^{be} beneficiaries of distributions

made by the Distribution Committee; and no such other agencies shall be included in the United Jewish Appeal without the prior consent of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal.

13. The United Jewish Appeal, Inc. undertakes to take immediate steps for such amendments of its By-Laws and Resolutions as may be necessary for the purposes of this agreement; it being understood that no changes in the manner in which the Membership, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, Inc. is selected, shall be made.
14. This agreement between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal and the joint campaign which is the subject thereof, shall be deemed to have commenced on January 1st, 1941 and shall expire on December 31st, 1941; it being understood, however, that all activities thereafter directed at concluding the 1941 campaign and the collection of all pledges and subscriptions made therein shall come within the purview hereof. Any proposal for an agreement for fund-raising in a 1942 campaign shall be considered not later than October 31st, 1941.
15. All details for implementing and carrying out the foregoing agreement are in the charge of the National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, or their respective nominees. Meetings in regard to such details will be held at regular intervals.

(signed) _____
For Joint Distribution Committee

(signed) _____
For United Palestine Appeal

Referring to Paragraph A of the agreement entered into between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal this day, it is understood that the \$2,000,000 and such additional sums as may be granted by the Allotment Committee shall be deemed to include the participation of the National Refugee Service in the proceeds of the Greater New York campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

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Jonah B. Wise

April 2, 1941

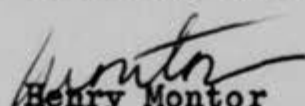
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are notifying Hartford in a formal manner of your kind acceptance of the invitation to be the guest speaker at the campaign opening meeting scheduled in that city on Wednesday, April 23rd. Our office will send you sufficiently in advance of the meeting the necessary information concerning the campaign situation in Hartford, as well as the details of the meeting itself.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:DDB

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April 3, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am wondering whether it would be at all possible for you to accept an invitation from Rabbi Eugene Mannheimer of Des Moines, Iowa, to visit that community to open the campaign. A special problem has arisen there in relation to the big givers and it is felt that only someone like you could meet the situation.

Under ordinary circumstances, I would not call such a community to your attention, even though it does raise \$75,000, of which some \$45,000 went to the UJA last year. They can raise even more.

Des Moines needs an injection of some Palestine sentiment and it is for that reason that I undertake to submit Des Moines for your consideration. A certain amount of feeling generated by the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal and by the referendum discussion must be liquidated. Going to Des Moines is not like addressing a mass meeting where the results are not visible. You meet directly with the big givers who contribute on the spot.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,
Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BG

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Dear Dr. Silver:

A wire was sent to Rabbi Bernard M. Dorfman of Lima to ask how it is that Lima was recorded by the Council of Federations as having approved the budgeting proposal, whereas Rabbi Dorfman told you that Lima had rejected.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Albert L. Negin, Secretary of the Allied Jewish Campaign of Lima, which speaks for itself.

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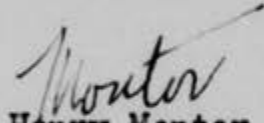
With kindest regards, I am

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Cordially yours,

HM:JB
Encl.


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April 4, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that you were interested in having Dr. Lowdermilk for a lecture in Cleveland in January. He wrote at that time that he could not be available before April 1st.

Do you wish me to follow him up for any subsequent time this Spring?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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HM:fj

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Dear Dr. Silver:

The Milwaukee community is most anxious to have you for the opening of the campaign on May 18th. The total goal will be \$320,000. Milwaukee has the money if it can be stimulated to part with it.

Milwaukee is writing to you directly to extend its invitation. I do hope it will be possible for you to accept.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH

April 4, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I hope that you have succeeded in getting the action of the B'nai B'rith Board with reference to the referendum into the public press. If you cannot get it into the JTA Bulletin, the New Palestine at least should carry it. You will recall that the JDC, the NRS and the ORT made a public statement in favor of the proposals. It is of utmost importance that other agencies besides the Zionists should come out against it. The canvassing of the Board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis should also receive publicity.

With reference to Des Moines: I am afraid that I will not be able to go there. I have already scheduled myself for Detroit on May 11; St. Louis, May 5; Hartford, April 23; and Brooklyn, April 24. We have a tremendous amount of work to do here in Cleveland to make a success of our campaign. Unless there is a real emergency in a community where I can be of service, I do not believe that I shall be able to take on any more engagements for the next two months.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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

Mr. Gellman conducted a blitzkrieg campaign to obtain from the United Palestine Appeal the money which was allotted to Mizrachi. If he had exerted the same energy at any time during the last three years for the transfer to the United Palestine Appeal of reports on Mizrachi financial activity, his anxiety would not have arisen.

At any rate, a check for \$10,000 was forwarded to the Mizrachi with the expressed hope that by May 1st the financial report which we have been asking for so long would be made available from Palestine. The refusal, up to this time, to present adequate reports is certainly a source of questioning.

In your reference to Chief Rabbi Herzog, am I to understand that you wish him invited as a guest for the next meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal on April 24th, or that a special function should be called for him. Will you be in New York at the time? Is there any date which you could suggest?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ME

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Dear Dr. Silver:

National Chairman

Abba Hillel Silver

As you will have seen, the story which you telephoned me about the Executive Board of the Central Conference was issued on the day the information was received.

National Co-Chairmen

Stephen S. Wise
*Chairman,
Administrative Committee*

Simon Shetzer was in touch with me by telephone Friday afternoon. He told me of his telephone conversation with Henry Monsky who did not wish to release the resolution which was couched in such a form that it might be interpreted as being intended exclusively for the Council of Federations.

Louis Lipsky
*Chairman,
Executive Committee*

Solomon Goldman
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Mr. Monsky will be in New York today or tomorrow and I shall communicate with him for the purpose of obtaining a release on the resolution. It will, of course, be issued promptly and circulated widely.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

Associate Treasurers

Abraham L. Liebovitz
Jacob Sincoff

I spoke to the Council office to inquire whether the Council was planning to insist upon April 1st as the final date for voting in the referendum. I pointed out that Cincinnati was planning to vote on April 7th, and asked whether that vote would have validity. I was told that this was a matter that would have to be decided by the Board of Directors of the Council at its next meeting. In the meantime the communities will have to follow their own instincts. I believe I am correct, however, in undertaking to encourage those communities, which have not yet voted, to vote, assuming that their views are opposed to the establishment of a national budgeting committee.

Vice-Chairmen

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It will be of the utmost importance that every Zionist member of the Board of Directors of the Council attend the next meeting. I would like to suggest that when the date has been fixed you send a wire to all the Zionist members to have them meet with you in the city of the meeting for a prior caucus as to the procedures to be adopted at the Board of Directors session.

Executive Director

Henry Montor

I send you herewith a detailed list of the communities entitled to vote, indicating which have approved and which have rejected the proposal. Our information in the first category may be incomplete. The figures indicate, also, which communities

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

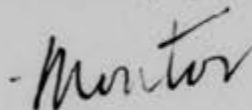
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have not yet acted, which have declined to act or have tabled.

I realize, of course, the tremendous pressure upon you in connection with the Cleveland campaign, and even though I regret, I can understand your inability to take on more engagements. However, every letter that comes into the United Jewish Appeal office places one name at the head of its requirements for speakers, and that is your own. When I see this universal and unexceptionable desire to have you in the community I wonder why so much to-do was made about the battle you conducted on behalf of the minority view of the referendum and in connection with the United Palestine Appeal campaign.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

April 7, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Please let me know what available dates Dr. Lowdermilk has this month.

Please extend an invitation, in my name, to Chief Rabbi Herzog to attend the meeting of our Administrative Committee meeting on April 24.

May I call your attention to the enclosed letter of Mr. Rosenwald which is by way of the opening gun in a campaign to get priority of payment both of the first collections of the UJA up to the \$2,000,000 and then all sums over and above \$8,800,000 to meet their full budget of \$4,342,000.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was interested to read the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Greater New York campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

I was astounded to learn that the income accruing to the JDC for Moes Chitim, that is the "special matzoth fund" of the JDC, was regarded as belonging to it exclusively. Under the same circumstances, the UPA might initiate a campaign to raise funds for Haganah, or even for a matzoth fund for Palestine. It seems to me that this requires some special consideration.

The Night of Stars is conducted annually, presumably for the UPA and yet the income goes completely to the United Jewish Appeal.

If the JDC is permitted to establish this precedent, it will, to my mind, make meaningless the agreement for the division of all funds to the three agencies.

I am sending a copy of this to Judge Rothenberg who is handling the negotiations with the JDC on the agreement. I hope that you will communicate with him on the subject.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES

MARCH 14, 1941 MEETING - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GREATER NEW YORK CAMPAIGN

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR REFUGEES AND OVERSEAS NEEDS

(Minutes adopted at continued Executive Meeting Friday, March 21, 1941)

A general discussion was had in relation to the Special Fund for Passover necessities being conducted by the Council of Fraternal Orders and Landsmanschaften, Jewish newspapers, congregations and retail grocers association which fund is being raised for administration by the J.D.C. Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser pointed out that these funds were in fact not a part of general contributions to the United New York Appeal but were extra budgetary earmarked funds to be administered by the J.D.C. for the purchase of Passover necessities.

Mr. Edward M.M. Warburg pointed out that as between the J.D.C. and the N.R.S. in the United New York Appeal, it was understood that these funds were not part of United New York Appeal contributions.

Mr. Samuel Blitz stated that in 1940 there had also been a Matzoth Campaign, conducted by United Jewish Appeal, which was part of the general funds. Mr. Henry C. Bernstein gave the complete history of the formation of this special Passover necessities campaign and pointed out the essential differences between the 1941 fund and the 1940 general campaign.

Upon motion of Mr. Abraham Liebovitz, it was unanimously resolved that all contributions and pledges to the special Matzoth Fund, to be administered by the J.D.C. were not part of general campaign funds but were to be treated as earmarked funds to be turned over to the J.D.C. to be administered by them for the purchase and distribution of Passover necessities.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I note that Mr. Bakstansky is on his way to America from London. This is in response to the invitation that was voted to be extended to him by the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal.

I merely want to call attention to the fact that since the United Palestine Appeal is not having an independent campaign, Mr. Bakstansky's usefulness will be limited.

There will be the substantial expense of transportation by Clipper from London. No arrangements have yet been made with regard to maintenance in this country.

I merely make note of these as a preliminary explanation for any undue expenditures which the UPA may incur.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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CINCINNATI JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT VOTED BY
OVERWHELMING MAJORITY ADOPT " IN PLACE OF PROPOSAL OF
NATIONAL COUNCIL" RECOMMENDATION FOR FACT FINDING BODY ALONE.
THIS OPPOSED BY SHRODER. RESULT SHOW 62 COMMUNITIES REJECTED
COUNCIL PROPOSAL IF CINCINNATI INCLUDED. WE HAVE RECORD OF
ONLY 47 UNITED STATES COMMUNITIES ACCEPTING ALTHOUGH THIS MAY
BE AN UNDERESTIMATE REGARDS=

HENRY MONTOR.

April 8, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have just looked over the list of the Administrative Committee of the UPA printed on the letterhead. I was unfavorably impressed with the unusually large number of members from in and about New York and the relatively small number from the rest of the country -- something like 85-31. That is not a wholesome set-up. I am sorry that I did not have a chance to go over the list of the Committee carefully when it was presented by the K.K. and the K.H. There are some important communities that are not even represented by a single member on the Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

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

April 8, 1941

Mr. Harold Linder and Honorable Morris Rothenberg
New York City

Gentlemen:

To provide you with financial data and authoritative facts on expenditures incurred by the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service, respectively, between January 1st, 1941 and March 14, 1941, inclusive, we submit herewith the following statements:

1. The accounts have been examined in detail by Mr. Abraham Keller, Accountant for the J.D.C. Campaign and the N.R.S. Campaign, and by Mr. Bernard J. Reis, C.P.A. and Accountant for the U.P.A. Campaign.
2. Herewith is a total of J.D.C.-N.R.S. and U.P.A. expenditures from January 1st to March 14, 1941, inclusive, as incurred in the national campaigns:

J.D.C. - N.R.S. Campaign Expenditures	\$127,836.03
U.P.A. Campaign Expenditures	<u>82,840.37</u>
or a total of	\$210,676.40

3. In addition, we are advised that the U.P.A. advanced to its New York City Campaign the sum of \$50,250.80 and that the J.D.C. advanced to the Greater New York United Appeal of the J.D.C. and N.R.S. \$75,000, making a total of \$125,250.80.
4. Certain additional items may be of value to you in your consideration of these expenditures:
 - A. For the period from January 1 through March 14, 1940, the national campaign of the U.J.A. incurred expenditures amounting to \$85,000. For the period from January 1 through March 14, 1941, the U.J.A. as such did not conduct a campaign, but the separate agencies did, with the expenditures indicated above, totaling \$210,676.40.
 - B. Included in the \$210,676.40 expended by the J.D.C.-N.R.S. and the U.P.A. national campaigns from January 1 through March 14, 1941, are a number of capital assets and cash funds which will accrue to the benefit of the U.J.A., such as revolving funds, automobiles, furniture, and other property.
5. In submitting this statement, it is our belief that there may be small items not yet accounted for, which in the aggregate, together with certain adjustments that can amicably be made between the agencies, would make it expeditious that auditors have a reasonable amount at their disposal as a contingency allowance for all adjustments not thus far included in the calculations as stated, these adjustments to be approved by Messrs. Coons and Montor.

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It is our understanding that the national agreement for 1941 will provide that all monies received by the J.D.C., U.P.A. and N.R.S. respectively, as contributions from January 1, 1941 through March 14, 1941, will be remitted to the treasury of the U.J.A. for 1941.

In the matter of leases and other contracts which might be subject to dispute, we respectfully submit that the Treasurers of the U.J.A. be authorized by your committee to make the necessary decisions and adjustments.

Sincerely yours,

Isidor Coons

Henry Montor

Executive Vice-Chairmen

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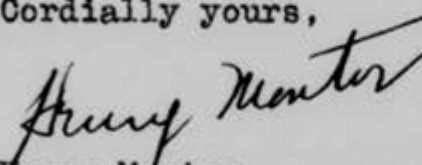
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Council of Federations has invited Judge Louis Levinthal to attend the next meeting of its Board of Directors. The invitation was addressed to Judge Levinthal as the nominee of the U.P.A. on the Board of Directors.

What about the decision of the U.P.A. to invite a representative of the Council of Federations to participate in our meetings of the Administrative Committee, the next of which is to be held on April 24th? Should an invitation be sent?

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

MEMORANDUM

April 9, 1941

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
FROM: Henry Montor

Attached hereto is a copy of a memo addressed to me by Mr. Isidor Coons, together with relevant applications from the Statistical Bureau of Synagogue Council of America for a one-time grant of \$1,000 from the UJA.

This matter is being deferred to the next meeting of the officers of the UJA.

It would seem to me that any compliance with this request would open a Pandora's box.

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April 7th, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor

Mr. Isidor Coons

Request of Statistical Bureau of Synagogue Council of America
for One-Time Grant of \$1,000 from the U.J.A.

A committee comprising Dr. H. S. Linfield, Director of the Statistical Bureau of Synagogue Council of America; Charles P. Kramer, Chairman; and Hon. William B. Herlands, a member of the Administrative Committee, communicated recently with the J.D.C. relative to a grant to carry on their statistical program. They were referred to me as the U.J.A. makes continuous use of community and other information which this Bureau gathers.

Dr. Linfield discussed the matter with me personally and I asked him to submit a request in writing, giving all the details. A copy of the letter addressed to me by Mr. Roger W. Straus, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Synagogue Council of America, is attached herewith. Also attached is a copy of my acknowledgment to Dr. Linfield.

I am sure that you will agree with me that this is a matter that cannot be disposed of by us and should be brought to the attention of the officers and executives at their first meeting.

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April 7th, 1941

Dr. H.S. Linfield, Director
Statistical Bureau of Synagogue Council of America
1181 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Linfield:

Thank you for the letter addressed to me as Executive Vice-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal by Mr. Roger W. Straus, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Synagogue Council of America, in which Mr. Straus invites the United Jewish Appeal to make a one-time grant of \$1,000 so that the Statistical Bureau may continue its work of gathering statistics and data of Jews in 4,600 localities in this country.

I shall be glad to bring this matter to the attention of the officers of the United Jewish Appeal at the earliest opportunity. The transition of the independent campaigns of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service, respectively, into a reconstituted United Jewish Appeal has delayed the organization of campaign officers, executive committees, etc. It is my hope that these officers can be selected at an early date and a meeting called promptly thereafter in order to consider many matters of importance, including the request of Mr. Roger W. Straus in behalf of the Statistical Bureau.

In the meantime, you may be assured that your request will have my personal attention, and in due course you will hear from me as to the decision of our officers.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Isidor Coons
Executive Vice-Chairman

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P.S. I am not addressing a separate letter to Mr. Straus as I am of the opinion that you will bring this letter to his attention. I am adding an extra copy for this purpose.

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STATISTICAL BUREAU
of
SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA
1181 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N.Y.

March 31, 1941.

Mr. Isidor Coons, Executive Vice-Chairman
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Coons:

You are, of course, acquainted with the article in the present volume of the American Jewish Year Book, which lists, for the first time, the Jewish population of 4,600 cities and villages. This study, prepared by our director, will be periodically augmented and revised. You may also know of the United States government bulletin "Jewish Congregations," which was prepared by our Statistical Bureau. The bulletin reproduces our statistics of Jews for the principal communities of the country, and it gives a statement of the history of our people in this country, the teachings of Judaism, and our organization and work.

Your organization directly benefits from our work. You may know that about twenty years ago only about 1,500 cities and villages of our country were known to have Jewish populations. Ten years ago our Bureau published a list of 3,100 cities and villages having Jewish residents. The great increase was due partly to the continuous spread of Jews from the large to the small places, and partly to a more comprehensive census. Our latest list, mentioned above, gives 4,600 cities and villages. These lists are indispensable to your work and your nation-wide drives for funds. Many of the small communities, in the absence of these lists, would be totally unknown to you. In many other communities our enumerations serve as a basis for the organization and the work of local committees for fund-raising and other purposes. Your allocation of quotas for the Jewish communities is facilitated by these lists, if not based upon these. Indeed, our periodic enumerations of the Jews of our country and the trends that these show, influence the scope of the work of everyone of our national organizations.

Our Statistical Bureau is now engaged in preparing a complete directory of American rabbis, the first of its kind. This work, too, will no doubt, benefit your great organization.

The Statistical Bureau of the Synagogue Council of America is the major source of information concerning American Jews. As you

Mr. Isidore Coons,
Executive Vice-Chairman

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March 31, 1941.

may know, our Bureau (formerly the Jewish Statistical Bureau) collects statistics of Jews for the United States Census Bureau and for our communities, maintains a Jewish information service for government offices and the general public, and works to assure Jews proper classification in United States census work. Our Bureau is the recognized authoritative source of essential information concerning Jews, by government and by private agencies.

We feel that our work must be continued, partly because it is indispensable to the activities of our communities and our national organizations, like yours; partly because it is our duty to supply the United States Census Bureau with the statistics they demand of us, as an American religious body; and partly because our work tends to counteract the dangerous agitation to introduce a religious classification in government statistics. But in order to exist we must have the financial support of our major organizations. The American Jewish Committee has pledged \$3,500 to our budget this year, and we are now appealing to other organizations, especially those that are engaged in raising funds on a nation-wide scale. We, therefore, appeal to you for a one-time contribution of \$1,000 for the work of our Statistical Bureau, so that it may carry on its work of gathering statistics and data of Jews in 4,600 localities in our country.

Dr. Linfield informed me of the conversation he had with you last week, and I was glad to learn that you were making good use of our Jewish population statistics.

Very sincerely yours,

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(signed) Roger W. Straus
Chairman, Finance Committee
Synagogue Council of America

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STATISTICAL BUREAU OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA
Summary of Pertinent Facts

Name.- The Statistical Bureau of the Synagogue Council of America, 1181 Broadway, New York, N.Y., was organized a quarter of a century ago. Officers and sponsors, on letterhead.

Object.- The Statistical Bureau gathers basic data of Jews, with a view to meeting the needs of the Jewish community and those of government statistical offices, church bodies and other public bodies that mold public opinion. Specifically, its purpose is

1. To prepare statistics of Jews for the United States surveys of religious bodies.
2. To cooperate with church statistical offices to further American religious life.
3. To collect statistics of the number and the distribution of the Jews of America.
4. To maintain directories of Jewish organizations, rabbis, etc.
5. To oppose introduction of a religious classification in government statistics.
6. To maintain a Jewish information service.

The latter service is designed to supply government offices, American religious bodies, and libraries with data of Jews as a religious body.

Achievements.- The services of the Statistical Bureau are unique. No other national organization has been engaged, or is now engaged in the activities of our Bureau, which are of great importance to the life of our American Jewish community.

1. The Bureau conducted three decennial censuses of the Jews of America, to determine the number of Jews in the states, cities, villages and rural districts.
2. The Bureau, through its director, acted as United States Special Agent to collect statistics of Jews for the United States Censuses of Religious Bodies.
3. The Bureau successfully opposed the dangerous proposal for the introduction of a religious classification in the United States population census.
4. The Bureau compiles and maintains up-to-date directories of Jewish organizations and rabbis.

Publications.- The Statistical Bureau issued a considerable number of publications. A few of the principal titles follow:

1. "Communal Organization of the Jews in the United States."
2. "State Population Census by Faiths- Meaning, Reliability and Value".
3. "Statistics of Jews and Jewish Organizations- Historical Review, 1850-1937".
4. "Jewish Congregations- Organization and Work."

The last publication was prepared by the Statistical Bureau but published by the United States Bureau of the Census. The publication gives the history of our people in this country, the teachings of Judaism, and our organization and work. It is a primary research and information source for government officials and public bodies.

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April 9, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

On Tuesday, April 8th, at 5:00 P.M. there was a further meeting of the committee negotiating the 1941 United Jewish Appeal agreement. There were present Judge Morris Rothenberg, Mr. Harold Linder, Mr. Joseph C. Hyman and I.

All items in the agreement have been disposed of, but two issues arose again and were not yet disposed of:

- 1) Mr. Linder again presented the demand of William Rosenwald that a representative or representatives of the National Refugee Service be entitled to sit in without vote at meetings of the Allotment Committee.
- 2) Mr. Linder insisted that there be reimbursement to the U.P.A. and the J.D.C. of expenses already incurred between January 1st and March 15th proportionate to the total income which these agencies would finally receive from the 1941 U.J.A.

Attached herewith is a copy of the letter which Mr. Coons and I addressed to Messrs. Rothenberg and Linder to describe the expenditures already incurred by the agencies constituting the United Jewish Appeal.

You will note that the U.P.A. in its national office spent \$82,840.37, which is directly chargeable to campaign activity, and that in addition \$50,250.80 was advanced by the national U.P.A. to the New York City campaign, making a total of \$133,091.17.

Mr. Linder refused to listen to any argument that the U.P.A. as well as the J.D.C. and N.R.S. had incurred expenditures in good faith to pursue their individual campaigns, and that the U.J.A. must take up these obligations unless the agencies were to be penalized.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

April 9, 1941

Mr. Linder ventured the observation, in fact the enthusiastic hope, that when the United Jewish Appeal of 1941 was concluded the most that the U.P.A. would receive would be 25% of the total. On that basis he calculated the reimbursement of expenditures as follows: total spent and advanced nationally and in New York - approximately \$335,000. The U.P.A. would be entitled to get 25% of that amount which would mean \$83,750. That means that the U.P.A. would stand to lose about \$50,000 on expenses actually incurred.

Again I must emphasize the vigorous character of Judge Rothenberg's advocacy of the U.P.A. position on both points referred to above. He simply refused to discuss the demand that the N.R.S. have representatives entitled to attend all meetings of the Allotment Committee, saying that that was the basis of the agreement and there was no point in further discussing it. He was equally adamant on the question of fairness in reimbursement for expenditures actually incurred.

At one point in the discussion Mr. Linder made one of his characteristically J.D.C. contemptuous remarks addressed to me. Judge Rothenberg flared up in an outburst of indignation that compelled Mr. Linder to apologize. Altogether, I cannot too highly praise the way in which Judge Rothenberg has handled this whole situation.

The J.D.C. people are to consider among themselves the two items still remaining open and to call Judge Rothenberg for another meeting. The J.D.C. is most anxious to have the agreement disposed of as soon as possible.

Again Mr. Hyman brought up the subject of Welfare Fund representatives on the Allotment Committee, saying that the J.D.C. would be very happy to have the members of 1940 continue into 1941. Judge Rothenberg indicated that this was still a matter for discussion since the problem had not been officially touched upon.

The J.D.C. seems to be of the opinion that the Allotment Committee can make its first decision by July 1st. From a practical point of view, I cannot see how that can possibly be done, since we will have no inkling by that time as to what we will have been allotted from the spring campaigns, much less from the fall of 1941.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Jonah B. Wise

April 9, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio


Dear Dr. Silver:

The community of Hartford is eager to have you speak at a dinner for a few leading contributors on the evening of April 23rd just before you are scheduled to address the mass rally. Your presence at such a dinner meeting could be most valuable. You will be interested to know that the larger givers in Hartford are showing significant increases and that there is every likelihood that the goal will be achieved.

If you fly from Cleveland it will be possible for you to leave at 11:40 in the morning and reach Hartford at 5:47 in the afternoon. This schedule involves a one and a half hour wait at LaGuardia Airport. If, however, you take a train, it will be necessary to leave Cleveland the evening of the 22nd in order to arrive in sufficient time.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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FIFTH? WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR ACCEPTANCE REGARDS=
:HENRY MONTOR.

April 9, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have already informed the Milwaukee Welfare Fund that I cannot come on Sunday evening, May 18. That is the day when we close our campaign here in Cleveland.

What you write to me about the Moes Chitim matter in the New York City campaign interests me, especially since the man who made the motion to exclude the matzoth fund from the UJA was our own Mr. Abraham Liebovitz, and that the motion was unanimously passed. It would be interesting to know why Mr. Liebovitz made the motion and why our people agreed to it. How much is involved in this fund?

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Rabbi Dorfman of Lima which tries to explain the situation there with reference to the referendum.

Do you know anything about this Mr. Kiph in whose behalf a testimonial dinner is being arranged in Chicago?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 9, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for sending me the letter issued by William Rosenwald on April 4th. It sounds like a letter intended to stampede not merely the Allotment Committee but all the communities. I refer particularly to the assumption that the "refugee problem in the United States will have a call upon the first sums collected over and above the initial \$8,800,000", which is particularly important in relation to the sentence, "We must remember that any attempt to curtail these services might endanger the position of the American Jewish community itself."

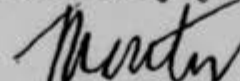
In the discussion held on Tuesday by Judge Rothenberg, Harold Linder, Joseph Hyman and myself, there was an interesting revelation of what the Joint Distribution Committee expects as to the action of the Allotment Committee. Mr. Linder felt that the maximum that the United Palestine Appeal would get out of the total income of the United Jewish Appeal, including the prospective allotment from the Allotment Committee, would be 25%. It seemed a rather presumptuous statement to make, but apparently that is the line along which these people are thinking.

I am checking with Dr. Lowdermilk as to the dates he might have available during the month of May.

Chief Rabbi Herzog has been invited to the meeting of the United Palestine Appeal Administrative Committee on April 24th.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EE

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The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Herewith enclosed is a check for \$62.54 representing reimbursement for long-distance calls and telegrams for February and March, and secretarial services for March.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:


If the communities of America are to be stirred to a new understanding of their responsibility to the United Jewish Appeal every important occasion must be utilized to present the message of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Coons and I feel that the Biennial Council Session of the Union of Hebrew Congregations at Detroit at the end of this month offers an outstanding opportunity for bringing before leaders from all parts of the United States an understanding of the obligations of the United Jewish Appeal and the necessity of greater generosity.

Would it not be possible for you and Rabbi Wise to urge the inclusion on the program of an address devoted specifically and exclusively to the United Jewish Appeal? After all, it is the greatest project that has yet been undertaken by American Jewry.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Council of Federations has invited Judge Louis Levinthal to attend the next meeting of its Board of Directors. The invitation was addressed to Judge Levinthal as the nominee of the U.P.A. on the Board of Directors.

What about the decision of the U.P.A. to invite a representative of the Council of Federations to participate in our meetings of the Administrative Committee, the next of which is to be held on April 24th? Should an invitation be sent?

