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# United Jewish Appeal, United Palestine Appeal, Pacific coast tour, 1941.

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### JOE WEINGARTEN HOUSTON, TEXAS

Feb. 24, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Friend Silver:

All my associates and I are delighted to know that you will be with us on the evening of March 10th and the 11th. We will do our best to arrange a program which we hope will justify the trouble and inconvenience you are going to in order to be with us.

We have arranged a pretty tough schedule for you, as we want to take advantage of every minute of your stay. This will include going almost directly from the plane to a dinner of our Big Gift donors, where we hope to start the campaign off with a "bang" by raising a very substantial sum.

If this goes off in fine style, as we hope it will, and with a generous response, we can then go on with our big, general community dinner the next evening, feeling that we have made a fine start and using the example and enthusiasm we may have generated at the first meeting as an inspiration to all the givers as well as workers. We are looking to you to be the main spring of inspiration at these meetings and I know that if anyone can put it over, it is you.

Again I want to assure you of my deep pleasure in having you with us and I wish you would stay at my home during your visit to our city.

With kindest regards from both Malvina as well as myself, I am

JW:b

4/00 Most cordially

Dr. A. H. Silver Visit - March

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#### Digest - Los Angeles, California

A formal letter of application for a UPA allotment of \$375,000 was addressed to Judge Harry A. Hollzer, President of the Jewish Community Council, on January 3rd; copies of this application were sent to a long list of key people in the community.

Local Zionists are now engaged in a strong effort to secure an equal distribution of the funds to be raised during 1941, as between the UPA and the JDC, from the campaign to be conducted by the United Jewish Welfare Fund during April. UPA field representative Bernard Stone has reported on numerous meetings of the Community Council, Southland UPA Council, Jewish Welfare Fund, etc., but no official decision will be made regarding allocations until March 30th, when the Board of Directors of the Community Council meets (originally this meeting had been scheduled for February 25th).

At a meeting of the Allocations Committee of the Council, of which Walter Hilborn is Chairman, held on February 18th, it was agreed - subject to ratification by the Board that 75% of the net income from the 1941 campaign is to be divided between the UPA, JDC, Ort and the Refugee Service, with a 40-60 ratio prevailing between the UPA and JDC. Charles Brown, leading UPA supporter, who is one of our two representatives on the Allocations Committee, was unavoidably prevented from attending this meeting; the other representative. Theodore Strimling voted his disapproval.

Mr. Montor has impressed our friends here - among them Gustave L. Goldstein - with the absolute minimum of a parity arrangement for the UPA. Dr. Nathan S. Saltzman is also taking a firm stand on the UPA position.

At a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Southland UPA Council on February 20th, Mr. Strimling reported that the Allocations Committee had recommended that the Board of the Council support the majority report of the National Council.

It is anticipated that \$600,000 will be the net amount available for distribution, upon which the above mentioned division is based; if the net amount is less, overseas agencies will be cut, leaving intact appropriations for local purposes including refugee needs. Judge Hollzer is strongly in favor of this, his view being that if an attempt were made to reduce local refugee or NRS allotments, it would provoke anti-Semitism in the community.

Mr. Montor recently provided Mr. Goldstein with a list of 50 major communities compiled by the NRS showing the '39 expenditures as compared with 1940 budgets for local service to refugees; this was sent to him in accordance with his request in order to be able to demonstrate that Los Angeles is carrying a disproportionately larger refugee load than other communities, on a per capita basis (\$145,000 in 1940), to support an attempt to eliminate NRS and make a suitable allocation for local refugee work.

Joseph I. Schnitzer is 1st Vice-President of the Council; Charles Brown, 2nd Vice-President; Aaron Riche, Secretary; Charles I. Schottland, Executive Secretary; J. Peckell Nathan is Executive Secretary of the Welfare Fund.

Judge Hollser, Mr. Brown and Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin are Honorary Vice-Chairmen of the UPA; latter has rejected the '41 campaign chairmanship.

