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# UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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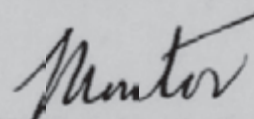
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Tenth and Ansel Roads  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter that has come to you from Mr. A. Epstein of Chicago, a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund.

I also attach for your convenience, if you feel that it meets the situation, a draft of a reply that you may wish to send to him.

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor  
Executive Director

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

A. EPSTEIN  
2001 West Pershing Road  
Chicago, Illinois

May 24, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York City

Dear Rabbi:

On March 14th you addressed a communication to me which was also signed by Rabbi Jonah E. Wise, in which you informed me of the reestablishment of the United Jewish Appeal for the year 1941. I presume the above letter was sent to me on account of my membership on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago.

Collection of funds in Chicago for the 1941 Welfare Fund Drive was not an easy task and required considerable effort on the part of all workers, including the undersigned. In our Campaign we stressed the need and necessity for the money that we were collecting. I am very much embarrassed and disturbed to learn that up to the present time no agreement has been reached by the United Jewish Appeal for distribution of money collected by various Welfare Funds.

It is for that reason that the money collected in Chicago is still being held, in spite of the fact that the emergency of the situation was impressed upon the subscribers during the campaign.

I have been closely following the various steps in connection with disagreement and negotiations which finally resulted in the re-creation of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941. I felt at that time that our national Jewish leaders were greatly at fault in not ironing out their differences quickly and satisfactorily.

I am even more discouraged with the present situation and feel that if there will be a campaign in Chicago in 1942, some other means will have to be adopted for distribution of money collected.

I am writing you this letter in my own individual capacity and not as a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Charities of Chicago or of the Jewish Welfare Fund.

I want you to know that the present situation may have a very distressing effect on future fund collections.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. Epstein



My dear Mr. Epstein:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 24 which you state you write in your individual capacity. I am also replying to your communication not as co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

May, in all fairness, suggest that it would be far more helpful for conscientious Jewish leaders in Chicago to think more of the situation in Chicago which requires a good deal of attention, and not to concern themselves so much with the situation at National Headquarters at the UJA where a goodly number of conscientious men are doing their best to serve the causes to which they are devoting their time and their energies in unstinted measure. The United Jewish Appeal has had occasion more than once in previous years to call the attention of Chicago to its failure to cooperate whole-heartedly with National Headquarters as well as its failure to raise funds commensurate with the size and wealth of the Chicago Jewish community.

In the last four years, Chicago sent to the UJA the sum of \_\_\_\_\_. During the same period, Cleveland, which has 1/4 of the Chicago population, sent \_\_\_\_\_; Detroit, with the same population as Cleveland \_\_\_\_\_; San Francisco, with a Jewish population less than 1/10 of Chicago, sent \_\_\_\_\_; and St. Louis, 1/7 the size of Chicago, \_\_\_\_\_.

Responsible Jewish leaders like yourself should be asking themselves why Chicago has failed. Also why does the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, under the guidance of its executive director, act as if it is a high and mighty law unto itself, under no obligation to abide by the decisions of national headquarters?

I write this not in the spirit of carping criticism but in an earnest desire to see the second largest Jewish community in the United States regain her position of leadership which it held in the years following the World War, but which it no longer holds. I am afraid that criticism of what is done or not done at national headquarters has been used all too frequently by individuals in your community to draw a red herring across the trail of Chicago's failures.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,



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2001 West Pershing Road  
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Dear Mr. Epstein:

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### *Treasurer*

Charles J. Rosenbloom

But as far as the Chicago Jewish Welfare Fund or any other organization in the country is concerned, I do not know why it could not have forwarded its money directly to the headquarters of the United Jewish Appeal at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City. The agencies constituting the United Jewish Appeal need the funds urgently. The cooperation of Chicago in providing those sums will be very helpful.

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The national officers of the United Jewish Appeal have called upon Chicago and upon all other communities in America to forward funds as rapidly as they are collected. I do hope that Chicago will heed this appeal as quickly as possible.