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am glad that you commented as you did on the membership list of the Administrative Committee of the U.P.A. For years now I have been trying to point out that the only way in which we can increase our strength is to give people in leading communities throughout the country a sense of identification with us. But the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth still think that their address is on East Broadway.

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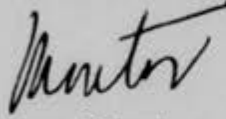
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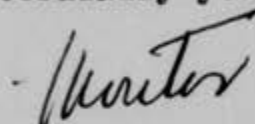
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum by Bernard Reis on the subject of U.P.A. expenditures in connection with the negotiations now in progress on the agreement for the 1941 United Jewish Appeal, in relation to reimbursement for expenses incurred before the reconstitution.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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BERNARD REIS & COMPANY
10 East 40th St.
New York City

April 9, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Henry Montor:

The total expenses of the U.P.A. in connection with the campaign consist of the following:

National	\$ 82,840.37
New York	<u>50,250.80</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$133,091.17</u>

Included in these expenses are the following items which should be considered as capital expenditures:

National Office:	
Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 2,343.60
Automobiles	3,683.50
Advances to Fieldmen	2,818.50
Preparation of Films	<u>1,031.39</u>
Total - National Office	<u>\$ 9,876.99</u>

New York Office:	
Addressograph Department	\$ 6,384.79
Deposit - Blossom Time Ball	100.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,715.18
Prepaid Rent - May and June	<u>1,800.00</u>
Total - New York Office	<u>\$ 11,999.97</u>

Total Capital Expenditures	<u><u>\$ 21,876.96</u></u>
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It will therefore be seen that the total expenditures for the U.P.A. are made up as follows:

Total Expenditures - National and New York		\$133,091.17
Less: Capital Expenditures	\$21,876.96	
Cash on Hand - New York U.P.A.	<u>10,970.30</u>	<u>32,847.26</u>
Total Expenditures Other Than Capital Items		<u>\$100,243.91</u>

To show you how ridiculous is any charge that the U.P.A. has been lavish in its expenditures, may I point out to you the nature of the larger items that were included in the form of expenditures:

Washington Conference	\$ 6,383.24
Fieldmen's Salaries and Expenses	25,929.24
Speakers' Fees and Expenses	2,195.87
Salaries other than Fieldman - National Office	13,633.25

I made a casual survey of the expenses of the J.D.C. and I am perfectly willing to have you go to bat as to whether the U.P.A. wasted any money. I would first like to go through the J.D.C. expenditures.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Bernard J. Reis

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Louisville Conference of Jewish Organizations
500 Marion E. Taylor Building
Louisville, Kentucky

April 10, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Ave.
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

I enclose herewith a copy of my letter to the Jewish National Fund under date of March 27, and a copy of the reply, dated April 8, 1941.

The letter from the Jewish National Fund raises a serious question. Every diverting effort for independent funds, solicited in this community, adds to our difficulties in raising sufficient money to cover the needs of the U. J. A. As you know, we have just completed a four months' intensive drive to collect some \$70,000 for the Appeal. Apparently the Jewish National Fund has an independent arrangement with the U. J. A. which enables the former to violate the letter and the spirit not only of our agreement with the U. P. A. but also of our agreement with the Jewish National Fund, itself.

I do not intend to engage in any acrimonious correspondence with the Jewish National Fund. Unless that organization will assure us that it will not make independent solicitations in Louisville, our Committee will be obliged to ascertain the amounts so collected and, in our next campaign, make the necessary adjustments occasioned thereby.

I am sure that you will understand my position in this matter. We have the kindest regards for the Jewish National Fund but we cannot permit one of our constituent organizations to make independent canvasses by mail and deny that right to the other thirty organizations who are abiding by their agreement.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. M. N. Fisher for his information.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Charles W. Morris

CMW:LH
cc to:
Mr. M. N. Fisher

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JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA

41 East 42nd St.

New York City

April 8, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Morris:

Upon my return to the city, I find your letter of March 27th, which was acknowledged by the office.

The Jewish National Fund, of course, is one of the beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal. However, we have a right, under the terms of the agreement, to carry on our traditional Jewish National Fund program. We quote clause #6 of the agreement, as follows: "The traditional collections of the J.N.F. are not to be included in or to be considered a part of the United Jewish Appeal. However, a report of its net receipts shall be made available to the Allotment Committee if requested." Our Purim appeal is one of our oldest traditional fund-raising efforts. We address our appeal to a limited number of people throughout the United States which includes only those who have been sympathetic to our cause. We do not solicit any community as a whole.

Sincerely yours,

sd. Mendel N. Fisher
Executive Director

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Copy of our letter to the Jewish National Fund

March 27, 1941

Jewish National Fund
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I am returning your letter to me, in order that you will know to what I refer.

I have no recollection of having received the stamps; and I am sure that I did not receive them or else I would have written you sooner.

The Jewish National Fund is a part of the United Palestine Appeal. The Louisville Conference of Jewish Organizations has just completed an extensive campaign for the purpose of raising funds for your organization. I have in my file an application of the Jewish National Fund for membership in the Louisville Conference of Jewish Organizations. In that application, your Agency guarantees that it will neither directly nor indirectly solicit funds in the city of Louisville. Apparently this guarantee has been ignored, and I would appreciate assurances from you either that you desire to withdraw as a member of the Louisville Conference of Jewish Organizations, or else that no further solicitation will be made in this community without the prior consent of the Conference.

Very truly yours,

Charles W. Morris
Chairman

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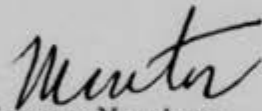
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter
addressed to you by Judge Louis Levinthal.

Do you wish to authorize me to present
such a report as he requests?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

REPORT OF Harry Seeve
COMMUNITY Columbus

DATE OF REPORT 4/13/41
DATE OF CONTACT 4/9/41

Individuals Contacted

Edwin J. Schanfarber
Dr. B. W. Abramson

150 East Broad St.
139 S. Grant St.

When Schanfarber first consented to take the Conference Chairmanship, he impressed me with the fact that he did not want to devote too much time to it. However, when I called him on Tuesday to get his permission to use his signature on our invitation he asked me to put into writing all of the details connected with the conference, preparations, program, etc. I made out an outline of the Conference, listing the purposes, the correspondence to be used in preparing for the affair and the tentative program. As per our arrangement I visited his office the next morning. I was astounded at the interest he had begun to show in the conference. What I had mistaken for vanity at our first meeting turned out to be a supreme confidence in his own importance. He assured me that he had no intention of wasting his time on a program that did not promise to be a huge success. You already know of his activities in connection with the arrangements for the program.

I have found Schanfarber a most impressive personality. There is no question as to the value of his participation. Everyone with whom I have discussed the conference has taken the same attitude. As a matter of fact they have almost all used the same words. "You couldn't get a better man for the conference. You are assured of a successful conference." He is held in great esteem by all elements of the community. He also wields a great influence both in Columbus and throughout the state. He is a sort of liaison officer between all of the groups in the community. There is no pretense in his Palestine sympathy. It is unfortunate that he has not affirmed it openly before. The wealthy orthodox members of the community respect him highly and want to please him. Because he belongs to the so-called assimilationist group, they assumed that he was anti-Palestine or at the most indifferent, therefore, they in turn did not become too greatly interested in the Zionist ideal. I refer particularly to two orthodox "big-givers", the Yenkin family and the Goldberg family.

On the other hand he exerts a great deal of influence in the other groups. I think he would sincerely like to use his influence to win them over to his way of thinking. As a matter of fact during our conversation on Wednesday morning he volunteered the remark, "Columbus is a very poor community for U.P.A." and that the conference together with his participation, would go a long way towards changing that picture. It is quite possible that he is typical of his class about whom there may have been a great deal of misunderstanding. I have found that those in the community who are furthest from him socially understand him less and deem him as assimilationist, whereas, those who are closer to him understand his attitude. He has one characteristic which I think is rare among lay fund-raisers. Most lay leaders consider the organizations that do the fund-raising a necessary evil, and they have little patience with the differences that arise between these organizations. Schanfarber is one of the few I have met who associate the organization completely with its purpose.

On the whole I find that I am getting a great deal of personal satisfaction out of our association. He has been very gracious and has used his influence with some of the organizations to get them to cooperate with us.

Dr. Abramson is the embodiment of the American Jewish Congress, the Zionist organization and Hebraic culture of the community. He is in the medical profession and I'm afraid not too greatly respected by those in the community who reserve their esteem for success. He is well-read and intelligent and in spite of his lack of success is greatly respected by the middle and lower class in Columbus. During our conversation he suggested Alfred Benesch of Cleveland for the State Chairmanship of the U.P.A. Council. Do you know anything about Benesch?

REPORT OF Harry Seeve
COMMUNITY Columbus

DATE OF REPORT 4/13/41
DATE OF CONTACT 4/10/41

Individuals Contacted

Rabbi Mordecai Hirschsprung
Mrs. William Schiff

568 S. 18th St.
211 S. Cassingham St.

From Rabbi Hirschsprung I learned about the orthodox part of the community. Few of the affluent ones are enthusiastic Zionists. Hirschsprung is typical of the orthodox rabbinate. He is very uncertain of his position which at best is merely that of a ceremonial servant of his ruthless congregation. He exerts little influence in his congregation. Although he is both a member of Mizrachi and the Zionist organizations, the extent of his activity consists of a perpetual race with the other orthodox rabbi for the petty stationery honors that come with organizations.

Mrs. William Schiff is at present the president of the Council of Jewish Women of Columbus. She is at the same time one of the outstanding members of the Columbus Hadassah chapter. She is a very charming and sensible woman with a thoroughly Jewish background. She promises to be very helpful in enlisting the cooperation of the Council.

I had already contacted the president of the Hadassah, Mrs. Bernard Feitlinger, who had promised the assistance of that organization.

There is a strong Mizrachi group in the community of which a Mr. David Schwartz is president. He is a brother-in-law of the Zionist president. Everyone considers him a "very fine" man. I shall try to contact him when I return to Columbus.

I contacted both the president and the secretary of the Pioneer Women, Mrs. H. Friedland and Mrs. L. Marks. Neither of them seemed to understand our purpose but it's for Palestine and they are invited so they will do whatever they can. Incidentally, the other orthodox rabbi seems to feel that Hirschsprung is outstripping him in honors so he's trying to organize another Mizrachi group. He is also a member of the Agudah. I'll tell you more about him when I meet him. His name is Greenwald.

April 14, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I would suggest that you write a report on behalf of the UPA for presentation at the Administrative Council of the ZOA.

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Rabbi Isserman. Do you know anything further about this meeting to which I have been invited and which I have accepted? Rabbi Isserman writes that this meeting is not being sponsored by the Welfare Fund. On the other hand he writes that this is the official opening of the Welfare Fund campaign. Is the Welfare Fund planning another opening meeting of their campaign? I have, as yet, not received an official invitation from the chairman of the Welfare Fund of St. Louis.

Please inform me what financial commitments were incurred by the Committee on Referendum for Budgeting. I should like to make a contribution to help it defray its expenses.

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received from Mr. Leo J. Rabinowitz and my answer to him. He mentions you in his letter. You might wish to answer him yourself.

With reference to the Biennial Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, I would suggest that you ask Rabbi Jonah Wise to get in touch with the officers of the Union. He is closer to them than I am.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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

4-15-41

Harry Winston
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Would appreciate definite word about Lowdermilk's
visit to Cleveland. Please have him
suggest a few dates.

Silver

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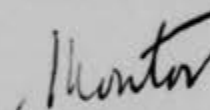
As you know, the United Palestine Appeal now has four men specifically doing field work for the U.P.A. These are Jacob Rich who handles Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana, Rabbi Harry Seeve who is handling Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia, Matthew Huttner who is doing Pennsylvania, and Herman Getzoff who is doing the Southwest. Each of them is a young man with a great deal of patience and devotion as well as enthusiasm. In them I believe we have the makings of a sound program.

I thought you would be particularly interested in a typical report from Rabbi Seeve dealing with the Columbus situation. All of these men report to me every day or so on the contacts they have made and on the results they have obtained.

I call your attention to the question from Rabbi Seeve as to whether Alfred Benesch of Cleveland would make a good State Chairman for the U.P.A. in Ohio. What is your answer to that question, since I do not know Mr. Benesch?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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April 16, 1941

Rabbi Harry Seeve

Mr. Henry Montor

This will acknowledge your memorandum on Columbus, particularly in your analysis of the background and interest of Mr. Schanfarber.

Mr. Silverman has been in touch with you on the details of the program. I am hoping that the sessions will be of such a nature as to win permanent friends for the U.P.A. in Columbus and throughout the state.

We have been discussing the possibility of giving you some assistance in view of the fact that you will have to telescope so much within so short a time.

Mr. Silverman will probably be in touch with you with the suggestion that Mr. Matthew Huttner be relieved temporarily of his duties in the Eastern Pennsylvania area, to be rushed out to Columbus to handle in your behalf the office details which include correspondence, checking on the program, making physical arrangements, etc., and that this would leave you free to travel into the various Ohio communities to build up attendance for the conference. With such personalities as Dr. Silver, Sir Norman Angell, and Rabbi Heller as attractions, not to speak of the sponsorship of Mr. Schanfarber, the Columbus session on May 4th ought to please everyone, and especially Mr. Schanfarber.

I shall advise you later as to Alfred Benesch.

HM:JB

April 16, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

There is an article in the April issue of the Jewish Digest called "Behind the Re-United Jewish Appeal". It is written by a Mr. Alvin M. Levy. Do you know who this Levy is?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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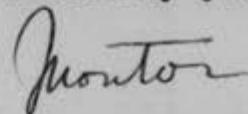
Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from Mr. Philip Hoffman, the attorney for the United Jewish Appeal.

The essence of his letter is: When can a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal be held to make the decisions necessary for the legal and technical functioning of the United Jewish Appeal?

What date is convenient for you?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH
Encl.

April 16, 1941

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Campaign Opening- April 23rd.

Digest- Hartford, Conn.

(Jewish Population-23,360)

The 1941 Hartford Jewish Welfare Fund campaign will be inaugurated on April 23rd. A total goal of \$165,960 has been set, with the UJA included for \$112,000.

The following are officers of the campaign:

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Edward A. Suisman) Special Gifts Chairmen
I. Oscar Levine, Chairman, Unit A
Milton Nahum, Chairman, Unit B
Mrs. David T. Weinerman)
Mrs. Allan S. Goodman) Women's Division Chairmen
Morris Joseloff, Treasurer
Leo Gallin, Executive Secretary

1940 - A total of \$118,530 was raised toward a goal of \$141,301. UJA was allocated \$85,510.

April 17, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

The General Bulletin sent out by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds states that "Reports from more than 60 agencies approving the proposal have been received." It does not say how many agencies disapproved. Nor does it say how many of the agencies approving were from Canada. Would it be possible to obtain a list from the Council prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors next month?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

\$12,000,000 War Emergency Campaign

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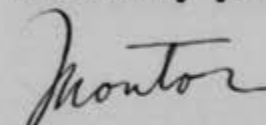
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of the Auditor's Report of the United Jewish Appeal for 1939.

You will note that as of the current date the United Palestine Appeal has received \$3,882,833 on account of the \$4,000,000 allotment for 1939. I do not believe that either the United Palestine Appeal or the Joint Distribution Committee will receive the balances due them, at least to any substantial extent.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Encl.

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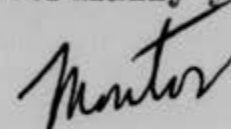
I have communicated with St. Louis with regard to your visit there May 5th. I had not been aware of the circumstances to which Rabbi Isserman refers. I had assumed that this was a formal opening of the 1941 St. Louis campaign.

Upon receipt of explicit word from St. Louis, I shall advise you. However, I have asked St. Louis to approach you directly through its constituted officers on this matter.

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which I have addressed to Mr. Leo J. Rabinowitz.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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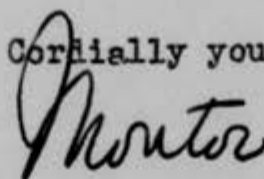
Dear Dr. Silver:

The details of the campaign opening dinner and mass meeting in Hartford on Wednesday April 23rd are contained in the attached blank. You may also be interested in the campaign data on Hartford which I am enclosing herewith.

May I ask you to be good enough to inform Mr. Leo Gallin whose address is 1026 Main Street, of your travel plans and the time of your arrival. In a letter which Mr. Gallin wrote us he suggested that if you travel via New York Central Railway, he will meet you in Springfield, Massachusetts and drive you from that city to Hartford. I am writing him today that he will hear from you within the next day or two.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:ef
Enc. - 2

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Vanderbilt 6-2080

SPEAKER'S INFORMATION BLANK

NAME OF SPEAKER Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
DATE OF MEETING April 23, 1941 HOUR 6 p.m. Dinner Daylight
8 p.m. Meeting Standard
PLACE OF MEETING Bushnell Memorial Hall
CITY Hartford STATE Conn.
AUSPICES Hartford Jewish Welfare Fund
PERSONS IN CHARGE Barney Rapaport, Chairman
Leo Gallin, Exec. Sec'y
Address
OBJECT OF MEETING Opening 1941 drive
NATURE OF MEETING Mass Mtg; 3000 to 5000 expected

X Mass Meeting X
Formal
Dinner Meeting
Informal- X
Initial Gifts

DIRECTIONS _____

(Signed) Leo Gallin
Name

1026 Main
Street

Hartford, Conn.
City

April 17, 1941

Mr. Leo J. Rabinowitz
1220 Mills Tower
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

Dr. Silver was kind enough to let me see a copy of your letter to him of April 7th.

I recognize that in making the observations you do, you are animated solely by concern for the growth of the Zionist movement in San Francisco and the strengthening of the interests of Palestine. All who are familiar with the history of Zionist activities in San Francisco know how much you have done in bad times as well as good to keep alive the Zionist spirit in a city which is not especially famous for its love of Zion.

However, there seems to have been a misunderstanding in connection with the visit to San Francisco of Dr. Silver. I should like to approach it from two angles:

First, may I point out that the United Palestine Appeal showed its concern for the development of regular contact between the West Coast and its national headquarters through the appointment of a Field Representative in the person of Mr. Bernard Stone, whose headquarters are located in Los Angeles. As far as our records indicate, Mr. Stone has visited San Francisco on numerous occasions. He has consulted with all the officers and our friends in connection with programs to be undertaken. My recollection is that he has always sought counsel and solicited cooperation. Whether it was in connection with representation on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal or in describing the background of the national budgeting committee, to which you refer, he was acting as the spokesman for the National Office.

If then you feel that you have not been kept sufficiently informed by national headquarters, you are, in effect, telling us that the representative appointed by the United Palestine Appeal for the West Coast is not coming up to your expectations or is not fulfilling the responsibilities which he owes to you and to us. One recognizes that in the distance which separates

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the West Coast from the East, there is likely to be a confusion of purpose. That is why, recognizing the importance of the Jewish population of the West Coast cities, we undertook the financial responsibility for maintaining headquarters and for designating a representative who would be our liaison officer.

It would be a source of deep regret to me to learn that you, of whom Mr. Stone has always spoken with the highest regard and with whose work I, too, am familiar, were to point out that in this purpose which we tried to achieve we have failed.

Secondly, as an extension of this direct contact between national headquarters and the West Coast, a Region of the United Palestine Appeal was established. I recall the Conference which was held in San Francisco last November with the participation of Dr. Hanna Goldmann and Judge Morris Rothenberg. Rabbi Saul White was elected Chairman of that Region. I have had official correspondence with him. Rabbi White, at our urgent invitation came East and attended the National Conference of the United Palestine Appeal. We had also urged him to attend the Atlanta session of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds. To our regret he left the East before the session began. From the correspondence which I have had with Mr. Stone, it would seem to me that in the planning of Dr. Silver's visit to San Francisco, he was in contact with the Zionist or United Palestine Appeal officers. If I have not maintained regular contact with you, it is because I have assumed you wished Rabbi White to be the key through whom our official relations were to be continued.

Our purpose is to strengthen the bonds between San Francisco and New York. I am glad, therefore, that you were as frank and forthright as you were in your letter of April 7th to Dr. Silver. I am sure that you can appreciate Dr. Silver's own reaction, when a few moments before the intended meeting, he was called by a group of Zionists and asked to meet with them. This certainly could have been, and should have been avoided. If we in the United Palestine Appeal have failed, either through the national headquarters or through our Field Representative, we want to place our finger on the sore spot and heal it as quickly as possible.

We all are aware of the fact that whatever strength the United Palestine Appeal has comes from the leaders in each community and not from national headquarters.

I would appreciate your real kindness in advising me whether the service which we believe has been established in linking New York with San Francisco has failed of realization.

As you have undoubtedly heard by this time from Mr. Bernard Stone, plans are being laid for the visit by Dr. Weizmann to the West Coast. We do not know exactly, at this time, when that visit is to take place. Originally he was scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles on May 20th. In the meantime, this has been

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postponed to May 27th. International events and the problems which occupy Dr. Weizmann's time while on the East Coast do not permit so far in advance the fixing of a definitive schedule; but Mr. Stone should be in touch with you and our other friends.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EE

COPY

April 19, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Ave.
New York City

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your letter of April 16th, I would suggest that there be no meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal convoked until after the agreement is signed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RR

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Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
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SILVER

April 20, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Mr. Alfred Benesch would be an excellent man as State Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal of Ohio. He is highly regarded in the community and throughout the State. Either Mr. Benesch or Mr. Schanfarber would be excellent material.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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HENRY MONTOR.

MONTOR.

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April 21, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am making inquiry of Mr. Israel Sieff as to whether he can be in Cleveland any time during the first part of May or earlier if possible.

May I suggest that you telephone him or telegraph him from Cleveland to strengthen my contact with him for this particular engagement.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

Israel M. Sieff
c/o Marks & Spencer Sales Corporation
1450 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

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✓ Thru. May 1
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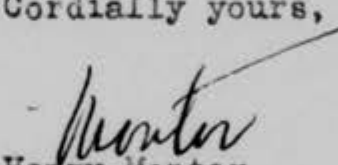
Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your suggestion, copies of your letter of April 17th are being forwarded to several of our officers so that we can ascertain their point of view on the procedure with respect to the NRS.

There can be no doubt about it that the officers of both the JDC and NRS expect that the UPA will get no more funds out of the 1941 UJA. That was clear from the attitude of Mr. Linder during his negotiations with Judge Rothenberg.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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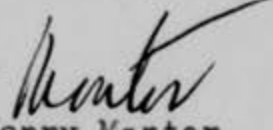
Dear Dr. Silver:

The office of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds would not even give me a paper drinking cup if there were water in profusion and I were dying of thirst.

This is in answer to your question as to whether I might obtain from the office of the Council a list of those who have voted for the majority proposal. We have even found that girls in the UPA office calling the Council office for normal routine information have been answered most shabbily.

Under the circumstances I think that the only way in which such information would be given would be through a request from you as a member of the Board of the Council. I would not be too surprised, however, if they do not even answer your request.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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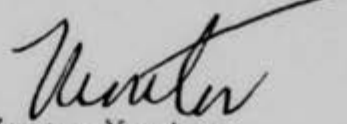
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have not seen the article in the April issue of the "Jewish Digest" to which you refer. I do not know of any Alvin M. Levy but will endeavor to find out if that is a genuine name.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

April 22, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I do not think that it would be advisable to send a letter of protest to the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds about the bulletin which it issued announcing the results of the referendum. I assume that the bulletin was issued because of an earlier bulletin issued by our group announcing that the country had voted down the proposals. This action on our part was ill-advised. The formal announcement should have been left to the Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

MEMORANDUM

April 23, 1941

TO: Mr. Isidor Coons

FROM: Henry Montor

I have seen a memorandum dated April 11th to Mr. Steinglass from Mr. Slobodin, the publicity director of the JDC.

I cannot believe that Mr. Slobodin reflects anyone's views except his own in his attempt to judge what may or may not be said by the UJA with respect to Palestine. You may want to call Mr. Slobodin's attention to the fact that he is invading a field which is not properly his own.

In the memorandum Mr. Slobodin has paragraphs as follows:

"In several places, among them the third line from the bottom on page 18, and the thirteenth line from the top on page 19, the term 'Jewish homeland in Palestine' is used. It was agreed between us some time ago that this phraseology might be used in publicity material for the Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish press, but it was at the same time distinctly understood that decision was reserved as to its use in material for the general or secular press and that Mr. Warburg wished to be consulted about such use. So far as this office is aware, there has been no such consultation in this case although the Publicity Manual is intended for general and secular use."

"Also in the same section, paragraph 6 is factually inaccurate. Palestine has not received the largest number of Jewish refugees unless immigration to Palestine since 1933 is counted as 'flight of refugees from Nazi oppression', which is not the case. The United States has received more refugee immigration."

HM:EH

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

April 25, 1941.

Mr. Joseph Bahral
P.O. Box 92
Jerusalem, Palestine

Dear Mr. Bahral:

This will acknowledge your letter dated March 24, 1941, to which was attached the consolidated account of income and expenditure for the month of January, 1941. There are certain observations which I wish to make that apply ~~equally to the consolidated account~~ for the period from October through December, 1940.

(1) I assume that you have seen the questions on accounting and the directions as to accounting and reporting procedure that were transmitted through Dr. Bernard Joseph, both as to the form of reporting and the substance. May I suggest that in addition to the consolidated accounts that are now being forwarded that there be monthly balance sheets as well as summaries, that is, indicating the cash on hand or deficit on January 1, 1941, the expenditures in January, the income in that month, and the cash and/or deficit or accumulated deficit on January 31, 1941. If this cannot be done on a consolidated basis, at least it might be tried for each individual institution.

(2) In your report on "Contributions", may I suggest that this be broken down into more specific figures, that is, how much was received on account of 1940, 1939, and how much on account of previous years. This may and perhaps will be difficult for your accountants, in view of the likelihood that the various countries, including the United States, do not provide you with sufficient material for such specifications, but I would suggest that you instruct all agencies which raise money for Palestine to indicate on which account remittances are being forwarded—whether on account of 1939, 1940, 1941 or for previous campaigns.

The Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal is supposed to base its decision on the distribution of funds on the amounts available to each of the constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal in the current calendar year. Therefore, it should not take into consideration the funds being spent in Palestine from income of previous years. It does not do so in connection with the accounts of the Joint Distribution Committee. The Jewish Agency should therefore instruct the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth in the United States and else-

Where to indicate on account of what period remittances are being made. This can then be reflected in your breakdown of "Contributions" in the monthly statement and other reports.

(3) We do not claim credit for the Central Bureau in our applications to the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, you will note, except to the extent to which the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth may participate with funds to the Central Bureau. It is necessary that we know how much was received from Hadassah or any other source, but it is not our intention to take credit for these sums with the Allotment Committee. We should know, however, what the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth did contribute to the Central Bureau through their funds, in order that we may claim full credit therefor with the Allotment Committee.

(4) Under the category "Service charges", there appears a credit to the Palestine Foundation Fund, "dividends and interest, LP162.815." From whom were these dividends received? Does the interest represent a loan by the Palestine Foundation Fund to an individual? If so, what was the amount of the loan? What is the term of the loan?

(5) Under "grants and participations", the sum of LP120.604 is given to the Immigration Department. Since this appears under the heading of "Income", the item is very misleading, inasmuch as this would seem to be an item of disbursement. Would you please explain this discrepancy more fully?

(6) "Participation from private land purchasers"--LP6,574. What does this item mean? Does the sum represent contributions, loans, or gifts?

(7) "Leasehold rent, LP764.078". Does this figure mean that the Jewish National Fund received this amount on the rental for all its holdings, or only a part thereof? If it is for the whole, why is the sum so small? This item should be clarified.

(8) The sum of LP8,040 is given for "realization of investment". Since this is a comparatively large sum it is essential that we know more about the nature of the investment on which this amount was realized. May this be considered in the nature of regular income? Was it derived from the sale of land, securities? Was the investment in Palestine, or abroad?

(9) Please furnish us with a description of the loans made by the Jewish National Fund as evidenced by the item LP53,974.538. We should know where the money was borrowed--whether from a bank or banks, individuals, or sellers of land. What is the interest rate? What is the term? What is the total of Jewish National Fund Loans? When do they mature respectively? Are there annual interest and/or amortization charges?

(10) "Special earmarked funds". In the January account there is the receipt from South Africa of LP1,000 for Wizo. How does this item effect the Keren Hayesod budget? Is it earmarked merely for transfer to Wizo, or was it for some other specific purpose?

