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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

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June 4, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Sidney Hollander.

I assume that you wish this matter placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal. When is a convenient time for you for such a meeting?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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C O P Y

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS
Inc.
165 West 46th Street, New York, N.Y.

May 29th
19 41

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We desire to present for consideration of the United Palestine Appeal our request for a contribution from your agency on behalf of the New York City Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal. The services of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds are supported primarily by the member agencies, and the cost of the program is apportioned locally on the basis of the size and extent of local Jewish fund-raising. New York City, the largest center of Jewish population, does not have the same structure for local Jewish fund-raising that has been developed in other parts of the country. For this reason we are turning to you this year as in 1939 and in 1940 to present for your consideration the problem of finding adequate support in New York City for the nation-wide services of the Council.

With the sympathetic support of the New York City Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal we were successful in securing contributions in 1939 and in 1940 as follows: In 1939 the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee contributed \$5,000 and the United Palestine Appeal \$2,500. In 1940 we received similar sums from these two organizations and in addition a contribution of \$2,500 from the National Refugee Service. The total amount of \$10,000 received in 1940 from these sources represents a generous contribution, but covers only half of the support that the Council should equitably receive in New York City exclusive of the New York and Brooklyn Federations. We are, therefore, asking the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service for grants which we hope will amount in 1941 to at least \$20,000 from these three sources.

Though our request for your consideration of our appeal is based primarily upon the special problems of fund-raising in New York City, we feel that we have another basis for requesting that your national agency contribute to the cost of services of the Council. Our expenditures are primarily for the purpose of organizing local Jewish communities in order that important Jewish causes in this country and overseas may rely upon effective and soundly developed local structure. The permanent local welfare fund machinery which has become established throughout the country has been built up and served by our continued efforts. In this task we receive your interest and cooperation.

The Council would appreciate your placing this request on the agenda for your next meeting and we have confidence that you will give it your most sympathetic consideration.

May I add on a personal basis that I appreciate fully your cordial interest in the organizing services of the Council and its member agencies.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

SIDNEY HOLLANDER
President

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky
*Chairman,
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Attached hereto is a copy of the Auditor's Report of the expenditures of the Inquiry of the Allotment Committee of the 1940 United Jewish Appeal.

Solomon Goldman
Israel Goldstein
Edmund I. Kaufmann
Morris Rothenberg

I had thought that the Allotment Committee of 1940 had terminated its activities and that the inquiry staff, having submitted its report, no longer had occasion to draw funds of the United Jewish Appeal. But it is evident that even as of May 9th, 1941, there are people employed by Mr. Friedman who are receiving funds of the United Jewish Appeal.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

What action do you think is advisable under these circumstances?

Associate Treasurers

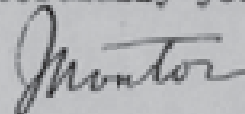
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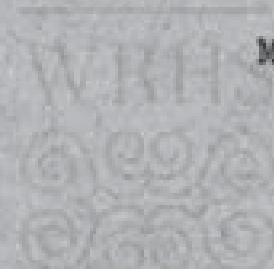
INQUIRY OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE FOR 1940

AUDIT REPORT

August 22, 1940

to

May 2, 1941



NATHAN WALD
Certified Public Accountant
Counselor at Law
1170 Broadway
New York

May 12, 1941

Mr. Harris Perlstein, Chairman
Allotment Committee for 1940
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the request of Mr. Elisha M. Friedman, I have made an examination of the books and records of the Inquiry of the Allotment Committee for 1940 and herewith submit my report consisting of Comments and the following Financial Statements:

EXHIBIT A - Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the period from August 22, 1940 to May 2, 1941.

EXHIBIT B - Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of May 2, 1941.

Schedule #1 - Accountants Expense
" #2 - Research Expense
" #3 - Stenographic Expense

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)
NATHAN WALD, C.P.A.

INQUIRY OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE for 1940

-COMMENTS-

SCOPE OF AUDIT

I have examined all bank statements, cancelled checks, vouchers and time records; and, except for a few insignificant discrepancies, I have found everything in order.

RESERVE FOR OVERTIME

Mr. E. M. Friedman set up a reserve at one dollar an hour for overtime for Messrs Phiebig and Grubel who worked on weekends and nights.

