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July 23, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
Mooslookmagunti Inn,
Haines Landing, Maine

Dear Abba:

I was up in Maine about a week ago to visit the children who are in camp. Had I known then that you were in Maine, I might have stopped on my way to say "hello".

I am writing, as you see, from the Keren Hayesod office, Mr. Eliezer Kaplan having dumped the baby-loan in my lap -- at least, he asked me to take care of the New York end while Montor, and subsequently Robert Silverman, looks after the country. In a moment of weakness I agreed to direct the work in New York City as a volunteer, devoting what should have been my vacation time, to this purpose.

From the report rendered by Montor at a meeting of the Loan committee of the Keren Hayesod, on Friday, it appears that close to \$400,000 have been subscribed toward the Million Dollars. Of this about \$250,000 are subscriptions by individuals, and the balance of \$150,000 are pledges by organizations, districts, etc. I believe that approximately \$150,000 has thus far come in in cash.

I find that it is extremely difficult to work in New York just now because of the terrific heat wave which has sent people scurrying out to the country and beaches. We will probably have to spend the next few weeks in preparation, lining up certain keymen, etc., and plan to get the bulk of the money around the first of September.

I was looking for a peg on which to hang some sort of function, and I think I have found it in the form of Lord Melchett whom I spoke to yesterday on the eve of his departure for Canada. He is prepared to come back to New York in a few weeks for this purpose, if necessary. I think we can now proceed to build around that. Such are the exigencies of fund-raising.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver - 2

How the loose and precarious nature of our organization hits one between the eyes. Every time there is some special need, one must start all over again picking up individuals instead of having an organized group ready to hand. I've told the Keren Hayesod people here that since a number of important businessmen have to be approached, the attempt might just as well be made to bind them together in some form, and hold them together in order to deepen their interest in Palestine, the Keren Hayesod, UPA, etc. I am suggesting that such a group of businessmen -- perhaps 50 or 60 in number -- be invited to serve on a kind of New York City businessmen's council of the Keren Hayesod, to meet at more or less regular intervals, to receive reports and information regarding the work ~~for~~ Palestine and discuss business and financial matters connected with the Keren Hayesod, etc. They are not to constitute the regular machinery for fund-raising which is the province of the UPA. Eventually many of these people may be educated to the point where they may become thorough-going Zionists. Montor being away, I did not wish to push the proposal without first informing you about it in view of the interest which the UPA would naturally have in any steps of that character taken by the constituent funds -- although I felt sure that there would be no objection on your part to such an attempt being made.

For the rest, we are anxiously scanning the newspapers and listening to the radio for news of the impending attack on Great Britain and further developments in the Near East. May Heaven forefend that the efforts we are making be disrupted by further disaster.

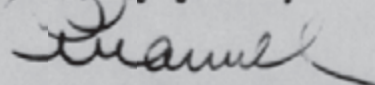
I hope Virginia and the children are well and enjoying the summer vacation. Here it is devilishly hot and oppressive in every sense of the word.

The new administration of the ZOA has not yet swung into action fully. Not much has come of the much threatened "purge", and the leaders of the so-called "old guard" are strongly represented on the Executive Committee, including Mr. J. Fishman, Abe Goldberg, Abe Goldstein, Elihu Stone, Ezra Shapiro, Carl Sherman, etc., etc. Almost the only one "purged" seems to be myself, our friend Goldman having for reasons of his own insisted as strongly on keeping me off as he did upon bringing the above named in.

Do you think I can survive the "blow"? My grief has been somewhat assuaged by the fact that we have just been advised that Natania has been admitted to Barnard, contrary to her own gloomy forebodings. By the way, she still thinks of you very fondly as one of the nicest men she met at Geneva.

With personal regards,

Cordially yours,


Emanuel Neumann

EN/IF

645 East 26th St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
July 30, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Mooselookmaguntic, Maine

Dear Abba:

I acknowledge your welcome letter. What you say about the doings in connection with the Convention no doubt has substance. However we are in the midst of a frightfully serious situation, and the ZOA represents American Zionism, such as it is.

I understand that I was disqualified by Dr. Goldman from holding any position of trust and responsibility in the Organization, including membership on the Executive Committee, on the ground that I was an opponent of Labor, and that seems to go with certain people. Sancta simplicitas.