Very cordially yours,

### *Executive Director*

Henry Montor

AHS:MJB

Abba Hillel Silver  
National Chairman



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June 21, 1941

Mr. A. Epstein  
2001 West Pershing Road  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Epstein:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter of May 24. I have been away from Cleveland a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

I am glad to have an opportunity to write to you in my individual capacity in exactly the same way as you have written to me. I regretted the long delay in finally drafting and signing the agreement of the United Jewish Appeal. There was one important item concerning the independent expenditures of the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal during the period following the dissolution and preceding the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal which took considerable time to determine and which was finally disposed of to the mutual satisfaction of both agencies. The delay did not interfere in any way with the prosecution of the campaign. It was a regrettable delay but not a serious one.

There is, however, a matter which I should like to bring to your attention regarding the situation in Chicago which in my judgment is very serious and to which the attention of the leaders of the Chicago Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund ought to be drawn as vigorously as it has been to the shortcomings and deficiencies of National Headquarters and national leadership. Some executive directors of Jewish communities have a way of drawing a red herring across the trail of the failures of their own communities by diverting attention to what is done or is not being done at National Headquarters.

The Chicago Jewish community, the second largest in the United States, has been steadily declining in its contributions to the United Jewish Appeal. It never, in recent years, did its full duty or matched the giving of other



Mr. Epstein

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1939	- \$1,400,000
1940	- \$1,000,000
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TP In 1938, Chicago forgot altogether about conducting a campaign. If you will compare these figures, say with the city of Cleveland, which has a Jewish community a little better than 1/4 of Chicago and which gave in the last three years \$475,000 annually to the United Jewish Appeal, and in 1938 to the JDC and the UPA, you will understand what I mean. It would be helpful if you would make similar comparisons with the giving in other communities such as San Francisco and St. Louis, etc.

Responsible Jewish leaders like yourself should ~~not~~ be ~~asked to ask~~ asking themselves why is Chicago constantly failing in its obligations and why has National Headquarters had occasion more than once to complain of the failure of Chicago to cooperate whole-heartedly with it.

I write you <sup>not</sup> ~~not~~ in the spirit of criticism but in an earnest desire to see the second largest community in the United States regain its position of leadership which it held in the years following the World War, but which it no longer holds.

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AHS:BK





A. EPSTEIN  
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER  
2001 WEST PERSHING ROAD  
PHONE LAFAYETTE 7223

CHICAGO  
July 2, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,  
National Chairman,  
United Palestine Appeal,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi:

The last few paragraphs of your letter of June 21st call attention to the situation in Chicago as far as appropriations to the U.J.A. are concerned.

It is true that the appropriations from the Chicago Welfare Fund have diminished in the past three years. It is, however, also true that the same situation prevails in connection with national totals for this purpose and, if I am not mistaken, Chicago's proportion to the total collected in the country has not decreased.

It is, of course, deplorable that nationally and locally in Chicago less money has been collected, but I do not think that I have to write to you about the reasons for same, as you are more familiar with them than I. The situation throughout the world and the uncertainties, particularly in Palestine, are bound to have their effect. As a matter of fact, there is a suspicion in the minds of many that the reason the U.P.A. was slow in making an agreement for distribution of funds with the U.J.A. was due to the uncertainties in Palestine.

I presume you also know that when in 1939, \$1,400,000.00 was sent by Chicago to the U.J.A., local problems were not as acute as they are now. This year the Welfare Fund is called upon to appropriate \$225,000.00 for refugee work in Chicago. This, in a way, could be construed as part of U.J.A. work. In addition, we had to appropriate a substantial sum of money for a deficit of the local Jewish Charities and for capital improvements in connection with affiliated institutions of the Jewish Charities of Chicago.

I do not know what the present situation is in Cleveland, or in other cities mentioned in your letter, but the impression I received from our leaders in Chicago is that we are keeping step with



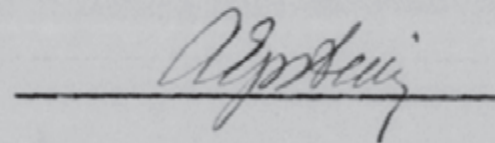
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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

the rest of the communities. I will grant you, however, that no matter what we do or what anybody does, it is not sufficient and every effort should be made to do better. To that extent, of course, we will bend all our efforts.