The 1940 campaign was not very successful, raising only \$688,000 toward a goal of approximately one million dollars; as compared with a total raised in 1939 of \$862,000. The drastic reductions in contributions from the Motion Picture Division was responsible for this shortage. The UJA received, in 1940, \$300,000, as compared with \$535,000 in '39. Under the direction of Charles Brown, the UPA people might be prepared to launch an independent campaign in Los Angeles if the share to be received by the UPA were unfair. Our friends are insisting on parity and feel they have a right and possibility of achieving it if they can receive a great deal of outside support. They believe that your presence here will be very effective in that direction.



March 3, 1941

#### UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

Dr. A. H. Silver Big Gifts Meeting-3/10 Campaign Opening- 3/11

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Digest - Houston, Texas

(Jewish Population - 13,500)

A formal application for a UPA allotment of \$62,500 was addressed to Mose M. Feld, President of the Jewish Community Council, on January 3rd. Copies of this application were sent to Jonas Levy, Jacob B. Lightman, Executive Director; Rabbi Sanders A. Tofield, and Joe Weingarten.

Practically the entire community is extremely bitter because of the dissolution and the UJA leadership has been criticized. The delegates to the Atlanta Conference, Messrs. J. L. Zuber and Lightman, latter Palestine sympathizer, were requested to demand national unity as a result of the resolution passed by the Executive Committee. It has been reported to us that Texas representatives at Atlanta resented the methods used to press the majority resolution, which they formerly approved of in principle, and that Mr. Lightman, Mr. Weingarten and Mr. Feld intended to pass the minority report, and issue a call to the regional conference in Houston on February 23rd, to discuss the formation of community councils in Southern communities which would be more representative of the will of these communities on this question.

The total goal for the campaign is \$127,500 including local needs, of which between 60 and 70% will be allocated for overseas needs.

Joe Weingarten is the UPA's staunchest friend and the President of the UPA Council for the Southwest Region, recently formed. George Cohen a large contributor, is also pro-Palestine. Simon Sakowitz is unfriendly to UPA.

The following are members of the national UPA Council: Rabbi Henry Barnston, Maurice Epstein, Mose M. Feld, Dr. Marcus Levinson, Jacob B. Lightman, Rabbi Sanders A. Tofield, I. Weiner, Abe Weingarten, Joe Weingarten, David Weintraub, David H. White (Ex. Sec. Texas State Zionist Region).

Field Representative Abba Abrams covering Houston reports that Zionist elements are very weak here; even Joe Weingarten has appeasement tendencies.

Dr. Braunstein met with leaders here on January 12th.

Officers of the campaign are:

Mose M. Feld, Chairman & Hon. Pres. Community Council Simon Sakowitz, Co-Chairman William Salman, "" Joe Weingarten, " & & Budget Committee member Jonas Levy, Treasurer

### - 2 - Houston, Texas

Officers of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Houston are: J. L. Zuber, President Nathan J. Klein, Vice-President Irvin M. Shlenker, """ Abe Weingarten, """ Max H. Nathan, Secretary-Treasurer (budget committee member) J. B. Lightman, Executive Director David H. White (budget committee member)

In 1940 Houston raised \$115,000 against a goal of \$125,000, of which \$62,500 was allocated to the UJA.



### UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL 41 EAST 42/14 STREET

## MEMORANDUM

March 5, 1941

Date

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To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From

Speakers Bureau

Subject

Digests - Houston, Texas Los Angeles, California

Attached hereto are digests on Houston, Texas, which city you are scheduled to visit on March 10th and 11th, and Los Angeles, California, where you will be in the course of your tour of the West Coast.

EH:EF Attached 2.



GEO. S. COHEN HOUSTON, TEXAS

Mr. Jos. Weingarten, Houston, Texas.

Dear Joe:-

I am enclosing one of the invitations sent out to the list of the larger givers. The interest already evinced in this reception and dinner for Rabbi Silver makes me believe that Cohen House will have a gathering which will tax it to capacity.

I continue to be concerned about one point, however, which is the arrival of Rabbi Silver.

We are assuming that Rabbi Silver expects to leave Cleveland on the American Airline plane at 8:30 Monday morning, arriving in Memphis at 1:34 Monday afternoon, leaving Memphis on the Chicago and Southern plane at 2:10 Monday afternoon, arriving here in Houston at 5:20 Monday afternoon.

As air travelers, we have discussed the deleys encountered at times, due to weather conditions, and I do wish it were possible for Rabbi Silver to arrive in Houston at an earlier hour.