Just now, I, the foe of Labor, am devoting my time in this sweltering heat to try to scrape together some more money for the Loan chiefly for the benefit of Labor in Palestine. But I must admit that at the same time I am harboring the thought of putting into print some of my views and ideas with regard to Zionist policy in Palestine -- I mean a brochure or little book to be entitled "Integral Zionism". I am not so optimistic as to ~~think~~ ^{think} that the General Zionists of America will recognize General Zionism when they see it and adopt my views, but it may stimulate thought and discussion. What do you say to that? And do you think that some of the members of your Zionist Society may be interested in helping to spread such a bundle of heresies?

Regarding the Keren Hayesod Council, I am heeding your advice and will do nothing about it until we have had an opportunity to discuss it.

With kindest regards to Virginia and yourself from all of us, I am as ever

Yours,
Eugene

What are your plans? Will you be passing through N.Y. about the beginning of September? If so your presence could be utilized in the interest of the Loan.

If I could muster up enough resolution, I would make another trip to Maine this month. How far are you from Skowhegan? Are you near Farmington -- and if so, how near? How does one get out to you?

place from the Station, if one goes by rail?
Nothing would suit me better than spending a day
up there with you, if I can manage it.
E.H.



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August 13, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Mooselookmaguntic Inn,
Haines Landing, Maine

Dear Abba:

I received your letter last week. It is doubtful whether I will be coming out to Maine this month any more. We are living temporarily in the country, at Lake Mohegan, but I am commuting in order to look after the business of the Loan which, by the way, is very slow and uphill work just now, most well-to-do people being away and those who are in town being unwilling "to be annoyed" with such matters during the dog days. Occasionally we get a bit of encouragement, too. Thus, Hadassah has subscribed \$50,000 and Junior Hadassah \$10,000. In addition, I understand, Hadassah has decided to appropriate another large amount to be applied through its Emergency Committee in Palestine, to meeting emergency needs, in cooperation with the Jewish Agency. (Some of our people here are just a bit worried that the JDC people hear about it and try to make a corresponding deduction from allocations to the UPA).

I also found myself up against a snag when Montor returned from the Coast ten or twelve days ago and reported that after discussions he had with Kaplan, the latter came to the conclusion that all activities for the Loan should cease by the end of August, in order not to prejudice the UPA and UJA. I didn't think that was to be taken too literally, for we all realize that we could make only slow progress during August and that a strong effort would have to be made in September. Last Thursday I reported on the Loan activity at a meeting of the Emergency Committee, and pointed out my dilemma; either wind up this month without even approaching the goal, or plan to carry on in September, which would be inadvisable in the opinion of Montor or Kaplan.

The Emergency Committee felt that the effort for the Loan should continue until the second or third week in September.

On my return to my desk I found however a note from Montor addressed to Robert Silverman and myself, reading:

"This is to convey to you formally the request of Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, with regard to the time limit on the activities on behalf of the Keren Hayesod loan.

"Prior to his departure from America, Mr. Kaplan told me in Los Angeles that he wished all activity, whether in New York or throughout the country, completely suspended as of September 1, 1940.

"He suggested this for two reasons: First, because money obtained thereafter would have little value for the Keren Hayesod emergency account, in view of the time limit on repayment, and secondly, because of the adverse effect upon the campaign to be planned for 1941."

Again I was perplexed. I decided to cable to Kaplan directly since he had personally wished the Loan business on me and had charged me to carry on when he left New York for the Coast. My cable to Kaplan was as follows:

"MONTOR FORMALLY INSTRUCTS YOUR BEHALF ALL
LOAN ACTIVITIES CEASE END AUGUST STOP THOUGH LITTLE
PROGRESS POSSIBLE BEFORE SEPTEMBER FIRST INTEND COMPLY
UNLESS INSTRUCT OTHERWISE."

To that I received a reply reading as follows:

"SEE MY CABLE MONTOR REGARDING ACTIVITIES
NEWYORK RESPONSIBILITY WITH YOU CONSULT COMMITTEE
REGARDS KAPLAN"

I inspected Kaplan's cable to Montor, which seemed to me somewhat confused. As nearly as I could make out from the two cables, Mr. Kaplan desired that the decision to wind up the Loan activities by the first of September should not apply to New York, but that the Committee (which committee?) in consultation with me should decide about that.

