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December 1, 1940

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

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With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Palestine Appeal - 41 E. 42nd St.
New York City - I understand there is
meeting emergency committee
afternoon Oct 3. In that case
meeting of Joint committee
impossible for afternoon.

Silver

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December 2, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to the holding of a press conference - I believe that it should wait until we know how we stand for 1941. What I would have to say to the gentlemen of the press would of course depend largely upon the final decision with reference to a joint or separate campaign.

I believe that is a good idea to cable Dr. Weizmann and invite him to our Washington Conference. Please send him a cable in my name.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ASL:RK

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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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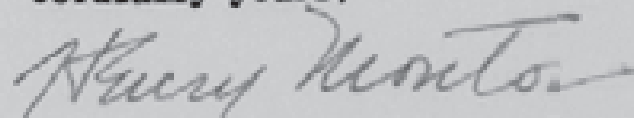
I took up with the Feakins Bureau the question of Sir Norman Angell's fee for Cleveland. Mr. Feakins states that the fee of \$200 includes expenses, and that there are no visits scheduled outside of New York during that period so that he would have to go directly from New York to Cleveland and return.

Mr. Feakins reports that Sir Norman has been rather ill lately and that he has been taking on too many engagements.

I expressed surprise to Mr. Feakins at having asked Cleveland for a fee of \$200 in view of the fact that Sir Norman himself had promised that engagements made by the United Palestine Appeal would be only \$100 plus expenses. Apparently the Feakins Agency is reneging on this promise. Mr. Feakins told me this morning that Sir Norman's health was such that he would not mind the cancellation of the Cleveland meeting. What is your thought in the matter?

I am sorry if anything I have said has caused you inconvenience in this matter.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:fe

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

MEMORANDUM

December 2, 1940

TO Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
FROM Mr. Henry Montor

Attached hereto is a copy of a resolution which was adopted at the seventh annual regional conference of the East Central States Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, held in Indianapolis on November 16th and 17th.

HM:EH
Encl.

RESOLUTIONS

on

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Adopted at East Central States Regional Conference, November 16, 17, 1940 at Indianapolis

WHEREAS this conference has already gone on record urging the continuation of the United Jewish Appeal to combine the fund raising and budgeting for Jewish overseas activity, and

WHEREAS the overseas agencies have demonstrated their capacity to render continued service despite the present unsettled war conditions, and

WHEREAS we are convinced that the fullest possible coordination of overseas agencies in the raising and allocation of funds will result in a maximum support and an intelligent and equitable expenditure of these funds, and

WHEREAS there should be a continuing joint evaluation of overseas activities as a basis for further fund raising requirements, and

WHEREAS the critical problems in Europe, Palestine, and throughout the world which now must be met largely by American Jewry urgently call for the extension of such coordination at the present time, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this conference urges the continuation of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941 and would look with disfavor upon any effort to dissolve the United Jewish Appeal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this conference urges the extension of the United Jewish Appeal to include the HIAS, ORT and such other agencies meeting overseas and Palestine needs as can be included on an equitable basis.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am afraid that I have bad news with respect to the December 29 speaker for the Cleveland Zionist Society dinner, since Van Paasen is out and Feuchtwanger is leaving for Hollywood this week. Although Bertrand Russell is available, you indicated that you did not wish to have him.

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Jacob Sincoff

About the capacity of Franz Werfel I shall be glad to advise you after I hear him tomorrow at a meeting of the New York United Jewish Appeal. All sources indicate that he does not speak well in English, but Dr. Stephen Wise tells me he is most effective in German.

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With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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EM:ET

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

CC: Dr. Silver

December 2, 1940.

Mr. Carl Alpert
The New Palestine
1720 16th Street NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Alpert:

On several occasions I have pointed out that considering the cooperation which the United Palestine Appeal had a right to expect from the New Palestine, it was not obtaining proper recognition of its activities.

In order that you may plan accordingly, I am calling your attention to a practice that has obtained for many years in relation to the annual National Conference for Palestine sponsored by the United Palestine Appeal.

This Conference will take place in Washington on January 25, 26, 1941. It has been usual for the New Palestine, in the week prior to the Conference, to devote three or four pages to the significance of the Conference, and to emphasize on the importance of attendance. The issue of the New Palestine following the Washington Conference has been devoted exclusively to the proceedings of the Conference.

May I have your assurance that this practice will be observed in connection with the 1941 Conference, so that we may plan accordingly?

Cordially yours,

Henry Mentor
Executive Director

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December 3, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The address of Mr. Israel Sieff (not Daniel,
his late son) is

c/o Marks & Spencer
1450 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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Henry Montor
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HM:ff

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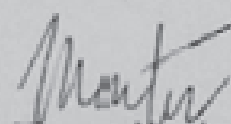
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In connection with the preparation of names for the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal I am sending you herewith the list for Cleveland and would ask you to give me whatever corrections you have.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Encl.

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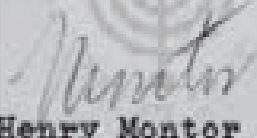
December 6, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is some information together with a copy of a telegram from Helen Keller asking you to become a sponsor of the American Rescue Ship Mission.

Cordially Yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:fo

The AMERICAN RESCUE SHIP MISSION
has a quota of \$300,000 which they are
raising to buy a ship to transport
Spanish refugees (all kinds) who were
either forced to leave or who left Spain
and are at present in unoccupied France.
Their destination is Mexico.



COPY OF TELEGRAM

NEW YORK DECEMBER 4, 1940

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
342 MADISON AVE NYC

REGRET THAT I HAVE NOT HAD RESPONSE FROM YOU TO MY LETTER
URGING YOU TO BECOME SPONSOR OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE SHIP
MISSION. AMONG OUTSTANDING PERSON WHO HAVE ACCEPTED ARE
JAMES TRUSLOW ADAMS, BISHOP EDWIN H. HUGHES, EDNA ST. VINCENT
MILLAY, PAUL MUNI MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, H. G. WELLS. AS
WE MUST SEND STATIONARY TO PRESS WILL YOU WIRE ME COLLECT
YOUR ACCEPTANCE TO THIS MOST URGENT MISSION OF MERCY, HAVE
JUST COMPLETED PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS FOR SHIP, BUT NEED
YOUR NAME TO ASSURE US OF WIDEST PUBLIC SUPPORT.

HELEN KELIER
ROOM 810
200 FIFTH AVE
NYCITY

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I should like to suggest a tentative outline of the program for Washington as the basis for discussion in the coming weeks:

I. ONEG SHABAT, Saturday afternoon, January 25, 3:00 P.M. This idea was inaugurated last year. It proved most successful. We invited a selected list of some 300 key leaders and campaign executives for the purpose of discussing the type of details that normally are not reviewed in the conference sessions. Last year we had such people as Arthur Lourie answering questions on political developments, Georg Landauer on economic and social conditions in Palestine, and Golomb who dealt with security questions. I presided. I believe that you were there for a brief period toward the end.

II. SATURDAY EVENING, January 25.

A question that must be decided is whether an announcement of the 1941 campaign should be made at the opening session on Saturday night or on Sunday. My own view is that the whole spirit of the conference would be transformed and dominated by the enthusiasm evoked by reference to the type of 1941 campaign.

We will be confronted I suppose by the usual demand that we have greetings. I still regard this as a waste of time and an imposition on the time of these people who come from great distances to a national conference for Palestine for them to hear salutations.

My own suggestion is that in addition to yourself as National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, the other speakers include Dr. Israel Goldstein, reviewing the Jewish National Fund, and Louis Lipsky, reviewing the Keren Hayesod. I suppose this is by now traditional. To give the people more than three speakers is to kill the evening.

Shall we go through with the previous year's device in having a different presiding officer at each session? I would urge it. For the Saturday evening session I would suggest Judge Louis Levinthal of Philadelphia.

In addition to these three speakers there should be a brief

financial report by Charles Rosenbloom, Treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal, which will give us an opportunity to introduce him to the constituency.

III. SUNDAY MORNING, January 26.

Since there will be no plenary session because of the absence of adequate meeting space for a large assembly, the morning session will be taken up by committee meetings. The committees would be Resolutions, Quota, Campaign Program. Those people who are not on these committees should be given an opportunity to attend a seminar or seminars at which they should have the opportunity of asking questions. People like Kurt Blumenfeld, Martin Rosenbluth and one other might be assigned a specific meeting room to which some forty or fifty people might be invited.

IV. THE LUNCHEON SESSION might be presided over by Judge I. M. Golden of San Francisco, whose participation I think so important as representing the Far West, that we should undertake to pay his expenses here and back. We do as much for speakers going from New York to San Francisco. Judge Golden is, as you know, second in command to Mr. Henry Monsky in the B'nai B'rith.

The speakers at the luncheon would include the non-Jewish speaker, whom I hope to have found at least by that time, and someone like Nahum Goldmann, who really does a magnificent job every time he speaks.

V. THE AFTERNOON SESSION might be presided over by Edmund I. Kaufmann who, in addition to the fact that he is President of the Z.O.A., represents the large Jewish community of Washington and should be a very helpful factor in the campaign.

In the event that the United Palestine Appeal is conducting an independent campaign, I believe that the afternoon session should be devoted exclusively to our business and not to outside speakers. By that time we shall know what our program is to be. We could then invite some six or seven leaders from key cities who will be able to give their view as to what the United Palestine Appeal may expect from their own communities in 1941. The purpose of this session should be to instill in the minds of the delegates an appreciation of the increased needs of Palestine and the responsibility that the communities owe to the United Palestine Appeal in the new form of campaigning that it has undertaken.

I believe that we might have Dr. Stephen S. Wise deliver the closing address of that session in order to send the delegates away from that particular meeting with high enthusiasm.

VI. For the BANQUET SESSION the presiding officer might be Judge Morris Rothenberg, or Dr. Solomon Goldman, or Rabbi

Philip Bernstein of Rochester.

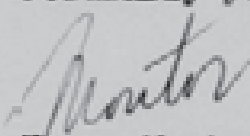
Rabbi Irving Miller tells me that he has written you officially to ask that one of the sessions of the conference be devoted to the twentieth anniversary of the Keren Hayesod. The general theme of twenty years of development in Palestine might appropriately cover the banquet session on Sunday evening. What do you think?

What do you think of the advisability of offering to pay the expenses to the conference of regional chairmen for the United Palestine Appeal? These include Rabbi Philip Bernstein for the state of New York, Dr. Joseph Bank for Arizona, Charles Brown for Southern California and Sol Abrams for Rhode Island. Some of these will, of course, pay their own expenses, but I wanted permission that in the event that one or more of them could not pay the expenses I might undertake to do so for them. This will enhance the representative character of our meeting.

I feel so strong on the subject in relation to the impact upon communities for our 1941 campaign that I would be prepared to suggest that in certain selected instances we'd offer to pay the expenses of one key man from some of the major Welfare Funds so that by attendance at the conference, the spirit may be communicated to the respective communities.

