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U. P. A. REPORT

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Will We Measure Up to the Crisis in Palestine?

THE Jews of Palestine are part of the war between civilization and barbarism. Rooted in the soil of the land which stands as one of the giant guardians of the British Empire, these Jews are fighting *our* fight.

The Battle of Britain has shocked Americans out of complacency and indifference. Americans recognize that all who are helping Great Britain to hold off and ultimately to defeat Hitler are struggling for the values with which our own country's future is bound up.

Five hundred thousand Jews are standing up courageously, pursuing their daily activities to preserve the Jewish National Home—and even to extend it. These Jews know that the supreme test of faith and of vision in these heart-breaking times is to go on doggedly, efficiently with one's regular tasks. For out of these details of continuity are built up the bravery to smash all fears and to defy all hazards.

The building of the Jewish National Home, a program in process sixty years now, is not dedicated to the salvaging of individual lives, even though four hundred thousand Jews have been rescued from destruction in the past two decades. It is the recharging of a whole people with confidence in themselves and respect for their integrity that motivates the upbuilding of Palestine. It is the creation of a great refuge for the shattered spirits and the broken bodies of millions of men and women that enkindles the energies of the pioneers of the homeland.

Heedless of the handicaps on their economic life, of the actuality and imminence of war-time attacks, the Jews of Palestine are matching the staunchness of heart that today makes America stand in awe of the people of Great Britain.

What are the Jews of Palestine doing in the face of the closing of the Mediterranean, the snapping of the export line for their major product, the forced unemployment that is creating a serious relief problem?

Knowing that every additional Jew means greater sacrifice for those in the land, the Jews of Palestine are nevertheless demanding that more Jews should come, by the route from Constanza to Istanbul, by the lengthier route across the Balkans, across Russia, by the long, dreary trek around the Cape. Five thousand Jews have Jewish Agency certificates to enter in the next few months. Their exploits in reaching the land

will be the latest and most fantastic tale of Scheherezade. They match the perseverance and the daring of the Jews already in their homeland.

Build colonies to house these refugees! That is the slogan of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund as, utilizing every dollar sent to them, they establish new outposts, enlarge old ones, build a strategic chain of settlements for greater productivity and strength.

While private capital, with the timidity that capital everywhere has in times of danger, waits for encouragement to utilize the need for many industrial and economic enterprises, the Jewish Agency spurs housing, road-building, water-installations as part of the program to keep men at work and off the dole, to keep the momentum going for the building of a greater National Home. Of sixty new ventures, ranging from electric accessories to textiles, launched this year, thirty had the material support of the Jewish Agency.

THE outcome of this war will decide more than the fate of the Jews of Palestine. It will determine the fate of Jews everywhere, as it will mold the future of all peoples loving liberty, freedom, and equality.

We Jews in America are given a unique opportunity at this hour to do more than stand by and watch fearfully for the outcome of this titanic struggle. Ours is the privilege—and the solemn obligation—to give matchless support to the Jews of Palestine. Not in terms of moral encouragement and enthusiastic plaudit. But in terms of money. Money that is more than the change of a broken dollar. Money that will build machinery, reenforce the morale of men. Money that will reflect our will to survival.

Today the Jews of Palestine form the largest Jewish community in the world standing by Great Britain. Their men are part of the army of the Middle East. Their men left their blood in France. Their men are today fighting alongside the beleaguered people of England.

Will American Jewry measure up to the crisis in Palestine? Will we, understanding the historic uniqueness of this hour, toss aside precedent, shibboleths, and routine—in order that the Jewish people everywhere may live?

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PALESTINE TODAY

Immigration In the twelve-month period of the war some 18,000 Jews entered Palestine. The natural increase was about 9,000. The Jewish Agency for Palestine has some 6,000 immigration certificates at its disposal which it is distributing on regular schedule.

Colonization The Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Jewish National Fund are going forward uninterruptedly with the extension of Jewish colonization projects. The budget of the two agencies provides for the establishment of 15 new settlements in the coming months on land that has already been selected and acquired. These new points of settlement are in all zones of the country. This building of new colonies is perhaps the best indication of the confidence with which the Jews rooted in Palestine view the future of their permanent association with the land. The budget also provides for the consolidation and extension of 56 settlements established since April, 1936, and 44 other settlements established in the several years prior to 1936.

Relief The war has had definite effects on Palestine. It has made for constriction of markets, restriction of credits, and unemployment in key industries. The number of unemployed in town and country has varied from month to month. At the beginning of the war some 18,000 to 20,000 individuals were unemployed. This involved assistance to some 80,000 to 100,000 people.

In recent months this figure of unemployed has declined to between 10,000 and 12,000. The presence of large army units in Palestine, the creation of new industrial enterprises—many of them associated with the military—absorbed a great many of the unemployed. But the fact remains, however, that unemployment in the citrus industry, in the Tel Aviv and Haifa harbors, in the housing industry, has placed a heavy responsibility upon the Jewish Agency for Palestine and upon the Jewish community of Palestine.

The relief problem is being met through outright grants and through public works. It should be noted that the amount given for relief per single individual is approximately \$2.50 per month.

Aside from the relief for regular residents of Palestine, there is the problem of relief for refugees—non-certificated as well as certificated. There are in the country many thousands of non-certificated refugees for whom financial responsibility has been assumed by the Jewish Agency. They must be provided with maintenance, and an effort must be made to integrate them ultimately in the economic life of the country.

Assistance to Economic Life of Country

The maintenance of the economic structure of Palestine is one of the most important responsibilities facing the Jewish Agency at this time. As part of that program, it must give assistance to all branches of industry, from manufacturers to handicraft workers, largely through loans as well as through outright grants. It must be noted, however, that the purpose of this program is to keep up the level of employment and at the same time to preserve the machinery which is basic to the Jewish Homeland and which is fundamental for its future.

In the first six months of 1940 some 60 new enterprises, giving employment to hundreds of refugee workers, were launched with the assistance of funds made available by the Jewish Agency. At the same time, the Jewish Agency has been strengthening the economy and general development of the country by grants for the development of the fishing industry, for the promotion of aviation and for a variety of

similar projects—many of them related to provision of the military in Palestine.

Land Acquisition There is land to be purchased in every section of Palestine. The insistence upon the acquisition of land as the only basis for a sound colonization program is the best indication of the integration of the Jewish community in Palestine. If it is asked why land should be bought at a time when other physical needs seem more pressing, it should be remembered that the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine is part of a long process which has always taken advantage of the temporary lulls and difficulties in order to strengthen the foundations of Jewish life in Palestine. Land can be purchased cheaply, colonies can be erected quickly—these are the criteria for development in Palestine, as well as the criterion of relief and support for thousands of Jews in Palestine and thousands of Jews in Europe who are continuing to come to Palestine and who must continue to come, regardless of the outcome of the war in Europe.

Spirit of Palestine

The Jewish community of Palestine, nurtured on a spirit arising out of the will to build a Jewish National

Home, is proceeding with its daily task with no less confidence than the people of England. The Jews of Palestine are fully aware of all the dangers and hardships which they themselves must experience as part of the normal process of a handicapped economy and in relation to specific physical hazards of war. Nevertheless, they are confident that, regardless of the outcome of the war, it would be impossible, under any circumstances, to dislodge 500,000 Jews who are so deeply attached to the land as are the Jews of Palestine.