Very sincerely,



AE:GF





July 8, 1941

Mr. A. Epstein  
2001 West Pershing Road  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Epstein:

Thank you for your letter of July 2.  
I believe that you missed the point of my last letter to you. I called attention to the fact that Chicago did not keep pace with other large communities in the United States in the last few years in its contributions to the United Jewish Appeal. You reply that "the same situation prevails in connection with national totals for this purpose". But the national totals were decreased largely as a result of decreases in the contributions of New York City and Chicago. The other large communities by and large either maintained their level of giving during the last three years or actually increased it. I do not know that "the situation throughout the world and the uncertainties, particularly in Palestine" should have had greater effect upon the giving in Chicago and New York City than in the rest of the country.

The suspicion to which you refer, which you say has been in the minds of many, "that the reason the UPA was slow in making an agreement for distribution of funds with the UJA was due to the uncertainties in Palestine", is so preposterous that intelligent people <sup>will</sup> not credit it and responsible people <sup>will</sup> not circulate it. Incidentally, this is the first time I have heard of this "suspicion".

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* December 19, 1941

*To* Miss Bessie Kline

*From* Mr. Henry Montor

*Subject*

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter sent by Dr. Silver to Mr. Norman H. Davis of the Red Cross. You will note the last paragraph, indicating that Norman Davis might possibly call Dr. Silver in Cleveland.

Dr. Silver will want to see the enclosed copy of this letter to Mr. Davis, but I thought you might want it called to your attention that a telephone call from Mr. Davis might come in and you would wish to get the background of it.

HM:EH

Encl.



UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

December 19, 1941

Honorable Norman H. Davis, Chairman  
American Red Cross  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Recalling as I do ~~the great~~ sympathy that you have expressed on a number of occasions with the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine, and remembering your close association with President Wilson, who helped formulate the Balfour Declaration, I am prompted to extend to you this cordial invitation on behalf of myself and the other officers of the United Palestine Appeal to be a speaker on the program of the National Conference for Palestine to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, my home city, on January 17th and 18th.

The shift of emphasis of the war to the Middle East has placed additional emphasis upon the role that the Jews of Palestine have played and can play in the safeguarding of our common front. Several thousand men and women who are leaders of their communities from coast to coast will come to this Conference not only to review what has been accomplished in the Jewish homeland, but also to consider what further assistance they can give morally and materially to the pioneers and fighters there.

I know that it would be a source of extraordinary stimulation to these men and women if you, as one of the leading statesmen of America, and particularly today in your role as Chairman of the American Red Cross, were to associate yourself with this Conference, calling upon the men and women present to share in every avenue of America's defense effort, including of course the American Red Cross, which is the great symbol of our country's humanity. I believe that your message relating to the problems of America in terms of internal morale and with reference to what Jews can do in America and in Palestine in the winning of the war would be a splendid contribution.

I am, of course, delighted that the Conference, which normally is held in Washington, is to take place this year in my own city of Cleveland. Your acceptance of this invitation would therefore give me added pleasure.



Honorable Norman H. Davis

December 19, 1941

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Perhaps you would care to telephone me in Cleveland at Garfield 0150 in the event that you wish further information as to the program. My suggestion would be that you might prefer speaking at the banquet closing session on Sunday evening, January 18th.

With kindest cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver  
National Chairman

AHS:MMH





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AMERICAN RED CROSS  
Washington, D.C.

*Dr. Silver*  
December 23, 1941

Mr. Abba Hillel Silver  
United Palestine Appeal  
41 East 42nd Street  
New York City

My dear Dr. Silver:

The opportunity which you give me in your kind letter of December 19th is one which I wish that I might accept. As you can well imagine, my duties these past two years have permitted me few hours in which to indulge my own desires and the events of the past two weeks now allow me no free moments in which to undertake any diversions that will take me away from my desk. In consequence, I have been forced to conclude that I must take on no new tasks. A speech is a task for me, I can assure you, even when my audience would be the considerate and tolerant one with which you invite me to meet.

Please be assured, however, of my earnest interest in your proposal and of my sincere regrets that I find myself unable to accept the opportunity. I am sure you will understand.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Norman H. Davis



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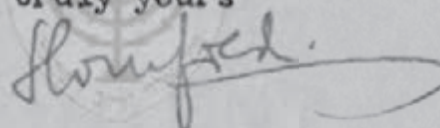
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
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Dear Dr. Silver,

In the absence of Mr. Dickenstein who is on a business trip to the Middle West, I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst.

Mr. Dickenstein plans to attend the UPA Conference in Baltimore and I am remitting to him to-day the contents of your letter.

Very truly yours



S. Cornfield  
Sec'ry to A. Dickenstein

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January 23, 1942

Dr. Azriel Eisenberg  
Mr. George J. Klein  
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10323 Superior Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Friends:

Permit me to thank you most heartily for your telegram of congratulations and for your good wishes. I was very happy with the opportunity of the Conference which was held in our community and with the manner in which the Cleveland Jewish community welcomed it. I believe that the Conference has helped our common cause greatly both here and throughout the country.

Again thanking you for your thoughtfulness in writing me, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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Mr. Leon Falk, Jr.

President

Dominican Republic Settlement Association

Malecon 27

Ciudad Trujillo

Dominican Republic

Dear Mr. Falk:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 13th, in which you advised me that you are pleased to serve on the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal. We shall be glad to have the benefit of your energies, your devotion and your counsel.

As you suggest, it would indeed be advisable for an early meeting of those deeply concerned with the problem of post-war migration which is undoubtedly the most significant task that will await Jewish energies at the close of the war. Your recognition of the fact that great masses of Jews will find life impossible in Europe even after the democracies shall have won the war is a basic principle upon which we agree and out of which should come some unified and constructive program which will harness the energies of our leaders and our people as a whole.

I shall be glad to meet with you upon your return to the States for some preliminary conversations along the lines indicated.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver  
National Chairman

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(Handwritten)

823 Pine Street  
Texarkana, Texas  
February 2, 1942

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

Dear Sirs:

The Texarkana Jewish Federation is in receipt of an appeal from the Dominican Republic Association. Will you please give us some information about the organization.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

(sgd) Miss Fannie Eldridge, Secy.  
Jewish Federation





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My dear Dr. Silver:

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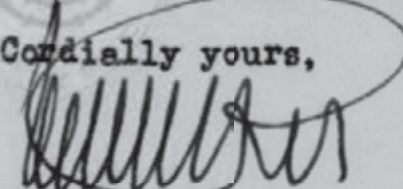
I take pleasure in informing you that at the last Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund you were again unanimously elected as Honorary Chairman.

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You will receive invitations to the meetings and the Board will, of course, welcome your presence at such meetings as you can attend.

Cordially yours,

  
MENDEL N. FISHER,  
Executive Director.

*Welcome Home*

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April 9, 1942

Mr. Moss M. Feld  
Lone Star Bagging Company, Inc.  
P. O. Box 1673  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Feld:

A few days ago I returned from England, where I had the benefit of meeting a community of the most remarkable courage and faith. The Jews of Great Britain might well serve as a model for us as we in this country prepare for the harder days that lie ahead.

I have not yet had a full opportunity to adjust myself to the many problems with which we are confronted in the United Jewish Appeal, but I did want to send you a brief note in connection with the Houston campaign, since I had had the benefit of correspondence with you on this subject prior to my departure. I was glad to hear that, as a result of the example that you personally and a number of your associates have set, the campaign had moved forward splendidly and that the final result represents the largest sum that Houston has raised.

Last year I had the unhappy experience of urging a maximum allotment to the United Jewish Appeal after the decision had already been made. I can realize that it might have been a source of embarrassment to you and your colleagues to reverse yourselves after the allocation had been decided upon. In view of the action which I believe should have been taken last year by Houston, and in view especially of the increased amount that Houston obtained this year, I earnestly hope that the allotment to the United Jewish Appeal will be a very generous increase which will be helpful not only from the point of view of the individual sum involved but more especially for the effect it will have upon other communities throughout the South and Southwest.

In any event, I shall be happy to hear from you. I should like to feel that the spirit with which I was so deeply impressed as I saw the Jews of England in action can also be manifested by our people here.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver  
National Chairman

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April 10, 1942

MRS. DAVID DE SOLA POOL  
NEW YORK? N.Y.

THANK YOU FOR TELEGRAM. HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HADASSAH BOARD SITTING IN  
UPA ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING. WILL REPORT THIS MEETING ONLY KEREN HAYESOD  
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May 6th, 1942.

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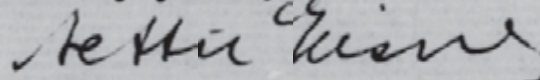
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our office sent out your address to all Latin American countries in Yiddish and Spanish. You may be interested in seeing a copy of "Mundo Israelita", in which the address appeared on the front page.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,



NETTIE EISNER

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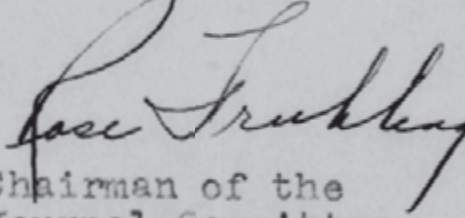
Dear Dr. Silver:

On April 28th we wrote you as per copy of the letter enclosed. To this writing we have received no reply. We go to press not later than the 29th of this month. Would you, therefore, please give this matter your prompt attention.

I know you will be pleased to learn that the Pioneer Women's Organization have just had a luncheon for the United Jewish Appeal at which they raised One Thousand Dollars.

We hope that your greeting will reach us in time.

Sincerely yours

  
Chairman of the  
Journal Committee

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C O P Y

April 28th, 1942.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
342 Madison Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Silver:

On June 7th, 1942, at the Astor Hotel, we will be celebrating our Seventeenth Anniversary, counting our achievements of the year, and girding ourselves for intensification of our efforts in the year to come. In conjunction with this celebration, we are issuing a Souvenir Diary Journal.

In these days when the endeavors of almost every Jewish organization are so closely inter-related, we find ourselves looking to you for a word of courage and inspiration.

Our Journal is an excellent medium whereby your message can reach every single one of us.

Will you therefore be good enough to write your greetings and send it to us before the 15th of May, that we may have ample time to have your script carefully proof-read, before putting it into final script.

With many thanks for your cooperation, we are

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Rose Fruhling

Chairman of the  
Journal Committee



(DRAFT)

May 20, 1942

Miss Rose Fruhling  
Pioneer Women's Organization  
1140 Broadway  
New York City

My dear Miss Fruhling:

The Pioneer Women's Organization is celebrating its seventeenth anniversary at a time when the Jewish women of Palestine are giving new and inspiring meaning to the pioneering movement which has built up the Jewish homeland.

These are days when all peoples are being tested in the fires of adversity and oppression. The Jews have suffered the greatest number of casualties in the Nazi war upon civilian populations. Although our ranks have been decimated in many parts of Europe, the strong and heroic Jewish community of Palestine is today girding itself to meet and hurl back the Axis forces that threaten to attack the Middle East. Palestine, which is today a vital bulwark in the defense of democracy, is also the strongest bulwark in the defense and survival of the Jewish people. Not only Jews who have been ground down by ~~constant hammering~~ *persecution*, but we here in America must derive great inspiration from the valiant record of sacrifice and achievement of the Jewish pioneers in Palestine. The months to come may bring critical and bitter hours. We must therefore go forward with redoubled energy and resolution to strengthen the Jewish homeland and fortify it against any dangers.

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FARMERS BANK BUILDING  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

About the first of the year I wrote to you suggesting that a small meeting should be called of representatives of the various groups interested in facing the refugee problem, particularly with its postwar implications. You were kind enough to reply on January 26 that you would be delighted to meet with me and discuss the same.

I just wish you to know that it has been through no fault of mine that I have been unable to follow up this matter. I was called to Washington with the Board of Economic Warfare and will probably be on that job for the duration. If you think it advisable, however, that such a meeting be held and that it could be held in Washington or New York, I would be glad to cooperate in trying to bring such a meeting together. I do feel that now is the time to think of our postwar planning.

Cordially yours,

*Leon Falk*

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May 23, 1942

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June 1, 1942.

