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United Jewish Appeal, United Palestine Appeal, "Q" and "R",  
1940-1941.

## CITY OF NEW YORK

## CITY MAGISTRATES' COURTS

MORRIS ROTHENBERG  
CITY MAGISTRATE

July 19, 1940.

305 West End Avenue, N.Y.C.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Last Wednesday afternoon I attended a meeting of the Executive of Joint Distribution Committee, which was called principally to hear the report of Mr. Troper, who has returned from Europe. After the meeting had ended, Mr. Ittelson asked me to remain as he wished to speak with me. He apparently asked several others to join and there gathered in another room, besides Mr. Ittelson and myself, Dr. Solomon Lowenstein, William Rosenwald, Dr. Jonah Wise, Mr. Baerwald, Mr. Linder.

Mr. Ittelson stated that he wished to discuss the matter of the Hofheimer Foundation. He referred to the efforts that were made to come to an understanding concerning the controversy that had arisen, and to his own endeavor to convince you and Dr. Stephen S. Wise of the desirability of giving the Hofheimer Foundation the letter of assurance which they requested before they would make the 1940 contribution to the N.R.S. He said that the 1939 contribution of the Foundation to the N.R.S. had been lost and now the 1940 contribution would also be lost unless the letter in question were forthcoming both from the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. The former was ready to give it but it was being withheld by the U.P.A. Mr. Ittelson was considerably agitated over the matter and others who were present likewise showed much concern at the possibility of losing the gift to the N.R.S. when the N.R.S. was so urgently in need of funds. Mr. Ittelson said he felt that the failure to respect the wish of a donor ~~to the~~ as to the application of the funds contributed would unquestionably seriously affect future contributions, that this controversy threatened to endanger the good will that had been built up among the leaders of the several groups who constituted the U.J.A. and that most serious of all was the likelihood of losing so large a sum for a worthy and pressing cause.

Obviously the remarks were addressed to me. I did not wish to enter into a discussion of the details of the subject, first because I was not familiar with all the facts and secondly because you were handling the matter. I did however inquire of Jonah Wise whether the meeting which you had asked with the representatives of the Foundation was held and what had there occurred. Dr. Wise said ~~xxxx~~ that such a meeting was held and that Mr. Lamport represented you thereat. He stated that the representative of the Foundation made it clear that the gift was not intended for the U.J.A. in 1939 and could not be given in 1940 unless there was assurance that the U.P.A. would claim no set-off.

Those present thought that I should co-operate in the situation. I told them that while I was willing to be of such service as was possible, I was certain that all had to recognize your unvarying fairness, and that you felt, as I had gathered from what you had said at the last meeting of the U.J.A. that there were good grounds for the position that you took. However I said that I would ~~xxxx~~ communicate with you.



The next day upon telling Mr. Montor of the meeting I had had, he showed me a copy of his letter to Mr. Ittelson dated July 17th, setting forth the U.P.A. version of the facts, and also a copy of his note to Mr. Rosenwald covering your instructions to Montor.

Upon reading Montor's letter to Ittelson I felt that it would be well to have Mr. Ittelson's comment thereon, and accordingly I requested that from him this morning. ~~ixxx~~ In response thereto, I am just in receipt of a letter addressed by Mr. David Sher, member of the Board of Trustees of the Hofheimer Foundation, to Mr. Ittelson, giving their side of the transaction, which, so far as I am aware, is the first official statement on the subject since the dispute arose from the Hofheimer Foundation. It is hereto attached.

I am sure you will understand how reluctant I am to enter the situation, but it is not of my choosing. I am convinced that the controversy has reached an acute stage which may result in unfavorable reaction to the cause, ~~xxxxi xxxxx~~ ~~that it may be advisable to give the matter~~ ~~xxxxi xxxxx~~ ~~further consideration~~ and I would suggest the advisability of your giving the matter your further consideration.

I shall await to hear from you.

I trust you are getting your much earned rest, and that you and your family are well.



Cordially yours,

*Amos Arthursky*

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
Mooselookmegantic Lodge,  
Haines Landing, Maine.

*P. S. Please forgive the Typing. I had to  
prune the letter out myself.*



July 21, 1940

My dear Judge Rotherberg,  
Thank you for your kind letter and for the inclosure. I read Mr. Scher's letter to Mr. Ittelson dated July 19th carefully, and it is in every essential a substantiation of the facts recorded in Mr. Montor's letter to Mr. Ittelson. The pledge of \$40,000 was made with no conditions attached to it, which the officers of the U.J.A. were apprised of. Nearly six months after the pledge was made the Hoffheimer Foundation made a payment of \$25,000 on account. Mr. Scher alludes to negotiations which had been carried on all through that time looking to the removal of "the impediment from the path" of the gift. With whom were these negotiations carried on? Certainly not with the national chairmen of the U.J.A. When the \$25,000 payment was made the Hoffheimer Foundation must have had assurances that the "impediment" must have been removed. Who gave them that assurance?

No meeting of the U.J.A. executive took action on this matter, and the national chairmen knew nothing about it.

The Hoffheimer Foundation people are entitled to do with their money whatever they like but they cannot involve the U.P.A. in an arrangement which runs contrary to facts as they actually occurred and to the terms of the basic agreement entered into between the U.P.A. & the U.D.C.

I call your attention particularly to the last two paragraphs of the memo submitted at my request by Mr. Montor to Mr. William Rosenwald. If the Hoffheimer Foundation regards its pledge to the U.J.A. of 1939 as invalid and has accordingly repudiated it, then it is clear that no contribution can be expected from the Foundation for 1939 and therefore it is free to make whatever contribution it desires to the N.R.S., which contribution will of course not be used as an offset against allocations which the Distribution Committee will make to the N.R.S. in 1940. No special letter from the U.P.A. is at all necessary.

The reason why a letter is being pressed is to clear the record for the Hoffheimer Foundation and the N.R.S. for 1939, which clearance in all conscience cannot be given by the U.P.A.

Frankly my dear Judge Rothenberg, the whole business was a trick to give the N.R.S. in 1939 an additional \$40,000, to which it was not entitled. When the going became difficult the device of a "loan" was resorted to, and now the U.P.A. is to help convert this "loan" into an outright contribution to the N.R.S. All the well known pressure methods are again being resorted to, threats, etc..

I am convinced that greater respect will be shown to the U.P.A.?

in the future if these cunning devices are resisted by us. I am prepared to go before a meeting of the executive of the U.P.A. or of the U.J.A. to justify this position.

With all good wishes, I remain,



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ROOM 3400  
122 EAST 42ND STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

MEMORANDUM

FROM: William Rosenwald  
TO: Mr. Henry Ittleson  
Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser  
Dr. Jonah B. Wise  
Dr. Solomon Lowenstein  
Mr. Joseph C. Hyman

DATE: July 24, 1940  
SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

Yesterday, Tuesday, Mr. Arthur Lampert told me that, at Rabbi Silver's request, he sought a legal opinion as to whether or not the Hofheimer Foundation is permitted by charter to give to American organizations doing work overseas. The attorney whom he consulted advised him that the Hofheimer Foundation is permitted by charter to make grants for overseas work. I argued the point with him, but, of course, could not deny the attorney's opinion.

Mr. Lampert is conveying the attorney's advice to Rabbi Silver. At that time, he promised, at my request, that he would ask Rabbi Silver to write a letter to the Hofheimer Foundation, as soon as possible, and send it to me for release.

You will be kept informed of any further developments in this matter.

P.S. Mr. Lampert also agreed to convey to Rabbi Silver, at my request, the following:

- A. Whether the Hofheimer policy was, or was not, a matter of charter provision made no difference, as the 1940 U.J.A. agreement would cover a foundation with a broader charter, but with restricted policy; and

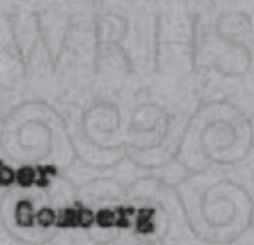


B. Any contributions which the Hofheimer Foundation may have made, in the past, to the J.D.C., were made for the refugee work in the United States.