The experience and history of the past sixty years should remind Jews elsewhere that despite an indifferent or hostile Turkish administration, despite years of cruel disturbances, despite indifference on numerous occasions of the Mandatory Power, the Jews of Palestine have grown in number and in power because of their unique attachment to the soil of the ancient Jewish homeland.

Indicative of the spirit of the Jews of Palestine is the thoroughness with which plans are developed for the continuation of every phase of the country's growth.

The budgets of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and of the Jewish National Fund for the coming year total some \$15,000,000.



Celebration of tenth anniversary of the foundation of the Ayanot Girls' Farm in the presence of numerous Arab visitors. The Jewish Agency recently approved extension of the school. It now has 123 girl students between 18 and 22, with 30 younger girls receiving preliminary farm instruction. In 1930 the school started with 10 girls. Of the 280 graduates of the 450 who have entered the institution, only 15 per cent later went to the cities. All the others have remained on the land.

JEW S FIND A FREE HOME IN PALESTINE

Despite the war, despite difficulties in transportation, Jews continue to enter Palestine from all parts of Europe. The tasks of meeting them, caring for them on arrival, distributing them throughout the country, training, housing and assisting them, continue to receive support from the United Palestine Appeal.

Pictures, at left, top to bottom: (1) a batch of non-certificated refugees lands; (2) certificated and non-certificated immigrants alike are welcomed at the immigrant hostels of the Jewish Agency; (3) from the hostel the refugees disperse to various destinations; (4) German, Austrian, Czechoslovakian and other refugees of the professional classes immediately start to learn Hebrew.

At right, top to bottom: The refugees find work quickly: (5) mending nets after fishing; (6) a former teacher becomes a cobbler; (7) boys in the mechanical workshop of the Tietz Industrial School; (8) this sturdy refugee plants tobacco; (9) gleaning in the Emk, as the shepherd tends his flock.



Upbuilding Program Speeded on All Fronts

Through the United Palestine Appeal, American Jewry is doing its share to help Palestine meet the normal and war-time problems. The programs of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund reach into every sphere of Palestine's life and affect hundreds of thousands of people.

A financial report of the Jewish Agency and National Fund for the months of June and July, 1940, reveal a total expenditure of £332,892 (\$1,331,568) and an income of £399,037 (\$1,596,148).

Chief among the expenditures for these two months were: £60,714 for colonization, £4,588 for agricultural research, £7,238 for immigration and training, £21,069 for labor assistance, including £9,880 toward the relief program affecting 70,000 souls in June and 75,000 in July.

Grants for trade, industry and artisans totaled £19,151, while educational and cultural activities, including a subsidy to the Hebrew school system of Palestine affecting some 55,000 children, totaled £8,071.

During these two months the

ROUTES OF IMMIGRATION

Jews seeking to escape Europe are not deterred by obstacles or hardships. These are the routes by which immigrants now reach Palestine:

(1) Those in Western Europe must, in view of the closing of the Mediterranean to shipping, use the lengthy route as follows: via Lisbon to the Cape of Good Hope, to Bombay, Basra and Palestine. The trip takes some 46 days.

(2) For those in Sweden and the Baltic countries, the path to Palestine is through Russia. The Jewish Agency has made arrangements with the Soviet Government whereby the latter permits transit visas through Odessa.

(3) Refugees in Yugoslavia or Greece can take the land route of Turkey and Syria.

(4) Immigrants for Palestine who are in Rumania or the neighboring countries can use the route through Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey and Syria.

To assist immigrants using the route through the Balkan countries, the Jewish Agency has opened a special Palestine Office in Athens, Greece.

U.P.A. CONFERENCES SET

As part of its educational program, the United Palestine Appeal has arranged regional conferences in various parts of the country, with other meetings scheduled soon to be announced. Their purpose is to bring to the American community a first-hand picture of the present-day situation in Palestine, and of the firm, constructive tempo in which the Jews of Palestine are carrying on with their program.

Among regional conferences scheduled are: Providence, R. I., September 29; Rochester, N. Y., October 20; Washington, D. C., October 27; San Francisco, Calif., December 1.

The annual National Conference for Palestine will be held at the Hotel Willard, Washington, D. C., on January 25 and 26, 1941.

New Enterprises Started

Among sixty new industrial enterprises launched in Palestine in 1940 are: (1) a factory for electrical equipment and accessories in Jerusalem, established by A. Levy, formerly of Budapest; (2) an iron foundry in Jerusalem, headed by I. Kluger, of Germany, to turn out chrome, nickel and silicon steel; (3) a plant for the production of foodstuffs with a high content of albumen, to replace meat and fish, directed by Prof. M. Beneson, Economic Adviser of the Vaad Leumi; (4) a factory in Tel Aviv for the utilization of waste tin, leather and paper products; (5) a manufactory for rubber piping, started by F. Levy of Haifa.

Economic Conditions

The economic structure of Palestine, in face of the war, has shown its healthy composition, Dr. Arthur Ruppin, Economic Adviser of the Jewish Agency, reports.

He points out, for example, that 5,500,000 eggs were produced on Jewish poultry farms in March and 7,000,000 in April, representing a steady growth. Total turnover for eggs, milk products, poultry, and fruit for January to April, 1940, was £118,000, against £91,000 for the parallel 1939 period.

Industrial progress was reflected in consumption by industry alone of nearly 3,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity in April, 1940, compared with 1,820,000 in April, 1939.

However, the position in the citrus industry involved heavy losses. There has been a decline in private capital influx owing to world conditions and the destruction of large Jewish groups; shipping difficulties and higher freights had affected prices.

It is estimated that additional industrial investments in Palestine since the outbreak of the war total £600,000. Another £500,000 went into building trades, £300,000 into mixed farming, £200,000 into transport, and £200,000 into land purchase.

Fund Marks 20 Years

The Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), which is currently celebrating the completion of twenty years of activity, has spent £9,604,000 in every branch of colonization, immigration, education, and general development of the Jewish National Home.

Disbursements by the Keren Hayesod comprised: £2,924,000 for agriculture; £1,699,000 for education and culture; £1,099,000 for immigration and training; £1,025,000 for public works; £859,000 for national organization and security; £736,000 for urban settlement, and £375,000 for health.

The Keren Hayesod, together with the Jewish National Fund, continues to receive support from American Jewry through the United Palestine Appeal, whose campaign is currently conducted in the United Jewish

WAR AND PEACE IN PALESTINE



The all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv celebrates Anzac Day, and the Australian troops assemble at Dizengoff Circle to be cheered by thousands



Arabs, Jews and British soldiers participate in a horse-race meet at Ramath Gan, near Tel Aviv.

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Jewish National Fund paid £72,818 for the acquisition of new land and £85,428 on land contracts previously consummated. Other major items of expenditure during this period included security, political department, economic research and religious institutions.

on pavements, balconies, roofs.

Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs.

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September 25, 1940

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am herewith sending you for the record a copy of a form letter which has been sent to a number of communities on the occasion of the High Holidays. These communities are so small that they have had no organized campaign effort.

Sincerely yours,

Meyer F. Steinglass

Meyer F. Steinglass
Director of Publicity

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September 23, 1940

1940 High Holiday Mail Appeal letter. Enclosures are a return envelope and THE ANSWER.

A great challenge faces every Jew in America as we approach the beginning of a new year. We have our synagogues, our homes and families, our hopes and plans for the future. Millions of Jews over there have little left except their faith in us. To many of them even the elementary right of praying to God on the occasion of the High Holidays will be completely denied. The Jewish people today is engaged in a struggle for survival which must not be underestimated. Half-measures cannot meet a situation that demands the greatest fortitude and sacrifice.