Now, I am by no means anxious to drag this business into September. I can hardly afford to give so much of my time to it. On the other hand, I don't like the idea of having the Loan business virtually dropped in the middle once it has been started. Also I secured, as I think I told you, a promise from Lord Melchett to help in this effort on his return from Canada which will not be before the first of September. That might mean a substantial amount of additional money. But neither would I like to have any disagreement over the subject with the administration of the UPA. Personally I don't see how the continuance of the Loan effort in September can prejudice either the UPA or the UJA,

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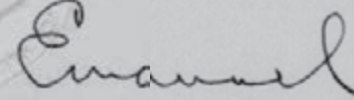
but I realize that the UPA administration should be able to judge that much better than I can. Now there it is.

I hated to intrude with all these matters on your much needed rest, but I felt I ought to tell you about these things especially since Montor himself is away on vacation. If you also feel that the Loan activity should be absolutely wound up by the end of this month and that it may injure the UPA if it is to continue into September, your view would carry immense weight.

If you care to express yourself to me on this subject either officially as Chairman of the UPA, or unofficially, it would help to guide me.

With kindest regards to all of you, as ever

Yours,



Emanuel Neumann

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August 29, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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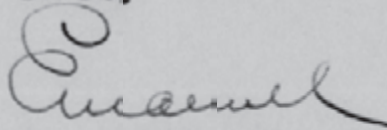
Dear Abba:

At the close of today's U. P. A. meeting, we received a cable from Eliezer Kaplan, a copy of which I am enclosing, which was in reply to a cable of inquiry. Since as Kaplan says the needs are "most pressing" we intend to go ahead with the Melchett function.

If you have any suggestions about important people in New York who might be disposed to help, please let me have them.

As ever,

Yours,


Emanuel Neumann

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October 21, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I enclose a short memorandum

about the meeting which took place at the campaign office, 261 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, September 19, 1940.

Sincerely yours,

Henry C. Bernstein
Henry C. Bernstein
Co-Director

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November 29, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

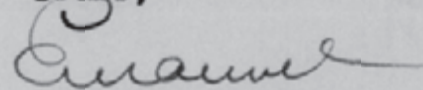
Dear Abba:

I am sending you enclosed herewith copy of a rather full report on the visit of our delegation to Washington in connection with the 1771 refugees.

I think it speaks for itself and requires no further addition on my part except to say that the experience strengthens my conviction that the handling of our political as well as our public relations work is in urgent need of better coordination and tightening up, as well as more systematic effort.

As ever

Yours,


Emanuel Neumann

Enc.

December 2, 1940

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Emanuel:

Thank you for the report of the Washington interlude. I am enclosing a report which appeared in the JTA News which shows that English Jewry thinks quite differently about the matter than do Brandeis, Frankfurter and members of the ZOA Executive.

Our desire to help Great Britain in this war is maneuvering us into a policy distinctly harmful to Zionism. We are asked not only to withhold criticism of outrageous acts on the part of the Palestine Government, but actually, as Butler's letter to Wise suggests, to become apologists for the Palestine Government and to make its position "understood among the Jews of America." In the meantime England intends to pursue her policy of appeasing the Arabs even more aggressively than she did before the war. We are also being asked to withhold Great Britain's policy toward Palestine so as not to embarrass the administration in Washington. In this way we practically acknowledge not only that the United States Government will do nothing to help us in affairs touching Palestine; it also ties our hands and silences our voice. This is an intolerable situation into which we are being maneuvered. Every people speaks up for its own rights in these desperate times, and for its own needs. The Jews alone, the most hard-pressed of all, must only speak up in behalf -- of Great Britain.

As ever yours,

AHS:BK

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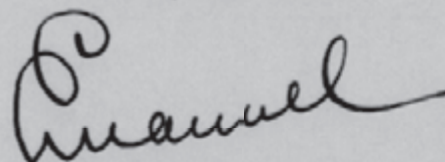
I had what I thought was perhaps a "bright idea" in connection with the forthcoming campaign. I spoke of it to Montor and Nahum Goldmann and they thought it might be well to set it down in writing and let it be seen by yourself and a few others. I am, accordingly, enclosing a copy of a brief memorandum, and would be interested in having your reaction.

I understand that you are due here next Monday and would like to have a few words with you, if it is convenient for you. On the hand, I had planned to be in Washington on Monday, but I have not made it definite. Do you plan to stay over for Tuesday, as well? In that case I suppose a meeting of the Emergency Committee might be held on Tuesday, with your participation.

Perhaps you could advise me by wire, so that I may be able to make my plans accordingly?

With kind regards, I am

Yours, as ever



Emanuel Neumann

Is your cold better?