Mr. Leonard H. Frisch  
711 Palace Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Friend:

It is with the greatest satisfaction that Mr. William Rosenwald, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and I, as the National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, have learned of the notable achievement in the 1942 campaign of the Minneapolis Federation. A high feeling of responsibility on the part of individuals and communities for the welfare of our people the world over - as reflected in your current fund-raising effort - is as stimulating to those of us who give day to day attention to the problems of the U.J.A. as it is helpful to the beneficiaries.

I write to you as a member of the Budget Committee, which, I believe, will shortly give consideration to allotments to the agencies included in the Minneapolis Federation. The U.J.A. is, of course, one of the most important included agencies. I take it that what you as well as all our good friends throughout the country are most interested in are facts as to what the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service, respectively, are doing under war conditions with monies made available to them. As briefly as I can, I should like to tell you what these agencies have done since December 7 when the United States entered the war and something of what they must continue to do for the remainder of the year insofar as we can see into the immediate future.

From December 7 to December 31, 1941 the J.D.C. program was carried through on the basis of appropriations that had been made from 1941 receipts. During the first five months of 1942 the J.D.C. has appropriated \$3,320,350 against which cash has actually been paid out in the sum of \$2,788,000.

One of the most pressing and at the same time one of the most encouraging activities carried on by the J.D.C. is that of emigration. Including 800 refugees who will sail from Lisbon in June, the J.D.C. since Pearl Harbor will have enabled 6,000 Jewish refugees from Europe to reach the Western Hemisphere.

Not only is the J.D.C. faced with the burden of meeting the higher transportation expenses but it is also through guarantees made by the J.D.C. that havens are opened for groups of refugees who would have no other opportunity to be rescued. For example, some 200 Dutch refugees now in unoccupied France will be given asylum in Dutch Guiana as a result of an arrangement between the J.D.C. and the Dutch Government-in-Exile involving a twelve months



Mr. Leonard H. Frisch

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June 1, 1942.

maintenance guarantee by the J. D. C. You may recall a similar arrangement earlier in the year when the J.D.C. made a guarantee to the British Government in behalf of 152 Polish Jewish refugees who were brought from Lisbon to the West Indies Island of Jamaica. The work of emigration assistance dare not be halted. Once visas expire it is exceedingly difficult to have them renewed, and the emigrants may never again have a chance to leave Europe.

In cooperation with the Polish Government-in-Exile, the J.D.C. is bringing aid to 600,000 Polish Jews who are refugees in Siberia. Concentrated food, including dried milk for the refugee children, as well as drugs, medicines and other supplies for these people are being shipped on Russian boats, freight-and-duty-free. These are consigned to the Polish Embassy in Kuibyshev from which they are redistributed to the refugees.

In line with the Pan-American policy of our own government, the program of refugee assistance and integration which the J.D.C. is conducting in Central and South America, where there are 115,000 Jewish refugees, is of tremendous importance. You may recall the recent incident involving 210 refugee passengers aboard the Portugese vessel San Thome who were threatened with return to Europe and who were finally permitted to debark in Havana through the efforts of the J.D.C.

It is not necessary to tell you the reasons for the increase in the appropriations which the J.D.C. is making for work in unoccupied France where there are 50,000 refugees and 100,000 native French Jews. In Persia and Turkey which are today gateways for refugees leaving Russia enroute to Palestine, the J.D.C. is receiving increasing demands for aid from local committees. Similarly, in Switzerland and other neutral countries, the J.D.C. is called on for large grants to cope with the greater needs of the refugee programs there.

Every day a new emergency arises requiring extra budgetary funds from the J.D.C. and, as it involves a matter of life and death, the money simply must be found to deal with the situation without delay.

In a report just issued by the U.P.A., we learn that 4,113 Jewish certified immigrants arrived in Palestine during the past year. Since 1933, 300,000 Jews from Europe have found refuge in Palestine, 37,00 since the outbreak of the war in Europe. As a result of economic and agricultural development supported by the U.P.A., Palestine is now serving both as arsenal and granary for the entire Middle East. Farm production has been increased by 40% since the outbreak of the war. Last year Jewish industry in Palestine turned out \$15,000,000 worth of war goods for the allied armies; this year industrial production will reach \$30,000,000. Funds are needed to provide colonization opportunities for new arrivals and to maintain Palestine's absorptive capacity for the post-war period when there will undoubtedly be large numbers of Jews from Europe seeking new homes.