I have looked up all airline schedules from Cleveland to Houston and the most satisfactory is the one outlined above. I wish, however, to make this point to you, asking that you be kind enough to convey it to Rabbi Silver:

If Rabbi Silver can arrange to leave Cleveland on Sunday morning, by plane at 8:30, he could fly to either St. Louis or Memphis and complete his trip to Houston by train from either of these points, thus insuring his arrival in Houston in time for the affair on Monday evening.

This means that Rabbi Silver could leave Cleveland at 8:30 Sunday Morning, have approximately two hours between planes in either Columbus or Dayton, Ohio, and arrive in St. Louis at 2:04 Sunday afternoon, leaving St. Louis on the Missouri-Pacific "SUNSHINE SPECIAL" at 5:30 Sunday afternoon, arriving in Houston at 12:55 P.M. Monday. Or, Rabbi Silver could arrive in Memphis by plane at 1:34 on Sunday afternoon and leave Memphis at 7:05 Sunday evening, arriving in Houston at 9:29 Monday morning, or leave Memphis at 10:30 Sunday evening arriving in Houston at 12:55 P. M. Monday. Such a schedule would allow Rabbi Silver several hours between plane and train in either St. Louis or Memphis, as well as the time in either Columbus or Dayton, and might be of interest to Rabbi Silver in the event he had any matters in any of these cities which he might like to attend to on this trip.

I am sure that Rabbi Silver's hours are much in demand and I do not wish to appear unmindful of the inconvenience we may be causing him by suggesting his departure from Cleveland on Sunday Page #2.

Mr. Jos. Weingarten.

morning instead of on Monday morning. I wish you to know, however, that the great interest in Monday evening's affair is solely because Rabbi Silver is to be the guest of honor and I do wish we could feel a greater degree of certainty about his arrival in Houston so as not to disappoint his many admirers, who have been invited to meet him.

Will you kindly convey these thoughts to Rabbi Silver, explaining that, although we do not wish to work any undue hardship on him, we surely would like to receive him in Houston as early as possible on Monday.

Sincerely,

Groslohru.

March the 6th, 1 9 4 1.



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL 41 EAST 42nd STREET NEW YORK, N. Y.

## TELEGRAM

MARCH 6 1941

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PORTLAND OREGON

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL NEW YORK CITY

ACKNOWLEDGING TEEEGRAM OF RABBI SILVER AND WISE BEST NEWS WE HAVE HEARD IN A LONG TIME WHICH FILLS US WITH GREAT PLEASURE AND RENEWED HOPE THIS SOLUTION IS EVIDENT THAT TOLERANCE AND FORBEARANCE CAN HAVE SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

ORE JEWISH WELFARE FUND S MASON EHRMAN PRES.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL 41 EAST 42nd STREET NEW YORK, N. Y.

TELEGRAM

MARCH 6 1941

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HOUSTON TEXAS

HENRY MONTOR UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL NEW YORK CITY

WEINGARTEN TAUEMAN DISAPPOINTED OVER REUNION AFTER WITNESSING UPSWING OPINION FAVOR UPA THEY NOW FEEL WE SHOULD HAVE STUCK IT OUT THEY HOPE UPA GOT GOOD AGREEMENT WANT UPA UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES CONTINUE SEPARATE ORGANIZATION EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY BOTH INTEND CONTINUE SOUTHWEST COUNCIL AND FURTHER ORGANIZE LOCAL COMMITTEES FOR SUCH ACTIVITY REGARDS

ABBA ABRAMS

### PACIFIC COAST TOUR March - 1941

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## JOE WEINGARTEN HOUSTON, TEXAS

March 6th, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear friend Silver:

I am enclosing a letter which I received from Mr. George S. Cohen, Chairman of our Big Gifts Committee, which is self-explanatory.

Mr. Cohen, who is one of our most generous contributors and also gives largely of his time and energy, is naturally very much concerned about the success of the dinner that is being given at the Cohen House at the Rice Institute, in your honor. I have already contacted Mr. Henry Montor several times in regard to the possibility of his so arranging your trip to Houston as to give you somewhat more time to rest up after you get here, before the dinner, as well as to give us somewhat more assurance that there will be no interference by the weather delaying your getting here in time for the dinner, which, as Mr. Cohen has so clearly pointed out, would certainly disrupt our entire effort to make a big success of the initial drive, upon which the campaign depends in a very large degree.

