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February 3, 1941

Dr. A. H. Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. L. W. Neumark, of Cleveland and this city, with whom I had the opportunity of discussing questions of our activities, has suggested we contact you as the head of the United Jewish Appeal in order to find out whether there is a possibility for some form of cooperation.

I take this opportunity to request an appointment with you. I will be ready to see you at your convenience, either in New York or in Cleveland.

With Zion greetings,

Respectfully yours

Peter H. Bergson
Peter H. Bergson

PHB:LC

Aims: Free Immigration and Security for Palestine

February 12, 1941

Mr. Peter H. Bergson
285 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Bergson:

Permit me to acknowledge your kind note of February 3. I shall of course be very pleased to see you at any time that you are in Cleveland. Please let me know in advance when you plan to be here.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL *For Refugees & Overseas Needs*

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE,
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NEW YORK CITY AND METROPOLITAN AREA

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April 16, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Complying with your request, I herewith enclose a list of 27 leading New York contributors for the past three years. I have not listed contributors who have not as yet given this year but will send you their names as soon as their contributions are received.

The meeting on April 9th was attended by 350 people who are able to give \$1000 and over. The program consisted of greetings on behalf of the UPA by Sylvan Gotshal, greetings on behalf of the NRS by William Rosenwald, an appeal for funds by Mr. Warburg and reading of cards by Mrs. David M. Levy and Eddie Cantor. Dr. Jonah B. Wise presided. Dr. Weizmann did not accept our invitation to speak.

Of course we will use the new official name of the UJA in all future printings. I will send you copies of some trade letterheads that are now being printed with the change.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
Samuel Blitz

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Henry Ittleson	150,000	150,000	100,000 ✓
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John M. Schiff	25,500	13,500	10,000 ✓
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Henry Kaufmann	20,000	20,000	20,000
Frank Altschul	20,000	15,000	10,000 ✓
Herbert H. Lehman	15,000	20,000	20,000
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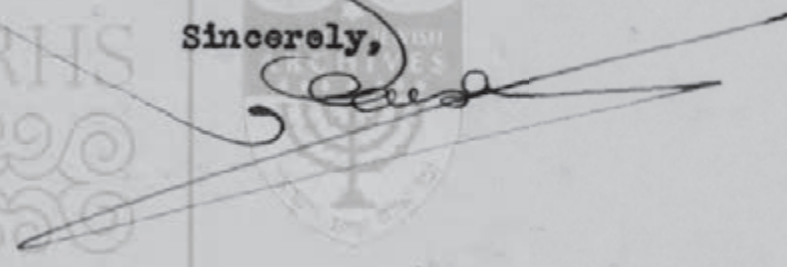
June 23, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
105th Street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Referring to our conversation in Baltimore, I have
not as yet received the papers you were going to
send me. May I expect these soon?

Sincerely,



July 2, 1941

Mr. Jacob Blaustein
910 American Bldg.
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Blaustein:

As I indicated to you in my last letter I am sending to you copies of the letters which I addressed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. When you are through with these copies, I would appreciate your returning them to me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BN
Enc. - 3

August 11, 1941

Mr. Jacob Blaustein
American Building
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Blaustein:

Under date of June 30 I sent
you, at your request, a draft of a statement
on the subject of National Advisory Budgeting.
I would appreciate receiving your reactions to
it before very long.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BK

JACOB BLAUSTEIN

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BALTIMORE, MD.

August 15, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Blaustein is out of the city but he has been advised
of your August 11, 1941 letter.

He has asked me to write you, begging pardon for not
having replied as yet to your June 30th letter. He
has been away most of the time since then and busily
engaged, among other things, in some urgent matters
pertaining to the National Defense.

Mr. Blaustein does not want to give you his reactions
until he has had sufficient opportunity carefully to
consider your suggestions. You may expect to hear from
him shortly now.

Sincerely,

V. A. Meyer

Secretary

Inter-Office Memo

UNITED *Jewish* APPEAL

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Samuel Blitz

Date Sept. 3, 1941

At the request of Dr. Israel Goldstein I herewith
enclose copy of minutes of the Sub-Committee for a permanent
New York UJA.

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MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE FOR PERMANENT UJA ORGANIZATION

JULY 16th, 1941 - HARMONIE CLUB

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PRESENT: Dr. Jonah B. Wise, presiding. Abner Bregman, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Judge Morris Rothenberg

Samuel Blitt, Henry C. Bernstein

DR. WISE stated that the sub-Committee had been appointed in accordance with the decision of the General Committee to consider plans for establishing a permanent fund-raising organization in New York on behalf of the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal. It is the function of the sub-Committee to give full consideration to the proposal, to devise plans of organization and to submit a report to the General Committee.

DR. GOLDSTEIN declared that the UJA has authorized its members to serve on the Committee with the understanding that no commitments will be made without the approval of the United Palestine Appeal.

DR. BREGMAN urged that members of the Committee act as leaders of the New York community rather than as representatives of the various constituent organizations in order to assure the establishment of a permanent organization. Mr. Bregman called attention to the great loss incurred by all participating organizations in the UJA due to the break of the joint drive. Not only was valuable time lost in getting the campaign started, thereby seriously affecting the results obtained this year, but there was also a great waste of expenditure and considerable loss incurred in the collection of last year's pledges. Mr. Bregman pointed out that a number of localities and trades were preparing to organize local chests which would enable them to decide their own allocations. This would not only take the matter out of the hands of our national organizations but would also seriously affect the entire fund-raising campaign. Only by organizing a permanent UJA in Greater New York could such local action be forestalled.