Mr. David Scher, attorney for the Hofheimer Foundation, telephoned me to point out that, unless a satisfactory letter were received within a week, the appropriation would automatically lapse. Mr. Scher seemed to feel as I did about the legal opinion obtained by Mr. Lamport: that the responsibility for interpreting their charter and for formulating a policy must lie solely with the Hofheimer Foundation, and that no outside opinion could have a bearing on it.

cc: Dr. William Haber  
Mr. Ephraim H. Gomberg

cc(blind) Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Mr. Arthur M. Lamport





305 West End Avenue,

July 25, 1940.

Mr. William Rosenwald,  
122 East 42nd Street,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

As you know, I forwarded the copy of letter of Mr. David Sher addressed to Mr. Henry Ittelson, dated July 19th, 1940, and sent to me at Mr. Ittelson's request, to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, at his summer residence in Maine. In response thereto I have received from Dr. Silver a letter dated July 21st, 1940, from which I am authorized to send you the following extract:

"If the Hoffheimer Foundation regards its pledge to the U.J.A. of 1939 as invalid and has accordingly repudiated it, then it is clear that no contribution can be expected from the Foundation for 1939 and therefore it is free to make whatever contribution it desires to the N.R.S. for 1940. This contribution will of course not be used as an offset against allocations which the Distribution Committee will make to the N.R.S. in 1940."

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg.

MR

Dear Silver:

The above is copy of  
letter I sent this morn-  
ning as you suggested  
in telephone conversation.  
Kind regards.  
M.R.



CABLES: NACOMREF, NEW YORK  
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## NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, INC.

AN ORGANIZATION DESIGNED TO CARRY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL  
COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES AND CERTAIN OF ITS AFFILIATES

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August 1, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached is a folder, constituting the interim application of the National Refugee Service, Inc. for an allocation of the greater part of the \$500,000 for which it is permitted to apply under the provisions of the 1940 United Jewish Appeal agreement.

Serious implications are involved in the financial plight which prompts the National Refugee Service to submit this application. We are charged with the responsibility for meeting the needs of the refugees now in the United States. Responsibility for the discharge of this obligation rests with the 1940 United Jewish Appeal and the Distribution Committee as well as with the National Refugee Service.

It has been repeatedly stated that the minimum needs of the refugees in the United States constitute the primary responsibility of the American Jewish community. We are aware that the sum necessary to do a comprehensive job for the refugees within our borders is, for the present at least, beyond the resources of the Distribution Committee. But in spite of this fact, we consider it our duty to outline our needs as they presently exist. As outlined, these minimum needs make no provision for operations during the first few months of 1941. We trust that this factor, also, will be given serious consideration by your Committee.

Though relatively small in amount, the assistance for which this application is made, is very significant, since it may mark the difference between the successful discharge of the trust imposed upon this agency and our inability to solve this problem.



August 1, 1940

Unless some favorable indication is forthcoming in the next thirty days or so, we might be forced to effect a further curtailment of our activities through the balance of the year. Furthermore, there would be little or no assurance that any sort of minimum program could be continued during the first few months of the next year.

With best personal wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

*William Rosenwald*  
William Rosenwald





NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE, INC.

165 WEST 46TH STREET

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August 12, 1940

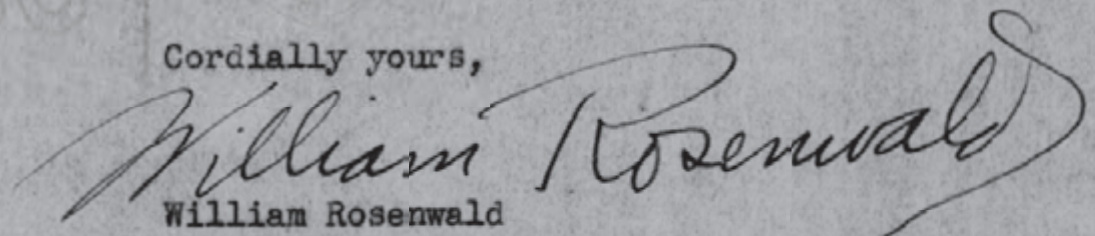
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Please accept my personal expression of appreciation for the contents of the excerpt of your letter to Judge Rothenberg, dated July 21, 1940, a copy of which he sent to me, relating to the Hofheimer Foundation donation to the National Refugee Service, Inc. It was very helpful in satisfactorily disposing of the matter.

With kind regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

  
William Rosenwald

cc: Rabbi Silver, Haines Landing, Maine ✓



C O P Y

September 4, 1940

Mr. William Rosenwald, President  
National Refugee Service, Inc.  
165 West 46th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rosenwald:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 30. I fully realize the urgent needs for funds which the National Refugee Service experiences, but I am sure that you realize that the United Palestine Appeal experiences a similar emergency. Palestine is laboring under the colossal difficulties of a country in a dangerous war zone. Its normal sources of income from all parts of the world, exclusive of the United States, are practically nil, many of its markets are shut off, and it faces a very serious unemployment problem. The United Palestine Appeal receives, almost daily, urgent appeals from Palestine for funds.

The National Refugee Service, on the basis of the agreement, has so far received from the United Jewish Appeal on account of 1940 \$1,750,000. This is the same amount which the United Palestine Appeal received. You have also received an additional \$750,000 from the New York City United Jewish Appeal. I am afraid that as co-signer with the Joint Distribution Committee of the 1940 agreement, the United Palestine Appeal cannot consent to the granting of any priority in payment to the National Refugee Service. I cannot, of course, speak for the Joint Distribution Committee. Perhaps they can see their way clear to give the National Refugee Service priority over their allocation.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) Abba Hillel Silver

ANS:EK

*copies for Mr. Wise  
Henry Munster*



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A DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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HAVE CHANGE DATE OF ANNUAL KEREN HAYESOD MEETING TO BE ADDRESSED BY YOU TO NOVEMBER THIRTEENTH STOP MONTOR ADVISES ME NO MEETING OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE ARRANGED FOR ELEVENTH. HE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

CHARLES RESS



October 31, 1940

Mr. Alex Rothenberg  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

Rabbi Silver used UPA script yesterday to and from Detroit for a trip not in connection with the UPA. When the bill comes in, please forward it to Rabbi Silver and he will send you his check for same.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



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Nov. 5, 1940

Mr. Charles Ress  
41 East 42nd St.  
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THE MEETING OF THE KEREN HAYESOD BOARD WILL SERIOUSLY CONFLICT WITH A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE UPA CALLED FOR THREE O'CLOCK NOVEMBER THIRTEENTH. COULD YOU POSTPONE YOUR MEETING TO FIVE THIRTY OR ~~FOR~~ AT NOON. UPA MEETING MUST DECIDE MATTER OF CAMPAIGN IN 1941. KINDEST REGARDS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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November 18, 1940

Mr. Alex Rothenberg  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

My traveling expenses in connection  
with my attendance at the Administrative Committee  
meeting of the UPA on Wednesday, November 13,  
amounted to \$40.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



November 22, 1940

Mr. Alex Rothenberg  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

I am enclosing herewith Rabbi Silver's check for \$20.13 as per your statement of November 15.

On November 20, Rabbi Silver bought a round trip ticket to Chicago, not in connection with the UPA, and used UPA airplane script. Rabbi Silver used only half the ticket, having returned to Cleveland by railroad. I am therefore enclosing his check for \$18.25, which is the fare to Chicago; also his ticket from Chicago to Cleveland, which he did not use.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK  
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.



November 28, 1940

Mr. Alex Rothenberg  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

My traveling expenses in connection with my visit to Toledo and Denver this week amounted to \$73.00. I went by train going West, and used the script coming back.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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November 28, 1940

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have the pleasure to inform you that at a fully attended meeting of the Board of Directors of the Keren Hayesod held on Monday, November 25th, you were elected Co-Chairman.