If we wish to secure our own future, we must resolve on this Rosh Hashanah to make possible the rescue of those Jews in the war zones who represent our first line of defense as a people. In many parts of the country Jews assembling in their synagogues for the High Holidays will offer prayers of thanks for the continued functioning of the programs of war relief, settlement and refugee assistance which are being carried on through the funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal. But not only by our prayers but by our deeds must we demonstrate our willingness to help millions of Jews who are being crushed by machines of war and anti-Semitic persecution.

Not the difficulties of war, but the lack of adequate funds hamper the fullest implementation of the life-saving and hope-renewing programs of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service. It is within our power to help the Jews in Poland, Germany, Belgium, Holland, France, Rumania, Palestine and in other centers of urgent need. In this hour of desperate crisis, let it not be said that our suffering fellow Jews were forsaken. On the New Year we will be entrusted with the solemn responsibility of determining how many shall live and how many shall die. Let us not deny to many the right to life.

Won't you take this urgent matter up with your associates without delay so that during the High Holiday season a generous contribution will be forthcoming from your community for the United Jewish Appeal. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

With best wishes to you and your dear ones for the New Year,
we are

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

Jonah B. Wise

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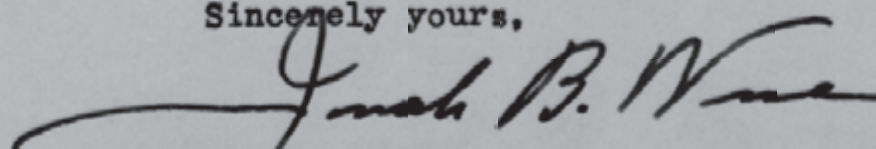
Mr. Peter K. Hawley, President
 Local 16, U.O.P.W.A., C.I.O.
 239 Fourth Avenue
 New York, New York

Dear Mr. Hawley:

The undersigned have given full consideration to the matters that were discussed with you at our conference on October 9, 1940. Representing the United Jewish Appeal, we declare our policy to be that we are fully disposed to meet with the employees or their representatives and to give consideration to the limit of our power to any matter affecting the welfare of the employees of the United Jewish Appeal. To this end, we propose the following:

1. The United Jewish Appeal recognizes Local 16 of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, as the bargaining agency for the members of said Local on the staff of the United Jewish Appeal.
2. Any matter affecting wages, hours of employment, priorities, vacations, or grievances, shall in the first instance be presented by or on behalf of said members to Messrs. Henry Montor and Isidor Coons.
3. In the event that the matter is not disposed of by conference as above provided, Local 16 or any of its members affected shall have the right to appeal to a committee consisting of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Jonah B. Wise and Judge Morris Rothenberg.

Sincerely yours,


 Abba Hillel Silver Jonah B. Wise
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Chairman of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal

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Arab-Jewish Relations

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LOUIS LIPSKY

A Message for You

Dear Friend:

The advent of war has brought sorrow and suffering to the peoples of the world, particularly the Jews. But through all the blackness and misery engulfing our people, Palestine looms as the rock of hope, valiantly demonstrating its courage amidst unprecedented dangers and difficulties.

The steadfast courage of these pioneers is a challenge to the Jews of America to become vitally interested as well as intelligently informed on all phases of Palestine development, to follow closely the rapidly changing, day-to-day world scene.

At the New York State Conference of the United Palestine Appeal, to which you are cordially invited, an opportunity will be afforded for such an informative discussion. World famous personalities will interpret the spirit of faith and courage characterizing the achievements of Palestine Jewry.

It is vitally essential that the friends of Palestine meet in Rochester to exchange news and views of the recent happenings in the most important constructive phase of our program.

Cordially,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER,
National Chairman

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We herewith announce that as of December 31, 1940, the United Jewish Appeal will cease to function as the agency for the collection and distribution of new funds for the 1941 programs of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service. The United Jewish Appeal will continue to collect and distribute all funds outstanding in the 1939 and 1940 campaigns on the basis of the agreements of 1939 and 1940 and the decisions of the Allocations Committee of 1939 and the Allotment Committee of 1940.

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National Chairmen

(APPENDIX A)

United Jewish Appeal (Inc.) For Refugees
and Overseas Needs

342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

December 27, 1940

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF FUND-RAISING
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
100 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 7, 1941.

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

Dear Friend:

We are happy to announce the reestablishment for the year 1941 of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs, which in 1939 and 1940 functioned as the unified fund-raising instrument for the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

Despite the fact that individual campaigns had already been launched, the representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal were moved to take the decision to reconstitute the United Jewish Appeal as a result of the overwhelming desire of American Jewry to establish a union of forces in this critical period for the Jewish people, in order to provide more effectively for the needs of Jews in Europe, for the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine and for the refugees in the United States.

Although the agencies involved believed that their causes would be served best through an individual approach to the Jewish community of America in 1941, the great majority of Jewish communal leaders deplored the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal and urged its reconstitution in order that their capacity to raise larger funds might not be dissipated through separate appeals. They declared that the emergency position in which millions of Jews find themselves during this war period requires cooperative action among Jewish leaders in America.

Recognizing that the support which their causes receive is dependent completely on the sympathy and good will of the Jewish communities of America, the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, after reviewing the various factors which constituted their original differences, have come to an agreement that will permit the continuation of the United Jewish Appeal as the central fund-raising instrument for the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

The leaders of these organizations have responded to Jewish public opinion in America. They now turn to American Jewry confident that the United Jewish Appeal will receive that enlarged measure of support which they have every right to expect on the basis of the pledges that have been given toward the reestablishment of a unified campaign organization for three important causes.

The needs of the Jewish people require from the free Jews of America unprecedented generosity. The establishment of a national quota is not an estimate of such needs but merely a framework of irreducible minimums which the agencies urgently require for their tasks. Such a framework endeavors to take into account the experience of the past but it must also consider the inescapable obligations of the present in order to direct attention to the increased requirements which must compel increased generosity from all Jews. Accordingly, the United Jewish Appeal, conscious of its obligations to the Jews abroad as well as to the Jews of America, earnestly hopes that new levels of giving will be established so that a goal of \$25,000,000 may be reached for the needs of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

The national headquarters of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941 will be reestablished at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City. All applications to communities for allocations and campaign participation will originate from this office and all allotments and remittances to the agencies represented within the United Jewish Appeal are to be forwarded to 342 Madison Avenue in New York City.

In accordance with the procedure adopted in 1939 and 1940, the funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal will be divided on the basis of a study of the needs of the respective organizations which is to be made by an allotment committee. The sum of \$8,800,000 has, however, been set aside for distribution among the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service in order to make it possible for these agencies to continue their activities during the next few months. The following division is to be made of the initial sum of \$8,800,000 raised by the United Jewish Appeal in 1941:

To the Joint Distribution Committee	\$4,275,000
To the United Palestine Appeal	\$2,525,000
To the National Refugee Service	\$2,000,000

The balance of the funds raised in 1941 will be allocated by an allotment committee to be constituted in the same manner as in 1940. In this way the United Jewish Appeal of 1941 will continue the principle of distributing funds in accordance with existing needs established through detailed analysis of opportunities for the most effective remedial and reconstructive effort.