BILL FROM ACCOUNTANT TO THE INQUIRY


Bill from Mr. Joseph Kalafa for \$160.00 is subject to adjustment. It will be paid only if there is any money left after Messrs Phiebig and Grubel draw down their weekly salaries set up as a reserve, the accountants having agreed to continue the clearing and mopping up as volunteers.

STATEMENT of CASH RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTSFor the Period from August 22, 1940 to May 2, 1941RECEIPTS

Allotment Received	\$25,000.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

Director's Fee	\$5,000.00
Accountants Expense (Schedule #1)	8,415.56
Research Expense (Schedule #2)	6,535.35
Stenographic Expense (Schedule #3)	2,514.52
Telegrams & Telephone	326.08
Stationery & Printing	410.51
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>587.16</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>23,789.18</u>
Balance on hand May 2, 1941	<u>\$ 1,210.82</u>



STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIESMay 3, 1941ASSETS

Cash on Deposit in National City Bank		\$1,210.82	
Accounts Receivable:			
J.D.C. for 50 copies of the report	25.00		
U.P.A. " 100 " " " "	50.00		
N.R.S. " 50 " " " "	25.00		
Hadassah " 6 " " " "	3.00		
C.C.J.F.W.F. " 234 " " " "	<u>117.00</u>	<u>220.00</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS			1,430.82

LIABILITIES*

Accounts Payable:			
Method Office Equipment	65.00		
Business Letter Service	931.02		
Council of Jewish Federations	<u>61.66</u>	<u>1,057.68</u>	
SURPLUS			<u>\$ 373.14</u>

The Surplus is subject to the following Reserve
for Overtime:

A.J. Phiebig		
316 hours at \$1.00 per hour	\$316.00	
F. Grubel		
304 hours at \$1.00 per hour	<u>304.00</u>	
Total	<u>\$620.00</u>	

* Bill from Accountant to the
Inquiry in the amount of
\$160.00 not included. (see comments)

INQUIRY OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE for 1940

Schedule #1

ACCOUNTANTS EXPENSEACCOUNTANTS:

Bernard J. Reis, Principal C.P.A.	539 hrs. (77 days)	\$4,000.00	
Joseph Kalafa, C.P.A.	678½ "	@ 3.29	2,233.09(a)
Sidney S. Green, C.P.A.	102 "	@ 3.29	333.94(b)
Stanley Strocker, C.P.A.	13 "	@ 1.97	25.61
Stanley Strocker, C.P.A.	7 "	@ 1.64	11.48
Guster Varet, Senior	7½ "	@ 1.64	12.30
Bernard Teitelbaum	388½ "	@ .98	380.73
Abraham J. Cohen	427 "	@ .98	418.46
Arthur Fox	190 "	@ .98	186.20
Raymond Minkowsky	38 3/4	@ .98	37.98
Harold Zankel	39	@ .98	<u>38.22</u>
Total			7,673.01

TYPISTS:

Lillian Salzman	266 hrs.	@ 1.00	266.00
" "	47½ "	@ 1.50	71.25
Shirley Strauch	195 "	@ 1.00	195.00
" "	24½ "	@ 1.50	36.75
Rose Kohn	3 "	@ 1.00	<u>3.00</u>
TOTAL			572.00

EXPENSES165.55

TOTAL ACCOUNTANTS EXPENSE

\$ 8,415.56

(a) overcharge \$1.65
 (b) undercharge 1.65

RESEARCH EXPENSE

Albert J. Phiebig	\$ 1,541.00*
Fritz Grubel	1,177.00
Dr. Jules Backman	1,600.15
W. Bein	900.00
Abraham Revusky	744.00
Prof. A. Abrahamson	269.10
Heinrich Infeld	170.00
R. Lewin Epstein	80.00
Dr. Lewis Lorwin	25.00
George Wolfe	14.00
Joseph H. Gilman	
railroad fare	8.10
Expenses	<u>7.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>6,535.35</u>

* Includes salary for week
ending May 9th, 1941

STENOGRAPHIC EXPENSE

Ruth L. Alexander	\$474.98	
Muriel Friedman	544.00	
Jacquiline Birkhahn	516.60	
Rose Miller	423.55	
Chas. E. Horak, Mr. & Mrs.	385.00	
Ann Parseoff	13.86	
Lila Ross	16.00	
Lillian Greenspan	72.55	
Gertrude Goldsmith	29.00	
Helen Reiley	20.50	
Lina S. Tepper	<u>4.52</u>	2,500.46
Telephone		<u>14.06</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$2,514.52</u>

MEMORANDUM

June 5, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum prepared by Dr. Martin Rosenbluth, which compares the appropriations actually made by the J.D.C. in the period from January 1st to May 14th, 1941 as announced by the J.D.C. in the "Program and Budget" which was projected when the J.D.C. campaign was launched in January 1941.