It is our hope that in the year 1941 the Keren Hayesod will be able to make an even greater contribution to our rebuilding work in Palestine. We welcome you as an Officer of that body and we look forward to your valued cooperation in this direction.

Very sincerely yours,

*Charles R. R. R.*

Charles R. R. R.  
Chairman, Board of Directors

R/F



December 11, 1940

Mr. A. Rothenberg  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

This bill should, I believe, be charged to the UJA. I am referring to the trip which I made to New York to attend the meetings of the Allotment Committee of the UJA on Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7. My traveling expenses plus my hotel bill amounted to \$52.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



December 13, 1940

Mr. A. Rothenberg  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

I used the UPA Script on a trip to and from  
Memphis, Tenn. When you get the bill, please send  
it to me.

AHS:EK



Very sincerely yours,





December 18, 1940

Mr. Alex Rothenberg  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

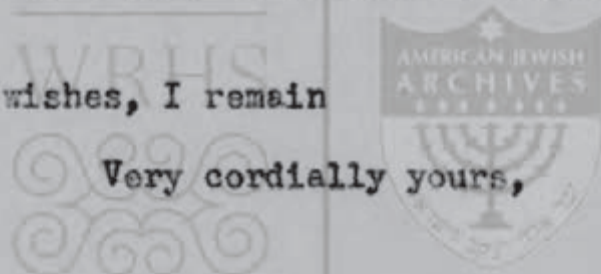
My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

Traveling and hotel expenses in connection with my trip yesterday to attend the Administrative meeting of the United Palestine Appeal were \$24. I used the script for my return trip to Cleveland.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





December 31, 1940

Mr. Alex Rothenberg  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

My expenses incurred in attending the  
Executive meeting of the United Jewish Appeal  
yesterday were \$40.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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

--DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

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HENRY MONTOR

January 3, 1941

I am writing to you, as Chairman of the 1940 campaign, to ask that you make it possible through a community-wide appeal for the United Palestine Appeal to receive from the sum of

This sum is necessary in order that your community may help fairly to meet the requirements of Palestine involving the maintenance and security of the present structure and the stimulation of the absorptive capacity of the country for additional immigration.

In order that the facts to sustain this application may be presented directly to the leaders of your community, our representative will shortly call upon you, prepared to cooperate in every possible way in assuring the attainment of the sum which is vitally necessary in the year ahead.

The Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Jewish National Fund, the two constituent organizations of the United Palestine Appeal, which also includes the Mizrahi Palestine Fund, have adopted a budget of \$13,640,000 for the period that coincides with our campaign effort. Because of the collapse of Jewish communities in Europe, which previously made substantial contributions to the Palestine upbuilding program, because of the effect of war on other countries, such as England, South Africa, Canada, etc., and because of the new emergency and war-time needs and opportunities that exist in Palestine, the leaders of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund believe that American Jewry will have to assume virtually the full responsibility for these programs.

This challenge to our statesmanship and to our generosity the United Palestine Appeal is prepared to accept with the understanding and sympathetic support of your community.

Formal documents giving in detail the nature of these budgets will be submitted to you within the coming weeks. Our representative will shortly call upon you, prepared to offer statistical material and all other facts which you may deem necessary in evaluating the share which your community should accept toward the national responsibility to be assumed by American Jewry.



January 3, 1941.

In brief, however, these are the essential elements of the program which requires our energetic and effective collaboration:

In the field of immigration, Palestine continues to be an outstanding factor in the absorption of refugees. There are now available 8,100 immigration certificates which can be used before March 31, 1941 by immigrants in various parts of Europe, whose efforts to enter Palestine must be facilitated by funds for transportation.

The continued entry of non-certificated immigrants into Palestine today assumes wider proportions than ever before, as is attested by the entry in the month of November of over three thousand non-certificated refugees. The fact that Palestine absorbed over 24,000 refugees in the first year of the war also must be taken into consideration in determining the enlarged financial responsibility of the Jewish Agency.

The continued influx of a large immigration, combined with the impact of war upon the economy of Palestine, has brought new burdens to the Jewish Agency budget in the form of provision for relief. In the past several months the Jewish Agency has made available increased sums of money through the Vaad Leumi so that some 75,000 people a month could obtain relief assistance.

This is in addition to the obligation which the Jewish Agency assumes when non-certificated refugees are released into its custody by the Government. Thus, in the case of some 1700 hapless refugees, whose fate became known to the world through the explosion of the Patria, the Jewish Agency was given the responsibility to see to it that these men, women and children did not become public charges, and moreover that they were fed, sheltered, clothed and restored to the health which they had lost in the months of wandering on the seas.

The war has dislocated a great part of the economic and industrial life of the country. To prevent demoralization, to cut down on the relief load, the Jewish Agency as the representative of the Jewish people has undertaken to stimulate commerce and industry so that men could be employed in jobs and that the security of the country could simultaneously be strengthened through the continued functioning of the economic machinery and through the extension of various public works, particularly those to enlarge and to link the Jewish settlements.

The continuation of the colonization program is one of the most important duties facing the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund in 1941.

The 257 Jewish settlements which dot Palestine must be protected and their areas and activity extended; equipment, livestock, agricultural instruction and assistance must be given, particularly to some hundred colonies established in the past decade, sixty of them in the last four years.

In the year 1940 the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund were responsible for the establishment of eight new colonies. The program now under way provides for the erection of fifteen additional settlements in 1941. This colonization program is essential for these reasons, in brief:

To widen the frontiers of Jewish colonization in the Jewish Homeland, to provide the soil upon which the Yishuv's capacity for self-sufficiency in agricultural production may be enhanced, to erect settlements for the purpose of increasing the strategic security of colonies already established, and to give a foot-hold on the



January 3, 1941.

land to an increasing number of refugees who have come to Palestine to rebuild their economic life through integration on the soil of Palestine.

The program of land acquisition that has been carried on by the Jewish people since 1903 through the Jewish National Fund must be continued. The land previously contracted for must be redeemed, and new areas available for acquisition must be obtained so that the refugees who enter Palestine may have land upon which to settle and land from which to obtain the food for their support.

Grave new burdens have fallen upon the Jewish community of Palestine. It has met these burdens with patience, faith and self-sacrifice, providing increasing sums of money for emergency, security and war-time needs. However, certain programs which the Jewish community in Palestine was unable until the war to carry on by itself in whole or in part must, if this magnificent structure is to be preserved and widened, be assumed by American Jewry.

Thus, the Jewish Agency must enlarge its contribution for the maintenance of the educational system of Palestine, which embraces some sixty thousand children. This is but one illustration of the wide variety of cultural and economic, as well as agricultural activities which the United Palestine Appeal is sponsoring.

The facts of Palestine's development are in themselves a source of pride and encouragement to all Jewry. We must remember that because of the generosity and the vision of the Jewish people in previous years, there exists in Palestine the largest free Jewish community in the world, next to that of the United States. Preservation of the Jewish people and of Jewish values is bound up with the growth of the Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Today the Jews of Palestine are playing a significant role in the struggle whose outcome will determine the fate, not alone of one country, but of our present-day civilization. Over six thousand Palestine Jews are in the British Army. Palestine Jews are now serving in the battles in Egypt and Greece. In the coming months, additional thousands of Palestine Jews will be recruited in the regular forces and in the Volunteer Force, which has been initiated in the past week.

The Jews of America have the opportunity and the responsibility of making clear to this great Jewish community in Palestine that we share with them the spirit of faith in the ultimate triumph of the cause for which they are fighting, and that we shall do everything in our power to maintain their morale, not alone with moral, but with an increased material support.

For these reasons I have every confidence that you and your associates in the leadership of your community will give the most sympathetic consideration to this request of the United Palestine Appeal and that the Jewish men and women will respond to your 1941 campaign shortly to begin with the generosity sufficient to meet their fair share of our common responsibility.

Looking forward to word from you with regard to progress of plans in the 1941 campaign, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles J. Rosenbloom  
Treasurer

CJR:ff



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—DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN

# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

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HENRY MONTOR

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter which I have written to the head of your formal campaign organization indicating the amount which the United Palestine Appeal trusts will be made available to its \$12,000,000 campaign in 1941.