EN.SB

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Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

41 EAST 42nd STREET
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January 3, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

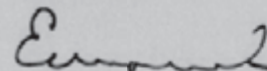
If as I understand, you will be in town on Monday, and if you have the time and the inclination to go out in the evening, Fan and I would like to have you as our guest.

What is to be seen? Well, there is the Ballet Russe, if you care for that sort of thing. Then there are plays. Would you care to see *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, or would you prefer a musical comedy? I would appreciate it if you would send me a wire to my home answering these questions and advising also whether Virginia is coming along.

Wars, campaigns and Zionist politics notwithstanding, men must live and enjoy what little there is to enjoy in life. N'est ce pas?

As ever

Yours,



My home address is 749 West End Ave., Academy 2-2561

P.S. Of course there are also the movies — *The Great Dictator*, *Fantasia*, etc., though it would be nicer to see one of the other things.

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Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

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January 9, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I have wired you today as follows:

"WOULD YOU WANT GREETINGS TO UPA CONFERENCE FROM
PROMINENT WASHINGTON JEWS LIKE EUGENE MEYER POSSIBLY
OTHERS ALSO MESSAGES FROM PROMINENT SENATORS CONGRESSMEN
OR OTHER NONJEWS IF SO WILL SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE PROVIDED
NO CROSSING OF WIRES THROUGH SEPARATE EFFORTS IN SAME
DIRECTION BY UPA OFFICE STOP UNDERSTAND NATHAN STRAUS
WAIVING ACCEPTANCE YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND CONSIDER
HIS PARTICIPATION HOWEVER BRIEF OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE."

I shall of course do nothing further in Washington until
I have heard from you and have also made sure through Breslau and the
UPA office that there is no crossing of lines or duplication of effort.

By the way, do you think it worthwhile to get Billikopf
either to attend or to send a message? He is not what he used to
be in the eyes of some people. Nevertheless it may be valuable.

With kind regards, I am as ever

Cordially yours,

Emanuel Neumann
Emanuel Neumann

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January 9, 1941

Emanuel Neumann
New York, N.Y.

WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR YOU TO OBTAIN GREETINGS FROM PROMINENT PEOPLE.
WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU CHECK WITH MONTOR BEFORE YOU PROCEED. HE MAY HAVE
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January 29, 1941

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
Willard Hotel
Washington, D.C.

HAVE WIRED SENATOR BURTON AS YOU REQUESTED.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

February 12, 1941

TELEGRAM: NOT TO BE DELIVERED AFTER 10:00 P.M.

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MR. WENDEL L. WILLKIE
1010 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

AS ONE WHO SUPPORTED YOUR CANDIDACY IN THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS I WISH
TO CONGRATULATE YOU UPON THE CLEAR AND COURAGEOUS STAND YOU HAVE TAKEN ON OUR
FOREIGN POLICY AND YOUR LEADERSHIP IN HELPING TO CEMENT NATIONAL UNITY
IN THESE CRITICAL DAYS. THERE IS A MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND DEEP
INTEREST TO THE JEWS OF AMERICA WHICH I WOULD EARNESTLY REQUEST YOU TO
CONSIDER AND SUGGEST THAT YOU RECEIVE MY INTIMATE FRIEND MR. EMANUEL
NEUMANN IN THAT CONNECTION. HE CAN BE REACHED AT 41 EAST 42nd STREET
NEWYORK TELEPHONE NUMBER MURRAY HILL 2-1160. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT
DOUBLY IF YOU COULD GRANT HIM AN INTERVIEW WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

RABBI ABRA HILLEL SILVER
THE TEMPLE
CLEVELAND OHIO

Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

41 EAST 42nd STREET
ROOM 1121
NEW YORK CITY

February 12, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

In accordance with our understanding, I have sent a telegram to Mr. Willkie, in your name, and I am enclosing a copy of it for your perusal.

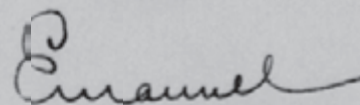
You will be glad to know that up to the time of writing we have 57 ~~major~~ senators signed up for the American Palestine Committee. We are now tackling the House, and already have the signatures of Rayburn and McCormack. By tomorrow we will probably have Minority Leader Martin and then undoubtedly get a considerable number of congressmen. At the same time we are reaching out for leaders in public life throughout the country.

