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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

AHS:MBC

(et 8/2/40)

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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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. Lamport, 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,

Montor

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
NEW YORK, N. Y.

July 2, 1940

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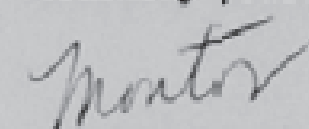
Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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ELIHU D. STONE
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:FB

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,

ARS:FB

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 Rosenbloom, 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 E. 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. Eliezer 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 Breslau undertook to arrange a meeting on behalf of the loan, some time next week.

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

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:20

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

WILLIAM ROSENWALD

122 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

COPY

July 12, 1940.

Mr. Arthur Lasport,
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.

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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

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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. Lampert met with six representatives of the Hofheimer Foundation in the office of Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, who was also present. From Mr. Lampert'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. Lampert who had perhaps indicated that the United Palestine Appeal might sign such a letter as Mr. Rosenwald seems to have drafted.

I told Mr. Lampert 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,

Montor
Henry Montor

Executive Director

HM:BG
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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. Abba Hillel Silver
Mooselockmegantic 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. Lamport 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,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

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July 17, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Mooselookmeguntic Inn
Mooselookmeguntic, Maine

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.

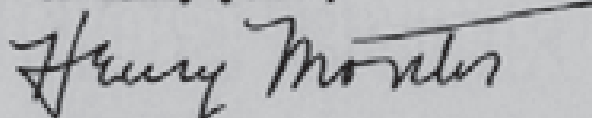
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I have never seen such energy exerted on behalf of the \$23,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal throughout the campaign as I have witnessed in the past three days in order that the National Refugee Service might get the \$40,000 from the Hofheimer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

(et 7.18/40)

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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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.

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Cordially yours,

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C O P Y

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~~ ~~xxxx~~ 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 resisted 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. Lamport, 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. Lamport, 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. Lamport 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. Lamport 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. Lamport asking for such written assurance regarding a \$40,000 gift for 1940 and that Mr. Lamport would write a letter giving assurance against offset. When Mr. Lamport'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. Lamport qualified his promise by saying he would want to take the matter up with Dr. Silver first. Mr. Lamport 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. Lamport'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. Lamport 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. Lamport did assume. Mr. Lamport gave no satisfactory answer to this dilemma and the meeting ended with Mr. Lamport 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 these 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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July 19, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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.

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.

"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."

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."

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

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. Lampert 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. Lampert's original letter to Loeb & Troper.

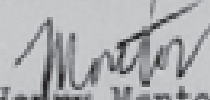
It seems to me that this is perfect evidence, piled on to all the other evidence that has been accumulating, that the United Palestine Appeal has no representative--lay or professional--in the New York campaign.

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 Mentor
Executive Director

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July 22, 1940

Mr. Arthur M. Lamport
Hotel Lombardy
131 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,

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cc Bernstein
Blitz
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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 Chairman 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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July 29, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Mooselcokmeguntic Lodge
Mooselcokmeguntic, Maine

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 1936, 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. H. 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.

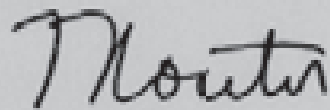
He, Shroder, though not a Zionist and not interested in a political State--though very sympathetic to the general upbuilding of Palestine--had a warning to sound: that is, that each community should prepare itself to resist this call to break up the community: regardless of the influence, wealth and 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,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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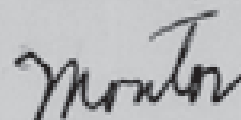
Dear Dr. Silver:

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
Mooselockmeguntic Lodge
Mooselockmeguntic, 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 Riss 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. Lamport, 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

August 2, 1940.

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

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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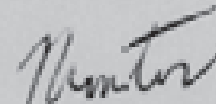
Attached hereto are two lists that might be of interest to you. One is a report of 1938 incomes of outstanding Hollywood individuals as reported by the Treasury Department. Alongside the names and amounts is a list of their contributions to the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Los Angeles for the years 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,



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1938 INCOMES AS REPORTED BY TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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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			
Ernest 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) 2,000.00
Groucho Marx	83,333.00	250.00	500.00	
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	104,262.00	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			



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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 Sharr 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 Malbaum	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
	Benjamin Leven	5,000.00
	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. Dann	100.00
	Mort Greene	100.00
	Sydney Guilaroff	100.00
	Arthur Outmann	125.00
	Samuel Hoffenstein	500.00

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<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	300.00
	Phil Boutelje	100.00
	Sig Herzig	300.00
	Harold H. Harley	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. Bachar	1,000.00
	Fanny Brice	500.00
	Ludwig B. Gluskin	150.00
	Matty Malnick	100.00
	Harry Soenick	450.00
	Nat Wolff	100.00
 <u>REFUBLIC</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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<u>SELZNICK</u>	Bobby Breen	\$ 250.00
	Victor M. Shapiro	100.00
<u>THEATRES</u>	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
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	405 Transamerica Bldg.	
	(Adolph Remish)	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
<u>20th CENTURY</u>	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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<u>20TH CENTURY (cont.)</u>	Harry Ritz	\$ 500.00
	Joseph Schildkraut	100.00
	Lewis Silvers	200.00
	Jule Styne	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
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	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

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

August 3, 1940.

Your reference:
Re 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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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,

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August 13, 1940.

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,

Montor

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
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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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

or per

August 26, 1940

To: MR. ELISHA W. 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.

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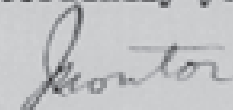
Dear Dr. Silver:

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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September 3, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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.

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Henry Montor
Executive Director

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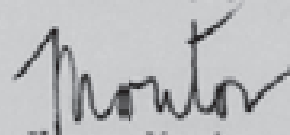
Dear Dr. Silver:

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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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

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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,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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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

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(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,

ARS:BX
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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 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 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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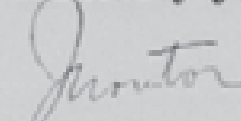
Dear Dr. Silver:

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 ac-
company 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 375,000 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

UNITED 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 and dock services.
- c) Hias shall, or the Council of Jewish Women shall, prepare affidavits of support and similar documents.

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Encls.

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September 6, 1940.

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	act
Western New York state at Rochester,	October 20	out
Seaboard Region at Washington, D.C.	October 27	out - fully
Arizona at Phoenix,	during November	
Northern California and surrounding states		
at San Francisco,	December 1	out

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

HM:ET

*Prindle
Oct. 27*

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.