HM:JB
Encl.

MEMORANDUM

May 28, 1941

To : Mr. Henry Montor

From: Dr. Martin Rosenbluth

Subject: The JDC's Statement of its Activities - January to May, 1941

1) It was clear from the outset that while the previously published "Program and Budget" was a summary of requests reaching the JDC from local relief organizations in Europe and South America, it did not constitute and was not intended to constitute a working program for January to June 1941. It is, nevertheless, of interest to compare some figures given in this "Program" with the actual appropriations approved by the JDC from January 1st to May 14, 1941:

	"Program and Budget" for six months	Appropriations made in 4-1/2 months
Greater Germany (including Old Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia)	\$2,253,000	\$226,000
Poland	3,200,000	340,000
Hungary and Roumania	1,541,485	82,500
Emigration from Lithuania	1,050,000	175,000

The first two items, totaling \$566,000, are being used through clearance arrangements, for transportation of emigrants from Greater Germany (but not from Poland!) Although the JDC may be quite correct in stating that, if adequate funds were available many more refugees could be rescued, I still maintain that under present conditions it would be impossible for the JDC to use \$5,423,000 (the amount anticipated in the Program) or any sum in that neighborhood, through clearance arrangements, for the financing of emigration from Greater Germany.

2) On Page Two, Paragraph (2), the JDC gives a statistical picture of its operations at the end of 1940, stating among other things that from funds provided by the JDC 283,000 persons received one meal daily and that during the first nine months of 1940, 82,264,080 meals were served in Poland. Since the total of JDC funds provided for Poland from January to September was \$923,000, including a balance of \$383,000 which the Relief Committee had in hand on January 1, 1940, it means that even if all JDC funds were used for the sole purpose of providing the 82,000,000 meals, a little more than one cent was sufficient for one meal. In fact, only a small fraction of one cent must have sufficed, since a whole catalogue of additional activities was financed out of JDC funds, according to the statement.

Such activities include:

"24,000 orphans, refugee children and war-abandoned infants received a daily nourishing meal in 122 branches of the Centos (Central Jewish Children's Aid Committee), a J.D.C. subsidiary.

"180,000 homeless people were cared for by the J.D.C. in various institutions and centers

"8,000 persons monthly received clothing

"108,000 persons received cash subventions through 162 monetary aid offices

"38,000 persons benefited by the health and sanitation programs of the Tcz in 150 hospitals, homes, sanatoria, clinics, etc.

"42,000 children were cared for in 906 orphanages, nurseries and child care centers of the Centos

"3,000 persons were assisted with J.D.C. funds in various private institutions

"2,000 persons received constructive aid to enable them to earn their own livelihoods"

To the less informed reader, the "statistical picture of J.D.C. operations in Poland" thus conveys the impression that more or less all of the relief work is financed directly or indirectly by the J.D.C. The truth is that in Poland as well as in Greater Germany, the contributions of the J.D.C. are only a fraction of the amount spent for relief, since much larger sums are raised through local collections. They are not mentioned at all in the "statistical picture of J.D.C. operations" or anywhere else in the statement.

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June 10, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am sending you under separate cover the batch of clippings which appeared in the Yiddish newspapers with regard to the Matzoth Fund campaign conducted by the Joint Distribution Committee. You said that you wanted to forward these directly from Cleveland to Mr. Warburg in connection with correspondence that you have been having with him. I would appreciate copies of any letters which you send to him or receive from him.

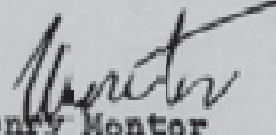
I send you herewith a sheet showing the amount which Chicago has provided to the United Palestine Appeal or the United Jewish Appeal for the years 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940 and 1941, together with the Jewish population of that and related communities indicating the contributions to the U.P.A. or to the U.J.A. for the same time.