As you probably know, in order for the N.R.S. to meet its day to day requirements and to continue to safeguard our American Jewish community from any difficulties that might arise from the delicate position of enemy aliens in this country, the 1942 national agreement constituting the U.J.A. guaranteed the N.R.S. \$2,000,000 this year, payable \$200,000 monthly from January 1. The U.J.A. has meticulously met this obligation.



June 1, 1942.

In a report presented by Mr. Albert Abrahamson, the Executive Director of the N.R.S. at a meeting of the Board of Directors of that agency on May 24, impressive figures were revealed. Since December 7 some 2,500 new refugees have arrived in the United States. Of course not all the 200,00 Jewish refugees now in our country require aid, but the work of the N.R.S. in dealing with governmental departments has had an effect on their well-being and position in this country and on their relationship to the communities where they have settled.

It is of particular interest to note the accomplishments of the N.R.S. for the first three months of 1942. Employment placements totaled 1,643 as against 1,595 for the last quarter of 1941. An additional 155 placements were made for professionals, 72 being physicians and the balance for musicians and religious functionaries. Retraining was initiated for 122 and 391 loans totaling \$51,806 were granted for establishing business enterprises and other purposes.

A monthly average of 5,535 individuals received relief during the quarter; 5,349 social adjustment services were given and 13,302 migration services; 201 individuals were resettled to interior cities; 11 special bulletins were sent to communities aiding refugees. The information contained in these special bulletins reflects particular objectives achieved by the N.R.S. in assisting refugees to meet their new obligations as aliens of enemy nationality. For obvious reasons the N.R.S. has not entered into open discussions of these activities. Among the more technical enemy alien problems which have been favorably resolved are the exemption of Austrians from enemy alien regulations, amendment of travel regulations, attainment of more uniform interpretation and application of regulations, etc. etc.

It is our belief, and one to which I hope you will readily subscribe, that while in most Welfare Funds the requirements of the preponderant number of beneficiary agencies remain constant from year to year, the needs of the U.J.A. regrettably exceed by a tremendous margin the amount of money which they have had to distribute. We trust, therefore, that from the splendid increase obtained in fund-raising in Minneapolis this year, you and your colleagues of the Budget Committee will find it possible to grant the largest proportion of these additional funds above last year's total to the U.J.A.

Every additional dollar that the U.J.A. can receive for its beneficiaries represents a life-saving dollar, rescuing our people from starvation, from death by disease and epidemic and torture, from suicide, and enables refugees to continue to escape from the hell holes of Europe and to be aided to make a new life in Palestine, the Americas or wherever they are fortunate enough to find a new haven.

It is my feeling that you gentlemen wish to have facts and if the fact which I have given you in this letter are not adequate you will be good enough to communicate with us in advance of decisions for such additional information as you desire. We feel confidently assured that the U.J.A. will be given the most generous consideration possible this year.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Jonah B. Wise  
National Chairman

P.S. Similar letters are being sent to Messrs. J. E. Brill, Arthur Brin, L. S. Grossman, Joseph W. Schanfeld, Amos. S. Deinhard, I. S. Joseph and Dr. Moses Barron.



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Dayton, Ohio, June 5, 1942.

Rabbi Abba H. Silver,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:--

The statement made by you, Mr. William Rosenwald and Mr. Jonah B. Wise as National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal for 1942 has just come to my attention. In reading through same, I was amazed and horrified to read the second paragraph on Page 2. I refer to the sentence:

"We are all agreed that there must be full support of any and every measure which would tend to bolster our own position in America as self respecting American citizens. But over and above these obligations we have the responsibility toward our fellow Jews, etc..."

I was amazed that any American, in War times especially, would have the audacity to place any obligation OVER AND ABOVE his obligation to his country. I was amazed that any American would give his full support to his country "to bolster our own position in America". I was horrified when I realized what any demagogue or rabblouser could do with such statements.

