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September 9, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

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

- 1) A list of the 150 largest contributors in New York City - what they gave in 1938 and in 1940. This is an amplification of the list which you sent me some time ago.
- 2) As near as possible, an estimate of the number of individual contributions in New York City - exclusive of group contributions.
- 3) The number of meetings held by the New York campaign organization and the dates. By that I mean not meetings of the staff, but of the lay administrative or executive committees.
- 4) The number of individual contributors in 1940 in the four or five largest cities of the country. Cleveland, for example, had 22,000. How many did Detroit, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Philadelphia have?

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

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

Henry Montor

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

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

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

September 10, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Friedman:

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

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

34. History of the National Funds--A. Ulitzur, Jerusalem, 1939
(Hebrew)

35. Information Bulletin No. 12, dated Jerusalem May 21, 1940
from the office of the Executive of the Jewish Agency.

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

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry Mentor
Executive Director

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ARRANGING MEETING TO CONSIDER NEWYORK SITUATION FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20 AT 3:30. IF I DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU TO CONTRARY,
ASSUME THIS AGREEABLE TO YOU=
MONTOR.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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

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

These facts quickly became apparent:

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

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

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

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

September 10, 1940

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

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

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

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

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

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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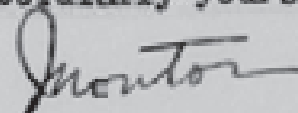
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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

Has any similar action been
initiated in Cleveland?

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

CHICAGO ILLINOIS SEPT 6 1940

ISIDOR COONS UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
342 MADISON AVE NYC

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



SAMUEL A GOLDSMITH



TTS - Prepaid

September 7, 1940

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

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

Isidor Coons

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Dear Dr. Silver:

September 10, 1940

National Chairman

Abba Hillel Silver

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

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

Treasurer

Arthur M. Lampert

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

Associate Treasurers

Abraham L. Liebovitz
Louis Rinsky

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

Vice-Chairmen

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

Honorary Secretary

Charles Reis

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

Executive Director

Henry Montor

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

Dr. Silver

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

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

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

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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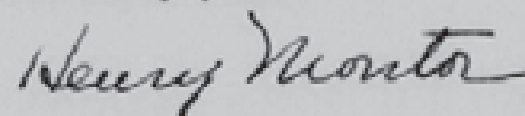
At the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal you were empowered to name a committee of five to consider plans for the 1941 campaign.

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

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

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver


September 11, 1940

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

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

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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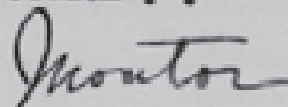
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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BG
Enc.

DAVID M. BRESSLER

75 MAIDEN LANE

NEW YORK

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Sept. 7, 1940

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

Dear Sirs:

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

Yours truly,

(Signed)

DAVID M. BRESSLER
LOUIS LIPSKY

P.S. Enclosed please find copy of agreement.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Stephen S. Wise
Chairman,
Administrative Committee

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

Louis Lipsky
Chairman, Executive
Committee

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

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

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

Honorary Secretary

Charles Rens

Executive Director

Henry Montor

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

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

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

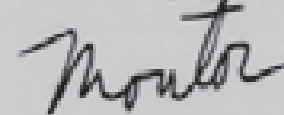
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and if such a public statement is made by the J.D.C. would it not be appropriate for you to make some observation to the U.J.A. and to the J.D.C. on the methods used and the effects achieved in relation to the total income of the U.J.A.?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

September 11, 1940

FROM: HENRY MONTOR

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

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

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

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

HM:B
Enc.

MEMORANDUM

Date September 11, 1940

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Montor

Subject

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

The following should be noted:

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

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

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

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

et

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

— DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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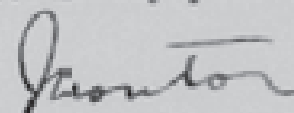
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

EM:EH
Encl.

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September 9th, 1940

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

Dear Mrs. Gans:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

Jeannette Robbins
Personal Inquiry Department

September 12, 1940

To Mr. Henry Montor

From Mr. M. Robert Herman

Denver, Colorado

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

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

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

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

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

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

MRE:LST

M. Robert Herman
Director of Field Staff

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Henry Montor
41 East 42nd St.
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September 18, 1940

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ON BEHALF OF
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342 MADISON AVENUE
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September 13, 1940

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

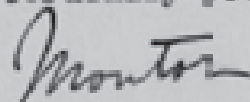
I should again like to urge your acceptance of the invitation from Denver to open their campaign. However, I want you to have an accurate picture of the problem and of the possibilities. I am therefore sending you a copy of a memorandum addressed to me by Robert Herman of our staff.

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

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

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH

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ELIHU D. STONE
and officers

September 13, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

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

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

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BK

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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

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

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

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:ET

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

September 16, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

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

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

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

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK
Enc.

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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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

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

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

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

Handwritten notes:
to
8/16/40
see my
DDC file
for Sept 20

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Dear Dr. Silver:

National Co-Chairmen

Stephen S. Wise
Chairman,
Administrative Committee

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

Louis Lipsky
Chairman, Executive
Committee

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

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

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

Honorary Secretary

Charles Ross

Executive Director

Henry Montor

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

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BC

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September 16, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Montor

HM:BC

Henry Montor
Executive Director

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date September 17, 1940.