I am also enclosing copies of correspondence exchanged with Chicago during the hectic period of the independent campaign.

The compilation of Chicago's statistics with comparative figures for other cities you wanted to have in connection with the letter that you plan to send to Mr. Epstein of Chicago.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

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June 10, 1941

<u>Jewish Population</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UJA 1935</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UPA 1936</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UJA 1937</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UPA 1938</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UJA 1939</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UJA 1940</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UJA 1941</u>
367,876	CHICAGO, ILL.	No Campaign	\$ 205,405.50	\$ 181,616.	No Campaign	\$1,400,000.	\$1,000,000.	\$ 250,850. (Pd. to date)
100,257	CLEVELAND, OHIO	\$ 50,000.	60,000.	58,000.	\$ 70,140.	475,000.	475,000.P1. 411,200.Pd.	
92,185	DETROIT, MICH.	48,500.	35,000.	60,000.	60,000.	318,000.	350,000.	
41,536	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.	70,000.	50,000.	50,000.	60,000.	350,000.	350,000.	
22,798	CINCINNATI, OHIO	60,000.	33,000.	35,000.	47,000.	190,000.	190,185.P1. 120,185.Pd.	
185,174	BOSTON, MASS.	27,191.37 P1. 20,429.40 Pd. 5,509.27 Exp. (Bal. uncollectable)	16,512.14	38,400.	49,000.	400,000.P1. 336,000.Pd. (Bal. uncollectable)	296,000.P1. 133,159.Pd.	
293,000	PHILADELPHIA, PA.	124,401.62 (Includes exp. of 6,450.13)	66,099.37	71,053.50	120,000.	800,000.P1. 378,175.Pd.	350,000.P1. 175,120.Pd.	
9,414	COLUMBUS, OHIO	12,500.	6,500.	11,000.	12,000.	70,000.	75,000.	
8,738	NEW ORLEANS, LA.	14,639.96	7,600.	10,520.	11,550.	77,000.	84,000.	83,600.P1. 41,800.Pd.
73,005	BALTIMORE, MD.	114,167. P1. 107,799.63Pd. (Bal. uncollectable)	No Campaign	45,356.	41,240.	300,000. P1. 277,464.80 Pd. (Bal. uncollectable)	260,230.P1. 241,230.Pd.	
90,717	LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	40,000.	34,419.	43,600.	59,160.80	535,000.	300,000.P1. 266,400.Pd.	
28,187	KANSAS CITY, MO.	19,000.	7,500.	12,348.	15,324.80	60,000.	75,000.P1. 70,000.Pd.	
51,095	ST. LOUIS, MO.	55,000.	32,000.	38,000.	38,000.	325,000.	321,000.	85,000. (Pd. to date)

<u>Jewish Population</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UJA 1935</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UPA 1936</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UPA 1937</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UPA 1938</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UJA 1939</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UJA 1940</u>	<u>Amt. Contri- buted to UJA 1941</u>
25,000	WASHINGTON, D. C.	\$ 22,612.75 Pl. 21,400. Pd. (Bal. uncollectable)	\$23,256.52	\$ 25,200.	\$ 32,572.	\$ 154,680. Pl. 141,472. Pd. (Bal. uncollectable)	\$ 151,877.50 Pl. 143,377.50 Pd.	\$113,300. Pl.
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JEWISH WELFARE FUND
128 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

February 14, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago initiated its current campaign for funds during the month of December, 1940, at a time when the United Jewish Appeal of 1940 was in existence, and during a time when it seemed possible that a United Jewish Appeal might be constituted for the year 1941. Hence, the discussions at the beginning of the campaign here in Chicago related to the general quota and, in a general way, to the type of organizations and activities that were to be included.

Since the announcement of the termination of the United Jewish Appeal and since requests began to come to us for allotments to various organizations hitherto both direct and indirect beneficiaries of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, the Board of our Fund held hearings with the three major beneficiaries, namely, the United Palestine Appeal, National Refugee Service, and Joint Distribution Committee. Meantime, there have been a number of discussions with local representatives of some of these organizations and a number of meetings of the Board which concerned themselves with the primary and difficult problem of allotting funds equitably to these and other organizations.