However, we of course do not want to place any undue hardship upon you, and I believe you will fully appreciate our position in this matter.

I want to take this opportunity of telling you how happy I am that you are coming down to our part of the country, and I do hope that your efforts will be well rewarded.

Looking forward to seeing you in person real soon and with kindest personal regards from Mrs. Weingarten, as well as myself, I am

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Most cordially yours,

ge Weingarten



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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

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THE TEMPLE=

THIS WILL CONFIRM OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE MEETING SCHEDULED IN LOSANGELES FOR MARCH TWELFTH REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED. YOU WILL LEAVE HOUSTON AT 6:45 AM IN THE MORNING MARCH TWELFTH ARRIVING AT LOSANGELES 3:48 PM. I NOTE THAT YOU WISH SANDIEGO ON THE THIRTEENTH CANCELLED YOU ARE TO BE IN SANJOSE ON THE FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH AND THAT YOU AND MR. TROPER ARE TO BE IN SEATTLE ON THE SEVENTEENTH, IN PORTLAND ON THE EIGHTEENTH, IN OAKLAND ON THE NINETEENTH, IN SANFRANCISCO ON THE TWENTIETH, FROM THERE RETURNING TO LOSANGELES WHERE THERE IS TO BE A DINNER ON THE TWENTY FOURTH AND POSSIBLY A BIG GIFTS DINNER ON THE TWENTY SECOND. BERNARD STONE WILL HAVE FULL DETAILS OF YOUR SCHEDULE WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN LOSANGELES ON TWELFTH. BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND NOT TOO TIRING TRIP. WARMEST REGARDS=

HENRY MONTOR.

6:45 AM 3:48 PM.

## TEMPLE BICKUR CHOLIM

ISER L. FREUND, RABBI

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, The Temple, East 105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver: -

I was pleased to be assured that you will be in San Jose for the Western Reginal Conference of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which will add prestige, substance and eloquence to the proceedings.

I wish to add my personal welcome to you to our community. Please feel free to call on me for any service whatsoever to make your stay here more comfortable and fruitful. I deem your visit here a personal privilege and honor.

I have asked Mr. Stone to inform me the time of your arrival at the San Francisco Airport where it will be my pleasure to meet you and bring you to San Jose.

The community and especially <u>Shirley</u> and I look forward to you coming with great pleasure.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

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Mr. Geo. S. Cohen

on behalf of

The Reception Committee

cordially invites

We la meet Rabbi Alta Hillet Silver

at a Reception and Dinner for Gentlemen

Monday evening, March tenth

seven thirty o'clock

Cohen House

Rice Institute

The favor of a reply is requested

The Reception Committee

Mr. Albert A. Bath . Ur. The Battelstein Mr. Geo. S. Cohen Mr. H. H. Feld Mr. Jacob Freedman . Ur. H. H. Gordon Mr. L.L. Harris . Ur. Marcel Heyman . Ur. Robert Kaplan . Ur. Nathan J. Klein Mr. Max Krost Mr. Abe J. Lack Mr. Jonas Levy Dr. Moise D. Levy

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## \$12,000,000 War Emergency Campaign

## UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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Executive Director Henry Montor March 11, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Ambassador Hotel Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith digests on Oakland, California, which you will visit on Wednesday, March 19th, and San Francisco, which you will visit on Thursday, March 20th.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Eather Hoffman

Esther Hoffman Speakers Bureau

EH:EF Enclosures

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Meeting- 3/19

#### Oakland, Calif.

#### (Jewish Population- 7415)

Field Representative Bernard Stone has informed us recently that the annual campaign of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Oakland will be launched officially on April 23rd.

The UPA made formal application for an allotment of \$17,500 from the 1941 campaign proceeds. Now that the UJA has been reconstituted, the sum of approximately \$38,000 will be requested.

Leonard J. Meltzer is President of the Fund; Sydney J.Silverstein is Chairman of the Budget Committee; Harry J.Sapper is Secretary of the Fund.