(11) "Immigration and Training". What is the average cost of transportation per capital? What is the average loan to an immigrant? Are these loans retrievable? How are they registered as assets by the Jewish Agency? What is the average cost of medical treatment, sick insurance? How many people are covered thereby?

(12) "Tents--LP321." How many tents were purchased for this sum? Where have they been placed? For whose use are they intended?

(13) LP115 is given as the cost of training abroad. Where is the training given, that is, in what countries? I assume that the training is for agricultural work, but inasmuch as this item is not clarified, it would not be possible to state that this is so, until word is received from you confirming this, or explaining the exact nature of the training.

(14) "Administration expenses--Palestine offices abroad". Where are these offices located? Are these really "administration" expenses in terms of overhead, or does the item comprise actual "service" in terms of social service workers as important to immigration as transportation itself? Is it not inaccurate, therefore, to refer to these as "administration" costs?

(15) The sum of LP1,003 is given as having been paid for refugees' fares. How many refugees were thus taken care of? Whence did they come? Does the Jewish Agency include in its reports such amounts as the United Palestine Appeal spent (\$35,000) thus far, on account of transportation? The Jewish Agency received the reports of the United Palestine Appeal and those of the Keren Hayesod, as well. The Jewish Agency should claim credit for such items, and incorporate them in its books, in order that we may ask for and obtain credit therefor through the Allotment Committee, and also in order to show accurately totality of Palestine expenditures

(16) The Jewish National Fund expended LP30,847.806 for land purchase. How many dunams were purchased for this sum? How many dunams of old land, and how many of new land did this amount pay for? What is the average cost of a dunam of land in 1941? What is the maximum cost for a dunam of land? What is the minimum cost? Where is the land which was purchased for this sum located? How much land has been purchased by the Jewish National Fund since October 1, 1940?

Please segregate the item, "loans to settlements, investments--LP1,590. What was the purpose of the loans? What was the nature of the investments? What is a plantation? How many people are given work through afforestation? How many trees have been planted by the Jewish National Fund since the afforestation projects were planned? How many trees have been planted since October 1, 1940?

(17) "--to settlers of villages, etc." What was the purpose of this assistance by the Jewish Agency? How many individuals have been affected by such aid?

(18) The agricultural experiment station shows a cost of LP2,609.284. How many individuals are employed by the station? What is the nature of their services?

(19) The item entitled "administration and general expenses" of the colonization department and the technical department should, it seems to me, be broken down, in order that we may know more specifically the nature of this charge of LP1,270. How many people are involved in each department? What is the nature of the work they perform? What is a general expense? What is the administration involved?

(20) Please explain what the item, "relief works through Bitzur--LP568.573" means. Does it indicate a loss on guarantees? Over how long a period, if this is the explanation? What were the total guarantees? What was the nature of the "relief works" stimulated? How many people were assisted directly and/or indirectly?

- (21) What was the nature of the expense necessary to secure employment on Government public works? How many people were thus aided? How did the Jewish Agency expend these funds?
- (22) How many "labor exchanges" are there? Where are they located? How many people were affected? Does the Jewish Agency bear sole responsibility for such exchanges? If not, who else contributes to their upkeep? How much does it cost the other groups responsible for the labor exchanges?
- (23) How many were trained for vocations? What trades were taught? In what institutions were the training courses given? Are the vocational training groups the sole financial responsibility of the Jewish Agency? Who selects the applicants for training? Are the trainees then placed in industry by the Jewish Agency, or is there a tie-up between the labor exchanges and vocational training centres?
- (24) What is the average per capita loan to rural laborers for auxiliary farms? What is the purpose of such loans? Is there any security therefor? What is the probability of repayment?
- (25) Where are the "refugee labor camps"? How many persons are affected? Where are they located?
- (26) How many fishermen have been trained? Where is the training given? How are they trained? What purpose does "administration expense" serve? Does it cover overhead, instructors, social service work? This item should be clarified.
- (27) It seems to me that the category "Urban Settlement, Trade, Industry and Investments" is much too broad in scope, and it would be more intelligible to the average layman if it were broken down. Why, for example, should not "urban settlement" appear as a sub-head under "Labor and Housing", or under "agricultural settlement", and which could then include certain other items now classified as "labor and housing"? Could not an item such as "loans to rural laborers for auxiliary farms" be, at times under the category of "urban settlement"?
- (28) Please explain the nature of the item "on account participation in loans for industrial recovery--(LP4,000)". Does this indicate a loss taken on guarantees? What were the loans for? What was the total sum involved? Who benefitted therefrom? How many individuals were affected? How much of the LP4,000 is recoverable?
- (29) Why was the payment of LP1,177 to A.P.B. in 5700 on account of a guarantee made? Is this a total loss? What was the full guarantee? For what purpose was it made? To whom was it given, and how was it secured, either collaterally, or otherwise?
- (30) Please enlarge upon the item of "technical instruction, information, etc." To whom was the instruction given? In what subjects? What kind of information was given, and to whom? What was the research, topically, and for whom was it done? To whom were grants given, and why? Please indicate whether the administration expenses incurred were in the nature of office or field administration.
- (31) Please let us know to how many artisans were small loans given, the average loan per capita, and whether or not they are repaid in due course. What percentage of the loans made are not repaid?
- (32) Does the item of LP700 for investments in Marine Trust indicate the purchase of more shares? What is the amount of the Jewish Agency's investment therein

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At this time? What is the total investment of Marine Trust? What additional commitments to Marine Trust does the Jewish Agency still carry? Over how long a period is the commitment spread? What is the amount of the annual or other instalments? To whom are such commitments payable? What is the purpose thereof?

(33) What purpose is served by the investment in Tel Aviv Development Company? What is this company? What is the total investment by the Jewish Agency? How much has been invested by others? What commitments does the Jewish Agency have to the Tel Aviv Development Company, and for how long a period do they extend? How many persons benefit from the activities of this company?

(34) To how many unemployed was relief given in the periods covered by the consolidated accounts? What is the amount of relief per capita? per week? Why are there committees outside Vaad Leumi for relief of Polish, Roumanian, etc. refugees? What is the total spent for relief in a month, or in any other fiscal period? How much thereof is spent by Vaad Leumi? How much is expended for relief by the Government? What is the differentiation between "relief to unemployed", "relief", and "relief works through Bitzur Company"?

(35) You state that LP809 was spent on account of the participation in the education budget of Vaad Leumi. What is the total Vaad Leumi budget for Education? Who provides the balance? What is the Jewish Agency's total commitment in this respect? How much has been spent since October 1, 1940? How many people have been affected thereby--pupils, teachers, institutions, etc..?

(36) It would be extremely helpful if it were possible to break down the items under National Organization and Security, such as "land, "Arab affairs", "President's expenses" and "emergency preparations". What is the nature of the payment on account of guarantee granted to A.P.B. in 5700 of LP200, which appears in the category of "Political Department"? Why do not all the guarantees so paid appear in one heading? What was the total amount of the guarantee, and for what purpose was it given? What is the amount of the obligation still outstanding? For how long a period is it to run?

(37) Please break down the category entitled "Administration and General Expenses". How does the item "administration of Jewish Agency" differ from the item listed previously as "administration expenses? The same question is put with respect to the other funds.

(38) Under debt repayments it is necessary to know what loans were covered by the payments of principal and of interest. What is the total amount of each loan, to whom is it payable, what is the date of maturity, and what security, if any, was given in each instance?

In connection with the loans of the Jewish National Fund, it is necessary that we know, in addition to the above, to what extent are the payments made directly for the purpose of land purchase on previous commitments, and to what extent it involves the meeting of bank obligations. To what extent are items for "debt repayment" offsets to "land purchase"?

With reference to the headings used in the accounts: Why is transportation to places of work placed under the category of immigration and training, as well as under labor and housing? The same query is raised in connection with medical treatment. Since refugee assistance and relief are two new important items in the budget, should not the new headings be created under which all such expenditures could be credited.

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For Example:

Transportation of immigrants and loans - - - - -	LP	403
Medical Treatment - - - - -		128
Tents- - - - -		321
Refugees' Fares- - - - -		1,003
Assistance to refugees of Patria - - - - -		1,255
Refugee labor camps- - - - -		589

These items among others easily could be classified under "REFUGEE ASSISTANCE". There undoubtedly are other items which could be included, but which, for lack of comprehensive breakdown, are not discernible from the accounts.

Thus, also, why not include under "RELIEF" the item of relief works through Bitzur, LP568?

In general, I believe the headings under which the consolidated accounts have been prepared should be increased.

Is the category "Labor and Housing", as so entitled, really meaningful, since all activities help labor? Buildings and tents for LP1,299 appear under labor and housing, and also under immigration and training.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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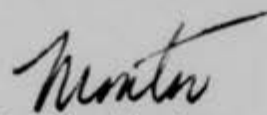
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum sent to me by Mr. Louis Lipsky in comment on your letter on the N.R.S.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Henry Montor

From: Mr. Louis Lipsky

In connection with the letter written by Dr. Silver, dated April 17th, dealing with the problem of the National Refugee Service:-

I think this question is important enough to warrant a discussion at a meeting either of the Executive or of the Administrative Committee. Should we decide to raise the issue, the problem that will face us will be where and through whom? Whenever such questions are raised, there are no entries in the controversial field, and the burden of carrying the discussion is left to two or three people who are never given support by others, and who have to carry the responsibility and the odium that comes from stirring up discussions that are usually regarded as trouble-making. What Dr. Silver says in his letter is absolutely true, but will that truth be supported by the ZOA, the Hadassah or even by leading officials of the UPA?

The whole position needs to be rediscussed at a meeting, and I urge that either a special meeting be called for this purpose, or that it be placed on the agenda of the meeting on Thursday.

(signed) Louis Lipsky

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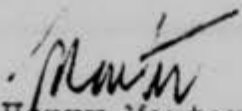
Dear Dr. Silver:

I suppose in the rush of your many activities you didn't have an opportunity to look at my letter of April 9th, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

What shall we do about subsequent Administrative Committee meetings of the UPA as regards the Council?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
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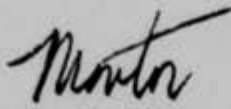
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you herewith a list of the people who have remitted to the Committee on the Referendum, showing the amounts that they have forwarded.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Samuel M. Salny Fitchburg, Mass.	4/15	10.00	
Rabbi Simon Greenberg Philadelphia, Pa.	4/15	<u>10.00</u>	\$ 25.00
B. G. Rudolph Syracuse, N. Y.	4/17	<u>10.00</u>	10.00
B. Eisenstein Schenectady, N. Y.	4/19	10.00	
Charles Brown Los Angeles, Calif.	4/19	10.00	20.00
Samuel Schaefer Denver, Colo. (includes Melvin Schlesinger)	4/21	10.00	
Albert Schiff Columbus, Ohio	4/21	25.00	
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Rabbi Jacob Freedman Fall River, Mass.	4/22	2.50	2.50
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Saul Abrams Providence, R. I.	4/23	5.00	10.00
Herman P. Taubman Dallas, Texas	4/24	50.00	
Hon. Louis E. Levinthal Philadelphia, Pa.	4/24	10.00	60.00
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky
*Chairman,
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Attached herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise from Samuel A. Goldsmith of Chicago, together with covering memos and letters.

Solomon Goldman
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I do not understand what has been the nature of the discussions between some people in New York and some people in Chicago. Probably, however, it is James H. Becker who is an active officer of the J.D.C. and spends most of his time in New York, who is familiar with the facts involved.

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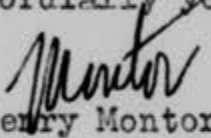
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With best wishes, I am

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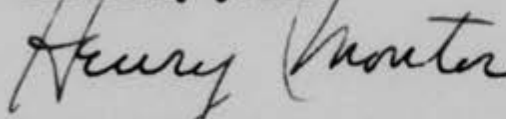
You, doubtless, have received the telegraphic invitation issued to you by the St. Louis community to address its meeting on Monday, May 5th.

Attached hereto for your information are the details regarding the function which you are to address, and a digest on the campaign situation in St. Louis.

We have advised Mr. Samuel Gerson, 3636 Page Boulevard, St. Louis that you will communicate with him directly regarding the time of your arrival.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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NAME OF SPEAKER Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

DATE OF MEETING Monday Night, May 5th HOUR 8:00 P.M. Daylight
Standard

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CITY St. Louis STATE Missouri

AUSPICES Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign and Rabbinical Council

PERSONS IN CHARGE Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman

Temple Israel, St. Louis
Address

OBJECT OF MEETING Opening of Campaign and

NATURE OF MEETING General Solicitation

X Mass Meeting
Informal ~~Formal~~
Dinner Meeting
Informal-
Initial Gifts

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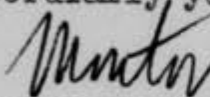
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Dear Dr. Silver:

A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal is being called for Friday, May 9 at 4 P.M., to take advantage of your presence in the city that day to address the Amusement Industry for the United Jewish Appeal.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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United Palestine Appeal
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New York City

M E M O R A N D U M

April 28, 1941

To: Dr. A. H. Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which Rabbi Jonah B. Wise has sent to Dr. Stephen S. Wise apparently as one of ten men to whom the invitation was addressed.

When this subject was discussed at the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal on April 24th, the facts disclosed at that time did not point out that the Executive Committee of the New York United Jewish Appeal had authorized Rabbi Jonah B. Wise to take the action which he did.

This makes the nature of the Committee far more interesting as revealing the place of the U.P.A. in the New York U.J.A.

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APRIL 29, 1941

TO Mr. Henry Montor
FROM Mr. Isidor Coons
SUBJECT Officers for the 1941 National U.J.A.

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, National Chairman, through me, submits the following names, approved by the J.D.C., to represent the J.D.C. among the officers of the 1941 National U.J.A.:

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Mrs. Roger W. Straus

As promptly as the U.P.A. has a similar list for consideration I shall be glad to submit it to Rabbi Wise. I am handing you this list with the thought that you would wish to discuss it with Rabbi Silver. I would further suggest that if both Chairmen agree upon the officers nominated, they be requested to issue joint invitations to all concerned for acceptance as officers and executive committee members.

(signed) Isidor Coons

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April 30, 1941

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Campaign Opening - May 5th

Digest - St. Louis, Mo.

(Jewish Population - 51,000)

1941 - The UJA has made formal application for an allotment of \$500,000 from the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign of St. Louis. The 1941 campaign is scheduled to open officially on May 5th for a goal of \$526,043 of which \$300,000 has been allocated the UJA.

This year's goal is \$33,000 less than the 1940 budget and approximately the same as the actual amount raised last year. The UJA allocation this year represents a decrease of \$21,000 as compared with 1940. According to Charles M. Rice, Chairman of the Budget Committee, this action was prompted by the need to keep the 1941 budget in line with the actual total raised in 1940. If the campaign goal is not reached, all non-local agencies are to receive a proportionate cut. Mr. Rice also intimated that the decision to decrease the UJA's allotment this year was made on the theory that St. Louis has been contributing too much in proportion to amounts contributed by comparable cities.

In a letter dated April 29th, Mr. Coons took exception to Mr. Rice's comment that St. Louis was contributing too much, pointing out that Cincinnati with a Jewish population of 21,800, as against St. Louis' population of 51,000, contributed \$190,000, and that San Francisco with a Jewish population of only 41,000 contributed \$350,000 in 1939 and 1940. He also pointed out that the UJA was reconstituted because American Jewish communities are eager to preserve unity. If the reconstitution means only a decrease in the scale of giving from communities, he emphasized, then the reunited campaign would not have served its purpose.

Dr. Weizmann attended a big gifts dinner here on April 20th; no appeal for funds was made. Mr. Montor will meet with leaders on May 7th; he addressed the Budget Committee in February.

The following are the campaign officers:

Edward G. Platt, Chairman
Charles M. Rice, Chairman Budget Committee
Irving Edison & Charles H. Stix, Vice-Chairmen
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Benjamin M. Loeb, Chairman Big Gifts & Exec. Committees
Willard Levy, Chairman Men's Division
Samuel Gerson, Campaign Director
Earl Susmen, Chairman of Intermediate Special Gifts Division
Mrs. I. D. Kline, Chairman Women's Special Division

Jesse A. Wolfort is President, and Samuel Gerson Executive Director of the Welfare Fund.

1940- UJA has received its allocation of \$321,600 in full out of the total raised of \$526,000.

1939- UJA received \$325,000 out of a total of approximately \$507,000.

April 30, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a check for
\$50 for the Committee on Referendum for Budgeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK
Enc.

\$12,000,000 War Emergency Campaign

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May 1, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

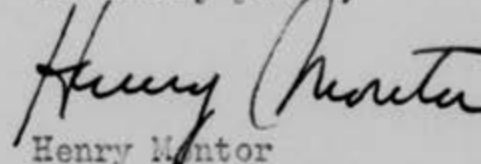
Mr. Ben M. Dreyer, who has been appointed Chairman of the 1941 Canton Jewish Welfare Fund campaign, has been pleading with us to use whatever influence is available to secure your acceptance of the Canton community's invitation for you to open its campaign, at your convenience, in the latter part of May.

Canton, as you know better than I, has been a problem community for the last few years. It is at last getting on its feet. I think your acceptance of this invitation would be the one act necessary to restabilize them. It would be of great advantage not merely to the current campaign and to the allotment to the UJA, but to the general campaign structure.

Mr. Dreyer is planning to see you at Columbus on Sunday in the hope of securing your promise in person.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor

Executive Director

HM:BG

May 1, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

While I was in Hartford, I received a contribution of ten dollars from Mrs. Abraham Grobard, 72 Mansfield Street. She does not wish this contribution to be credited to Hartford or mention made of it in Hartford. Please acknowledge the receipt of this contribution directly to her.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

May 1, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I believe that I have replied to your query about the attendance of the representatives of the Council of Federations at our meetings. I think that the Council representatives should be advised of the meetings and should be invited to attend.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

M E M O R A N D U M

May 2, 1941

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Henry Montor

Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Coons describing the names of the officers whom the JDC has selected for the official roster of the UJA for 1941.

Shall action by the UPA await the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the UPA on May 9th?

I also attach a list of the officers chosen by the UPA for the UJA roster in 1940.

I should like to suggest that as additional Co-Chairmen representing the UPA, in view of the fact that the JDC has selected two additional people, there be named Mr. Edmund I. Kaufmann, who is also a Co-Chairman of the UPA.

On the Executive Committee, as on the list of Honorary Chairmen, the UPA will undoubtedly wish to add some names.

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HENRY MONTOR.

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May 3, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 E. 42nd St.
New York City

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received this morning from Mr. Warburg, and a copy of my reply. Please inform Judge Rothenberg of this correspondence. I do not know where to reach him, as the letter indicates that he is out of the city.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RR

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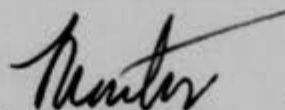
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Abraham J. Brachman of Forth Worth, Texas, and a reply sent to him by Mr. Herman P. Taubman of Dallas, who has taken a very important role in creating friends for the U.P.A. Council in the Southwest. I thought you would be interested in the reverberations of the U.P.A. field effort.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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FORT WORTH ZIONIST DISTRICT
706 Trinity Building
Fort Worth, Tex.

April 25, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

When I wrote Mr. Kaufman it was exactly Mr. Getzoff's visit that I had in mind. The crux of your letter of the 17th lies perhaps in these words, "Repairing the ravages of our neglect in the past."

It is my point that the most criminal neglect in the past has been the neglect of those who are Zionists, in the attempt to corral those who take peculiar pride in holding themselves aloof.

It is my specific point that Mr. Getzoff's undertaking, as far as Fort Worth is concerned, is an attempt to cast reflection upon the Zionist Organization. I and those of us who have led the District will admit to no such reflection, except insofar as there is an inherent deficiency in American Zionism which is inherent as well in the U.P.A.

As I told Mr. Getzoff, in Texas Zionists and U.P.A. are synonymous. The attempt made by your organization to supersede the existing Zionist activity will only bring an unfavorable reaction. You seem to have lost sight of the fact that the main weakness in Jewish life in the past decade has been just that attempt of one group always to run away from and supersede and cast reflection upon the group to which it previously belonged so that disloyalty has become the badge. That disloyalty is exactly what I have been combatting for twenty years and I shall not cease to combat it now. That has been the core of your activity and that of your representatives, ill disguised thought it has attempted to be.

Yours,

(Signed) Abraham J. Brachman

I am sending copies of this letter to U.P.A. and Zionists in Texas - Taubman, Novy, David White, Weingarten, Bender, may send to Edmund Kaufmann.

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Dallas, Texas
April 28, 1941

Mr. A. J. Brachman
706 Trinity Bldg.
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Brachman:

I am in receipt of copy of your letter of April 25th written Mr. Montor. From this copy it appears you have had some prior correspondence with Mr. Kaufmann, President of the Zionist Organization and Mr. Montor, Executive Director of the UPA. Not being familiar with the correspondence nor the conversation you have had with Mr. Getzoff, makes it rather difficult for me to make an intelligent expression.

Since you have been kind enough to send me copy of your letter, I am taking the liberty of expressing my personal and sincere opinion.

Frankly, I have expected some backfiring from the "Old Guard Zionists" if and when an Eastern representative, designated to work with the Southwestern Council, should happen to be misunderstood. However, I am rather surprised it would come from you because I was confident you fully understood the aims and purpose of the creation of the United Palestine Council.

I know of no one in the Southwest, connected with the United Palestine Council, who had any thought or aim to work against the Zionist organization or any other pro Palestine organization. In accordance with my understanding, the creation of a Council would definitely help the Zionist movement in every respect. It would facilitate the coordination of all organizations in their efforts toward greater accomplishments.

Such organization, naturally, would count in great numbers and would be in a better position to overcome a great many obstacles which are constantly placed in the path of Zionist progress.

You will have to recognize the fact that due to current happenings in the world, the Zionist problem is by far greater than ever in the history of Jewish life. Therefore, I feel it is the duty of every self-respecting Jew to interest himself in the great needs of Palestine rather than allow, as in the past, a handful of people to struggle with a problem which belongs to ALL Jews.

When I refer to a "handful" of people I definitely mean the old guard Zionist organization; to this I might add their name should be mentioned with reverence rather than criticism because if it had not been for those who struggled with this problem, we would not have had anything to talk about. However unfair it was in the past for the rank and file Jewry to remain on the sidelines, we must recognize the fact that evidently it was the "Act of God" which permitted the handful of foresighted Jews to have ample time to plan and carry on their struggle.

American Jewry must recognize the fact that whatever help Palestine enjoyed from other sources, has definitely stopped and it is the solemn duty of American Jewry to act quickly with a strong determination that Palestine is the only hope for world Jewry and to obtain the proper and needed support, it is very imperative that a strong Council representing all pro Palestine individuals and organizations be organized with the sole intention of strengthening all work, rather than hampering anyone.

I am confident I am voicing the sincere opinion of the National leadership, as well as all the leadership in the Southwest, that there has never been any thought in any one's mind to in any way interfere with the work and progress of the Zionist movement. I may personally assure you I would have nothing to do with any movement whatsoever if it had such motives.

I trust this will clear up the misunderstanding which evidently came about through some error and when you fully familiarize yourself with the work of the United Palestine Council, you will be one of our leaders and strong supporters.

Sincerely,

(Sgd) H.P.T.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
111 FIFTH AVENUE

MEMORANDUM

Date May 8, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Henry Montor

Subject

Attached hereto is a copy of a report showing the status of the
Greater New York Campaign as of May 1, 1941.

Henry Montor

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cc: Dr Silver

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GREATER NEW YORK CAMPAIGN

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

May 1, 1941

	<u>PLEDGES</u>	<u>COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>DESIGNATIONS</u>	<u>UNPAID PLEDGES</u>
	\$2,093,663.68	\$652,378.23	\$61,121.90	\$1,380,163.55
<u>PLEDGES TO RAISE</u>				
	264,145.00	3,660.00	12,848.01	247,636.99
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$2,357,808.68</u>	<u>\$656,038.23</u>	<u>\$73,969.91</u>	<u>\$1,627,800.54</u>

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May 9, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have written some notes on the subject of the referendum on the national budgeting committee proposal which is to be considered at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on May 17 and 18.

Naturally these figures are subject to correction as are the figures compiled by the Council itself; but they do not by any means indicate that the proposal for the establishment of a national budgeting committee has either won by a great margin or even won at all.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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

May 12^{-?} 1941

HENRY MONTOR
UPA
N.Y.

IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING NEXT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. MUST BE IN MY OWN PULPIT SUNDAY AS WELL AS WEDDINGS AT WHICH I MUST OFFICIATE. WROTE TO COUNCIL SOME TIME AGO OBJECTING TO MEETINGS ON SATURDAY. WOULD SUGGEST THAT CHARLES ROSENBLOOM INVITE PEOPLE MENTIONED IN YOUR LETTER CALLING THEM TO CACUS IN HIS PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETINGS. AS SOON AS I HEAR FROM BLAUSTEIN I WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AND ROSENBLOOM GIVING MY REACTIONS TO HIS PROPOSALS.

SILVER.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The following are members of the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, who might be considered friendly in connection with the discussion of the proposal to establish a national budgeting committee:

Joseph Goldstein, 19 Main St., W., Columbus, Ohio
Henry Monsky, Omaha National Bank Bldg., Omaha, Neb.
Charles J. Rosenbloom, 521 Union Trust Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Edwin J. Schanfarber, 150 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio

I believe that Regional Chairmen of the Council may also attend the meetings of the Board of Directors. Benjamin Eisenstein, Regional Chairman for New York and Ontario, who lives in Schenectady, New York (c/o State Rug & Linoleum Co., 961 Emmet Street) is a very good Zionist.

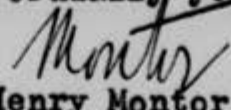
Dr. E. J. Gordon, Regional Chairman for the East Central States, who lives in Columbus, Ohio (662 East Town Street), is not a Zionist but together with Mr. Schanfarber has resented the pressure applied to put over the national budgeting committee idea. In Columbus the proposal was rejected 16 to 0.

In addition to those mentioned above, Judge Louis E. Levinthal (606 City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.) is entitled, as a representative of the United Palestine Appeal, to attend meetings of the Board.

Might it not be helpful if you were to wire the people listed here asking them to meet with you for a caucus in your hotel room on Saturday morning, May 17th, so that, whether you can stay for all the sessions or not, at least a program of action might be worked out? I do hope, however, that some arrangement will be made whereby you might possibly attend all the sessions of the meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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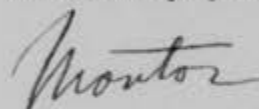
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which I drafted for you under the date of April 16th addressed to Mr. Charles W. Morris of Louisville.

I should appreciate it greatly if you would advise me whether this letter was sent to Mr. Morris so we may place the copy in our files.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH
Encl.

April 16, 1941

Mr. Charles W. Morris
Morris and Garlove
600 Marion E. Taylor Building
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Morris:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 10th together with copies of correspondence exchanged between yourself and Mr. Mendel Fisher, Executive Director of the Jewish National Fund.

The traditional collections of the Jewish National Fund, which have been in progress for some thirty-eight years, have played an important role in linking the masses of Jews with the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine. That factor was recognized when the United Jewish Appeal was constituted in 1939. Thus the Jewish National Fund was permitted to engage in the small traditional collections which provide a link between the very small givers and the ideal of the rebuilt Homeland.

It has been our experience that traditional collections involving the blue and white boxes, the stamps sold in the synagogues during Jewish holidays and similar devices involving small sums of money have not adversely affected our Welfare Fund structures. They have obtained supplementary income from people to whom, unfortunately, we in our great Welfare Fund mechanisms have not yet been able to penetrate.

Knowing that you have always had the greatest sympathy with the Palestine rebuilding program as well as with efforts to advance it, I am sure you will recognize the special situation affecting the Jewish National Fund which the officers of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal took into consideration when they formed the United Jewish Appeal.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

AHS:MMH

May 12, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I returned this morning from Detroit where I opened the Campaign last evening. It was a great and inspiring meeting.

This noon, Chief Rabbi Herzog addressed the Cleveland Campaign Organization. He made a splendid impression. In Detroit they told me that he had made an equally good impression there.

If I recall correctly, we decided at the meeting before last of the UPA, to authorize the Executive Committee to fix the amount which the UPA will give to Dr. Herzog's special fund. He asked, you will recall, for \$50,000. I suggest that the Executive Committee meet before Dr. Herzog leaves for Palestine which I understand will be around the 20th of this month. Whatever amount the Executive Committee will determine will be agreeable to me. It should not be niggardly. Personally, I would suggest the full amount - \$50,000.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 13, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a list of officers of the United Jewish Appeal as provided by the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal. On the right hand side is the list of officers as provided by the Joint Distribution Committee.