Undertaking the responsibility of sustaining the morale and of enlarging the resources for the Jewish community in Palestine, I count earnestly upon your effective support in making possible total results that will insure to the United Palestine Appeal a proportionate share of the funds it seeks.

May I have your assurance that your community will do everything possible to reply affirmatively to the United Palestine Appeal's request?

Sincerely yours,

Charles J. Rosenbloom  
Treasurer

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 7, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mrs. Roosevelt appreciates the invitation you extend to her from the officers of the United Palestine Appeal to be the guest of honor at the National Conference here in Washington. She deeply regrets, however, that as she may have to be away on January 25 and 26, she cannot accept.

With her thanks for your letter, I am



Very sincerely yours,



Signed - Malvina C. Thompson  
Secretary to  
Mrs. Roosevelt

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y.



January 9, 1941

Mr. Al Rothenberg  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

My traveling expenses involved in my trip  
to Chicago, from Chicago to New York, and from New York  
to Cleveland on January 6-9 amounted to \$60.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



January 21, 1941

Mr. A. Rothenberg  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

My expenses involved in my trip to New  
York, yesterday, were \$40;

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



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HENRY MONTOR

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

As per your request we are  
enclosing herewith invoice rendered to us  
by the Willard Hotel for \$21.87.

Cordially yours,

*Alex Rothenberg*  
Alex Rothenberg.

ARS:CS



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February 5th, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

The Collection Department of the United Jewish Appeal has taken a short term lease on an office on the 19th floor of the Canadian Pacific Building.

*Co-Treasurers*

I. EDWIN GOLDWASSER  
ARTHUR M. LAMPORT

We would, therefore, appreciate your signing the attached leases in the three places designated.

*Executive Vice-Chairmen*

ISIDOR COONS  
HENRY MONTOR

Sincerely yours,

*Executive Committee*

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Alex Rothenberg  
Office Manager

AR: IH  
Enc. 2



February 6, 1941

Mr. Alex Rothenberg, Office Manager  
United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

I am enclosing herewith the leases  
which you sent me and which I have signed.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK  
Enc. 2



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
United Palestine Appeal,  
41 East 42 Street,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

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We have received authorization from Dr. Jonah B. Wise  
and Mr. Solomon Lowenstein to issue check to the  
Distribution Committee in the amount of \$1,000.00  
for additional expenses.

May we also ask for your approval of this item?

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Very truly yours,

*A. Rothenberg*  
A. ROTHENBERG



February 12, 1941

Mr. A. Rothenberg  
United Jewish Appeal  
342 Madison Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

In reply to your kind letter of February 10 permit me to state that if the \$1,000 for additional expenses to the Distribution Committee is within the \$25,000 originally agreed upon, I will approve this item.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK





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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I want to congratulate you on the heroic stand you took against Mr. Hollander, the President of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds. I was very sorry that I could not be present in Washington at the U.P.A. Conference, but I was partially compensated by reading your speech, which you delivered at the Conference.

We in Canada, at our last Convention in Montreal, reaffirmed our stand, not to permit Zionist fund raising to be merged with Welfare Fund-raising. There are several communities in Ontario, who have organized Welfare Funds and some of the leadership of these Welfare Funds cannot forgive the Zionist Organization for refusing to join the Welfare Fund. Many of them speak with prophetic zeal concerning unity in the Jewish community and blame the Zionists for standing in their way of attaining such unity.

In your dealings with the J.D.C. leadership, you have amassed a tremendous amount of information on the psychology and attitude of the so called non-Zionists with reference to Palestine and Palestine funds and a straightforward expression on your part to Canadian Jewry would mean a great deal right now once and for all to dispel the murmurings of even a good many Zionists, who are in favour of one united fund-raising activity for all Jewish causes.

You would render the Zionist Cause in Toronto and Ontario particularly a great service if you would agree to come to Toronto, in order to speak on behalf of the 1941 U.P.A. Campaign. Any day that you can give us in April will be satisfactory to us for our U.P.A. rally. We must have a man of your eloquence and your experience to help us put over our U.P.A. Campaign this year, which has set for its quota \$50,000 for Toronto and \$100,000 for the Region.

Our U.P.A. committee looks forward anxiously to your acceptance, as the success of the Campaign depends upon your coming. You will recall that I tried to get you a number of months ago and you promised to make an effort to come to Toronto sometime later.





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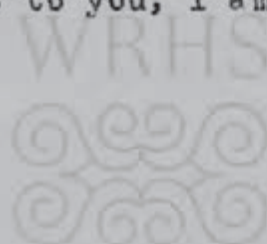
Dr. A.H. Silver:

Hoping that you will accept and with kindest personal  
regards to you, I am

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Sincerely yours,

(Solomon Rivlin)  
Executive Director





February 19, 1941

Rabbi Solomon Rivlin, Executive Director  
Ontario Zionist Region  
206 Beverley Street  
Toronto, Ontario

My dear Rabbi Rivlin:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of February 10. I wish I could come to your city in connection with your 1941 UPA campaign. But I am afraid that due to the dissolution of the UJA, my work this year in the United States will be so heavy that I will probably not be able to get away to visit your community. I am planning to go to the Pacific Coast the latter part of March and probably will not return until early in April. In that month, we not only have the Welfare Fund campaign in Cleveland, of which I am chairman, but I have quite a number of other campaign meetings already scheduled in various parts of the country.

I agree with you fully. Our experience has demonstrated conclusively that the best interests of Palestine are served by an independent appeal. United appeals create more friction and bitterness in the long run when the question of allotment of funds comes up at the beginning of every year than the surface unity which they are supposed to achieve.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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10 EAST 40TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y. March 1, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansell Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

At a meeting of the Allotment Committee in Atlanta on January 31st, I was asked whether the figures in the Inquiry Report had been certified and whether the statistical tables were comparable. I replied in the negative. The consensus of opinion of the Allotment Committee was that I should devote myself to making the tables comparable and to certifying the figures before publication of the report.

Subsequently, I had extended correspondence and a series of conversations with the Director of the Inquiry with the view of calling to his attention the factual errors and misuse of figures in various tables. I am sorry to say that my observations and criticisms were largely ignored.

As a result, I am compelled to inform the Allotment Committee that I was unable to carry out the instructions which I thought had been directed at me at the Atlanta meeting. Accordingly, I must ask the cooperation of the Allotment Committee in seeing to it that neither my name, that of Mr. Joseph Kalafa, my partner, or that of Bernard Reis & Company are in any way associated with the Inquiry Report which, in its present form, does not in my mind represent a scientific, detached use of statistics and factual material.

Sincerely yours,

*Bernard Reis*

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THE TEMPLE=

CONFIRMING MY LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH YOU TODAY IN WHICH YOU AGREED TO FOLLOWING PROPOSAL AS BASIS RECONSTITUTION UNITED JEWISH APPEAL QUOTE FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE STOP TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL AND TWO MILLION DOLLARS FOR NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE OUT OF FIRST EIGHT MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS RAISED BALANCE RAISED TO BE APPORTIONED BY AN ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE END QUOTE I INFORMED GREENMAN WHO ACTED AS MEDIATOR OUR FAVORABLE ATTITUDE AND HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM HIM PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE OF JDC AND NRS ALSO TALKED TO EDWARD WARBURG WHO CONFIRMED ACCEPTANCE. SUGGESTED WE MEET WEDNESDAY<sup>11</sup> FOR SIGNING PRELIMINARY MEMORANDUM OF TERMS. CAN YOU BE PRESENT. URGE YOU COME AND ALSO TO CALL ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING UPA FOR ONE PM SAME DAY FOR FORMAL APPROVAL. IN ANY EVENT PLEASE WIRE ME IMMEDIATELY CONFIRMATION YOUR APPROVAL FIGURES AND TIME WEDNESDAY YOU CAN ATTEND. SR STEPHEN WISE WHO ALSO APPROVES IN CANADA RETURNING TOMORROW. REGARDS=

MORIS ROTHENBERG.