Looking forward to counsel and instructions from you,
I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC

P.S. Possible participants in the program of Sunday afternoon:

Mortimer May, Nashville
Rabbi Julius Gordon, St. Louis
Daniel Frisch, Indianapolis
Dr. Ben Selekman, Boston
Mrs. Archibald Silverman, Providence
Benjamin R. Harris, Chicago
Rabbi Barnett Brickner, Cleveland
Abraham Goldstein, Hartford
Henry Monsky, Omaha
Rabbi Max Shapiro, Miami

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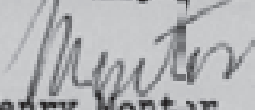
Henry Montor

A situation of acute importance to the fund-raising capacity of the United Palestine Appeal has arisen out of the activities of the League for Religious Labor in Palestine.

I send you herewith a copy of a report that has been prepared by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. It shows (a) that this organization, which is obviously Mizrahi inspired, is appealing to welfare funds throughout the country for the very activities which the Mizrahi has assured the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth it is using its own funds for, in addition to the fact that the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund distribute their resources among all groups in Palestine including the Mizrahi groups; (b) that the officers of the League for Religious Labor in Palestine are all officers of the Mizrahi Organization of America.

Either the Mizrahi Palestine Fund should cease being a beneficiary of the United Palestine Appeal or it should remain within the framework of the agreement between the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth by which it received \$125,000 a year.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:fb

P.S. Since letters from myself are apparently only of filing value in the Mizrahi office, may I suggest the advisability of your addressing a communication to Mr. Gellman. I submit a draft for your consideration. Can you let me know when and if you have sent this letter to Mr. Gellman.

C O P Y

Memorandum Prepared By
COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS
165 West 46th Street
NEW YORK CITY

December 4, 1940

The League for Religious Labor in Palestine
1123 Broadway
New York City

(Information obtained from interview with Mr. Jacob Greenberg, Executive Director, and published material)

History and Purpose The League for Religious Labor in Palestine was established in New York during February 1940. The purpose of the organization is to raise funds in America for the support of the Religious Labor Movement in Palestine.

Money is forwarded to a committee consisting of a representative of the Mizrachi, the Hapoel Hamizrachi and non-partisan groups for distribution to aid established institutions, organizations and activities such as the Hapoel Hamizrachi, Immigration Bureaus, Central and Local Employment Bureaus, Agricultural Colonies, Loan and Credit Societies, Cooperative Enterprises, Workers' Sections concerned with Housing, Mish'On which gives regular relief to unemployed and sick members, religious and cultural activities; youth activities and sport and defense activities.

Finances Funds are raised through membership dues of \$2 as the minimum and contributions from individuals and organizations. Welfare Funds have been appealed to for support.

A detailed statement of Income and Expense is not available at this time. Such a statement will be submitted to the Council in January.

<u>Officers:</u>	Chairman	--	Isaac Rivkind, New York
	Treasurers	--	Rabbi J. M. Kowalsky, New York I. Sol Rosenberg
	Secretary	--	Moshe Kalchheim
	Executive Director	--	Jacob Greenberg

Comments

1. The Executive Director stated that "the organization is not affiliated with the Mizrachi Organization of America". He, however, indicated that members of the Mizrachi Organization were officers of the League for Religious Labor in Palestine.
2. Mr. Henry Mentor, Executive Director of the United Palestine Appeal, writes on November 20, that:

"One of the clauses of the agreement constituting the United Palestine Appeal, from which the Mizrachi Palestine Fund receives its income, very clearly states that no officer or member of the Mizrachi Organization of America shall participate in or approve of any other campaign of a general character except through the United Palestine Appeal. I know of no justification whatever of any appeal by the League for Religious Labor in Palestine to any welfare fund."

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a
letter from Attorney General Robert H.
Jacobson who is unable to accept our
invitation to speak at the Washington
Conference.

Cordially yours.

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:fe

C O P Y

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON

December 4, 1940

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Since the night following election I have cancelled all speaking engagements and have tried to take on nothing more for the early months of next year. The pressure of the work within the Department has been such that I could not attend to it and at the same time give the time that is necessary for the preparation of speeches. As you know, new problems have been added to old ones, and new complications arise in discharging old duties. Unless the work of the department gets into such shape that I have to make some kind of public appeal or public explanation, I hope to avoid speaking engagements.

Under the circumstances, I am going to ask you to excuse me from addressing the Palestine Conference, much as I should like to do so.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Robert H. Jackson

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from
Sidney Hollander.

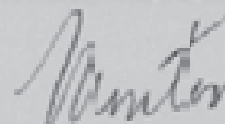
Should we advise him of the meeting of the
Administrative Committee of the United Palestine
Appeal to be held on December 17th?

Have you thought about the selection of
the United Palestine Appeal representative on the
Board of the Council of Jewish Federations and
Welfare Funds?

I am holding up the answer to Mr. Hollander
until I hear from you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS
165 WEST 46 STREET
New York City

December
4th
1940

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

I have your letter of November 18th, informing me that your Administrative Committee has taken favorable action on our proposal for an exchange of members to attend executive meetings of our respective agencies. I am very happy to know that you have accepted our proposal.

If you will be good enough to send notices of the time and place of your meetings to me in Baltimore (2419 Greenmount Avenue) and to our executive director, Mr. H. L. Lurie at the Council office, I will be glad to arrange for a representative to attend your meetings. I plan either to be present in person or to have Mr. Lurie attend as an alternate.

Will you be good enough to notify our office of the selection that you have made of representative of the UPA to attend the Board meetings of the Council.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

SIDNEY HOLLANDER
President

December 9, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to the list of names to be included on the National Council for Palestine - I have added a few names to the list which you sent me. I have placed a question mark after some of the names on the list which you sent to me that are entirely unfamiliar. I am wondering why these names were included.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc. 2

December 9, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have written the letter which you sent me addressed to Mr. Leon Gellman.

With reference to your letter concerning the Washington Conference:

- 1) I believe that the Oneg Shabat should again be held.
- 2) The Saturday evening program should be as last year, devoted to the three addresses - mine, Lipsky's and Goldstein's. Mr. Rosenbloom should be asked to present a brief financial report. A layman should preside at this meeting. Judge Louis Levinthal is a good choice, but I am wondering if we could get someone who is less prominently identified with the Zionist official families.
- 3) Sunday morning should be devoted to committee meetings. As many of the delegates as possible should be put on these committees. The more the better. I am not impressed with the idea of arranging an additional seminar for Sunday morning.
- 4) The Luncheon session: - I should like to preside at this session as in previous years. There should be only one speaker at this session - a prominent non-Jewish guest. Nahum Goldmann has addressed many regional UPA meetings this year and should be asked to speak briefly either at the afternoon session or at the banquet in the evening. I do not approve of paying any delegate's expenses to the Conference such as I would like to have Judge Golden of San Francisco at the Conference. I think it would be unfair to the UPA to establish such a precedent, and unfair to the other delegates who spend their own money to come to the Conference.

The Afternoon session should be presided over by Mr. Kaufmann, President of the ZOA. If there is an independent campaign, then the afternoon should be devoted, as you indicate, to a discussion of the

Mr. Montor

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December 9, 1940

independent campaign. Instructions to communities, statements of leaders of four or five of the principal communities, and an address by Dr. Stephen S. Wise to inspire the delegates for effort in behalf of the independent drive.

If there is a united drive, then the afternoon session may be devoted to an address on the twentieth anniversary of the Keren Hayesod by Mr. Lipsky (in that case Mr. Lipsky would not speak on Saturday evening), or two briefer addresses on this subject by Lipsky and Nahum Goldmann or Rabbi Miller. I do not believe that the evening banquet should take on the character of the twentieth anniversary of the K.H. The K.H. has already held its celebration in New York City.

6) If Dr. Wise does not deliver the principal address at the Afternoon session, I would suggest that he be the toastmaster at the Evening banquet. Otherwise I would suggest Judge Morris Rothenberg.

I may have other suggestions to make as we go along. Please have a tentative program ready by the time the Administrative Committee meets next week.

I am hoping that you will be able to get the British Ambassador for Sunday night, or some other national or international figure.

I understand that you have arranged to have Jan Pierce sing in the evening.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

ADDITIONAL NAMES TO BE ADDED TO LIST OF
CLEVELAND MEMBERS
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PALESTINE

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HAVE SPOKEN TO LOUIS LIPSKY, DR STEPHEN S WISE, DR ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN EACH OF WHOM FEELS THAT ON BASIS OF LAST BAERWALD LETTER UPA SHOULD HAVE INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN IN 1941. BUT MR LIPSKY SUGGESTS THAT FOR THE SAKE OF FORM UPA OUGHT TO CONSENT TO ANOTHER MEETING FOR WHICH JDC HAS NOW ASKED THREE TIMES. IF OFFICERS OF UPA ENTER SUCH A MEETING WITH DETERMINATION THAT INDEPENDENT CAMPAIGN ESSENTIAL THEY WILL HAVE SATISFIED PUBLIC REQUIREMENT THAT THE JDC REQUEST FOR A MEETING SHOULD BE HONORED WITHOUT IMPAIRING CONVICTION OF NECESSITY OF INDEPENDENT EFFORT. THIS VIEW SHARED BY THE OTHERS. IF THIS COINCIDES WITH YOUR VIEW WILL YOU ARRANGE FOR A MEETING. KINDLY ADVISE SO THAT I MAY INFORM OTHERS. REGARDS=

HENRY MONTOR.

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December 10, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

May I urge that you communicate by telegraph or telephone with Rabbi Jonah B. Wise to call a meeting promptly of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

This is essential for the following purposes:

(a) To wind up the affairs of the United Jewish Appeal for 1940, and

(b) To set up the machinery for the collection of 1939 and 1940 outstanding pledges.

You will have noted that there is still owing to the U.P.A. for the year 1939 the sum of \$112,000. The U.P.A. is still to receive from the 1940 income of the U.J.A. approximately \$1,300,000. In other words, very substantial amounts are involved.

To insure that the interests of both the U.P.A. and the J.D.C. are adequately represented, an authoritative committee will have to be set up to supervise the liquidation of the U.J.A. affairs.

Insofar as the office detail is concerned, I would propose that it be agreed that I be designated for the U.P.A. and perhaps Isidor Coons will be named by the J.D.C. to set up the internal personnel which will have the right to carry on with this work regardless of the form which the 1941 campaign takes.

Will you let me know, at your earliest convenience, what action you have taken in this matter and what date you have suggested to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise for such a meeting so that proper letters of notice may go forward.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Mr. Henry Montor

MEMORANDUM

December 11, 1940

To : For Action

Messrs. Hyman and Rosner
Montor and Accountant
Dr. Haber and Mr. Speiser

For Follow-up

Dr. Backman

For Information

Mr. Reis

From: Elisha Friedman

Subject: Memorandum on Budgets, Allotments - Cash position
and Debts

Attached is a form which I requested of the Inquiry Accountants, on November 12. In the pressure of getting things done, it was over-looked. Had it been filled out and incorporated into the Inquiry Report, it would have eliminated a great deal of the useless and aimless discussion. Laymen unfamiliar with elementary accounting could not have asked the questions that were asked, if the attached table were available.

Will you kindly fill in as much of this data as is possible for your organization. Where data is not available, please do not leave the line blank, but write in "Not Available".

Kindly return before Friday, December 13. It would be desirable that such a table be included in the revised report of the Inquiry.

