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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

June 17, 1940.

The President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

All those concerned with the impact of the war upon civilian victims are grateful for the spirit of compassion which prompted you to recommend to Congress the appropriation of \$50,000,000 for assistance to refugees through the Red Cross and other agencies which you might designate.

The war has had tragic consequences for all who have come within its sphere. But its burden has been doubly heavy for the Jewish population in the areas affected. The racial philosophy of the Nazi Government has placed special hardships upon Jews and made their adjustment to war conditions much more difficult than those facing the ordinary individual.

In the seven years in which Hitler has been engaged in the extirpation of Jewish life over a succession of European countries, the ancient Jewish homeland of Palestine has played an important role not alone in holding aloft a beacon of hope to the dispossessed and the disinherited, but in giving actual shelter to hundreds of thousands of men, women and children. Today the Jews of Palestine stand ready with their resources and their lives to aid the cause of the allies to which the overwhelming majority of Americans have given their moral approval because it is identified with the cause of the democracies.

Arrangements have been made and can be made for the transport of Jewish refugees to Palestine. It is estimated that in the first eight months of the war over 14,000 Jews who fled from Europe were able to find shelter in Palestine. Thousands of others have legal permission to enter Palestine if funds can be made available to assist their transport to the place of safety which Palestine offers. There are thousands of Jews whose need to settle in Palestine has become far more urgent as a result of the events in Western Europe in the past few days. To permit them to remain in the countries in which they are waiting for transfer to Palestine is literally to doom them to the concentration camp or to death, for to the Jewish refugee is reserved a degree of hardship and suffering beyond those of the average refugee.

With these facts in mind, may I, on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal, respectfully submit to you the cause of these Jewish refugees who must be assisted in Europe while awaiting transfer to Palestine and to enable them to reach Palestine. It is my belief that these refugees come within the framework of the fund which you have asked the Congress of the United States to appropriate for your allocation.

My associates and I would be grateful for the opportunity of coming to Washington to discuss with the appropriate individual whom you will designate the details of this application and the actual extent of the financial requirements through which great numbers of men, women and children may be saved from the ravages of war.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver  
National Chairman

(et 5/2/40)

AHS:MBG

CERTIFIED COPY OF SECTIONS OF CHARTER OF HOFHEIMER  
FOUNDATION DEALING WITH GRANTS MADE BY FOUNDATION

The general object and purposes are primarily to collect, receive and maintain the fund or funds and apply two-thirds of the net income thereof to the improvement of living conditions of unfortunate persons. It shall be within the purposes of said corporation to use any lawful means to that end which from time to time shall seem expedient to its members and trustees including the search or publication as well as establishment of benevolent activities and agencies.

The territory within which its operations shall be conducted shall be in the United States of America.

Lawrence R. Klein, residing at 41-12 - 41st Street, Queens, New York City, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above is a true copy of those sections of the charter of the Hofheimer Foundation, Inc. which deal with the restrictions of the Foundation with respect to gifts and grants.

(Signed) Lawrence R. Klein

Notarial seal stamped  
June 26, 1940

RUTH E. ALLEN (Signed)

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

— DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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

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June 28, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
 The Temple  
 Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that a decision made at the Executive Committee meeting of the UJA was to authorize the National Chairmen to appoint a committee to deal with the subject of a union contract.

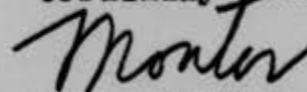
It was not clear how many were to be named on this committee. My own feeling is that it ought to be five. Even three would be satisfactory if the right kind of people were appointed. Have you any suggestions as to whom you want to designate as your choices on this committee and how many do you think the committee ought to consist of?

Among those who might be included as possibilities for selection are Mr. Louis Lipsky, Mr. Arthur M. Lampport, Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

Am I to assume that only members of the Executive Committee are entitled to membership on such a committee or can outsiders be brought in? That is, outsiders who may not be on the Executive Committee but who may be officers of the UPA.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
 Executive Director

HM:BC

July 1, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to the appointment of a committee to deal with the subject of a union contract, I would suggest that you consult Rabbi Jonah Wise as to the number to be appointed on such a committee - either three or five would be satisfactory. The names mentioned in your letter will be entirely satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:RB

July 2, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

You have probably also seen the enclosed list of salaries published by the Treasury Department. I would suggest that you check over the Jewish names in this list and indicate what each one has contributed to the United Jewish Appeal.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AJS:RB

*\$23,000,000 is the National Goal for 1940*  
**UNITED JEWISH APPEAL (Inc.) FOR REFUGEES  
AND OVERSEAS NEEDS**

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

342 MADISON AVENUE  
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July 2, 1940

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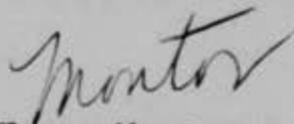
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a letter which Mr. Hyman of the Joint Distribution Committee has been good enough to draft to be sent to the members of the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

Could you wire your approval and/or corrections as soon as possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:BG  
Enc.

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HENRY MONTOR

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*and officers*

DRAFT OF A LETTER TO BE SENT TO MEMBERS OF THE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE OF  
THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

Dear Mr. -

We are glad to advise you that pursuant to the terms of the agreement constituting the United Jewish Appeal of 1940 and providing for the establishment of a Distribution Committee, the complete membership of that Committee has now been assured as follows:

By appointment of the Joint Distribution Committee:	James H. Becker Dr. Solomon Lowenstein
By appointment of the United Palestine Appeal:	Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Dr. Stephen S. Wise
By agreement between the J.D.C. and U.P.A., in consultation with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, for the representatives at large of Welfare Fund communities:	Harris Perlstein David Watchmaker Henry Wineman

At the earliest opportunity a meeting of the Distribution Committee will be arranged and you will, of course, be duly notified. At that time we trust that the Distribution Committee will constitute itself formally, designate such officers as it may desire to have, and take action on the appointment of a professional worker to undertake the research activity under the supervision of the Distribution Committee.

In connection with the latter, you will be interested to know that a special committee which has been requested to consider the availability of candidates for this post, is meeting on Monday, July 8th, at 2:30 P.M. at the office of the J.D.C., 100 East 42nd Street, New York City. Among those under consideration is Dr. Lewis Lorwin, now a member of the American Youth Commission. He has been invited to have a further discussion with the members of the special sub-committee at this meeting on Monday as to the possibility of his undertaking this post, subject to the approval of the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

If you are in New York, you may wish to avail yourself of the opportunity to be present and participate in the discussion with Dr. Lorwin.

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver	Jonah B. Wise
National Chairman	

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

July 3, 1940

MR. HENRY MONTOR  
41 E. 42nd St.  
NEW YORK CITY

LETTER TO MEMBERS DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE SATISFACTORY.

SILVER

July 3, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received this morning from Mr. Lurie. Please get the reaction of Wise and Lipsky to it. My own first reaction is negative. After Saturday and until Thursday, July 11th, I can be reached at the Harvard Faculty Club, 20 Quincy Street, Cambridge Massachusetts. After that I shall be at Mooseluckmeguntic, Haynes Landing, Maine.

Sincerely,

AHS:RB

July 3, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

My traveling expenses in connection with my trip to New York for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal amounted to \$35.00.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:RB

MEMORANDUM

July 12, 1940

To Mr. Elieser Kaplan

From Mr. Henry Montor

SUMMARY OF THE LOAN ACTION AS OF JULY 11, 1940:

NEW YORK

An invitation was issued by wire by Dr. Stephen S. Wise to some 350 people, many of them active in Zionist affairs, and others regarded as non-Zionist. The meeting to which they are invited is to be held at the Biltmore Hotel Thursday evening, July 11.

Mr. Louis Lipsky, Mr. Robert Szold, Dr. Stephen S. Wise undertook to speak to a number of leading individuals to obtain their attendance at the meeting, and their subscriptions.

CHICAGO

Dr. Solomon Goldman arranged a meeting on behalf of the loan in Chicago for Thursday evening, July 11. Invitations were issued to some 1,000 people.

MILWAUKEE

Dr. Solomon Goldman arranged for a loan meeting in Milwaukee on Friday noon, July 12. He is intending to fly from Chicago to address the meeting.

DETROIT

Dr. Goldman arranged with the cooperation of Simon Shetser for a loan meeting in Detroit on Monday evening, July 15. Dr. Goldman will address the meeting.

PITTSBURGH

A meeting has been arranged for Pittsburgh by Mr. Charles Rosenbleom, who has invited a group of leaders to his home for Tuesday evening, July 16. Dr. Nahum Goldmann has been requested as the speaker.

PHILADELPHIA

Judge Louis H. Levinthal, in cooperation with Robert M. Bernstein, is endeavoring to arrange a meeting in Philadelphia. The date will be either Monday or Tuesday. The delay is caused by the desire of the Philadelphia people to have a non-Zionist issue the invitation for the loan meeting. Mr. Robert Szold has been requested to address the meeting.

BALTIMORE

Mr. Daniel Ellison, in cooperation with Messrs. Fish and Gellman, is arranging a meeting for the loan at the Hotel Stafford in Baltimore on June 18. Dr. Nahum Goldmann has been requested as the speaker.

ST. LOUIS

Dr. Solomon Goldman has arranged a meeting for the loan for July 16. Dr. Goldman will attend and speak.

OTHER CITIES

Efforts are being made by Dr. Goldman to arrange meetings in KANSAS CITY and CINCINNATI. It has been deemed advisable, in view of the fact that these communities are in the midst of launching campaigns for the United Jewish Appeal, or else are still conducting campaigns, that they should not be contacted at this time on behalf of the loan. These cities are BOSTON and LOS ANGELES. Possibly Mr. Kaplan on his visit to the coast may find his visit opportune for a meeting.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mr. Eliezer Kaplan has arranged to meet with Hadassah for the purpose of determining whether the Hadassah Organization would participate in the loan.

Dr. Solomon Goldman has undertaken to meet with Mr. Henry Monsky to see whether the B'nai B'rith would be able to advance some of its funds to the Keren Hayesod loan. Mr. Edmund Kaufmann has undertaken to write letters to a group of 300 or 400 personal friends throughout the country, urging them to participate in the loan, and indicating his own participation.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise has written letters to leaders in the following communities, urging them to take some action and inquiring which of the leaders who had placed themselves at the disposal of the loan would be required to meet with the local people to get subscriptions for the loan.

In WASHINGTON, Rabbi Isadore Breslan undertook to arrange a meeting on behalf of the loan, some time next week.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.  
342 MADISON AVENUE  
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July 12, 1940

Loeb & Troper  
521 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

As Co-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the 1939 Greater New York United Jewish Appeal, I respectfully request that you make an audit of the 1939 account as of June 30th, 1940. The last report that you have made was as of December 31, 1939.

May I request that you include the following:

- (a) An itemized list of monies received by the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service for the 1939 United Jewish Appeal campaign and the respective monies remitted or retained by each of the above recipient agencies.
- (b) An itemized list of transfers made from the 1939 account to the 1940 campaign account.
- (c) An itemized list of cancellations entered against the 1939 account since December 31, 1939.
- (d) An itemized list of payments received since March 15, 1940, which had been diverted and credited to the 1940 campaign account.
- (e) Such monies that have been charged as expenses or otherwise against the 1939 campaign since December 31, 1939.
- (f) An itemized list of amounts still due on the 1939 pledges.

I have been requested by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to have the audit made and presented to him as early as possible. May I also request that you send a copy of such audit to the other National Chairman, Dr. Jonah B. Wise.

I would appreciate your proceeding on the above audit with all possible dispatch.

Yours very sincerely,

AWL:MG

Arthur W. Lasport  
Co-Chairman, Executive Committee  
1939 Greater New York Campaign

WILLIAM ROSENWALD

122 EAST 42ND STREET

NEW YORK CITY

COPY

July 12, 1940.

Mr. Arthur Lamport,  
Hotel Lombardy,  
111 East 56th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Arthur:

The Resolution of the Nathan Hofheimer Foundation, Inc., passed on January 11, 1940, states that "\$40,000.00 be given to the National Refugee Service . . . . provided we receive written assurances from the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee that this amount will not be used as an offset against any amount which the National Refugee Service may receive from any United Appeal conducted in 1940 on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee, United Palestine Appeal and National Refugee Service". Accordingly, thank you for the assurance, which you gave on Thursday afternoon, that the United Palestine Appeal, having met with the representatives of the Hofheimer Foundation, will write such a letter. As you requested a draft of the proposed letter, I suggest that the following be signed by you, Dr. Silver, or some other officer of the United Palestine Appeal, and sent to Mr. Henry Siegbert, 61 Broadway, New York City, so as to arrive there on, or before, Tuesday, July 16th:

Nathan Hofheimer Foundation, Inc.,  
41 East 57th Street,  
New York City.

(This letter to be sent by  
messenger to Mr. Siegbert)

Attention: Mr. Henry Siegbert, 61 Broadway.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions contained in your Resolution of January 11, 1940, giving \$40,000 to the National Refugee Service, this is to assure you that this amount will not be used as an offset against any amount which the National Refugee Service may receive from any United Appeal conducted in 1940 on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee, United Palestine Appeal and National Refugee Service. (add)

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

(officer's title)

United Palestine Appeal

July 12, 1940.

Since Dr. Jonah B. Wise has already written a letter to the Hofheimer Foundation, and in view of his being Chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee's Campaign Committee, it was understood, on Thursday, that the above-suggested letter would make the money available to the National Refugee Service, which, as you know, is in dire need of this assistance.

As was pointed out on Thursday, because of the time limit set by the Hofheimer Foundation, failure to deliver such a letter, promptly, will result in the loss of this sympathetic and helpful support.

With thanks, in advance, for your prompt attention to this matter, I am,

Cordially yours,  
The original of  
this was signed by  
William Rosenwald

William Rosenwald  
President, National Refugee Service, Inc.

cc: Dr. Jonah B. Wise  
Mr. Henry Siegbert

July 15, 1940

MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached hereto is a copy of the application made to the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal by the National Refugee Service, requesting an additional \$500,000 beyond the \$3,500,000 already granted to the National Refugee Service from the first income of the United Jewish Appeal.

HM:BC  
Enc.

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NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, INC.

165 West 46th Street  
New York City

July 15, 1940

Distribution Committee  
1940 United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

With the refugee problem on our very door-step, the program of the National Refugee Service, Inc., is of primary concern to all of us as American citizens. Unless both our allocation and cash problems can be worked out, further serious curtailment of our present activities is unavoidable,

During the first six months of this year, the National Refugee Service has been attempting to stretch available resources so as to meet ever-increasing needs.

Relief budgets, already low, were further reduced this month. Allowances for food and shelter are at a mere subsistence level. Yet the cumulative nature of our problem is such that, as every month passes, as every boat arrives, the number of refugees who may require assistance grows.

Relief may be denied to a great many of those in need. These would then be obliged to seek help from public relief agencies. But refugees on public relief are liable to deportation, with its attendant adverse publicity.

Our retraining program has been drastically retarded. Efforts to aid in the economic rehabilitation of refugees have been seriously curtailed. Programs of Americanization and social and cultural adjustment have not been given the emphasis due them.

The most rigid economies have been instituted; there is little still to be saved. There is no longer any choice but to admit, at this crucial juncture, that, unless our immediate financial needs are acted upon without delay, it will be virtually impossible for us to meet even the bare minimum requirements of our day-to-day undertaking.

At the time that Greater Germany and Poland were the sole sources of refugee immigration, the United Jewish Appeal allocated \$3,500,000 to us and gave us the right to apply for an additional \$500,000. Today France, Holland, Belgium, Rumania, Norway and Luxemborg are new sources of refugee immigration.

We have gone from crisis to crisis, so far as our finances are concerned, and today we are faced with such drastic curtailment

July 15, 1940

of our activities that the very objectives of the agency are threatened. Only through an immediate allocation of the greater part of the \$500,000 we are asking, and recognition of our need for priority in receiving cash, can new crises be averted.

While the assistance thus requested may seem to be comparatively small in dollars, should it be delayed the consequences loom large. All that we have worked for is threatened because our inability to carry out our minimum program will, of necessity, jeopardize our chances of achieving the ends for which this agency was created. Delay may be serious, not only to the refugees whom we serve, but to the American public which supports us and, conceivably, to the future of the United Jewish Appeal campaign as well as to its beneficiary agencies.