Will you please advise me whether you wish any people added to the list of Honorary Chairmen or elsewhere.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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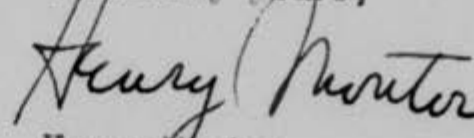
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is another copy of the letter addressed to you and Rabbi Wise by Sidney Hollander. Do you wish it acknowledged in any way, either by myself or by you?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds
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165 West 46 Street, New York, N. Y.

May 3rd, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise,
National Chairmen,
United Jewish Appeal,
250 West 57th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbis Silver and Wise:

It is our understanding
that the organization of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941
is being planned along the lines of the 1940 organization,
and that there will be an Allotment Committee similar to
that of last year.

In 1940, as President of the
COUNCIL, I was asked to suggest the names of represen-
tatives for the welfare fund members of the Allotment Com-
mittee. Please let me know if we can render **similar**
service in the event that the non-agency members of the
1940 Allotment Committee are not available for 1941.

Kindest regards to you
both!

Cordially,

(signed) Sidney Hollander
President

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It is required that the Class B members who constitute the representatives of the United Palestine Appeal on the United Jewish Appeal, Inc. shall appoint someone to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Arthur M. Lamport, who was one of the Co-Treasurers of the United Jewish Appeal and Treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal.

Inasmuch as Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom is Treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal and has been named Co-Treasurer of the United Jewish Appeal, it is practicable that he shall be appointed as a Class B member of the Corporation. The other Class B. members are as follows: Mr. Louis Lipsky, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Solomon Goldman, Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mr. Louis P. Rocker.

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Will you be kind enough to sign and return the enclosed sheet for our records and for those of the Corporation.

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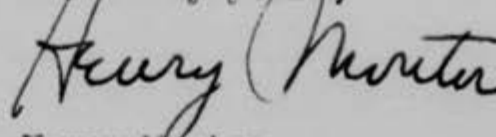
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Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested in a copy of a letter which Mr. Paul Felix Warburg, Treasurer of the National Refugee Service, wrote following the broadcast of the UJA.

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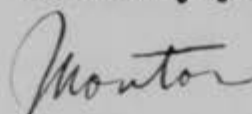
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Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

Inasmuch as the JDC has six co-chairmen and we have only five, I would suggest that you add the name of Rabbi James G. Heller who will be the President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis next year. For additional honorary chairmen, I have no recommendations unless the committee would care to add the name of Dr. Harry Friedenwald of Baltimore, who would be a fine addition; perhaps also the name of Mr. Ferdinand Sonneborn.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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P.S. What is the present status of the negotiations concerning the Agreement?

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M E M O R A N D U M

May 18, 1941

To : Mr. Henry Montor

From: Getzoff

Subject: Shreveport, La. - Visited May 10 - 13

Individuals Contacted

Address

Nathan Murov	864 Texas Avenue
Walter Wolens	864 Texas Avenue
Joe Murov	864 Texas Avenue
Sidney Herold	Slattery Building
Louis Sugar	1018 Giddens Lane Bldg.
Robert Sugar	1018 Giddens Lane Bldg.
Rabbi Leo Brenner	1707 Line Avenue
Rabbi David Lefkowitz	802 Cotton Street

(E. Bernard Weiss, Abe Freyer, and Ed Klein were out of town.)

Shreveport's Jewish community is facing a problem: the successful organization of a federation, which seems now definitely to have been organized over the opposition of some individuals who gave way when they saw that community sentiment definitely was for the idea of a federation. Under the sponsorship of E. Bernard Weiss, Abe Freyer, Louis Sugar and Rabbi David Lefkowitz, the federation idea was proposed some months ago, and was successfully achieved only this past week when the full board was elected.

The history of federation in Shreveport is very spotted. Some eight years ago, E. Bernard Weiss proposed a federation and then Abe Freyer prepared a constitution for that body. The federation idea was opposed by Sidney Herold and some other people (notably Nathan Murov), who then felt that the sole idea behind the federation was to reduce the amount of money being raised in Shreveport for philanthropic purposes. These two men were again this year the spearheads of opposition to the federation idea for the same reasons they opposed its formation in 1933. But the predominant sentiment in the community was for federating the drive, and Herold and Murov accordingly accepted the majority's wish on the condition that if the federation result in a reduction of money raised for all purposes, its continuation the following year would be subject to reconsideration. Apparently this was agreed upon by all interested parties.

The ideas underlying the formation of the federation are two-fold. One, to reduce the number of times individuals are called upon to give for various causes, and two, from a feeling of shame which many of the community leaders felt when they were visited by long-bearded, gabardine-gowned meshulachim. They hope that both "evils" will be eliminated with the federation.

As proposed in its constitution, the federation board is to consist of the president and rabbi of each of the congregations, the president or elected delegate from each of the Jewish organizations in Shreveport and six community members at large, to be elected by ballot by the community. These in turn would elect an additional six members representative of the community, whose leadership and financial status

make them desirable federation board members. After the period of one year this board would no longer be elected as prescribed for in its original constitution, but thereafter the board would become self-perpetuating in that it alone would have the choice of individuals to sit in its meetings. The board as constituted at present is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Community Position</u>	<u>How Elected</u>
E. Bernard Weiss	President of Temple	By virtue of position
Louis Sugar	President of Synagogue	" " " "
Rabbi Abram Brill	Rabbi, Reform Temple	" " " "
Rabbi David Lefkowitz	Rabbi, Reform Temple	" " " "
Rabbi Leo Brenner	Rabbi of Synagogue	" " " "
Mrs. Jacques Weiner	President, Council of Jewish Women	" " " "
Mrs. J. Bodenheimer	Pres., Temple Sisterhood	" " " "
Mrs. Elias Renov	Pres., Traditional Sisterhood	" " " "
Mrs. Sam Rubenstein	President, Hadassah	" " " "
Abe Freyer, Jr.	President, B'nai B'rith	" " " "
Ed Klein	Pres., Zionist District	" " " "
Dr. J. M. Bodenheimer		By community ballot
Mrs. Elias Goldstein		" " " "
M. L. Bath		" " " "
Aaron Freedman		" " " "
Sidney Herold		" " " "
Eli Kaminsky		" " " "
Elias Renov		Elected by board
Abe R. Cahn		" " " "
Joe Murov		" " " "
Mrs. Armand Roos		" " " "
Mrs. Sam Sklar		" " " "
Hyman Muslow		" " " "

Board and federation officers were supposed to have been elected the night of May 13. But with Messrs. Herold, Klein, Weiss and Freyer out of town, it was decided to postpone the election of officers until the following week or ten days. Rabbi David Lefkowitz promised to communicate with me and let me have the completed official roster of the newly-formed Shreveport Federation of Jewish Charities. As yet no Budget Committee or Allocations Committee has been formulated, but from discussion with several people there seems to be the rather universal feeling that at least three of its members will be Sidney Herold, E. Bernard Weiss and Aaron Freedman. Freedman is reputedly a strong pro-Palestinian sympathizer. (I was unable to arrange an appointment with him because of the pressure of his business at the time I visited in Shreveport.)

The Federation will undertake its campaign in the fall of this year. They are contemplating setting a goal between forty and fifty thousand dollars. The Jewish community of Shreveport has about 450 families (roughly, 1500 population). About 300 families belong to the reform congregation B'nai Zion and 150 adhere to the orthodox (Congregation Agudath Achim). Besides being the larger congregation, the temple is the more influential, because of the people who are its members and leaders, and also by virtue of its being the older congregation in the community. For a long

time, Shreveport's Jewish community was divided along these lines, and only recently has there been any attempt made to effect a reconciliation of the "contending" camps. The rabbi and one board member of the orthodox congregation are members of the temple board, while the rabbi and one board member of the reform congregation sit on the schul board. Recently, the orthodox and reform groups have been exchanging places of worship on occasion, with the entire community either attending services in the reform congregation or the schul. This has come about because of the work of Sidney Herold, Rabbi Brenner and Rabbi Lefkowitz, who were interested in unifying the Jewish element of Shreveport's population, and also because they desired to utilize services for the cultural advancement in Jewish matters on the part of the whole community. When such joint services take place, one of the members of the community is in advance urged to prepare a discussion on some phase of Jewish life affecting the Jewish community of Shreveport, following which there is debate, questions and answers, and discussion on the problem being considered. Whether it is because of the novelty or because the nature of the program is satisfying to the Jews of Shreveport, attendance at the schul and temple have risen to a point where 200 or 300 people at a time come to services. There is increasing harmony between the orthodox and reform elements of the community, and this is evidenced in the association of Jews in Jewish organizations. Hadassah, for example, has 136 members, is very active, and draws its maximum membership from the temple group. The Zionist District has about 110 members, and its membership is composed almost equally of reform and orthodox elements. B'nai B'rith's membership approximates 200, and its composition is similar to that of the Zionist District and Hadassah. By far, the biggest cry of the people in Shreveport, is that from the point of view of the Jewish community, it is overorganized to a point where they feel that any additional type of organization might be a burden. There is already evidenced a falling off of attendance at Jewish organization functions. For this reason, the various people to whom I spoke, felt that the Council might be an added burden on an already overly organized community. It is surprising the terrific amount of patient explanation that has to go into discussing the Council with the leaders of the various communities, because they find it hard to conceive of an organization without membership, or which is not going to carry on directly any fund-raising work. The criterion of activity in these groups is expressed in two ways. One, how many members did you get? and two, how much money did you raise? The Zionist Organization suffers from the same philosophy, and for reason is largely a \$5.00 membership association. For the past few years, it has been rather dormant, and under the aegis of its newly-elected President, Ed Klein, continues in its happy, oblivious way. From time to time, an occasional Zionist speaker will visit Shreveport, at which time there may be a stir of Zionist activity, for the duration of his visit. Hadassah is much more strongly organized, carried on a much more effective job, but the good ladies are happily ignorant of Palestine, save in the narrow, specialized way that Hadassah carries on its work.

Apart from the objection that the Council might be a duplicating organization, there was universal agreement that the services which the Council would provide were welcome, and Shreveport would avail itself of them. Rabbi David Lefkowitz was especially anxious that we supply him with literature, and keep in close touch with him about the possibility of speakers in the fall, when the community will again get under way. He was agreeable (as were Herold and Murov) that the Council would supply the speaker for the opening federation drive, and was most anxious to secure people to address the joint synagogue and temple services.

I was disappointed in Klein's being out of town, because I wanted to discuss with him the status of each individual who had been selected for the board of the new federation with regard to their Zionist leanings. I felt that because Shreveport was now proceeding with its organization, it was an opportune time to get a maximum number of Zionists on the board, in order that pro-Palestinian agencies would receive maximum consideration from the funds raised here. In Klein's absence, I discussed the problem with Walter Wolens and Joe Murov (son of Nathan Murov), both ex-presidents of the Zionist Organization, and asked that they bring this important matter before the next meeting of the Zionist District for consideration. I urged the meeting of the Zionist group while I was still in town, so that I might be able to discuss the situation with them, but neither Wolens nor Murov felt that any such meeting could be convened until Klein returned to Shreveport. He would not be back until the following week, which made it a physical impossibility for me to be in town then. I intend to telephone Klein from Houston, and discuss with him the advisability of my meeting with the Zionist Organization to discuss the Shreveport Federation, and to determine ways and means of how the Zionists can most effectively aid Palestinian causes through their relations with the federation.

One of the cardinal aims I had in coming to Shreveport, was to discuss with Sidney Herold his assuming the chairmanship for the entire State of Louisiana. This he refused to do. He states that he would be most effective in North Louisiana where he knows the people, but once you get below Alexandria, his name is meaningless. He feels that someone from New Orleans, either Ike Heller or Monty Lemann should be asked to assume co-chairmanship together with him for the State of Louisiana. Shreveport considers itself part of Texas and not part of Louisiana; and that Louisiana doesn't begin until you get below Alexandria. Herold also informed me that Ike Heller is very ill, and Monty Lemann will, together with Herold, be on a case in which they are both interested, in Cincinnati, during all of next week. For this reason, he thinks it might be wise to wait a while before making any contacts in New Orleans; especially since these men, and perhaps David Fichman, are about the only sources of contact of any value for the Council, in New Orleans. Herold, who is traveling together with Lemann, stated that he would discuss the Council with him, and arrange an appointment for me to see Lemann when he returns to New Orleans.

Herold is one of the most interesting and remarkable people it has ever been my pleasure to meet. He is thoroughly pro-U.P.A., ardently Zionist, and will probably be our most effective force in this whole district. He is particularly anxious at this time that the Council carry on its work, in view of the critical situation which exists in Palestine, with the threat of the German invasion, in order to mobilize the opinion of Southwest Jewry behind Palestine. He is rather condemnatory of disinterest manifested by Jews through these parts, and feels that no matter what may happen later on, it will not be the Jews who will lead other Jews to favorable regard to Palestine; but if Palestine puts up a good fight, as good as the Finns and Greeks, or even better, (in that he hoped that it might successfully resist any axis aggression) the favorable opinion which the American public would have about the Jews in Palestine, would make the Jews themselves feel maybe a little proud of owing up to the fact that they in some way might be related to the same Jews who are carrying on a heroic struggle in the Near East. Herold particularly welcomed the appearance in several days running of some A.P. articles and other dispatches in the local Shreveport paper, which discussed the significance of Palestine in relation to the British war position in the Near East. He felt that the continuance of such articles would help awaken American Jews to the importance of defending Palestine, not only morally, but financially; and too, he restated his belief that because Palestine now stood in danger, it was time to redouble

our efforts in its defense, and to interpret Palestine to American Jews in its proper relationship to the total world Jewish scene, in order to effect a total American Jewish effort on behalf of Palestine. Being with Herold was a real inspiration to me, after meeting with so many of our so-called Zionists and pro-Palestinian leaders in the Southwest who were always ready and eager to throw off their feeling for Palestine to advance their social positions and secure for themselves the gracious regard of their anti-Palestinian neighbors.

Together with Herold, I went over the complete list of Louisiana key people, and he selected therefrom those names of people with whom he was acquainted, and who he felt would be effective in furthering the work of the Southwest Council. In Shreveport alone, Herold mentioned some 18 people, a number of whom I feel, if actively supporting the Council, would mean that the U.P.A. could count Shreveport in its pocket. Their names are: Max M. Levy, Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Rabbi Brenner, Rabbi Brill, Nathan Kronenberg, Henry Kirsch, Elias Goldstein, Abe Freyer, Aaron Freedman, Isaac Abramson, Walter Wolens, E. Bernard Weiss, Louis L. Sugar, Morris Shuster, Elias Renov, Nathan Murov and Joe M. Murov.

Notes on above and other Shreveport individuals:

Max M. Levy is the owner of one of the largest clothing stores in Shreveport, who seldom takes an active part in Jewish communal work. He is past 70 years of age, and by virtue of the length of his residence in Shreveport, as well as his financial standing, is very highly regarded. Max Levy considers himself a Zionist though making the definition of Zionist for himself.

Rabbi David Lefkowitz. Lefkowitz was brought into Shreveport as an assistant to Rabbi Brill, who is very ill. Lefkowitz has been in this community ever since the high holidays of this past year, and has made himself considerably active in all of its communal undertakings. He was one of the movers behind the federation spirit, and is extremely ambitious for the future position of Shreveport's Jewish community in the Southwest. He is a young, energetic, dynamic fellow, who gives promise of being that type of rabbi who will be a leader instead of a subservient follower. Lefkowitz professes interest in Palestine, and while not a member of the Zionist Organization, he has recently applied for membership. His attitude on Palestine is expressed best in his own words. "I cannot conceive of Palestine as a homeland for the Jews of the world. For me, it is essentially a haven of refuge for Jews from distressed communities overseas, and should ever the Jews of America be in the same position as those overseas, then for the Jews of America. But as a safeguard - as a possible buffer to reduce the sharpness of blows which the Jewish communities all over the world might suffer, we need Palestine; and to prepare and strengthen Palestine to become the motherland for its distressed children is the foremost work of all Jews." (In concrete terms, this might mean about 30% for the U.P.A.) Lefkowitz expresses a desire to assist the Council in whatever way he can. I wonder to what extent this might not mean a reflection of his own ambition. He was especially impressed when I mentioned the names of the leaders of the Council, and the communities from which they came. He asked that I supply him with whatever literature I could send, so that he might be able to place this in the hands of the members of his temple, accepted my suggestion that the Council might supply the speaker for the opening federation function and for such other functions as might be necessary, and was more than anxious that occasional speakers be supplied for meetings of the two congregations when they hold joint services.

Nathan Kronenberg. Herold suggested that I see Kronenberg, in order to meet one of the most interesting Jewish characters in Shreveport. A good section of Shreveport's Jewish population can't make up their minds about Kronenberg. He is a gambler, playing the horses, and makes his whole living by games of chance. His particular value is in fund-raising activities. He is very generous, if he is approached when he is "in the chips" and will also extend himself to contact other Jews, not hesitating to tell them how much they should give. Many people stand in awe of him because they associate gambling with racketeering; but Herold assures me that Kronenberg's gambling is of the scientific and not racketeering variety. A very interesting character indeed!

Henry Kirsch. Kirsch is one of the younger members of Shreveport's Jewish community, who is an insurance agent. His particular value is that he is both a Zionist and a good worker. He is always active on behalf of Jewish community functions, and for this reason, has a say, and gets a hearing in Jewish community circles.

Elias Goldstein. brother-in-law to Sidney Herold. Goldstein is described as a Bourbon, reactionary but respected member of Shreveport's Jewish community. Goldstein is a lawyer. His interests in Palestine are all anti, but, if Palestine's danger is increased, Herold expresses the opinion that Goldstein would lose a lot of his disinterest. Goldstein, too, is very much respected among the non-Jewish community. He was formerly President of the Shreveport Community Chest, and has been selected for numerous local official posts.

Abe Freyer. Not particularly well liked by Sidney Herold, but a highly regarded member of Shreveport's community by the other Jews. To Herold, Freyer verges on being a shy-ster. Among other people, this feeling is ascribed to Herold, because of the competitive relationship in which he and Freyer stand. Freyer is now one of the vice-presidents of the Supreme Lodge of B'nai B'rith. He wrote the Constitution of the Jewish Federation, and was one of the active spiritual fathers. Sidney Herold, notwithstanding, Abe Freyer is a man whose influence on our side would be very valuable in Shreveport. From what I understand, he is not a Zionist, and is not inclined to Zionism, but could be influenced on a minimum program of pro-Palestinian activity. I don't know what this would result in to us in dollars and cents.

Isaac Abramson. a young lawyer, who is doing exceptionally well. Abramson is vice-president of the Zionist District of Shreveport, and his future as a communal leader seems to be assured. He is a young man, and is worthy of our cultivation for what benefits we might derive from it in future days.

Aaron Freedman. past treasurer of the United Jewish Appeal drive in Shreveport, and a member of the Zionist Organization. I was unable to secure much information concerning Freedman, and was unfortunate in not being able to establish telephonic contact with him in order to be able to speak with him.

Rabbi Abram Brill. For a long time the foremost religious leader of Shreveport, but who now is suffering from a serious heart ailment and paralysis. Most people feel that his days are number, and that even if he were to recover, he would be unable to carry on any active life as heretofore.

Rabbi Leo Brener. rabbi of the orthodox congregation. Brener is very young-looking, but is probably close to 40. Brener has permitted the initiative of Jewish communal life to pass out of his hands altogether, and into those of Rabbi David Lefkowitz. There isn't even a toss-up between the two young rabbis. Lefkowitz, if he continues in the Shreveport pulpit, will sooner than later be the dominating religious leader and communal influence of the two.

Walter Wolens, cousin to Louis and Joe Wolens, of Corsicana, and son-in-law of Nathan Murov. Wolens is an ex-president of Shreveport Zionist District, and because of his father-in-law's more than active interest in Palestine, continues his work on behalf of the Yishuv. Wolens is considered a good speaker, and a young man who should be motivated to greater activity in the communal life of Shreveport than he has heretofore assumed. He is very superior to young Joe Murov, and will probably take the place of Nathan Murov in the Jewish communal picture.

E. Bernard Weiss, president of the reform congregation, and one of the most active workers behind the present federation movement. It was Weiss who, eight years ago, attempted to organize a federation in Shreveport, but who failed because of Herold's opposition to it. Weiss is about 50 years of age, and his leadership in Shreveport is bound to grow, if the federation becomes a success. It is known as his baby. Sidney Herold recently refused to accept the chairmanship of the federation, though I urged him to reconsider. He has suggested E. Bernard Weiss for the job, and the chances are that if Herold does not take the chairmanship, Weiss will.

Louis L. Sugar, president of the orthodox congregation, and past president of the United Jewish Appeal drive in Shreveport. Sugar is also one of the most active in the founding of the Shreveport Federation. He is a young man grown tired. He feels that once the federation is definitely organized, his work in the community will be finished, and he will devote himself to a minimum of activity. He claims that the pressure of his business will prevent his active participation and welcomes the federation, I think, because it means that he will have to do less work.

Nathan Murov is one of the oldest Zionists in America. He was extremely active on behalf of the World Zionist Organization when Herzl was its president, and used to attend the conventions of that group until a little after the post-war years. At that time his health gave out, and he has had to take things easy. More recently, he has developed coronary disorders, and on the advice of his physician has withdrawn altogether from his business, to which he attends for about one or two hours every two weeks. He guards his health very closely, and rests as much as possible. Murov will not be able to serve us in any way.

Joe M. Murov. This boy is not to be confused with Joe Murov (the son of Nate Murov). There are about four Murov families in Shreveport. Joe M. was secretary of last year's U.J.A. He is a young man only about 28, extremely energetic and a most effective federation worker. Almost single-handedly, he collected the outstanding pledges which Shreveport made to the United Jewish Appeal to where, to date, only about \$150 remains to be brought in. He is very much liked by all the Jewish community in Shreveport, and his election to the board of the federation is a reward for his excellent services up till now. Together with the other young men mentioned above, our attention should be directed to Joe M. Murov for cultivation as a U.P.A. man.

Mrs. Sam Rubenstein, President of Hadassah. This is a surprise. The Rubenstein family is one of the richest in Shreveport, owing the largest department store in town. Both Sam and Sol Rubenstein are anti-Zionist, or at least harbor no feelings of sympathy for Palestine. Mrs. Rubenstein's presidency of Hadassah has revolutionized the complexion of Hadassah's membership, resulting in the wives of the richest and foremost individuals in the community becoming members of that organization. Mrs. Rubenstein can be utilized for meetings of an intimate nature to which she could invite the outstanding Shreveport leaders to meet with well-known pro-Palestinian visitors to Shreveport.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a proposed editorial to be used in the current May issue of the U.P.A. Report. It has been gone over by Mr. Lipsky. In view of the policy involved I would appreciate your kindness in wiring me whether this is satisfactory so that we may go to press.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

Cordially yours,

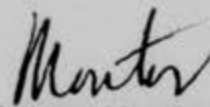
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The fact that Palestine may soon be invaded is established by all reports. But until that event occurs American Jewry, reflecting the policy pursued by the American Government, must give all assistance to that community which, in an area of indecision and of betrayal, has stood firmly and unequivocally with Great Britain.

Even in this uncertain hour, when the Yishuv awaits all eventualities with courage and confidence in its ultimate future, the mistakes of Great Britain cannot be overlooked. Its policy in Palestine stemmed from the stupidity of appeasement, whose bitter fruits the British themselves are now tasting throughout the Middle East. That policy was responsible for the MacDonald White Paper. It is responsible for the failure to enroll the tens of thousands of young Jews who have begged for arms to fight for their land and their people. The American Government is reported to be rushing reinforcements of material to the Suez area. Whether those reinforcements will be distributed adequately to serve for Palestine's defense, the coming days will tell. There is much for which Great Britain must atone to the Jewish people. Not the least was its rejection of the handclasp of loyalty and support which has been extended by the Jews of Palestine since the beginning of hostilities in Europe.

Inner security has been the keynote of Jewish revival in Palestine. Certain of their right to live, the Chalutzim have had the normal complement of dignity, self-respect and courage. It is with these qualities that they have withstood the dislocations and hardships of pseudo-war. It is with these virtues that they await the resolution of the present uncertainty.

Is it too much to hope that the Jews of America, 6,000 miles away from the scene of action, will match in their own way the inner confidence and the outer heroism of the Yishuv?

Once again it is time to remind the Jews of America that the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home involves more than the finding of refuge for a single Jew or for groups of individual Jews. The historic purpose of the Zionist movement is to create a free homeland where the nucleus of a national life, with all its ramifications, may be established. This fundamental program has not varied through the years. But there was always a tendency to allow emphasis on the philanthropic aspects of the movement to overshadow its basic purposes. In a time of crisis, such submersion of the genuine values would result in moral and intellectual confusion.

The work in Palestine goes on; it will continue until irresistible physical force halts or impedes its progress. Until that time it is our moral responsibility to sustain the physical and moral resources of that Jewish community, which is the pride of world Jewry; for the brave men and women of Palestine, of all Jews in the world, have the privilege of fighting against Hitlerism and at the same time of defending their Homeland.

The war will end, and peace must bring easement to the plight of the Jewish people. It will have to include the provision of the resettlement of millions of Jews who will be unable to remain in the countries of their origin. Whatever be the emergencies of war, so long as freedom survives, so long as justice and humanity survive in this world, Palestine will continue to be, as it has been for thousands of years, the center of the Jewish hope for the redemption and rehabilitation of the Jewish people.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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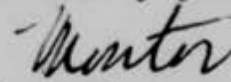
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of an article which I have written for this week's American Jewish Congress Weekly.

Mr. Lipsky felt that you might want to see this before it appeared. Do you have any suggestions?

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date May 19, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Subject

Attached hereto is a copy of a cable which has come from Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, referring to the fact that the Jewish Agency in Palestine was approached with the demand to allocate LP.500 monthly to Chief Rabbi Herzog. I assume that this is to be considered in relation to any action to be taken by the United Palestine Appeal.

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STIMULATE UJA CAMPAIGN TOWARD END OF MAY IF POSSIBLE OR
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COULD THAT BE TIED IN WITH ONE OF YOUR PROSPECTIVE VISITS
TO NEWYORK? WOULD APPRECIATE WIRE TODAY. REGARDS=

HENRY MONTOR.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky

*Chairman,
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Attached hereto is a copy of the statement issued by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on the results of the meeting of the Board of Directors.

Solomon Goldman

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Morris Rothenberg

I also attach a draft of a proposed statement that the Committee on the Referendum for Budgeting might issue.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

With kindest regards, I am,

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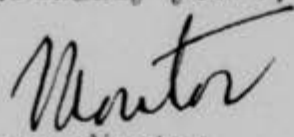
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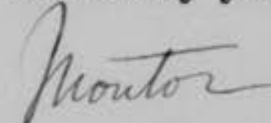
Dear Dr. Silver:

I thought you would be interested in a report and comparative figures for 1940 and 1941, on the Los Angeles campaign.