I believe that the publicity which will presently be given to the formation of this committee will in itself strengthen the hands of our friends throughout the country, in the matter of the United Palestine Appeal campaign. However, I am going to try to introduce specific mention of the United Palestine Appeal in the statement or statements of Wagner and others.

We are wiring to several governors asking them to join, including Governor Bricker of Ohio. If you have any suggestions, or can help us get some important individuals, please advise me.

As ever,

Yours



Emanuel Neumann

EN.SB

February 13, 1941

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Emanuel:

Thank you for your recent letters. I am delighted with the progress which you are making. It would be extremely helpful if in the announcement which you are soon to make about the formation of your committee, a strong statement be included about the United Palestine Appeal. I agree with you that this would be most important for more than one reason.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MURRAY HILL 2-1160

Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

41 EAST 42nd STREET
ROOM 1121
NEW YORK CITY

February 14, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

If, as I understand, you expect to be in town on Monday, the 24th, to address a speakers' rally of the United Palestine Appeal, at 5:00 o'clock, perhaps we can have a meeting of the Office Committee of the Emergency Committee on the same day, with your participation, say at 3:00 o'clock. Please inform me by wire whether that would suit your convenience. In any case, will you please try to reserve a little time for me to report to you about a number of matters?

With kindest regards, I am, as ever

Yours,

Emanuel

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DE SOLA POOL HAVE AGREED TO SIGN A MESSAGE AND WE ASSUME THAT
UNLESS WE HEAR FROM YOU TO THE CONTRARY WE MAY USE YOUR NAME TOO
WIRES AND LETTERS GOING OUT TOMORROW VERY TRULY YOURS

EMANUEL NEUMANN EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR ZIONIST AFFAIRS

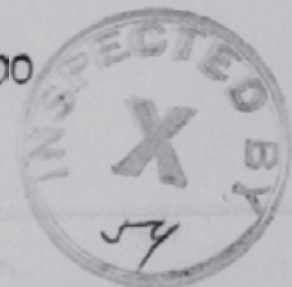
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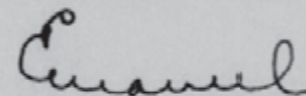
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

We are trying to get Mr. McNutt for our Committee. It occurs to me that you must have been in touch with him in connection with the United Palestine Appeal Conference, and I am therefore writing to ask whether you will wire him, urging him to accept the invitation which we are extending to him to serve on the Committee.

I should appreciate your doing this if it is at all possible.

Cordially yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EM/BTW

February 17, 1941

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Emanuel:

I already have six meetings scheduled for Monday, the 24th. I shall be somewhat freer on Tuesday. Get in touch with me when I get to New York and we will arrange for a meeting.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

MURRAY HILL 2-1160

Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

41 EAST 42nd STREET
ROOM 1121
NEW YORK CITY

February 21, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

Will you please reserve luncheon on Tuesday next for a luncheon conference which several of us will have with Mr. Herbert Hoover?

I had a long conversation with him yesterday and this is the result. I will speak to you more fully about it when you are here on Monday, but I wanted to be sure that you would keep that time free. Luncheon will be at the Waldorf, at 1:00 o'clock.

Cordially yours,

Emanuel Neumann

Emanuel Neumann

EN.SB

February 28, 1941

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Neumann:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of
a letter which Rabbi Silver received today
from Mr. Wendell L. Willkie.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

March 10, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

I am sorry I have failed to reply earlier to your note of February 28th, enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Sulzberger.

Mr. Sulzberger did not of course receive any telegram from us or from the American Palestine Committee. If you will read his letter carefully, you will see that he does not say that he has received such a telegram inviting him to serve. His words are: "I note from a telegram before me". Quite obviously some one who received one of the telegrams -- they have been sent out to non-Jews only -- must have shown it to him, or sent him a copy. Obviously there is always the risk that such letters and telegrams of invitation going out to a considerable number of people, may be seen by others for whom they are not intended; but it is a risk one has to take, and there is nothing one can do about it except to be careful and circumspect in the wording of such messages.

Thanks for calling the matter to my attention.

Cordially yours,

Emanuel Neumann

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March 24, 1941

Dr. A. H. Silver
c/o The Temple,
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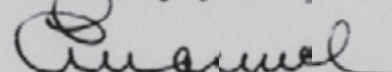
Dear Abba:

May I suggest that you write or wire Willkie
thanking him for accepting membership on the American
Palestine Committee, and suggesting to him a luncheon
meeting between you, him and me on the occasion of your
next visit to New York.