The catastrophe of war has devastated Jewish life in almost every section of Europe. The erection of ghetto walls in Nazi-dominated countries has reduced the Jewish people to intolerable bondage and suffering. The Jewish community in the United States represents the last outpost of hope for the millions of Jews who are in chains in European lands, and the hundreds of thousands of Jews who stand courageously in the front line of

British defense in the Jewish homeland in Palestine. As Americans and as Jews, we must bear the responsibility for the defense and survival of large sections of our people. The progress of the world conflict has forcefully demonstrated that our own destiny and future and our own freedom and happiness are not isolated from the fate of Jews overseas and the Jews in Palestine.

The agencies constituting the United Jewish Appeal have responded to the demands of the Jewish community for a unified campaign. The voice of American Jewry calling for a single channel of providing the material assistance to Jews in Europe, Palestine and the United States has been heard and answered. We believe that Jewish communities vigorously urged a reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal in order to have the fullest opportunity for an unprecedented united effort to assure the survival of the Jewish people. It is our earnest hope that having achieved this unity in the year 1941 the Jewish communities of the United States will now go forward to demonstrate in concrete terms their gratification at the establishment of a single instrument for unparalleled action in an unprecedented hour.

With kind regards, we are

Cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
Abba Hillel Silver

Jonah B. Wise
Jonah B. Wise
National Chairmen

P.S. We look forward to hearing from you. Please address us at the United Jewish Appeal, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

March 21, 1941

Mr. Joseph M. Berne, Pres.,
The Jewish Welfare Federation of Cleveland,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Friend:

In view of the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal to combine the fund-raising activities of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service in 1941, your community will be asked to make a single allotment to the United Jewish Appeal rather than three separate allocations which had earlier been requested by the respective constituent agencies.

You have already received the budgetary and financial information of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service. This formal letter of application for an allotment of \$750,000 representing your community's fair share of the national quota of \$25,000,000 for the 1941 United Jewish Appeal supersedes the previous applications.

The needs confronting each of the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal are, as you know, greater this year than in the past. They can be met if the United Jewish Appeal receives adequate support from the Jewish communities of the United States. It was at the earnest request of the communities that the United Jewish Appeal was reconstituted and the communities now have the opportunity of expressing their appreciation and their keen interest by making this unified national fund-raising effort the success it must be by contributing more generously than in 1940.

The United Jewish Appeal stands ready to render every possible cooperative service for the success of the community campaigns. It must necessarily expect that the communities will earnestly appraise the needs and undertake seriously to meet their full share of responsibility.

By having a representative of the United Jewish Appeal meet with your Budget Committee, these vital considerations can be clarified. We shall appreciate your advising us when such a meeting can be arranged.

Thanking you for your cooperation, we are

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

National Chairmen

Jonah E. Wise

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

MEN'S DIVISION - SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 24

7:00	Dinner	Washington Heights (Wohlrath)	Paramount Mansion
8:30	Meeting	Westchester Community Council (L. Bernstein)	Free Synagogue-Mt. Vernon

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

12:00	Meeting	Employees Division (Swerdloff)	Lane Bryant's IMMERMAN
12:30	Luncheon	Boots & Shoes (Pinover)	Office - Max L. Friedman
12:30	Luncheon	Clothing Special Gifts (Goldstein)	Aldine Club (f-r) WARBURG
8:00	Meeting	Greenpoint - Brooklyn (Teitelbaum)	Home - H. Goebel
8:30	Meeting	Brownsville & East New York (Zeldin)	Adath Israel MAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

12:30	Luncheon	Real Estate (Reisley)	Piccadilly LEAVITT
9:30	Meeting	Bronx Zionist District #12 (Schwefel)	Young Israel Temple LEVY

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

12:30	Luncheon	Advertising & Newspaper (Pinover)	Roosevelt GUINZBURG
3:00	Meeting	Restaurant (Goldstein)	Piccadilly
3:00	Meeting	Dairy (Hochberg)	N.Y. Mercantile Exchange
4:30	Meeting	Corsets & Brassieres (Sanders)	Office - Wm. Rosenthal GERBER
5:30	Meeting	Fraternal & Landsmanschaft (Gilmovsky)	Harmonic Club
8:30	Meeting	G'dud Zion (Schwefel)	Royal Mansion

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

6:30	Dinner	Physicians (Rutstein)	Park Lane (f-r) DR. FRANK KINGDON
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MONDAY, MARCH 31

8:30	Meeting	Representatives of Flatbush Org's. (Poretz)	East Midwood Jewish Center SZOLD
8:30	Meeting	Williamsburg (Teitelbaum)	Home - Judge M. Wecht (f-r)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

6:30	Dinner	Accountants (Singer)	Commodore TROPER
6:30	Dinner	Machinery & Motors (Tolk)	Gluckstern's
8:30	Meeting	Greenpoint - Brooklyn (Teitelbaum)	Ahavath Israel
8:45	Meeting	East Flatbush (Fried)	E. Flatbush Community Center

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

12:30	Luncheon	Hosiery & Underwear (Kenin)	McAlpin
6:30	Dinner	Dentists (Rutstein)	Park Lane (f-r)
8:30	Meeting	Bronx Division (Schwefel)	Concourse Plaza LIPSKY
9:30	Meeting	Williamsburg (Teitelbaum)	Regina Mansion TULIN

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

12:30	Luncheon	Buttons & Trimmings (Fisher)	McAlpin
6:30	Dinner	Brooklyn Boro (Zeldin)	Towers Hotel ROTHENBERG

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

12:30	Luncheon	Curtains & Draperies (Tolk)	Aldine Club
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SUNDAY, APRIL 6

10:30 am	Meeting	Westchester-White Plains (L. Bornstein)	Home-A. G. Stieglitz
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

6:30	Dinner	Special Gifts (Ortner)	Waldorf Astoria (f-r) GOVERNOR LEHMAN
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THURSDAY, APRIL 10

8:30	Meeting	New Rochelle Special Gifts (L. Bornstein)	Home - I. S. Greenfold (f-r) HYMAN
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SUNDAY, APRIL 13

8:30	Meeting	New Rochelle Mass Meeting (L. Bornstein)	Temple Israel Aud. (f-r)
10:30	Meeting	Kingsbridge Heights Jewish Center (Schwefel)	Kingsbridge Heights Jewish Center ITTAMER BEN AVI

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

8:30	Meeting	White Plains Special Gifts (L. Bornstein)	Home - Udo Heinach (f-r) SIMON
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TUESDAY, APRIL 22

7:00	Dinner	Confectionery (Goldstein)	Pennsylvania (f-r)
7:00	Dinner	Mosholu Jewish Center (Schwefel)	Mosholu Jewish Center (f-r) DR. TARSHISH

THURSDAY APRIL 24

7:00	Dinner	Brooklyn Special Gifts (Zeldin)	St. George DR. SILVER
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FRIDAY, APRIL 25

12:30	Luncheon	Millinery (Kadis)	Astor (f-r)
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SATURDAY, MAY 3

7:00 Dinner

Broadway Downtown Jobbers (Balber)

Riverside Plaza (f-r)

THURSDAY, MAY 8

6:30 Dinner

Jewelry (Valo)

Biltmore (f-r)

SUNDAY, MAY 11

7:00 Dinner

Polham Parkway (Schwefel)

Polpark Palace

SUNDAY, MAY 25

7:00 Dinner

Washington Heights (Wohlrath)

Foremount Mansion

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

12:30 Luncheon

Officers of Fraternal & Landsmanschaft
Organizations (Gilmovsky)

Riverside Plaza



ד.ר. אבא הלל סילווער ערקלעכט די אויפגאבען פון ארץ ישראל צוזאמענפאָהר

און דעם 12,000,000 דאלער קאמפּיין

אין א ספעציעלען אינטערנאציאנאלן פאר'ן "מארגען זשורנאל", וויזט-אן דער
נאציאנאלער טשערמאן פון יוניטעד פאלעסטיין אפיל, אז די אידישע
אגענטור מוז זיך איצט פארלאזען מיט איהר בודזשעט כמעט אויסשליסליך
אויפ'ן אמעריקאנער אידענטיטעט.