JUDAH ROTHENBERG was confident that once a permanent organization were established, it would manage to function satisfactorily. He suggested the appointment of a Committee, simultaneously with the formation of the permanent New York organization, which should study the problem of allocation in the event of a dissolution of the National United Jewish Appeal Campaign. Such Committee should make its recommendation to the permanent New York Organization.

DR. WISE was of the opinion that it is premature to consider allocation of funds at this time. He said that the problems of the IRS must be given due consideration and their point of view adequately represented. He urged that steps be taken to form a permanent organization, the Board of Directors of which would give consideration to all problems as they may arise.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. That steps be taken to incorporate the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York as a permanent fund-raising agency.
2. That simultaneously a Committee be appointed to give consideration to the question of allocations; in the event of a failure to reach an agreement nationally; such Committee to be advisory only.
3. That a list of communal leaders to be approved by the committee now meeting, shall be invited to serve as Charter Members of the organization.



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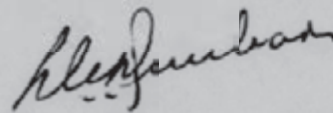
September 12, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your September 11, 1941 letter to
Mr. Blaustein will be handed him upon his return
to the city.

Yours very truly,


Secretary

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WALLACH NEWYORK COMING THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT. CAN YOU
MEET WITH ME IN NEWYORK SOMETIME NEXT DAY FRIDAY RELATIVE
COUNCIL OF FEDERATIONS MATTER WE BEEN DISCUSSING? PLEASE
WIRE VIA WESTERNUNION WHETHER CONVENIENT. IF SO WHAT TIME?
REGARDS=

JACOB BLAUSTEIN

must have ~~on~~ Thursday be back in
Chelmsford Friday. Will be free to meet
with you ^{either} Thursday morning, Cranston
Hotel or evening after between
scheduled meeting and train time
eleven thirty. Regards



Wednesday Eve., November 26, 1941 • Madison Square Garden

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Steinglass has informed me that you would like to have the "Night of Stars" publicized as a UPA rather than a UJA event.

When arrangements were made for the joint drive two years ago, we agreed to retain the Year Book for the UPA and announce the "Night of Stars" on behalf of the UJA in order to have the cooperation of the JDC people in the sale of tickets.

Please note that the enclosed circular prepared by Steinglass names the UJA, not the UPA as the beneficiary. However, at the "Night of Stars" we follow the procedure of opening the performance with the singing of 'America' and 'Hatikvah' and raising the American and Jewish flags. The UPA Year Book containing the program of "Night of Stars" is the only publication distributed that evening.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz

Samuel Blitz
Executive Director

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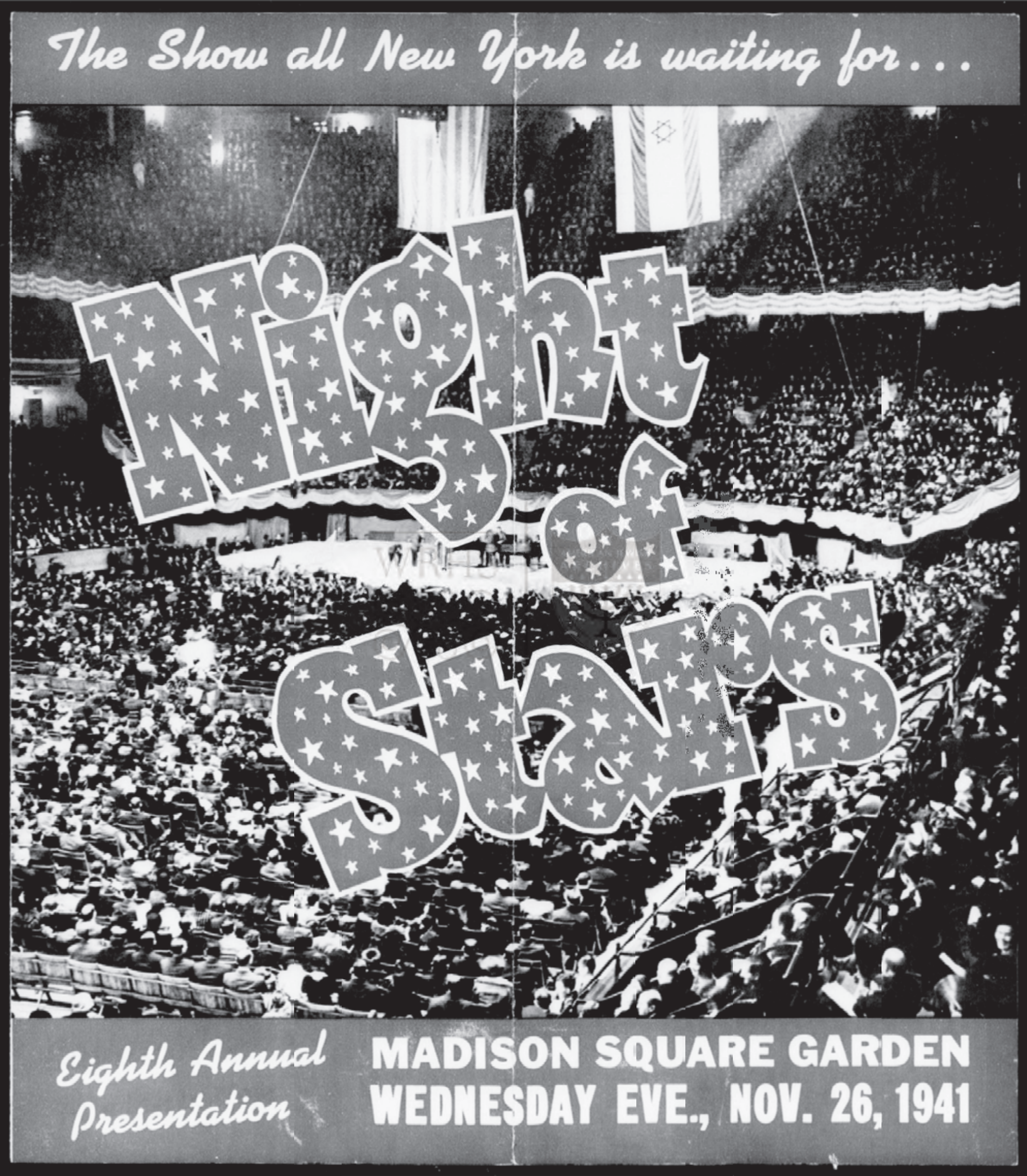
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The Show all New York is waiting for...