I then read the next paragraph quoting various Americans, which paragraph concludes with this sentence "In view of our Government sanction of these programs, etc.." I read these statements several times thinking that I might be mistaken, but I cannot find any endorsement of our programs either by direct statement or by inference. No thinking man could possibly construe these statements to be an indorsement by our Government. Yet the three men who signed the pamphlet are not only thinking men, they are brilliant men. I cannot understand why they found it necessary to resort to misstatements and chicanery. Is this whole campaign just a racket? Surely men of this calibre would not trade in human miseries.

As to your motives I am perplexed, but as to the gravity of your error and the damage you have done American Jewry, I am positive. As a Jew I resent your purporting to represent all Jews and saying that our obligation to our country is secondary to our obligation to world Jews. This is a damnable lie, and should be resented by all patriotic American Jews. As an American, in this time of national peril, I resent any statement by any group which is so selfish and unpatriotic.



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Rabbi Abba H. Silver #2.

We Jews who have had the privilege of living in this blessed land now have one and only one obligation. That is the obligation to our country. There cannot be any obligation over and above that. Our Country is sorely in need of funds and every minute of the day someone is pleading, for the government, for every surplus penny to be loaned to the government. It will take every penny and dollar we can raise. Yet you go blithely on your way raising millions of American dollars and not one word <sup>in</sup> your pamphlet, of apology or explanation to justify this disloyalty. Our Country is fighting for it's existance against a vicious and competent foe and at this moment victory seems unattainable unless we put forth every ounce of our energy and every dollar at our command. Yet you, in total disregard of our peril, write about the financial and moral betterment of Jews in other parts of the world. What selfish, unappreciative, unpatriotic and disgraceful conduct.

I am convinced that you do not represent the majority opinion of the Jews in America. I am convinced that the great majority are loyal Americans who love their country and place it's welfare OVER AND ABOVE anything else in the world.

A continuation of conduct such as this must eventually compel the legions of patriotic Jews in America to take action definitely and finally to put an end to the work of this small group of internationally minded Jews living in America, and permit the Jewish Americans to enjoy the blessings and freedom of our country.

Yours very truly,

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*J. E. Finn*

Copies of this letter sent to  
Mr. Wm. Rosenwald and Mr. Jonah B. Wise.



June 8, 1942

Mr. J. E. Finn  
The Pneumatic Grain Machinery Corporation  
322 S. Patterson Blvd.  
Dayton, Ohio

My dear Mr. Finn:

In reply to your very hysterical and very discourteous letter of June 5, I would suggest that you reread carefully the statement which was issued by the National Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, and that you get someone who knows English to help you with it. Your "pilpul" as to the use of the words "over and above" in the second paragraph on page 2, is just sheer nonsense. What is clearly stated in that paragraph is "that each of us recognizes that the winning of the war is the first objective of all Americans regardless of any other interests they may have." It is further stated that there are activities and institutions at home which must be maintained during war because they "make freedom worth fighting for" and they add "incentive to the fight". It is also stated that we must look after the civic defense of the Jews of America who have been and are being subjected to anti-Semitic attacks and that "there must be full support of any and every measure which would tend to bolster our own position in America as self-respecting American citizens". It is then suggested that over and above these clear duties and responsibilities, we also have a responsibility towards our fellow Jews the world over "which must be met if they are not to perish."

You presume a great deal, my dear Mr. Finn to lecture the responsible men who have been devoting many years of their lives to America and to American institutions, on the subject of patriotism. Just who do you think you are?

Respectfully yours,

AHS:BK



Copy for: Mr. Isidor Coons  
Batti Abba Hillel Silver ✓

From: Jonah B. Wise

June 16, 1942

Mr. J. E. Finn  
The Pneumatic Grain Machinery Corporation  
322 South Patterson Boulevard  
Dayton, Ohio

My dear Mr. Finn:

I have your letter of June 5th and must say that I am astonished at your interpretation of the statements made by my colleagues and myself as Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal.

I also feel that your charges and allegations are so unworthy as to put them beyond the necessity for reply by men who feel they are doing their duty by their country as well as meeting their humane responsibilities.

If your letter gave you any satisfaction, you are welcome to it. It certainly has neither helped nor advised me. Nor do I think it has been of any assistance to any cause.

Yours,

Jonah B. Wise

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