קליינלאנד, - איך/האב געהאט א געשפרעך מיט ד.ר. אבא הלל סילווער,
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ישראל צוזאמענפאָהר, וואס דער יוניטעד פאלעסטיין אפיל האט פאררופען אין וואשינגטאן
ד. ק. אויף שבת-צו-נאכט און זונטאג, דעם 25סטן און 26סטן יאנואר. ד.ר. סילווער,
וועלכער איז כסדר אין וועג צווישען קליינלאנד און ניו-יארק און באזוכט אויך אנדערע
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מלחמה-עמוירדזשענטי קאמפּיין פון יוניטעד פאלעסטיין אפיל, דער ארבייט פון דער
אידישער אגענטור און די סיטואציע אין ארץ-ישראל.
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יאָהר, - האט ד.ר. סילווער אנגעהויבען - כדי אפצוגעבען א דין וחשבון פון זיין ארבייט
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ציעלען ציצ באראקסער.

"עס איז איבעריג צו זאגען פארהאט דאס איז אזוי. די וועלט איז ארומגעכאפט
פון א מלחמה, פון א פארצווייפעלטען קאמף פון די פרייע פעלקער געגען די גרויזאמע
דיקטאטארען פון בערלין און רוים. אין די פלאמען פון דער מלחמה געפינען זיך
די גרעסטע און עלטסטע אידישע קהלות פון אייראפא, פון מיליאנען אידען. מ'אבער
מיר זענען אין איצטיגען קריג נים בלויז קרבנות. מיר זענען אויך א צד אין קריג.
און א צד אין קריג זענען מיר צוליב ארץ-ישראל. ארץ ישראל איז די ערשטע ליניע
פון אונזער פארמידיגונג. ארץ-ישראל איז די הויפט-האפנונג פון אידישער רעסונג.
אנצוואנדל אונזער פאלק איז רעפרעזענטירט אין דער אידישער אגענטור און דורך איהר

אין דעם גריטישען מאנדאט איבער ארץ-ישראל.

7,000 אידישע יונגעלייט פון ארץ-ישראל געפינען זיך שוין אין דער גריטישער ארץ אויפ'ן ליציא-פראגמאט און ארום 50,000 אידישע יונגעלייט שטעהען גרייט צו ענטפערן אויפ'ן רוף זיך צו שטעלען אין די רייחען פון קאמף און פארטיידיגונג. ארץ-ישראל איז געווארען א לעבענס-הייבט גער קהאל פאר פון מיליטערישע צושטעלונגען פאר דער גריטישער ארמיי און פון מלחמה-אינדוסטריען.

וואס איז נוגע די מעסיגקייטען פון דער אידישער אגענטור פאר די נארמאלע אויפבויע-ארבעטען און פאר די ספעציעלע מלחמה-נוימען, וויל איך דא דערמאנען, אז די אידישע אגענטור האט אויפ'ן איצטיגען יאהר באשטימט א בודזשעט פון 13,640,000 (דרייצען מיליאן מיט זעקס הונדערט און א פערציג טויזענט) דאלער. אין נארמאלע צייטען פלעגט דאס אמעריקאנער אידענטום צושטעלען פון 50 ביז 60 פראצענט פון אגענטור-בודזשעט. דאס איבעריגע פלעגט דעקען די אידישע קהלוח פון איראקא. איצט, צוליב דער מלחמה, איז דער איינקונפט פון אויסלאנד פאקטיש אפגעשטעלט און דערפאר מוז דאס אמעריקאנער אידענטום נעמען אויף זיך א גרעסערע מאסע.

"מיליאנען אידען איבער דער וועלט - האט דר. מילחער - אונטערגעשריבען - געפינען זיך איצט אין דער גרעסטער מכנה און דאס אמעריקאנער אידענטום ווערט גע-שטעלט פאר דער גרעסטער פראצע, פאר דעם גרעסטען נסיון אין זיין געשיכטע. עס פאדערט זיך א פולע מאס נאציאנאלע אחריות, נאציאנאלע פארשטענדעניש און נאציאנאלע ווילען, אום דורכצופיהרען די גרויסע, הייליגע און היסטארישע מיסיע, וואס דער אידישער גורל האט איצט ארויפגעלייגט אויף די אידען פון אמעריקא. די פיהרער פון יוניטעד פאלעסטין אפיל צעצאנץ האבען צומרוי צום אמעריקאנער אידענטום, אז עס וועט די פראצע אויסהאלטען.

"ווען מען האט אין זינען הייפיל מיליאנען און מיליאנען אזא קליין לענדעלע חיי גריכענלאנד, למשל, גיט אויס פאר פארטיידיגונג, שוין גייט צו רעדען פון די מויזענסער יונגע זיחן זי ליגט אוועק אויף די שלאכטפעלדער פאר דער פארטיידיגונג פון איהר פרייט - ערטיינט דער ציפער פון 12,000,000 דאלער אומבאדייטענד.

"וואס מחום א פאפולער פאלק, וואס געפינט זיך אין מלחמה? וואס מחוען מיר אין די פאראייניגטע שטאטען, כאטש מיר זענען נים אין באלדיגער געפאחרז אזא פאלק מאפיליזירט אלע כחות צום מאקסימום. און אונזערע פיהרער אין ארץ-ישראל וואלטען געווען בלינד, ווען זיי זאלען נים ציהען די לאגישע שלומען פון דער סיטואציע, אין וועלכער זיי געפינען זיך; אויב זיי זאלען נים באלד רופען קודם דעם ישוב; דאן די

ווערען מיט'ן איבעריגען ישוב דורך נאך קאלאניעס צווישען זיי און געהעריגע העגען.
 האט אנבאלאנגט די מעגליכקייטען פון לאנד-ערווערונגען אויך אין דער מלחמה-
 צייט, האט דר. מילווער אנגעוויזען, אז לעצטען יאחר האט דער אידישער נאציאנאל-פאנד,
 וועלכער איז אינאם אמעריקא איינגעשלאסען אין יונימעד פאלעסטיין אפיל, צוזאמען מיט'ן
 קרן היסוד און דעם קרן המזרחי, געקויפט גייע שטעטעצוצאמאל 44,000 מ'
 דונאם לאנד, איצט זענען פארפליכטונגען שוין געמאכט געווארען צו קויפן נאך
 198,000 דונאם לאנד און ווען די נויטיגע געלט-מיטלען וועלען זיין, וועט דער שטעט
 מסחר פארענדיגט ווערען.