The Los Angeles campaign generally is not doing well at all. On May 15th they reported \$140,000 as having been raised out of a total of \$459,000, with \$319,000 reported by Harry Warner for the motion picture division.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

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SUBSCRIPTIONS OF \$100 OR MORE

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GENERAL DIVISION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>
Acme Felt Works, Inc.	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Allen, Isidore	300.00	100.00
Asher, Max & Sons	1,000.00	900.00
Arnov, Philip	200.00	50.00
Bailey, Mrs. James G.	250.00	500.00
Bardon, Leonard	100.00	---
Baruh, Mr. & Mrs. J.Y.	2,500.00	2,500.00
Baruch, Mr. & Mrs. Milton	900.00	600.00
Bauman, Bros.	400.00	300.00
Beaumont, Col. Louis D.	10,000.00	10,000.00
Beckman, Ben	200.00	100.00
Behrendt-Levy Co.	200.00 (I.O.Levy)	750.00 (Co.)
Berch, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel H.	1,200.00	1,000.00
Berman, J. George	350.00	500.00
Berman, Joseph	300.00	300.00
Bernstein, Montrose M.	250.00	100.00
Bernstein, Samuel S.	100.00	100.00
Reicher, Herman	500.00	500.00
(Better Food Market)		
Binder, George	150.00	100.00
Bing, Mr. & Mrs. Leo S.	1,000.00	500.00
Bloome, Mark C.	600.00	500.00
Blumberg, David	150.00	150.00
Broadway Outfitting Co.	75.00	100.00
Brooks Clothing Co.	750.00	750.00
Brown, Charles	2,500.00	2,500.00
Brown, Max & Moffie Samuel	300.00	250.00
California Furniture Guild	100.00	---
Caro & Upright	100.00	250.00
Carter, Mark	500.00	300.00
Carter, Victor M.	100.00	50.00
Century Floor Coverings	1,000.00	1,000.00
Brasley, Mrs. B. Brasley	6,000.00	6,000.00
Cohen, Cohen	100.00	100.00
Cohen, Maxfield, J.	250.00	250.00
Cohen, Ben	100.00	70.00
Cohn-Goldwater Co.	100.00	---
Cohn-Goldwater Mfg. Co.	100.00	---
Cohn, Mr. & Mrs. Morris	600.00	750.00
Colonial Shops	100.00	100.00
Corekin, S. M.	250.00	250.00
Cramer, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie G.	100.00	60.00
Crown Upholstering Co.	150.00	125.00
Davidson, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan	500.00	500.00
Decorative Fabric Corp.	300.00	250.00
Davis, J. M.	100.00	---
Eisner, Mr. & Mrs. I.	400.00	400.00
Erenberg, L. & Sons	100.00	100.00

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1941

GENERAL DIVISION

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>
Familian Pipe & Supply Co. & Pacific Cast Iron & Fitting Co.	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
Feinberg, Henry	150.00	100.00
Feingold, Dr. & Mrs. Ben	600.00	500.00
Felix, Max	500.00	500.00
Fink, Samuel	150.00	-----
Forman, Paul	100.00	-----
Frankenberg, Mr. & Mrs. Ben	100.00	-----
Friedman, Harry	250.00	100.00
Fuhrman, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard	100.00	100.00
Furniture Jobbers	100.00	100.00
Gang, Martin	100.00	500.00
Gerstley, James M.	150.00	300.00
Glickman, Manuel	150.00	100.00
Gold, Morris	500.00	500.00
Goldman-Sarlow Co.	500.00	500.00
Goldwater, Mr. & Mrs. L. G.	500.00	750.00
Goodfriend, Martin	100.00	25.00
Greenberg, Abe L.	150.00	25.00
Greenberger, Walter	100.00	50.00
Globe Department Stores	2,500.00	2,500.00
(Grossblatt, Mr. & Mrs. Louis)		
Gumbiner, L. C.	100.00	100.00
Hanak, Norman W.	100.00	100.00
Hattenbach, Mr. & Mrs. Ben	100.00	100.00
Heller, Joe	100.00	25.00
Hilborn, Mr. & Mrs. Walter	400.00	400.00
Hirschman, Mr. & Mrs. B.M.	500.00	500.00
Hoffman, Dr. & Mrs. Arthur	500.00	500.00
Holden, Dr. Harold M.	100.00	35.00
Hollywood Ranch Market, Inc.	100.00	100.00
Isaacs, Mrs. Louis & Family	4,000.00	4,000.00
Josepho, Anatole, M.	600.00	600.00
Jubas, S. V.	100.00	25.00
Kabaker, Charles	100.00	100.00
Kaplan, M. B.	100.00	100.00
Karosen, L.H.	150.00	150.00
Karpen, Mike	250.00	25.00
Keene, D. H.	150.00	125.00
Kern, Henry	400.00	500.00
Kierman, David	150.00	150.00
Koenigsberger, Mr. & Mrs. S.	100.00	-----
Kramer, H.W.	1,200.00	750.00
Landau Investment Co.	2,000.00	2,000.00
Laykin, Irving	250.00 (Individual)	250.00(& Sol)
Laykin, Sol	250.00 (Individual)	250.00(& Irving)
Lee, S. Charles	100.00	100.00
Lee's Department Store	500.00	500.00

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GENERAL DIVISION

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>
Levi, Simon Co.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,300.00
Levy, M. S.	150.00	175.00
Lindenbaum, Jules	150.00	100.00
Lipper, Mr. & Mrs. Milton W.	500.00	600.00
Litchman, C. S.	100.00	100.00
L. A. Cotton Co.	275.00	250.00
L. A. Period Furniture Co.	700.00	600.00
Magnin, I. & Co.	1,500.00	1,500.00
Margolies, Alex	500.00	500.00
Market Wholesale Grocery Co.Inc.	300.00	---
Marks, Joshua H.	150.00	150.00
Matusow, C.	300.00	250.00
Mayers, Arthur, Henry, & J.R.	375.00	375.00
Metzler, Irving	500.00	500.00
Mier, H. A.	1,000.00	2,000.00
Morris Furniture Mfg. Co.	1,250.00	1,000.00
Moss, Irving	500.00	500.00
National Shoe Co.	200.00	150.00
Neustadter, L. W.	600.00	500.00
Newmark, Marco R.	300.00	300.00
Newmark, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel	400.00	600.00
Newmark, Warren P.	150.00	150.00
Norton Family	2,000.00	1,650.00
Pacht, Mr. & Mrs. Isaac	350.00	250.00
Pessin, N. Z.	200.00	---
Prinzmetal, Dr. Myron	125.00	100.00
Raffee, Abe	125.00	100.00
Raisin, Saul	100.00	---
Rice, Sidney S., Jr.	250.00	500.00
Rosenberg, Joseph H.	1,000.00	1,500.00
Rosenkranz, J. A.	750.00	600.00
Rosenson, Robert & Theodore	1,000.00	1,000.00
Rosenson, Robert		
Roth, Max & Family	200.00	200.00
Sales Builders, Inc.	2,500.00	2,000.00
San Fernando Furniture Co.	125.00	125.00
Sapper, Karl	110.00	100.00
Saul, Edward	400.00	200.00
Saul, Isador	900.00	600.00
Scher, Aaron C.	250.00	200.00
Schwartz, S. L.	250.00	300.00
Serber, Sam	250.00	150.00
Sierdy Family	8,500.00	8,500.00
Silberberg, M. B.	1,500.00	1,500.00
Simon's Inc.	1,500.00	1,500.00
(Wm.H.Simon, Mike Lyman & L.& L Company)		
Siskin, Harry	1,500.00	1,500.00
Slavick, A. N.	2,000.00	2,000.00
Sloan, Herbert	100.00	100.00
Smith, Jack	600.00	500.00

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GENERAL DIVISION

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>
Smooke, Nathan	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00
Solnit, Ben	750.00	500.00
Star Outfitting Co.	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sterling Furniture Mfg. Co.	100.00	100.00
Stern, Charles	600.00	400.00
Stone, Lionel S.	200.00	200.00
Strimling, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore	1,000.00	1,000.00
Strouse, Dr. Solomon	160.00	160.00
Surkis, Samuel	500.00	400.00
Swarts, Louis E.	750.00 (Company)	150.00 (Individual)
(Swarts & Tannenbaum)		
Swartz, Joe	2,500.00	2,500.00
Tannenbaum, David	750.00 (Company)	600.00 (Individual)
(Swarts & Tannenbaum)		
Thrifty Drug Stores Co.	3,000.00	3,000.00
Triest, Karl	500.00	480.00
Trubin, M.	100.00	25.00
Udell, Max & Sons Co.	350.00 (A. Udell)	350.00 (Company)
U.S. Hardware & Paper Co.	500.00	500.00
Venus Packing Co.	200.00	50.00
Weiss, William B.	100.00	100.00
Welensky, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel	100.00	100.00
Wilder, Wolfe	200.00	100.00
Wile, Daniel	1,000.00	1,000.00
Wolfson, Burnett	500.00	500.00
Zeiler, Dr. A. Herman	600.00	600.00
Zimmer, Max	100.00	50.00
Barlin Co. (Samuel Barlin)	100.00 (Company)	100.00 (Individual)
Sanford, D.E.	100.00	100.00
Roth, Louis & Co.	300.00	250.00
Styletex (Moses & Jack Tanner)	100.00	100.00
Krantz, Samuel	100.00	150.00
Weinberg, Woolf	250.00	100.00
Newhoff, Morton L.	350.00	350.00
Kass, Lou H.	200.00	150.00
Whiser, I.	150.00	100.00
Schoenberg, Arthur M.	150.00	100.00
Klein-Norton Co.	100.00	100.00
Hirsh Uniform Co.	150.00	100.00
Frankenstein, Herman	150.00	100.00
Carter, George M.	150.00	100.00
Stone Hardware Co.	150.00	10.00
Turetz, Manuel	150.00	100.00
Rubin, H. I.	100.00	50.00
Rottman, Sam	100.00	50.00
Harris, P.	125.00	100.00
Levine, Isadore	125.00	100.00
Phillips Poultry	100.00	100.00

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>
Belousoff, Martin	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
Phillips, Wm. E.	400.00	300.00
Shapiro, Wm.	150.00	100.00
Friedman Bag Co.	400.00	200.00
Rosenfeld, Fred	100.00	---
Sadicoff, Harry G.	150.00	50.00
Benjamin, I. B.	250.00	200.00
Marcus, Eugene H.	100.00	25.00
Swarthe, Louis L.	100.00	60.00
Stalmaster, Irvin	125.00	125.00
Saeta, Maurice	100.00	60.00
Kopp, Robert E.	100.00	75.00
Shapiro, A. Joseph	100.00	100.00

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MOTION PICTURE DIV.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>
Adler, E. Maurice	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Albert, Sam	100.00	100.00
Aller, Joseph	100.00	300.00
Aller, Simeon	400.00	300.00
Anger, Lou	500.00	1,000.00
Aronson, A. J.	300.00	300.00
Arnow, Maxwell	200.00	-----
Asher, Irving	500.00	250.00
Auster, Islin	100.00	-----
Baerwitz, Sam	250.00	250.00
Bard Brothers	300.00	300.00
Bassman, George	100.00	120.00
Bauchman, Morris	200.00	-----
Behrman, S. N.	100.00	-----
Benedict, Howard S.	500.00	400.00
Benny, Jack	5,000.00	5,000.00
Berg, Phil & Allenberg, Bert	3,500.00	3,500.00
Bergerman, Stanley & Rosabelle	2,000.00	2,440.00
Berkoff, Louis & Eugene	100.00	-----
Berle, Milton	400.00-	-----
Bershon, Dave	250.00	500.00
Berman, Pandro S.	1500.00	2,500.00
Bernhardt, Kurt	200.00	-----
Bischoff, Sam	1,000.00	1,000.00
Blumenthal, Richard M.	100.00	-----
Boasberg, Nathan	100.00	100.00
Brand, Harry	125.00	200.00
Brandt, Jerrold T.	100.00	-----
Brown, Harry Joe	1,000.00	1,600.00
Brecher, Irving	500.00	350.00
Bren, Milton H.	1,000.00	1,000.00
Breslow, Lou	200.00	100.00
Briskin, Barney	100.00	100.00
Briskin, Irving	400.00	400.00
Briskin, Samuel J.	1,500.00	1,000.00
Brown, George	100.00	-----
Brulatour, J.E.	5,000.00	10,000.00
Buchman, Sidney	1,000.00	500.00
Burns, George N.	2,000.00	5,000.00
Burns, Lillian	100.00	100.00
Buzzell, Edward N.	300.00	500.00

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MOTION PICTURE DIV.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>
Cantor, Eddie	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Mario	120.00	- - - -
Chertok, Jack	375.00	250.00
Cohen, Harry C.	100.00	100.00
Cohen, Lester	200.00	- - - -
Cohn, Harry	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cohn, J.J.	1,500.00	1,500.00
Crocov, Dave	100.00	125.00
Cukor, George	1,500.00	1,000.00
Cummings, Irving	1,000.00	2,500.00
Cummings, Jack	500.00	500.00
Curland, William	100.00	150.00
Curtiz, Michael	2,500.00	2,000.00
Deutsch, Adolph	100.00	500.00
Deverich, Nat	200.00	200.00
Douglas, Melvyn	1,500.00	1,250.00
Dreyer, Dave	200.00	150.00
Eastland Theatre, Inc.	450.00	350.00
Edelman, Lou	350.00	1,000.00
Einfeld, S. Charles	1,000.00	1,000.00
Emerson, Henry	120.00	100.00
Engel, Sam	300.00	500.00
Epstein, Julius J.	600.00	400.00
Epstein, Philip G.	600.00	400.00
Fazenda, Louise	100.00	- - - -
Feld, Milton H.	750.00	750.00
Felix, Seymour	100.00	- - - -
Finkel, Abem	300.00	900.00
Finkelstein, Jack	100.00	- - - -
Finston, Nat W.	600.00	1,500.00
Forbstein, Leo F.	1,500.00	1,500.00
Fox, Matthew	1,000.00	650.00
Fox West Coast Theatres, Corp.	1,000.00	1,000.00
Foy, Bryan	500.00	250.00
Frank, George	200.00	- - - -
Frank, Harriet	100.00	- - - -
Franklin, Sidney A.	2,500.00	2,500.00
Freed, Arthur	500.00	500.00
Freeman, Everett	100.00	- - - -
Freeman, Y. Frank	1,000.00	1,000.00
Feil, Murray	100.00	100.00
Freulich, Henry	150.00	500.00
Freund, Karl	100.00	100.00
Friedman, Charles	100.00	50.00
Friedman, Jos.	100.00	50.00
Fuchs, Daniel	100.00	- - - -

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>
Galston-Sutton Theatres	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Garber, David S.	100.00	100.00
Garfield, John	500.00	100.00
Genet, Ira A.	100.00	----
Gershenson, Joseph	100.00	150.00
Gilbert, Billy	100.00	100.00
Ginsberg, Henry	1,250.00	750.00
Glett, Charles L.	100.00	----
Glick, Hyman J.	100.00	100.00
Goddard, Paulette	200.00	----
Goetz, Ben	1,000.00	----
Goetz, Wm.	1,000.00	2,000.00
Goldberg, Ben and Earl	100.00 (Ben & Earl)	100.00 (Ben)
Golden, Max H.	100.00	----
Goldsmith, Ken	100.00	300.00
Goldstein, E. H.	150.00	150.00
Goldstone, The Agency	1,500.00	----
Goldstone, Phil	1,000.00	1,000.00
Goldstone, Richard D.	300.00	250.00
Goldwyn, Samuel	5,000.00	5,000.00
Gordon, David	500.00	500.00
Gordon, Mack	300.00	300.00
Gordon, Max	150.00	----
Gorney, Jay	100.00	10.00
Granet, Bert	100.00	----
Green, Howard J.	150.00	----
Grey, Harry	100.00	60.00
Gross, Jack J.	300.00	300.00
Gross, Jack O.	100.00	50.00
Gross, Milt	100.00	----
Guilaroff, Sidney	200.00	25.00
Halper, Louis J.	350.00	500.00
Halprin, Sol	100.00	100.00
Hamilburg, Mitchell J.	200.00	100.00
Hammond, Len	100.00	200.00
Harburg, E. Y.	500.00	100.00
Hartman, Don	500.00	600.00
Hartmann, Edmund L.	150.00	100.00
Hellinger, Mark	1,000.00	1,000.00
Henigson, Henry	200.00	100.00
Herbert, F. Hugh	100.00	100.00
Hertz, David	300.00	400.00
Herzig, Sig	100.00	----
Hornblow, Arthur, Jr.	1,000.00	400.00

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Hopkins, Bob	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00
Hyde, John	600.00	500.00
Hyman, A.	110.00	100.00
Hyman, B. H.	1,500.00	2,500.00
Ingster, Boris	100.00	---
Jackson, Felix	500.00	500.00
Jacobs, William	200.00	200.00
Jaffe, Sam	750.00	750.00
Kahane, B. B.	600.00	750.00
Kahn, Gordon	100.00	---
Kamen, Kay	100.00	---
Kanin, Garson	250.00	250.00
Kaper, Bronislau	100.00	100.00
Karp, Jacob H.	300.00	300.00
Katz, Raymond	100.00	100.00
Katz, Sam	2,500.00	3,500.00
Kingston, Al & Company, Inc.	100.00	---
Klein, Emanuel	200.00	200.00
Kline, Wally	100.00	---
Knopf, Edwin	250.00	1,300.00
Koenig, William	750.00	1,000.00
Kohlmar, Fred	200.00	150.00
Kohn, Ben G.	100.00	---
Kohner, Paul, Inc.	100.00	---
Korngold, Erich W.	300.00	300.00
Koster, Henry	2,000.00	2,500.00
Krasna, Norman	1,000.00	1,000.00
Krasner, Milton R.	100.00	100.00
Krims, Milton	750.00	600.00
Krumgold, Sigmund	300.00	300.00
Kurnitz, Harry	500.00	300.00
Kurstin, M. A.	100.00	50.00
Laemmle, Carl, Jr.	1,000.00	1,000.00
Lanfield, Sidney	1,000.00	---
Lang, Fritz	500.00	500.00
Lasky, Jesse L.	500.00	500.00
Lastfogel, Abe & Frances	5,000.00 (Abe & Frances)	5,000.00 (Abe)
Lauren, S. K.	200.00	---
Le Maire, Rufus	150.00	200.00
LeRoy, Mervyn	1,500.00	3,000.00
Lesser, Sol	5,000.00	5,000.00
Levon, Benjamin	100.00	---
Levey, Jules	100.00	---
Levinson, Nathan	300.00	200.00
Levy, Lou	100.00	---
Lewin, Albert	200.00	300.00
Lewis, David	800.00	800.00

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>
Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Herman	\$ 100.00 (Mr.&Mrs.)	\$ 100.00 (Mr.)
Lichtman, Al	2,500.00	10,000.00
Lipstone, Louis R.	150.00	225.00
Litvak, Anatole	800.00	800.00
Loesser, Frank	200.00	---
Loew, David L.	2,500.00	2,500.00
Lord, Robert	500.00	1,500.00
Lubitsch, Ernst	1,250.00	2,000.00
Lyons, A. & S., Inc.	2,500.00	500.00
MacEwen, Walter	100.00	---
MacKenna, Kenneth	400.00	750.00
Mankiewicz, Herman	500.00	350.00
Maizlish, Harry	100.00	100.00
Mankiewicz, Joseph L.	500.00	500.00
Marcus, Lee	1,350.00	1,200.00
Marin, Edwin L.	250.00	250.00
Marin, Ned	300.00	---
Marx, Brothers (Chico, Harpo, Groucho)	1,500.00	2,000.00
Marx, Zeppo	300.00	400.00
Marx, Samuel	100.00	---
Mayer, Jerry G.	250.00	250.00
Mayer, Louis B.	7,500.00	7,500.00
Mayo, Archie	1,000.00	2,000.00
Levee, M. C.	1,500.00	2,000.00
Merkin, Michael	100.00	100.00
Metzger, G. A.	500.00	500.00
Metzger, Lou B.	500.00	500.00
Meyer, Fred S.	100.00	100.00
Miller, David	100.00	100.00
Milstein, Harry H. & Ansehl, M. A.	120.00	100.00
Morrison, Leo	100.00	100.00
Moss, Jack	500.00	---
Muni, Paul	1,000.00	2,500.00
Myers, Ray A.	100.00	---
Myers, Zion	300.00	200.00
Newman, Alfred	500.00	500.00
Newman, Emil	100.00	---
Newman, Joseph M.	100.00	100.00
North, Robert	150.00	100.00
Oboler, Arch	200.00	400.00
Oppenheimer, George	1,000.00	800.00
Paley, Jay	3,000.00	6,000.00
Pasternak, Joe	2,000.00	2,500.00
Pathe Laboratories, Inc.	250.00	---
Perlberg, William	400.00	500.00
Perrin, Nat	300.00	300.00
Pichel, Irving	200.00	200.00
Pine, William H.	150.00	50.00
Pivar, Ben	100.00	---

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>
Pivar, Maurice	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Pommer, Erich	1,500.00	1,250.00
Previn, Charles	300.00	600.00
Prinzmetal, I. H.	100.00	50.00
Raderman, Lou	100.00	200.00
Rainger, Ralph	300.00	300.00
Rapf, Harry	1,000.00	2,000.00
Rapf, Maurice	100.00	100.00
Rapp, Philip	200.00	400.00
Rapper, Irving	350.00	100.00
Rapper, Irving		
Ratoff, Gregory	1,000.00	1,500.00
Raye, Martha	200.00	-----
Reinhardt, Gottfried	125.00	250.00
Reinhardt, Wolfgang	500.00	450.00
Reis, Irving	250.00	200.00
Reisch, Walter	650.00	700.00
Riskin, Everett	400.00	-----
Riskin, Robert	500.00	500.00
Robinson, Edward G.	3,000.00	3,000.00
Robin, Leo	500.00	300.00
Rogell, Albert S.	200.00	-----
Rogell, Sid	1,000.00	1,000.00
Rogers, Chas. R.	2,000.00	2,000.00
Rosenberg, Mike	1,000.00	1,000.00
Rossen, Robert	300.00	350.00
Ruben, J. Walter	1,000.00	1,000.00
Rubin, Dave	100.00	200.00
Ruskin, Harry	250.00	250.00
Ryskind, Morrie	560.00	550.00
Salter, Hans	100.00	100.00
Sandrich, Mark R.	1,250.00	1,000.00
Santell, Alfred	500.00	-----
Saper, Jack	125.00	60.00
Saville, Victor	200.00	-----
Sax, Carrol	200.00	150.00
Schary, Dore	250.00	300.00
Schenck, Jos. M.	7,500.00	7,500.00
Schiller, E. A.	500.00	500.00
Schlesinger, Leon	3,000.00	2,500.00
Schnitzer, J. I.	1,000.00	2,000.00
Schreiber, Lew	200.00	200.00
Schulberg, Budd	100.00	-----
Schwartz, Arthur	200.00	50.00
Schwarzwald, Milton	300.00	300.00
Segall, Harry	120.00	-----
Seid, George	100.00	200.00
Seiler, Lewis	500.00	1,000.00
Seldeen, Murray	100.00	150.00
Selwyn, Edgar	250.00	250.00

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>
Selznick, David O.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Shamroy, Leon	150.00	200.00
Shearer, Norma	500.00	500.00
Sherman, George	180.00	75.00
Sherman, Harry	500.00	-----
Sherman, Vincent	150.00	150.00
Shurr, Louis- Melnick, Al	500.00	-----
Sidney, Louis K.	375.00	750.00
Siegel, M. J.	750.00	750.00
Siegel, Sol C.	500.00	300.00
Silvey, Ben	100.00	100.00
Simon, S. Sylvan	100.00	100.00
Skirball, Jack H.	500.00	-----
Skouras, Charles P.	500.00	500.00
Small, Edward	5,000.00	5,000.00
Snadow, Albert & Reuben	125.00	100.00
Snell, David	200.00	250.00
Sperling, Milton	700.00	200.00
Spencer, F. G.	100.00	-----
Spiegelgass, Leonard	400.00	-----
Srere, Harry	500.00	500.00
Stahl, John M.	500.00	-----
Starr, Irving	100.00	200.00
Stebbins, Arthur W.	500.00	600.00
Steiner, Max	1,500.00	-----
Stoll, Georgie	300.00	-----
Stoloff, Ben	300.00	-----
Stromberg, Hunt	3,600.00	5,000.00
Swerling, Jo	1,500.00	1,000.00
Taplinger, Robert S.	750.00	750.00
Taurog, Norman	2,000.00	2,000.00
Technicolor Motion Picture Corp.	500.00	500.00
Teitelbaum, Bertram	100.00	-----
Thau, Benjamin	1,000.00	1,500.00
Thiele, William	200.00	300.00
Thoeren, Robert T.	100.00	100.00
Tover, Leo	150.00	100.00
Trilling, Stephen B.	400.00	375.00
Trivers, Barry	100.00	-----
Tugend, Harry	1,000.00	1,000.00
Vinnicof, Harry	200.00	200.00
Von Newman, Felix	100.00	-----
Vorhaus, Bernard	150.00	180.00

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Wald, Jerry	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00
Wallerstein, Ben H.	100.00	150.00
Wanger, Walter F.	5,000.00	5,000.00
Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.	2,500.00	----
Warner, Harry M.	10,000.00 (Individual)	15,000.00(& Jack)
Warner, Jack L.	10,000.00 (Individual)	15,000.00(& Harry)
Warner, Jack M.	100.00	----
Weingarten, L. A.	1,750.00	2,000.00
White, Julis J.	300.00	300.00
Wilder, Billy	300.00	400.00
Wilkerson, William	500.00	----
Wilson, Allen	140.00	140.00
Winkler, Daniel M.	250.00	250.00
Wolf, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard	150.00	150.00
Wolff, Marco (Fanchon & Marco)	1,500.00	1,000.00
Wurtzel, Sol M.	2,000.00	3,500.00
Wyler, William	1,000.00	----
Yellen, Jack	600.00	----
Young, Victor	150.00	100.00
Zimbalist, Sam	500.00	400.00
Zukor, Eugene J.	600.00	500.00

MEMORANDUM

May 21, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Attached hereto is a copy of a cablegram signed by Messrs. Ussishkin, Hantke and Kaplan from Jerusalem with respect to an allocation to the Hebrew University for the year 1941.

This subject is being considered by the sub-committees of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth which alone have the power to make grants.

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COPY OF CABLEGRAM

JERUSALEM, MAY 20, 1941

MONTOR GOLDSTEIN
41 EAST 42ND
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AGREE UNIVERSITY ALLOCATION 15000 DOLLARS 1941

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

May 21, 1941

Henry Montor
uPa
41 S. 42nd St.
N. Y.

The statement in reply to the one issued by the Council of Federations should be given immediately to the Press.

Silver

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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For the Defense and Upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine

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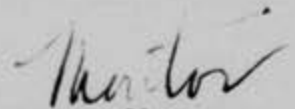
Dear Dr. Silver:

I believe that in the young men the U.P.A. has as field representatives, it is witnessing an excellent piece of foundation work in the building up of communities and contacts with leaders in those communities.

Because it is the best example of a thorough and intelligent report on a community, I am sending you herewith a copy of a memorandum from Herman Getzoff, our field representative in the Southwest, dealing with his visit to Shreveport over a period of days. What I think is particularly noteworthy is his understanding of the problem involved and his appraisal of the leaders in the community.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Attached hereto is a brief summary of the status of the United Jewish Appeal as of May 19, 1941. This indicates the amounts in pledges received directly by the agencies and the record of the pledges held in the national and New York City offices as of that date. The cash is, of course, far less. In fact, less than 10%.

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Charles J. Rosenbloom

Associate Treasurers

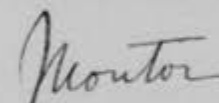
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The item for expenses indicates the totals expended thus far by the agencies, for which reimbursement is asked from the United Jewish Appeal, and the sum spent by the United Jewish Appeal itself since its reconstitution.

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Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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UJA 1941 as of May 19, 1941

Pledges

JDC	\$	28,674.69	
UPA		10,721.40	
UJA National		579,905.91	
" NYC		2,610,822.88	
NRS		<u>6,863.89</u>	\$ 3,236,988.77

Cash Received

JDC	17,196.54	
UPA	8,304.70	
UJA	288,398.36	
NRS	<u>4,629.99</u>	318,529.59

EXPENSES

JDC & NRS	128,000.00	
UPA	82,000.00	
UJA	<u>84,942.34</u>	294,942.34

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I shall be in telephonic communication with you regarding the statement on the referendum which was touched upon in your letter of May 19th.

As to Dr. Rosenbluth's comments on the J.D.C. and N.R.S. budgets, I do not see under what guise the U.P.A. can submit these to the J.D.C. and the N.R.S. If one of the officers of these bodies were to undertake to submit the material, that would be one thing, but I believe it would be regarded as unwarranted intrusion for the U.P.A. to say to another organization that its affairs are not being run properly.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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HM:JB

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May 22, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to you on May 20th by Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg in regard to the Matzoth Fund.

Mr. Warburg has restated what the JDC has been saying up to this time, but apparently the Publicity Department was not aware of the position that Mr. Warburg was to take.

Will you acknowledge this letter directly from Cleveland? If you do, will you send me a copy, or do you wish me to prepare a reply?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

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May 22, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am wondering what the reason is for the sudden outburst of the JDC contained in the enclosed publicity with reference to the money which the JDC spent on religious institutions. A particular point is made of the JDC's support of the Palestine institutions. Has this anything to do with Herzog's visit here? Has the JDC promised Herzog any support? Is this to anticipate criticism of its failure to give any of its support to Herzog?