Under separate cover we shall send you a cash statement and certain accompanying data about our present situation. We are anxious to appear before your Committee and its professional representative. We urgently ask that you set an early date for an examination of our material in the hope that action may be taken, even on a preliminary or interim basis. The courtesy of a prompt response, with your guidance in the matter, will be deeply appreciated.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Wm. Rosenwald

William Rosenwald, President  
National Refugee Service, Inc.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Mooselookmeguntic Inn  
Haynes Landing, Maine

Dear Dr. Silver:

On Thursday, July 11th, Mr. Lampport met with six representatives of the Hofheimer Foundation in the office of Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, who was also present. From Mr. Lampport's description of the two-hour meeting, it was a hectic session.

But apparently there was no intention whatever of discussing the 1939 pledge of the Hofheimer Foundation to the New York United Jewish Appeal which I had understood was the essential purpose of the meeting. Instead, the session seems to have been arranged to persuade the United Palestine Appeal to sign a document which would assure the Hofheimer Foundation that it would give \$40,000 to the National Refugee Service without its being claimed by the United Jewish Appeal or by any of its beneficiary agencies, including the United Palestine Appeal.

The representatives of the Hofheimer Foundation took the position that 1939 was a closed book.

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which Mr. Rosenwald addressed to Mr. Arthur M. Lampport who had perhaps indicated that the United Palestine Appeal might sign such a letter as Mr. Rosenwald seems to have drafted.

I told Mr. Lampport that no one but you would have the right to sign such a letter, if you chose to sign it.

My reading of the letter would indicate that the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal would not have the right to take the 1940 gift of \$40,000 from the Hofheimer Foundation in consideration in determining what the National Refugee Service should receive. Dr. William Haber has already indicated to me that the National Refugee Service is planning to make application to the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for a grant in excess of \$3,500,000.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

July 15, 1940

In view of my interpretation of the effect of a letter to the Hofheimer Foundation, Mr. Lamport suggested the addition of a paragraph as follows:

"It is, however, expected that when the committee on allocations for the 1940 United Jewish Appeal will convene, the National Refugee Service, Inc. will disclose the above amount, as well as all other amounts received by it to the committee, in order to enable the committee to reach a fair and equitable decision."

Will you let me know, at your earliest convenience, your decision on the following matters:

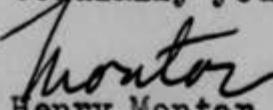
- a) Whether you wish a letter to be sent to the Hofheimer Foundation;
- b) Whether you wish to sign such a letter;
- c) Whether you think that the letter drafted by Mr. Rosenwald is satisfactory;
- d) Whether you have any suggestions as to what further action should be taken in connection with the 1939 Hofheimer Foundation pledge of \$40,000 to the New York City United Jewish Appeal which the Hofheimer Foundation has now officially repudiated in effect.

I have my own views on the attitude of the Hofheimer Foundation and the National Refugee Service in its inexorable demand for funds, but perhaps in view of the vigor of those views I ought not to express them and await your own decision and comments in the matter.

It may interest you to know that I requested of the Hofheimer Foundation a copy of the charter under which they operate in order to determine whether that charter denies them the right to make contributions to the United Jewish Appeal, as has been insisted. But Mr. Henry Siegbert, Secretary of the Hofheimer Foundation, has declined under all circumstances to permit us to examine the charter under which the Foundation operates. Mr. Rosenwald offered to provide a certified copy of a paragraph of the charter which would bear out his contention that the Hofheimer Foundation has not the power to make grants to such bodies as the United Jewish Appeal.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BG  
Enc. 2

P.S. Attached hereto is a copy of an affidavit which Mr. Rosenwald sent over with reference to that section of the charter of the Hofheimer Foundation which he claims forbids the Hofheimer Foundation to make any gifts to such a body as the United Jewish Appeal.

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— DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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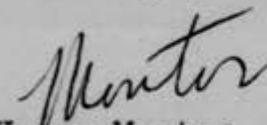
July 17, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Mooselockmeguntic Inn  
Haines Landing, Maine

Dear Dr. Silver:

I do not know what value it may have insofar as the principle of the thing is concerned, but Mr. Lampport informed me that yesterday, when William Rosenwald had him on the telephone for an hour, he declared that if the United Palestine Appeal did not send the letter desired by the National Refugee Service for the Hofheimer Foundation, Mr. Rosenwald would withdraw his contribution to the New York United Jewish Appeal.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Telephone calls were made throughout the day today by various individuals connected with National Refugee Service. One of these was made by Mr. Ittleson this afternoon to Dr. Stephen S. Wise. Dr. Wise called me to ask what the situation was. I told him of my conversation with you this morning, and read to him the memorandum which I had sent to Mr. Rosenwald. Dr. Wise then sent the following letter to Mr. Ittleson: "In the light of Dr. Silver's communication with William Rosenwald this morning I naturally find it impossible to take up the matter with him again. Moreover, as members of the Distribution Committee for the United Palestine Appeal, we must alike keep our minds open with respect to decisions involving allocations."

Mr. Ittleson said to Dr. Wise that he contributed \$150,000 to the United Jewish Appeal: it was incidents such as this involving the Hofheimer Foundation which made him doubtful of the wisdom of unified campaigns.

I spoke to Mr. Rosenwald by telephone this morning. He felt that we had missed the essential point that was being made by the National Refugee Service. The Hofheimer Foundation Trustees adopted a resolution which specifically asks that the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee provide written assurances that any grant from the Hofheimer Foundation to the National Refugee Service will not be raised as an offset against the allocation from the United Jewish Appeal. It is therefore not the National Refugee Service but the Hofheimer Foundation which has made the demand, Mr. Rosenwald states.

He declared to me however that he could understand the attitude of the Hofheimer Foundation in demanding this assurance, since under the reading of the 1940 agreement constituting the United Jewish Appeal, the Hofheimer Foundation might place in jeopardy its contribution of \$40,000 for 1940.

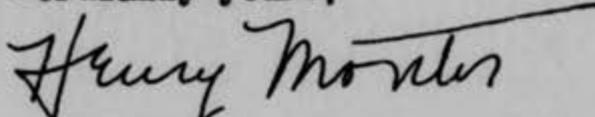
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I have never seen such energy exerted on behalf of the \$23,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal throughout the campaign as I have witnessed in the past three days in order that the National Refugee Service might get the \$40,000 from the Hofheimer Foundation.

Are you prepared to make any changes in the decision already taken? In considering the tremendous agitation which has been witnessed and that will undoubtedly accumulate against you, I would give my personal advice that you ought to yield on this matter and give your consent to the signing of a letter; this has nothing whatever to do with the merits of the case, but only with expediency.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

HENRY ITTLESON  
ONE PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK

July 18, 1940.

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have your letter of July 17th with statements as to telephone messages from Dr. Silver, and also with a memorandum regarding the matter of the \$40,000 from the Hofheimer Foundation.

There are so many points brought up with which I am not familiar, that I am asking that a complete report be sent to me, with report I shall consider when sent to me.

Very truly yours,

Henry Ittleison (signed)

(et 7,18/40)

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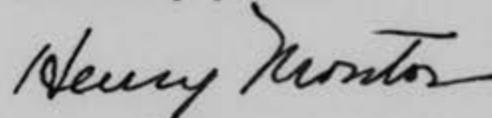
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of the letter which Judge Rothenberg received from Mr. Henry Ittleson representing a statement on the Hofheimer Foundation made by a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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July 19, 1940

Mr. Henry Ittleson  
1 Park Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Ittleson:

Mr. Goldwasser has asked me to review for you the facts involved in the controversy over the Hofheimer Foundation gift of \$40,000 to the United Jewish Appeal in 1939.

The charter of the Hofheimer Foundation provides that the Foundation's activities shall be confined to the United States. As you of course know, such a provision is a limitation upon the power of the Foundation and any transgression thereof would constitute nothing less than a breach of trust. Consequently, the Foundation has always meticulously complied with this limitation. The trustees are, and so far as I know always have been, keenly alive to it. Again and again, when applications have been made, the activity of the applicant has been scrutinized to ascertain whether or not it in any way collides with this provision of our charter. More than once, causes have been presented with which the members of the Board are intensely sympathetic but which have been turned down because, and only because, they involve activities outside the United States. It is here pertinent to call attention to the fact that when in 1938 the Foundation made a gift of \$20,000 to the National Coordinating Committee via the Joint Distribution Committee, the appropriation was carefully circumscribed so that all of it would go to the domestic activities of the National Coordinating Committee and that no offset should indirectly draw any part of the gift into foreign channels.

Against this background, the events involved in the present controversy will loom up boldly. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hofheimer Foundation on April 12, 1939, the matter of a gift to the United Jewish Appeal was brought up for discussion. Immediately one of the directors stated, and I now quote from the minutes: "We should be slow about giving to the U.J.A. directly but if we do give directly, we should earmark our contribution 'For Domestic use only.'" Another director suggested that we find out exactly what the agreement of the division of the funds is to be between the three organizations, before we make any commitments. Still another director proposed that, if we can, we enable the U.J.A. to include the amount of our gift for campaign purposes. At the conclusion of this discussion a resolution was unanimously adopted that a committee be appointed "to work out a method that will assure any contribution of ours, to be a contribution Net for the work of the National Coordinating Committee, and not subject to offset from allocation from the General Fund. ~~that~~ ~~and~~ and that in the event that such a plan can be evolved, that a grant of \$40,000 be authorized for the work of the National Coordinating Committee." I invite your attention to the significant fact that this resolution was passed before the occurrence of any of the events set forth in Mr. Montor's letter to you of July 17.

On May 31, 1939, the president of the Foundation wrote Mrs. David M. Levy that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Foundation held on April 12, 1939, a grant of \$40,000 was made to the National Coordinating Committee for the Committee on Scholars and Medical Scientists. At or about the same time, Mr. Goldwasser advised Mrs. Levy that the reason the Foundation wanted to have the appropriation go directly to the two committees was that its money would not be used in any part for work overseas, as that would be contrary to the conditions under which its gifts are made. The intervention

of a period of six weeks between the authorization of the conditional grant by the Board and the letter of notification to Mrs. Levy itself testifies to the fact that during this period efforts were being made to work out a plan whereby the gift could be effectuated in a way compatible with the provisions of our charter. After that time, as well, efforts were made almost continuously to remove the impediment from the path of our gift. Meanwhile, on October 13, 1939, the Foundation mailed a check to the National Coordinating Committee in the amount of \$25,000 on account of our grant. But hope that the complications could be cleared up soon vanished and the check had to be recalled. The Board subsequently confirmed the recall of the check and also approved a letter from Mr. Goldwasser to Mr. Lampert in which Mr. Goldwasser stated that because of certain demands made by Mr. Montor and his refusal to agree to the terms under which the grant had necessarily to be made under the permissive provisions for grants by the Hofheimer Foundation, the Board of Trustees rescinded the appropriation and requested the return of the check on account. Mr. Goldwasser concluded his letter saying, "I stated to you and to others no less than a dozen times after Mr. Montor made his demands, that the inevitable result would be the loss of this money for 1939. This is exactly what has occurred."

All efforts remained unsuccessful while the need of the National Refugee Service (successor to the National Coordinating Committee) for funds became ever more acute. At our board meeting of January 11, 1940, the matter of our \$40,000 grant was again brought up for discussion, as it had been at virtually every preceding meeting of the Board since the date of the original grant. The Board's attention was called to the fact that the cash condition of the National Refugee Service was desperate. The members of the Board felt that the situation was ludicrous, for here was a contributor eager to give away \$40,000 and a recipient unable to take it although it was in dire need of it. In order to demonstrate their whole-hearted desire to cooperate, the directors voted to make a loan of \$50,000 to the National Refugee Service with the understanding that if the conditions of our gift were met \$40,000 of the loan shall become an outright grant. At the same time the directors adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that \$40,000 be given to the National Refugee Service for displaced foreign scholars and displaced foreign medical scientists, provided we receive written assurances from the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee that this amount will not be used as an offset against any amount allocated to the National Refugee Service in any United appeal."

Time continued to run and still the plan and simple conditions of our grant were not met, and because they were not met the loan was repaid in full. I am informed, however, that the National Refugee Service has received from the 1939 campaign \$40,000 less than the obligatory amount awarded it, for the sole reason that Mr. Lampert claims that N.R.S. has or should receive \$40,000 from the Hofheimer Foundation.

On July 11, 1940, a meeting was held in the study of Dr. Jonah Wise at which were present, in addition to Dr. Wise, Messrs. William Rosenwald, Arthur Lampert, Henry Siegbert, Fred Stein, and I. Mr. Lampert began the discussion with the assertion that the Hofheimer Foundation had made a pledge of \$40,000 to the 1939 campaign, that this pledge had originally been made without any conditions, and that subsequently the Foundation attempted to attach conditions. I think it is expressing it mildly to say that Henry Siegbert, Fred Stein and I were dismayed by Mr. Lampert's statement. We thought the conference was for the purpose of obtaining the assurance, required by our resolution, which would have made it possible for us to complete the gift or that we would be told why

such assurance was not forthcoming. Instead of this we were subjected to the charge of repudiating a solemn obligation. We attempted to explain to Mr. Lampert, as I have tried to explain above, why our gift was not and necessarily had to be subject to the conditions which were attached to it and that those conditions had always been a part of the grant. Mr. Lampert, however, refused to accept our explanation and insisted that we had made an unrestricted pledge and that we were now seeking to repudiate it. Mr. Lampert thundered that he would never directly or by implication concede that we had not made and repudiated a pledge of \$40,000 for 1939. On the other hand, Mr. Lampert conceded that a 1940 gift could be made to the National Refugee Service without offset and that he would be glad to give written assurance to that effect. It was agreed that Mr. Rosenwald would write to Mr. Lampert asking for such written assurance regarding a \$40,000 gift for 1940 and that Mr. Lampert would write a letter giving assurance against offset. When Mr. Lampert's attention was called to the fact that Dr. Silver had declined to give such written assurance on the ground that the agreement spoke for itself, Mr. Lampert qualified his promise by saying he would want to take the matter up with Dr. Silver first. Mr. Lampert emphasized, however, that under no circumstances would he write a letter containing even the slightest inference that the Hofheimer Foundation had not made a gift of \$40,000 for 1939 or that it had ever been relieved of the obligation incurred in the making of that pledge. I called Mr. Lampert's attention to the inconsistency between that statement and his promise to write a letter about 1940. I pointed out that the agreement for the 1940 campaign, which permits contributions by foundations to the National Refugee Service without offset, is followed by a proviso that there shall be no such right where the Foundation "contributed funds to the N.R.S. or U.J.A. on behalf of N.R.S. during this year 1939." If Mr. Lampert were to write a letter to the effect that a 1940 contribution could be made without offset, he would thus be impliedly admitting that the Foundation made no contribution for 1939, assuming of course that a contribution and a pledge are the same thing, which Mr. Lampert did assume. Mr. Lampert gave no satisfactory answer to this dilemma and the meeting ended with Mr. Lampert again asserting that he would write the letter about assurance against offset for 1940 but would never in any way expressly or impliedly concede that we had not made an unrestricted pledge in 1939.

It is regrettable that the National Refugee Service should be deprived of a substantial sum of money which it so desperately needs. No amount of ingenuity can divert any part of this proposed gift into the channels of the Joint Distribution Committee or the United Palestine Appeal, for the Hofheimer Foundation cannot contribute to those entities directly or indirectly. It must be evident to anyone who will take the trouble to analyze the facts that it is either \$40,000 to the National Refugee Service exclusively, or nothing. It seems incredible to me that in this grim hour anyone could obstruct our contribution to this urgent cause.

I hope I have succeeded in clarifying the situation. If you desire any further information or explanation, please do not hesitate to call upon me. I, and I am sure all the other directors of the Foundation, fervently hope that a way can be found to add \$40,000 of usefulness to the National Refugee Service and that the obstacles thrown in the way of this gift may be eliminated. I think you know that the directors of the Foundation, weary of the long and unsuccessful effort to obtain compliance with our conditions and unwilling to sterilize so large a sum, with the result of denying it to other urgent causes, have placed a deadline of August 1st on this gift. If the conditions are not met by that date, the directors of the Hofheimer Foundation will be compelled to look elsewhere for the use of this part of their funds.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) David Sher

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(re 7/19/40)

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Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Henry Ittleson telephoned to me today in reference to the matter of the Hofheimer Foundation.

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He felt that the explanation given by Mr. Sher of the Hofheimer Foundation with respect to the 1939 gift should end all doubts that no gift to the National Refugee Service had been made in 1939.