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10 EAST 40TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y. March 4, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansell Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Silver:

With reference to my letter to you of March 1st, may I say that I should like to withdraw this letter for the following reasons:

1. I have since read the minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting at the Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, on January 31st, as edited in Mr. Perlstein's handwriting, reading:

"At the suggestion of Dr. Silver and accepted by the Committee, Mr. Bernard J. Reis was to go over the tables and accounts and make suggestions, but in this respect also the acceptance of change is to be subject to the discretion of the Director."

2. About the middle of December, Mr. Friedman was informed verbally by me that I was retained by the United Palestine Appeal to act as their accountant. At his request, I put this statement in writing in a letter dated January 20, 1941, reading as follows:

"This is to inform you that I have been retained by the United Palestine Appeal, Inc. for the purpose of setting up a complete financial system..."

Mr. Friedman, having confidence in me and wishing to help the United Palestine Appeal to solve its accounting difficulties agreed to my service with the United Palestine Appeal and continued to consult me on changes in the Inquiry Report, after receiving the approval of Dr. Solomon Lowenstein on the propriety of such consultation. Many of these changes Mr. Friedman accepted.

On Thursday, February 27th, I suggested to Mr. Friedman that certain tables be deleted, particularly the tables showing the sharp decline in J.D.C. commitments from January 1940 to October 1940, and also the table attempting to reconcile the budgetary surplus and the cash deficit of the N.R.S. Mr. Friedman refused to do so, and stated he was acting correctly in view of written instructions of the Allotment Committee. Furthermore, he recalled to me that I was his personal accounting advisor, for on September 19, 1940, Mr. Friedman wrote me: "This is to confirm our understanding that you are to act as my personal advisor on the accounting aspects of the Inquiry..." The Chief Accountant of the Inquiry was Mr. Joseph Kalafa.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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March 4, 1941

I then told him that I would write a letter to the Allotment Committee that my observations and criticisms were largely ignored. He requested me not to mail this letter until my partner, Mr. Kalafa, who was out of town returned. I did not wait. My partner has now returned and after consultation with him, I decided that in view of the fact that I was subsequently retained by one of the agencies to be appraised, I could not at the same time act as advisor to the impartial body which was doing the appraising. Will you kindly therefore ignore my letter of March 1st.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter to Mr. Elisha M. Friedman, Director of the Inquiry, c/o Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, 1560 Broadway, New York, New York.

Sincerely yours,

*Ben D. Rei*

BJR:S





March 6, 1941

Mr. Bernard Reis  
10 East 40th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Reis:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 4 as well as your earlier letter. I do not wish to enter into the subject which you raise in both your letters. I wish only to make the following comment.

I requested the Allotment Committee at its meeting in Atlanta to have all the figures in the Inquiry Report certified by you and to see that all statistical tables were comparable. The Allotment Committee agreed unanimously to have that done. It was with that understanding that I signed the Report the following morning. It was not suggested at any time during the meeting that such certification and corrections be subject to the approval or discretion of the Director of the Inquiry. If, as you say, Mr. Perlstein edited the minutes in his own handwriting, it is news to me.

Very cordially yours,

ARS:BK



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HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT AT A MEETING LAST NIGHT THE UNITED JEWISH FUND AND THE FEDERATION OF PHILANTHROPIES OF PITTSBURGH OVERWHELMINGLY DEFEATED THE BUDGETING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REFERENDUM THE FUND VOTE WAS ELEVEN AGAINST THREE FOR IT ONE NOT VOTING THE FEDERATION VOTE STOOD TEN AGAINST THREE FOR AND ONE NOT VOTING IN A COVERING LETTER TO THE COUNCIL IT WAS STATED AS THE DESIRE OF BOTH BOARDS THAT FACT FINDING AS RECOMMENDED IN BOTH THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY REPORTS BE CONTINUED AND FURTHER THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AND UNITY THE COUNCIL SHOULD WITHDRAW THE REFERENDUM AT ONCE.

GOOD WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRIP AND BEST REGARD=

CHARLES ROSENBLOOM.



WILLIAM ROSENWALD  
165 WEST 46TH STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

(Please address any reply to Room 1101)

March 19, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th St., at Ansel Rd.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

You have, undoubtedly, heard much discussion, both pro and con, concerning the "National Advisory Budget Service" proposals, recommended by the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. This is to give you the "slant" of a person who has been active in the work of the Council (and, especially so in this matter).

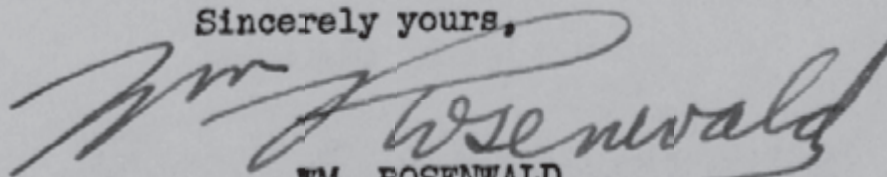
Everyone seems agreed that the fact-finding which has been done in the past has been desirable, and should be extended, but there has been, in addition, a substantial demand from member agencies, and from regional conferences, that these facts be evaluated. It is interesting to note that in reconstituting the United Jewish Appeal for 1941 the plans favored by two of the three beneficiary agencies were aimed towards determining the major portion of the allotments, on the basis of evaluation by a neutral committee.

The proposals contained in the referendum are the result of intensive study. They were reviewed at two separate meetings of the Committee, and approved by a large majority of the Directors of the Council. Two points require emphasis:

1. The proposals recommend a service which is to be purely advisory. Each welfare fund will be free to use the findings in any way it sees fit.
2. The reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal increases the desirability of starting the National Advisory Budget Service at this time, for it would initiate the service on other programs which, although of undoubted importance, are, perhaps, less complex and less controversial than those of the three "major" agencies.

You are, therefore, urged to assist in organizing support for the National Advisory Budget Service, when it is being voted on in your community, if you agree that it should be inaugurated.

Sincerely yours,

  
WM. ROSENWALD



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BERNARD REIS & COMPANY

10 East 40th Street  
New York, N.Y.

March 24, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Since Mr. Reis is at home ill, he has asked me to convey to you the following message in regard to the reimbursement to the U.P.A. for moneys expended to date. He believes that the U.P.A. should be reimbursed in full immediately rather than wait for the close of the campaign for the adjustment. This contention can be borne out by the following figures:

The U.P.A., National, to date expended approximately \$100,000.00. The U.P.A., New York City, to date expended and incurred approximately \$60,000.00, or a total of \$160,000.00. \$160,000.00 based on 37% allocated to the U.P.A. would mean that a total expenditure by the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. would have to be \$432,000.00. In other words, J.D.C. would have had to have had expenditures of \$272,000.00 and any amount less than \$272,000.00 expended by the J.D.C. to date, the U.P.A. would virtually be advancing or loaning 37% of such difference.

For example, assuming that U.P.A. had expended \$160,000.00 and the J.D.C. had expended \$160,000.00, the total expenditure would be \$320,000.00. U.P.A.'s share of such total expenditure, or 37% of \$320,000.00, would be \$118,400.00. Inasmuch as the U.P.A. had already expended and incurred \$160,000.00, it would mean that U.P.A. is advancing now \$41,600.00 or the difference between \$160,000.00 and \$118,400.00 toward the J.D.C.'s expenditures.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Joseph Kalafa

JK:S



*The Congregation Emanu-El*  
*Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street*  
*San Francisco*

IRVING FREDERICK REICHERT  
RABBI

April 2, 1941

Dear Abba:

I was glad to have your kind note and to learn that you arrived home safely.

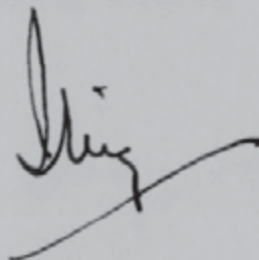
Leo Rabinowitz, one of our most active Zionists, was prevented by illness from hearing the address you gave at Temple Emanu-El. I have sent him a transcript, with the request that when he has read it, he mail it to you in accordance with my promise.