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Henry Montor

Subject

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

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RADIOGRAM

JERUSALEM
SEPTEMBER 15, 1940

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

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

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OF
JEWISH
WORKERS

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date September 17, 1940

To DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

From HENRY MONTOR

Subject

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

HM:BG
Enc.

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September 13, 1940

M E M O R A N D U M

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

FROM: Mr. Elisha M. Friedman

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

(Signed) E.M.F.

EMF:BJ
Encl.

C O P Y

September 12, 1940

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Staff of Allotment Committee Inquiry

From: Mr. Elisha M. Friedman

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

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

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

EMF:BJ

E. M. F.

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

—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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September 17, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH
Encl.

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September 17, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH

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

PRESENT: Isadore Breslau, Behaviah Lewis-Epstein, Henry Montor, Mrs. David de Sola Pool

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

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

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

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date September 18, 1940

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Montor

Subject

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

et

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

COPY RCA RADIOGRAM

September 18, 1940.

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NLT MONTOR UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL 41 EAST 42 ST NEWYORK

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

KAPLAN

et 9/18/40

MEMORANDUM

Date September 19, 1940.

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Subject

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

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

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

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

et



MEMORANDUM

Date September 20, 1940

To DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

From MR. HENRY MONTOR

Subject

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

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

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

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

HM:BC

C A B L E

SEPTEMBER 20, 1940

KAPLAN
JEWISH AGENCY
JERUSALEM

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

MONTOR

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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September 23, 194C

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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

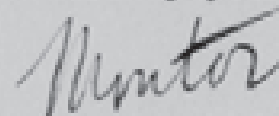
This afternoon I was informed by telephone by Rabbi Breslau in Washington that Mr. Kaufmann had arranged to see Mr. Davis on Friday, September 27th, at 11:00 o'clock. I told Rabbi Breslau that I, too, would be present. It is rather hard on me to do all this running around but apparently it is essential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

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

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

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

September 23, 1940

Mr. Elisha W. Friedman

Stephen S. Wise

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

You have asked for comments on the fifth draft.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Elisha H. Friedman

September 23, 1940

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

Cordially yours,


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Henry Montor
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*The Adassahs !!
Kaufmann !!*

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

September 23, 1940

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

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

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

September 23, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

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

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

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

Enc.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date September 23, 1940.

To Miss Kline

From Mr. Montor

Subject

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

et

September 24, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

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

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

MEMORANDUM

Date September 24, 1940

To DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

From HENRY MONTOR

Subject Denver, Colorado

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

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

HM:BG



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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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

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

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

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:fe

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

September 24, 1940

To: Mr. Louis Lipsky
~~xxxxStephanxxxxWise~~
From: Henry Montor

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

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41 EAST 42nd STREET
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At Dr. Lowenstein's suggestion and in spite of Mr. Friedman's reluctance, he has prepared for the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds a brief article which will attempt to explain to the communities throughout the country what the Allotment Committee is supposed to do. In order that each organization may have an opportunity to approve the draft of the paper, please give some free time or designate somebody who can read this. The deadline is September 26th, and you will therefore get it tomorrow morning, Sept. 25th and must return it by 1:00 P.M. so that we can turn it over to the Council on Thursday morning. The notice came late and we apologize for this haste.

BJ

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
342 MADISON AVENUE
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September 24, 1940

TO: MR. ELISHA M. FRIEDMAN

FROM: MR. HENRY MONTOR

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

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

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

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

HM:BC

MEMORANDUM

Date September 24, 1940

To DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

From MR. HENRY MONITOR

Subject

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

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

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

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

HM:BC

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

September 25, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

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

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

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

I am accepting the invitation of Dayton for October 6.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc. -

C O P Y

September 25, 1940

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

My dear ~~Mr~~Friedman:

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

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

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

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) Louis Lipsky

LL:RW

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

M E M O R A N D U M

September 25, 1940

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Mr. Henry Montor

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

HM:EH
Encl.



MEMORANDUM

Date September 25, 1940

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Subject

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

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

HM:EH
Encl.

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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

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September 26, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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

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

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

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

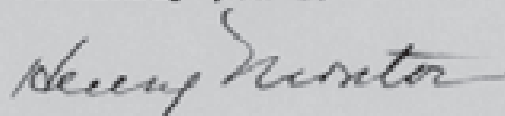
Thanks very much for accepting the invitation to open the campaign in Dayton on October 6th and in Denver on November 26th.

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

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

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours.



Henry Montor
Executive Director



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September 26; 1940

Rabbi Silver

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September 27, 1940.

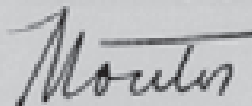
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

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September 28, 1940.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET



September 29, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

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

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

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

September 29, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

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

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

September 30, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a telegram
which Rabbi Silver received from Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg;
also a copy of Rabbi Silver's reply.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I
am

Very sincerely yours,

RJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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