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M E M O R A N D U M

November 12, 1940

To : Messrs. Backman and Reis
From: Elisha M. Friedman

Subject: BUDGETS, ALLOTMENTS - CASH POSITION AND DEBTS
Standard Form for U.J.A., J.D.C., U.P.A., N.R.S.
Computed by Years. It shows Trend for Each Organization

Accrual or Commitment Basis

data furnished by each organization's
Budget Dept. and by the Inquiry

Cash Basis

data furnished by each organization's
accountants

Estimated needs for year
Less- needs ignored
Net Budget Demand
Less Budget unmet
First Allotment for Year

Balance Allotment due

Less-Cash Rec'd. on
First Allotment to 10/1
Other cash Rec'd.
Total Cash Rec'd.

Cash Expended (to 10/1)
Changes in cash position
(plus or minus)

Debt incurred or Paid
Original cash position 1/1
Latest cash position

Additions to or Deductions From
Est. Needs - 3 months

New Unprovided Needs 3 mo.

Total Revised Needs
Needs over Allotment
(plus or minus)

Est. Cash to Expend 3 mo.
Est. Cash to Rec. 3 mo.
Est. Change in Cash (plus
or minus) from 10/-12/31
Closing Cash Position

Bookkeeping Deficit for year.....
Bookkeeping Accumulated
Deficit under U.J.A.
Bookkeeping accumulated
Deficit before U.J.A.

Loans for year
Repayment for year
Net Loans for year

Accumulated Loans under UJA
Accumulated Loans before UJA

Total Deficit
Total Commitments payable
(as on land purchases JNF)

Total Loans 12/31

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Would you be good enough to send me a copy of the Reis report handed to you as a member of the Allotment Committee? I should like to have copies made, particularly for forwarding to Jerusalem. I should like to have official word from you on the following matters:

Solomon Goldman
Israel Goldstein
Morris Rothenberg

1) Did the United Palestine Appeal officially agree that the National Refugee Service is to have priority in the distribution of funds from the United Jewish Appeal? When is that priority to begin? What form is it to take - that is, is the National Refugee Service to obtain its full amount up to \$3,500,000 before the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal are to receive any part of the additional funds? As of December 10th, the National Refugee Service had received \$940,000 from New York on account of its \$1,000,000 and \$1,650,000 on account of the \$2,500,000 from the United Jewish Appeal.

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2) In what form is the report of the Allotment Committee to be issued? Is the report made by Elisha Friedman to be circulated to the entire country, and, if so, to whom and through what channels? Do I understand correctly that no report and no announcement is to be issued to the country until after the representatives of the United Palestine Appeal on the Allotment Committee shall have given final approval in writing?

Honorary Secretary

Charles Rees

3) Were any commitments made with respect to the continuation of an Inquiry Committee without regard to the nature of the 1941 campaigns?

Executive Director

Henry Montor

The reason I ask these various questions is because I wish guidance on checking on these details. Moreover, I am never certain that Mr. Elisha Friedman's interpretations of any event or decision coincides with realities.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor, Executive Director

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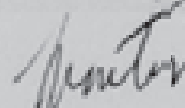
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a telegram which I am taking the liberty of sending to various cities which are delinquent in their collections. I think that this will be helpful to the United Jewish Appeal collections.

Do you wish a wire of this kind to be sent to Cleveland?

Cordially yours,

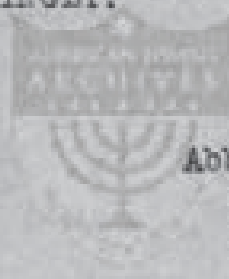


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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TELEGRAM TO BE SENT TO VARIOUS CITIES DELINQUENT IN THEIR
COLLECTIONS

DECISION OF PALESTINE GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT OVER 1700 REFUGEES TO REMAIN IN PALESTINE ALTHOUGH ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR DEPORTATION ON THE PATRIA HAS PLACED EXTRAORDINARILY LARGE AND UNEXPECTED BURDEN ON JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE WHICH HAS CABLED TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL URGING PROMPT REMITTANCE MAXIMUM SUMS TO ENABLE IT TO PROVIDE FOR THESE PENNILESS REFUGEES, MANY OF WHOM AFTER MONTHS OF WANDERING ARE ILL AND UNDERNOURISHED. PALESTINE GOVERNMENT HAS RELEASED THESE 1,770 PEOPLE FROM INTERMENT CAMP ON CONDITION JEWISH AGENCY GUARANTEES THEY WILL NOT BECOME PUBLIC CHARGES. IN ENDEAVORING TO MEET THIS URGENT PLEA FROM JEWISH AGENCY BY CABLING LARGE FUNDS IMMEDIATELY WE TURN TO YOU TO FORWARD AS LARGE A SUM AS POSSIBLE ON ACCOUNT OF BALANCES OUTSTANDING FOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL. KNOW YOU WILL UNDERSTAND SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION AND RESPOND ACCORDINGLY.



Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman
United Jewish Appeal

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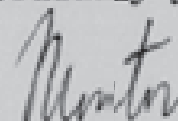
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser, Co-Treasurer of the United Jewish Appeal addressed to Mr. A. Keller, Accountant of the United Jewish Appeal.

I am also attaching for your information a copy of a statement showing (a) anticipated collections of the United Jewish Appeal for the coming months and (b) amount which the United Palestine Appeal can expect from those collections if Mr. Goldwasser's interpretation of the decisions affecting further distribution is accurate.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Enc.

copy

December 9, 1940

Mr. A. Keller
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Keller:

I have just been informed that the Allotment Committee has made its decisions. It will take a few days before the formal statement is in our hands.

In the meantime, however, I have been informed that a procedure has been established to take effect immediately whereby cash preference payments are indicated for National Refugee Service within certain limits as to amount. You will, therefore, take all checks that have previously been signed and undated based upon the old allocation and give them to the accountants to be sealed by them and kept in a separate place, not to be used except with the permission of the accountants.

New checks will have to be prepared, based upon the following formula. You will use the same unit of \$102,500. A check will be made out for \$51,250 to National Refugee Service. The check for J.D.C. will be \$34,716.75 and the check for U.P.A. \$16,533.25. This will preserve the percentages at 67-74/100% for J.D.C. and 32-26/100% for U.P.A.

This takes effect as of December 9, 1940 and will continue until further notice.

Please send a copy of this letter to Mr. Rosenbloom immediately. I am certain that he will concur in this arrangement.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) I. Edwin Goldwasser
Co-Treasurer UJA

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ESTIMATES OF CASH INCOME U.J.A.
December, 1940 - February, 1941

UNDER PROPOSED REVISION:-

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Distribution</u>		
	<u>U.J.A.</u>	<u>N.R.S.</u>	<u>J.D.C.</u>	<u>U.P.A.</u>
1940 - Balance of month December.	\$ 300,000.	\$ 150,000.	\$ 112,000.	\$ 54,000.
1941 January	700,000.	350,000.	243,000.	115,000.
February	450,000.	162,500.	184,000.	95,500.
Totals:-	1,450,000.	662,500.	539,000.	264,500.

UNDER OLD FORMULA:-

1940 - Balance of month December	300,000.	75,000.	157,500.	75,000.
1941 January	700,000.	175,000.	367,500.	175,000.
February	450,000.	112,500.	236,250.	112,500.
Totals:-	1,450,000.	362,500.	761,250.	362,500.

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December 12, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to you and to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise by Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, asking for authorization of another \$12,000 toward the work of the Allotment Committee.

Will you please indicate whether this has your approval. Rabbi Jonah Wise has already given his authorization.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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C O P Y (of copy)

DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL FOR 1940

342 Madison Avenue

New York, N. Y.

December 10, 1940

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

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, in accordance with the terms of the resolution adopted setting aside the sum of \$25,000 by the United Jewish Appeal for the expenses of the Allotment Committee Inquiry, I hereby formally request the issuance of a check in the sum of \$12,000 to meet the needs of the Committee.

So far as I know at this time, this will represent the final request, \$10,000 having been previously drawn. If however, there are minor incidental expenses accruing after this date I shall advise you accordingly.

Yours truly,

(Signed)
Solomon Lowenstein

SL/W

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December 12, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

A New York United Palestine Appeal does not exist at the present time. It is, therefore, necessary to inform even potentially UPA-minded people of the United Palestine Appeal's position with regard to a New York campaign, whether that campaign is to take the form of an independent United Palestine Appeal office or a joint drive in New York with distribution of funds being made by that drive.

Accordingly I earnestly suggest that a meeting be held next Wednesday night in New York City to which will be invited a selected group of leaders in some of the major trades in which campaigns are held. At the present time they probably are tentative in spirit, and if the Joint Distribution Committee tells them its story without preparation on our part, they may yield to 90-10 or any other figure equally fantastic.

The success of that Wednesday night meeting (December 18th) will be dependent in large measure upon your presence and participation and on the proper build-up for the meeting.

My suggestion would be for you to send a telegram from Cleveland to the thirty or forty people involved, asking them to meet with you in your room in the Commodore Hotel next Wednesday night. At that time we can tell them the background of everything that has happened and also form a nucleus for a New York United Palestine Appeal organization.

Unfortunately Blitz is out of the city at the present time on a vacation so that his contact with these people is absent. However, I called together the directors on the New York United Jewish Appeal staff, who were formerly with the United Palestine Appeal, and got a consensus of opinion from them as to the men who would be best qualified to attend such a meeting. Their attitude was not cooperative. In the first place, they have been cowed by the New York United Jewish Appeal system; and, in the second place, they seem to feel that in the absence of Blitz it was an invasion on my part to enter the New York field. However, we did get together a list which seems satisfactory. I am sending this list to you so that when we discuss

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

December 12, 1940

it over the telephone tomorrow - since I hope you will have returned to Cleveland by that time - you will have something definite on which to base your judgment.

Cordially yours,

Henry Minton

Henry Minton
Executive Director



HM:fe

SUGGESTED NAMES TO BE INVITED TO WEDNESDAY
NIGHT MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 1940

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United Jewish Appeal
261 Fifth Avenue
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261 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Jacob H. Cohen
38 - 70 Vernon Boulevard
Long Island City, N. Y.

Bernard Grausman
332 East 149th St.
Bronx, New York

Morris Dlugasch
587 Flatbush Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Max Doff
Princeton Knitting Mills
450 Seventh Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Mark Eisner
20 Exchange Place
New York, N. Y.

Isidore Fine
135 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dr. Reuben Finkelstein
576 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, N. Y.

William Fondiller
15 Landscape Ave.
Yonkers, N. Y.

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

Leonard Ginsberg
Hearn's Department Store
14th St. & 5th Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Ira A. Hirschmann
Saks Fifth Avenue
50th St. & Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Stanley Isaacs
Pres. Borough of Manhattan
Municipal Bldg.
New York, N. Y.

William Klein
1440 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Alfred Kohlberg
1 West 37th St.
New York, N. Y.

Abraham Krasne
835 E. 136th St.
Bronx, New York

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989 - Sixth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Abraham Landau
Julius Schwartz & Sons
880 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dr. Israel H. Levinthal
576 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Abraham L. Liebovitz
75 Leonard St.
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New York, N. Y.

Boris Margolin
Tioga Silk Co.
469 Seventh Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Israel Matz
Ex Lax Company
423 Atlantic Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rabbi Irving Miller
701 Bolton Avenue
Far Rockaway, N. Y.

Morris Miller
370 Crown St.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Henry Montor
41 E. 42nd St.
New York, N. Y.