I look forward to seeing you at the Convention.

With cordial greetings to you and Virginia, in which Madeleine joins, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
E. 105th St. & Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.





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FROM INFORMAL DISCUSSION GATHER JDC AND NRS WOULD FAVOR  
NAMING SAME PERSONNEL ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE, FOR MY  
GUIDANCE WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE AS TO THIS AND ALSO AS  
TO OPEN QUESTIONS AGREEMENT OF WHICH MONTOR INFORMED YOU.  
HOPE YOU HAD A PLEASANT TRIP KIND REGARDS=

MORRIS. ROTENBERG.

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TELEGRAM TO

Judge Morris Rothenberg  
New York, N.Y.

YOUR TELEGRAM IS NOT CLEAR. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "NAMING SAM E.  
PERSONNEL ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE." KINDEST REGARDS.

Abba Hillel Silver





BENJAMIN RABALSKY

ATTORNEY AT LAW

PARKER HOUSE

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

April 4, 1941.

Dr. Aba Hillel Silver  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

About three weeks have elapsed since the so-called "Peace Agreement" between the United Palestine Appeal, and the Joint Distribution Committee, etc. was announced. Upon the receipt of the notice to this effect, I intended to write to you briefly on this subject, but desisted from doing it, expecting that time will take care of a sort of a provoked, uncomfortable feeling which overwhelmed me. I thought that in a week or so, I would be in a position to see with more clarity the intricacies, and difficulties involved in the question of a separate campaign which you had to overcome as the responsible guardian of the campaign, and would possibly be in a position to see eye to eye with all advocates of "PEACE, PEACE IN ISRAEL."

I must confess that time has not helped a bit; on the contrary, day by day it becomes clearer to me that notwithstanding the difficult task in connection with a separate campaign, the surrender of our rights to collect the funds for Erez Israel from Zionists and sympathizers of Zion, overweighs all obstacles, hardships, "Peace in Israel", not excluded.

For over a year the United Palestine Appeal has carried out a program of educational propaganda, tending to discipline and prepare the Zionist for the call to action. Huge mass meetings were organized in the Regions and principal cities all over the United States. These meetings were addressed by yourself and Honorable James McDonald, and other distinguished American and Jewish leaders. All this at considerable expense in money and in efforts.

Your address on Saturday evening, January 25th. at the Willard Hotel touching on this subject, illustrating the spirit of "Santo Domingo" which has overtaken a certain section in American Israel, created a sort of enthusiasm among all the delegates and guests present, and multitudes of Jews out of the hotel, but who are interested in Palestine. The address will remain a lasting contribution in the discussion of basic problems confronting World and American Jewry. The reaction on most of the delegates present was that we are about to begin a new chapter concerning our independent and unimpaired action on behalf of Erez Israel. That the "shiduch" in its entirety, produced a kind of incompatibility; - the obvious remedy, dissolution. The next logical step would be to place the responsibility on the Zionist shoulders. Let them assume the task of independent action on behalf of Erez Israel, as in the days of 1921.

The Zionists were deeply impressed by the public announcements made by you, or in your name as President of the United Palestine Appeal to the effect that the minimum needs of Palestine for this year calls for American contribution in the sum of twelve million dollars. This public pronouncement, with accompanying elucidations were interpreted by some of us to mean just exactly what it did intend to convey, and was received with all earnestness. In consequence of your appeal to American Zionists and Jewry for twelve million dollars several hundred of Orthodox Rabbis have arranged a solemnous gathering, resulting in the adoption of a so-called Sacrosanct Resolution, resolving to offer their services, efforts, and money on behalf of a successful campaign. Many other leaders in Jewish communities did likewise. In a number of cities and towns the



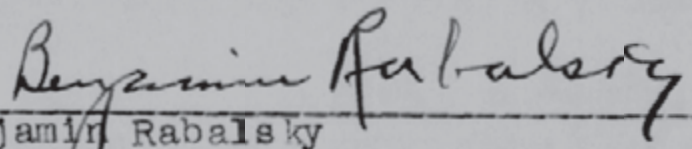
Dr. Aba Hillel Silver (2)

Zionists were in fact prepared to assume full responsibility. There were signs of a reawakening of Zionist vitality. All the facts hardly justify repetition, they are fresh. But, in the midst of all the enthusiasm and preparations for a successful campaign, the "Mechuthanim" arranged to meet in the holy name of Peace. In consequence of said meeting, and notwithstanding the fact that the incompatibility was not weakened nor banished, the so-called unsatisfactory "shiduch" was re-cemented, patched up, and the patches vulcanized. The restraining order, as a consequence of the "Peace Agreement" on Zionist activity, on my way of thinking, produced the following picture: The twelve million dollars, so much needed in Erez Israel was reduced to two and one-half million (for any additional sums must necessarily depend on the harvest, on the gathering and the threshing, and on the fairness and impartial action on behalf of the Chairman on Allocation.) Kindly pardon the following comparative analysis, "and the mountain was pregnant, and gave birth to".

I have a feeling, though not based on actual knowledge, that during the negotiations leading to Peace, you were not inclined to say Amen to the final propositions, and I question myself on the justification of addressing myself on the subject to you, for the thoughts expressed in this letter should rather be directed to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who as I understand, was the leading "Shadchen", following in the footsteps of Joseph Barendes, of blessed memory, and yet, notwithstanding the limited knowledge as to what transpired at the meeting, decided to address you for two obvious and distinct reasons: First, you are the leader, the President of the United Palestine Appeal. Second, at the Washington conference of the United Palestine Appeal, and in the weeks following that conference, you personified and expressed the convictions of many thousands of Zionists and sympathizers who were convinced that a separation, a dissolution was in order and justified.

With best wishes and complements of the Season, and assuring you of my high regard and esteem, I remain

Respectfully and cordially yours,

  
Benjamin Rabalsky

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*Please return*

LEO J. RABINOWITZ  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1220 MILLS TOWER  
SAN FRANCISCO

April 7, 1941

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

At the request of Irving Reichert, I enclose herewith transcript of your address at Temple Emanu-El on March 20th. I was unable to be present that evening and therefore requested the privilege of reading your address before it was sent on to you. It is a splendid and powerful presentation and I regret I could not have heard its rendition.

I am informed that the attendance that evening was not what it should have been. It would have taxed the Temple to capacity had the occasion been handled by the Zionists or had it been differently handled by our Welfare Fund. The settled policy of the Fund here with respect to publicity, with which I personally disagree, militated against the success of the evening. I hope you will not mind a further word, which I write hesitantly.

It is too bad really that you declined my invitation to you to meet with a few of the local Zionist leaders here at lunch or otherwise. Frankly, I felt hurt at your curt refusal. We need the opportunity, so rare, of conference with our leaders.

You may take my assurance that the local Zionists were not at fault or lacking in desire to mark your visit here with proper honor and hospitality but we were given to understand from the outset that you wished to be received by the Welfare Fund here and not by the Zionists on this tour. On that account our hands were tied.

As it happened, the Welfare Fund contented itself with arranging the evening meeting at Temple Emanu-El addressed by you.

What you and others of the National Office and leadership sometimes overlook is that in outlying communities like San Francisco a few of us are carrying on



the fight against overwhelming odds.

Our local district is pitifully weak in numbers. But, nevertheless, through the influence and personal relationship of several of us, our Welfare Fund has made appropriations to Palestine since 1925 out of all proportion to the Zionist strength here and to the allotments made by other cities to Palestine.

This is not the result of the work of the National Office.

But we, locally, need fuller and more intimate information on current problems than is furnished by the National Office, particularly during major controversies such as the recent one on the national advisory budget. I personally could well dispense with the complimentary and coddling letters and the flood of long discursive correspondence which comes to me and which serves no useful purpose.

Mr. Montor has visited here several times and on those occasions deals directly with the Welfare Fund and has never once consulted with me or even given me the courtesy of a telephone call on such visits.