I notice that the Hadassah has made a contribution of \$10,000 to Herzog's fund. Why isn't the UPA getting any credit for what it has done? I think we are a bit slow on the trigger when it comes to capitalizing on favorable publicity for the UPA. We are going to pay the money anyhow and we might have used the departure of Herzog to win the good will of the orthodox forces in the country by synchronizing his departure with our cause. I do not know why the action of the UPA should have been stalled by anything that Kaplan is doing in Palestine. Ours was to be a campaign expense. It was voted by the Administrative Committee and three people were to decide the amount. That should have been done and that should still be done. Decisions of the Administrative Committee should not be circumvented.

I trust that the decision of the Administrative Committee not to sign the agreement of the JDC before the item under question is disposed of will be strictly adhered to.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 22, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Mr. Goldhamer sent me the enclosed bill in connection with Dr. Weizmann's visit to Cleveland. He does not feel that the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund ought to stand the expense of Mr. Weisgal's trip. The \$18.22 are Mr. Weisgal's expenses and half of the \$53.40 are Mr. Weisgal's railroad expenses. Will you then have a check made payable to the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland to the amount of \$44.92.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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May 26, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

This refers to your letter of May 22nd regarding Rabbi Herzog.

No publicity was given to the action of the Executive Committee of the UPA in voting to "guarantee" \$25,000 for the year to Chief Rabbi Herzog through payments to be made by the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, because of my telephone conversation with you. You indicated that you wished this matter to be handled otherwise than had been determined upon by the Executive Committee.

It had been overlooked that at a meeting on April 24th of the Administrative Committee of the UPA, "the Chairman designated Dr. Silver, Mr. Lipsky, Mr. Rosenbloom and Judge Rothenberg to act as a committee to formulate the manner in which the UPA wished to be helpful to Chief Rabbi Herzog". Under the circumstances, therefore, the action could not be published because it had not yet been taken.

The minutes of the Executive Committee have not yet been issued and are largely being held up on account of this same item. The minutes state that the Executive Committee, having heard a statement by Chief Rabbi Herzog of special requirements in Palestine, and having heard from the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem that it has been called upon by Chief Rabbi Herzog to make grants for the same purposes, voted to cable the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem to pay out to Chief Rabbi Herzog 500 pounds a month, or \$25,000 a year. In view of the fact that the Jewish Agency had paid out 1,000 pounds already and was "considering" further payments, the Jewish Agency was to be advised by the UPA that the full amount for the year was being "guaranteed" by the UPA and that such payments were to be made by the Jewish Agency.

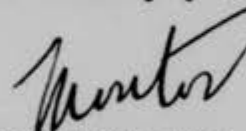
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What alternative action do you wish to take, together with the other three members of the committee, Messrs. Lipsky, Rosenbloom and Rothenberg, so that the news may be forwarded to Jerusalem, and such publicity given as may be warranted?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:JB

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

A final meeting was held on Friday afternoon at the office of the United Jewish Appeal, to dispose of the matter of reimbursement to the agencies of expenses incurred prior to the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal.

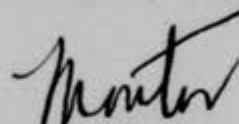
In addition to Mr. Greenman, there were Dr. Solomon Lowenstein and Mr. Joseph C. Hyman for the Joint Distribution Committee, and Judge Rothenberg and myself for the UPA, as well as accountants for both organizations, including Mr. Bernard J. Reis for the UPA.

All outstanding items were disposed of, so that now the agreement may be signed. The UPA will receive the entire sum that it had originally requested of the United Jewish Appeal.

The agreement is now being prepared and should be in your hands for signature by Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest, but there is nothing further now to hold up the signing of the agreement. It was a very wearying process but certainly worthwhile in terms of the financial returns to the UPA.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:JB

MEMORANDUM

May 26, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
From Mr. Henry Montor

I am attaching hereto a copy of a memorandum from Dr. Martin Rosenbluth, further analyzing the "PROGRAM and BUDGET" issued earlier this year by the Joint Distribution Committee.

Dr. Rosenbluth has endeavored to relate expenditures in 1940 to budgets in 1941, and to provide a background of the current situation, by which the budget itself should be studied.

HM:FE

MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

May 20, 1941

To Mr. Henry Montor
From Dr. Martin Rosenbluth
Subject THE JDC's "PROGRAM AND BUDGET" (Continued)

PART II

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"The Joint Distribution Committee today, as in the past, is paying for transportation to Palestine of refugees from Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia and Central European countries."

Indeed, there was a time when the Hicem paid the fares (out of the monies put at its disposal by the JDC, the ICA and the British Consul) of all holders of immigration certificates for Palestine who couldn't afford the expense. But since the outbreak of the war, though the JDC still contributes to a certain extent for Palestine immigration costs, it has become much more conservative in its giving. For the most part, the JDC insisted on the participation of the Zionist funds (UPA, Hadassah, Jewish Agency, Jerusalem), and in some cases they left it entirely to these funds to provide the money required.

"It is of interest to note that during 1940 alone the J.D.C. spent \$636,000, or 10% of its total expenditures in that year, for preparation and transportation of emigrants to Palestine."

In a separate memorandum I have dealt with this method of publishing statements without attempting in any way to show how the figures are arrived at. Should the question of the participation of the JDC in the expenses for transportation to Palestine be discussed at any time in the Allotment Committee, the first thing to be done is to ask them to submit a detailed and itemized account of their figures.

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"Achedule 1 is a recapitulation, showing that over 9,000 people can be emigrated during the first six months of 1941 provided \$2,875,000 can be made available by the J.D.C. This is exclusive of emigration from Greater Germany with funds made available through emigration clearance arrangements."

The proposed emigration scheme is: 3500 from France; 3000 from Lithuania; 1250 from Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg; 500 from Yugoslavia; 1000 from other countries (including Switzerland, Portugal, Italy, Rumania, etc.)

It is rather doubtful that it will be possible to emigrate 1250 people from Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg during the first half of 1941.

~~Belgium and Luxembourg during the first half of 1941~~

So far there is no working clearance arrangement for financing their emigration. Incidentally, why is the emigration cost per person \$400 from Luxembourg, but only \$300 from Holland and Belgium?

Under changed conditions, it is open to doubt that 500 refugees will be emigrated from Yugoslavia and an unspecified number from Rumania. The question is whether the German authorities will permit emigration from these countries now under Nazi control, and also whether it would be possible for the JDC to set up clearance arrangements with these countries. It is difficult to understand why the emigration cost per person is \$100 from Yugoslavia and \$300 from Rumania.

Pages 4 and 5 - Schedule 2

POLAND

The amount expected from the JDC for the first six months of 1941 is \$3,200,000, equal to 32,000,000 zlotys. This is in addition to the amount to be contributed by Polish Jewry itself. There is no indication of what local collections will amount to. It is, however, interesting to note that the financial assistance rendered by the JDC during the whole year of 1940 amounted to \$640,000, which is exactly 1/5 of the amount budgeted for a six-months' period in 1941. In a previous memorandum I explained why it would not be possible for the JDC to dispose of \$3,200,000 through emigration clearance arrangements.

Page 5 - Schedule 3 and 4

GERMANY and AUSTRIA

The amounts required are:

<u>Berlin:</u>	\$895,000 for six months in 1941, as against \$462,000 expended during nine months in 1940.
<u>Vienna:</u>	\$706,000 for six months in 1941, as against \$303,000 expended during nine months in 1940.

Of the 2,820 persons whose emigration from Germany is to be financed with the help of the \$895,000, 420 are supposed to go to Palestine. There are grave doubts as to the possibility of organizing any emigration from Germany to Palestine during the first half of 1941 owing to the changed situation in the Balkans and Middle East.

Page 6 - Schedules 5 and 6

BOHEMIA-MORAVIA and SLOVAKIA

A total of \$652,000 is expected from the JDC for the first six months of 1941 to be

paid through emigration clearance as against \$231,000 expended during the first nine months of 1940. But it is not clear, either from the schedules or from the text as to how many people it is proposed to emigrate from these countries through this financial assistance.

Pages 6 - 14

FRANCE, HUNGARY, RUMANIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

It is probably not worthwhile to analyze in detail those sections dealing with relief programs for the rest of Europe. Since the date of publication (January 31, 1941) the many changes in the European political scene which have taken place and which are momentarily occurring, will doubtless compel the JDC to revise its relief program accordingly.

But it is interesting to compare the amounts requested in the "Program" for a six-months' period with the amounts actually spent in 1940 during a period of nine months--to give several examples:

	<u>1941</u> Requested for January to June	<u>1940</u> Spent from January to September
FRANCE (Occupied and unoccupied)	\$ 904,100	\$312,442
HUNGARY	1,138,000	113,792
RUMANIA	403,485	39,732
SWEDEN	75,000	1,500

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LATIN AMERICA

\$327,060 is expected from the JDC for expenditures on behalf of refugees in Central and South America to assist the local committees in providing food, clothing, shelter, medical care, educational training, etc. The reason given is that "Local refugee aid committees in Latin America have had but a short experience in the financing and conduct of relief aid work. The complementary financial support which the J.D.C. offers is therefore of primary importance." I do not know exactly what "complementary" means. But the fact is that according to Schedule 20, the estimated local collections amount to \$48,870, while the contribution of the JDC is budgeted at \$327,060.

Pages 17 and 18

CULTURAL-RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

The JDC is most eager to state that "more than 50% of the Cultural Committee's appropriations during 1940 were allocated to Palestine institutions."--sixty yeshivoh, school organizations and cultural-religious groups were subventioned "which received no assistance from any of the Zionist funds." This may be quite true. But the point is that the total amount spent for religious-cultural activities is only 1.2% of the total expenditures of the JDC. During the first nine months of 1940 cultural-religious outlay aggregated \$65,366 out of a total expenditure of \$5,216,500. This sum, \$65,366, includes their regular contribution to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, which is certainly subsidized by Zionist funds.

Therefore, at best, their contribution to the sixty yeshivoh, etc. can have amounted to \$25,000 to \$30,000.

PART III

THE POST-WAR PERIOD

In setting forth Jewish needs in 1941 and in submitting its "Program and Budget" for the first six months of this year, the JDC also gives consideration to the post-war situation. They admit that there will be a "vast post-war migration problem", in which Central and South America will play a decisive role. There is the United States, of course, but it "can admit only up to the quota maximum", while in Latin America, "The need for new blood, for farm and factory and professional workers, for entrepreneurs, for alert and capable immigrants of all types is recognized, and their immigration on a large scale is desired. During the period 1933 through 1940, but largely during the past three years, nearly 110,000 Jewish refugees have found a new home in these countries. If they successfully adapt themselves to their new environment it is reasonable to expect that untold thousands of Jews will be admitted during the coming years."

At the moment the outlook is not very hopeful, but this is due only to the regrettable fact that "Because of insufficient funds, the J. D. C. had to curtail its operations in Central and South America in 1940. This resulted in more than suffering and hardship on the part of the destitute and needy among the newcomers. It threatened directly and indirectly, the security of all the Jews. The good reputation which they were building and in which they were beginning to be held by the governments of those countries was undermined. Nazi propagandists, sensitive to weaknesses, did not fail to take advantage of the situation."

After the war, in addition to the United States which will admit refugees "up to the quota maximum" and to Latin America which will accept "untold thousands of Jews", Europe remains, where "many" Jews will be able to build their lives anew. "Great Britain, aided materially and morally by the United States, is waging a battle not only for self-preservation but for the preservation of the sanctities of civilization. The J.D.C. is waging a campaign to keep alive many of the people who will resume a constructive role in the Europe Britain is struggling to free."

One can, of course, question their analysis of the post-war period and ask whether it is based on wishful thinking or upon reality. The significant point is that in outlining to the American Jewish and non-Jewish public the prospects for the future fate of European Jewry, the role which Palestine may play is not mentioned with so much as one word.

MR:EE

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May 26, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is the final agreement between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal to constitute the 1941 United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg has signed in his capacity as Chairman of the American Joint Distribution Committee. The signatures are to be attached to the agreement itself and to the addenda.

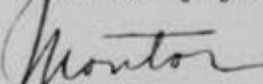
I have not forwarded, but have kept for the files of the United Palestine Appeal, the statement showing the amounts to be reimbursed to the U.P.A. and the J.D.C. by the U.J.A. of 1941. The schedules have the signatures of Bernard Reis for the U.P.A., Loeb and Troper for the J.D.C. and Frederick F. Greenman, who did a very excellent job in meeting with the two groups.

The national office of the U.P.A. will be reimbursed \$63,831.57 and from the New York office \$62,519.11, making a total of \$126,350.68. The national J.D.C. will be reimbursed from the national U.J.A. with \$101,754.69 and from the New York office \$64,968.30, making a total of \$166,722.99.

Will you be kind enough to sign and return to this office for a transfer to the J.D.C. the attached copy of the agreement. I have another copy here for our files, also signed by Mr. Warburg.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH
Encl.

May 26, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have not seen our statement on the decision of the Council of Federations with reference to the referendum either in the Jewish Telegraphic Bulletin or elsewhere. Has it been issued?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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May 27, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will have seen the Tuesday, May 27th issue of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Bulletin which finally contains a summary of the statement issued by the Committee on the Referendum with respect to the balloting of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds. But it also contains a reply by Mr. Sidney Hollander, President of the Council.

Following your telephone call to me on Monday morning, I communicated with Mr. Boris Smolar, Editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and inquired why, although the item had been sent to him by the Committee on the Referendum last Thursday, it had not yet appeared on Monday. He replied that the Bulletin had been crowded for space and that it would appear tomorrow, that is, Tuesday.

It is now apparent why the J.T.A. waited until Tuesday in order to publish the item released by the Committee on the Referendum. It was solely to give the Council of Federations time to attach its reply on the same date. If this is called straight-forward journalism rather than partisan Jewish communal politics, I have yet to learn what standard journalism is.

It has been clear from the very beginning that when there was a dispute between the forces represented by the wealthy backers of the J.T.A. and by those who might oppose them on any issue whatsoever, that the latter would always be given the worst end of the deal.

I know that you have been very patient with the J.T.A. for a long time and have been a member of its board, but it is very clear that unless one can buy his way into the affections of the J.T.A., one cannot expect a decent deal.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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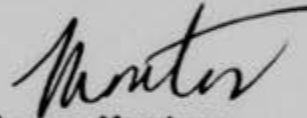
Under the circumstances it becomes more than ever obvious that in the clash of opinion in the Jewish community, there must be a channel and will be a channel for those who wish to have an opinion expressed but know that it will always be suppressed if it depends on the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Mr. Hollander's statement is revelatory of the entire attitude of the Council of Federations. He says, in effect, (a) it is not important who won the referendum as long as the Council announced that the Council had won; and (b) that even if the Council had not won, it was immaterial what Mr. Shetzer, the Committee on the Referendum or anybody else said about it.

It is clear that in this entire issue there must be a definition of policy and adherence to that policy, once formulated. It is obvious that this will involve constant debate until a conclusion is reached. I am wondering how many Zionist leaders are prepared for the irritations and the consequences of a policy of this type that will require concentration and patience. I do not know how many of the men in New York are aware of the implications of what the Council has done.

Looking forward to word from you, I am, with kindest regards,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky
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Attached hereto for your confidential information is a copy of a letter which I have addressed to Leon Feuer.

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Cordially yours,

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Rabbi Leon Israel Feuer
Collingwood Avenue Temple
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Leon:

Once again the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has confused public opinion by the type of release it issued to describe the nature of the voting that took place during the recent referendum and the proposals which were adopted presumably in consequence thereof.

I assume that you have seen the statement issued by the Committee on the Referendum for Budgeting of which Simon Shetser is Chairman, taking direct issue with the Council of Federations on both the manner in which the votes were counted and on the proposals themselves. I am attaching a copy for your information in the event that it has not reached you previously. In addition there was the article which I wrote for the "Congress Weekly" in its issue of May 23rd. Please let me know if you have not yet seen it so that I may rush you a copy. The manner in which the votes were tabulated was analyzed.

I should like to call these points to your attention:

(a) I charge that the Council of Federations deliberately miscounted the votes and did not give adequate consideration to the member agencies which voted to reject the proposal for the establishment of a national budgeting advisory committee. Thus, when the Council announcement stated that there were 54 communities accepting the proposal, and 53 rejecting, they were not stating the facts even as the Council knew them to be true, for in the Bulletin issued by the Council on May 26th to its member agencies there is a listing of the communities which accepted and rejected and of those "in which no action was taken or no information received prior to May 18, 1941."

In the latter list asterisks appear next to Long Beach, California; Niagara Falls, New York; Pontiac, Michigan; Scranton, Pennsylvania; Selma, Alabama; Sheboygan, Michigan and Waterbury, Connecticut - a total of seven cities. The asterisk is explained as follows by the Council: "Information subsequently received on action of agency on referendum." What is meant by this phrase is this: on Saturday, May 17th, when the Board of Directors of the Council of Federations met, the executive staff of the Council

Rabbi Leon Israel Feuer

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gave an inadequate report. The Committee on the Referendum gave more comprehensive information and inquired why the votes of these seven cities had not been counted. The Council declared that it had not received any ballots from them. The Committee on the Referendum communicated immediately with each of these cities and on Sunday morning, May 18th, the Board of Directors of the Council had before it telegrams from the seven cities stating that they had voted to reject the proposal and that they demanded that their votes be counted as such in the tabulation. Even though the Board of Directors was engaged in a two-day session and even though each of the seven telegrams was read to the members of the Board, the Board decided that it could not count these messages because the ballots had not been in "on May 17th." Legally and morally, therefore, 54 communities accepted the proposal, and 60 rejected it. It may be and is argued that the 54 communities, since they constituted "member agencies" of the Council, were entitled to express an opinion on the referendum. I should like to point out, however, that at the meeting of the Council in Atlanta in February much was made of the fact that the Council did not know which agencies were entitled to vote and which did not have the right to vote. The committee that was to be named would go into such questions. The committee made no such study of any such question. That is why the New York Federation of Philanthropic Societies, which has no relation whatsoever to fund-raising for national and overseas purposes in New York City, was permitted to vote. That is why such bodies as the Altoona Federation, the Atlanta Federation, the Baltimore Associated Jewish Charities, the Bridgeport Children's Society, the Buffalo Jewish Federation, the Chicago Jewish Charities, the Kansas City United Jewish Charities, the Los Angeles Federation, the New Orleans Jewish Charitable Federation, the St. Louis Jewish Federation, the San Francisco Federation of Jewish Charities, the Seattle Jewish Welfare Society and similar bodies were permitted to vote in support of the majority proposal.

It is of interest to note that the 53 communities which the Council of Federations recorded as having opposed the proposal were all entitled morally to vote on the issue, because in each instance the agency was actually involved in raising funds for national and overseas purposes, whereas at least half of the 54 cities voting to support the majority proposal have nothing whatever to do with national and overseas fund-raising.

The question that must be asked is this: Can people who will so tamper with a vote be trusted? I am tired of using pleasant words to describe unpleasant actions. There are some who say that it is unfair and malicious to ascribe sinister purposes to officers of the Council of Federations merely because they are in favor of a national budgeting advisory service. I have understood and still understand the sincerity of those who genuinely believe that national budgeting is the key to many of our communal problems. But how can one refrain from suspecting the motives of people when they will engage in a fraud as barefaced as that which has just been perpetrated by the Council in counting the ballots used in the referendum?

(b) At Atlanta it was assumed that a fair-minded committee representing various points of view would be selected by the Council

Rebbl Leon Israel Feuer

May 28, 1941

to study the referendum and to make recommendations on the basis of it. The members of the committee who were appointed and who approved the proposal were: Jacob Blaustein, Chairman, Solomon Lowenstein, William Rosenwald, William J. Shroder, Edward M. M. Warburg, Ira M. Younger and Sidney Hollander, all of whom without exception are associated with the same group which, as is obvious, is not the United Palestine Appeal Group. No representation was given to a body like the Committee on the Referendum for Budgeting with which were associated all the communities which rejected the proposal. No attempt was made to include on the committee members of the Committee to Study National Budgeting Proposals, which had been previously adopted by the Council and out of which arose the minority report. They knew, for example, the position of Dr. Silver on this whole matter. Dr. Silver was present at Atlanta. He is the Chairman of a Welfare Fund. But even he was not included on this committee.

Does all this, too, represent good faith and a sincere desire to establish a cross section of Jewish public opinion on the question of budgeting?

(c) It might be said that the Council of Federations had acted "hastily" or perhaps even unfairly in the counting of ballots. It might be said that the Committee should have been more comprehensive in its composition. But these two points are negligible in comparison to the validity of the program itself.

It is, therefore, essential to examine the report which was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Council to see in what way it departs from the proposals presented at Atlanta and against which a majority of the Jewish communities of America protested.

A lot of honied words have trickled ~~from~~ ^{into} the English-Jewish press to indicate that the proposal represented a "concession" to the "minority" opinion. Presumably the "public relations" counselors of the Council of Federations have advised them that in view of the situation in which they find themselves it would be polite to use soft words in order to make it appear that the Council was submissively yielding to public opinion. But these mild words ought not to conceal the essential fact that the recommendations that have been voted by the Board of Directors are as harmful in their effect on the United Palestine Appeal and similar agencies as those originally denounced. I cite several instances:

1. Section (3)A. of the "Program for 1941" reads as follows:

"The National Advisory Budget Committee should address itself in 1941 to an examination and analysis of the organizations engaged in overseas. Palestine or refugee service, that function in the same or related fields of service or that supplement or relate to the work of the USA organizations; but this limitation shall not prevent the National Advisory Budget Committee from considering

and reporting on the UJA agencies should necessity arise. The Council advisory budget service for 1941 shall work collaterally with, and supplement, the work of the Allotment Committee and the Inquiry of the UJA, and will at all times hold itself in readiness to cooperate with them."

I draw your attention to this fact: that when the proposals were originally presented at Atlanta it was stated that if and when the United Jewish Appeal would be reconstituted, the National Advisory Budgeting Committee would have no relation to the United Jewish Appeal. But what has been done now is to say that even though the United Jewish Appeal has been reconstituted this National Budgeting Committee will insert itself into the situation, and in the event that there is some unsatisfactory decision by the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, it will have the right - self-assumed - to take any action that it chooses. What other purpose has this provision than to frustrate the autonomous action of the UJA Allotment Committee in which the United Palestine Appeal is majorized already?

2. The Council of Federations apparently feels that it can soothe the opponents of its program by saying that it is merely "for 1941." Thus it hopes that no one will object to the institution of a basic system which can be carried on and expanded in 1942 and thereafter. It is obviously easier to expand a system than to institute a new one. It is on that basis that once again the "public relations counsellors" of the Council of Federations have advised a streamlined psychology in mollifying opposition.

3. In Section (4) of its report entitled "Program Beyond 1941" appears the following paragraph:

"The National Advisory Budget Committee shall undertake to study all developments and progress made during 1941 and make recommendations to the Board of Directors of the Council on the program of service to be undertaken in 1942. It shall advise the Board on the values of its 1941 services, utilization by member agencies and other pertinent facts. It shall recommend to the Board the fields of work and organizations to be studied in 1942 and such extension of its functions in evaluations and budget recommendations to communities as may seem desirable."

In other words, the Council is already planning "evaluations" for 1942, when the majority of the Jewish communities in America have clearly indicated that they want no such service from the Council.

I fear that the soft-spoken, self-righteous words of the officers of the Council, and the natural reluctance of most Jewish leaders to engage in controversy may permit one of the most serious offenses against Jewish public opinion in America in the development of a standardized system of controlling and muzzling Jewish organizations.

If the officers of the Council wanted to allay suspicion in that direction they have done nothing in the past four months to indicate their

Rabbi Leon Israel Feuer

May 28, 1941

good faith. On the contrary, they have given additional foundation to the belief of many of us that there is a deliberate, systematic program for controlling Jewish life so that it shall not "get out of hand."

I have written to you at this length in the hope that you may be able to attend the meeting of the East Central States Region of the Council of Federations at Columbus on June 14th and 15th, and there express your opinion in your characteristic fashion. It is an issue of transcendent importance, because if Welfare Funds and the consolidation of Welfare Funds are eventually to monopolize all of Jewish activities, the instrument will have been forged to channel Jewish public opinion in only one direction.

My thought is that a resolution ought to be introduced at the meeting of the East Central States Region taking exception to the manner in which the referendum balloting was conducted and calling upon the Council, in view of the nature of the results and in view of the contents of the proposals adopted by the Board of Directors of the Council, to halt its program and to take into consultation representatives of communities which rejected the proposal so that there may truly be a consensus of opinion as to what is desired in the field of fact-finding.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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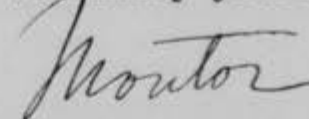
Dear Dr. Silver:

The date of Thursday, June 5th, which you had suggested for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, does not seem to be satisfactory to our friends of the J.D.C. An alternative date is to be suggested later. I assume it will be for the following week.

I attach hereto copies of letters from Mr. Max Epstein, Mr. Henry Ittleson and Mr. Sidney Lansburgh. Mr. Albert Lasker has also declined to accept.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

GENERAL AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

135 South LaSalle Street
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May 23, 1941

Dr. Jonah B. Wise
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wise:

I have yours of the 21st regarding including my name on the United Jewish Appeal for 1941. As far as Chicago is concerned the Campaign is over and I therefore prefer my name be omitted and if there is a campaign in 1942 I will be glad to have you advise me then and I will give it due consideration at that time.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Max Epstein

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HENRY ITTLESON
One Park Avenue
New York

May 22, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
and Dr. Jonah E. Wise
National Chairmen
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of May twenty-first, please do not use my name as a member of the suggested Executive Committee, and kindly advise my secretary, Mr. E. J. Kieffer, that you will act accordingly.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Henry Ittleson

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

SIDNEY LANSBURGH
Baltimore, Md.

May 28th, 1941

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
c/o United Jewish Appeal for Refugees
Overseas Needs and Palestine
342 Madison Avenue
New York

Dear Rabbi Wise:

I have been so busy with our local Jewish Welfare Fund campaign that this is the first opportunity I have had to reply to your letter of May 21st asking me to accept membership on the Executive Committee of your organization.

While I greatly appreciate the honor, I sincerely regret that owing to pressure of business and the fact that I am on so many local committees now, I cannot consent to serve on any more and therefore find it necessary to decline the offer with thanks.

I am sure that you appreciate my position and remain, with best regards,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Sidney Lansburgh

C O P Y

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

May 29, 1941

Rabbi Max Kirshblum
Mizrachi Organization of America
1133 Broadway
New York City

Dear Rabbi Kirshblum:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 28th.
At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal held on Friday, May 9th it was voted to cable the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem to grant to Chief Rabbi Herzog the sum of 500 pounds monthly, and that the U.P.A. undertook to guarantee the payment of that sum by the Jewish Agency for a total of 6,000 pounds.

I had not advised you previously of this decision because it is subject to confirmation. The minutes of the Executive Committee will be forwarded to you within the next day or two.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

(signed) Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:JB

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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HENRY MONTOR

June 2, 1941

Dear Dr. Silver:

On Thursday, May 29th, Mr. Joseph C. Hyman, Mr. Harry Lurie and I met at Hyman's office for the purpose of discussing informally Council representatives with regard to the Allotment Committee in the 1941 United Jewish Appeal. It was understood that no commitments were made by anyone and that the conversation was purely exploratory in character.

I was asked by both Mr. Hyman and Mr. Lurie whether the U.P.A. had indicated whether it wished the continuation on the Allotment Committee for 1941 of the four men who had served as the Welfare Fund representatives on the 1940 U.J.A. Allotment Committee, that is, Harris Perlstein, David Watchmaker, Henry Wineman and Fred Butzel (Wineman and Butzel had interchanged).

My reply was that the U.P.A. had not had an opportunity to discuss the Allotment Committee and therefore I could not say whether these four men were or were not desired to serve again.