A black and white photograph of a massive crowd of people filling Madison Square Garden. The crowd is seen from an elevated perspective, looking down into the arena. In the background, the ornate architecture of the arena is visible, including a large American flag and other banners. Overlaid on the center of the image is the title "Night of Stars" in a large, stylized, outlined font. The letters of the title are filled with a pattern of small stars, reminiscent of the American flag. The word "Night" is on the top line, "of" is in the middle, and "Stars" is on the bottom line.

Night of Stars

*Eighth Annual
Presentation*

**MADISON SQUARE GARDEN
WEDNESDAY EVE., NOV. 26, 1941**



CHARLES BOYER * MELVYN FRUMKIN * BARBARA STANWYCH * ROBERT TAYLOR



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NIGHT OF STARS

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For seven consecutive years "Night of Stars" has flashed across New York's theatrical horizon as the season's brightest and most spectacular show. The foremost executives and technicians of Broadway and Hollywood fashioned "Night of Stars" into a huge entertainment encompassing the greatest talents of the theatre, screen and radio.

This year's presentation of "Night of Stars" promises to be the biggest and best of the striking array of shows that have dazzled New York since 1934. Plans drawn up by the producing committee headed by such notable theatrical leaders as Marvin Schenck, Chairman and William Morris and Louis K. Sidney, Co-Chairmen, call for a more elaborate and more star-studded program than ever before in the history of "Night of Stars."

And the most prominent personalities of the amusement world, are coming forward to join the big parade of stars because they know greater funds are needed now for the work of the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine, which will receive the entire proceeds from the show.

Your support of "Night of Stars" will help the cause of humanity and democracy.



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41 East 42nd Street, New York MURRAY Hill 2-3320

MEMORANDUM

October 23, 1941

TO: Mr. Montor

FROM: Baruch Braunstein

Subject: Tulsa, Okla.

EXCERPT

Confidentially, Mr. Warburg's trip to Tulsa did the UPA no good. He left rumors and half-rumors that the UPA was politically-ridden with conflicting factions each demanding the leadership and that should a split ever occur the fault could be easily identified...Worse than anything directly he might have said are those innuendoes that leave a tremendous impression among some people. Ever more then I am convinced that we MUST follow up these rumors and nail them. Semper Paratus!



JACOB BLAUSTEIN

AMERICAN BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

October 24, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your October 20, 1941 letter to Mr. Jacob Blaustein
reached Baltimore while he is en route from Texas
to California. It is being forwarded to him.

Sincerely,



Secretary



W. A. Miller

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PARTLY COLONISATION AND SOCIAL HELP ESPECIALLY LITTLE
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STOP WILL HIGHLY APPRECIATE YOUR FAVOURABLE ATTITUDE
INCREASE OUR SHARE COMING BUDGET YEAR=

MEYER BERLIN..

CC: DR. SILVER

November 24, 1941

Mr. Samuel Blitz
United Jewish Appeal
250 West 57 Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Blitz:

In calculating what will be the income of the United Jewish Appeal and of the United Palestine Appeal for 1941, reference is always made to the proportionate income from Night of Stars which is transmitted through the United Palestine Appeal to the United Jewish Appeal.

As I recall the Night of Stars Corporation last year made certain allotments outside of the ordinary expenditures incurred in the running of Night of Stars. I do hope that in view of the purposes of the Night of Stars and the great needs the total income will accrue to the United Palestine Appeal and that no allotments will be made to other bodies.

Sincerely yours,

HM:BC

Henry Montor
Executive Director

JACOB BLAUSTEIN

AMERICAN BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

November 24, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Mr. Blaustein is out of the city today but
before leaving asked me to confirm his ap-
pointment to meet with you at dinner on
Sunday, November 30th, at 7 P.M. in Room 1052,
Biltmore Hotel, New York.

Mr. Blaustein looks forward with pleasure to
seeing you at that time.

Sincerely,

Secretary

W. A. Meyer

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Law Offices
Maurice M. Boukstein
Fifty Broad St.
New York

Dr. Silver

December 2nd, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you for your letter of November 27th and for letting me see the draft documents attached thereto.

It occurs to me that there is involved in the proposed organization of a permanent United Jewish Appeal in New York, a question of major Zionist policy, which affects Zionist interests in the United States and the welfare of Palestine. It seems to me, therefore, that such question of major policy should receive full consideration by responsible Zionist bodies before a decision is reached. In saying this, I do not express any opinion for or against the proposal in question, but I merely want to emphasize that, whatever the merits of the proposal, the question of policy involved should first be fully considered and determined by the appropriate bodies.

I need hardly point out the implications from the Zionist point of view of a permanent United Jewish Appeal arrangement in New York City. Has the Executive of the Z. O. A. for instance, been requested to consider this question and to express its opinion?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

(signed) Maurice M. Boukstein
MAURICE M. BOUKSTEIN

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UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, D. C.

D. Silver

December 7, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of December 4th and I appreciate your sending to me a copy of the "United Palestine Appeal Year Book for 1941". I shall be glad to have this review of the achievements of the Jewish people in rebuilding the Jewish homeland in Palestine. I have felt a high regard for what Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and the organization which he heads, has been doing in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Harold Burton

UNITED STATES SENATE

Committee on the Judiciary

December 13, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Since my letter of December 7th I have received the copy of "United Palestine Appeal Year Book for 1941". I congratulate you upon it and welcome the full presentation of the case which it makes.

Also since my letter of December 7th we have been brought into the war directly against Japan, Germany and Italy. There no longer can be any possible room for differences of opinion as to the general policy of the nation and I am sure that your vigorous cooperation will be of substantial value.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

Harold H. Burton

HHB:ew

DR. BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN
4445 POST ROAD
RIVERDALE, NEW YORK

January 19, 1942.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
246 East 105th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I want you to know how very much I appreciated the opportunity of being with you and Mrs. Silver on Friday evening at your home.

I am very deeply grateful for your kindness and for the opportunity you gave me to be with you and your friends.

You lifted the Conference in Cleveland to great heights. You gave it new vision and you gave those who attended greater strength to carry on the important work that lies ahead.

Gladys joins me in cordial greetings to you and Mrs. Silver.

Very sincerely yours,

Baruch Braunstein

BB/RW

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

United States Senate
Conference of the Majority

January 23, 1942.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman
United Palestine Appeal
New York City

My dear Dr. Silver:

Let me thank you for your very generous letter
of January 21st.

I really enjoyed my visit to Cleveland and was
delighted to observe how universally you are respected
and loved by all those who were in attendance and those
whom they represented. It was especially pleasing to
see Mrs. Silver again and I hope to have this privilege
again before long.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Alben W. Barkley

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Jacob Blaustein
Baltimore, Md.

Am awaiting reply to my letter
Jan. 19. Kindest regards.

Silver



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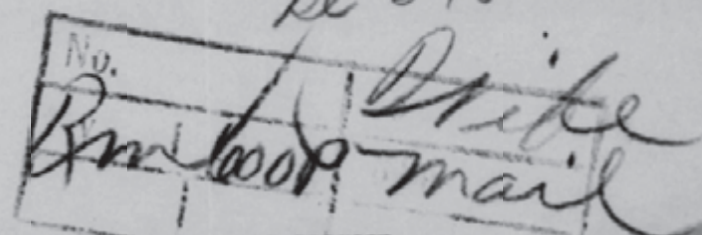
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GREATEST IMPORTANCE BOTH FOR SUCCESS KEREN HAYESOD CAMPAIGN
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REGARDS=

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RABBI ABBI HILLEL SILVER, THE TEMPLE=

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EAST 105TH ST AT ANSEL RD=

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JACOB BLAUSTEIN.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
ROOM 1121
41 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City.

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

Thank you for your letter of January 26.
I am very glad that you intend to go to England on
behalf of the Keren Hayesod and the Emergency Committee.
Your Keren Hayesod activities will be a good background
for your political work.

I fully appreciate your views and I think
that the twofold mission you will undertake will greatly
improve the results of our drive.

I understand that you wish to discuss the
whole matter with Dr. Weizman after his arrival on these
shores, but I ask you not to postpone your departure in
case Dr. Weizman's trip will be delayed unexpectedly.

Again many thanks and best wishes,

Very cordially yours,

Kurt Blumenthal

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February 6, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In the absence of Mr. Montor from the city, I am acknowledging the receipt of your letter of February 5th in order to give you the following confidential information:

At the end of each year, beginning with 1939, Mr. William Rosenwald has sent the United Jewish Appeal a statement of his traveling expenses for the previous twelve-month period. In 1940, he submitted an expense item of \$3,000 and drew his own check payable to the United Jewish Appeal in the amount of \$4,000. In 1941, he submitted an expense item of \$4,000 and drew his own check payable to the United Jewish Appeal in the amount of \$6,000. Mr. Rosenwald is considered a New Yorker and therefore all income accrues to the New York United Jewish Appeal. Despite his own checks to the United Jewish Appeal, no deductions from the administrative account can be made. I am reliably informed that this increases the administrative expenditure of the United Jewish Appeal by 1%.

According to the information I have received from the United Palestine Appeal bookkeeper, your expenses for the Pacific Coast trip were paid by the United Jewish Appeal, the exact amount of which will be sent to you as soon as I am able to get the figures.

I trust that this is the information that you desire.

Very sincerely yours,

Baruch Braunstein
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AMERICAN BUILDING
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February 7, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We want to acknowledge receipt of copy of your
February 5, 1942 letter to Mr. H. L. Lurie,
which will be presented to Mr. Blaustein upon
his return to the city next week.



Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "V. A. Meyer".

Secretary

C O P Y

Law Offices of
RITTENBERG AND RITTENBERG
Whitney Building
NEW ORLEANS

February 9, 1942

Dr. Baruch Braunstein
c/o United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Bo:

I received your letter and will wait to hear from you as to whether March 30 is definite. Glad to know that you are coming to New Orleans, because you can help us a great deal with the program.

We had the Annual Meeting of our Welfare Fund last night, and I had an opportunity to put in a plug for Palestine by pointing out that the contribution to the Welfare Fund is a patriotic act in that it is a contribution to the war efforts of the United States. I read with a good deal of interest the letter of January 16 that the Secretary of the Navy wrote to Rabbi Silver, and I read a portion of that letter to the group.

Yours truly,

(Signed) LEON
(Leon Rittenberg)

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Dear Dr. Silver:

In further response to your letter of February 5th, permit me to write that you submitted an expense account early in May for both your South-west and Pacific Coast trips in the amount of \$225. A check covering this item, as well as a \$32. expense item in connection with your trip to Hartford, was sent to you early in May.

I trust that this will now completely answer your queries contained in your communication of February 5th.

Very sincerely yours,

Baruch Braunstein

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sure you will be interested in receiving the enclosed copy of a letter addressed by Mr. Rosenwald's assistant to the United Jewish Appeal, because it touches on the matter that you wrote about in your letter of some days ago.

Also I am now able to write that the exact amount of the check issued by Mr. Rosenwald to the New York United Jewish Appeal campaign for 1941 was \$6,425.

Very sincerely yours,

Baruch Braunstein

BB:FE

Enc.

P.S. I think you will be interested in seeing the enclosed copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Palestine Council of New Orleans, relating the impression which Secretary Knox's letter made on him and, through him, on the Jewish community of New Orleans.

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—HON. FRANK KNOX, *Secretary of the Navy*

February 13, 1942

Dr. Baruch Braunstein
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Braunstein:

I do not entirely understand the arrangement under which Mr. Rosenwald operates. You say that he sends an expense account to the United Jewish Appeal which is paid and then he issues a check to the same or larger amount to the United Jewish Appeal. Why is that done? Is his check to the United Jewish Appeal in part payment of his annual contribution to the UJA, or is it something extra? Please explain this thing to me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I cannot explain why Mr. Rosenwald operates as he does in sending his expense account to the United Jewish Appeal and then issuing his own check for a larger amount to the United Jewish Appeal. I can only guess at the reason, and I am sure that your guess would be better than mine.

The Rosenwald contribution to the New York U.J.A. was \$100,000 for 1941. It includes the contributions of the Rosenwald Foundation, Mrs. David Levy and William Rosenwald. No other contributions, I have been told, have been made during the course of 1941 to the New York U.J.A.

Should Mr. Montor have any additional information, I will ask him to communicate with you immediately upon his arrival in the city sometime this week.

With every good wish, believe me to be

Very sincerely yours,

Baruch Braunstein
Baruch Braunstein

BB/RW

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—HON. FRANK KNOX, Secretary of the Navy

February 16, 1942

Mr. Samuel Blitz
250 West 57th St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Blitz:

I appreciate your invitation greatly and I should like to come to Brooklyn for your meeting, but I addressed that group last year and there is no particular point in my going back to the same group every year. There are important trade groups in Manhattan which in all the years that I have been connected with the UJA I have not had the opportunity to address, groups which have seemingly been pre-empted by the JDC and the NRS. The members of these groups have never received a Palestine message and it is about time -- particularly at this time -- that they should. I recall taking this matter up with you a year or two ago. I still maintain that a great disservice is rendered to Palestine by quarantining the so-called moneyed or "representative" groups against a Palestine spokesman. Among the numerous important trade or professional groups, I recall only one other that I addressed -- the Moving Picture Industry. Knowing what little success the other spokesmen have had with groups from which the UPA has been excluded, I think that it is high time to break this intolerable precedent.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE,
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NEW YORK CITY AND METROPOLITAN AREA
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February 17, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

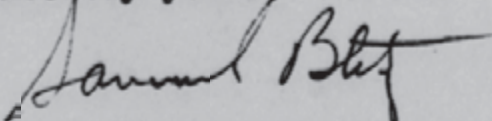
I am in receipt of your letter of February 16th and will inform our Brooklyn people that you will not be available on March 19th or 26th. Of course they will try to change the date to suit your convenience but I will urge them to accept another speaker.

Governor Lehman has agreed to call a dinner meeting for our special gifts group on Sunday evening, March 29th at the Harmonie Club. I hope you will be available that evening as I am sure that an appeal by you would bring best results. Our friends of the JDC have always insisted that one of their own make the appeal at the special gifts function but I hope they will listen to reason this year. Will you kindly advise me whether you will be available on March 29th so that I may present the matter to our officers.