As it happens, I am able to be of some help from time to time. I was one of the small committee that organized the Welfare Fund in 1925, directed its first campaign, was chairman of its budget committee, and have been on its Executive Committee since 1925. I have borne the brunt of all Zionist issues in the Executive Committee over the years.

Recently, I carried on the fight against the proposed national budget committee. It was a bitter fight, locally, and, as you well know, it is no pleasure to carry on an all-out attack on the majority and controlling group, especially when they happen to be personal friends and the issues reach down so deeply into the prejudices and emotions of all involved.

Those controlling the direction of our Welfare Fund are tied in with the J. D. C. leadership in point of view and by business, social and family relationships and many years of tradition. They are in constant communication and intimately informed of what goes on behind the scenes and probably also have some influence on the shaping of J. D. C. policy. The Fund here, I believe, is in a strategic position.

That makes it all the more difficult for the few Zionists here who are effective in this connection to carry on without intimate contact and information.



You will appreciate therefore my disappointment when you declined my invitation to meet with me and a few other Zionists the day of your visit here. You are a general and I a mere corporal but I take your preaching on democracy seriously and such cooperation as, for example, you urged from me in your recent letter to me of March 19th, co-signed by Rabbi Jonah Wise, merits reciprocal cooperation.

Do not take this letter as Chutzpah. It is intended in quite a different spirit.

With kind greetings and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Encl.

*Leo J. Rabinowitz*





April 14, 1941

Mr. Leo J. Rabinowitz  
1220 Mills Tower  
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Rabinowitz:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the address which I delivered at Temple Emanu-El.

In reply to the rest of the letter, permit me to inform you that I was very happy to meet the Zionist leaders and the Zionist groups in every city that I visited on the Pacific Coast. It is always a great pleasure for me to do so. In all such instances the Zionists took occasion to write to me to Cleveland before I left on my tour, or to contact me immediately upon my arrival on the Coast. In the case of San Francisco, I did not hear a word from the Zionists, and your off-hand invitation to meet a few Zionists at luncheon came at a quarter to twelve. This, you will agree, is informality of the extreme type considering that I had traveled two thousand miles to get to your city and that I had not visited San Francisco in three years. I don't know who gave you to understand that I wished to be received by the Welfare Funds and not by the Zionists. I gave nobody any such instructions.

I am taking the liberty of sending your letter to Mr. Montor because of the suggestions which you make in it relative to the services which the national office could render you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Henry Montor

In line with our telephone conversation this morning as to the two outstanding questions in the agreement to be signed between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, I have spoken to Dr. Lowenstein today.

1. As to the question of representation to the National Refugee Service, we have agreed upon the following wording:

"That at the discretion of the Allotment Committee a representative of the National Refugee Service be invited to attend sessions of the Allotment Committee without vote and with the privilege of discussion solely on questions pertaining to the National Refugee Service. However, such attendance and right of discussion of the NRS representative shall not apply to any executive sessions of the Allotment Committee which will be held."

2. With respect to the reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal up to the time of the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal I told Dr. Lowenstein that we would insist on the procedure which was followed in 1940. That is to say that both the JDC and the UPA shall be fully reimbursed for such expenditures prior to the division of the UJA funds in accordance with the terms agreed upon. Dr. Lowenstein said that that was not acceptable to his group, and he suggested that this question be left for decision either by the members of the Allotment Committee which will be agreed upon, or by any arbitrators to be mutually selected. He asked me to take this suggestion back to my group and let him know their answer.

He is very anxious that we should not delay the selection of the members of the Allotment Committee.

Please let me hear from you.

Kind regards,

Very cordially yours,

*Morris Rothenberg*  
Morris Rothenberg  
National Co-Chairman

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 Alexander S. Wolf, *St. Louis*



April 19, 1941

Judge Morris Rothenberg  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 E. 42nd St.  
New York City

Dear Morris,

Thank you for your kind letter of April 17th. The agreement which you reached with the JDC with regards to the representation of the NRS should be contingent upon the acceptance by the JDC of our proposition for full reimbursement for expenditures made by the JDC and the UPA prior to the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal. This latter matter should not be left to the Allotment Committee, which has nothing to do with it, or to any arbitrator.

There is no hurry about the selection of the members of the Allotment Committee. There is no money as yet to allocate, and we have just completed one thorough survey of the three agencies.

With all good wishes, and looking forward to seeing you next Thursday, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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MEMORANDUM

April 24, 1941

To Mr. Henry Montor

From Dr. Martin Rosenbluth

Subject: your notes of April 22 referring to two reports of the J.D.C.

The fate of the so-called Kladowa Group is dealt with in both documents in a manner typical of the propaganda machinery of the J.D.C. While the statements in general are correct, an absolutely wrong impression is created because relevant facts are omitted and other facts are reported intentionally in such a way that the reader has to assume that the only Jewish organization responsible for the salvation of at least a part of this Group, was the J.D.C. In one instance, in order to create this impression, they even resort to misrepresentation of the truth stating that "the Kladowa Group originally numbered over 1000." The fact is that the Group originally numbered nearly 2000 but that their number was reduced in the Spring of 1940 to about 1200 when Zionist circles succeeded in bringing safely over from Kladowa to Palestine 750 refugees. As a special steamer had to be acquired the transportation costs for this Group amounted to nearly \$50,000. These costs were covered by a special effort on the part of some Zionist organization without any participation of the J.D.C. whatsoever. In order to save the remaining 1200 who were stranded a fund of \$45,000 was created, towards which the J.D.C. promised a contribution of \$25,000, while the Zionist Emergency Committee made itself responsible for the balance of \$20,000. Despite all efforts of Zionist circles working closely with the refugee committee in Yugoslavia, it was impossible to carry out the scheme for the reasons set forth in the report of the J.D.C.

But as the "Jewish Agency for Palestine" had in the meantime provided some hundreds of these refugees with immigration certificates to Palestine, it was possible at the last minute to save at least 230 who left Kladowa enroute to Palestine immediately before the Nazi invasion of Yugoslavia, taking along with them 90 Youth Aliyah children who did not belong to the Kladowa Group. The transportation costs as far as the 230 were concerned, have been paid out of the common fund of the J.D.C. and the Emergency Committee while Hadassah paid for the Youth Aliyah children.

It is significant that in both reports of the J.D.C. the facts:

- a) that the first 750 members of the Kladowa Group were saved in Palestine exclusively by the efforts of Zionist circles
- b) that the Jewish Agency provided the certificates enabling the saving of another 230, (and)
- c) that the transportation cost for these 230 was paid from a fund in which the Zionists participated to a substantial degree, while the costs for the first 750 were met exclusively from Zionist monies, are completely omitted.

I do not know whether the rest of the J.D.C. report dealing with Poland, Rumania, Italy, etc. is correct or not, but judging from the method used by the J.D.C. in reporting on the Kladowa Group, I am inclined to believe that one has to read all these reports with plenty of reservations.

MR:IS



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
41 EAST 42nd STREET

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* May 14, 1941

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Mr. Henry Montor

*Subject*

Attached hereto for your confidential information is a copy of a memorandum prepared by Dr. Martin Rosenbluth analyzing the pamphlet issued by the National Refugee Service describing its "1941 Budget of Needs."

HM:FE  
Enc.



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MEMORANDUM

April 24, 1941

To Mr. Henry Montor

From Dr. Martin Rosenbluth

Subject: Remarks on N.R.S. 1941 Budget

1 - The total "1941 Budget of Needs" is \$4,342,150. The total expenditure in 1939 amounted to \$2,372,453. and in 1940 to \$3,476,693.