The following are members of the National UPA Council: David Goldman, Rabbi Philip A. Langh, Harry J. Sapper, Rabbi William H. Stern, Matt. Wahrhaftig. Dr. P. J. Lipsett is President of the Zionist District.

In 1940, The Fund campaign for a goal of \$65,000, reached the sum of \$50,000 of which the UJA was allocated \$18,000. David Rosen was Chairman of the Campaign Committee; Lionel Wachs, Chairman, Initial Gifts.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Budget Meeting- 3/20

#### San Francisco, Calif.

(Jewish Population- 40,900)

The 1941 campaign of the Jewish National Welfare Fund of San Francisco will be launched officially the latter part of April.

The UPA made formal application for an allotment of \$275,000. Now that the UJA has been reconstituted, approximately \$600,000 will be requested.

The Committee representing the UPA here is known as the Northern California Regional Committee of which Rabbi Saul E. White is Chairman. Other friends of the cause are Judge Isidore M. Golden and Leo J. Rabinowitz.

Judge Max C. Sloss is President of the Welfare Fund; George Levison, chairman of the Budget Committee; Mrs. Annette R. Saber, Executive Secretary.

In 1940, The Fund campaign raised \$562,000 of which \$350,000 was allocated to the UJA. Julian John Meyer was Campaign Chairman.

The following are members of the National UPA Council: Shlomo Bergman, Rabbi Elliot M. Burstein, Mrs. S.W.Ehrman, Judge Isidore M. Golden, Mrs.Isidore M. Golden, Rabbi Morris Goldstein, Mrs. Edgar N. Goldstine, Mrs. Henry Harris, Mrs. E. S. Heller, Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Kaufman, Dr.Edwin Matzger, Mrs. Leo J. Rabinowitz, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Rodall, Mrs. Joseph Rosener, Mrs. Henry Sahlein, Mrs. John J. Sampson, Mrs. Jacob Schwarz, Sol Silverman, Dr.Michael M.Zarchin, Edward A. Zeisler.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Board of Directors Meeting- 3/18

#### Portland, Oregon

(Jewish Population- 7,000) Rest of State-1,000

The UPA had made formal application for an allotment of \$45,000 from the proceeds of the Oregon Jewish Welfare Fund campaign to be launched in April. With the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal, the amount to be requested is \$100,000.

In December of last year, Dr.Nahum Goldmann addressed a Zionist meeting here. Zeke Swett, one of our best Zionists, advised us at that time that they expected to reach a total of \$100,000 in their 1941 campaign.

Abe Eugene Rosenberg is campaign chairman and Jack Meier, co-chairman. S. Mason Ehrman is President of the Welfare Fund; Mrs. Isaac Swett, Secretary. Mr. Ehrman is an honorary vice-president of the UPA.

The following are members of the National UPA Council: Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz, S. Mason Ehrman, Rabbi Philip Kleinman, Jacob Lauterstein, Ben Medofsky, Harry Mittleman, Roscoe C. Nelson, Abe Eugene Rosenberg, Joseph Shemanski, Zeke Swett, Rabbi E. Charles Sydney. Mr. Mittleman is President of the Zionist District.

The 1940 campaign for a goal of \$116,500, reached the sum of \$102,500 which included about \$8000 from the rest of the State. The UJA was allocated \$62,367. Aaron Frank contributed \$10,000 to the '39 campaign; his '40 contribution is not known at headquarters. Allen Meier and Joseph Shemanski are also among the larger givers; latter contributed \$5000 in '40.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Board Meeting- 3/17

#### Seattle, Washington

(Jewish Population- 14,500)

The UPA had made formal application for an allotment of \$35,000 from the 1941 campaign of the Federated Jewish Fund of Seattle to be launched during April. The new figure to be requested by the reconstituted UJA will be \$75,000.

Leo Weisfield is the new Campaign Chairman. Other campaign officers are: Alfred Shemanski, honorary chairman; Richard E. Lang, Co-Chairman; Sol Esfeld, Co-Chairman; Lou Friedlander, Chairman of Big Gifts; Co-Ohairmen Big Gifts: Joel Staadecker, Morton Pinch, Herbert Schoenfeld, Jr.; Melville Monheimer, Chairman, Budget Committee. Budget Committee members: Richard E. Lang, Sol Esfeld, Norman Davis, Leo Kreielsheimer, P. Allen Rickles, Berman Schoenfeld, Jr., Max Silver, Charles Miller, Jules Glant.