During the discussion, Mr. Lurie suggested various other names which the Council might be prepared to offer on a panel, although he indicated that the Council would prefer to have the 1940 members continue to serve. Mr. Perlstein has said that he would not serve again, but Mr. Lurie believed that he might be persuaded to do so. Mr. Watchmaker had also indicated his unreadiness to serve again, but Messrs. Wineman and Butzel were prepared to serve. The other names that the Council might submit for consideration by the U.P.A. and J.D.C. include:

Judge Philip Forman, Trenton, N. J.
Frederick Greenman, New York
Jacob Blaustein, Baltimore
Arthur Meyer, New York
William Shroder, Cincinnati
Ira Younker, New York
Samuel Markell, Boston
Leon Sunstein, Philadelphia
Joseph Goldstein, Rochester
Edwin Schanfarber, Columbus

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Edward Kavinoky, Buffalo
Edgar Kaufmann, Pittsburgh
George Z. Medalie, New York
Louis Caplan, Pittsburgh
Amos Deinard, Minneapolis

The names which seem to strike a chord of response were those of Frederick Greenman, the lawyer who had served in the reconstitution of the U.J.A. and in the matter of the reimbursements of expenses from the 1941 U.J.A., Mr. Arthur Meyer, Chairman of the New York State Mediation Board, with whom I am not familiar, Mr. Leon Sunstein, Chairman of the Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal for the last two years, Mr. George Z. Medalie, who is now President of the New York Federation and a long-time Zionist as well as former U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and Amos Deinard, with whom you are undoubtedly familiar.

My own feeling is that we should accelerate the nomination of members of the Allotment Committee so that no opportunity may be given to the Council to insert itself into the situation. This is especially necessary in view of the fact that the J.D.C. and the Council will probably say that they were very much in favor of having the old members of the Allotment Committee remain, whereas the U.P.A. had not expressed an opinion.

During the conversation Mr. Lurie said that the Council of Federations had drawn up a list of some fifteen people as a panel from among whom they were planning to invite membership on the National Budgeting Advisory Committee. In discussing the possible members of the Allotment Committee, Mr. Hyman felt that Joseph Goldstein could not properly be considered a neutral because he had strongly represented the so-called Zionist position at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council in New York on May 17th. As it happens, Mr. Goldstein had endorsed the budgeting proposals as submitted at the May 17th meeting, although he had very vigorously tried to indicate the unfairness of the procedure that was being followed. The panel of fifteen includes:

Jacob Blaustein, Baltimore
Leon Sunstein, Philadelphia
Joseph Goldstein, Rochester
Charles Rosenbloom, Pittsburgh
Elias Mayer, Chicago
Judge Morris Rothenberg, New York
Samuel Markell, Boston
David Watchmaker, Boston
Dean Isidore Loeb, St. Louis
Edwin Schanfarber, Columbus
William Shroder, Cincinnati
Joseph Berne, Cleveland
Ira Younker, New York

The name of Mr. Louis Caplan was dismissed by Mr. Lurie on the ground that he was the attorney for Mr. Charles Rosenbloom.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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Henry Montor
Executive Director

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LOUIS E. LEVINthal
606 City Hall
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 2, 1941

Mr. Sidney Hollander
President Council of Jewish Federations
and Welfare Funds
165 W. 46th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Hollander:

I have just received a copy of your letter dated May 20, 1941, addressed to Rabbi James G. Heller, of Cincinnati. I am amazed to find that you state I "agreed that the action of the Board was eminently fair and reasonable to all concerned". On the contrary, I think I made it very clear that I personally felt that the result of the referendum was obviously a repudiation by American Jewry of the proposal - sometimes called the "Hollander" Proposal, and at other times the "Blaustein" Proposal, - originally made by the Council, that the Council should abandon that proposal in its entirety, and I predicted that the charge would be made that the Board of the Council of Federations would be charged with having "rigged" the referendum election in order to justify the action it had determined to take.

After the Board refused to adopt the numerous amendments proposed by those who were definitely opposed to Mr. Blaustein's report - particularly after the impassioned appeal of Mr. Schanfarber for communal harmony in American Jewry, an appeal which was immediately followed by the comments of Mr. Younker, who in his candor betrayed the bitter anti-Zionism which motivated his support of the proposal, I felt so keenly about the entire matter that I refused to attend the sessions of the Board called for the following day. I had endured all the heartaches I could stand.

You may also recall the "gentlemanly" manner in which Mr. Shroder suggested that I might leave the meeting when I expressed the opinion, at the very beginning of the session, that it was grossly improper for the Board of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds to meet on the morning of the Sabbath. Let me assure you that in the many years of my association with national and local Jewish agencies, I have never head of a business meeting called by any such organization on the Sabbath. It did not contribute to my peace of mind to find that my protest was not supported by a single individual at the meeting, but on the contrary was apparently looked upon as the querulous complaint of a fanatic. When Mr. Shroder called me out of order and stated that the question of meetings on the Sabbath would be considered as one of the last items of the agenda the following day, he added insult to injury.

In view of the fact that my unequivocal opposition to the action of the Board could not be misconstrued by you as approval of its fairness and reasonableness, I have come to the conclusion that I owe it to myself, as well as to the U.P.A. to notify Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver that I shall no longer serve as the representative of the U.P.A. on the Board of the Council. Perhaps my successor will meet with better success in making himself understood.

Sincerely yours,

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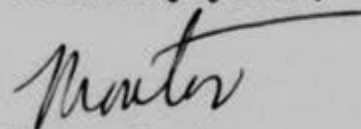
Dear Dr. Silver:

In a recent letter you suggested that there be a conference of the Zionist bodies to adopt a uniform position on the question of the National Advisory Budgeting Committee and the relationship of the Palestine fund-raising bodies to it.

Do you believe that the purpose could be met if the subject were formally submitted to the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs by direct letters to the agencies within it, and also directly to the Emergency Committee itself? This might facilitate action. If you approve, I shall go forward with the necessary letters.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:JB

June 3, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It has been evident for a long time that there is a cleavage in outlook on Jewish problems between several groups in America. That has been made manifest in various ways during the past year. You were the center of several of the most important of these manifestations of differences of view.

It is clear that if these differences are to find an outlet in public expression the channels do not exist at the present time.

At one time there were two agencies catering to the English-Jewish press of the country. These were the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate. Whatever might have been the merits of either, the very existence of two competing agencies was beneficial, for in one avenue or another there was an opportunity for reaching opinion in the many communities which have English-Jewish weeklies.

But for some years now this condition has no longer existed. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency is owned, lock, stock and barrel, by the people who believe that the utterance of a point of view which differs from their own constitutes treason. The Seven Arts Feature Syndicate is owned by the American Jewish Committee, which is identical, for all purposes, with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Thus, today any point of view that might be described as interested in Palestine or in Jewish nationalism or in freedom of expression on any topic cannot, except under the most adverse circumstances, find any channel through the existing two syndicates supplying the English-Jewish press of the country. I know from personal experience that articles as well as news are submitted to a censorship before they are released.

I have felt for years that this constituted a situation which was most deplorable. It was evident from the experience of the Paltor News Agency that competition is healthy for difference of opinion. Because Paltor existed during the past seven years the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was much more sympathetic in its treatment of its Palestine news than it would have been otherwise. There was always an agency to check on the accuracy of its Palestine stories and an agency that stimulated it to competitive effort which meant more, and sometimes better, news on Palestine.

It is with these facts in mind and fully impressed with the need of having an instrumentality for the expression of differences of opinion on any subject in American Jewish life that I am joining with several others in the creation of a new syndicate for the English-Jewish press. It will provide the English-Jewish papers of the country with all the material they could possibly use, including news, feature articles, columns, and other material of interest. Its capacity to run will, of course, be determined by the meager resources it can obtain. It is not a venture designed to extort funds from backers who may be encouraged to support an institution because of the personal interest they have in seeing that a specific point of view will prevail. In other words, the syndicate will not in any way compete in the fund-raising aspects with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

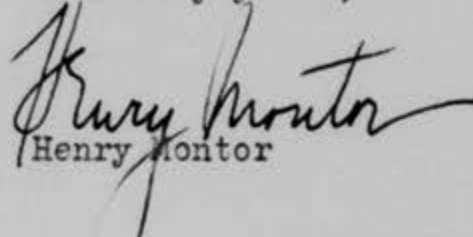
It might have been thought for a time, as I know you did, that it would be possible to exercise a mollifying influence over the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by sharing in some of the costs of that agency. But it has long been evident that no group of people having ideas rather than funds at its disposal would be able to compete in the money market with the present backers of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which, although a completely private institution, masquerades as an organ for public service.

This syndicate should have the moral backing of a number of leaders of Jewish public opinion in America. It would be equipped with a staff small enough not to involve too great costs but adequate enough to deal efficiently and productively with the journalistic functions involved. It is not intended that any persons except members of the staff shall be publicly identified with the enterprise except for an editorial board which is now being composed.

I should appreciate it greatly in a personal way if you would find it possible to join that editorial board. To my mind the formation of this syndicate is one of the important steps that must now be taken to wrest control of the channels of public opinion from those who have for so long dominated it and who are now using those channels for purposes with which I know you do not have any sympathy.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor

HM:EH

SIDNEY HOLLANDER
2419 Greenmount Ave.
Baltimore

June 6, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Levinthal:

I'm sorry the COUNCIL meeting caused you so much "heartache". Sorry - and surprised:

As long as you've been in Jewish work, you should be used to being on the losing side now and then. Certainly I am! Almost always I'm in the minority, but it doesn't disturb me in the least. It's part of the "democratic process" that we all brag about but don't like to accept.

Reviewing your comments, I can't agree that the COUNCIL should have postponed action on expanding its present budget advisory services. For years, many of our members have been urging us to go beyond our present program. As you know, the referendum clearly pointed up the demand for more intensive "fact finding"; but many went beyond that, and favored evaluations of agencies by representatives of the Welfare Funds that provide their support.

The COUNCIL depended on this referendum to indicate how extensive such a demand was, and I think the returns showed that clearly. Laying aside for the moment any question as to who was "majority" and who was "minority", the large number voting for the full proposed Program, plus those opposing the complete program but favoring expansion of present services, seemed unquestionably to call for some action.

I know the COUNCIL Board tried conscientiously to decide on a course that would do justice to all points of view. Apparently its decision didn't please you; I'm not sure it pleased me, either. I think we might have gone farther.

Actually the course we adopted is being even more severely criticized by cities wanting the full services than by those wanting no change. That was to be expected! However from the long point of view, I suppose our decision to expand present services only moderately and await results before doing more, was sound. If the results are good, we can go further. The future itself will determine next steps.

It might be well to remind you of two factors relating to this whole subject. First, that the COUNCIL, unlike the J.D.C., the U.P.A., and so many other agencies, has no program of its own. It exists only to provide such services as its members request. And by that I don't mean only services that all its members request; whenever there are a sufficient number asking some special sort of assistance, the COUNCIL has always tried to provide it. That's its job! Second, - any community not wishing to use the proposed budget-advisory service (or any other service the COUNCIL provides) can simply reject it. Whatever material the COUNCIL works up can be "waste-basketed" if it isn't helpful. We have never attempted to dominate any of our members. We try to serve, - not direct, - Jewish communities.

As to Cincinnati: Undoubtedly there is a difference between Rabbi Heller's views and those of Shroder. The official report to the COUNCIL was as Shroder related it at the meeting. One of the Cincinnati agencies was opposed to the plan covered by the referendum; the other was in favor of it; they therefore agreed jointly not to

vote on it, - and they never did. Having so agreed, they passed a resolution indicating what they thought might be a proper substitute course for the COUNCIL. Our committee had that resolution in mind when it decided to limit so greatly the plan this year.

Finally as to the matter of a Saturday meeting. I think it's unfortunate that you didn't stay to hear the discussion on that point. In deference to your views and those of Rabbi Silver, the Board determined to try a new plan of beginning meetings on Saturday nights and running thru all of Sunday. In all likelihood, this will carry the meetings to midnight or later Saturdays, and may require abbreviating the Sunday agenda, with a view to permitting those members coming from a distance to get home in time. However, we're going to try it. I must admit that I agreed with Shroder in postponing discussion on this issue until its proper place in the agenda. You shouldn't have considered such a decision a slight to you; it was not so intended. The Board only meets twice a year, and we always have a heavy schedule; so if we didn't follow such a procedure, we'd never get thru.

If you feel that service on the COUNCIL will cause you too many heartaches, you're quite right to withdraw. If you stay, you're almost certain to have your views overruled at times, and if you can't stand that there's no other course for you to take. The other Board members all take it for granted.

The most useful purpose of the COUNCIL is the opportunity it provides for men of divergent views and loyalties to meet on common ground and discuss Jewish affairs with good will and in mutual respect. Out of such varying opinions there usually emerge decisions that approximate wisdom, - or so I like to think!

If you do decide to stay on, - and I hope you will, - don't get your feelings hurt and stay away every time you are out-voted. The COUNCIL would never get anywhere if its members followed that course.

Cordially,

SIDNEY HOLLANDER

C O P Y

LOUIS E. LEVINthal
606 City Hall
Philadelphia

June 6, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 E. 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Henry:

In reply to your inquiry as to
Leon Sunstein, I would say that he personally
is excellent, but I am afraid he would be
entirely under the influence of some of our
Philadelphia men who may not be altogether
dependable. He has always been fair to Pales-
tine and, in my opinion, he is far better than
any of the others on the list.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) LOU

June 9, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have had an opportunity to look over the UPA proposed budget, June 1 to December 31, 1941. I note that we will be spending in 1941 \$90,000 more than in 1940. I have studied the reconciliation of 1940 and 1941 expenses contained in the proposed budget. I realize, of course, that we planned to carry on an independent campaign in 1941 and that this involved us in the early months in considerably larger expenses. But now that we are not conducting an independent campaign, I am wondering whether our expenses for the remaining six months ought not to be drastically cut. How can we justify to ourselves spending twice as much this year as last year when our income for 1941 will certainly not be greater than it was in 1940? I would suggest that you talk this matter over with Mr. Rosenbloom and with the Finance Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

June 9, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

You will recall that I requested a memorandum on what Chicago contributed to the UJA in the years 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940; and also what Cleveland, Detroit and Cincinnati contributed during the same years.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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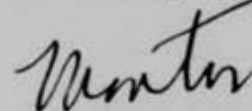
Edmund I. Kaufmann

Morris Rothenberg

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter
which Sidney Hollander wrote to Judge Levinthal
in reply to one from him.

Cordially yours,



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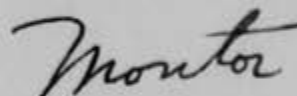
It is clear that the J.T.A. has a definite program of:
a) on the one hand trying to impress the country with its alleged coverage on Palestine; and b) at the same time minimizing such institutions for Palestine as exist in the United States.

From time to time I propose to send you illustrations of this to confirm your own experience. In the J.T.A. Bulletin of June 8th there appears a story from the Conference of Jewish Social Work at Atlantic City. The speakers at the session on Friday afternoon, June 6th, to which reference is made, were Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz and Moses W. Beckelman for the J.D.C., and Arthur Lourie for the U.P.A. Not even the name of Mr. Lourie, much less the subject matter, is mentioned in the story from Atlantic City.

It is rather amusing to note that a page and a quarter is devoted to the paper presented by Mr. William Shroder at Atlantic City on Saturday evening, June 7th, but no reference is made to his statement on "The Effect of the Clash" between cynicism and Americanism.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



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Executive Director

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41 EAST 42nd STREET
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June 9, 1941

Mr. Joseph C. Hyman
Joint Distribution Committee
100 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Hyman:

I am asked by the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal to advise you that it has officially selected its members and alternates to represent the United Palestine Appeal on the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941. The members are Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland and Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh. The alternates are Dr. Israel Goldstein of New York and Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia.

The members representing the United Palestine Appeal on the Allotment Committee are prepared to meet at a mutually convenient time as soon as a date can be agreed upon, with the members appointed by the Joint Distribution Committee to the Allotment Committee, so that the four of them may agree upon the members to represent the Welfare Fund communities on the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941.

Will you advise me as to the names of the representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and as to the time for a convenient date so that a meeting to discuss the subject indicated may be arranged.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky

*Chairman,
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Attached hereto is a copy of a
letter from Judge Levinthal with respect
to Mr. Leon Sunstein.

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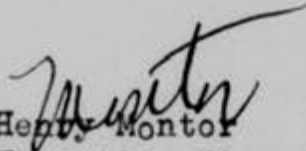
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Cordially yours,

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I note from the report of the JTA that at the meeting of the Jewish Social Workers in Atlantic City, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz and Moses W. Beckelman reported on the work of the JDC, and that Mr. Arthur D. Greenleigh reported on the work of the NRS. Who reported on the work of the UPA?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Attached hereto is a copy of a paper which I read at the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare as part of the discussion of the principal paper presented by Mr. William J. Shroder. As I was going down to Atlantic City and reading "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival" I found a sentence which fitted perfectly into what I had to say and I quoted it apropos of Mr. Shroder's amazing recidivism.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

It may interest you to know that Mr. Morris Waldman's paper was based on the theme that the Jews are a "religious community" and that any Jew who tries to create any other impression of the nature of Jewish activity is a dangerous menace to the United States.

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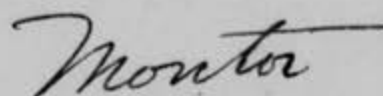
It is evident from Shroder's approach and from Waldman's that what seems a trivial struggle between a few malcontents and the powerful Council of Federations is actually a fundamental battle over the control of Jewish ideology in America.

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With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



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COOPERATION BETWEEN LOCAL AND NATIONAL AGENCIES

DISCUSSION OF A PAPER BY WILLIAM SHRODER

Presented at National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare
Atlantic City, June 7, 1941

By

Henry Montor
Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal

Mr. Shroder has exposed the Jewish communal anatomy for our exploration. But in doing so he has drawn attention to the fact that it is all one body—and not a series of unrelated organs. In other words, as Mr. Hyman has so eloquently said, there is no antithesis between national agencies and local communities. In essence, a national agency is merely an extension of one of the interests of the local community.

May I suggest that there are three pillars on which the most effective cooperative relationship between national agency and local community may rest.

The first is democratic organization of the community.

The second is a recognition of the integral relationship between the local community and the national agency.

The third is the cultivation of the special interests and ideals of the community for the greatest vitality of the Welfare Fund.

I.

One of the most heartening developments of recent years has been the gradual emergence of local communities from the feudal philosophy that those who had most thought best; and that their views must be the criterion of community action. That approach has been proving inadequate; because wealth often has a tendency to shift; because developments in recent years have tended to make democracy in Jewish life no less desirable than in the larger social and economic world; because it is the mass of Jews who must determine the ultimate destiny of the Jewish people.

Communities have been finding that democratic organization is not only morally stimulating but economically profitable. One needs only to examine the phenomenal successes registered in a great many communities in the last few years to see the relationship between more funds and greater responsibility vested in the community as a whole. In the early days Welfare Funds had the attractiveness of novelty. But time and a succession of grave emergencies have worn off the novelty. Now the Welfare Funds must prove that they are sufficiently flexible and sufficiently representative of the total community interest to continue to have the generosity and sympathy of the whole community.

II.

Fortunately there are not too many Welfare Funds which have kept the position that they have made national agencies unnecessary. What is sometimes overlooked by some Welfare Funds is that they are not the competitors of but trustees for the national organizations on whose behalf they raise funds.

It has seemed to me that, in recent years, an artificial jealousy has been cultivated between national organizations and local communities, as though their interests were disparate and not identical. A new parochialism threatens Jewish life, with its emphasis on the fetish of the "local community", as though some alien octopus were trying to strangle the freedom and existence of the local community. What created these national organizations except the nation-wide interest in the same problem and the desire to solve it through unified action?

Take, as an example, the cause of Palestine. In every land, under every form of government—including Germany and Russia today—the Zionist movement has sought expression. It has been as much a part of the national existence of the great mass of the Jewish people as its historical memory and its religious tradition. The Zionist movement has survived both inadequate understanding and hostile environment. The national will to survival has taken a variety of practical forms in terms of organization. In the United States there is a series of such national agencies devoted to the fulfillment of the ideal inherent in

Zionism. Among these is a body like the United Palestine Appeal through which the Jews of America, in their local communities, have sought to indicate their interest in and provide support to the rebuilding of the Jewish homeland. These organizations are not seeking to impose unwanted doctrines on local communities but are the instrument which these local communities have deliberately chosen as a means of translating moral support into concrete terms.

Sometimes the problem can be oversimplified. Mr. Shroder has observed that "every national agency has local partisans. These are utilized as pressure groups threatening community harmony, the very foundation of effective community organization."

The word "partisan" has overtones of criticism. It would be more complete to say that "every national agency has local representatives". Frequently, these representatives constitute the bulk of the whole community in terms of their interest in the particular cause.

What is a pressure group? It may be a single man, exercising his power by virtue of his wisdom, his influence or his means. On the other hand, pressure group may be merely a smear word to describe the advocates of an idea seeking wider support and implementation.

It would seem to me that the Messianic goal of the local community is not the attainment merely of "harmony", but the satisfaction of the interests of the members of the community, whether those interests be local, national or overseas. Few will contend that the obese somnolence that comes from ideological lethargy is the Paradise to which local communities are seeking admission.

There is a challenge to the Welfare Fund and to similar community organizations to recognize that cooperation with national organizations represents cooperation within the community itself.

III.

To what extent must there be a willingness to include in Welfare Funds the purposes of agencies as well as agencies themselves? The great majority of Jews

are catholic in their sympathies. They want to help every cause that seems helpful to Jews. But there has been a tendency in some Welfare Funds to make their appeal mechanical. They have gone on the premise that stressing of the ideological foundations of a cause might adversely affect some of their contributors. They have chosen to gloss over basic purposes in a keen desire to raise a maximum of money. The motives are laudable. But are the effects those aimed at? Do not the Welfare Funds simultaneously have the responsibility of teaching their contributors the values implicit in the agencies they support? If it be said that the national organizations alone have the function of dealing with ideologies, what contribution is the local community making to the development of a sound understanding of Jewish problems?

For how long can Jews be expected to contribute solely out of fear or out of sheer generosity? Is it not the obligation of sound planning to educate the community to an awareness of Jewish life in all its implications?

Mr. Shroder has hinted that there are divisive ideas which must be resolved in local communities. "Nor can we", he says, "close our eyes to the effect of the clash between the aims of the Zionists, inextricably tied up with the support of Palestine as more than a place of refuge, and the position of those who look for the satisfaction of their every hope in their home-land in America". I am sure that Mr. Shroder, a purist in style, must recognize the non-sequitur in that sentence. The Institute for Propaganda Analysis has words for such phrases. One can believe that Palestine must become a center for Jewish life in terms other than mere refugee settlement and yet be fully content with conditions of life in America. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Zionist leader, in a new book, "The World Crisis and Jewish Survival" writes: "The upbuilding of a Jewish national home in Palestine is one great, urgent and historically inescapable task of Jewry. The upbuilding of Jewish religious life in America and elsewhere throughout the world, inclusive of Palestine is another. One is no substitute for the other. One is not opposed to the other".

A time for choice is imminent for American Jews. They must be prepared to think in behalf of world Jewry or retreat in smugness to their own shells. It is hard to conceive of realistic observers who envisage the evaporation of all Jewish problems with the defeat of Hitler. Millions of Jews will need to have their problems solved—as Jews. We can doom them to the sterile, haunted, minority existence which they have known in Europe for centuries or we can help them readjust themselves to a new world. The Zionist idea is basically the contention that Jews have a right to live—even as Jews. Millions of Jews subscribe to that idea. If a Welfare Fund is more than a mechanical contrivance for people known as Jews to display their humaneness does it not have an obligation to help its members understand that basic problem? Is an American Jew, in Mr. Shroder's definition, merely a Jew concerned with his fate in America -- or may he also concern himself with the fate of Jews everywhere? If the former is the answer, how futile and unpatriotic is the dream of President Roosevelt for establishment of the four freedoms throughout the world!

The future of the Welfare Funds is with the mass of Jews and not with a few isolated individuals. The war taxation program, coupled with the far greater needs that will demand more universal financial participation, will see to that. Is it not, then, the part of wisdom to link the Welfare Funds to the values and the ideals which, because of their historical continuity and their capacity to arouse Jewry emotionally and intellectually, will always be the blood stream racing to the Jewish heart?

The Welfare Funds of America, which have become increasingly the channels of local communal action, must determine whether they will utilize to the fullest the moral force and the Jewish creative power inherent in national organizations or whether they will minimize the ideas symbolized by them in an effort to create a soulless Golem--presumably bigger than all the national organizations but having the intrinsic emotional and intellectual stimulus of none of them.

One thing is clear in Jewish history. Those who have ideas on the Jewish future outlive those who have no ideas but exist for the moment and for themselves. To the extent that national agencies are the levers for such ideas, the Welfare Fund can assure its strength and perpetuation by harnessing them to its own purposes.

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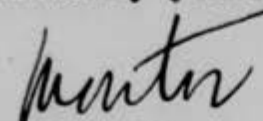
I have not wanted to draft any letter for your consideration, believing that you would best be able to evaluate the consensus of opinion expressed at the Friday meeting of the Executive Committee on the subject of breaking off with the Council of Federations.

This is merely a reminder then that you wanted to write a letter to the Council of Federations to indicate that if the Council proceeds with the establishment of a National Advisory Budgeting Committee on the basis of the recommendations adopted at the Board of Directors meeting on May 17th, the U.P.A. will not cooperate with the Committee.

That letter is also necessary so that we may advise leading Zionists as promptly as possible not to accept membership on the Budgeting Committee. Haste is required because a very vigorous effort is now being made by Mr. Sidney Hollander to get Zionists to accept. I think one man who is very likely to accept is Rabbi David de Sola Pool. I think it is of sufficient importance to get to talk to him as quickly as possible. May I take the liberty, therefore, of suggesting that it would be worthwhile for you to telephone him from Cleveland to indicate your position and to express the hope that he will not accept if called upon.

Looking forward to a copy of the letter, with kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:JB

June 10, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith the draft of a letter to be sent to Mr. Hollander. Please have Dr. Wise, Mr. Lipsky, and Judge Rothenberg see it. They may have suggestions to make. I have also left space in one of the paragraphs for the inclusion of names of other organizations which have opposed National Budgeting. As soon as I receive the comments, I shall forward the letter to Mr. Hollander.

With reference to Rabbi De Sola Pool, I would suggest that you telephone him and suggest that in view of the action which we have taken, it would perhaps be advisable for him not to accept appointment.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHQ: BK

P.S. Please show this letter to the Hadassah, Mizrachi and Poale Zion and suggest to them that they take similar action and inform Mr. Hollander. Also show this letter to Dr. Goldstein for the JNF. The JNF would be one of the organizations which would be surveyed by the National Budgeting Committee in 1941.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

When would it be most convenient for you to come to New York for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal? This will be the first. Could you suggest alternative dates after June 20th which I could submit to Rabbi Wise to see which of your convenient dates would also be suitable for the JDC people?

I would appreciate word from you at your earliest convenience so that invitations could be sent in ample time.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor ✓

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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June 10, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

You will be interested in the attached copy of a letter from Rabbi Reuben J. Magil of Harrisburg on the subject of the Council's action in relation to the National Budgeting Advisory Committee.

HM:JB

Encl.

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Front and Wiconisco Streets
Harrisburg, Pa.

June 5, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you very much for your recent statement behind the statement of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds. I have read it with bitterness.

The whole mess is an evidence of the fact that the important Americanized leaders in Jewry, so-called, are the very ones who are trying to perpetuate the archaic European order where an oligarchy of moneybags run the town. The palpable denial of democratic principles implied not only in the original Budget Committee Project, but in the cavalier fashion in which the results are being handled makes one wonder what is this democracy we are going to fight for.

There is no question that the Council's report is not a result but a symptom of a condition which must be cut out of American Jewish life unless it is to be demoralized. I believe that the issue raised by the Budget Committee Project should be fought to a finish, and I hope that this fight will bring deeper understanding to the rank and file and give rise to the selection of intelligent, informed, Jewish leadership on a democratic basis.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Reuben J. Magil
Rabbi

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I appreciate your note of June 9th with regard to expenses.

I must confess that I was quite alarmed when I saw the comparison between expenditures of 1940 and those of 1941. The first thing I did was to dismiss a \$35.00 per week man in the Publicity Department and told Dr. Martin Rosenbluth that he would have to find some other organization to bear half the cost of \$85.00 per week which he is now receiving. You will recall that you suggested that he be placed on our payroll. There is a possibility of firing an additional stenographer, but I am sure you will agree that it is a ludicrous way of economizing when tens of thousands of dollars are involved.

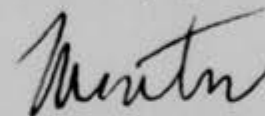
I had also told Abraham Revusky, our statistician who is doing a remarkable piece of work for \$30.00 a week, that he would have to go at the end of June.