Please advise me.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Emanuel Neumann

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Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

41 EAST 42nd STREET
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NEW YORK CITY

April 14, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Abba
Dear Silver:

I took the liberty of sending a wire in your name
to Senator Wagner expressing appreciation of his action in heading
the American Palestine Committee, and the attached reply came here
while I was away in Washington.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Emanuel
Emanuel Neumann

MURRAY HILL 2-1160

Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

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NEW YORK CITY

AIR MAIL

April 17, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

With further reference to Senator Barkley's booking in Cleveland on May 7th, the Thomas Brady Speakers Bureau (236 West 44th Street, N.Y.) is sending you publicity material and contract for your signature. They will let you know the exact title of his address in a few days.

You may write to the Senator giving him information as to the nature of the gathering and suggesting what you think he should speak about - of course it would naturally be expected that he would make reference to his membership in the American Palestine Committee, and speak about Palestine in the course of his address. *Please suggest that too.*

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Emanuel
Emanuel Neumann

AMERICAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE

41 EAST 42ND STREET

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WASHINGTON OFFICE:
1720 - 16TH STREET, N.W.
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April 17, 1941

Dear Fellow Zionist:

Recent developments in the Balkans and North Africa indicate that Palestine may be called upon to play a decisive role in the defense of the Suez Canal.

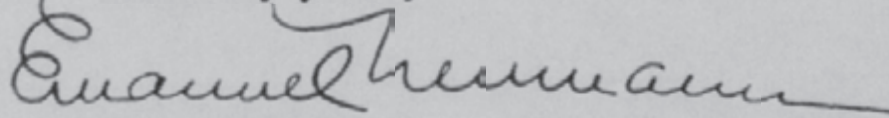
Under these circumstances, the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs must have every assistance in arousing public opinion in the United States to the importance of Palestine for the Jewish people and for Britain and the cause of democracy.

We are enclosing herewith a copy of a news release which was sent to the city editor of your newspaper for publication on Sunday, April 20th. This release deals with the issuance of a declaration by seventy United States senators, calling for restoration of the Jews in Palestine. The political significance of such a statement at this time cannot be exaggerated.

We hope that you will communicate with your newspaper to assure the publication of this article as prominently as possible. In the American Palestine Committee we have a channel of public appeal which must be utilized to the limit of its possibilities. Your cooperation will be extremely valuable in this matter.

With Zion's greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,


Emanuel Neumann

April 18, 1941

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Emanuel:

I would suggest that you draft the
telegram to Mr. McNutt and sign my name.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 15, 1941

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
American Palestine Committee
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Emanuel:

I am enclosing a letter which I received from Rabbi Freedman of Fall River, and some of the clippings which he enclosed. You may wish to do something about it. Please acknowledge the receipt of these clippings to Rabbi Freedman.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 16, 1941

TO: Mr. Lipsky
Dr. Goldstein
Rabbi Silver ✓
Mr. Szold

Mrs. Pool
Mrs. Schoolman
Mrs. Epstein

FROM: Mr. Emanuel Neumann

Attached is copy of Outline of Work of the Department of
Public Relations and Political Action.



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May 16, 1941

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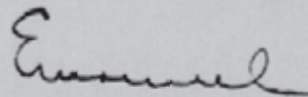
Thank you for your letter of May 15th enclosing the letter which you received from Rabbi Freedman of Fall River.

We have been in touch with the Chairmen of Zionist districts and others, seeking their co-operation in the matter of contacting newspaper editors for the purpose of securing the insertion of Zionist news and editorials in their papers. This has had the effect of keeping the Zionists informed about what we are doing, and at the same time has given them a concrete task which, in some cases, is being attended to very seriously.

I shall, of course, communicate with Rabbi Freedman, as you suggest.

With all good wishes, and Zion's greetings,
I am

Very cordially yours,



Emanuel Neumann

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MEMORANDUM ON THE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL CAMPAIGN

Submitted by E. N.

1. The decision to conduct a separate U. P. A. campaign creates certain problems as well as opportunities. Because it entails a rather sharp break with an existing situation to which Zionists have grown accustomed, the outcome will depend to an exceptional degree upon psychological factors operative at the start. The fate of the new campaign will be largely determined by the auspices and circumstances of its inauguration. At such a time a step --- or misstep --- may make all the difference between an enthusiastic forward thrust, ensuring success and an apathetic or half-hearted feeling resulting in a weak execution or comparative failure. Fortunately, there is a leadership possessed of imagination which can be relied upon to seize every possibility and make the most of it.