Charles C. Moskowitz
1540 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Jacob Neinken
49 West 23 St.
New York, N. Y.

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144 Franklin St.
New York, N. Y.

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120 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Louis P. Rucker
15 Broad St.
New York, N. Y.

Arthur Rosenbloom
1095 Park Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Oscar S. Rosner
30 Broad St.
New York, N. Y.

Judge Morris Rothenberg
305 West End Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Samuel Rothstein
51 Chambers St.
New York, N. Y.

Irving Sabsewitz
500 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Israel Sachs
781 East 133rd St.
New York, N. Y.

William Selzman
295 Madison Ave.
New York, N. Y.

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1940 Andrews Ave.
Bronx, N. Y.

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Gotham Credit Corp.
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483 Broadway
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124 West 26th St.
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88 Lexington Ave.
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998 Fifth Ave.
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608 Fifth Ave.
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8 West 40th St.
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40 West 68th St.
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December 13, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The year 1940 has been momentous in the annals of Jewish history. Worlds that we knew have crumbled. Peoples that we loved have perished or been scattered.

In the midst of nigh universal disaster we have watched with increasing admiration the patience and the valor with which the Jewish community of Palestine has withstood the rigors of encompassing war. 1940 was a succession of trials for Palestine Jewry; but at the same time, it was also a period of growth and expansion. Tens of thousands of additional immigrants entered the country. New colonies were founded and old ones were consolidated. Utilizing the skills of the refugees who had come from all parts of the globe, the Palestine community witnessed the introduction of new industries of various types related both to military and to peacetime needs.

Keeping pace with these developments was the continued improvement in educational and cultural enterprises. On the threshold of the most critical period in its history, Palestine Jewry is prepared for all eventualities. Through the manpower already enrolled in the British forces and through those who stand ready to be called to service, it is eager to play an important part in the outcome of the struggle which will mean so much for the future of civilization.

As the year closes, I deem it a great pleasure to acknowledge the service that you have rendered in helping to support the Yishuv and the thousands of Jews who were enabled to enter the Jewish homeland during the year.

Through your participation as a leader and contributor to the United Jewish Appeal, through which the United Palestine Appeal conducted its fund-raising effort in 1940, you indicated to the Jews engaged in rebuilding Palestine that America is prepared to stand by its side with moral and material support.

In appreciation of your effort to create a broader standard of generosity and to awaken a keener sense of responsibility, may I ask you to accept membership on the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal? We in the United Palestine Appeal regard membership in the Council as a means of honoring the men and women in the nation whose devotion and effort have made possible the preservation of our structure in Palestine.

In order that I may have your consent to present your name on that Honor Roll at the National Conference for Palestine to be held at the Hotel Willard, Washington, D.C. on January 25th and 26th, 1941, I would appreciate your kindness in filling out and returning to me the enclosed card indicating your willingness to accept membership on the National Council for Palestine. Acceptance of membership will not involve you in additional labor but will give us the opportunity of sending you from time to time information as to developments in Palestine and such other material as you may require in the conduct of your community fund-raising efforts.

Very cordially yours,

WRF *Abba Hillel Silver*

AHS:MBC
Enc.

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

P.S. I would be glad to receive any suggestions that you would like to make with respect to our work in Palestine and means of enlarging American Jewry's participation in it.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date December 13, 1940.

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Montor

Subject

Attached herewith is a copy of a release issued by the Federated Council of Palestine Institutions. Despite the disclaimer of Mizrachi I observe that the Mizrachi is supporting this campaign of the Federated Council.

Rabbi Max Kirshblum, who is the Executive Secretary of Mizrachi Palestine Fund, participated actively

(For immediate release)

FEDERATED COUNCIL OF PALESTINE INSTITUTIONS
39 Park Row, New York, N. Y.

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

December 5, 1940

EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN FOR PALESTINE INSTITUTIONS

In response to a desperate call for help from the hundred and thirty religious educational and charity institutions of Palestine, which are independent of Zionist Funds, a conference of prominent rabbis and laymen in America, called by the Federated Council of Palestine Institutions, decided unanimously to launch immediately an emergency campaign for funds to forestall the catastrophe that threatens these institutions.

National organizations, as the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S.A. and Canada, Mizrahi, Agudath Israel, Federation of Palestine Jews, as well as numerous congregations in New York City, were represented at the conference which convened at the Broadway Central Hotel, New York City, on December 3rd, under the chairmanship of Hirsch Manischewitz.

Rabbi Aaron Teitelbaum, Chairman of the Federated Council of Palestine Institutions, with offices at 38 Park Row, N.Y.C., described the plight of the independent religious institutions in Palestine which, as a result of the war, have been deprived of most of their sources of income. He read the cable from Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog of Palestine, pleading with American Jews for immediate aid to save these institutions which are a social need for the Jewish community of Palestine.

The Rabbis Israel Rosenberg and El. Silver, of the Praesidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, M. Kirshblum, J. M. Charlop and others who delivered addresses asked and prayed that American Jewry rise to the great privilege of saving and maintaining these cultural and welfare institutions in the Holy Land.

A resolution, read by Rabbi Jos. Gabriel of the Federation of Palestine Jews, and unanimously adopted, pointed out that even here in the United States the income of the institutions has been drastically decreased in recent years, since the various communal Welfare Funds do not permit local collections for the institutions, while failing to allocate in the way of substitution adequate amounts as merited by such a bulk of institutions with a combined annual expenditure of \$1,385,000. The resolution then calls upon the Federated Council to launch a country-wide emergency campaign for the rescue of the institutions of the religious element in Palestine. Many present at the conference volunteered to render wholehearted support in collaboration with the Federated Council of Palestine Institutions.

(et 12/14/40)

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December 13, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from the managing editor of the "New Palestine", and a copy of my acknowledgement.

I am afraid I do not understand this.

Cordially yours.

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:fe

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

December 13, 1940

Mr. Carl Alpert
The New Palestine
1720 - 16th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Carl:

Thank you for your letter of December 12th.

I am wondering, however, whether we see eye to eye on the role that the "New Palestine" plays in relation to the United Palestine Appeal.

Since the "New Palestine" is the organ of the Zionist Organization of America, it is not, so to speak, "a side line observer" between two contending factions, but is the spokesman for Zionist and Palestine interests as they are represented in the United Palestine Appeal.

You may be sure that at the earliest possible moment you will be advised of the decisions taken with respect to the 1941 campaign, and at that time we shall not only welcome but urge all the cooperation that the "New Palestine" can give. Obviously we shall depend on the advocacy which the "New Palestine" can give to the cause of Palestine.

Cordially yours,

Henry Mentor
Executive Director

HM:fe

C O P Y

THE NEW PALESTINE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 13, 1940

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

Dear Montor:

I note that discussions are going on relative to the participation of the U.P.A. in the 1941 U.J.A. No doubt there are certain Zionist points of view which can best be expressed by people like Rabbi Silver or others who are in close touch with the situation. I am sure that the Zionist membership of the country is anxious to know about the progress of these negotiations and would also like to have information relative to protection of Zionist interests in the drive.

Do you think that Rabbi Silver, or anyone else whom you might suggest, would write such a timely article for The New Palestine? I feel that the progress of the negotiations should not be kept secret. Even unofficially there should be some expression of the Zionist viewpoint to make the membership feel that these things are not done behind closed doors. Would you see any value, for example, in inviting a public discussion of the respective merits of joint and separate campaigns? These are issues which are uppermost in the minds of Zionist fund-raisers, and I think it would be a healthy state of affairs to have them discussed publicly and freely.

I await your suggestions.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Carl

Carl Alpert

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a
cablegram received from Eliezer Kaplan,
Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, to whom
I had cabled the results of the Allotment
Committee meetings.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
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12-16-40

Henry Montor
UPA
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

PLEASE HAVE READY FOR TOMORROWS MEETING CONCISE CHRONOLOGICAL OUTLINE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH JDC BEGINNING WITH TWL MEETINGS OCT. TWENTY FIRST and thirty first and correspondence to this date.

SILVER

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

December 18, 1940

Mr. Louis Lipsky
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Lipsky:

Attached hereto is a copy of the telegram that has been sent out over your signature to the attached list of people. A follow-up letter is also to go to them as per the enclosed copy.

I believe that as a result of the organization of this New York U.P.A. committee, some order may be established in the New York U.P.A.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

HM:BC
Enc.

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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December 18, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a suggested
reply to Mr. Richard P. Limburg, Treasurer
of the National Refugee Service, a copy of
whose letter is also enclosed.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:fo

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of material of
the Histadrut Poalei Agudat Israel.

Can you let me have your comments on this
organization particularly since your name is mentioned
in connection with its appeal to the Welfare Funds?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

Enclosure
HM:tff

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

Copy of Memorandum Prepared By
COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS
165 West 42th Street
New York City

December 4, 1940

GENERAL COUNCIL (VAAD LEUMI) OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN PALESTINE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Information Bureau

CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES IN PALESTINE

Name and Address Histadrut Poalei Agudat Israel in Palestine
(Labour Federation of Agudat Israel in Palestine)

P.O.B. 329, Tel-Aviv

Date of Investigation December, 1939

History and Purpose The Poalei Agudat Israel movement began in 1933 in Tel-Aviv and Petah Tiqvah, spreading to Jerusalem, Haifa and the colonies with the increased immigration into Palestine of members of the Agudat movement.

The aims of the organization include: the organization of the religious workers with a view to creating a social order based on religion and Torah; economic assistance and social relief to members through labour and immigration bureaux; settlement projects, free loan funds, evening courses in Torah, religious education of the children of the members, etc.

Management and Competence The organization is administered by a central board in Tel-Aviv, consisting of 53 members, elected at a national assembly held every two years. The central board elects from among its members an executive committee of 13, and an inner administrative committee of 5. It further appoints national bureaux for immigration, labor, agriculture and supervision. The three members of the administration are salaried, receiving a combined salary of LP. 60 a month, and three office employees receive a combined salary of LP. 22,500 a month.

Memberships There are 5,028 organized members, (comprising, with their families, a total of 10,278 persons), as compared with 1,090 members in 1935 and 2,180 in 1937. Moreover, 920 women workers are organized into separate groups in Tel-Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Petah Tiqvah and Benet Ezer, bringing the total number of members to 5,948, of which 80 percent are unskilled labourers. Membership dues were paid by 3,178 persons last year.

There are 25 branches of the organization in Palestine. Two-thirds of the members are from cities, one-third residing in colonies and agricultural settlements.

Activities 1. Labour: The majority of the members of the organization is employed in the citrus industry and in the building trade through the employment bureaux of the local branches. With the help of the central board in Tel-Aviv, the organization secured 10,000 working days for its members in Government

work totalling LP.5,200, as well as some work for the army, such as road construction, barracks, etc. The organization has not been able to penetrate the labor market in manufacturing and industry, where the "Histadrut", the General Federation of Labourers, holds sway, nor in projects demanding work on the Sabbath. The organization is represented in the joint labor exchanges set up by the Jewish Agency to regulate the appointment of labour among the various party labor organizations in proportion to the size of their membership.