2 - The item "Salaries of Personnel" does not appear in the 1941 budget. It amounted to \$647,952. in 1939 (27.3% of total) and to \$658,063. during the first nine months of 1940 (25.5% of total.) Together with administrative and office expenses but not taking into account the expenses of the statistical and accounting departments, the total "operative expenses" were \$873,821 (37% of total) in 1939; and \$882,232. (34.2% of total during the first nine months of 1940. In the 1941 budget, the amounts paid for salaries are included in the expenditure of the various branches of activities. That may be quite in order, but as the peak of the operative expenses caused much criticism in 1939 and in 1940, it would be of interest to learn exactly what amount is to be used in 1941 for operative expenses - how many officials are engaged in the work, and what amount in salaries is paid to them. As it is, it is left entirely to the imagination of the reader to find out which part of each item refers to "Operative and Service Expenses."

3 - A lot is said about the importance of the "resettlement" of refugees. Last year 5,109 individuals had been resettled while more than five times this number had been interviewed by the department concerned. This sounds rather impressive, but it becomes less impressive when one learns that resettlement has very little to do with settlement, but simply means shifting the responsibility to a local committee by sending away refugees from New York to other places in the States; where local committees are prepared to take care of them and "where they may have a better opportunity to find work; where they have an even chance to make friends; where they will meet America." Resettlement actually means paying for railway tickets plus two weeks' maintenance to a refugee who had agreed to be resettled, i.e. to leave New York and go somewhere else.

4 - A very small percentage (6.7%) of the total expenditure is allocated for "vocational training and community services" - whatever the latter may mean. "Vocational guidance will be given to more than 1500 persons in 1941." If "guidance" actually means "training" it would perhaps be wise policy to spend a much higher amount in order to extend this vocational guidance not only to 1500 persons but to several times this number, preferably younger people who should be trained in agriculture and handicrafts; the additional sum required to be taken from other items in the budget.

5 - There is an item "tuition and resettlement of foreign physicians and dentists." The expenditure was \$85,180. in 1940 and is budgeted for \$98,000. for 1941. The Department was able to place 346 people in 1940 and dealt with another 1,474 who were "evaluated and referred for placement." As the total number of refugee physicians and dentists who came to the United States is 2700, it appears that more than two-thirds of them had to be dealt with by



the Committee involving an average expenditure of \$47. for each case. What is not clear, however, is whether this amount represents service costs only or whether it includes financial assistance granted to the physicians and dentists concerned.

6 - An amount of \$83,125. is fixed for the "national and international service of the Migration Department". The activities of this Department include "questions concerning the status of people abroad, circumstances of transportation, validity of affidavits, etc." Is this not exactly the same work as is being done by the HIAS and to a great extent by the newly-established Migration Department of the JDC? Is NRS dealing only with refugees already in the United States, or is it also its task to arrange for affidavits, transportation, etc. for people who are still in Europe and if so in which way are its activities in this field distinguishable from those carried on by HIAS and JDC?

7 - An amount of \$170,000. is requested for "provision for German Jewish Children's Aid and reserve for contingencies." It would have been more reasonable to divide this item in two, as "provision for German Jewish Children's Aid" \$50,000. has nothing to do with the proposed setting aside of \$120,000. as a "reserve for contingencies." It is always wise to have a reserve available for unforeseen contingencies. But despite the explanation given it is difficult to understand why \$50,000. "must be held in reserve for a subvention to German Jewish Children's Aid during 1941, pending final decision as to responsibility for financing the program."

From an appendix dealing with activities in 1940 it becomes clear that under the auspices of the German Jewish Children's Aid, 99 children arrived last year in this country. From ~~another~~ another publication of the NRS (Community Bulletin March 1941) it appears that the Children's Aid during the whole period from 1933 to 1940 brought over to and placed in this country 546 children when in the same period Youth Aliyah was able to effect the emigration from Germany of nearly 7000 children and to place them in Palestine.

8 - The outstanding item is "temporary financial assistance and personal services" amounting to \$2,058,300. This large sum is required in order to assist about 20,000 refugees especially older ones for whom "the future holds little promise of employment....Their only hope is NRS, and the food, shelter and clothing it provides for them." To the amount of more than \$2,000,000. to be spent for temporary relief, there is to be added a sum of more than \$100,000. included in the budget of the "Central Reception and Intake Department" and needed for "immediate temporary financial assistance pending transfer of cases to the relief department."

In 1940 the NRS granted financial assistance to 17,900 people of the same type. Is one to assume that these 17,900 people are more or less identical with those slated to get assistance in 1941? If the only hope for these people is the NRS, the answer to this question is obviously in the affirmative. This again would mean that the NRS would have to provide for an ever-increasing number of refugees, food, shelter and clothing for an indefinite period of years. The sums required for this purpose would increase annually as they have been increasing during the last few years, and one can easily visualize the time when the major part of all contributions for overseas purposes will be demanded for the maintenance of refugees in this country.

The same development prevailed in England where the budget for the Jewish Refugees Committee increased from £20,000 in 1934 to £500,000 in 1939, with the result that out of the annual collections of the Central Council for Refugees



an ever-increasing percentage had to be used for the maintenance of refugees in England instead of financing schemes for permanent settlement of refugees in Palestine and other countries. The consequences were that at the end of 1939 the leaders of English Jewry no longer able to cope with the problem, approached the British Government. After some months of negotiations, the authorities consented to assume the financial burden of those refugees who could not be absorbed in the labor market, and conferred the same status on them as on the English unemployed. Of course it is a most delicate question to ask for public assistance for refugees. There are many angles to be taken into consideration in this regard, but in the long run the problem will have to be solved here too in some other way than by merely continuing the outlay of millions of dollars out of Jewish fund collections.

There is still a greater question: was it really necessary to build up a huge organization like the NRS when the HIAS existed in this country for many years as a recognized immigration organization dealing year in and year out with tens of thousands of Jewish refugees from Eastern European countries? Was it really necessary to establish a new and independent organization for the refugees from Germany and Austria? Whatever the reasons may have been, one cannot help thinking that a lot of duplication and overlapping is going on today and that hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent for administrative purposes which may otherwise be diverted to more constructive efforts.

It may well be said that there are answers to all these questions and that the activity of the NRS in its present form is a result of a well-considered policy where all the pros and cons have been carefully weighed against each other. But the leaders of the NRS when presenting a budget for more than \$4,000,000. (practically for the work of New York alone) should be asked not only to explain each item but to answer at the same time all the questions of major policy raised in this memorandum.

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May 15, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The United Palestine Appeal is eager that Jewish communities throughout the country have at hand all possible facts relating to the past expenditures and current requirements in Palestine. I am pleased, therefore, to attach copies of two booklets which have just been prepared:

(1) "A Year of Achievement in Palestine", a comprehensive report on income and expenditures in Palestine, and

(2) The Budgetary Analysis of the United Palestine Appeal for 1941.

I am sure you will agree that the United Palestine Appeal offers to its contributors the most detailed reports on the activities and finances in Palestine.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Charles J. Rosenbloom  
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May 16, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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My dear Rabbi Silver:

As you probably are aware, the term of office of the Board of Directors of the National Refugee Service, Inc., expires at the annual meeting on May 25.

It is indeed regretted that you will not find it possible to attend the meeting. In considering the new Board of Directors, we should like an expression of whether or not you can serve in this capacity for another year. It would be very much appreciated if you would indicate your pleasure in the matter at your earliest convenience.

With kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Wm Rosenwald

William Rosenwald, President  
National Refugee Service, Inc.



May 19, 1941

Mr. William Rosenwald, President  
National Refugee Service, Inc.  
165 West 46th St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rosenwald:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 16. I regret very much that it will not be possible for me to serve on the Board of Directors again for the coming year. As you well know I am extremely busy with the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal and I have not been able to attend any of the Board meetings of the National Refugee Service.

Wishing the Service every success,  
permit me to remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



June 5, 1941

Mr. A. Rothenberg  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

You will receive two or three statements for airplane trips which I made recently between Cleveland and Washington, and Cleveland and Baltimore. These trips were taken not for purposes of the UPA or the UJA. Please send me a statement for them when you hear from airplane people and I will send you a check.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK



May 18, 1941

Mr. A. Rothenberg  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd St.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rothenberg:

The expenses involved in my trip  
to New York on May 9 to address the Amusement  
Division and the Long Island Division were \$46.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK