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SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
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PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

July 4, 1941

My dear Abba:-

I suppose I will see you at the U. C. R. Administrative Committee meeting on July 10th.

But now I wish to present my case before you so that, after weighing everything, I trust you will be able to give me a favorable answer.

When I saw you last Monday I extended an invitation to you to deliver the address at the Long Island Zionist Region Convention Dinner, at which it is scheduled that I be installed as President of the Region.

Now, to be frank, the Zionist leadership on Long Island knowing of our mutual friendship is certain that you will accept the invitation to be the guest speaker on the occasion when I am to be elevated to the Presidency.

The convention was scheduled

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to be held in mid-October, but I keeping in mind how busy you would be then, insisted that it be held on September 28th. I know you will be busy even then, and it will entail a sacrifice on your part. But by plane it would only mean the Sunday afternoon and evening (The dinner is scheduled for the evening), and Monday morning you would be back in Cleveland.

That dinner session - besides ~~my~~ installation - is contemplated to be set aside as a U. P. A. session for Long Island Jewry. Irving Miller, as chairman of the New York U. P. A. Executive Committee suggested the session be devoted to U. P. A. and stated that the U. P. A. would cooperate wholeheartedly. What better cooperation could there be than to have the National Chairman address that session.

Hope Virginia has fully recovered.
My best wishes in which Anna joins me.
As ever yours,
Sol.

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August 14, 1941

My dear Abba:-

I attended a conference of representatives of N.Y. Regions where it was decided to call a conference of Eastern States delegates for August 27th. I am enclosing clippings of to-day's Jewish Morning Journal and Day reporting that meeting. I was asked to act as Secretary of the Conference and also as a member of the Steering Committee for the 27th meeting, which I declined. If you feel that I ought to serve on the Steering Committee I will do so.

Many rumors about the convention are afloat. One is to the effect that Dr. Wise may accept the presidency—which everyone doubts. Another is that Wise is ready to sign a petition urging you or Dr. Goldstein as a candidate. Others claim that Goldman wants the office again. Still another is to the effect that Kaufman is wavering

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whether to accept office again. It is a well-known fact that many of Kaufman's last year's supporters have turned against him, while a number of his last year's opponents would back ~~in~~ him in preference to seeing Goldwater ~~run~~ back in office. How much truth there is in all these rumors I do not know. Most of them I believe are only trial balloons. Time will tell.

At the meeting yesterday a statement was made that the J. O. A. deficit will reach \$110,000.00 by September 1st. I have in my hand a copy of a report of the Finance Committee of the J. O. A. as of January 31, 1941 showing a deficit of \$57,080.44 on that day.

If I will not see you at the Convention, I will probably make a stop at Cleveland for a few hours on my way back from ~~that~~ Cincinnati to New York.

Are there any suggestions or advice you care to make in connection with the Convention. I shall be glad to follow instructions.

Kindest regards to Virginia in which Anna joins me.

As ever yours, Sol.

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September 19, 1941

Miss Beatrice Cohen
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.



IN REPLY TO YOUR TELEGRAM PLEASE ADVANCE ZOA SUBVENTION FOR OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER TO THE AMOUNT \$13,172.51. WILL ASK FOR RATIFICATION OF ACTION AT MEETING UPA NEXT THURSDAY.

Silver

SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

September 20, 1941

My dear Abba:-

Just to get the record straight:-

1. \$220,000.00 was raised this year by us in Long Island for the United Jewish Appeal, and, unlike New York City in general, we raised \$30000.00 more this year than a year ago. In this fund raising, the Long Island Zionist ^{Region} played an important part. Unlike ~~throughout~~ most parts of the country, the Zionist leadership ~~to~~ on Long Island, is also the fund raising leadership to a very large extent. B. F. W. will corroborate this. The Zionist leaders in the communities on Long Island are also the lay leaders in general Jewish communal work. We therefore merit encouragement from you, as National chairman, by your honoring us with your presence at our annual convention. The J. O. C. ~~has~~ forces have been doing their utmost to break down our influence on the Island. Your attendance will strengthen us and the U. P. A. forces.

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2. The Long Island Region is one of the most active Zionist Regions in the country. Our membership is over 2600 with Zionist Districts in 20 communities. Your presence at the Dinner of the Annual convention of the Long Island Zionist Region will be best testimony of your support of the Leventhal administration.

3. As you know, I will be an interested party at this Dinner as the newly elected president. Your presence will start off my administration with a bang. Every Officer and Executive member of the Region are aware of our mutual friendship, are taking it for granted that you will come. Wouldn't you? The date is Sunday evening, October 26th. Of course, the expense involved will be taken care of.

Kindest regards to Virginia and the boys. Anna wishes to be remembered.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year, I am,

As ever yours,

Sol.

P.S. Will see you Thursday noon, September 24th, at the U.P.A. Administrative Committee meeting.

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YOUR REPLY STOP MONTOR REALIZES IMPROVING OF REGION FOR
UPA AND WILLING TO CALL ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING FOR MONDAY
STOP JOINT MAKING ALL EFFORTS TO NULLIFY OUR INFLUENCE
YOUR PRESENCE WILL HELP GREATLY STOP REGION EXECUTIVE
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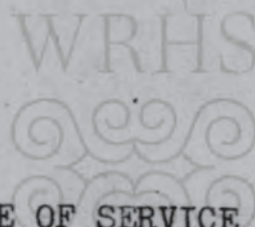
October 2, 1941

Mr. Sol Cohen
8807 104th St.
Richmond Hill, N.Y.

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY CAN NOT BE OF SERVICE TO YOU AT THIS TIME. MY WORK HERE IS SO HEAVY AND MY ENGAGEMENTS SO NUMEROUS THAT I SIMPLY CAN NOT GET AWAY.

Abba Hillel Silver.

COLLECT -- Day Letter



\$12,000,000 War Emergency Campaign

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD)
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For the Defense and Upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine

41 EAST 42ND STREET

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November 14, 1941

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Abba Hillel Silver

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

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Stephen S. Wise

*Chairman,
Administrative Committee*

Dear Miss Kline:

Louis Lipsky

*Chairman,
Executive Committee*

Solomon Goldman

Israel Goldstein

Edmund I. Kaufmann

Morris Rothenberg

In connection with the letter that is to be sent to the Executive Directors of the Welfare Funds under Dr. Silver's signature inviting them to a Friday night meeting on January 16th at the home of Dr. Silver, would you be kind enough to provide us with a sample of Dr. Silver's private stationery on which appears his residence address, so that we may proceed to order the stationery and forward the letters.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

Kindest personal regards, I am

Associate Treasurers

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Cordially yours,

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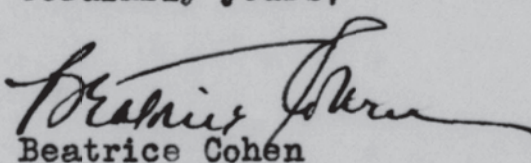
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November 17, 1941

Miss Beatrice Cohen
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Cohen:

I am enclosing herewith a sample of Rabbi Silver's personal stationery. As you will note it does not have his residence address printed on it. You may either include it in a note at the bottom of the letterhead, as indicated, or at the top as follows:

Abba Hillel Silver
246 East 105th St.
Cleveland, Ohio

Rabbi Silver's preference would be to include the address at the bottom of the letterhead.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially,

BJK
Enc.

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

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:MONTOR IN BOSTON TODAY. WILL BE AT HOME TONIGHT. HE IS
PLANNING BE CLEVELAND MONDAY MORNING. FOLLOWING SENT ACCEPTANCES
YOUR PARTY FRIDAY NIGHT LOUIS GREENBERG YOUNGSTOWN JOSEPH ROSE
ERIE SOBELOFF DETROIT MAURICE TAYLOR PITTSBURGH VOORSANGER
MILWAUKEE MALVYN WACHNER AKRON. FOLLOWING WILL TRY ATTEND JACOB
LIGHTMAN HOUSTON ELMER LOUIS TOLEDO LOUIS SPIEGLER WASHINGTON DO
YOU WISH GIVE ME ANY INSTRUCTIONS RE THESE PEOPLE

:BEATRICE COHEN.

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SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

Jan. 14, 1942

My dear Abba:-

I suppose I will again serve
on the Resolutions Committee as in prior
years.

I am sorry I will be unable
to be with you at your home Friday
evening, as I will arrive in Cleveland
Saturday noon.

Anna joins me in best wishes
to Virginia and yourself.

As ever yours,

Sol
P.S. Wait with acceptance of
Keren Hayesood invitation to address
annual meeting until I see you.

C O P Y

AMBASADA
RZECZYPOSPOLITEJ POLSKIEJ
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POLISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON
2640-16th Street, N.W.
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January 31st 1942.

Dear Mr. Silver,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of
January 28th, and to thank you for its contents.

I can assure you that we very much
appreciate the kind hospitality shown by the
Jewish community in Palestine to the Polish
people

Yours sincerely,

J. Ciechanowski
Ambassador of Poland

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
National Chairman,
United Palestine Appeal,
41 East 42nd Street,
New York City.

JC/l

CHARLES A. COWEN

~~122 FIFTH AVENUE~~

NEW YORK

CHELSEA 3-0661 3745

10 Sheridan Sq.

Feb 1: 1942

Dear Silver:

Since the Cleveland Conference
(the best of its kind I ever attended) I
have been fighting off a bad cold or I would
have looked you up when you were
due in New York - as you suggested.

I hope it will be possible to
see you on the occasion of your
next visit -

It is not very important but I see
my name is not on the rather ^{by} last
of National Council membership.
A letter from you dated Dec 29th
mentioned the fact you were proposing
my name. I merely hope someone is not
carrying on the work of purging in the U.P.A.

behind your back. Of course it may
have been merely an oversight -

Sincerely

Charles A. Cowen

Dr A. H. Silver



February 4, 1942

Mr. Charles A. Cowen
10 Sheridan Square
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind note. I regret that your name was omitted from the list of National Council membership. Clearly, it was an oversight. I have this day written to national headquarters about it.

I am glad that you enjoyed the Cleveland Conference. I, too, think that it was one of our best.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

April 6, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

First of all, I wish to welcome you home and to express to you my hope that the trip, with its attendant difficulties, achieved the many objectives which you had in mind for it. In my opinion, it required a high order of courage to take a trip of this sort at this time.

Before you left, I urged that you accept the earnest invitation issued to you through me, to be the guest speaker at the opening of the Newark Campaign this year. Originally, their schedule provided for the opening meeting to take place on or about April 15th, but they have now decided to have this opening on Wednesday evening, April 29th, if this date is agreeable to you - or, if you would prefer, Tuesday evening, April 28th. The alternate date can be satisfactorily established.

In a nut-shell, Newark raised a total of \$250,000 in 1941, from which the United Jewish Appeal received \$120,000. With the Big Gifts solicitation only partially under way, through a series of small parlor meetings, Newark reports as of this early date, over \$200,000 pledged, and with high confidence, they hope to raise more than \$400,000 this year. These results have been made possible through the conscientious and devoted leadership of Mr. Joel Gross - in a sense, a newcomer in the leadership of communal affairs. Mr. Gross determined that Newark could and must do much better, as the third or fourth largest city in the country, and he has worked unceasingly toward this end.

From the very beginning, Mr. Gross has insisted that only you, as the guest speaker for the opening meeting, would be satisfactory to him, and that your presence alone could sustain the successful trend which he has so earnestly endeavored to establish. I personally know that by virtue of your many other responsibilities, you have not looked with favor upon addressing general campaign meetings this year. However, I do hope sincerely that you will make an exception in the case of Newark. In fact, Mr. Gross challenges me personally to deliver you, and I feel that you will not let me down. I have made no promises, but I do know that you are a good fellow, and that even as much as I, you are eager to show appreciation for that which is being done in the community of Newark, which heretofore has been the weakest city in its group in the country. Mr. Gross and his colleagues deserve all the encouragement we can give them.

April 6, 1942

Frankly, Mr. Gross of Newark refused to give consideration to the possibility of any other speaker - at least, until you returned from abroad, and it will be very helpful if I may have word from you as promptly as possible that you will accept this invitation, either for the 29th or the 28th. Please wire me so that I may advise Mr. Gross, and they can go ahead and make the necessary arrangements for a bang-up meeting.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Isidor Coons
Isidor Coons

IC:MW



SOLOMON COHEN
ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR
11 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK CITY
—
PHONE LONGACRE 5-6880

May 2, 1942

My dear Abba:

The enclosed article about the Emergency Committee appeared in yesterday's issue of "The Day", and may be of interest to you.

Thanks for your efforts in behalf of my son Arthur. Am looking forward to see you on May 12th.

Kindest regards to Virginia and your boys, in which Anna joins me.

As ever yours,
Sol.

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My dear Abba:-

I am enclosing several newspaper clippings which maybe of interest to you.

As to the Queens county dinner, you saved the campaign in Queens. Last year, with the builders present, \$7500.00 was raised at the initial gifts dinner, of which \$4000.00 was contributed by the builders. This year, with the builders absent, \$7000.00 was raised on Tuesday night. It is expected that the builders will contribute about \$2500.00, & making a total of \$12,000.00 in initial gifts. A special committee is now busy to get the builders contributions. Now the campaigns will start in each local community in Queens. The inspiration and enthusiasm you have aroused Tuesday night will result in the most successful campaign in the history of Queens Jewry. Kindest regards to Virginia. Anna wishes to be remembered, as ever, Saf.