"דאס זענען פלויז פראגעמארישע פונקטען פון דעם ריזיגען און לעבענטי-
 געמיגען פראגראם פון דער אידישער אגענטור, - האט דר. אבא חלל מילווער שאצט
 באמערקט. דאס זענען די ראשי פרקים פון א ריזען-ווערק, פון וועלכען די צוקונפט
 פון אונזער פאלק, די עתיד פון אידענטום און די אחריזת פון דעם אידישען קיבוץ
 פון אמעריקא זענען אפהענגיג. צו דערגרייכען דעם מאקסימאלען אפרוץ פון אמעריקאנער
 אידענטום אויפ'ן מלחמה-עמורדזשענט קאמפיין פון יונימעד פאלעסטיין אפיל, צו
 שאפען די 12,000,000 דאלער - דאס איז די אויפגאבע פון דעם גרויסען ארץ-ישראל
 צוזאמענפאחר אין וואשינגטאן."

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL SENDING 1,000 JEWS TO PALESTINE FROM LITHUANIA AT COST OF
\$175,000; DR. SILVER COMPLETES FINAL ARRANGEMENTS HERE

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Refugees Will Cross Siberia into Japan and From There Travel Across Pacific to
India and Then to Iraq and Overland to Palestine

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As the first major undertaking of its \$12,000,000 war emergency campaign for the immigration and settlement of refugees in Palestine and its defense against the dangers of war, the United Palestine Appeal has completed arrangements to transport 1,000 Jews from former Lithuania to Palestine, it was announced today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal.

Dr. Silver came to New York from Cleveland, his home, to draw up final plans for the immigration of the 1,000 Jewish refugees into Palestine at a cost of \$175,000.

Because of the difficulties of transportation created by the war, the refugees bound for Palestine will traverse a route which covers more than 6,000 miles across the wastes of Siberia to Japan, from Japan to India by boat, from Bombay to Basra on the Persian Gulf and from there to Haifa, Palestine. Dr. Silver declared that the refugees from Lithuania were in possession of immigration certificates to Palestine issued by the British Government. Before embarking on their odyssey to find a permanent home in the Jewish homeland, they were granted exit visas by the Soviet Government and transit visas by Japan. The entire journey is expected to be completed in more than a month's time.

The group of refugees who will be transported to Palestine with the aid of the United Palestine Appeal consists of the following:

(1) Sixty children under fourteen years of age; (2) 150 children between 14 and 17 years old. Approximately half of these children originally came from Germany, after having been dumped into the small Polish border town of Zbaszyn two years ago where thousands of Jews were compelled to live in stables and abandoned warehouses for many months. (3) 150 young women under 22 years of age; (4) 60 young men up to the age of 28; (5) 50 young men and young women who had been trained for agricultural life in Palestine as pioneers; (6) 75 students of the foremost Yeshivas (Jewish religious schools) in Poland; (7) 120 rabbis and their families; (8) 100 writers and social workers; (9) 80 relatives of Jewish settlers in Palestine and (10) a miscellaneous group of 150.

These refugees had fled to the cities of Vilna and Kaunas in Lithuania during the Nazi invasion of Poland in September 1939. A considerable number of them were German Jews who had found a temporary haven in Poland and were forced to flee eastward with the beginning of the German assault on that country. The Jewish community in Kobe, Japan was influential in obtaining permission of the Japanese Government for the transit of the refugees on their way to Palestine, Dr. Silver said.

In announcing the action of the United Palestine Appeal in arranging for passage of these refugees from Lithuania to Palestine, Dr. Silver stressed the fact that at least 7,100 others in various parts of Europe were in possession of entry permits to Palestine and lacked only the funds necessary for their transportation, which could be effected through alternate routes established to overcome the obstacles to normal shipping resulting from the present conflict.

Dr. Silver appealed to American Jews to extend the widest possible support to the \$12,000,000 war emergency campaign of the United Palestine Appeal to make possible the maintenance of the flow of Jewish immigration into Palestine. He pointed out that in the fourteen months since the outbreak of war more than 28,000 Jewish refugees had entered Palestine and that the continued agricultural and economic development of the country by the Jewish settlers has constantly increased the capacity of the country to absorb larger numbers of Jews desperately in search of a refuge from the spread of Nazi oppression in European lands.

Since the beginning of the present war Jewish refugees have found their way to Palestine with the assistance of the United Palestine Appeal through the following routes, Dr. Silver explained:

- (1) Those in Western Europe left from Lisbon, sailing around the Cape of Good Hope to Bombay, Basra and Palestine. This voyage took forty-six days.
- (2) For those in Sweden and the Baltic countries, the road to Palestine went through Russia down to Odessa.
- (3) Refugees in Yugoslavia used the overland route through Turkey and Syria.

During the eight-year period since the advent of the Hitler regime in Germany, Palestine absorbed more than 280,000 Jews from that country, Poland, Rumania, Austria, Czechoslovakia and other lands, a larger number than the rest of the world combined admitted.

The sum of \$30,000 was contributed by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization, toward the total amount of \$175,000 furnished by the United Palestine Appeal for the transportation of the 1000 refugees from Lithuania to Palestine. This sum will provide for 210 children, of whom approximately half will leave for Constantinople and reach Palestine by way of the overland route through Turkey and Syria.

The cost of transportation per individual was reported as follows:

\$54 - from Kaunas (Lithuania) to Tokyo; \$56 - from Tokyo to Bombay;
\$80 - from Bombay to Basra to Haifa (Palestine).



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This Will Not Be a Black Page



Jews in peril of destruction were numbered in the hundreds of thousands months ago. Today they are counted in the millions. Pain, hunger, disease follow in the wake of war's havoc. Few points on the map of Europe give sanctuary to our people. Extermination or expulsion is their lot in Germany. Economic strangulation in Hungary. Denationalization in Rumania. The concentration camp or No-Man's-Land in war-scarred Poland.

Though harassed and hounded, they have not permitted their courage and hope to be blacked out. They know they are not alone in the fight for life. They know that American Jewry, through the



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instrumentality of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs, has enlisted for the duration of the struggle—that we are in the front line of rescue and rehabilitation effort—that as Americans and as Jews we shall not rest until some measure of comfort and consolation is achieved for the sorrow-laden and the homeless—until food, clothing and medical aid are brought to the hungry and the cold—until those without homes are helped to go to Palestine and other overseas countries—until the refugees in our midst are given every opportunity to begin life anew—until our efforts, pursued with mercy and sacrifice for the survival of our people, achieve fulfillment.



Distress Area—January, 1939



In January 1939 approximately 375,000 Jews in Germany and 150,000 in Austria were experiencing the extreme forms of humiliation and oppression under the Nazi regime. But Jewish distress was not confined to this area. In Poland 1,000,000 Jews were facing starvation, while the increase in anti-Semitic pressure in Rumania and Hungary placed thousands of others in straitened circumstances. In addition 150,000 refugees from Germany and Austria were scattered in temporary havens in Europe.

We Can Save Them Through

Distress Area—January, 1940



In January 1940 the absorption of Czecho-Slovakia and the dismemberment of Poland added 1,500,000 Jews to the population subject to the dreaded Nazi regime, swelled the ranks of the refugees by approximately 100,000. Some 225,000 Jews were deprived of their citizenship rights in Rumania and approximately 250,000 Jews in Hungary were uprooted economically through the adoption of a *numerus clausus* against Jewish participation in business and the professions. Anti-Jewish laws in Italy brought 50,000 Jews into the sphere of racial discrimination.