Mr. Montor has sent me an excerpt from your letter to him of February 6th regarding the proposed inclusion of Ort in the New York campaign. Please be assured that no inclusion has taken place as it is clearly understood that no organization can be included without the official approval of the three agencies in the UJA. Ort has applied for inclusion in the 1942 campaign and a committee has been appointed to confer with them. All our committee can do is to make a recommendation to our three agencies who may accept or reject the recommendation. Our committee has already met with Ort but the terms asked by Ort are such that I doubt that our committee will make any recommendation for their inclusion in this year's campaign.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Samuel Blitz
Executive Vice-Chairman

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is anxious to have a copy of your address opening the Palestine Session at the Assembly of the Council in Chicago on February 2nd.

When the opportunity presents itself, will you have the kindness to send the text of your talk to me and I will forward it to the Council.

Accept my grateful thanks.

Very sincerely yours,

Baruch Braunstein

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February 19, 1942

Mr. Samuel Blitz
United Jewish Appeal
250 West 57th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Blitz:

Thank you for your letter of February 17th. I would make an effort to attend the meeting on Sunday evening, March 29th, which Governor Lehman has agreed to call.

I am glad to know that no commitments have been made to the Ort in connection with the New York campaign.

Cordially,

AHS:DE

February 19, 1942

Rabbi Baruch Braunstein
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Baruch:

I am sorry that I have not available a copy of the address which I delivered at the opening of the Palestine session of the Council Assembly in Chicago. I spoke from notes. I assumed that there was a Council stenographer taking down the proceedings. If the address was taken down and if it is intended for use I should like to have it for revision before it is used.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DB



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of February 19th.

Miss Karpf of the Council of Jewish Federa-
tions and Welfare Funds initially asked me for your
address because none of the proceedings of Monday's
sessions was taken down.

I know she will deeply regret, as I do too,
not having a copy of the magnificent address you made
at the Palestine session.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Beruch Braunstein

BB/RW

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SMART APPAREL FOR MEN AND WOMEN

822-824 SOUTH BROADWAY

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

March 7th, 1942.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Of course we were all shocked on the very sudden passing of our friend and fellow worker, Bernard Stone.

Since his demise, I have had considerable correspondence with the United Palestine Appeal, through Henry Montor, concerning what was to be done for the widow and son.

I understand that this matter will come up at the next meeting of the Administrative Committee.

There isn't any doubt in my mind, that knowing the circumstances as well as you do, particularly as to Bernard's long and faithful service, that appropriate arrangement will be made.

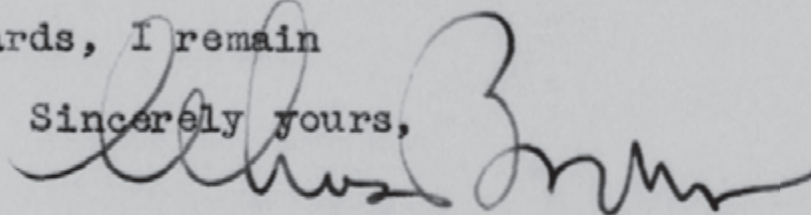
I have assured the widow that there was no cause for worry, and as long as these matters rest largely with you, everything will be taken care of satisfactorily.

Likely my suggestion is too late, as you undoubtedly have written to Mrs. Stone giving her whatever assurance might be necessary to make her feel more at ease. At this time of great sorrow, a word from you would be most consoling.

Those of us out here close to Bernard haven't any doubt but that appropriate action will be taken in this matter.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



CB/HH

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10th March, 1942

Rabbi Dr. A.H. Silver,
Dorchester Hotel,
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Dear Dr. Silver,

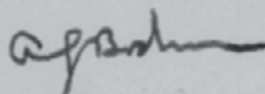
I was delighted to hear from Professor Brodetsky this morning that you were kind enough to accept the invitation from the Chairman of the Joint Foreign Committee to address the Committee on developments in America regarding Jewish problems. The meeting takes place in the Board's Committee Room which is on the 4th Floor of Woburn House, Upper Woburn Place, W.C.1. It will begin at 4 p.m. and Mr. Leonard Stein, the President of the Anglo-Jewish Association, will be in the Chair. Professor Brodetsky will, as you know, unfortunately not be able to be present.

I would like to suggest that you attend at 4.30 p.m. This will enable some of the agenda of the Committee to be dealt with before your arrival and as the meetings end nowadays at 5.30 in order to enable people who live in the country to get away in time, you would be able, I hope, to stay at least an hour with the Committee.

P.T.O.

We are very much looking forward
to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,



Secretary.



Deps.B/CR

March 11, 1942

Mr. Charles Brown
824 South Broadway
Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr. Brown:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of March 7 to Rabbi Silver. Rabbi Silver has left for England and will be gone several weeks. When he returns to Cleveland I shall be pleased to refer your letter to his attention.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

JACOB BLAUSTEIN

AMERICAN BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

March 28, 1942

Subject: MEETING
BUDGET RESEARCH COMMITTEE

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing this letter in your absence abroad with the request that your secretary be good enough to present it to you promptly upon your return.

As you know, we have been delaying the meeting of the Budget Research Committee in an effort to arrange a date convenient to you.

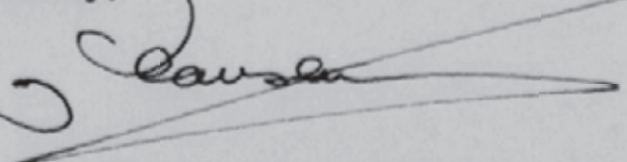
Frankly, I am disappointed that you did not respond to my February 19, 1942 letter nor my February 28th follow-up in which I requested you advise what date early in March would be suitable to you; also that when you wired on February 26th (in response to my February 24th letter) advising that neither March 7th nor March 8th would be suitable to you, you did not inform me that you were leaving for England. Had you mentioned this to me, we might have deemed it desirable to hold a meeting early in March anyway, rather than postpone it for weeks.

I feel a great deal of time has been lost in the functioning of this Committee and that we cannot delay a meeting much longer. Accordingly, I have asked Mr. Lurie to send out notices for Monday, April 13th, at the Commodore Hotel, New York, the meeting to start at 3 P.M. and run into the evening if necessary.

We have purposely delayed this date again in a genuine desire to have you present. The press reports that you are expected to return from England for Passover. I do hope you will make every effort to be with us. ||

I am also looking forward to hearing about your trip which I am sure must have been most interesting.

Sincerely,



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ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL - UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
1006 Professional Bldg.
Phoenix, Arizona

March 31, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith the text of a Resolution adopted at the Second Annual Conference of the Arizona State Council, United Palestine Appeal.

Our Conference was the most successful of a Jewish nature ever held in the State of Arizona. About 250 people attended - representing all the Jewish organizations of Arizona, the leadership of all the communities - and in themselves 8 per cent of the total Jewish population of our State.

We will do everything possible here to assist in the good work of the United Palestine Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Joseph Bank
Chairman
Arizona State Council

SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
Westward Ho Hotel Phoenix, Arizona
March 15, 1942

TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

WHEREAS, the United Palestine Appeal is the central agency of American Jewry for the support and rebuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, and

WHEREAS, through American Jewry's support of the United Palestine Appeal, Palestine has been enabled to serve as the foremost haven for Jewish immigration and as a stronghold of defense for democracy in the present war,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Second Annual Conference, Arizona State Council of the United Palestine Appeal to call upon friends of Palestine in Arizona to enlarge the scope and measure of their activities in behalf of the United Palestine Appeal so that its effectiveness for the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home, in its appeal to all elements of American Jewry, may grow constantly stronger.

Adopted, March 15, 1942

April 9, 1942

Mr. Jacob Blaustein
American Building
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Blaustein:

I am sorry that my failure to inform you in time of a suitable date for a meeting caused an unfortunate delay in the functioning of the Committee. I hope that no cosmic disasters have resulted from this delay. I could not let you know just when I was leaving for England because I did not know myself. Passage priority is very difficult to obtain on the Clipper, as you probably know, and it is not until a day or two before you actually leave that you are notified. It may well have been that I could not have gone in March or in April. There were many important engagements which I had to cancel within twenty-four hours of my departure. I had hoped to return in time for the Passover Holidays, but here again I was delayed four days in Lisbon so that I did not arrive until the 4th of April.

I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the meeting on Monday, April 13. I will be in New York on April 14.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

April 14, 1942

Dr. Joseph Bank
1006 Professional Bldg.
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Dr. Bank:

Thank you for your letter of March 31st advising me of the Second Annual Conference of the Arizona United Palestine Appeal and for the enclosure of a resolution on the U.P.A. adopted at your meeting in Phoenix on March 15th.

It was gratifying to learn of the earnest effort which you made to secure a maximum attendance and of the thoroughness with which you prepared the program which had such a successful conclusion. We are all appreciative of your devoted cooperation.

Cordially yours,

AHS:MJB

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

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Frances P. Bolton
22d District Ohio

Committee on Foreign
Affairs

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 23, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
National Chairman,
United Jewish Appeal for
Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am acknowledging through you a letter dated April 20 signed also by Rabbi Wise and Mr. Rosenwald relative to the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine.

Enclosed herewith is a check to be applied to the work you are doing among your people in various parts of the world. I wish you success in your efforts to relieve the plight of those who are being persecuted in other lands.

Very sincerely,

(sgd) Frances P. Bolton

452 House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

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April 30, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Nathan Straus told me today that he tried to reach you at the Commodore Hotel several times yesterday but was informed that you were not registered there. Perhaps he called you before you had arrived.

I informed Mr. Straus that your program will not permit you to spend a weekend at his country home but that you would be pleased to spend some time with him on your next visit to New York. Mr. Straus said he would very much like to have lunch with you on Monday, May 11th which he hopes will suit your convenience. May I inform Mr. Straus that this is a definite appointment?

Contributions obtained at the Bronx dinner amounted to \$122,000. The same group gave \$101,000 last year.

I will submit your suggestion for a house to house canvass to our campaign officers and will urge that the plan be given a fair trial in a selected number of sections in the city.

Thanking you for an early reply, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
Samuel Blitz

SB:mf

May 5, 1942

Mr. Samuel Blitz
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Blitz:

Thank you for your letter of April 30.
I shall be very happy to have lunch with Mr. Straus
on Monday, May 11. Would you have Mr. Straus indicate
to me where we are to lunch?

at I am glad to hear that the contributions
~~are~~ the Bronx dinner were so satisfactory. I thought
the meeting had fine spirit.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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May 6, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Nathan Straus has asked me to write you that he is looking forward to having lunch with you on Monday, May 11th at 12:30 at the National Democratic Club, Madison Avenue and 37th Street.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel Blitz
Executive Vice-Chairman

SB:mf

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WILLIAM ROSENWALD
122 East 42nd Street
New York City

December 16, 1942

United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Attention: Mr. Abe Keller

Gentlemen:

During the past year, Mr. Rosenwald has made the following expenditures on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and affiliated organizations:

National Refugee Service, Inc.	\$3,378.48
American Jewish Joint	
Distribution Committee	217.25
United Jewish Appeal	<u>359.97</u>
	\$3,955.70

It would be appreciated if you would, at your convenience, forward a check in this amount to Mr. Rosenwald, to reimburse him for the expenses listed above.

Very truly yours,

(sgd) A. R. Young

Assistant

[1942?]

Mr. Max Bretton, Executive Secretary
The Jewish Welfare Federation of Greater Kansas City
1600 Linwood Boulevard
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bretton:

As National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal we have given careful consideration to your letter of April 11 describing the circumstances under which the Jewish Welfare Federation of Greater Kansas City has affiliated itself with the newly organized United War Chest of your community.

It is recognized by the U.J.A. that the Jewish community of Kansas City has the fullest autonomy in reaching decisions on its communal activities based on the experience and judgment of the local leadership in relation to problems with which they have the greatest local intimacy. It is, therefore, not the province of the U.J.A., which derives its revenue in Kansas City from the Jewish Welfare Federation, to voice either approval or disapproval of the decision reached by your officers.

The U.J.A. is the fund-raising instrument acting for the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service. Its responsibilities as the fiscal agent and trustee of these beneficiaries have been greatly accentuated as a result of the war. The necessity for expanding as well as continuing assistance to our people in all parts of the world who look to the J.D.C., the U.P.A. and the N.R.S. respectively, for aid has been recognized over a period of years by the Jews of Kansas City.

The only standpoint from which the U.J.A. can concern itself with the form which fund-raising in Kansas City takes is the effect upon the urgency to raise maximum sums for the programs of our beneficiary agencies. In that connection, there are certain observations which we should like to call to the attention of the officers of the Jewish Welfare Federation, many if not all of which they have undoubtedly already considered in their discussions with the officers of the United War Chest.

- (1) On the basis of its goal of \$25,000,000, the U.J.A. has requested from Kansas City an allotment of \$135,000, for the year 1942. It is our belief that the needs of the Jews in all parts of the world who are assisted by the agencies of the U.J.A. - needs which have been multiplied by wartime emergencies - and the size, resources and understanding of the Kansas City Jewish community justify that allotment. Since the Kansas City Jewish Welfare Federation is acting as a direct agent for the U.J.A. and inasmuch as you state that "the integrity of the Jewish Welfare Federation as a budgeting and completely autonomous organization is in no way involved", it is our assumption that in the budget which the Jewish Welfare Federation has presented to the officers of the United War Chest for their acceptance, there is provision for the full requested allotment for the U.J.A. for 1942.

Under the terms of the plan which you described in your letter of April 11 that since the campaign which you normally would have held in the Spring has been postponed to the Fall the budget is for an 18-month period, the over-all budget transmitted by the Jewish Welfare Federation to the United War Chest would involve the sum of \$202,500 for the U.J.A. Our assumption that such an allotment has been transmitted on behalf of the U.J.A. is strengthened by the knowledge that the appeal and the emphasis of a United War Chest will be linked to the duties that fall upon Americans in connection with war relief. The appeal to Kansas City generosity will be based on the realization that Americans have a responsibility to ease the plight of the victims of the war and to help meet some of the problems of those persecuted by the Axis, among whom the Jews occupy foremost place.

- (2) We should like to know more concretely the nature of the relationship of the Jewish Welfare Federation to the United War Chest.
- a) How would the beneficiaries of the Jewish Welfare Federation be affected in the event that through some mischance the total goal of the United War Chest were not achieved? Is it the intention to provide preferences for any of the agencies included in the War Chest or are they all, including the U.J.A. as represented in the Jewish Welfare Federation, to share proportionately in the results?
 - b) Could the standard of giving now prevailing among the Jewish contributors be maintained at the present level or, in view of the total quota, would they have to increase and, if so, would they respond favorably?
 - c) Although assurances have been given by the United War Chest is there a possibility, if not for the forthcoming campaign

then subsequently, of scrutiny of and veto-power over budgetary items of the Jewish Welfare Federation? Certain enterprises and activities are desirable and essential in a Jewish Welfare Federation, but will they be so regarded in a non-sectarian effort?

These are some of the many problems arising out of the affiliation of the Jewish Welfare Federation with the United War Chest. Obviously, the U.J.A. must concern itself to the utmost with the responsibilities imposed upon it to raise sufficient funds for its beneficiary agencies so that they may meet at least the minimal requirements of their respective programs. As Kansas City is the first of the larger communities to agree to integrate its fund-raising activities in a War Chest, you can appreciate our profound interest in closely scrutinizing the set-up and operations of a War Chest in order that we may know that the interest of the U.J.A. is safeguarded. We do this, as we have already stated, with full recognition of your community's autonomy.

It would be reassuring indeed if we might hear from you at this time that the U.J.A. may depend upon the complete and generous support which it could expect from Kansas City through the Jewish Welfare Federation itself and which is commensurate with the appeal which the programs of the J.D.C., the U.P.A. and the N.R.S. must exert in a War Chest.

In exchanging ideas with you this way, we hope that now that the decisions has been reached for participation in the United War Chest, the campaign itself will be outstandingly successful.

Cordially yours,

William Rosenwald

Abba Hillel Silver

Jonah B. Wise

National Chairmen

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