2. Immigration and Agricultural Settlement: Special immigration bureaux in Haifa and Tel-Aviv care for immigrants belonging to the Agudat Israel movement, providing such newcomers with food, clothing, and if possible, work. As for cooperative agricultural settlements, the organization maintains two: one, the Kibbutz of the Agudist Youth in Kfar Saba, on 22 dunams of land, and the other, Kibbutz Chefetz Chaim, in Gedera on 50 dunams. These two cooperatives have about 300 members, most of whom are from Germany and have received agricultural training. About LP. 2,000 have been invested in these two settlements.

With the help of the German Department of the Jewish Agency, 22 refugee children from Germany were settled in Kfar Saba, where they are trained in agriculture and religious studies. Nineteen other children have been placed in private homes by the organization. The possibilities of settling the Agudist youth in kibbutzim are limited, owing to religious reasons.

3. Social Welfare: "Saad", the unemployment fund of the organizations, supplies unemployed members with essential food-stuffs at half price or even free. It assists such members in payments of rent, children's schooling, sick benefits, maternity cases, etc. The various branches of "Saad" spent LP.2378 last year on 3,798 persons. These funds were derived from members' fees and from contributions in Palestine, but primarily from a drive held in America last year. In recent months, the organization has been receiving relief funds allocated by the Vaad Leumi from the Emergency Tax Drive.

4. Medical Relief: The attempts to establish special Sick Funds (Kupat Cholim) of the organization failed, owing to lack of funds. The organization was therefore obliged to make an agreement with the Kupat Cholim of the "Histadrut", the General Federation of Labourers in Palestine, whereby members of the Poalei Agudat Israel are admitted to the Sick Fund of the Histadrut, paying only Kupat Cholim premiums. The organization spent LP.700 last year on such of its members as could not meet their obligations to the Kupat Cholim of the "Histadrut".

5. Free Loan Funds: Six free loan funds have been established, granting small, interest-free loans to members. Very limited capital, however, has been placed at the disposal of these funds, which last year received only LP.150. - from the central board in Tel-Aviv.

6. Mutual Loan and Saving Fund: This fund, founded in 1936, is the central financial organ of the organization, and is composed of 173 members. During the two years of its existence, loans were granted and notes discounted in a total amount of LP.5000, of which LP.3475 has been repaid. The Loan Fund is administered by a board of five elected at the annual meetings of the members. The director and the secretary are salaried. The accounts are examined by a supervisory committee of three, also elected at the annual meetings, and by a certified accountant.

Balance Sheet as of 31/3/1939

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>LP.</u>	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>LP.</u>
Cash in banks and securities	718.363	Fund & Share Capital	407.175
Loans, notes discounted	1514.080	Current accounts and deposits	1648.668
Equipment & expenses in advance	11.621	Loans from banks	182.097
Bills for collection	<u>1289.929</u>	Interest in advance	35.104
		Bills for collection (see assets)	<u>1289.929</u>
Total	<u>3560.973</u>	Total	<u>3560.973</u>

7. Culture: Every local branch of the organization has its club-rooms, where meetings, prayers, lectures, evening courses, etc. are held. Last year the organization established a cultural centre, headed by Rabbi M. Karlitz, a member of the delegation sent to America. This centre also acts as arbiter in conflicts between members and between the various groups of the organization, this arbitration activity costing LP.371 last year.

The official organ of the Poalei Agudat Israel is a weekly, "Heatid", maintaining a good standard of journalism.

Financial Status and Connections Abroad Poalei Agudat Israel maintains close connections with the institutions of the Agudat Israel in Palestine and abroad. Until last year, the organization received regular subsidies from the "Keren Hayishuv" of Agudat Israel. With the discontinuation of this grant, the organization, forced to appeal for support to America, sent a delegation to the United States, which, aided by Rabbi Silver of Cincinnati, succeeded in raising \$7,345. A fund-raising office has been opened in New York City, at 255 W. 98th Street, and a permanent committee established, headed by Rabbi Silver.

Financial Statement of Organization for 1938

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>LP.</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>LP.</u>
Membership dues and contributions	3097.882	"Sead", immigrant and unemployment relief	2490.599
Contributions from America	1656.989	Administration of central board and employment bureaus of local branches	1876.000
Contributions from other countries	1929.500	Clubrooms, office, postage, telephone, etc.	565.900
Miscellaneous	84.000	Medical Aid	722.654
		Cultural Centre	371.000
		Grants to free loan funds, housing, security, weekly publication "Heatid"	440.500
		Penetration into new works	354.789
		Vocational training	<u>487.089</u>
Total	<u>LP.6768.371</u>	Total LP.	7308.531

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:IS MEETING OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON
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SUGGESTED BY RABBI JONAH WISE. REGARDS=

:MONTOR:

30 4 P.M.

December 19, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to the circular which you sent me - the Histadrut Poalei Agudat Israel - the Rabbi Silver mentioned in the appeal is the Orthodox Rabbi Silver of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The enclosed letter from Mr. Robert A. Hess will interest you. I have already acknowledge it. You may wish to write to him too.

I believe that Dr. Karpf should be added to the committee arranging the UPA organization for New York City in order to have non-Zionist representation.

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mr. Marvin I. King, of Niagara Falls. He is the man who would like to serve in the campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

P.S. I have sent on the letter to Mr. Richard P. Limburg, Treasurer of the National Refugee Service which you sent me.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a translation of a Hebrew letter which was addressed to you by Isaac Rivkind, Chairman of the League for Religious Labor in Palestine.

It is evident that Mr. Gellman, who promised to keep the League for Religious Labor in Palestine from applying to the welfare funds, does not have much authority in this matter.

In 1941, when we shall need every ounce of strength and an avoidance of competition, the injection into the picture of this League would be an added handicap.

I have taken the liberty of writing in your name a letter to Mr. Gellman in regard to the situation and am enclosing you a copy.

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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LEAGUE FOR RELIGIOUS LABOR IN PALESTINE
1123 Broadway New York, N.Y.

December 16, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, United Palestine Appeal
New York.

Dear Sir:

Mr. A. L. Gellman, President of the Mizrahi Organization in America, submitted to me copy of a letter he received from you in connection with "The League for Religious Labor in Palestine" and its requests to the local charity chest; and public funds. And since, according to your letter, the officers of the League are members of the Mizrahi Organization and the Palestine Fund of the Mizrahi - there is therefore, according to your words, a breach of the contract which the Mizrahi has with the U.P.A.

In this connection let me remark: a) the League for Religious Labor in Palestine is non-partisan and has no connection, from an organizational, political, and financial standpoint, with the Mizrahi Organization. The League is neither responsible to the Mizrahi nor subservient to the Mizrahi, nor has the Mizrahi anything to say in the matter of policy.

b) As a non-partisan body which is independent in every respect, the members of the League are drawn from every category, religious, reform, socialist, radical, Zionist, non-Zionist, and also Mizrachists - in other words, all those who in their hearts love and are devoted to the ideals and purposes of the League for Religious Labor in Palestine and who would like to see the realization of their aim - "Torah and Labor" - in the individual and communal life and also the national rebirth of Palestine. The Mizrahi people within the League are there as individuals and not as representatives of the Mizrahi, and the officers of the League are officers only of this body and not of the Mizrahi or of any other political organization, and whoever may make a statement to the effect that this is not so, is deliberately, or unintentionally, mistaken and misleading.

c) Therefore, the contract with the Mizrahi does not obligate the League in any way. I do not see any moral or legal basis for denying the League the right to carry on any fund raising activities among American Jews, as has the Histadruth Ha-Ovdim through "Gewerkschaften" the right to collect funds from the different classes of American Jews, from religious and non-religious equally. Shall not the League for Religious Labor have the right to collect even one cent!

Let there therefore not be any discrimination between the workers in America and in the Homeland in every sense of the word, in the right to employment, the division of work and providing of means for work.

I hope that I have been clear and comprehensive and if further explanations are necessary, I am ready to supply same either in writing or in person, at the time desired.

Respectfully yours,

Isaac Rivkind.

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

Copy for Dr. Silver

December 19, 1940.

Mr. Leon Gellman
Misrachi Organization ~~of America~~
1123 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Gellman:

The other day you wrote to me and said that you would keep the League for Religious Labor in Palestine from approaching the welfare funds for money. Mr. Isaac Rivkind has written to me as per the enclosed copy, stating that he will not cooperate.

It is clear that the officers of the League for Religious Labor in Palestine represents almost a replica of the officers of the Misrachi organization. May I again ask for your formal assurance that this campaign will have terminated so that the United Palestine Appeal, which faces so many problems in 1941, will be relieved at least of this problem?

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

Enclosure
AHS:ff

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On Wednesday, December 18th, there was a meeting with the inquiry staff at the United Jewish Appeal office. Present for the U.P.A. were Mr. Lipsky, Mr. Rosenbloom and myself. In addition to Mr. Elisha Friedman the members of the inquiry staff present were Messrs. Grubel, Kalafa, Backman and Phiebig.

The meeting lasted from 3:30 to 5:30 P. M. Mr. Friedman, in his usual dictatorial fashion, took the position that he would determine what would go into the report. He said that if he were to listen to what the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service wanted included it would mean that he was no longer director of the inquiry.

I took issue with this point of view stating that the U.P.A. and the J.D.C. had created the Allotment Committee and therefore were masters of the Allotment Committee, especially since no issue was being taken with the decisions of the Allotment Committee; and that Mr. Friedman had no status whatsoever since he was only a creature of the Allotment Committee.

To this Mr. Friedman took violent exception and the two hours passed with interminable thunder and lightning.

We went over the report page by page using as the basis for our comments Mr. Lipsky's corrections, of which a copy had been sent to you. Mr. Friedman took the position that he could only listen to the suggested corrections and then in his own wisdom decide whether they should be accepted or not. Afterwards a total report would be submitted to the editorial committee consisting of Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, Mr. Louis Lipsky and Friedman.

Whenever a fundamental issue arose such as the question of comment on the land-buying issue Mr. Friedman seemed to feel that the question could be decided exclusively by referring it to Mr. Perlstein.

The first issue that I raised had to do with the apparent decision by Mr. Friedman either with or without the consent of the Allotment Committee to circulate the final copy of the report of the inquiry to the Allotment Committee to all Welfare Funds throughout the country. Does this coincide with your impression?

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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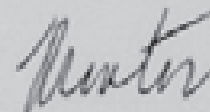
December 19, 1940

We are having another meeting on Friday, December 20th at 3:30 P. M. at which Messrs. Lipsky and Rosenbloom will again be present with me. I must say that Mr. Rosenbloom is proving a splendid person who knows our affairs and speaks up with courage.

Is there anything you want to say with respect to this report which should guide us in our conversation with Mr. Friedman, who seems to think he is doing us a courtesy by permitting us to make any observations at all?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date

December 19, 1940.

To

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From

Mr. Henry Montor

Subject

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Elisha M. Friedman,
Director of the Inquiry Committee of the Allotment Committee of the
United Jewish Appeal.

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December 17, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Friedman:

We have given close consideration to the memorandum which you submitted to me on December 11th to which was attached a suggested "standard form" to describe certain budgetary commitment and cash positions of the United Palestine Appeal. The form in which the questionnaire is submitted required additional material from Palestine for which we shall send promptly, after there shall have been some clarification of several points in the questionnaire which are not fully indicative of the nature of the information you require.