The United Jewish Appeal

What the U.J.A. Agencies are doing

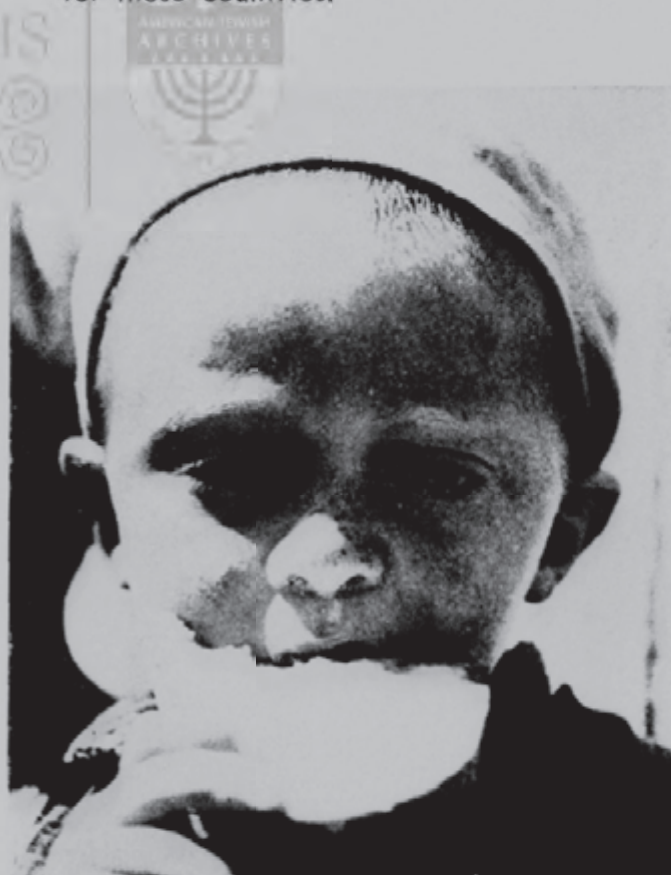
THE WORK OF THE J.D.C.

In the war-torn areas of Poland the J.D.C. has established 50 soup kitchens serving up to 50,000 meals daily, distributed clothing, opened 30 homes and 6 special kitchens for children, extended medical aid and enabled thousands of families to return to their homes. As a further channel of Polish relief the J.D.C. is cooperating with the Red Cross, the American Friends Service Committee and the Commission for Polish Relief.

For some 100,000 Jewish war refugees now in Rumania, Hungary, Latvia and Lithuania the J.D.C. is also providing emergency relief and rehabilitation assistance.

Since it is consistent with the Nazi policy to drive the Jews out of Germany, Austria and the Protectorate, the war has not caused the cessation of emigration from these territories. J.D.C. is continuing to provide for transportation of Jews leaving Germany. At the same time it is also continuing its aid to Jews who remain. Steady impoverishment and new war restrictions have rendered larger numbers destitute. But in all activities no foreign exchange is sent into Germany. By special clearance arrangement dollars are held in countries outside of Germany for use of emigrants. Larger funds are being made available for the support of refugee camps and refugee committees

in neutral and belligerent countries such as Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, France, England, China, owing to the fact that Jewish communities in these lands have had to curtail sharply or suspend their activities in this field, in order to devote all their energies to matters of national security. Refugees in Central and South American countries are also being aided by J.D.C. funds. Economic strangulation in Hungary and wholesale denationalization in Rumania, which together directly affect the lives of more than 500,000 Jews, require a wider program of retraining for these countries.



J.D.C. Feeds Thousands of Children

Hope Replaces Tragedy Through

for the War Sufferers and Refugees

THE WORK OF THE U.P.A.



U.P.A. Helps Jewish Refugees Find
New Life in Palestine

The acute problem of homelessness has caused *many* to seek refuge in Palestine. The United Palestine Appeal must provide the funds for the continued progress of the program of immigration and colonization which since 1933 has made possible the absorption of 225,000 Jews from Germany, Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and other lands. The stream of Jewish immigration has not diminished since the outbreak of war. During 1939 a total of 27,000 refugees

entered Palestine. The U.P.A. is called upon to *expedite the settlement and integration* of the newcomers through the establishment of new agricultural colonies, the purchase of land, the expansion of industry, the development of education and health and social welfare services. The increase in non-selective immigration owing to the extreme pressure of the European crisis has heightened the needs for retraining, readjustment, and absorption of refugees now entering Palestine.

Repercussions of the European war have had their effect on the economic structure of the Jewish community of 500,000 in Palestine. U.P.A. is supplying funds to help *stabilize the economic machine* and to open up new channels for industrial development to overcome the temporary recession. Inauguration of public works to take up the slack in employment and the organization of new social services are among the urgent needs of the Palestine community. *Strengthening of the position of the 500,000 Jews* already settled in Palestine as well as *maintenance of the program of colonization necessary for extending the capacity to absorb new settlers* are the two vital tasks confronting the U.P.A. in the months to come. Combined within the U.P.A. are the two arms of Palestine rebuilding—the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund.

Your Share in The U.J.A.

THE WORK OF THE N.R.S.

The National Refugee Service, Inc., offers migration and resettlement service, advice, and assistance to refugees who come to the United States, under the limitations of Federal quota regulations, from countries which enforce anti-racial legislation. In June, 1939, it took over the functions of the National Coordinating Committee and certain of its affiliated agencies. During the course of a typical month it has dealt with as many as 30,000 urgent, repeated and sometimes frantic requests for assistance.

Services offered by the major operating divisions of National Refugee Service include migration, relief, employment, resettlement and social and cultural adjustment. During 1939, jobs were secured for about 4,700 refugees, and 2,200 families involving nearly 3,500

individuals were resettled throughout the country. To maintain this resettlement pace and to accelerate it in the face of the increased and continuing task which confronts it for 1940, National Refugee Service leans heavily upon the efforts of 600 local cooperating committees. It maintains close cooperative relationships with nearly a score of other sectarian and non-sectarian specialized national agencies which assist refugees. The process of successful resettlement is assisted by offering refugees language and other orientation classes which help to acquaint them with the American way of life.

Material aid upon arrival will be a progressively increasing need during 1940, since fewer refugees are now able to bring money or property with them.

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יוניטעד פאלעסטיין אפיל

ארץ ישראל איז די איינציגע האַפנונג פון גרויסע צאָהלען אידען. דער יוניטעד פאלעסטיין אפיל מוז באַ-
וואַרען געלט-מיטלען פאַר פאַרגרעסערטער אימיגראַציע
און קאָלאָניאַזאָציע, וואָס האָט זינט 1933 ערמעגליכט איינ-
צואַהרענען אין ארץ ישראל 225,000 אידען פון דייטשלאַנד,
פּוילען, עסטרייך, טשעכאָסלאָוואַקיע, רומעניע און אנדערע
רע לענדער. דער שטראָם פון אידישער אימיגראַציע איז
ניט קלענער זינט דעם אויסברוך פון דער מלחמה. אין
1939 זענען 27,193 אידישע פליכטלינגע אריינגעקומען קיין
א"י. דער ציון-אפיל שטעלט צו מיטלען פאַר דער איינ-
וואַרונג פון די נייגעקומענע, גרינדענדיג נייע לאַנדווירט-
שאַפטליכע קאָלאָניעס, קויפּענדיג לאַנד, פאַרגרעסערענדיג
די אינדוסטריע און זאָרגענדיג פאַר ערציהונג, געזונדהייט
און אלגעמיינעם וואוינשטאַנד. שטיצט אויך, דורך דער
מזרחי, די רעליגיעזע אידישע אינסטיטוציעס.