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Mr. Ittleson stated that a fundamental point was involved in the discussions with the Hofheimer Foundation:—"How could any organization undertake to dictate to a contributor through which channel he wished to make a gift?" Nevertheless that was the decision being taken by the United Palestine Appeal. He felt that the only recourse left to a donor under such pressure would be not to give at all.

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"It might be true that organizations between themselves had a right to enter into an agreement as to the manner in which they would distribute their funds, but they could not compel a contributor to give in a direction to which he was opposed."

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Mr. Ittleson believed that the officers of the United Palestine Appeal failed to see that principle. He felt that the consequences of the decision with respect to the Hofheimer Foundation gift would have a definite bearing on the future. He for one had contributed \$150,000 in 1940 despite certain hesitations and certain compromises that he had to make; but he felt that he was an exception to this rule. "Not all contributors, who were opposed to certain activities or ideas, could be expected to be equally lenient."

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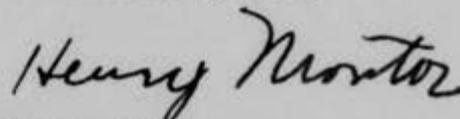
He assumed that this subject would be discussed by the officers of the United Palestine Appeal and he requested that his viewpoint be made known, since he doubted that it had been adequately understood.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The matter of obtaining contributions in some instances would have to be looked at not from the Talmudic but from the realistic point of view, he said. "Surely no organization was prepared to see the National Refugee Service suffer solely because a donor had certain restrictions."

I promised Mr. Ittleson that his views would be transmitted to the officers.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, INC.  
165 West 46th Street  
New York City

July 26, 1940

Mr. Isaac L. Asofsky  
Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society  
425 Lafayette Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Asofsky:

Since you have raised some questions concerning the division of responsibility between the National Refugee Service and other organizations, I am pleased to send you this letter confirming and clarifying our several conversations regarding the relationship between the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society and the National Refugee Service, Inc. You know, of course, that the National Refugee Service is a national organization and is engaged in a great number of services to refugees. Among these are: resettlement, employment, vocational retraining, temporary relief and case work service, self support and loans, social and cultural adjustment, and similar activities. This letter, therefore, is written in order to clarify the division of responsibility between the Migration Department of the National Refugee Service -- one of our several activities -- and the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society.

As to the matters that have been under advisement between us, the following is my understanding:

1. Appeals:- The National Refugee Service will rely on the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society to handle cases of individual aliens who are excluded at the ports of entry into the United States, which need to be appealed to the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization of the United States Department of Justice. It is understood, however, that in special cases, and without violating the spirit of the section, the National Refugee Service will make its own appeal after conference with the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society.

2. Pier and Dock Service:- The National Refugee Service will refer requests for pier and dock work to the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society and the National Council of Jewish Women, in accordance with the previous understanding which has been in effect for some time between these two organizations.

July 26, 1940

3. Preparation of Affidavits of Support and Other Related Documents:- The National Refugee Service will advise applicants requesting this service that there are several organizations in the city equipped to render this service, namely, the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, and the National Council of Jewish Women, among others.

4. Resettlement:- All matters pertaining to resettlement shall be considered the responsibility of the National Refugee Service.

5. Clearance:- It is understood that insofar as is practicable, the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society will clear cases with the Central Index of the National Refugee Service.

Should any new matters arise requiring clarification, you may rest assured that I shall welcome further discussion.

Sincerely yours,

William Haber

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July 29, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Mooselookmeguntic Inn  
Haynes Landing, Maine

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a reply which Mr. Lamport received in acknowledgment of one he had sent to Loeb & Troper, auditors of the New York United Jewish Appeal, asking for an accounting of the 1939 campaign of which he was--and is--Co-Chairman of the Executive Committee. I attach also a copy of Mr. Lamport's original letter to Loeb & Troper.

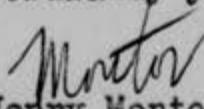
It seems to me that this is perfect evidence, piled on to all the other evidence that has been accumulating, that the United Palestine Appeal has no representative--lay or professional--in the New York campaign.

No one can predict what will happen in 1941. But 1940 has provided ample experience to show that any concession which eliminates vigorous representatives of U.P.A. interests in New York makes UPA but a three-letter word on a letter-head. Neither in the decisions which have guided the New York campaign, nor in the promotion issued by the campaign, nor in the use of personnel, has the UPA in any way had a genuine part in the New York United Jewish Appeal in 1940.

I call this to your attention because in the very near future action ought to be taken to prevent a repetition of 1940.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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July 22, 1940

Mr. Arthur M. Lamport  
Hotel Lombardy  
111 E. 56 Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lamport:

We were ready today to proceed with the preparation of the report on the 1939 New York campaign indicating the status as of June 30, 1940 and to incorporate therein data you asked for in your letter of July 15, 1940 and later modified at the conference in your home.

However, Messrs. Henry C. Bernstein and Samuel Blitz, Co-Directors of the 1940 campaign, have requested us not to proceed until they had a conference with Mr. Abner Bregman and Samuel D. Leidesdorf, Treasurer of the 1939 and 1940 campaigns. Messrs. Bernstein and Blitz had promised to hold this conference as soon as this could be arranged and advise us of the results.

Incidentally, they suggest that if an audited report is to be prepared, it should be as of July 31, 1940 in order not to interfere with activities that still prevail in some volume.

I shall communicate with you as soon as we have definite information.

Sincerely yours,

LOEB & TROPER

cc Bernstein  
Blitz  
Bregman  
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RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE JEWISH WELFARE FUND OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
July 23rd, 1940.

Since the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society is engaged in a program of immigration here and abroad, and its work is so closely identified with that of the National Refugee Service and the Joint Distribution Committee, and, to all intents and purposes, an integral part of the total program of immigration, refugee, and relief, Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society be included in the United Jewish Appeal, the amount to be determined by negotiations between the United Jewish Appeal and the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigration Aid Society on the basis of budgetary needs and funds available.

The Jewish Welfare Fund of Indianapolis finds it impossible to make an intelligent appropriation to the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society apart from the above mentioned organizations; and since it is the sentiment of many of the leaders in the community that the United Jewish Appeal be granted maximum support, it is only possible to secure a proper allocation to the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society through the United Jewish Appeal.

July 29, 1940

Messrs. Samuel Blitz and Henry C. Bernstein  
New York City United Jewish Appeal  
261 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Friends:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal held on June 26th, consideration was given to various problems relating to campaigns on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. In this discussion it was proposed that study be given to campaign methods in New York City for future consideration.

The Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal requested that, in consultation with you gentlemen and with such others as we might wish to bring in to consult on campaign methods, a report be drawn up which will be presented to the National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal no later than September.

In compliance with these decisions, I am communicating with you in the thought that we might arrange a mutually convenient time to begin these conferences in the latter part of this week.

Sincerely yours,

HM:BC

Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

This is in acknowledgment of your letter of July 23rd.

My experience in Los Angeles has been rather hectic. Quite a few meetings were arranged to try to revive some of the solicitation in the men's and women's groups. In addition, I was asked to see a few of the bigger prospective givers privately. The only substantial result that may be achieved is to strengthen my hold on some of the members of the Allocations Committee, that they may be more kindly inclined toward the United Jewish Appeal.

I met with the Allocations Committee in the hope that everybody will be made to share proportionately in the losses sustained here--due largely to the motion picture industry, which is \$175,000 behind last year. I shall shortly send you a list showing the income of some of these people in 1938, their pledges in 1939, and in 1940. The cuts were uniformly steep. It is true, of course, that there is panic in Hollywood, with 40% of the market cut off by war, with many employees being dismissed, and salaries being sharply cut. I understand that Warner Bros. even released Paul Muni because they thought his salary demands excessive.

At one of the meetings here, I met Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goldhamer. A postman on holiday! He was spending one of his vacation evenings to listen to the story of the United Jewish Appeal.

The Union committee at the United Jewish Appeal has not been appointed, for reasons I have indicated in another memo.

I have become impatient with Rabbi J. B. Wise's request (specifically made to me to do nothing on the subject) to halt procedure on the New York campaign study, and am writing, as per copy attached.

There is a representative of the United Palestine Appeal on the sub-committee to select a research director. He is Judge Morris Rothenberg. Dr. Solomon Lowenstein represents the Joint Distribution Committee, and Mr. David Watchmaker of Boston the three Welfare Fund representatives.

You have undoubtedly learned from Judge Rothenberg the status of the appointment of a Research Director for the United Jewish Appeal.

As you have learned by this time, Emanuel Neumann was selected to handle the loan from the New York end. This represents a voluntary service on his part. My own participation in the activity is terminated. I cannot embarrass my relations with the UPA and the UJA excessively. It is necessary, of course, that the loan program should be stopped by September 1st at the latest. To drag it out would make the whole loan idea absurd, since the idea is to get adequate time for use of the money. Moreover, we are getting closer to the period when decisions will have to be considered with respect to 1941 campaigns. It will not be healthy to let an impression gather that Palestine has already had its campaign --through this loan.

When I had left New York, Mr. Kaufmann had not yet done anything about the loan. Perhaps the situation has changed since. But he said he did not feel it right for him to ask his friends for subscriptions to this loan as his first act as Zionist President. More important things were coming on later, and he did not want to use up his friends immediately for what was, in the long run, a trivial thing. The loan discussion which he initiated at Manufacturers Trust Co. did not eventuate into action. After a week's delay, the bank said it could take no chances with \$500,000, in view of the international situation.

During my visit to Los Angeles, I attended a luncheon given for William Shroder, who is on vacation here. He made a splendid address, analyzing the problems of Jewish communities. He was sharply critical of the laziness and encrustations of Federation boards, of the ineptness with which the refugee problem is being handled.

But what interested me most was his statement, the theme of his talk, that in the near future a battle was going to be projected in American Jewry. A number of very influential people, hostile to Palestine, had suddenly decided they were going to attack Palestine and all its works. They felt that they had been quiescent too long, that their participation in activities with Zionists had come to be regarded as approval of Zionism; that, therefore, they must once and for all denounce the Palestine work as evil and have nothing to do with those who sponsored it.

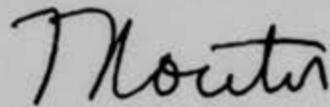
He, Shroder, though not a Zionist and not interested in a political State--though very sympathetic to the general upbuilding of Palestine--had a warning to sound: that is, that each community should prepare itself to resist this call to break up the community: regardless of the influence, wealth and prestige of the individuals who call for such disharmony. The most important need of American Jews at this time, he said, is unity in action. Nothing is sufficiently important to destroy that prime necessity. He spoke with a great deal of feeling -- the group at the luncheon was quite representative. Apparently, Shroder is anticipating what has been privately discussed for a long time now. Shroder's remarks were especially interesting for me -- in view of our previous attitude to him on the Allocations Committee question.

In the meantime, the Willard Hotel has been reserved for January 25-26. In checking the correspondence with the Mayflower, it is quite evident that they have no desire to book the Conference even for February.

July 29, 1940.

I am returning to New York on Thursday, will spend two days in the city to clean up UJA and UPA matters, and then want to take a vacation. Looking at the records, I find that I visited more cities and talked to more meetings this year than anybody connected with the UJA. It's time for me to retire to silence for a while.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. Montor".

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET

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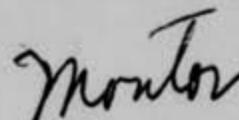
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which has come to you from Robert T. Pell, in acknowledgment of the one you addressed to the President on June 17.

I enclose herewith a draft of a letter addressed to Mr. Davis, in an effort to establish a meeting with him for the purpose of discussing the form in which the American Red Cross may provide assistance for Palestine purposes, and a suggested acknowledgment to Mr. Pell in your name. Does it meet with your approval?

Will you let me know at your earliest convenience whether the letter to Mr. Davis is satisfactory, or what corrections you suggest in the event that you wish the letter sent.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

August 2, 1940.

Hon. Norman H. Davis, Chairman  
American Red Cross  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

The United Palestine Appeal is deeply interested in the question of assistance that might be given to Jewish refugees in and going to Palestine, through the medium of the fund authorized by the Congress.

On June 17, 1940, I addressed a letter to the President on this subject, as per the attached copy.

Mr. Robert T. Pell, Assistant Chief, Division of European Affairs, writing on behalf of the Acting Secretary of State, wrote me on July 31, as per the copy which is also attached hereto.

It is on the basis of Mr. Pell's suggestions that I am addressing myself to you in the hope that an early meeting may be arranged between my associates and yourself for the purpose of considering the forms of cooperation that might be established.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver  
National Chairman

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Mooselookmeguntic Lodge  
Mooselookmeguntic, Maine

Dear Dr. Silver:

Before going away on my vacation, I would like to present to you for your consideration a suggestion which, I think, will be helpful to the daily functioning of the United Palestine Appeal, and would also be helpful to me, in removing from me the full responsibility for decisions that must constantly be made with respect to the daily and practical activities of the United Palestine Appeal.

During the coming months decisions on policy and concrete details will have to be made constantly. They will apply to a variety of problems, such as contact with the Research Director of the United Jewish Appeal, relations with the New York United Jewish Appeal, development of a United Palestine Appeal program in New York City, relationships between the United Palestine Appeal and the Emergency Committee, etc., etc.

It occurs to me that it would be very desirable if an Office Committee could be created which would be expected to meet in the United Palestine Appeal office every day, if necessary, but certainly frequently during the week. I thought that Mr. Lipsky as Chairman of the Emergency Committee might very appropriately be Chairman of this Office Committee, which might consist of three or four other people. These might include Charles Ress for the Keren Hayesod and Dr. Israel Goldstein for the Keren Kayemeth. In this way there would be an avoidance of difficulties that might arise when questions involving the consent of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth are concerned. There might also be someone like Arthur M. Lampport, as Treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal.

It would be understood, of course, that all decisions of policy would be made as heretofore, that is, under your direction, but what I am worried about are not the major decisions of policy, for which there are appropriate channels, but the smaller problems which have bearing on policy, and which ordinarily have to be decided by myself alone. I think it would be much healthier for all concerned if these decisions were not made by myself alone.

Please let me know at your convenience what you think of

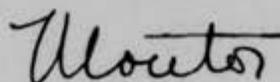
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this idea as a means of simplifying and facilitating the daily operations of the United Palestine Appeal.

The existence of such a committee would provide the lay contact which for routine purposes with such bodies as the New York United Jewish Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service, we do not have at present, and with whom we need constantly to be in contact, for such a variety of reasons as exchange of currency in European countries, consultation on campaign procedure, excess distribution of funds, etc.

With kindest personal regards, and trusting that your vacation continues to be pleasant, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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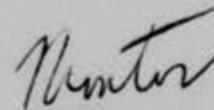
Attached hereto are two lists that might be of interest to you. One is a report of 1938 incomes of outstanding Hollywood individuals as reported by the Treasury Department. Alongside the names and amounts is a list of their contributions to the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Los Angeles for the years 1938, 1939 and 1940. In one or two cases, as for example in that of David Bernstein, contributions are made by them to the New York City campaign.

The second list gives the names of individuals who contributed in 1939 but who had not yet, as of July 26th, made any contribution to the Los Angeles campaign for 1940. Several of those listed in the second grouping have since forwarded their contributions.