In considering the statistics at the disposal of the United Palestine Appeal, it should be noted that the United Palestine Appeal submitted a variety of data in 1939 to the Allocations Committee of the United Jewish Appeal which functioned in that year. This data, bearing on the operations of the agencies financed with United Palestine Appeal funds, seemed to provide all the information that was required, since at no subsequent period was any indication given to the United Palestine Appeal that a different form of information was desired or that supplementary material was necessary.

Since the United Palestine Appeal, having submitted this material a year ago, received no counter-suggestions, it assumed naturally that the form of the 1939 material was equally satisfactory for 1940.

In addition to the material placed at the disposal of the 1940 Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, you were given copies of the data submitted to the 1939 Allocations Committee. It was not until October, 1940 before I had the opportunity of meeting with the Inquiry Committee of the 1940 Allotment Committee to discuss various phases of the material submitted by the United Palestine Appeal. As a result of our discussion, certain suggestions were made as to enlargement of the material available.

December 17, 1940

Recognizing the value to the United Palestine Appeal and to the Allotment Committee of additional information, I took into account then the disrupted communications as a result of the war and sent to Palestine a series of lengthy cables which resulted in equally lengthy responses, which, I am sure, all of us feel were materially helpful in broadening our picture of the needs and activities in Palestine. But, as your own records will indicate, there was at no time a request from the Inquiry Committee to the United Palestine Appeal for material beyond that freely and gladly supplied by the United Palestine Appeal. On several occasions when I suggested that the Inquiry Committee phrase cablegrams which I would be glad to forward to Palestine to obtain additional information, I was told that such cables would not be necessary since the type of information involved would have to come out of a series of written material that could not possibly be compressed into a cable.

At various times you indicated your understanding of the special problem arising out of the inability to maintain frequent and swift contact with Palestine through the mails. Several cablegrams we received indicated that a great batch of material had been forwarded by airmail. But as of this writing we have not yet received it. Whether this was delayed in transit or whether even possibly the material may have been on one of the innumerable boats that are being sunk during this war, it is difficult to say.

But considering the fact that the discussion of the current form of United Palestine Appeal material did not begin until October, I am sure that you will agree that the additional material that was obtained, despite the handicaps and hazards of war, has been most valuable.

One of the difficulties arising out of the speed with which the Inquiry Committee had to work was the information given to me that the first meeting of the Allotment Committee would be held on November 18th, with the result that it was felt that some of the additional information that could be obtained in Palestine might well be left to future research. That is why, when at several points I suggested that I would cable for material, I was told that there was no time.

As you will recall, the reports of the accountants did not come to us until November, so that no time was left for forwarding this material to Palestine in order to receive supplementary information in time for the Allotment Committee meeting which was subsequently postponed, but not for any extended period.

Several factors ought to be borne in mind, as undoubtedly they are, with respect to the material placed at your disposal by the United Palestine Appeal:

As you know, the budgets of the Jewish Agency for Palestine (Palestine Foundation Fund) and the Jewish National Fund are made up usually in Jerusalem at the direction of the World Zionist Congress and the Jewish Agency for Palestine. These budgets are not evolved by the United Palestine

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December 20, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As I have indicated to you in other letters, the New York organizing meeting will be held on Monday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at the United Palestine Appeal office.

If you could be present without overburdening your schedule, I think the moral effect would be tremendous.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:LS

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a telegram
addressed to you by the Board of the Keren Hayesod
in Jerusalem.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

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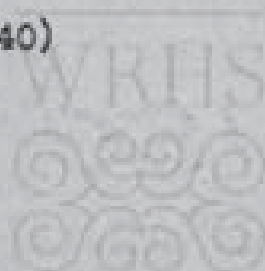
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Dear Dr. Silver:

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STEPHEN S. WISE
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On Friday I had a long conversation with Dr. Solomon Goldman of Chicago, whom I acquainted with the latest details of our situation. He in turn described to me the status of the Chicago Jewish Welfare Fund.

LOUIS LIPSKY
Chairman,
Executive Committee

On the basis of our conversation of Friday, and on the basis of the conversation with Dr. Goldman, a letter has been sent to Mr. James H. Becker, President of the Jewish Welfare Fund, as per the enclosed copy. Perhaps I should have sent it to you first for your approval, corrections, or deletions, but I took the liberty of sending it directly because of the need for speed, and because the Chicago campaign may get so far under way that it would not be possible for us to achieve our objectives.

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This letter would also be used as the basis for application to other communities which are launching campaigns between now and February.

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Copies of the letter to Mr. Becker are also being sent to Mr. Harris Perlstein, Mr. Samuel Goldsmith, Mr. Benjamin Harris, Col. Albert H. Rosenberg, Rabbi Morton Berman, A. K. Epstein, all of whom are persons upon whom we shall have to count, whatever the nature of our position in Chicago.

Honorary Secretary

CHARLES RESS

December 19 marked the opening of the big gifts section of the Jewish Welfare Fund. The official quota is \$2,000,000. It was stated that \$1,200,000 would remain in Chicago and in the Americas, and that \$800,000 would be available for overseas purposes.

Executive Director

HENRY MONTOR

Joseph C. Hyman was the speaker of the occasion. Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, as you know, was also there.

It is clear that we shall have a battle on our hands in Chicago. If these facts are correct, it means that Chicago will keep the lion's share in this new formula, which is evidently designed to provide funds to meet the deficit of the Chicago Welfare

Federation, to provide for the local relief problem in Chicago, to give funds to the National Refugee Service, and to make available to the Joint Distribution Committee a certain portion of the funds for its programs in "the Americas". If we start with the figure of \$800,000 as being available for the JDC and the UPA programs "overseas" we obviously start at a disadvantage.

Dr. Goldman felt that you are the only one who ought to come to Chicago to meet with the Board of the Welfare Fund. He is a member of the Board. He believes that if anyone can have influence with the group it is you alone, and therefore has asked me to urge you, on his behalf, to attend a meeting when it is arranged by the Welfare Fund Board.

Prompt action is essential, because if out of \$800,000 Chicago thinks that it can give \$200,000, for example to the United Palestine Appeal, I would recommend immediate removal of the United Palestine Appeal forces from the Chicago Welfare Fund, to conduct an independent campaign on the same basis as we may have to in New York City.

I should like to have your observations on this in planning our strategy.

We have in Dr. Goldman in Chicago an outstanding force who could mobilize all the pro-Palestine sentiment in the city. I am sending him a copy of the letter, which has been addressed as a formal application to the Chicago Jewish Welfare Fund for inclusion to the extent of at least \$500,000.

The best procedure will undoubtedly be for Dr. Goldman, perhaps together with Benjamin Harris who is now Chairman of the Mid-West Region of the United Palestine Appeal, to call together a meeting of some ten or twelve representative persons in Chicago to plan the next step.

In the meantime, I assume we shall have to wait a number of days to receive the acknowledgment of Mr. Becker.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

December 22, 1940.

Mr. James H. Becker, President
Jewish Welfare Fund
128 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Becker:

I herewith submit to you the formal application of the 1941 United Palestine Appeal for inclusion in the fund-raising effort of the 1941 Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago.

To meet the requirements of Palestine involving the maintenance, security and extension of the present structure, and to stimulate the absorptive capacity of the country for additional immigration, the United Palestine Appeal asks that out of the funds raised for 1941 by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago a sum of not less than \$500,000 be made available to the United Palestine Appeal.

In order that the facts to sustain this application may be presented directly to the officers entrusted with this responsibility, I request that the United Palestine Appeal be given the opportunity of meeting with the members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund at the earliest opportunity, some time within the next two weeks.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Jewish National Fund, the two constituent organizations of the United Palestine Appeal, which also includes the Misrachi Palestine Fund, have adopted a budget of \$12,540,000 for the period that coincides with our campaign effort. Because of the collapse of Jewish communities in Europe, which previously made substantial contributions to the Palestine upbuilding program, because of the effect of war on other countries, such as England, South Africa, Canada, etc., and because of the new emergency and war-time needs and opportunities that exist in Palestine, the leaders of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund believe that it is only fair that American Jewry assume at least eighty per cent. of the responsibility for the conduct of their program.

This challenge to our statesmanship and our generosity the United Palestine Appeal is prepared to accept with the understanding and sympathetic cooperation of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago and its constituency.

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

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

In the field of immigration, Palestine continues to be an outstanding factor in the absorption of refugees. On Friday the announcement was issued by the Palestine Government that the validity of certificates for five thousand refugees who are now in various European ports has been extended until March 30, 1941. This is in addition to the new immigration schedule that is to be announced by the Government for the period ending April 1, 1941.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the year 1940 the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund were responsible for the establishment of eight new colonies. The program now under way provides for the erection of fifteen additional settlements in 1941. This colonization program is essential for these reasons, in brief:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For these reasons, I have every confidence that you and your associates in the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago will give the most sympathetic consideration to the request of the United Palestine Appeal for a minimum allotment of \$500,000

Mr. James H. Becker

Page 4

December 22, 1940.

for 1941, and that the Jewish Community of Chicago will respond to your 1941 Welfare Fund campaign with a generosity sufficient to meet this obligation which we have eagerly assumed.

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

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

AHS:TM



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December 22, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is apparent that the United Palestine Appeal is to conduct an independent campaign. I believe that if we present the constructive issues and have the wholehearted cooperation of the splendid leadership that is ours, we ought not to fear, but welcome the results. For myself, I believe that under your leadership this United Palestine Appeal campaign of 1941 cannot possibly do other than succeed.

I attach hereto a stenographic report of a conversation which Dr. Stephen Wise had yesterday with Dr. Solomon Lowenstein.

I am calling a meeting of the field representatives of the United Palestine Appeal in New York for the period from Thursday morning, December 26 through Sunday evening, December 29, for the purpose of reviewing the field, presenting the problems, and studying the best methods by which our men can cover the country as quickly and effectively as possible.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

(Dictated December 20, 1940)

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I believe it essential that the understanding and cooperation of our friends be enlisted as quickly as possible, since budgetary allocations will shortly be the major theme of communities throughout the country.

I believe that we shall have established a great asset if a number of communities which are known to be friendly to the United Palestine Appeal can immediately agree upon a good ratio for the United Palestine Appeal.

I would suggest, for example, that you invite to meet with you in Cleveland, some time the first part of January, a group of men who might include such people as Simon Shetzer and Isadore Sobeloff of Detroit; Amos S. Deinard and I. S. Joseph of Minneapolis; Jesse Calmenson of Saint Paul; Rabbi James G. Heller and Oscar Berman of Cincinnati; Judge Louis E. Levinthal and Robert S. Bernstein of Philadelphia; Nathan Stein and Elkan C. Voorsanger of Milwaukee; Rabbi Leon Feuer and Eugene Farber of Toledo; Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh; Philip Klutznick of Omaha; Morris Simon and Rabbi Breslau of Washington; Abraham Goldstein and Barney Rappaport of Hartford; Rabbi Philip Bernstein and Joseph Goldstein of Rochester; Joe Weingarten of Houston; Rabbi Julius Mark of Nashville; and A. B. Cohen of Scranton.

I could, of course, enlarge the list. If you agree to this procedure, I could go forward to plan the meeting.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

(Dictated
December 20, 1940)

MEMORANDUM

Date December 22, 1940.