דער יוניטעד פאַ-
לעסטיין אפיל
העלפט סטאביליזירן
רען דעם עקאָנאָמיע
שען אפּאַראַט און
עפּענען נייע קוואַ-
לען פאַר דער איינ-
דוסטריעלער ענט-
וויקלונג, צו פאַר-
שטאַרקען די פּאָזי-
ציע פון דעם ישוב
אין ארץ ישראל.



וואָס איז איצט דער פּונקטער גרעסטער אידישער צענטער
אין דער וועלט; און צופאַרגרעסערען די אויפנאָהם-מעגליכ-
קייטען פאַר נאָך באַדייטענדע צאָהלען אידען.

דזשאַינט דיסטריביטשאַן קאָמיטע

אין דעם מלחמה-
חרוב'ן פוילען האָט
דער „דזשאַינט“
געגרינדעט 50 גאַר-
קיכען, וועלכע גיבען
ארויס 100,000
מאָהל צייטען
טעגליך. טיילט
אויס קליידער, האָט
געעפּענט היי-
מען און ספּע-
ציעלע קיכען פאַר
קינדער, באַזאָרגט מעדיצינישע הילף און ערמעגליכט טויז-
זענטער פאַמיליעס זיך אומצוקעהרען צו זייערע היימען.



די אַרום 50,000 אידישע מלחמה-פליכטלינגע אין
רומעניע, אונגאַרן, ליטא און לאַטוויאַ, האָבען פון „דזשאַינט“
באקומען דרינגענדע הילף פאַר זייער אויסקומעניש. די
גזרות אין רומעניע און אונגאַרן ריהרענאַן 500,000 אידען.
דער „דזשאַינט“ באַזאָרגט יוניטער די איבערוואַנדערונג
פון פאַרטריבענע און העלפט די אידען, וואָס בלייבען אויף
די ערטער.

מיט גרעסערע סומען יוערען געשטיצט פליכטלינגע
לאַגערן און פליכטלינג-קאָמיטעס אין האַלאַנד, בעלגיע,
שווייץ, פראַנקרייך, ענגלאַנד, כינע, ווי אין די לענדער פון
צענטראַל און דרום-אַמעריקא.

די דזשאַינט דיסטריביטשאַן קאָמיטע קאָאָפּערירט אויך
מיט דעם „אַמעריקען פריענדס סיררוויס“, מיט דעם „רויטען
קרייץ“ און מיט דער קאָמיסיע פאַר פוילישען רעליף.

ניישאַנעל רעפּיודזשי סיררוויס

די „ניישאַנעל רעפּיודזשי סיררוויס“ זאָרגט פאַר איבערוואַנדערונג און איינאַהרונג
פֿון אידישע פליכטלינגע, וואָס קומען קיין אַמעריקא, אונטער די באַשרענקונגען פון די
קוואַטאַרדעגולאַציעס. באדינט זיי אויך מיט ראַט און אנדערע הילף. אין יוני, 1939, האָט
זי איבערגענומען די פונקציעס פון דער „ניישאַנעל קאָאָרדינייטינג קאָמיטע“ און געוויסע
אַגענטורען, וואָס זענען מיט איהר פאַרבונדען געווען. ווי אַ ביישפּיל פון איהר טעטיגקייט
איז גענוג אַנצואווייזען אויף איין חודש, ווען די „נ. ר. ס.“ האָט באַהאַנדעלט 30,000
דרינגענדע פאַלען.

אין דעם פראַגראַם געהען אַרײַן: איבערוואַנדערונג, הילף, באַשעפּטיגונג, איינאַהר-
נונג און געזעלשאַפטליכע און קולטורעלע צופאַסונג. אין 1939 האָט זי באַזאָרגט מיט
שטעלעס 4,700 פליכטלינגע. 2,200 פאַמיליעס פון קרוב 3,500 יחידים זענען באַזעצט
געוואָרען אין פאַרשידענע טיילען פון לאַנד. 600 לאַקאַלע קאָמיטעס העלפען איהר שטאַרק
אין זי קרייזט די קאָאָפּעראַציע פון אַרום צוואַנציג אידישע און אלגעמיינע לאַנד-קערפּער-
שאַפטען פאַר פליכטלינגע.





פון דער היים מאריאנט



יהודים פון חורבן

זייצער גורל - אין אונזערע הענט

די אידישע טראגעדיע, וואס איז גענוג גרויס געווען ביז אהער, איבערהויפט זינט הימלער איז אריין אין מאכט, איז מוזיגנט מאל גרעסער געווארן זינט דעם אויסברוך פון דער מלחמה. א מורא'דיגער חורבן פון אידישע קהלות און אידישע לעבענס אין פוילען, טשעכא-סלאוואקיע, עסטרייך און דייטשלאנד.

די אידישע טראגעדיע — דאס איז די טראגעדיע נישט נאר פון די אידען אין אייראפא, נאר פון אלע אידען, פון יעדען איד, וואו ער זאל זיך נישט געפינען. הימלער האט ערקלערט אן אויסראטונגס-מלחמה געגען אידישען פאלק. מיר מוזען דעריבער זיין מאראליש און פינאנציעל מאביליזירט צו קעמפען פאר אונזער עקזיסטענץ און צו ראטעווען די מיליאנען אידען אין אייראפא.

דאס אמעריקאנער אידענטום איז איצט די ארמיי פון אידישען פאלק, אן ארמיי פון פרידען, פון הילף און רעטונג. ווען מיר זאלען דערלאזן אונטערגען דאס אייראפעאישע אידענטום, מיינט עס אויך אונזער אונטערגאנג.

די הילף מוז קומען באלד. דער יונייטעד דזשואיש אפיל, אין יעדענעם אונטערגען די דזשואיש דיסטריבייטשאן קאמיטע, יונייטעד פארלעסטיון אפיל און גייטאנעל דעפיוהיט סיידזש, האט אנגענומען א קוואטא פון 23,000,000 מיליאן דאלאר פאר 1940. די סומע מוז געשאפען זייערען, כדי צו באזארגען מיט שפיט, קליידער און א דאך איבערן קאפ די באדרייבטע אידען; מיט מעדיצינישע, מיט נייע היימען די קראנקע און היימלאזע; מיט מעגליכקייטען אריבערצופיהרגען קיין ארץ-ישראל גרויסע צאחלען אידען און מיט הילף פאר די, וואס קומען קיין אמעריקא.

אין אונזערע הענט ליגט דער גורל פון מיליאנען אידען. היום חרת עולם. די הילף מוז קומען היינט, באלד. הענט שטרעקען זיך צו אונז און הערצער רייסען זיך צו אונז פון יענער זייט ים. מיר זענען זייער איינציגע האפנונג — און מיר טארען נישט, מיר וועלען נישט ענטווישען זייער ערווארטונג. דאס איז אונזער פייערליכע שמועה, אונזער הייליקער גורל.

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