I was informed by Al Lichtman, Chairman of the Motion Picture Division, that seventy-five percent on the second list are no longer working in the studios.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

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1938 INCOMES AS REPORTED BY TREASURY DEPARTMENT

AND

WELFARE FUND SUBSCRIPTIONS IN 1938,  
1939 and 1940

<u>NAME</u>	<u>1938 INCOME</u>	<u>WELFARE FUND SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>		
		<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1940</u>
Samuel J. Briskin	\$106,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Sidney Buchman	92,750.00	600.00	1,000.00	500.00
Harry Cohn	185,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	1,000.00
William Perlberg	92,750.00	750.00	1,000.00	500.00
Everett Riskin	92,750.00	600.00	1,000.00	
Jack Cohn	106,120.00			
David Bernstein	191,585.00 (N.Y.)			
Fanny Brice	166,500.00			
Edward Chodorov	78,000.00		500.00	300.00
J. J. Cohn	99,000.00			
George Cukor	125,883.00	2,500.00	2,750.00	1,000.00
Jack Cummings	79,750.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Sam Eckman, Jr.	122,410.00			
Sidney Franklin	169,000.00	1,700.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Jules Furthman	95,266.00			
Ben Goetz	76,525.00			
Ben Hecht	159,996.00			
B. H. Hymen	194,187.00	1,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Sam Katz	247,756.00	4,000.00	10,000.00	3,500.00
Mervyn Leroy	300,000.00	2,500.00	7,500.00	3,000.00
Al Lichtman	229,391.00	500.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
Louis D. Lighton	156,166.00			
A. M. Loew	183,377.00			
Ernst Lubitsch	91,969.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	1,500.00
Joseph Mankiewicz	156,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	500.00
Louis B. Mayer	688,369.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	7,500.00
Harry Rapf	137,339.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
Edward G. Robinson	100,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00
J. Walter Ruben	91,000.00	500.00	600.00	1,000.00
N. M. Schenck	275,673.00			
Louis K. Sidney	78,000.00	500.00	1,500.00	750.00
Hunt Stromberg	328,817.00		5,000.00	5,000.00
Norman Taurog	156,000.00	500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Benjamin Thau	136,878.00	750.00	2,500.00	1,500.00
Laurence Weingarten	170,272.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
Sam Wood	93,425.00			
Pandro S. Berman	213,773.00	1,250.00	5,000.00	2,500.00
Chico Marx	83,333.00	500.00	500.00	)
Groucho Marx	83,333.00	250.00	500.00	) 2,000.00
Harpo Marx	83,333.00	500.00	500.00	)
Joe Pasternak	119,875.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
John Stahl	196,000.00	1,500.00	2,500.00	
Sam E. Morris	78,000.00			
Sam Bischoff	104,252.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Michael Curtiz	171,000.00	500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Leo F. Forbstein	78,000.00	350.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Edmund Goulding	168,916.00			
William Keighley	89,000.00			
Anatole Litvak	117,857.00	500.00	1,700.00	800.00
Robert Lord	134,450.00	500.00	2,500.00	1,500.00

<u>NAME</u>	<u>1938 INCOME</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>WELFARE FUND SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>	
			<u>1939</u>	<u>1940</u>
Max Steiner	\$ 78,000.00	\$	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
H. B. Wallis	260,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Harry M. Warner	156,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00
J. L. Warner	156,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Albert Warner	104,000.00			

MOTION PICTURE DIVISION  
 Principal Givers - 1939  
 Non-Givers -- 1940.

	N A M E	1 9 3 9 CONTRIBUTION
<u>AGENTS</u>	Lou Irwin 9134 Sunset	\$ 100.00
	Paul Kohner 9157 Sunset	100.00
	Myron Selznick 9700 Wilshire Blvd.	1,000.00
	Louis Shurr 9165 Sunset Blvd.	500.00
	The Small Company 8272 Sunset	500.00
	George Frank 1626 N. Vine	250.00
<u>CARTOONS</u>	Raymond Katz	100.00
<u>COLUMBIA</u>	George R. Bilson	100.00
	George Brown	100.00
	Edward Ludwig	1,500.00
	Richard Maibaum	250.00
	Everett Riskin	1,000.00
	Harry Sauber	200.00
<u>FREE LANCE</u>	Leo Robin	100.00
	Lionel Stander	100.00
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	Flat Light Screen Co.	250.00
	Benjamin Leven	100.00
	<del>Edward Ludwig</del>	<del>1,500.00</del>
	Malone Studio Service Cleaners	100.00
	Boris Moros	100.00
	Harry Ruby	250.00
	Smith and Aller	100.00
<u>MUSIC</u>	Frank Mandel	100.00
<u>M G M</u>	Jack Cummings	1,000.00
	Henry K. Dunn	100.00
	Mort Greene	100.00
	Sydney Guilaroff	100.00
	Arthur Gutmann	125.00
	Sammuel Hoffenstein	500.00

1939 CONTRIBUTION

<u>M G M</u> (continued)	Arthur Sheekman	\$ 200.00
	Franz Waxman	250.00
	Edgar Allen Wolf	500.00
	Al Friedman	100.00

<u>PARAMOUNT</u>	Barney Balaban	500.00
	Richard M. Blumenthal	200.00
	Phil Boutelje	100.00
	Sig Herzig	300.00
	Harold H. Hurley	2,500.00
	Julian Josephson	500.00
	Jesse Lasky, Jr.	100.00
	S. K. Lauren	400.00
	Jeffrey Lazarus	450.00
	Albert Lewin	750.00
	Frank Losser	120.00
	Lewis Milestone	500.00
	Jack Moss	500.00
	Kurt Newmann	250.00
	William H. Pine	100.00
	Ralph Ranger	100.00
	Martha Raye	300.00
	Alfred Santell	2,000.00
	Franz Schulz	200.00
	Harry Sherman	1,500.00
	Marian Spitzer	200.00
	Edward Wolfe	100.00
	Manny Wolfe	750.00

<u>RADIO</u>	William A. Bacher	1,000.00
	Fanny Brice	500.00
	Ludwig B. Gluskin	150.00
	Matty Malnick	100.00
	Harry Sosnick	450.00
	Nat Wolff	100.00

<u>REPUBLIC</u>	M. H. Hoffman	215.00
	Sydney Salkow	125.00
	Herman Schlon	301.85

<u>R K O</u>	Joseph A. Fields	100.00
	Bruno Frank	300.00
	Bert Granet	150.00
	Leigh Jason	1,000.00
	Lou Lander	250.00
	Morey Ryskind	540.00
	P. J. Wolfson	1,000.00
	Jack Yellen	2,000.00

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SELZNICK

Bobby Bfeen \$ 250.00  
 Victor M. Shapiro 100.00

THEATRES

Lewis & Eugene Berkoff  
 2928 S. Vermont 100.00

J. A. Cohen & K. J. Olander  
 2625 Temple Street 150.00

M. A. Kursten  
 4548 Whittier Blvd. 100.00

P. Lasher  
 3014 Wabash 150.00

Regina Theatre  
 8566 Wilshire 100.00

Royal Amusements, Ltd.  
 405 Transamerica Bldg.  
 (Adolph Ramish) 3,000.00

Shanberg & Finkelstein  
 5002 West Adams 100.00

Herbert Sims  
 1584 W. Washington 150.00

Max Sinker & Irving Carlin  
 710 S. Alvarado 300.00

Albert & Rubin Snadow  
 3511 S. Central 100.00

Harry & Ben Taylor  
 2018 S. Vermont 250.00

20th CENTURY

Irving Berlin 3,000.00  
 Edwin Blum 100.00  
 Lou Breslow 500.00  
 Karl Freund 200.00  
 Robert Harari 300.00  
 Al Jolson 5,000.00  
 Edward Kaufman 1,000.00  
 Samuel Kaylin 125.00  
 Ben Grauman Kohn 100.00  
 Sidney Lanfield 2,000.00  
 H. I. Leeds 300.00  
 Sonia Levien 1,000.00  
 Arthur M. Levy 100.00

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1939 CONTRIBUTION

<u>20TH CENTURY (cont.)</u>	Harry Ritz	\$ 500.00
	Joseph Schildkraut	100.00
	Lewis Silvers	200.00
	Jule Styme	100.00
	Lou Wertheimer	300.00
	Benjamin Wurtzel	150.00
<u>UNITED ARTISTS</u>	Maxwell Arnow	100.00
	Robert Riskin	3,000.00
	William Wyler	2,500.00
<u>UNIVERSAL</u>	Ralph Block	150.00
	Lester Cowan	250.00
	David S. Garber	300.00
	Max H. Golden	150.00
	Eve R. Greene	200.00
	Mitchell J. Hamilburg	100.00
	Edmund L. Hartmann	150.00
	Frédéric Kohner	100.00
	Milton R. Krasner	300.00
	Ben Markson	100.00
	Joe May	165.00
	Frank Partos	200.00
	Ben Pivar	120.00
	Jerry Sackheim	300.00
	Manny Seff	100.00
	Mitchell L. Simmons	100.00
	Leonard Spigelgass	250.00
	John N. Stahl	2,500.00
	Ben Stoloff	500.00
	George Yohalem	100.00
Nathaniel West	100.00	
Irwin S. Gelsey	200.00	
<u>WARNER BROS.</u>	Gerson Barth	100.00
	Henry Blanke	500.00
	Norman Burnside	100.00
	Harry Charnas	200.00
	Jules Garfield	1,000.00
	Billy Halop	300.00
	Heinz Harold	100.00
	Lehman Katz	100.00
	(?) Rosenblum	150.00
Max Siegel	500.00	

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

August 3, 1940.

Your reference:  
Ra 840.48 Refugees -  
Silver, Abba Hillel

Mr. Robert T. Pell  
Assistant Chief, Division of European Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pell:

Thank you for your letter of July 31. In accordance with your suggestion, I am communicating with the Honorable Norman H. Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross, in an endeavor to determine the forms of cooperation that may be established.

Thank you, also, for your assistance in clarifying the matter of the fund established by the Congress.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver  
National Chairman

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NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, INC.  
165 West 46th Street  
New York City

August 7, 1940

Mr. Isaac L. Asofsky  
Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society  
425 Lafayette Street  
New York City

Dear Isaac:

Attached is a revision of the letter outlining the division of responsibility between HIAS and NRS. In accordance with your request, we have deleted the paragraph of our draft of June 28 relating to transportation.

We understand, however, that financing and service in connection with transportation from abroad are subjects of current discussions between the Joint Distribution Committee and Hicem and that these matters are now pending. Naturally, to the extent that the NRS may be interested directly or indirectly in this matter, we shall wish to be kept informed of the results of these conversations.

I hope that this removes the last objection that you have to our concluding this matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Arthur D. Greenleigh  
Executive Assistant

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

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August 13, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Mooselookmeguntic Lodge  
Mooselookmeguntic, Maine

Dear Dr. Silver:

Elisha Friedman said to Alex Rothenberg today that he wished to send in accountants to examine the books of the United Palestine Appeal.

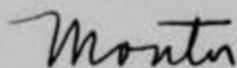
In view of the fact that I am away on vacation, I was able to deny this request on the ground that since I was the only one who had authority to permit such inspection, and since I was away, my return would have to be awaited.

However, the issue will have to be decided as to whether Mr. Friedman shall have unrestricted right to examine the books of the United Palestine Appeal at his will.

Will you let me have your own decision in this matter, so that action may be taken accordingly with Mr. Friedman knowing, as I do, the handicap to writing at a vacation place, I am taking the liberty of enclosing a postcard which you may wish to use, unless of course you prefer to answer by letter.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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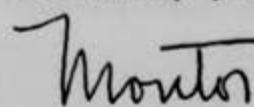
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Mooselookmeguntic Lodge  
Mooselookmeguntic, Maine

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a letter that came here for you. Subsequently, Harry Lurie of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, called and said that an impression was sought to be created that in coming out for Willkie you had committed the Zionist movement.

It was indicated to Mr. Lurie that nothing could be more absurd, but I thought you might be interested in his inquiry.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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HEBREW SHELTERING AND IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY  
425 Lafayette Street  
New York  
ALgonquin 4-2900

Aug. 13, 1940

Mr. Arthur D. Greenleigh, Exec. Asst.  
National Refugee Service  
165 West 46th Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Greenleigh:

With your letter of August 7th. you enclosed the letter of July 26th. from Dr. Haber concerning the division of responsibility between the N. R. S. and HIAS. I am very happy to send you herewith our letter accepting the understanding outlined in Dr. Haber's communication.

Of course, I shall not fail to keep you informed of the result of the conversations we and the Hicem now have with the Joint Distribution Committee concerning transportation matters.

Very sincerely yours

Isaac L. Asofsky  
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HEBREW SHELTERING AND IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY  
425 LAFAYETTE STREET  
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Aug. 13, 1940

Dr. Wm. Haber, Exec. Dir.  
National Refugee Service  
165 West 46th Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Haber:

We are very happy to acknowledge our pleasure of the satisfactory understanding reached between the National Refugee Service and HIAS with regard to a clarification and division of responsibility of work in behalf of refugee-immigrants. This understanding, as outlined in your letter of July 26th, to which we fully subscribe, is a result of a friendly exchange of opinion and thought brought out at several conferences between your organization and ours.

Appreciating that we all are interested to render maximum service, this division of responsibility should prove it and should satisfy the Jewish communities in the United States of the close and friendly cooperation existing between the N.R.S. and HIAS.

Needless to say, should other problems arise requiring a mutual understanding, we feel sure that we shall then, as we have now, reach a satisfactory conclusion.

Very sincerely yours

Isaac L. Asofsky  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, INC.  
165 West 46th Street  
New York City

August 16, 1940

Dear Mr. Montor:

I thought that you would like to know that arrangements on the division of responsibility between Hias and NRS have been concluded.

For your information, I am sending you the attached copies of the correspondence on the arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Arthur D. Greenleigh

Arthur D. Greenleigh

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

*Dr. Fried*

August 26, 1940

To: MR. ELISHA M. FRIEDMAN

From: HENRY MONTOR

I have seen your memorandum of August 23rd containing a second draft of the outline you are preparing in summary of your examination on behalf of the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

In general, I should like to express appreciation for the thoroughness with which you are preparing to study the problem. I am looking forward to the opportunity of close contact with you for the submission of material and to cooperate with you in every way possible.

There are certain observations of a basic nature that I should like to make at this time on a tentative basis:

On Page 3, Clause 2, Section A, there is the phrase "recurring charity". In subsequent sections of your memorandum you have indicated that there is a basic distinction between the program projected for Palestine and that which may be attempted elsewhere either on a ameliorative or reconstructive basis. No program affecting Palestine can be judged on a plane whose foundation is solely charity. Knowing as I do your thorough familiarity with the Zionist movement, I am sure that I need not elaborate on this point.

Your, yourself, have called attention to the significance of the Palestine enterprise and its incommensurateness with other programs in Jewish life in pointing out on Page 4, Clause 3, Section B, that distribution must also take into account the "philosophy of Jewish life".

On Page 6, Clause F, Section 2, you ask the question whether amounts raised outside the United States shall affect allotment ratios within the United Jewish Appeal. If you are studying the amounts raised for assistance purposes not only in the United States but also abroad, I am sure that you will also make a study of the amounts which the countries to which assistance has been given have themselves raised for their local programs. I refer, for example, to such countries as Germany, Rumania, Hungary, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Poland, etc. It would be interesting to determine the ratios of outside and local self-assistance.

On Page 7, Clause M, referring to "past quotas", you speak of a miscellany of reports dated November 12, 1938, November 15, 1939, February 8, 1940. I would appreciate clarification as to what reports are referred to.

On Page 8, you indicate the desirability of taking a poll of community sentiment with regard to allocations. I assume that you have been considering how such a proposal squares with the fundamental purpose of the Distribution

Committee to study facts and needs objectively.

On Page 11, Clause 8, Section A, you mention the desirability of ascertaining what other organizations in related fields have been raising for assistance abroad. May I suggest that it would form an interesting section of your report to determine what sums are remitted by Jews in America for assistance to relatives and friends abroad. It might be noteworthy to determine the relationship between private and public support.

In Section A, you have indicated a number of organizations. I assume that these are merely illustrative in character and that you are planning to make studies of as many other organizations as possible, such as the Santo Domingo Settlement Association, the Joint Reconstruction Foundation, the Refugee Economic Corporation and the many organizations associated with or deriving their support from the National Refugee Service.

HM:BC

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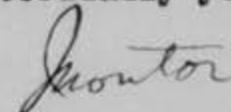
Dear Dr. Silver:

The Denver 1940 campaign feels, as probably do most of the larger communities, that it will need the largest possible cooperation to attain its goal. Its leadership has asked unanimously that you consent to open the campaign with a big gifts dinner on November 26th. The quota which the United Jewish Appeal assigned to Denver this year is \$75,000. That quota has not yet been accepted.

In connection with the Denver visit I should like to refer again to the possibility of your being in San Francisco on December 1st for the Western Regional United Palestine Appeal Conference to be held in that city on that day. It will be the first time that the United Palestine Appeal has had a conference in San Francisco, which insofar as campaigning is concerned is the most important unit on the Coast and one that has not always been friendly to the cause of Palestine.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
 Executive Director

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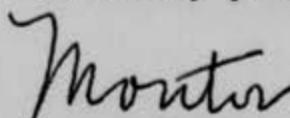
Attached herewith is a draft of a New Year message to the constituency of the United Palestine Appeal.

Do you think that this should be in the form of a letter to be sent directly to the leaders throughout the country, or that it should be the lead in the next issue of the United Palestine Appeal bulletin, that is, in printed form?