As you know, the Jewish Welfare Fund this year has included certain local needs. Of the local needs included, one is an additional need to those included last year, namely, the raising of a part of Building and Rehabilitation Fund commitments of The Jewish Charities. On the basis of a \$2,000,000 quota, The Jewish Charities was to receive, if needed, \$150,000 toward its net operating deficit for 1941, and also to receive the sum of \$300,000 toward the Building and Rehabilitation Fund. In addition, there had been budgeted, at the beginning, a sum of \$300,000 for the needs of refugees in Chicago and of the resettlement program that is centered around Chicago. The \$750,000 thereby involved constituted 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of the total quota. It has been possible to reduce this to a total of 35%.

In all fairness to the various causes and organizations involved as beneficiaries of our Fund, it seemed proper that we follow, in a general way, the commendable practice hitherto established by the United Jewish Appeal in the year 1939 and 1940. We refer to the practice of making an allotment of a considerable part of the funds to be raised, but not of all the funds to be raised, and reserving for decision at a later date the distribution of the remaining funds.

Thus, the Board of Directors of the Welfare Fund, at its meeting

on February 11, 1941, decided that it would set up a distribution at this time of 70% of the gross total pledges made to the Fund. This implies a preliminary allotment of 70% of the gross total pledges to the various organizations. The final allotment, of course, will be conditioned by a reserve for shrinkage in pledges and by the expenditures necessarily made to conduct the campaign, as well as by the total amount of money that will be known to be available at the end of the campaign.

In addition to the 35% which is allotted on the above mentioned basis for local Chicago needs, including local refugee needs, an additional 6% is being allotted to the smaller and miscellaneous organizations such as Hias, Ort, etc., that have hitherto been beneficiaries of our Fund. The remaining 59% is to be allotted to the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal, and the National Refugee Service.

The allotment to your organization is 15%.

You understand, of course, and it is so stated in the resolution adopted by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, that there is no obligation upon the Board of the Jewish Welfare Fund to divide the remaining funds in the same ratios as apply to the division of 70% of the gross pledges.

We are quite cognizant of the fact that because our community this year again was the first of the larger communities to have a campaign, your organization, among others, is somewhat dependent upon receiving cash collected by our campaign. We should be very happy, upon your request, to forward to you at an early date our check in partial payment of the above indicated allotment.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed)

James H. Becker
President

(signed)

Samuel A. Goldsmith
Secretary

C O P Y

January 2nd, 1941

Mr. Samuel Goldsmith, Secretary
Jewish Welfare Fund
128 N. Wells St.,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Goldsmith:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 31st. On December 22nd, I sent a letter to Mr. James H. Becker, President of the Chicago Jewish Welfare Fund, in which I submitted an application for a grant to the United Palestine Appeal out of your 1941 campaign, and in which I requested the opportunity to meet with the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund in the near future to explain the application more fully and to submit such additional information and material as may be required. This application and request were made to your Board in view of the new situation which has arisen as a result of the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Becker did not take the trouble to reply to my letter. You, as secretary, sent me a rather brusque note declining the request of the United Palestine Appeal, and suggesting that an opportunity to meet with your Board might be granted after your campaign has been finished.

The United Palestine Appeal cannot consent to have any Welfare Fund undertake to raise money for it without first consulting with it, and without some understanding as to what the United Palestine Appeal might expect from the campaign. With the dissolution of the United Jewish Appeal, there are no longer any national ratios which give the former beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal the protection of at least their minimum requirements. The United Palestine Appeal must make sure ~~that~~ of these minimum requirements. The friends of Palestine in every community will wish to know before they make their contribution to their Welfare Funds what Palestine's share will be out of the total raised.

This is not an unusual position to take. This was the position taken by the United Jewish Appeal in all of its campaigns, and Jewish communities throughout the nation readily complied with a few exceptions, notably Chicago, which was always a law unto itself. In Chicago, the United Jewish Appeal was consulted neither before the campaign nor after. In fact, it is the only position which a Welfare Fund can take in order to insure whole-hearted cooperation on the part of all the members of the community.

Since you declined to meet with an official representative of the national headquarters of the United Palestine Appeal until after your campaign is over, we have decided to leave the entire matter in the hands of our friends in Chicago.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Abba Fillel Silver

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JEWISH WELFARE FUND
128 North Wells Street - Chicago, Ill.