Max Block is President of the Fund; Vice-Presidents: Mrs.John Danz, Otto S. Grunbaum, Herman Keisler; Edward Dobrin is Secretary.

Sol Esfeld, Norman Davis, Rabbi Wohlgelernter and Herman Schocken are among our Zionist friends here; last mentioned is President of the Zionist District.

The 1940 campaign for a goal of \$100,000 raised \$87,375 of which \$46,000 was allocated to the UJA. Richard Lang and Alfred Shemanski were among the top givers.

416 West Eighth Street

Los Angeles, California

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#### WESTERN STATES REGION

embracing Arizona - California - Colorado - Idaho Montana - Nevada - New Mexico Oregon - Utah - Washington Wyoming

March 25, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Now that your visit to the Coast has been concluded, I wish to tell you what an inspiration your presence has been to each community that you have visited.

I think perhaps you might care to drop a line to the following persons with whom you met on the trip: -

Charles Brown 824 South Broadway Los Angeles, Calif.

Mendel B. Silberberg 727 West Seventh St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin 636 South Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

> Gustave L. Goldstein 453 South Spring St., Los Angeles, Calif.

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With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours arus Bernard Stone

Regional Director

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March 26, 1941

Judge Harry A. Hollzer Federal Building Los Angeles, California

My dear Friend:

Now that I am back home I want to take this first opportunity to tell you how much I appreciated the many courtesies which you showed me during my visit to your city. I was very happy to have had the opportunity to revisit the Pacific Coast after three years absence, to contact with the leaders of the Jewish communities and to present to our people the story of Jewish needs in this serious hour. I do hope that I may have the pleasure in the not too far distant future, to melcome you to Cleveland and to reciprocate the courtesies which you extended to me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Rabbi Irving F. Reichert Temple Emanu-El Arguello Blvd. and Lake Street San Francisco, California

My dear Irving:

Now that I am back home I want to tell you how deeply I appreciated the many courtesies which you extended to me during my visit to your community. It was a joy to have been in your home and to have partaken of your warm hospitality. I am sorry that my visit to San Francisco was such a brief one and did not afford us the opportunity to spend a little more time together. Perhaps we will have the opportunity when you come to the Union Convention in Detroit.

With all good wishes to you and Madeleine I remain

Most cordially yours,

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS & WELFARE FUNDS Western States Regional Office 110 Sutter Street San Francisco, Calif.

March 27, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver United Palestine Appeal 41 East 42nd St. New York City

Dear Rabbi Silver:

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> Your contribution at our opening session at San Jose set the tempo for the conference. Your address was well received, and in view of the unquestioned needs of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941, your message will be used for raising the largest possible sums to meet the constantly growing requirements of these three causes.

> Therefore, on behalf of the Conference Program Committee, I want to express to you our appreciation for your cooperation in making this one of the finest conferences this region has held.

We hope that your message delivered in other communities in the Western States Region was as well received as the one given by you at San Jose.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Harold G. Trimble, M.D. Chairman, Program Committee

Mr. Jack Skirball Universal Pictures Universal City, California

My dear Jack:

Now that I am back home I want to tell you how greatly I appreciated the many courtesies which you extended to me while in Los Angeles, and how greatly I enjoyed the two days with you. You made my visit an exceedingly happy one.

I spoke with Harry last evening and he informed me that the Skirball girls are down in Florida. I wanted to tell them about my having seen you and that you are well and happy.

Again many many thanks and all good wishes in which Virginia heartily joins me.

As ever yours,

Rabbi Iser L. Freund 1022 Asbury San Jose, California

My dear Iser:

I am sorry that I did not see you prior to my leaving San Jose to say goodbye to you and to Shirley. I want to tell you how much I appreciated the many courtesies which you extended to me. You made my stay in San Jose exceedingly pleasant. It was a delight to see you and your dear lady, and to know that you are happy in your community.

I hope that you will have little trouble in raising your building fund for a new Temple.

Again many thanks to you, and all good wishes.