Whatever the form in which it should be used, could you let me have your corrected draft at your earliest convenience?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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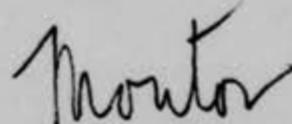
Dear Dr. Silver:

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

Do you see any basis on which "priority" can be given to the NRS as regards the first amounts on which the agreement for 1940 is based?

As of August 30th, the NRS had received from the national United Jewish Appeal \$1,175,000 on account of 1940. This is the same amount as was received by the United Palestine Appeal during the same period. The NRS received an additional \$750,000 from the New York City United Jewish Appeal.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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Enc.

P. S. The NRS has received directly the sum of \$25,000 from the New York Foundation. This is apart from the money from the Hofheimer Foundation and other Foundations.

NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, INC.

165 WEST 46TH STREET

NEW YORK CITY

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August 30, 1940

Drs. Jonah B. Wise & Abba Hillel Silver Chairmen  
Messrs. I. Edwin Goldwasser & Arthur M. Lamport, Treasurers  
1940 United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

On August 5th we wrote you requesting your advice as to whom application should be made for cash priority on the basis of the \$2,500,000 allocation made to the National Refugee Service, Inc. by the 1940 United Jewish Appeal National Campaign. At that time three weeks ago, our cash problem was particularly serious and we requested your guidance.

Since we have had no reply to our previous communication, we again urge you to inform us which individuals would have jurisdiction in this matter. Our cash position is so dangerously serious that we bespeak your prompt advice and guidance.

With thanks for whatever help you may be able to give us, I am

Cordially yours,

William Rosenwald  
President

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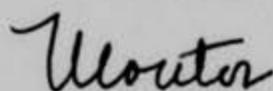
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Paul Baerwald, in reply to one from you, a copy of which is also enclosed.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET  
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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

September 3, 1940.

Mr. Paul Baerwald  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
100 East 42 Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Baerwald:

May I suggest that the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee, whose fund-raising efforts were pooled in the United Jewish Appeal, meet at an early opportunity to discuss plans for 1941.

You will recall that the agreement between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal for the 1940 campaign provided in clause 13 that, "any proposal for an agreement for fund-raising in a 1941 campaign shall be considered not later than October 31, 1940".

If you will indicate when and how you feel preliminary discussions may best be conducted, I shall try to make arrangements accordingly.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver  
National Chairman

AHS:MET

(et 9/5/40)

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE  
100 East 42nd Street, New York City

September 4, 1940.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks for your letter. Of course I am fully aware that there is a provision that any proposal for an agreement for 1941 is to be considered not later than October 31, 1940.

I am taking up this matter again with my colleagues and expect to write you again on this subject within a few days.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Paul Baerwald  
Chairman

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(et 9/5/40)

September 4, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am returning herewith the draft of the letter which you sent me. I have made a few slight verbal changes. I have recast Paragraph 3. What is now Paragraph 5 should, in my judgment, follow Paragraph 3.

You have written a very powerful and appealing letter. I believe that it should be sent directly to leaders throughout the country, and also given to the press.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc. 2

CORRECTED DRAFT OF LETTER TO UPA CONSTITUENCY

Dear Friend:

The New Year finds the world in a grave hour of crisis. Every nation is shedding its blood in defense of its life. Every nation striving to survive must be prepared to make sacrifices. The measure of effort that must be exerted to live freely was summed up by Winston Churchill in calling upon the English people for "blood, sweat and tears."

The year that is now ending for the Jewish people has added incalculably to already intolerable burdens. But the cause of the Jewish people is not lost. It is not lost because it is the cause with which all free men are bound up. It is the cause whose triumph is the only beacon which is giving strength, courage and faith to all that is civilization.

In one part of the world it is given to Jews as a people to demonstrate pre-eminently their capacity for courage and perseverance. In Palestine, a strategic war center, some five hundred thousand Jews are standing fast against mounting dangers. They are preserving the historic gains and achievements of the Jewish National Home. In the world struggle against Hitlerism, whose chief bulwark today is the British Empire, Palestine occupies an important position. All who look to England as the front line for the defense of our own America must recognize that in a strange pattern of events it is the Jews of Palestine who ~~may~~ have been called upon to play an important role in those events whose outcome is of such moment to the United States.

From the very first day of the outbreak of war, the Yishuv insisted upon its right, as a community, to bear arms. It was only several months ago that a limited acceptance of that right was forthcoming. Immediately, the Jews of Palestine filled all the places that were open for volunteer service in the various units of the British Army of the Middle East. That quick response again emphasizes the stature of the Yishuv.

The token of the calibre of Palestine Jewry is to be found in the record of the past year. It was a year of severe testing, linked to events in the Mediterranean, the collapse of France, the interruption of normal markets, the slump in employment, the adjustment to new industrial needs, and facilities. There was hardship and suffering. But the Yishuv remained unshaken. It gave to the Diaspora an example of character. While the ~~normal~~ normal adaptations to new circumstances proceeded, there was a continuation of the building program of the Jewish National Home. Immigration, at a lower rate than in some other years, but nevertheless substantial, went on. Frequent dispatches told of the establishment of new colonies, the extension of colonization frontiers. The onerous tasks of integrating certificated and non-certificated immigrants into the country went on. New enterprises were launched.

We in America owe much to and can receive much from Palestine Jewry. We should pledge ourselves in this New Year season to enlarge our support of embattled Palestine Jewry that is fighting for rights to which our own destiny is linked. If our faith will match that of the Yishuv, we will not be discouraged by the difficulties and hazards which seem disproportionately magnified at a distance of six thousand miles.

Already the Yishuv has served to stimulate and inspire world Jewry. Rooted in the soil of our ancient homeland, it has shown its ability to build under all circumstances -- and to fight with dignity and skill. Confronted by a steady succession of new problems, it has adjusted itself to them like finesteel. To Jews the world over -- and to us in the United States -- the Yishuv has sounded this tocsin: Build soundly where you are and be prepared with sacrifices to resist encroachments upon your fundamental rights as men.

That is the message of encouragement and of strength that comes to us in this New Year season from the Jews of Palestine.

With best wishes to you and yours for a happier New Year, I am

Very cordially yours,

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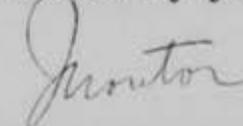
Dear Dr. Silver:

I have arranged to meet Ernest J. Swift of the Red Cross in Washington on Monday, September 9th.

I have asked Dr. Nahum Goldmann to accompany me inasmuch as his association with the European situation is far closer than mine.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:EH

September 5, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

With reference to Denver - if they will accept the \$75,000 quota for the UJA, I shall make every effort to go there on November 26.

As far as being in San Francisco on December 1st is concerned, it is quite impossible. I have a long standing engagement for that date here in the city; nor would I care to be away from my pulpit so soon after the Sunday morning lecture season begins. This year, due to the lateness of the holiday season, our first Sunday morning lecture is on November 3rd.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

UNIFIED PALESTINE APPEAL  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York City

M E M O R A N D U M

September 5, 1940

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
FROM: Henry Montor

In connection with the activities of the Distribution Committee as well as for general information I am sending you herewith copies of correspondence exchanged between the National Refugee Service and Hias.

It should be noted that the services and responsibilities of the NRS are seemingly being restricted, with the burden being shifted to the Hias or elsewhere.

The agreement between the NRS and Hias provides that:

- a) The NRS shall make appeals on behalf of aliens excluded
- b) The NRS or the Council of Jewish Women shall provide for pier<sup>n</sup> and dock services.
- c) Hias shall, or the Council of Jewish Women shall, prepare affidavits of support and similar documents.

HM:EH  
Encls.

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will be interested in the following dates that have been arranged either tentatively or definitely for Regional Conferences of the United Palestine Appeal:

State of Rhode Island, at Providence,	September 29	<i>act</i>
Western New York state at Rochester,	October 20	<i>-out-</i>
Seaboard Region at Washington, D.C.	October 27	<i>-out- Further</i>
Arizona at Phoenix,	during November	
Northern California and surrounding states	at San Francisco,	December 1 <i>out</i>

Is there any possibility that you might come in for the Rochester meeting on the afternoon of October 20?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Montor*

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>*

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* September 6, 1940

*To* DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

*From* HENRY MONTOR

*Subject*

For your information, I should like to indicate that I am negotiating with Jacob Rich to act as field representative for the United Palestine Appeal, with headquarters in Chicago.

Mr. Rich is at the present time, and has been for some years, Executive Director of the Newark Jewish Welfare Fund. He is retiring from that position in perfectly amicable circumstances, but he is dissatisfied with his own progress. He has been confronted with a peculiar situation of leadership which has not permitted him to bring in any new blood and to develop his own ideas on how a campaign should be run.

Prior to his association with the Newark campaign, Mr. Rich was for some time a member of the staff of the New York United Palestine Appeal. He is a man of good appearance and good background, and should be able to serve the interests of the United Palestine Appeal well.

The reason that I am sending you this note is to inquire whether you have had any personal experience with Mr. Rich that might be helpful in forming a judgment on him.

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BUTIONS 2909 SERVICES ETCETERA 9188 TOTAL 12097 KERYESSOD CONTRIBUTIONS

130327 SERVICES ETCETERA ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 605 TOTAL 130932 KAYEMETH CONTRIBUTIONS

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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH 4588 IMMIGRATION TRAINING 5845 WHEREOF 1607 REFUGEES

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SECURITY 15241 LONDON OFFICE 3026 TRADE INDUSTRY ARTISANS 19151 ECONOMIC

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REGARDS

KAPLAN

et (9/11/40)

September 9, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I hope that it will be possible to shift the meeting with the New York representatives to Friday, September 20. In preparation for that meeting, I wish you would procure for me the following information:

1) A list of the 150 largest contributors in New York City - what they gave in 1939 and in 1940. This is an amplification of the list which you sent me some time ago.

2) As near as possible, an estimate of the number of individual contributions in New York City - exclusive of group contributions.

3) The number of meetings held by the New York campaign organization and the dates. By that I mean not meetings of the staff, but of the lay administrative or executive committees.

4) The number of individual contributors in 1940 in the four or five largest cities of the country. Cleveland, for example, had 22,000. How many did Detroit, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Philadelphia have?

I have received the memo which the JDC has prepared for the Distribution Committee. I would suggest that one of our men go over this memo in the same careful way as we did last year, shifting the wheat from the chaff, and separating expenditures from appropriations.

When will the UPA memo be ready? Particular emphasis should be dwelt in our memo on the loans which we have been forced to make to meet emergencies and on the great indebtedness of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth in Palestine, which indebtedness must now be met entirely by funds from the United States. Stress

Henry Montor

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September 9, 1940

should also be laid on the number of new immigrants who have been coming into the country in the last nine or ten months.

I would be interested to know the names of the Governing Board members of the new Federated Council of Palestine Institutions and what connection there is between this group and the one Mr. Sol Lowenstein and others tried to organize last year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

September 10, 1940

Mr. Elisha M. Friedman, Director  
Distribution Committee, UJA  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I am herewith submitting to you a variety of material which you may find of interest and value in your research into the activities of the United Palestine Appeal and its constituent agencies:

1. Jewish Agency account of income and expenditure -Oct. 1939-Sept. 1940
2. Audited account of United Palestine Appeal-six months ending June 1940
- 3.-15. Reports of income and expenditure, Keren Hayesod, both annual and monthly, for a period from Oct. 1, 1938 through Sept. 1939
16. Balance sheet of Keren Hayesod as of September 30, 1939
17. Minutes of meeting of the Palestine Committee of JDC--July 15, 1940
18. Memorandum dated Feb. 19, 1940 from Dr. Landauer to Mr. Montor, relative to commitments of Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth
19. Survey of relief activities of Vaad Leumi, dated April, 1940
20. Report on education of Yemenite children
21. Copy of cable dated June 25, 1940 from Granovsky of Jewish National Fund to Goldstein stating needs
22. Copy of letter from Mendel Fisher to Henry Montor, indicating that request had been made of Head Office in Jerusalem for all available budgetary information
23. Copy of cable dated August 13 from Keren Kayemeth stating budgetary needs
24. Copy of letter dated August 15, Mendel Fisher to Henry Montor, incorporating correction of above cable
25. Balance sheets, Keren Kayemeth, September 30, 1936
26. " " " " " " 1937
27. " " " " " " 1938
28. " " " " Hayesod, March 31, 1936-1937-1938-1939 together with income and expenditure accounts for same years.
29. Combined Account, income and expenditure, of Jewish Agency, German Bureau, Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, October 1, 1939, to February 29, 1940.
30. Expenditures for all four above agencies, combined, for December, 1939, and January, 1940
31. Expenditures for all four above agencies, combined, for February, 1940
32. " " " " " " " " March, 1940
33. "The Economic Activities of the executive of the Jewish Agency since the outbreak of the war"-- by Eliezer Kaplan (undated)

34. History of the National Funds--A. Ulitzur, Jerusalem, 1939  
(Hebrew)
35. Information Bulletin No. 12, dated Jerusalem May 21, 1940  
from the office of the Executive of the Jewish Agency.

Since this material has been gathered from a number of sources,  
I would ask that you return it to us promptly.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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ARRANGING MEETING TO CONSIDER NEWYORK SITUATION FRIDAY,  
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 ASSUME THIS AGREEABLE TO YOU=  
 MONTOR.

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## CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On Monday, September 9th, I was in Washington accompanied by Dr. Nahum Goldmann to meet Mr. Ernest J. Swift, Vice-Chairman of the American Red Cross, and Mr. James T. Nicholson, assistant to Mr. Norman H. Davis, Chairman of the Red Cross.

The purpose of the meeting was to follow up on the letter which you had originally sent to President Roosevelt urging that part of the fund of \$50,000,000, recently appropriated by Congress, be made available for Palestine use.

Dr. Goldmann and I described a series of requirements in Palestine itself and for refugees in Europe.

These facts quickly became apparent:

(1) That it was very doubtful that the Red Cross would be able or willing to make any special allocations for refugees in Europe planning to go to Palestine. In the first place the Red Cross points out that it administers aid regardless of creed or nationality; and, secondly, there is the combined obstacle of the blockade and exchange restrictions which make difficult actual operations by the Red Cross. Not only does the Red Cross not send currency into continental Europe but, because of the attitude of the United States Treasury Department, it is even unwilling to buy food supplies within countries that are at present neutral for use in those countries or for shipment to nearby countries even though the latter may also be neutral. This would apply, for example, to Yugoslavia where some twelve hundred emigrants for Palestine are still stranded.

(2) The appropriation by the United States Congress of \$50,000,000 for the use of war victims specifically provides that the money can be used only through the expenditure of funds in the United States exclusively for supplies.

Mr. Swift and Mr. Nicholson both indicated that the Red Cross could not make any definite decisions at this time because of many factors involved; but, although non-committal, we received

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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the impression that the Red Cross was not unsympathetic to the problem and might possibly be able to do something.

These are some of the considerations that the Red Cross will keep in mind.

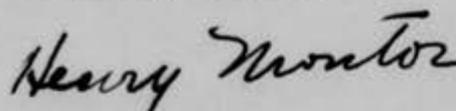
- (a) How the local agencies in Palestine operate for war relief
- (b) How ships can get through from the United States
- (c) What other traffic lanes there are
- (d) Costs of transportation.  
Mr. Nicholson remarked that a decision on the sending of supplies to Palestine would be determined by the relationship of the cost of the supplies to the cost of transportation
- (e) What are the food, clothing, medical and similar requirements?
- (f) What is the Palestine Government doing to meet the special war refugee problems?

What are local medical organizations, such as Magen David, doing?

A summary of our conversation with Mr. Swift is contained in a cablegram which I have dispatched to Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Treasure of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, (a copy of which is attached) asking for detailed information which will be included in a memorandum to be submitted to Mr. Swift in accordance with his request.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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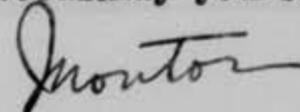
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

For the sake of information I am herewith sending you a copy of a telegram which Samuel Goldsmith addressed to Isidor Coons of the United Jewish Appeal, together with a copy of Coons' reply.

Has any similar action been initiated in Cleveland?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

CHICAGO ILLINOIS SEPT 6 1940

ISIDOR COONS UNITED JEWISH APPEAL  
342 MADISON AVE NYC

CHICAGO ALLIED RELIEF GROUP CALLING MEETING MONDAY PURPOSE GENERAL  
DISCUSSION APPARENTLY COORDINATION OF RELIEF APPEALS. IS THERE  
NATIONAL PLAN ON SUBJECT WIRE ME ANY DETAILS CONCERNING ALLIED  
RELIEF THEIR PLANS AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED ETCETERA. THANKS

SAMUEL A GOLDSMITH

TWS - Prepaid

September 7, 1940

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

ON RECEIPT OF YOUR WIRE I CHECKED IMMEDIATELY WITH OFFICERS JOINT DISTRIBUTION  
COMMITTEE AND UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL AND THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF EFFORTS  
TO COORDINATE OR UNIFY FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTRY FOR RELIEF  
PURPOSES AT THIS TIME.

Isidor Coons

IC:LST

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Dear Dr. Silver:

#### National Chairman

Abba Hillel Silver

A meeting of the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal took place on Friday afternoon, September 6th, at 342 Madison Avenue.

#### National Co-Chairmen

Stephen S. Wise

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Present for the United Palestine Appeal were Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Mr. Louis Lipsky and myself; for the Joint Distribution Committee Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, Mr. James G. Becker and Mr. Moses A. Leavitt; for the Welfare Funds Mr. Harris Perlstein, who presided, Mr. David Watchmaker of Boston and Mr. Henry Wineman of Detroit. Also present were Mr. William Rosenwald and Dr. William Haber; also Mr. Elisha Friedman and members of his staff, Bernard Reis and Professor Albert Abramson.

#### Treasurer

Arthur M. Lamport

Attached hereto is a copy of the agenda that was submitted to the meeting.

#### Associate Treasurers

Abraham L. Liebovitz  
Louis Rimsky

As the meeting opened I reviewed the action taken by the United Palestine Appeal in protest against the consideration at this time of the application from any organization by the Distribution Committee. Nevertheless, despite the pledge that had been given to you that this subject would not be raised it appeared as the first item on the agenda. This position was effectively supported by Dr. Stephen Wise.

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David Wertheim

You will undoubtedly soon be receiving minutes of this meeting. I should like, therefore, merely to give my observations of the atmosphere.

#### Honorary Secretary

Charles Ress

I noted that Mr. Friedman went out of his way to praise both the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service and to comment on the paucity of material of the United Palestine Appeal. This, despite the fact that he had at no time given me intimation that what he wanted was not forthcoming. He knew that there was certain material for which we had cabled to Palestine and which could not obviously be instantly available.

#### Executive Director

Henry Montor

I am hoping that I am being hypercritical in assaying either Mr. Friedman's actions or intentions. I found it necessary to ask him whether the accountants whom he had sent into the U.P.A. had been denied an opportunity to examine all the books of the

Dr. Silver

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organization. He had to admit that his accountants had had full opportunity to make examinations at will.

There have been in the past men who have felt that because they were friendly to causes they could afford to be unfriendly in practise.

The next meeting of the Distribution Committee is scheduled to be held after October 15th or at such time as Mr. Friedman has a preliminary report ready. I should like to urge as strongly as possible that you do not permit another meeting of the Distribution Committee to take place unless you personally can be present. Would it not be advisable at this time to suggest to Mr. Friedman some date or dates around October 20th that would be convenient to your calendar, and for a change your convenience be consulted?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:EH

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### National Chairman

Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Dr. Silver:

### National Co-Chairmen

Stephen S. Wise  
*Chairman,  
Administrative Committee*

At the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal you were empowered to name a committee of five to consider plans for the 1941 campaign.

Louis Lipsky  
*Chairman, Executive  
Committee*

I assume that this committee would be entrusted with any conferences held with the Joint Distribution Committee and would take up such other action as might be deemed advisable.

Solomon Goldman  
Israel Goldstein  
Morris Rothenberg

### Treasurer

Arthur M. Lamport

Will you indicate the names of those you wish to select so that they may be notified officially.

### Associate Treasurers

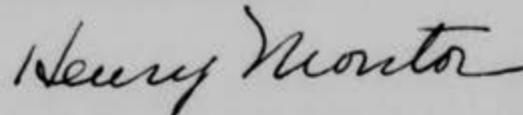
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Louis Rinsky

With kindest personal regards, I am

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Dear Dr. Silver:

#### National Co-Chairmen

Stephen S. Wise

I am arranging with Mr. Blitz to provide for me answers to the questions raised in your letter of September 9th.

#### Chairman,

#### Administrative Committee

Louis Lipsky

#### Chairman, Executive Committee

Solomon Goldman  
Israel Goldstein  
Morris Rothenberg

I am inquiring from the communities which you listed as to the number of contributors in 1940. In the case of Cincinnati and Philadelphia this would have to be a list of the contributors in 1939 since the 1940 campaigns have not yet been held.

#### Treasurer

Arthur M. Lampert

I have gone carefully over the memorandum prepared by the Joint Distribution Committee, and will send you a memorandum of analysis in a day or so.

#### Associate Treasurers

Abraham L. Liebovitz  
Louis Rimsky

The United Palestine Appeal memorandum has been prepared in DRAFT form. I regard the matter as too important to be submitted without careful consideration by all those who are in a position to offer comments and data.

#### Vice-Chairmen

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David Wertheim

This draft has a great deal of material. More material will be added as we receive additional cables from Palestine.

#### Honorary Secretary

Charles Ress

I enclose herewith a copy of a cable received from Eliezer Kaplan giving figures for June and July, and indicating that the audits requested by the Distribution Committee Director are being air mailed.

#### Executive Director

Henry Montor

When you receive the draft of the memorandum within a day or so I know you will want to go through it very carefully for suggestions on content and form. I know that you will overlook any typographical errors that may occur, and also many omissions, of which I am conscious. The purpose of the draft was to get a picture of the situation as a whole so that it can be amplified.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

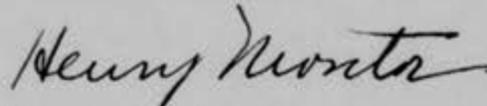
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I am also submitting copies to some of our officers who are conversant with the figures involved, as well as to a number of experts from Europe.

The names of the members of the Governing Board of the Federated Council of Palestine Institutions are: Honorary Chairmen - Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, Rabbi El. Silver, Rabbi B. L. Levinthal; Chairman - Rabbi Aaron Teitelbaum; Vice-Chairmen - Gedalia Bublick, Harry Fischel, Prof. Nathan Isaacs, Hirsch Manischewitz, D. L. Meckler; Treasurer - Arthur L. Malkenson; Associate Treasurers - Isidor Benjamin, B. H. Schnur; Honorary Secretary - Abraham Horowitz. I am convinced that this organization represents an effort launched by the Joint Distribution Committee.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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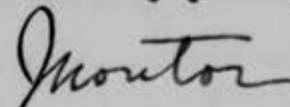
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to you and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise by Messrs. Bressler and Lipsky, indicating that they could not come to any agreement with respect to the unionization of the personnel of the United Jewish Appeal.

I need hardly say that it was Mr. Lipsky who favored the signing of the contract with the Union.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BG  
Enc.

DAVID M. BRESSLER

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Sept. 7, 1940

Rabbi A. H. Silver  
Rabbi J. B. Wise  
United Jewish Appeal, Inc.  
342 Madison Avenue,  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

The undersigned, having been appointed a Committee of Two to consider the question of unionizing certain of the personnel of the United Jewish Appeal, Inc. and after having had before them a proposed agreement submitted by Local #16, United Office and Professional Workers of America, C.I. O., beg to report that there appears to be no probability of an agreement being reached between the members of your Committee on the fundamental principles involved.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

DAVID M. BRESSLER  
LOUIS LIPSKY

P.S. Enclosed please find copy of agreement.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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My attention has been called to this situation as a result of a letter which I received from the Omaha Jewish Welfare Fund informing me that it had received an application from the HIAS for an Emergency Appeal. In making inquiries as to the nature of this appeal I found the following:

The Joint Distribution Committee, because of the withdrawal of the I.C.A. from the HICEM, declares that it now bears the greatest responsibility for transportation costs for emigrants from Europe. The J.D.C. is apparently contending, at least privately, that its resources do not permit it to bear the full share or the greatest part of this new responsibility. Accordingly, it initiated conversations with the HIAS and has apparently urged the HIAS to go to the country with an "emergency appeal", emphasizing the need for additional transportation money since the J.D.C. cannot bear the burden.

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Instead of initiating a campaign which would bring it supplementary funds in various cities, all that the HIAS has done is to resort to the familiar practice of turning to the Welfare Funds, which have already completed their campaigns and cannot possibly get additional money, and is now asking for special grants toward this "Emergency Appeal" for transportation.

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Under the circumstances it would seem to me that this is an evasion by the J.D.C. in relieving itself of responsibilities which the public regards as part of the functions of the J.D.C. by assigning some of these functions to an entirely different agency outside the United Jewish Appeal.

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Henry Montor

The net effect, of course, is to reduce the total amount which the U.J.A. would receive from each community. The funds at the disposal of each Welfare Fund are not flexible. Moreover, when special appropriations are made it is invariably the U.J.A. allotment which is affected.

I understand that the J.D.C. is about to issue a public statement indicating the nature of the conversations it has had with the HIAS and, in effect, endorsing the HIAS "Emergency Appeal". When

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

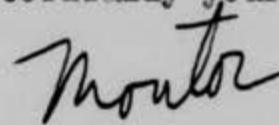
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and if such a public statement is made by the J.D.C. would it not be appropriate for you to make some observation to the U.J.A. and to the J.D.C. on the methods used and the effects achieved in relation to the total income of the U.J.A.?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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HAVE MEETING DISCUSS NEWYORK PROBLEM SEPTEMBER 19TH 4:30 PM.  
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MONTOR.

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

September 11, 1940

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

Attached hereto is an analysis of the percentages, as well as the amounts of the allotments to the United Jewish Appeal from the major Welfare Fund communities. Comparison is also made of the percentage of allotments to the United Jewish Appeal as between 1939 and 1940.

You will note that the cities of New York and Chicago have been omitted.

There is also attached an analysis of the percentages allotted to the United Jewish Appeal in combined campaigns where \$5,000 or over was pledged to the United Jewish Appeal.

It is interesting to note that the average percentage of allotment in 1940 declined in the Welfare Fund cities from 57% in 1939 to 54% in 1940, whereas in the combined campaign cities the percentage of 81% in 1939 is paralleled by 82% in 1940.

HM:BG  
Enc.

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* September 11, 1940

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Mr. Montor

*Subject*

I am sending you herewith a DRAFT of a memorandum that is eventually to be submitted to the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal by the United Palestine Appeal.

The following should be noted:

- (a) Typographical errors should be overlooked;
- (b) I am conscious of the fact that various important material has been omitted. This is awaiting further clarification, and receipt from Palestine by cable and airmail;
- (c) The purpose of circulating this draft as early as possible is to obtain the benefit of comment and criticism on content and form, and to obtain further material of a statistical or informative nature that ought to be incorporated in this memorandum when finally submitted to the Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, which will have at its disposal the allotment of funds raised in 1940 by the United Jewish Appeal.

About \$11,000,000 already has been distributed: \$2,500,000 to the United Palestine Appeal, \$5,250,000 to the Joint Distribution Committee, and \$2,500,000 to the National Refugee Service (\$1,000,000 from New York City for the National Refugee Service).

I shall be most grateful if you could study this memorandum thoroughly and let me have your advice and suggestions at the earliest possible moment.

(You will have noted that the cover of the memorandum emphasizes its confidential character)

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Solomon Goldman  
Israel Goldstein  
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You may be interested in a copy of a letter which one of the staff of the Joint Distribution Committee sent in reply to an inquiry regarding emigration of an individual from Germany.

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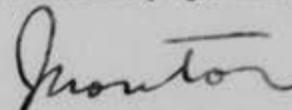
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September 9th, 1940

Mrs. Julius Gans  
Southwest Arts and Crafts  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mrs. Gans:

The United Jewish Appeal has forwarded to us a copy of your letter of September 15th, stating that Dr. Ernst Wolfes, of Green's Eye Hospital, San Francisco, California, has requested you to cooperate with him in furnishing money for the transportation expenses of Mr. Bernard Neustaedter, now in Germany. You inquire in regard to the possibility of helping a prospective emigrant to leave Germany at the present time.

We are sure that you will be interested to learn that in recent weeks the Hilfsverein, the emigration aid division of the committee in Germany, whose work we subvention, has been cabling to relatives in this country of prospective emigrants abroad requesting them to deposit funds with us to cover the transportation expenses of the emigrants.

When such a deposit is made, we cable the Hilfsverein that the money has been left with us and to make the bookings from Berlin. The money, however, remains here, and subsequently, upon instructions from the Hilfsverein, we pay the bill to the steamship line at their offices outside of Germany.

People are coming to the United States by rails through Russia to Japan, and sailing from Japan to San Francisco or Seattle. The Russian Government is permitting emigrants to pay for their transportation expenses across Russia in Marks, and the payments in American currency, therefore, are needed for that part of the trip which begins after the emigrant leaves Russia.

Steamship fare costs, for Second Class, \$225.00 per person. There are a limited number of places also in Tourist Class at \$180.00, and in Third Class at \$105.00, but it is our understanding that those are very heavily booked. In addition, all passengers, no matter what class they are traveling, must pay for certain incidentals which are as follows: \$8.00 for the head tax, which is imposed by the United States upon each emigrant entering the country; \$10.00 "bordgelt" or money for use on board ship; and \$12.00 for maintenance on the trip through Manchukuo before reaching Japan.

If you should decide that you wish to assist Dr. Wolfes in bringing Mr. Neustaedter to this country, you may wish to deposit the money with us for this purpose. We would then cable the Hilfsverein in regard to the matter.

If we can be of any assistance to you in this matter, or if there is any further information you would like to have concerning transportation for prospective emigrants, please do not hesitate to write to us.

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette Robbins  
Personal Inquiry Department

September 12, 1940

To Mr. Henry Montor

From Mr. M. Robert Herman

Denver, Colorado

As you know, Denver raised a total in their Welfare Fund last year of \$58,000, out of which we were given approximately \$45,000, although they have not collected nor paid anywhere near this amount. In 1938, the UJA agencies received \$35,000 from Denver. Denver has a Jewish population of 17,000. Approximately 50 percent of this population who have gone to Denver for their health, is wholly dependent on either local charity or relatives, so that the true picture of Denver is that it represents a community of about 8,000.

The big wealth in Denver consists of Neustater, the Schlesinger-Wolff family, which represents the younger members of the old Gouldman family and Bernheimer. Bernheimer is only in Denver about two months a year. That is his legal home. Most of his time is spent in California. He is never in Denver anywhere around the campaign period, and his contribution, around \$2,000, is generally obtained by mail. He has no interest or activity in the local Denver community, having originally lived in Louisville.

Neustater could give a great more than he does, but no one in Denver has any influence with him. He is never active in the campaign, although his name appears as an officer merely for window-trim.

I am frank to say that I do not know how to get the Schlesinger-Wolff combination to give more money. They are just naturally tight. Perhaps you might personally be able to influence them.

The United Health Appeal, which is the hospital campaign and embodies the local fund-raising activity of the National Jewish Hospital, the JCRS, the Ex-Patients' Home and the Jewish Children's Home, has an annual campaign each Spring on a non-sectarian basis for \$75,000. The Jews feel justified in running a non-sectarian campaign for two reasons - one, these four institutions spend about \$1,000,000 a year in Denver of money that has been collected all over the United States, and therefore, helps the Denver economy - and therefore, the Gentile community should help support the hospitals. Two, that about sixty-odd percent of their patients are non-Jews. This campaign has never reached its goal, \$55,000 or \$58,000 being the total raised, and all but \$12,000 or \$15,000 comes from the Gentiles.

I personally don't believe that \$75,000 is in the cards for the UJA allocation in their Welfare Fund, although I am ready to admit that if the top givers, who are not active in the campaign, would give adequately, that this sum could be raised. I can't advise you on a compromise for Denver, but you might be able to discuss it with them personally and come to some understanding.

MRE:LST

M. Robert Herman  
Director of Field Staff

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Henry Montor  
41 East 42nd St.  
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September 13, 1940

NO POINT IN HAVING MEETING WITHOUT ME. CAN EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING BE HELD HALF HOUR EARLIER OR CAN NEW YORK MEETING BE HELD SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

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MONTOR.