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Montor

Subject

Attached herewith is a copy of a cable from Eliezer Kaplan, which deals with:

- (a) An endorsement by the Executive of the attitude of the United Palestine Appeal in its dealings with the Joint Distribution Committee;
- (b) The 1941 United Palestine Appeal agreement;
- (c) The state of the negotiations with Mizrachi for 1941 in the United Palestine Appeal;
- (d) The purpose of the visit of Chief Rabbi Herzog in the United States;
- (e) The amount which Palestine may expect from America from December through March, 1941 from 1940 United Jewish Appeal.

With respect to the latter item, I have advised Mr. Kaplan that due to the priority given to the National Refugee Service in cash payments, the United Palestine Appeal could send to Palestine a maximum of \$200,000 between now and the end of March from the 1940 campaign.

I think you will agree that this is a disproportionately low amount.

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DECEMBER 19, 1940

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YOURS TWELFTH COMMUNICATED FUNDS EXPECT REPLY FEW DAYS MEANWHILE EXECUTIVE CONSIDERED
SITUATION FULLY ENDORSES YOUR ATTITUDE PLEDGES EVERY ASSISTANCE STOP YOURS FIFTH
HAYESOD KAYEMETH EXECUTIVE AGREE REPEAT 1940 AGREEMENT STOP CABLE STATE NEGOTIATIONS
WITH MIZRACHI ENABLING OUR OPINION IN TIME STOP RABBI HERZOG PROCEEDING ROCHESTER FOR
OPERATION UNDERTAKING NO CAMPAIGN STOP CABLE AMOUNT REMITTABLE DECEMBER MARCH FROM
1940 CAMPAIGN

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et
(12/22/40)



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

JEWISH WELFARE FUND
128 North Wells St. Chicago, Ill.

December 23, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, ~~National Chairman~~
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter dated December 22nd, in which you make application for a grant of \$500,000 to the United Palestine Appeal from the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, has been received this morning. Your letter will have the consideration of the members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund at an appropriate time.

At the present moment, our policy is not to hold meetings with respect to allocations until the campaign has been finished -- which we hope will be by the fifteenth of February.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Samuel M. Goldsmith

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH
Secretary

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December 24, 1940

Honorable Nathan Straus
The Shoreham Hotel
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Straus:

May I invite you to be a guest of honor at the National Conference for Palestine which the United Palestine Appeal is sponsoring at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C. on January 25 and 26.

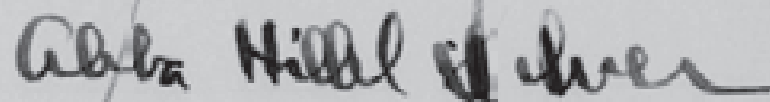
This annual gathering of men and women from all parts of the country, who labor in the cause of Palestine, has special significance in 1941 when we are mobilizing our maximum resources to sustain the morale and to enlarge the activity of the Yishuv.

To all who have shared in what has been achieved in Palestine up to this time, as you have, there is cause for pride and satisfaction in the knowledge that the human material, which has been poured into the foundations of the Jewish National Home, has justified the faith placed in it.

Your participation in and message to the Conference would be a source of additional stimulation.

I look forward to early word from you.

Very cordially yours,



Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

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December 24, 1940.

"Copy for your information"

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, would appreciate the opportunity of meeting with you and other representative newspaper men at a luncheon to be held at the Hotel Commodore, Monday, December 30, at half-past twelve o'clock.

The purpose of the conference is to present the status of the United Palestine Appeal campaign for 1941.

In view of the increasing responsibility which America must assume for the upbuilding program in Palestine, I do hope that we may have the encouragement of your presence.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date December 24, 1940

To DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

From MR. HENRY MONTOR

Subject

Attached herewith for your information are copies of three letters received in the office of the United Jewish Appeal.

HM:BC

Enc.

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FEDERATION
FOR THE SUPPORT OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETIES OF NEW YORK CITY
71 WEST 47 STREET

December 23, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Dr. Jonah B. Wise
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Gentlemen:

I deeply regret that owing to a meeting which I myself have called at Federation for four o'clock on Monday, December 30, I shall be unable to be present at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

I deeply regret this because the matters to be discussed are of such very great importance and I am very much interested in them. However, it is quite out of the question for me to be there unless my meeting should adjourn earlier than I anticipate, and because of my probable absence I wish to say in writing that were I present I would vote for the acceptance of the recommendations of the Allotment Committee and would like to be so recorded if possible.

Yours truly,

Solomon Lowenstein

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C O P Y

CONNECTICUT ZIONIST REGION

December 20, 1940

Mr. Montor
c/o United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

At a Conference held on December 8th
in Hartford of the Connecticut Zionist Region,
the following Resolution was adopted:

"Resolution No. 7--U.J.A. and U.P.A.

"Whereas, during the past few years
the U.P.A. has participated in a joint campaign
with the J.D.C. and the Coordinating Committee
for Refugees and

"Whereas, the allotments made to the
U.P.A. have not adequately represented the
financial strength nor the Zionist sentiment of
American Jewry or even the absolute needs of
Palestine and Zionism,

"Whereas, at the present time, leaders
of the U.P.A. are, in conjunction with leaders
of the other bodies attempting to reach decisions
concerning the 1941 allotments for the various
constituent bodies,

"Be it resolved that under no cir-
cumstance shall the U.P.A. agree to become a
secondary party to any division of U.J.A. funds
and that under no circumstance shall it agree to
receive less than its needs or less rights than
its numerical support warrants, and

"Be it further resolved we hereby
submit this resolution of this body to be forwarded
to the National Office of the U.P.A.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Max Cohen
Director

(fe 12/23/40)

December 26, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of
a telegram which Rabbi Silver received from Mr.
Sidney Hollander; also a copy of his answer.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

bjk
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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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MEMORANDUM

Date December 26, 1940.

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Montor

Subject

Attached herewith is a copy of a cable addressed to you by the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem, expressing an opinion in favor of a "separate Palestine campaign".

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KEREN HAYESOD

(et 12/26/40)



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December 26, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Golding has had a serious cold, and has been laid up in bed. He has been nursing himself very carefully, in order to be in shape to speak in Cleveland on Sunday night.

He was really delighted to receive your cordial invitation to spend time with you on Sunday. He wanted me to express his plight to you so that you would not think that he was being snobbish. He feels that he ought to conserve his strength, and not attend any functions, so that he can be in fine shape to speak at the banquet.

There is one question he wanted me to put to you, and that is this: Is there some hostess in Cleveland who could put him up during his stay in Cleveland? He would then be in a position to continue his cure, which might not be the case if he stayed in a cold hotel. Is there any such soul in Cleveland?

Golding will leave here by plane on Saturday afternoon at five-ten, arriving in Cleveland at eleven minutes after eight. Could you wire me for relay to Golding if there is any such kind and willing hostess as is now being searched for.

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

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December 26, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Joe Weingarten of Houston, together with a copy of the acknowledgment which I have taken the liberty of sending him.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

December 26, 1940.

Mr. Joe Weingarten
808 Prairie Building
Houston, Texas

My dear Mr. Weingarten:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 16, and for your reference to the radio talk I made.

The National Conference for Palestine to be held at the Hotel Willard on January 25 and 26, 1941, is as you say the annual gathering of the United Palestine Appeal.

It will have extraordinary importance this 1941, for it will represent the launching of the independent campaign of the United Palestine Appeal.

The Yishuv looks to American Jewry with hope, and I trust at the end of the year will have found its hope justified.

We are counting upon your participation in our program, and upon your usual sound and stimulating advice.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you in Washington next month, I am

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

AHS:ETM

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JOE WEINGARTEN
HOUSTON, TEXAS.

Dec. 16, 1940
(Received December 23, 1940)

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
#41 East 42nd Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Doctor:

Referring to your invitation to attend the National Conference for Palestine, I am wondering when the United Palestine Appeal will meet, and where? Or, is this the U.P.A. Conference? I assume that it is. If so, you may count on me to be there.

Wishing you good health and with kindest personal regards, I am

Most cordially,

JW:b

Joe Weingarten (signed)

(et 12/26/40)

(In manuscript) Heard you over the radio the other day & was awfully proud that we have a man of your forcefulness & clear thinking to present our ideas before the bar of public opinion. You made a grand talk!

December 26, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a letter sent out by Mr. Lurie of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in reply to one addressed to him by Mr. Simon Shetzer, of Detroit. The letter speaks of a regular Bulletin which is to be sent to the member agencies by the Council about the 1941 campaigns of the UJA agencies. I believe that it is important that that Bulletin be neither hysterical nor provocative, nor should it express a broken-hearted attitude toward the collapse of the UJA. It would serve the purposes of American Jewry better if the Bulletin were in the nature of quieting resentments and allaying fears concerning the disruption of unity. Mr. Lurie's statement at the meeting called by the Council to meet with representatives of the JDC and the UPA was the right approach to the whole subject.

It would be helpful if you would have a talk with Mr. Lurie in the very near future about the whole matter; not merely about the Bulletin, but the attitude of the Council to the separate campaigns. The attitude should be one of cooperation rather than one of recrimination and fault-finding. Perhaps you would want Wise, Lipsky, Goldstein or Rothenberg to sit in with you at such a conference.

Please arrange to have someone attend the Executive Committee meeting of the Hadassah on Tuesday, December 31. It is unlikely that I will be able to stay over.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In order that our records on 1940
tasks may be complete, could you send, for our
files, a copy of the message that Mr. Berne
sent to you that he had received from Mr. Baerwald?

Cordially yours.



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:fe

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December 26, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is proposed that the agenda of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal on Monday afternoon, December 30, contain the following items:

- (1) a report on the status of the 1940 United Jewish Appeal;
- (2) decisions on maintenance of the United Jewish Appeal structure,
 - (a) liquidation of the United Jewish Appeal,
 - (b) collection of 1939 and 1940 pledges;
- (3) receipt of the report from the Allotment Committee of 1940.

With respect to the liquidation of the property of the United Jewish Appeal, this is what is involved:

The United Jewish Appeal, aside from the property brought to it by the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, which reverts to those organizations, has acquired automobiles for its field representatives, typewriters, desks, supplies and equipment. The question is how this material should be divided.

It is my position that the United Jewish Appeal is a corporation consisting of the JDC and UPA with equal powers and that this material should be divided equally between the two partners. It is my suspicion that someone would like to introduce the idea that the NRS has some claim on the property of the UJA. This I dissent from on the grounds (a) that the NRS is not a part of the UJA corporation, but is really one of its beneficiaries as is the Ort in New York City, for example, and (b) that the Allotment Committee made clear the relationship of the NRS to the UJA, when it decided to award no further funds of any kind to the NRS. But the first statement with regard to the legal basis of the UJA seems to me to be the determining factor.

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Coons raised the question of bonuses for the people in the office. I told him that I could not conscientiously recommend a bonus for anyone in the UJA, considering the losses we had sustained for all the agencies in the United Jewish Appeal, and in view of the fact that the remuneration for the people involved was adequate.

Perhaps Rabbi Wise will discuss this matter with you.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Rabbi A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I welcome this opportunity to write to you and to advise you that the United Palestine Appeal will conduct its 1941 campaign for funds through an independent approach to the Jewish communities of America. We hope thereby to obtain the far larger sums which are required by the Jewish Agency for Palestine to carry on its work during this war period, to maintain and protect what has already been built in Palestine through the years and to care for the thousands of refugees who are still streaming into the country.