Most cordially yours,

Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz 2359 S. W. Park Place Portland, Oregon

My dear Henry:

Now that I am back home I hasten to send you this note to tell you how deeply I appreciated your hospitality and the many courtesies which you extended to me during my visit to your city. It was always a delight to be with you and your dear wife and to see the great honor and affection in which you are held in your community.

I am looking forward eagerly to our meeting again in Cincinnati in May. Please convey my kindest regards to all the good friends with whom I had the pleasure to spend some time in Portland -- Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Mittleman and Mr. Swett.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin 636 South Hobart Ave. Los Angeles, California

My dear Edgar:

I am sorry that I did not see you Monday in Los Angeles. I had hoped to spend a little time with you but I was told that you had left for San Francisco.

I want to tell you how deeply I appreciated the many courtesies which you extended to me during my visit to your city, and particularly the great honor of occupying your pulpit on Friday evening. You have a great congregation and you are greatly loved and admired in your city. That should make you feel very happy indeed.

I am hoping very much indeed that you will accept the chairmanship of the Los Angeles campaign. The entire community wants you to, and you are the man for it. With Jack Warner as head of the Moving Picture group, and you in the position of chairman of the campaign, Los Angeles ought to have a tremendously successful campaign this year. I urge this upon you as your friend and also in the capacity of national co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

With all good wishes to you and to your dear lady, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Mr. Charles Brown 824 South Broadway Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr. Brown:

It was so nice to have seen you just prior to me leaving Los Angeles, and to have had a chat with you. I want to tell you how much I enjoyed seeing you again and how deeply I appreciated the many courtesies which you extended to me. You are doing a magnificent job in your community. More power to you!

I thought that the meeting with the moving picture people was a very good one and I am hoping that satisfactory results will flow from it.

By the way, let me congratulate you on the action which I understand was taken by the Los Angeles community Council in defeating the National Budgeting proposals.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours.

Mr. Sol Esfeld 205 Smith Tower Seattle, Washington

My dear Friend:

Now that I am back home, I want to take this first opportunity to tell you how much I appreciated the many courtesies which you showed me during my visit to your city. I was very happy to have had the opportunity to revisit the Pacific Coast after a three years absence, to contact with the leaders of the Jewish communities, and to present to our people the story of Jewish needs in this serious hour. I do hope that I may have the pleasure in the not too far distant future to welcome you to Cleveland and to reciprocate the courtesies which you extended to me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Mr. Joseph Shemanski 1010 S. W. Washington St., Portland, Oregon

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Mr. Leonard J. Meltzer 732 - 14th Street Oakland, California

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Mr. Theodore Strimling 321 North Highland Ave. Los Angeles, California

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Mrs. Adolph Sieroty 85 Fremont Place Los Angeles, California

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With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

March 28, 1941

Judge I. M. Golden 1000 Mason Street San Francisco, California

My dear Judge Golden:

I am just now trying to get from under the mass of work and correspondence which accumulated during my absence and I want to tell you how much I enjoyed seeing you and your dear wife in San Francisco, and the few moments which we had together.

I was happy to learn again that in your city where there is so much to be done for the cause of Palestine, there is at least one unfailingly courageous voice that we can depend on. More power to you!

Most cordially yours,

March 28, 1941

Cantor Reuben Rinder 3877 Jackson Street San Francisco, California

My dear Friend:

Just a note to tell you how greatly I enjoyed the lovely hour which I spent in your home following the Temple meeting. It was good to see you and your dear wife again. I am sorry that my visit to San Francisco was such a brief one and that we didn't have more time for a pleasant schmuess.

When are you coming East? I'd love to have you visit Cleveland again. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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We are pleased to inform you that Los Angeles will have as its guest Wednesday, March 12, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, one of the most distinguished figures in contemporary Jewish life.

Rabbi Silver will deliver an address at Wilshire Boulevard Temple at 8:15 o'clock on the evening of the 12th, to which the public will be invited. Prior to the evening address however, the Rabbi has consented to be our guest at an informal dinner in the dining hall of the Temple where he will speak briefly to the key men and women in our Campaign organization.

The dinner will be served promptly at 6:15 o'clock, thus giving our dinner guests ample opportunity to go down to the auditorium in time for the address of the evening. None who can attend should miss this opportunity.

Please return the enclosed card immediately so that we may make reservation for you.

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