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ON BEHALF OF  
AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, INC.  
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL and  
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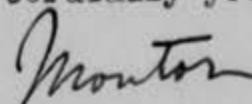
I should again like to urge your acceptance of the invitation from Denver to open their campaign. However, I want you to have an accurate picture of the problem and of the possibilities. I am therefore sending you a copy of a memorandum addressed to me by Robert Herman of our staff.

If Denver has not been raised to the limit of its possibilities it is largely because for years it was considered back woods territory to which our most important personalities were never sent. As a matter of fact, Denver has a number of men of very great wealth. It is believed that Rabbi William Friedman had a great deal to do with keeping down the level of giving because he himself was known never to exceed the hundred dollar mark in campaigns.

It is my belief that if you could spend the day in Denver the results for the United Jewish Appeal would be very worthwhile and at the same time you would be rendering a service to the building up of a stronger communal sense in Denver. If you could say "yes" to the November 26th date it would be most valuable for the United Jewish Appeal and for Denver.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH

September 13, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have received and have read carefully the preliminary analysis of the JDC application submitted to the Distribution Committee. It is a very effective analysis, and I am sure that you have had some expert accountant go over the figures.

The question now is whether this analysis should be sent right away to the members of the Distribution Committee inasmuch as they have already received copies of the application of the JDC, or whether we should wait until Friedman has made his study of the application and has submitted his findings to the Distribution Committee. On that point I am not clear. I wish that you would consult Wise and Lipsky. Perhaps we should not give the impression that we are trying to do for the Distribution Committee what the Committee's survey expert is supposed to do.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As part of the publicity and promotion program for the Fall campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal, I would like to suggest that you deliver an address which can be recorded and then distributed to the smaller communities which would otherwise never have an opportunity to hear you. We have found that such records, playable on an ordinary phonograph, are most useful in approaching individual contributors, and in warming up parlor meetings and initial gifts meetings.

The making of such a record would involve your going to the studio. It should not take too long, since an appointment would be made for you in advance. As far as you are concerned, the problem would be not the record, but the draft of the speech.

Considering the probability that you are now preparing your various sermons for the Holidays, I would be glad to draft something for such a record, if you think the idea desirable. I think it would be a good idea.

A record of this kind was made with Mr. Morris Troper, and it is having a good effect. I am anxious that our Palestine work should be emphasized in such a record. Naturally, Mr. Troper's did not mention it. The length of time for such a record is 9½ minutes.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Montor*

Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:ET

**\$20,000,000 is the National Goal for 1939**

September 16, 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 which I received from Mr. Harry L. Kaplan, a long time Zionist in this city. Have we any policy with reference to the request which he transmits? Please return the letter to me.

With reference to your suggestion of making a record of an address of mine in connection with the Fall campaign of the United Jewish Appeal - when do you want to make that record? If you will let me know a little ahead of time, I will have an address ready.

With reference to Denver - why don't you write to them suggesting that if they will accept our quota, I would make an effort to come to them. Incidentally, I should like the invitation to come from the Denver community itself, preferably from one of the important people whom Mr. Herman mentions in his letter. This would in some way obligate that individual to a larger financial responsibility in connection with the campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that on September 3rd you wrote a letter to Mr. Baerwald suggesting an early meeting to discuss 1941 plans.

On September 4th Mr. Baerwald acknowledged your letter and said that he would "write you again on the subject within a few days."

Unless anything is done to stimulate a reply from Mr. Baerwald there will not be anything to report to the Administrative Committee meeting of the United Palestine Appeal on Thursday night, September 19th. For my own part I think that your letter of September 3rd should suffice for the time being.

Is there anything you wish me to do in the matter before the Thursday meeting?

Cordially yours,

*Henry Montor*

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

*Handwritten notes:*  
to  
8/16/40  
see my  
DDC file  
In Sept. 20

HM:fe

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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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Dear Dr. Silver:

### National Co-Chairmen

Stephen S. Wise  
Chairman,  
Administrative Committee

I would like to call your attention to the retention by the United Jewish Appeal of its complete field staff, except for a number of men who were released in July since they were taken on on a part-time basis.

Louis Lipsky  
Chairman, Executive  
Committee

On the basis of actual production possibilities for the balance of the year, the retention of the entire staff of field representatives is not warranted. Obviously, however, in an organization such as ours those who enter service in it cannot be dismissed merely because the amount of business being done at a particular time slackens. Mr. Coons and I discussed this situation and he felt that the two of us owed a responsibility to the National Chairmen to apprise them of the fact that we regarded the ratio of expense as high and that the National Chairmen should share this knowledge with us.

Solomon Goldman  
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I should only like to add, however, that the important phase of this issue does not relate to the rest of 1940 but to the future, that is, 1941.

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There are several men on the field staff of the U.J.A. whom I would not engage as field representatives on the basis of their individual merit and capacity to produce results for the U.P.A. or the U.J.A. I believe it unfair to our common interests that a fund-raising organization like ours should keep on year after year retaining men who, whatever their capacities in the past, are not adapted to fund-raising requirements today. Possibly these men, if they are older, could be given a pension. Certainly, I would not be in sympathy with any effort to dismiss these men abruptly without adequate consideration of years of service and their present possibilities for further employment.

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On the other hand, an organization, whether it be the U.P.A. or the U.J.A. does itself great harm if it continues the employment of representatives who not merely do not produce adequately but take the place of men who with greater knowledge, experience and personality could evoke greater responses for our needs.

Cordially yours,

*Montor*

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC

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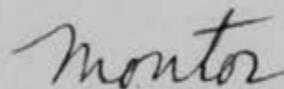
Dear Dr. Silver:

The meeting to discuss the New York United Jewish Appeal situation will be held on Thursday, September 19, at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was delayed to this hour in order that you might participate. It will take place in the New York City UJA offices.

I recognize that this will crowd your program, but it was unavoidable.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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## MEMORANDUM

*Date* September 17, 1940.

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Henry Montor

*Subject*

I enclose herewith a copy of a cablegram received from Eliezer Kaplan in Jerusalem, in which you may be interested.

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RADIOGRAM

JERUSALEM  
SEPTEMBER 15, 1940

NLT MONTOR  
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
41 EAST 42nd ST NEW YORK

YOURS FIFTH SIXTH KAYEMET CABLED LONDON AIRMAIL YOU AUDITED BALANCE  
SHEET SEPTEMBER 1939 SHALL AIRMAIL BALANCESHEET HAYESSOD MARCH 1940  
AND OTHER MATERIAL REQUIRED NEXT WEEK DOING UTMOST GIVE YOU FULL  
COOPERATION STOP VISTED TELAVIV IMMEDIATELY AFTER AIRRAID DESPITE  
THE TOLL OF LIFE SPIRIT UNBROKEN NEEDS GREAT STOP HOPE SOLVE HERE  
QUESTION IMPORT RAW MATERIALS REGARDS FRIENDS

KAPLAN

BEEBING W WILLOFD

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* September 17, 1940

*To* DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

*From* HENRY MONTOR

*Subject*

Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum which Mr. Elisha M. Friedman issued to members of the Staff of the Allotment Committee Inquiry.

HM:BG  
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September 13, 1940

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Messrs. Joseph C. Hyman  
Henry Montor  
William Haber

FROM: Mr. Elisha M. Friedman

I shall greatly appreciate hearing of the slightest deviation on the part of our staff from the utmost correctness in their procedure in studying your organization, or if they ignore the suggestions shown on the attached sheet, of which each of our staff has a copy.

(Signed) E.M.F.

EMF:BJ  
Encl.

C O P Y

September 12, 1940

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Staff of Allotment Committee Inquiry

From: Mr. Elisha M. Friedman

In order that our study may proceed efficiently, may I again call your attention to the following:

The Committee, at its meeting on Friday, September 6th, approved the following under Section I D of the fourth draft of the report: "Final results will depend upon the tact of the staff and will call for the goodwill of the three organizations." In amplification, may I say:

1. We are not an investigating committee appointed from the outside to check up on willful errors or malfeasance.
2. We were appointed from within by representatives of the three organizations to help them find, if possible, a scientific basis for allotting funds.
3. We are agents of the Allotment Committee of seven. We derive our powers from them and have no powers beyond that. As agents of the Allotment Committee we must act with the same thoughtfulness as they would act if they were doing the research work themselves. As my co-workers, you must act with the same consideration and kindness as I should if I were in your place.
4. Our aim is to help and not to hinder.
5. We must keep good relations with the staff, avoid all possibility of friction, and not impede the work of the three organizations.
6. We must leave them as good friends as we found them, or even better.
7. I have been a friend, for a long time, of the members of the boards and of the officers in the three organizations. Will you please be careful to say nothing and do nothing which will hurt this friendship, or cast any reflections on my intent, my method or my scientific impartiality.
8. Instructions, verbal or written, given by me, intended to insure friendly relations with the three organizations, may not be changed without my consent.

EMF:BJ

E. M. F.

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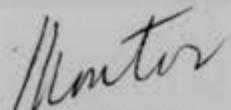
September 17, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to you by Donald Kaffenburgh. It concerns the United Jewish Appeal. A similar letter was addressed separately to Rabbi Jonah B. Wise. What answer do you propose should be given to Mr. Kaffenburgh?

Cordially yours,

  
Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:EH  
Encl.

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September 17, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Jewish Welfare Fund of Wilmington is launching its campaign on Sunday, November 10th. Last year the United Jewish Appeal received \$35,000 from Wilmington. This year we should get an even more substantial amount, provided the cooperation of the national office is forthcoming.

Wilmington, for its size, does one of the best jobs in the country. If it is at all possible for you to accept the Wilmington date it would be recognition of the community's efforts, which is well deserved. The opening function would be in the form of a dinner on Sunday evening. Is it possible for you to accept?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH

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MEMORANDUM OF A MEETING OF A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE  
EMERGENCY COMMITTEE AND THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
FRIDAY, SEPT. 20, 1940 AT 4 P. M.  
AT THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL OFFICE, 41 EAST 42 ST., NEW YORK, N.Y.

PRESENT: Isadore Breslau, Rehaviah Lewin-Epstein, Henry Montor, Mrs. David de Sola Pool

This sub-committee was designated by the Palestine Emergency Committee to deal with the American Red Cross in its relationship to the provision of needs in Palestine.

1. It was agreed to cable to Mr. Eliezer Kaplan informing him of the formation of the sub-committee of the Emergency Committee to deal with Red Cross problems. A copy of the cablegram to Mr. Kaplan is attached.
2. It was agreed to send a telegram to the American Red Cross asking for immediate provision of \$100,000 in cash to meet the emergency requirements. A copy of this telegram is attached.
3. A memorandum prepared by Rehaviah Lewin-Epstein on facilities of transportation of supplies to Palestine was read and approved.
4. It was agreed that in negotiations with the American Red Cross it should be noted that the Jewish Agency Executive is the supreme and central body representing the Jewish people in Palestine.

It was also noted that the Jewish Agency would call upon other bodies competent to deal with various phases of the problem. These include particularly the Vaad Leumi and Hadassah

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
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## MEMORANDUM

*Date* September 18, 1940

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Mr. Montor

*Subject*

Attached herewith is a copy of a cable which came today from Eliezer Kaplan.

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

COPY RCA RADIOGRAM

September 18, 1940.

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NLT MONTOR UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL 41 EAST 42 ST NEWYORK

RECEIVED YOURS NINTH ELEVENTH SILVERS ~~ELEVENTH HELP~~ REDCROSS MOST  
IMPORTANT CABLING NEXT DAYS LIST NECESSARY SUPPLIES MET VAUCHERS  
STOP IS MONEY APPROPRIATION POSSIBLE stop CAN YOU OBTAIN ADDITIONAL  
EXTRABUDGETARY AMOUNTS OTHER SOURCES PARTICULARLY VIEW AIRRAID THANKS

KAPLAN

et 9/18/40

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MAILED

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* September 19, 1940.

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Mr. Henry Montor

*Subject*

Attached hereto is a copy of the statement of the Jewish National Fund, showing income and expenditure for August, 1940.

The income was \$27,654.37. Out of that sum \$15,962.43 came to the United Palestine Appeal, while expenditures absorbed \$11,391.94.

I do not know why the Zionist movement regards the Jewish National Fund as a sacred cow whose practices cannot be discussed, much less criticized. I do not know on what basis this ratio of expenditures to net income can be justified.

I am sending this observation to you in the thought that it may be taken into account when discussion is given to a thoroughgoing revision of our fund-raising methods for Palestine in America.

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## MEMORANDUM

*Date* September 20, 1940

*To* DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

*From* MR. HENRY MONTOR

*Subject*

Mr. Elisha M. Friedman, Director of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, has sent you minutes of the meeting held on September 6th.

Previously he had asked me to look over these minutes to see whether they factually represented what had been said by the representatives of the U.P.A. My corrections were not incorporated into the minutes as they have been sent out.

I think it would make for an efficient relationship between the U.P.A. and Mr. Friedman if corrections and observations on minutes or on other items offered by the U.P.A. representatives on the Allotment Committee were to be centralized through me.

I must again repeat what I had occasion to say at the meeting of the U.P.A. Administrative Committee: Mr. Friedman is not playing fair with the U.P.A.

HM:BC

C A B L E

SEPTEMBER 20, 1940

KAPLAN  
JEWISH AGENCY  
JERUSALEM

SUBCOMMITTEE OF EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FORMED TO REPRESENT ALL AMERICAN  
INTERESTS IN APPROACHING RED CROSS FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE SUBCOMMITTEE  
CONSISTS MRS. DESOLA POOL REPRESENTING HADASSAH WHICH COOPERATING  
WHOLEHEARTEDLY RABBI ISADORE BRESLAU AS SECRETARY ZOA REHABIAH LEWIN  
EPSTEIN HENRY MONTOR FOR UPA STOP HADASSAH ASKS YOU INFORM MAGNES  
THIS COORDINATED ACTION

MONTOR

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Following my conversation with you this morning on the Red Cross situation, I spoke to Mr. Kaufmann. He said that he did not intend any criticism (although everything he said in comment upon things that had been done seemed to be regarded as criticism), but perhaps the \$25,000 was too hastily accepted. Perhaps if he had dealt with the situation more money could have been obtained from the Red Cross.

In any event, he agreed that there was no point in his seeing Mr. Davis today. I suggested to him that he defer his visit to Mr. Davis until after the memorandum on supplies had been received by the Red Cross.

#### Treasurer

Arthur M. Lampert

This afternoon I was informed by telephone by Rabbi Breslau in Washington that Mr. Kaufmann had arranged to see Mr. Davis on Friday, September 27th, at 11:00 o'clock. I told Rabbi Breslau that I, too, would be present. It is rather hard on me to do all this running around but apparently it is essential to protect what has already been done.

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It might interest you to know that Rabbi Breslau reported that Mr. Kaufmann had the suggestion that officers of the JDC, the American Jewish Committee, etc., be asked to telegraph the Red Cross thanking them for their action on behalf of Palestine. I may have become slightly apoplectic at this suggestion and I trust that Rabbi Breslau understands that it would be absurd for any such action to be initiated.

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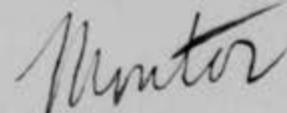
But who would believe that there are such people in the world!!!!!!

#### Executive Director

Henry Montor

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:BC

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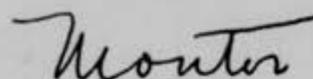
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The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter  
that I have sent to Mr. Baerwald, in accordance  
with your instructions.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET

September 23, 1940

Mr. Elisha M. Friedman

Stephen S. Wise

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 16th, 1940, to which was attached a memorandum to the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

You have asked for comments on the fifth draft.

I observe that on page 1 under I - 2, you speak of placing programs "in perspective in relation to current war problems."

It is undoubtedly true that activities of agencies within the United Jewish Appeal have been affected by the war, but the relationship of those activities to war requirements can be only a secondary factor in the determination of their value. This is particularly true of the upbuilding program in Palestine, which, through a period of some sixty years, has experienced many vicissitudes, and has always emerged stronger. Relief and emergency problems arising out of war have a special claim upon our support, but when we are engaged in a long-range project of building a National Home, war is only a transitory stage and cannot be the sole criterion or even the major criterion to determine the nature of our program.

On page 1 in I - 3, you speak of "The evaluation of the quality of the available data."

It seems to me as a member of the Allotment Committee that we are concerned with the nature of the activities of the organizations involved, and not so much with the character of the data which they have available except insofar as such data reflects the extent of activity. We are called upon to define the values being furthered by the organizations and to determine their needs.