2. If I venture to make any suggestion it is with diffidence, for I have now no official connection with the U. P. A. or its constituent Funds. However, as the proponent and organizer of the U. P. A. at its inception, I am taking the liberty of putting forward certain observations in the hope that they may be considered in the spirit in which they are offered.

3. When the Keren Hayesod was first launched in America it will be recalled that a dramatic element was supplied, first, by the ideological struggle culminating in the Cleveland Convention of 1921 and secondly, by the appearance of Dr. Weizmann, the first President of the World Zionist Organization to visit our shores.

4. By 1925 the novelty of the K. H. had worn off. Nor did delegations from abroad produce the same enthusiasm as formerly. Our

workers were somewhat jaded, income tended to decline, and a new dramatic element was required. It was supplied in 1925 (a) by the controversy with the J. D. C. over the Crimean colonization project; (b) by uniting the K. H., the J. N. F., as well as Hadassah, Hebrew University, and Mizrachi Fund in one combined effort under the name of United Palestine Appeal; and (c) by the introduction of Dr. Wise as National Chairman, after his absence from active leadership for several years. The result was an extraordinary upsurge of enthusiasm and energy which produced in the years 1925-1927 record results (apart from results achieved in Joint Campaigns with the J.D.C.

5. In this present instance and under existing circumstances it would obviously be highly undesirable and impolitic to indulge in a sharp controversy with the J. D. C. if it can possibly be avoided because of the vital need for preserving an approximation of unity in American Jewry in these critical times. The dramatic element should be one directly connected with our own work and fitting into the American as well as the world scene. This at once suggests the War and the idea of aiding the cause of the Democracies as well as of Palestine and the Jewish people.

6. If a Jewish Army were now in existence or its creation an immediate certainty, it goes without saying that that would call for a radical adjustment of our fund raising efforts. But while the creation of such an Army has not been announced as yet, the press is reporting that Palestinian Jews serving with the British forces are doing their bit not only in Palestine but also in Egypt and Greece. The establishment of a Palestine Volunteer Force is likewise reported, and the Yishuv is now raising money for supplying certain needs of the enlisted men. This offers a certain opportunity. The new U. P. A. should, I believe, include in its appeal the provision of aid and comfort to the Jewish boys helping Britain in the defense of Palestine and the Near East.

7. Concretely, I would suggest the setting up of a Fund, under the auspices of the Emergency Committee which, for want of a better name I will refer to only temporarily and for purpose of identification, the "Special Fund". Its function should be to provide means to be used within the law for special emergency needs arising out of the war situation and connected with the war effort of the Yishuv. (The appropriation for emergency political work in this country on behalf of Palestine may also properly be made part of this Special Fund). The total to be budgeted for the Special Fund may be placed between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. It does not mean that we should risk a serious curtailment of the respective participation of the K. H. and J. N. F., the principal beneficiaries of the U. P. A. Theirs must, of course, continue to be the lion's share. Except for a certain minimum or "token appropriation" for the Special Fund, the participation of such Special Fund in the proceeds of the U. P. A. campaign may be made contingent upon the raising of a certain amount above the minimal requirements of the two major funds.

8. In this way the U.P.A. can benefit by the introduction of a novel element carrying a special appeal at this time without serious jeopardy to the major Funds. The minimum or "token" appropriation for the "Special Fund" will, I am convinced, in no wise affect the major Funds; because the featuring of this element connected with war can undoubtedly be made to enhance the attractiveness of the U.P.A. and add to its income.

9. It may be worth noting that the Canadian Hadassah is featuring "war work" in its current program which provides an appropriation for a hospital ward for Canadian boys serving in England and a further appropriation of \$60,000 for building a base hospital for the military in Palestine. They expect (and quite reasonably) that the strength of this appeal will

inure to the benefit of their general collection effort.

10. It may also be observed that featuring some such effort connected with the war will tend to bring the U.P.A. into line with American patriotic sentiment, since aiding the Allies is now generally accepted as being in the interest of American defense. Moreover, it is a feature which is not likely to be found in the campaign for Relief and Refugee Service.

11. If, for some reason, this proposal is not acceptable some other novel feature of equal or greater attractiveness should be introduced. The situation calls for boldness and imagination.