In sending you this private note, I am eager that you should be in possession of the facts and of the circumstances under which the United Palestine Appeal took the decision and also to solicit your personal cooperation in looking after the interests of the United Palestine Appeal in your community when quotas and allotments to agencies come up for discussion in your Welfare Fund.

The facts are briefly as follows:

1. The 1940-1941 budgets of the Jewish Agency and of the Jewish National Fund, which receive their income from the Jews of America exclusively through the United Palestine Appeal, total \$13,640,000. The collapse of Jewish communities in Europe, which formerly were an important source of income, has compelled the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund to urge upon the Jewish communities of America to assume responsibility for practically the entire budget. Within the present framework of the United Jewish Appeal, it is quite impossible to approximate even a reasonable fraction of this budget.

2. The United Palestine Appeal took its decision to withdraw from the United Jewish Appeal after the most serious consideration of all the factors involved. We recognized the value of the United Jewish Appeal as an instrument to stimulate the raising of funds in this country, but we were compelled to take note of the fact that the proportion of increase which Palestine might have expected as a result of the increased giving in 1939 and 1940 was not reflected in the actual income of the United Palestine Appeal. Thus, in 1938 when the Jews of America raised approximately

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\$6,500,000 for overseas and refugee purposes, the United Palestine Appeal obtained \$2,500,000. In 1939, though the United Jewish Appeal raised over \$16,000,000, the United Palestine Appeal received only \$4,000,000. This year, out of a total anticipated gross income of \$14,000,000, the United Palestine Appeal will receive only \$2,900,000. It is evident that Palestine in spite of its gravely mounting needs is not receiving the proportionate benefits which it had a right to expect from these united campaigns.

3. Months of negotiations preceded the decision to dissolve the United Jewish Appeal. We offered one proposal after another to the Joint Distribution Committee in an earnest effort to continue the united campaign. But it was with real regret that we found that every proposal was rejected. The Joint Distribution Committee agreed to a continuation of a United Jewish Appeal only upon its terms: (a) that the ratios of 1940 be continued unchanged in 1941, and (b) that the amounts which were originally allotted in 1940 (\$5,250,000 to the JDC; \$3,500,000 to the NRS; and \$2,500,000 to the UPA) should be reduced to a six months period, which would mean \$1,250,000 to the United Palestine Appeal, the balance to be turned over to an Allotment Committee for later allocation. We could not, of course, imperil the work of the Jewish Agency and of the Jewish National Fund in Palestine by accepting such a proposal.

I do not wish to elaborate here upon this point, since I am attaching for your confidential study a copy of a letter which I addressed, on November 28, to the Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee. It will give you in far greater detail the complete story of the negotiations and the reasons for the position which we took. To the very last, the position of the Joint Distribution Committee has remained unchanged except that it indicated that it might consent to allocate a somewhat larger amount for the first period than it originally suggested, provided the ratios remained the same.

4. Your representatives, during the period of negotiations, laid particular stress on the fact that relatively too much money out of the United Jewish Appeal was being allocated to the National Refugee Service, which will end the year 1940 with an allotment surplus of at least \$370,000. It has been authoritatively estimated that over and above the \$3,500,000 which was made available to the National Refugee Service by the United Jewish Appeal in 1940, the local Jewish communities in the United States have set aside additional sums up to nearly \$2,000,000 for the local care of their refugees. Thus the Jews of America are spending this year on some fifteen to twenty thousand refugees in the United States who are in need of relief services, five to six million dollars, a sum nearly equal to that which American Jewry is spending for the total relief of millions of Jews in Europe, and a sum greater than that spent by American Jews for the relief of tens of thousands of Jewish refugees in Palestine, not to speak of the vast program in Palestine of immigration, colonization, land acquisition, education and industrial development.

5. It is of utmost importance that we make clear just what is involved in this independent appeal of the United Palestine Appeal in order to allay any fear of disrupting unity in American Jewish life. The question of unity is not at all involved. In the last two decades we had several united drives with the Joint Distribution Committee, to be followed by independent drives. Whenever a united drive suggested itself as mutually beneficial it has been held. Otherwise there ensued independent drives.

The United Palestine Appeal is not conducting an "independent" campaign except in the sense that it is making an independent approach to the budget or allocations committee in every city in the country where Welfare Funds exist. The United Palestine Appeal will continue in 1941, as it has in the past, to cooperate

wholeheartedly and loyally with every Welfare Fund community in the United States, giving to each Welfare Fund the maximum of cooperation and service so that the campaign in the community may reach maximum success for all agencies embraced within it. The speakers, the literature, the motion pictures and all the other facilities at the disposal of the United Palestine Appeal will continue to be channelled through the established Welfare Fund campaign agency in each community. The only difference between the 1940 and the 1941 campaigns will be that instead of having a handful of men in New York City, whose viewpoints are molded by set and unyielding preconceptions, determine what amount of money Palestine shall receive, this decision will now lie in the hands of men and women in each community in the United States. Each Welfare Fund receives, prior to its campaign, many applications for inclusion of beneficiaries. In 1939 and 1940 each Welfare Fund received one application from the United Jewish Appeal, covering the needs of the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service. In 1941 a separate application will be made by the United Palestine Appeal, direct to the Welfare Funds.

In writing this letter, I am animated by the thought that when our application comes before the Budget Committee or Board of your Welfare Fund, you will act as our spokesman to see that the United Palestine Appeal receives maximum consideration.

The United Palestine Appeal campaign in 1941 will be a constructive and positive campaign. It will concern itself with the deeds and the needs of Palestine. We have no quarrel with any other agency working in the field of Jewish needs. In asking for a ratio of fifty-fifty between the JDC and the UPA in 1941, there is no disparagement intended of the work of the JDC. However, the Jewish world in 1941 is not what it was in 1939 and 1940. The expenditure of public funds must be adjusted accordingly, and should be channelled in those directions where they can be most fruitful and constructive.

Having reached the decision to launch an independent campaign for Palestine, and to make a direct appeal to the Jewish public opinion in the United States, we Zionists and friends of Palestine must be prepared to dedicate ourselves during the coming year to an expenditure of energy and a generosity of time and substance such as we have never done before. Not only will the fate of the Yishuv be involved, but the prestige of our entire movement. An unsatisfactory response to our appeal, caused by our negligence, will be interpreted by the foes of the Jewish Homeland as a repudiation of Zionism and a vindication of their anti-Zionist position.

The year 1941 will not permit of routine methods, of easy-going activity, and of uninspired planning. We shall need the vision, the resourcefulness and the faithfulness of all the devoted friends of Palestine. I shall be strengthened by the knowledge that you are with us in this great cause.

It will be necessary for our friends in each community to meet during the next few weeks so as to plan a course of action in relation to their local community drive. We should also welcome an opportunity to explain our position to them.

I would appreciate hearing from you when such a meeting could most profitably be held in your community.

With all good wishes, I remain, with Zion's greetings,

Most cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

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Henry Minton
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Louisville phoned asking me to open
their campaign Jan. 14. Have
accepted. Kindest regards.

Silver

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you may have noted, Dr. Bernard Joseph, legal adviser of the Jewish Agency, is flying to America from Palestine.

Perhaps, more than any other individual in Palestine, he is equipped to give us an account of what is happening in Palestine today. He does it fearlessly and factually, although certainly he is not an orator, but only a speaker.

I take it for granted that we can make important place for him on the Washington Conference agenda.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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cc: Dr. Silver

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

600 Marion E. Taylor Building

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

December 30, 1940

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

Personal

Dear Mr. Montor:

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

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

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

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

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

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Mr. Henry Mentor
December 30, 1940

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

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

CWM:LH

(signed)

Charles W. Morris.



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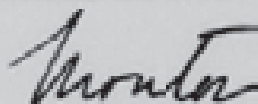
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a cablegram from Eliezer Kaplan describing the approaching visit to the United States of Dr. Bernard Joseph, legal adviser of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Silver:

You will receive under separate cover a copy of the application which has gone to the Chairman of the Louisville Welfare Fund, asking for \$42,500 for the United Palestine Appeal from the 1941 campaign.

May I suggest that you telephone from Cleveland to Mr. Charles W. Morris, Chairman of the Welfare Fund in Louisville, asking him to arrange a meeting of the Budget Committee some time on January 14th to coincide with your visit to open the campaign officially.

Louisville was asked for \$85,000 by the United Jewish Appeal in 1940; the allotment of the United Jewish Appeal in 1940 was \$68,775; and in 1939 it was \$67,565.

Will you advise me if Louisville agrees to a meeting of the Budget Committee, to which you can speak.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Attached herewith is a copy of the letter from Emil W. Leipziger with respect to the participation of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in the National Conference.

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE
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AMERICAN RABBIS

7624 St. Charles Ave.
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

December 20, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Colleague:

I have your appealing letter of December 9 inviting the Central Conference of American Rabbis to express its willingness to associate itself with the purpose of the National Conference for Palestine, first through the adoption of an official expression of encouragement and identification, secondly through the designation of five representatives of our Rabbinical Conference who might be observers of what promises to be a great conference, and whose presence might enhance the representative character of your Washington Meeting.

I can, of course, not write officially for the Conference as such, but I can, without disassociating myself from the office of President, express my own interpretation of the Conference's attitude toward the project about which you write.

We in America are speaking emphatically about the need of total defense, and I can conceive of no one thinking clearly and deeply about that, who does not base his thought upon our duty to bring succor, short of war, to the British in their magnificently heroic stand for Democracy and for the Democracies. To this end there is no doubt in my mind that Palestine, over which Great Britain holds the Mandate, must make itself strong not only in material defenses but in that spiritual and moral quality which makes for the heroism which will be needed for ultimate victory against the forces of tyranny and darkness. That the Jew in Palestine finds himself in a strategic position which challenges his noblest powers is clear as day. That the Jews of America must give him the encouragement of material aid and sympathetic cooperation flows naturally from that conviction.

I shall be happy, therefore, to help in the way you ask to make the Washington Conference one which will carry to the people of Palestine the message of hope which American sympathy and cooperation will give. I shall be glad to appoint five members of the Conference who, I hope, will serve and become the symbol of our cooperation. As soon as I obtain their consent to act in this capacity, I will send you their names.

Trusting this is a satisfactory answer to your appeal, I remain, with warm, fraternal greetings,

(Signed) Yours sincerely,
EMIL W. LEIPZIGER
President

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MEMORANDUM

Date December 31, 1940.

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Montor

Subject

I am sure that you will be glad to know that Mr. Paul V. McNutt, former Governor of Indiana and now Federal Security Administrator, as well as head of one of the most important branches of the Defense Commission, has accepted the invitation to participate in the National Conference for Palestine, at the luncheon session on Sunday, January 28.

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MEMORANDUM

Date Dec. 31, 1940

To Dr. Silver

From Mr. Montor

Subject

On December 27, 1940 Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, informed us by cable as follows:

That the Vaad Leumi was not informed of the organization of the Federated Council of Palestine Institutions and that it had decided unanimously not to recognize such a Federated Council.

You may recall that in the past few months I have directed your attention to this Federated Council, indicating that it had a great deal of Mizrahi support.

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