And while I am telling all these people that they will have to go or that their meager salaries will have to be reduced, I think of the way in which the United Palestine Appeal is squandering its money in the direction of subsidies to organizations which serve us little.

I am attaching a copy of a letter which I sent to Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom, together with a copy of the budget.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky
*Chairman,
Executive Committee*

You were authorized by the Executive Committee on June 6th to appoint a Committee of Five to study the budget for the balance of the year.

Solomon Goldman
Israel Goldstein
Edmund I. Kaufmann
Morris Rothenberg

May I suggest that the five members of the committee might be Charles J. Rosenbloom, Treasurer; Abraham Liebovitz and J. Sincoff, Associate Treasurers; Mr. Louis Lipsky and Dr. Israel Goldstein.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

If this meets with your approval, I shall try to convene a meeting of the five as soon as possible.

Associate Treasurers

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With kindest personal regards, I am,

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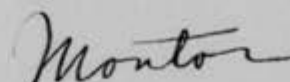
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto for your records is a
copy of the air insurance policy taken out by
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With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



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Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH
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COPY OF ENDORSEMENT ATTACHED TO MASTER POLICY

SUBJECT TO ALL THE PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE POLICY TO WHICH THIS ENDORSEMENT IS ATTACHED AND OF WHICH IT FORMS A PART, IT IS HEREBY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT:

1. THE TERM "APPROVED AIRCRAFT" APPEARING IN PART I OF THE ACCIDENT FORM IS AMENDED TO READ:

APPROVED AIRCRAFT - THE TERM "APPROVED AIRCRAFT" WHEREVER EMPLOYED IN THIS POLICY SHALL BE HELD TO MEAN ANY AIRCRAFT OPERATED ON A REGULAR PASSENGER SCHEDULE BY: (A) A DOMESTIC AIRLINE, INCLUDING INTER-ISLAND AIRWAYS, LTD., OF HAWAII, HOLDING A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY ISSUED BY THE PROPER AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT; (B) PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS SYSTEM, BUT ONLY IN AND BETWEEN THE AMERICAS, AND BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BERMUDA; (C) TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES; (D) CANADIAN COLONIAL AIRWAYS, LIMITED; (E) PRAIRIE AIRWAYS, LIMITED; (F) AEROVIAS NACIONALES DE COLOMBIA; (G) BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION, BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BERMUDA; (H) KONINKLIJKE LUCHTVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ (KLM OR ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES) BUT ONLY IN ITS CARIBBEAN AND SOUTH AMERICAN SERVICES.

2. THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE "PREMIUM PAYMENT" PROVISIONS OF THIS POLICY IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

WHEN APPLICATION IS MADE DURING THE POLICY TERM FOR INSURANCE FOR ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES, SUCH INSURANCE WILL BE EFFECTED UPON PAYMENT BY THE EMPLOYER TO THE AVIATION MANAGERS AS ABOVE, OF AN ADDITIONAL PREMIUM FOR EACH OF SUCH ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES, CALCULATED AT THE RATE NAMED IN PART IV OF THIS FORM, PREMIUM IN RESPECT TO ANY ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE DECLARED DURING THE FIRST SIX (6) MONTHS THIS POLICY IS IN FORCE SHALL BE THE FULL ANNUAL PREMIUM; PREMIUM IN RESPECT TO ANY EMPLOYEE DECLARED DURING THE LAST SIX (6) MONTHS THIS POLICY IS IN FORCE SHALL BE CALCULATED AT 50% OF THE ANNUAL PREMIUM.

3. MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT - IF AN INSURED EMPLOYEE SHALL RECEIVE INJURIES IN AN AVIATION ACCIDENT WHICH DIRECTLY AND INDEPENDENTLY OF ALL OTHER CAUSES, SHALL REQUIRE WITHIN TWENTY-SIX (26) WEEKS OF THE DATE OF SUCH ACCIDENT, TREATMENT BY A PHYSICIAN OR SURGEON, HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT OR THE EMPLOYMENT OF A TRAINED NURSE, THE COMPANY WILL PAY, IN ADDITION TO OTHER INDEMNITIES TO WHICH THE INSURED EMPLOYEE MAY BE ENTITLED HEREUNDER, THE ACTUAL EXPENSES OF SUCH TREATMENT, HOSPITAL CHARGES AND NURSE FEES, UP TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO \$50.00 FOR EACH \$1,000.00 OF PRINCIPAL SUM SET FORTH ELSEWHERE HEREIN IN RESPECT TO THE INJURED EMPLOYEE.

4. ADDITIONAL EXCEPTION - THE COMPANY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INDEMNITY OF ANY KIND ON ACCOUNT OF LOSS OR EXPENSES CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY AN AVIATION ACCIDENT OCCURRING DURING ANY FLIGHT OR ATTEMPT THEREAT INVOLVING FLYING MORE THAN 300 NAUTICAL MILES FROM LAND EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED IN THE DEFINITION OF APPROVED AIRCRAFT AS ABOVE AMENDED IN RESPECT TO CERTAIN OVER-WATER SCHEDULES OPERATED BY THE PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS SYSTEM AND BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION.

Endorsement No. 1. CERT #6

APRIL 19 41

Issued to UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

This endorsement to take effect on the 14TH day of APRIL 19 41, at 10:45 A.M., EST.
(time of day)

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, waive, alter, or extend any of the terms, conditions, agreements, or warranties of the undermentioned policy, other than as above stated.

Attached to and forming part of Policy No. 2AC 1-146 issued by the UNITED STATES
FIDELITY AND GUARANTY CO. of BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, in favor of UNITED
JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

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UNITED STATES AVIATION UNDERWRITERS
INCORPORATED
Aviation Managers

By _____
Authorized Representative

UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY

Baltimore, Maryland

(A Stock Company)

United States Aviation Underwriters, Incorporated, Aviation Managers.

80 John Street, New York City

Pacific Coast Office: 724 S. Spring Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Chicago Office: 175 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

Hereby certifies that it has issued Employers Aviation Group Accident Policy No. **2AC 1-146** covering employees of **UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.** applying for insurance under said policy, a copy of which appears on the reverse of this certificate.

Under and subject to the conditions of the said policy employee, **ABBA HILLEL SILVER** if living, will be entitled to the benefits as provided therein, but not exceeding \$ **25,000.00**; if dead, the beneficiary, **VIRGINIA H. SILVER, WIFE** will be entitled to the said benefits.
(Subject to change as provided in said policy)

This Certificate is issued to the foregoing named employee as evidence that his employer has paid the required premium and that he is insured under said policy for the period (unless sooner terminated by cancelation) from **APRIL 14TH, 1941** to **APRIL 14TH, 1942** beginning and ending with **10:45 A.M., EASTERN** Standard Time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company has caused this certificate to be executed by its President and attested by its Secretary, but this certificate shall not be valid unless duly countersigned.

C. J. Fitzpatrick
SECRETARY

E. Asbury Davis
PRESIDENT

Countersigned on this **25TH,** day of **APRIL** 19**41**

UNITED STATES AVIATION UNDERWRITERS, INCORPORATED,
AVIATION MANAGERS

6.
Certificate No.

By

COPY OF MASTER POLICY ISSUED TO EMPLOYER

UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

(A Stock Company)

IN CONSIDERATION of the payment of the premium and of the declarations set forth in the attached Aviation Group Accident Form, which is made a part hereof and is hereinafter referred to as the "Accident Form," the UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY (hereinafter called the "Company") does subject to the provisions, limitations, conditions and all other terms of this Policy, hereby agree:

Immediately upon receipt of due proof that any employee of the employer to whom this Policy is issued has suffered one of the losses listed in the Table of Indemnities on this page, and that such loss resulted from bodily injuries suffered while such employee is insured hereunder through an aviation accident (as defined in Part I of the Accident Form) directly and independently of all other causes and that such loss occurred within ninety (90) days from the date of the accident,

The Company will pay to such insured employee, if living; or if dead, to the beneficiary designated in his application for insurance under this Policy, the indemnity listed in the aforesaid Table of Indemnities subject, however, to the maximum amount, as provided in Part V of the Accident Form.

TABLE OF INDEMNITIES

<i>In the Event of Loss of</i>	<i>The Indemnity will be</i>
Life.....	The Principal Sum
Both Hands or Both Feet.....	The Principal Sum
Both Eyes.....	The Principal Sum
One Hand and One Foot.....	The Principal Sum
One Hand and One Eye.....	The Principal Sum
One Foot and One Eye.....	The Principal Sum
One Hand or One Foot.....	One-Half The Principal Sum
One Eye.....	One-Half The Principal Sum

"Loss" shall mean, with regard to hands or feet, dismemberment by severance at or above the wrist or ankle joint. Loss of eye shall mean entire and irrecoverable loss of sight.

Not more than the full principal sum will be paid on account of injuries sustained by any one individual.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. NOTICE OF ACCIDENT AND PROOF OF CLAIM.

In the event of death or injury sustained by an employee as the result of an aviation accident, written notice thereof shall be given to the Home Office of the Company or to the United States Aviation Underwriters, Inc. (hereinafter called the Aviation Managers) as soon as practicable after the occurrence of such accident. Such notice shall contain particulars sufficient to identify the employer and the dead or injured employee and also reasonably obtainable information respecting the time, place and circumstances of the accident, and the name and address of any available witnesses. No claim shall be valid unless proof of loss shall be submitted to the Company at its Home Office or to the Aviation Managers within three months after the date of the loss for which claim is made.

2. EXAMINATION.

The Company shall have the right and opportunity to examine the person of the injured employee when and so often as it may reasonably require during the pendency of a claim, and also the right and opportunity to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not forbidden by law.

3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

No suit or action on this Policy for the recovery of any claim shall be sustainable in any court of law or equity unless commenced within twelve months after the date of the loss for which claim is made; provided that where such limitation of time is prohibited by the laws governing the question of such limitation, then and in that event no suit or action under this Policy shall be sustainable unless commenced within the shortest limitation permitted by such laws.

4. CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY.

Any insured employee may by written request designate a new beneficiary as often as desired; such designation to become effective only upon receipt of same by the Aviation Managers.

5. DATA REQUIRED.

The employer shall furnish the Aviation Managers on behalf of the Company with written notice on the Aviation Managers' form of all employees who make written application for insurance hereunder, and of the termination of employment of any and all insured employees.

6. CHANGES.

The terms of this Policy shall not be waived or changed except by endorsement issued to form a part hereof, signed by the Aviation Managers; nor shall notice to any agent, or knowledge possessed by any agent or by any other person be held to effect a waiver or change in any part of this Policy.

7. CANCELATION.

This Policy may be canceled by the Company by written notice mailed to the employer at the address disclosed in this Policy stating when, not less than 15 days thereafter, such cancellation shall be effective, and upon demand the Company shall refund the excess of premium paid by the insured above the pro rata premium for the expired term. The mailing of notice as aforesaid shall be sufficient proof of notice and the insurance under this Policy as aforesaid shall end on the effective date and hour of cancellation stated in the notice. Delivery of such written notice shall be equivalent to mailing. Cancellation shall be without prejudice to any claim originating prior to the effective date and hour of cancellation as stated in the notice.

MEMORANDUM

Date June 11, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Subject

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Dr. Richard Lichtheim of Geneva together with a copy of a letter from him to Morris Troper of the JDC.

I found Dr. Lichtheim's letter particularly interesting in emphasizing that any attempt to proceed in routine ways with an inquiry in the Allotment Committee of the UJA is to ignore the situation abroad.

I do hope that we shall be able to persuade our friends that considering "the nervous strain on our people" which applies to Europe and to Palestine alike, they will not be burdened with meaningless analyses of figures which have no validity in the final determination of decisions in any event.

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THE EXECUTIVE OF
THE ZIONIST ORGANISATION / THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
GENEVA OFFICE

May 29, 1941.

Mr. Henry MONTOR,
United Palestine Appeal,
41 East, 42nd Street,
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor,

I received your letters of May 14th and 15th. I appreciate very much the fact that you appreciate the difficulties we are encountering here when trying to obtain statistical material from the various Jewish Communities. The situation in Europe has indeed become so bad and the nervous strain on our people is such that we cannot expect from them to deal in the ordinary business-way with financial matters, correspondence, statistics, etc. - apart from the political difficulties!

I am enclosing copy of a letter which I have written to Mr. Troper. I thought it might be of interest for you to know that I am in constant touch with him regard to a number of questions in connection with the relief-activities of the Joint and the transfer-arrangements for our Funds resulting from them.

With kindest regards
most cordially yours

(Signed) R. Lichtheim
G E N E V A - O F F I C E

May 28th, 1941.

RL/T - A/8-3-9.

AIRMAIL (copy by ordinary mail)

Morris TROPER, Esq.
The American Joint Distribution Committee,
242, rua Aurea,
Lisbon

Dear Mr. Troper,

I cabled you on May 24th, that I am awaiting your reply with regard to the contents of the various letters which I have written you on May 6th. I hope to receive your reply in the course of the next days.

- 2.) You are aware that I have placed 90.000 Lit. at the disposal of the Relief-Committee and I hope you will let me have the countervalue of \$ 3.000.-within the next future.
- 3.) I am awaiting your reply to my letter of May 6th, regarding the payment of \$ 1.000.- to Mr. Alberto Lavi in Buenos-Aires.
- 4.) I wrote you about Daleon and Sacerdoti in reply to your question. I received your cable of May 23rd, containing a new proposal of Mr. Daleon and I have written about it to our friend V. I did not think it advisable to send him a cable.
- 5.) Before leaving, V. stated that he was awaiting your reply with regard to the following matters:
 - a) Final confirmation that the 20.000.- \$ have been paid to the three addresses indicated (see my letter of May 6th; I am also awaiting an explanation why these payments should have been made through the Zionist Organization, which as far as I can see has nothing to do with it).
 - b) Additional budget for Rodi and Ljubana.
 - c) Granting of normal budget for June.
 - d) Reply to his demand to grant an additional budget in respect of the month of January, for which he has received no budget. V.'s suggestion is to use for this purpose Lit. 300.000.- already placed at his disposal by certain people (rate 30). If you agree, the countervalue is payable to five people of which I have the addresses.Mr. V. would appreciate very much if you would let me have your reply to the points raised sub a) to d).
- 6.) With regard to the May-budget for Katzki : Up to the present, 600.000. have been raised, while 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 millions have not yet been found by our representative. Meanwhile, a new proposal has been made to us, coming from the same representative, who is well-known to Mr. Katzki. This suggestion is that we should take over 9 or 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mill, from a certain person, which we could place at your disposal for the budgets May-June-July. But before doing

so, we must have your assurance that you are prepared to take the money at the same conditions as in previous cases (90 to the Dollar) and apart from that, we cannot enter into the obligations necessitated by these transactions before having received from you the still outstanding amounts up to the month of April. When Dr. Weiss left, he informed me that the following payments had not yet been settled :

Balance for December	\$ 1.875.-
Budget February	" 33.987.--
" March	" 28.571.--
	\$ 64.433.--

Mr. Schwartz has promised Dr. Weiss to settle these payments immediately after his arrival in New-York. I don't know if this has been done.

To this amount is to be added the countervalue of the budget for April - \$ 33.985.--. This amount was payable at the end of May.

Then, there is also to be added the amount of about \$ 34.000.- for the May-budget, the countervalue of which we are just trying to find.

This being the position, I don't think that we can enter into any new obligations with regard to the months of June and July and, therefore, we cannot accept the offer made to us in respect of the 9 or 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mill. mentioned above.

I have explained the position to you in my yesterday's cable, of which I am attaching a copy.

7.) Timisoara : I have informed our people there that they should discuss with Mr. Jacobson the placing at his disposal of a sum up to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mill. Leis against which you will pay us \$ 2,000.- . Is that correct ?

8.) Slovakia : I have asked Dr. Neumann if he can pay now 100.000 Ks. for relief-purposes, against which you will pay us \$ 1.185.- (old arrangement between Dr. Weiss and Mr. Schwartz). Do you agree ?

9.) Hungary : I understand that you are interested in receiving an amount of 200.000.- Pengoes from our Funds (rate Pg. 10.- - \$ 1.-). The money is not yet at hand but if the moment comes, our people in Budapest will make a new application to the National bank.

10.) Holland : You have discussed this question with Dr. Weiss and Mrs. Van Thijn. Please confirm to me by letter that you will refund us the amounts our Funds are placing at the disposal of the Central-Organization for Training of Jewish Youth in Holland. According to inquiries I have made, the figures are as follows : The annual budget of the Central Organization is Fl. 280.000.- . About 65% are used for agricultural and other training in connection with Zionist Youth-Organizations preparing their pupils for emigration to Palestine, while 35% are used for other forms of Hachaharah. I suppose Mrs. Van Thijn will have confirmed to you these figures.

Now, of the total of Fl. 280.000.- , our Funds, which are now combined in the so-called "Stichting tot Financiering van Vakopleiding en Beroepsvorming van jonge Joden in Nederland" are contributing between 100 and 120.000.- Florins. Therefore, it would be only just and right that the Joint refunds to us the countervalue of this amount. Dr. Weiss has discussed with you and Mr. Schwartz this question and I understand from him that you agreed in principle. Therefore, please let me have your definite reply. Have you already discussed with Dr. Weiss the question of the rate of exchange ? I am willing to consider any reasonable offer you may make and I hope we shall come to a quick arrangement.

I hope that this letter will reach you in time and that you will reply to all the questions raised therein. With kindest regards, I am, dear Mr. Troper, very truly yours,
R. Lichtheim

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

M E M O R A N D U M

June 11, 1941

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Mr. Henry Montor

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the UPA on June 6th, there was some discussion as to the advisability of considering Mr. George Z. Medalie for one of the three representatives of Welfare Fund communities on the 1941 Allotment Committee of the UJA.

In this connection, I am sending you herewith a news item appearing in the National Refugee Service Community Bulletin of June, 1941.

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"When NRS was taken into the joint drive of the UJA there was recognized in it something of such far reaching importance that we are justified in seeing what its consequences and considerations must be," said George Z. Medalie, formerly United States Attorney for Southern District of New York and President of the Federation of the Jewish Philanthropic Societies, addressing a special evening session of the Annual Meeting of the National Refugee Service on May 24.

"The two million first allotment will be spent before half the year is over. And it is spent in a faith, a faith that the Jews of this country will not desert a Jewish and humanitarian cause. So the great problem is 'What shall we do for the rest of the year?'"

Mr. Medalie continued with a discussion of the importance of the work of NRS. He declared that the challenge of the "natural-born haters" that the refugees would take bread out of the mouths of Americans had been met. Through NRS men and women were rehabilitated, readjusted, resettled, and given a new chance.

"You will find a solution," Mr. Medalie said in closing, "because our people have never shirked a problem put to them in any day of crisis. That crisis is certainly here. What others may be ahead of us we do not know, but with confidence we accept the difficulties presented to us."

June 11, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your letter of June 10:
I will be in New York on Monday, June 30, and
if a meeting can be arranged for the Executive
Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for noon
or the afternoon of that day, I shall be very
happy to attend.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

M E M O R A N D U M

June 11, 1941

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
FROM: Mr. Henry Montor

You will be interested in the enclosed exchange of correspondence between Mr. A. B. Cohen of Scranton and Mr. Simon Shetzer, Chairman of the Committee on the Referendum for Budgeting.

Mr. Cohen virtually charges that the Council of Federations ignored a communication from him written on March 21, 1941, informing the Council of the fact that his community had unanimously rejected the proposal to establish a national advisory budgeting committee.

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June 9, 1941

Mr. A. B. Cohen, Chairman,
United Jewish Campaign,
129 North Washington Avenue,
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 4th
enclosing copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Sidney
Hollander.

I am very glad that you wrote Mr. Hollander as you
did. We have been very much disturbed by the manner
in which the referendum was handled. Obviously, the
situation requires further attention. We cannot per-
mit the announced decision to be accepted without
challenge since we feel that it does not fairly and
accurately represent the overwhelming sentiment of the
Jews of the United States on the issue.

We know that we can continue to count upon your
cooperation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Simon Shetzer.

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May 31, 1941

Mr. Sidney Hollander
Council of Jewish Federations
and Welfare Funds
165 West 46th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Hollander:

A few days ago I received the report on the
Committee of Referendum.

In going over same carefully, I found that Scranton
has been reported among the cities in which no action was taken
or no information received prior to May 20th. I am protesting
having Scranton listed among communities who have not taken
action, as I personally addressed a letter March 21, 1941 which
reads as follows:

"At a meeting of the United Jewish Campaign
of Scranton, held March 20, at 8 p.m. at the
Y. M. H. A., the Executive Committee unanimously
rejected the proposal to establish an advisory
committee for budgeting."

Action of this kind do not place very much confidence
in the Council of Jewish Federations. Being that the vote was so
close, and having counted Scranton out and probably some other
communities, we hesitate very much as to whether the tellers were
acting strictly impartial.

Yours very truly

A. B. Cohen
Chairman

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD)
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND (KEREN KAYEMETH)
For the Defense and Upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine

41 EAST 42ND STREET

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Henry Montor

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

June 12, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

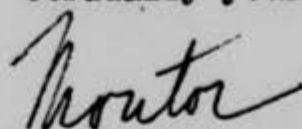
Mr. Louis Lipsky, Dr. Stephen Wise and Dr. Israel Goldstein have approved completely of the draft of the proposed letter to the President of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds. Judge Rothenberg, however, proposes certain changes. The letter has been retyped to incorporate the suggested changes that Judge Rothenberg has made.

In the retyped letter you will note the words that are underlined. Such underlined words indicate that they are additions suggested by Judge Rothenberg. Several words and phrases have been removed in the process. May I look forward to the receipt of a copy of the letter as it is finally sent off to Mr. Hollander?

May I say that everyone felt that the letter was most effective. I also spoke to Mrs. Judith Epstein who acts for Hadassah in such matters. She thought that the summation of the case was impressive. She wondered, however, whether the U.P.A. could take the position that it would not cooperate with the Council of Federations in view of the fact that so much of the money raised by the U.P.A. comes from Welfare Funds. The Hadassah has not yet formally taken any action, but proposes to consider the problem at a meeting next Wednesday. The letter will, however, probably make a difference in the action that Hadassah was contemplating. The Hadassah had thought that perhaps it might suggest a number of Zionists or of its own members to serve on a National Advisory Budgeting Committee in the hope that through such membership, it could have an influence on the decisions of the Committee.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

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Stephen S. Wise
*Chairman,
Administrative Committee*

Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky
*Chairman,
Executive Committee*

In accordance with your letter of June 11th, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal is being called for Monday, June 30th, at 4:00 P.M.

Solomon Goldman
Israel Goldstein
Edmund I. Kaufmann
Morris Rothenberg

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

With kindest personal regards,

I am

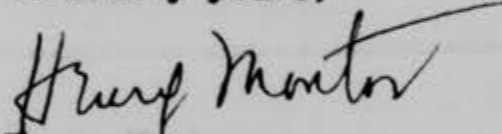
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Cordially yours,

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ABBAHILLEL SILVER

CHARGE - United Palestine Appeal

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Sender's Name and Address

(Not to be transmitted)

June 12, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your letter of June 10 permit me to state that the names which you suggest for the Committee of Five to study the budget are entirely satisfactory. Please have them proceed with the study at once.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.

342 MADISON AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 12, 1941

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer, Executive Director
Jewish Welfare Fund
Room 320 - Chester-Twelfth Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Goldhamer:

We have been encouraged to see the results of the Cleveland campaign this year and all of us are gratified to see Cleveland in the forefront of the communities which have shown a thorough understanding of the needs of the United Jewish Appeal.

I know I need not emphasize to you the stringency of our present financial position. Our cash needs today are more pressing than at any time in the history of the United Jewish Appeal. For that reason I am wondering what action can be undertaken to speed on to us a large part of the balance of \$63,800 remaining from the 1940 campaign and what steps you will find it possible to take to send us, on account, a substantial sum in advance from the 1941 appeal.

I am hopeful that your assistance at this time will be of the kind which will greatly ease the strain upon our treasury.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:rh

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky
*Chairman,
Executive Committee*

Attached hereto is a copy of a cable sent to Chief Rabbi Herzog in compliance with the decision of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal at its meeting on Friday, June 6th; and also a copy of the cable sent to Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency.

Solomon Goldman
Israel Goldstein
Edmund I. Kaufmann
Morris Rothenberg

With kindest personal regards, I am

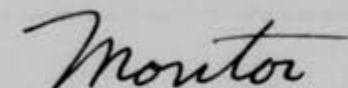
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Cordially yours,

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MEMORANDUM

June 16, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Attached hereto for your information is a copy of a letter from the Warren Jewish Federation that was addressed to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

HM:FE

WARREN JEWISH FEDERATION

Warren, Ohio

June 13, 1941

Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds
165 West 46th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your report on the Referendum on the budgeting question. We note that due to the amount of opposition developed among the member agencies, that you have decided for the year 1941 to limit this to an extension of your Fact Finding Service. In going over the recapitulation of the voting, we are not truly satisfied that this budgeting proposal was passed. Please understand, however, that none of the members of our Federation were present and are not personally acquainted with what transpired at the meeting on May 18th, but the tremendous amount of unrecorded votes, whether for one reason or another, leads us to believe that there is a definite majority sentiment against the proposal.

As expressed in our vote and in our previous letters to you, we do not intend that any agency or council to which we may or may not belong shall determine to whom and in what amounts our funds shall be distributed. It is through the efforts of the members of our Federation that the money which we send to beneficiaries is raised and the members who are responsible for the raising of this money feel that the right is theirs to distribute the money to such beneficiaries and in such amounts as they think proper. We do not feel that this right shall in any manner be infringed upon by anyone, and any attempt to do so would result in a serious situation in our Federation.

We hope that in accordance with what was shown on your recorded vote and with the large amount of unregistered sentiment against this propose, that your Council will see fit to confine its activities to fact gathering and reporting, and stop there.

Sincerely yours,

BERNARD W. ROSENBERG

Secretary

BWR:MK

M E M O R A N D U M

June 16, 1941

T o : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Henry Montor

Attached herewith for your information are copies of letters which Dr. Israel Goldstein has sent to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and to Sylvan Gotshal, in connection with the efforts of a committee appointed by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise to create a "permanent fund-raising machinery" in New York City.

HM:JB

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C O P Y

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

CC: Mr. Henry Montor

June 13, 1941

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

My dear Jonah:

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein,
President

IG:EB

C O P Y

June 13, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Gotshal:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Even if it is to be assumed that a permanent machinery would save \$100,000 or \$150,000 for expenses in New York, the UPA share of that saving would be somewhere between

\$30,000 and \$50,000. The question for us from the UPA standpoint is whether it is worth risking that amount of money in order to maintain for strategic purposes the best asset we have in our bargaining with the JDC. My own opinion is inclined to the negative. Needless to say, however, if Dr. Silver and my other colleagues feel differently, I shall gladly defer to that point of view.

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

Cordially yours,

Dr. Israel Goldstein
President

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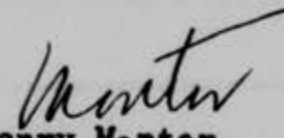
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

With reference to the Budget Committee appointed to study the budget for the United Palestine Appeal for the balance of the year, Mr. Lipsky has suggested that Mr. Charles Ress be appointed in his place as the representative of the Keren Hayesod. I trust this will be satisfactory to you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

M E M O R A N D U M

June 16, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith for your information is a copy of a letter from Mr. Samuel Weingarten, Secretary of the Jewish Community Council of Schenectady, advising me of the reaffirmation by Schenectady of its opposition to the institution of a national budgeting program.

HM:JB
Encl.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF SCHENECTADY
300 Germania Avenue
Schenectady, N.Y.

June 12, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

We have sent a letter to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds reaffirming our opposition to a National Budgeting Committee and have registered our protest regarding the method used in determining the results which the Council has published.

We reiterate the decision of the Jewish Community Council of Schenectady that we are opposed to any plan whereby a national committee will dictate or even recommend the allocations of funds without regard to local preferences and predispositions.

I am sending this note to you at the request of Mr. Joseph E. Grosberg who feels that you would be interested to know of our recent action.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Samuel Weingarten
Secretary

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AUTHOR, AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT.

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Recent and coming Magazine Articles:

"The Collapse of France" (In the September Atlantic)
"The Coming Peace," (In the November "American Mercury")
"Europe's Revolt Against Civilization" (December Harper's)

In the December Mercury he is paired with Herbert Agar, an advocate of interventionism, on the issue of the American attitude toward the war. He will be glad to uphold his viewpoint on this question in debate.

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