On page 1 in I - 4, you refer to "furnishing a program of research for future years."

In view of the brief time available to your research staff it would seem to me a rather difficult task to concentrate, on the one hand, on evaluating the available material and, at the same time, map out a long-range program of research for future years.

On page 2 in C - 2 - d', you refer to "Goodwill of contributors."

I thought that we had agreed that even though goodwill of contributors is vital for the success of the United Jewish Appeal campaigns, the

Mr. Elisha M. Friedman

September 23, 1940

criterion of the effectiveness of the expenditure was to be the gauge of the Allotment Committee. This same observation applies to page 3 - C - 2' - d', where you speak again of "Approval of United States contributors", etc.

On page 2 in I - 2, you speak of "Imponderables."

"Imponderables" constitute a factor which the members of the Allotment Committee will have to take into consideration, but I believe that these are of secondary importance insofar as the research staff is concerned, since "imponderables" are not statistically measurable.

In considering "imponderables" the Allotment Committee should be concerned not merely in evaluating the problem that such "imponderables" represent, but in analyzing the relationship of the particular organization within the United Jewish Appeal to these problem. It is true, for example, that the refugees in the United States constitute an important problem, but the mere fact that the satisfaction of their needs through proper employment and through resettlement is vital, does not mean automatically that this is the responsibility or the financial obligation of the National Refugee Service alone or as such. In other words, an "imponderable" may be used to give false weight to the determination of the function or responsibility of a particular organization if there is not at the same time a clear definition of the practical relationship of that organization to that "imponderable."

On page 8 you have again raised a question which I thought we had disposed of at the last meeting of the Allotment Committee when in III - G - 6 - b you ask "Have refugees in U.S. prior claim on U.S. funds?"

This seems to me to involve a final judgment in moral terms, for which the members of the Allotment Committee alone can assume responsibility. I do not see how that particular question can offer any sort of basis for the statistical analysis of your research staff.

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Henry Montor

September 23, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a cable which I have sent off to Kaplan in accordance with out telephone conversation today.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

*The Hadassahs!!!  
Kaufmann!!!*

HM:fe

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September 23, 1940

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

I HAVE TODAY SENT FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO NORMAN DAVIS OF WASHINGTON:" DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PROMPT AND WHOLE HEARTED RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL WHICH HAS COME FROM PALESTINE FOR RELIEF OF CIVILIAN POPULATION OF TEL AVIV SUFFERING FROM THE RECENT BOMBING. YOUR ASSISTANCE WILL NOT ONLY HELP PEOPLE IN DESPERATE PLIGHT BUT WILL STRENGTHEN THE MORALE OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY LAND NOW IN THE ACTIVE WAR ZONE. THIS IS ANOTHER EVIDENCE OF THE GREAT HUMANITARIAN SERVICES OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. I HAVE INFORMED MR. ELIEZER KAPLAN TREASURER OF THE JEWISH AGENCY JERUSALEM OF YOUR GENEROUS ACT."

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

September 23, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I have heard from Mr. Harlem of Denver, and I have accepted their invitation for November 26. I suggested to Mr. Harlem that the Denver community allocate the sum of \$75,000 to the UJA.

From the enclosed copy of the Minutes of the Allocations Committee, I note that there was a resolution passed that Friedman's Committee shall also submit definite allotments as a basis for discussion. Was the understanding of Wise and Lipsky?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* September 23, 1940.

*To* Miss Kline

*From* Mr. Montor

*Subject*

Attached herewith is a memorandum addressed to me by our bookkeeping department. Would you be kind enough to check on this matter and see whether this is a personal item of Dr. Silver's, or a campaign matter?

et

September 24, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

The UPA scrip which Rabbi Silver for a trip from Cleveland to Providence in the amount of \$28.11 was a personal item. I am herewith enclosing Rabbi Silver's check for that amount.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK  
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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

— DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

## UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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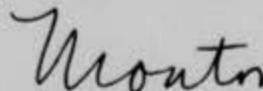
Dear Dr. Silver:

I assume that inasmuch as you are a member of the committee, you have received a copy of the letter of September 13 from Jacob Blaustein and William Rosenwald, to which was attached a "memorandum from the committee on the study of national budgeting proposals" of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

I, too, am a member of that committee. Is there any particular principle which you wish established in connection with the work of this committee? I am going to prepare an analysis of the memorandum, which I will submit to you before sending it to the Council.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, INC.  
342 MADISON AVENUE

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* September 24, 1940

*To* DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

*From* HENRY MONTOR

*Subject* Denver, Colorado

I have seen a copy of the letter addressed to you by David E. Harlem of Denver, urging you to accept the invitation to open the campaign on November 26th.

It would be helpful to our records to have a copy of your acknowledgment to Mr. Harlem.

HM:BG

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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Henry Montor

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum I have sent to Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky, who represented the United Palestine Appeal at the last meeting of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

I also enclose a copy of a memorandum from Dr. Wise to Elisha Friedman commenting on the fifth draft of the memorandum to the Allotment Committee.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Allotment Committee, which Friedman had given me to look over, did not contain a single one of the corrections which I submitted to him before the minutes were circulated.

I am very happy to hear that you are going to be in Denver on November 26th to open their campaign. Denver is not a pro-Zionist community.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:fe

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

September 24, 1940

To: Mr. Louis Lipsky  
~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~

From: Henry Montor

The minutes of the last meeting of the Allotment Committee, at which you were present, state that a motion was adopted calling upon the research staff to "include not merely the facts and the evaluation of the CONCLUSIONS but also definite allotments as a basis of discussion."

I feel pretty certain that neither you nor Dr. Wise were present when this resolution was adopted.

In view of the discussion held at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, do you not agree that it would be advisable for you to send a note to Mr. Friedman pointing out that the representatives of the U.P.A. did not give their approval to the resolution?

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET  
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SSW

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(7" \$7\$)  
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At Dr. Lowenstein's suggestion and in spite of Mr. Friedman's reluctance, he has prepared for the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds a brief article which will attempt to explain to the communities throughout the country what the Allotment Committee is supposed to do. In order that each organization may have an opportunity to approve the draft of the paper, please give some free time or designate somebody who can read this. The deadline is September 26th, and you will therefore get it tomorrow morning, Sept. 25th and must return it by 1:00 P.M. so that we can turn it over to the Council on Thursday morning. The notice came late and we apologize for this haste.

BJ

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL  
342 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N.Y.

September 24, 1940

TO: MR. ELISHA M. FRIEDMAN

FROM: MR. HENRY MONTOR

On Tuesday, September 24, at 2:30 P.M., there was handed to me by your secretary a typewritten slip to the effect that you are preparing a statement for the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds which you want to have read by the United Palestine Appeal and returned to you by Wednesday, September 25th, at 1:00 P.M.

First, as to procedure: It is unfair to any organization to expect that its schedule should be adjusted to the lightning speed required in this instance.

Second, and much more important: The issuance to the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds of a statement on the functions of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal is one that is of such importance that it must first have the approval, as a matter of policy, of the United Palestine Appeal. The functions of the Allotment Committee do not, as far as I know, involve the assumption of responsibilities in public relations which are exclusively the domain of the two partners in the United Jewish Appeal, that is, the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Under the circumstances, therefore, I must ask you, on behalf of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, that no statement be submitted to the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds and that no story be circulated with respect to the Allotment Committee until it has had the approval in writing of Dr. Silver.

HM:BC

# MEMORANDUM

*Date* September 24, 1940

*To* DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

*From* MR. HENRY MONTOR

*Subject*

Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum which I addressed to Mr. Elisha M. Friedman. I am also attaching a copy of a typewritten notice that was given to me by Mr. Friedman's secretary.

As I write this to you late Tuesday afternoon, I have not yet seen the article which Mr. Friedman has been asked by Dr. Lowenstein to write for circulation throughout the country.

I believe that the position that I have taken is the correct one and I trust that I have not in any way embarrassed you. May I hope that you will support me in the stand that I have taken toward the circulation by the Allotment Committee or by its Research Committee of material which is essentially the business of the Joint Distribution Committee and United Palestine Appeal.

Apparently, Dr. Lowenstein is assuming that the Allotment Committee and also the United Jewish Appeal are his personal perquisites and that Mr. Friedman is his private secretary.

HM:BC

cc: Dr. Stephen S. Wise  
Mr. Louis Lipsky  
Judge Morris Rothenberg

September 25, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Has the Red Cross made a public announcement of its grant to Tel Aviv? Has the memorandum gone forward, and have you included in it the latest figures which Kaplan sent you? If not you may wish to send a supplementary statement.

I am enclosing herewith the letter which I have written to Mr. Elish Friedman. I am also enclosing herewith a telegram which I received from the Hadassah. I wish you would finally liquidate the matter and not have them subject me to a barrage of dunning bills.

As regards the committee appointment by the Council of Welfare Federations, of which Blaustein is chairman - I did not accept membership on it. I am not so sure that you should. I would suggest that you talk the matter over with Wise and Lipsky.

I am accepting the invitation of Dayton for October 6.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc. -

C O P Y

September 25, 1940

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

My dear ~~Mr~~Friedman:

I understand from Mr. Montor that the minutes of the last meeting of the Allotment Committee, at which I was present, record the adoption of a motion calling upon the research staff to "include not merely the facts and the evaluation of the conclusions, but also definite allotments as a basis of discussion."

I do not recall the adoption of any such resolution while I was present. On the contrary, I distinctly remember that I observed, when the discussion arose, that the research staff was at liberty to make any comment upon the facts, but that it would not be desirable to have the research staff make recommendations which would be a usurpation of the duties and responsibilities of the Allotment Committee. It would impair the usefulness of the research staff if it ventured to suggest the definite allotments that should be made.

Needless to say, both Dr. Wise and myself could not give our approval to the resolution which is reported to have been adopted.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) Louis Lipsky

LL:RW

(fe)

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York City

M E M O R A N D U M

September 25, 1940

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Mr. Henry Montor

In considering 1941 plans you may be interested in a copy of a resolution which was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Indianapolis. This resolution is being circulated to all Welfare Funds in the United States.

HM:EH  
Encl.

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* September 25, 1940

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Mr. Henry Montor

*Subject*

I am returning herewith a bill dated September 10th which you received from Hadassah for expenses incurred by Mrs. Judith Epstein on a visit to Cleveland to address one of the functions of the Cleveland Welfare Fund.

I have since taken up this matter with Hadassah, which insists that it will not pay the bill and declares that this is the financial responsibility of the Cleveland Welfare Fund. I inquired of Hadassah whether it receives any funds from the Cleveland Welfare Fund. Apparently it does. Nevertheless, Hadassah insists that this is a bill which must be paid by the Cleveland Welfare Fund.

HM:EH  
Encl.

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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September 26, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As far as I know, the Red Cross has not yet made public announcement of its grant to Tel Aviv.

The memorandum has gone forward. You have by this time received a copy, I believe. The figures cabled by Mr. Kaplan were incorporated in the Red Cross memorandum.

Thank you for the letter which you sent to Elisha Friedman. Attached herewith is a copy of the letter which Mr. Lipsky wrote to Mr. Friedman.

I have been speaking to Hadassah for some time about their bill of \$47.54, which, as I indicated in a note to you yesterday, they insist is the obligation of the Cleveland Welfare Fund. If you feel the United Jewish Appeal should pay this instead of the Cleveland Welfare Fund, I shall put it through. I had hoped that I could convince Hadassah that it was a matter of good policy at least to pay the bill for sending its speaker to a campaign in whose proceeds it participated.

I note that you have not accepted membership on the budgetary committee established by the Council of Federations. However, your name has been listed on the stationery and in the various memoranda. I shall consult with Dr. Wise and Mr. Lipsky about my participation in it. I have the feeling, though, that we ought to be around to see what is happening.

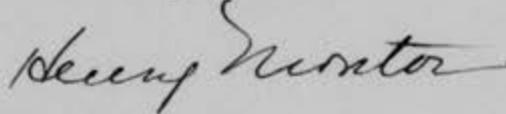
Thanks very much for accepting the invitation to open the campaign in Dayton on October 6th and in Denver on November 26th.

I know that you have said "No" once before, but I am a rather hardy individual and am going to have the temerity to inquire again whether, since you are going to be in Denver on November 26th, you might possibly attend

the Regional Conference of the UPA in Los Angeles on November 24th. I think it would be a tremendous boost for us if it could possibly be managed. I realize it is a Sunday. If it cannot be, it cannot be; but if it could be, it would be very fine.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Montor".

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:fe

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September 26, 1940

Rabbi Silver

IN VIEW OF MEETING OF PALESTINE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MONDAY AFTERNOON OCTOBER SEVENTH, DO YOU WISH MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THAT NIGHT

Montor

*No meeting*  

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*Com. to draft*

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September 27, 1940.

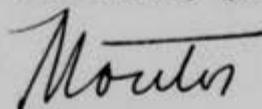
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Abe Goldberg was in yesterday to discuss with me his situation in the ZOA. He felt that you would want to know about his status.

What it boiled down to was his desire to have some kind of connection with the United Palestine Appeal, to make up for what may be his loss of income if the ZOA eliminates him from its staff, or substantially reduces the amount he is now getting, which is \$75. per week.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET

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September 28, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am unable to cope with the New York situation. I believe that as long as Blitz is the director, the United Palestine Appeal interest in New York City will not be protected.

Your New Year letter of greeting, which was sent to some 25,000 key leaders throughout the country, has not been sent from New York. Mr. Blitz declined to make available the New York list for this purpose. Either he or his leaders decided that the letter was too Palestine-minded. Suggestions were made that the letter should be revised and referred to the United Jewish Appeal as well. During my absence from the city on Friday in Washington, Steinglass even assented to these changes, but even despite that, the letters were not sent out, and the list not supplied. I immediately indicated that there would be no change whatever in the letter, if it were to go out to the New York list.

If the National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal cannot get a list to whom his message on Palestine is to be sent, to a group of New York leaders, I would certainly regard the United Palestine Appeal participation in a New York campaign as a farce, and all our theories of unrestricted Palestine propaganda within the United Jewish Appeal become purely superficial.

I would strongly urge that the situation is important enough for you to telephone Edward Warburg in New York City, to ask in person for the list of names for which you had previously asked in writing, but to which you have not as yet received any reply. I wonder how long you would have been permitted to enjoy peace of mind in Cleveland, if the JDC or NRS had sent you a letter on their business which you had not acknowledged promptly.

Personally, I don't think that Palestine gets enough money from New York City to be able to swallow this disgusting exhibition of condescension to Palestine.

I shall be in Rochester, New York on Monday, September 30, on UJA business, returning on Monday evening. If you speak to Warburg, and Warburg obtains the list, you might send a wire, or otherwise have Miss Trebach, my secretary, informed, so that she may follow through.

You may be interested to learn that Jonah B. Wise sent out New Year greetings on his personal stationary, was able to get the list, and was not subjected to the necessity of referring in any way to the United Jewish Appeal, but only to the J.D.C.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor  
Executive Director

HM:ET

September 29, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Please inform the Hadassah that it is not the practise of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Cleveland to pay for any speakers which beneficiary organizations send to address the campaign luncheon meetings. The Hadassah received from the 1940 Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign of Cleveland the sum of \$10,000 and it is little enough of a campaign expense for the Hadassah to expend \$47.54 for a speaker which they send to Cleveland.

It was the Hadassah people here who requested the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund to invite Mrs. Judith Epstein. Please tell the Hadassah Organization of New York not to send the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund any further bills. They will not be paid.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

September 29, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I read the memorandum of the conference with the Red Cross. The meeting seemed to have been a satisfactory one. I trust that the way has now been cleared for substantial Red Cross help to Palestine. I think it would be a fine thing if the announcement would be forthcoming this Tuesday or Wednesday to reach our people in time for New Years. This would be a very welcome and appreciated act. If you do not hear from Mr. Davis by Monday, I would suggest that you communicate with him by telephone or wire suggesting that he issue an announcement in time for New Years, or that you be permitted to make public the letter which he wrote to me proffering Red Cross aid to Palestine.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

September 30, 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. Edward M. M. Warburg;  
also a copy of Rabbi Silver's reply.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I  
am

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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CONTENTS THIS CABLE SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO MR DAVIS. OR SHALL WE  
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COMMUNICATED CONSUL WHO INFORMED CHAIRMAN CONSIDERING  
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