December 31, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

This is purely a personal communication to you, though you may desire, as Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal for 1941, to take some official action in the matter.

As you know, the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago has begun its 1941 campaign. We have already secured, the Special Gifts Division, some \$720,000. The campaign is for \$2,000,000, and includes, aside from local refugee needs, a relatively small amount to meet the net deficit of The Charities, and also includes some \$300,000 toward local building needs. If the campaign is successful, I surmise that the J.D.C., U.P.A., and M.R.S. will, in grant total, secure something more than the \$1,000,000 that was distributed to them last year. If the campaign is something or much of a failure, naturally, the amount to be distributed to these three organizations will be less than last year.

Quite naturally, all of us here who have the welfare of our community at heart and who desire that our community shall do all that it can on behalf of major national agencies, are working very hard in the campaign. You probably also know that in our own community there are some small collections made for the Jewish National Fund; there is a sum in the neighborhood of \$50,000 raised independently of our Welfare Fund drive for the Geverkschaften Campaign; and there is a sum which in late years has averaged around \$60,000 to \$70,000, raised also outside of the Welfare Fund, by Hadassah. Very few of our local citizens -- perhaps four or five altogether -- give substantial amounts to individual projects in Palestine beyond all this, because, in our city, only the UPA is part of the Welfare Fund.

I write you because today I had quite a number of telephone calls from persons who in the past have been active in the Trades, Industries, and Professions Division of our campaign, and I have learned through my associate, Mr. Friedlander, of a conversation which he had with Rabbi Berman, who is Chairman of the Rabbis group in the campaign.

It seems that a number of persons here, possibly acting on advice from the national office of the UPA, have been endeavoring to bring all possible pressure on the Welfare Fund and more particularly on its President, Mr. James H. Becker, to compel a decision at this time with respect to the proportion or percentage of the funds to be raised that will be allotted to the UPA. The inference that has been made to us is that this would have a decided bearing on the proportionate amounts that might be allotted in other cities, because of the presumptively influential position that Chicago has with respect to other communities.

I realize fully, of course, the tremendous responsibilities that you are carrying as Chairman of the present campaign of the UPA and personally, of course, I do not wish to aggravate these responsibilities. However, I do feel very sincerely and very definitely that maladroit tactics will inevitably result

in such small participation on the part of Zionists and Zionist sympathizers in our present campaign as to make very difficult a reasonable attitude on the part of these who will vote the expenditures to be made by the Welfare Fund to various participating beneficiaries. Not only is this true with regard to the Welfare Fund, but, in this city particularly, it does seem to me, knowing the sources of the fund which we have raised, and personally having been responsible for the institution of the Welfare Fund, that the over-all amount to be raised on behalf of Palestine will be materially reduced.

What some people here are talking about as part of a pressure campaign, is an independent UPA campaign. It does seem to me that you, as National Chairman, or that the administrative group of the campaign, ought to decide whether or not you wish to participate in the Welfare Funds on any crude or refined budgetary basis which the Welfare Funds may work out individually, or whether you truly desire to make a campaign in each individual city.

When Mr. Montor was here recently he, I thought, made it very clear to me that it was the desire of all of you who were associated in the management of the UPA that you wished to be part of the Chicago Welfare Fund and its campaign. What has been said here to me today, however, leads me to the belief that you desire not only to receive funds from the Welfare Fund and to receive some indication of how much money the Welfare Fund will give, but to receive such an intimation of a contribution well in advance of the Welfare Fund's securing from the UPA, from you personally and from all other sources, facts on which the division of funds might be based. Furthermore, we have already been informed that persons have been approached and asked to withhold gifts to the Welfare Fund so that in the event the UPA decides to have an independent campaign, they might make their gifts to such an independent campaign.

Insofar as our present Welfare Fund campaign is concerned, it, of course, would be somewhat affected by the spreading of any such propaganda as that which I have just mentioned. I doubt, however, whether in terms of dollars it will so substantially affect the total amount to be raised as to prove a useful weapon, even of propaganda, to the UPA. It may, however, quite on the other hand, so discourage the non-Zionists or the non-active Zionists with respect to the usefulness of continuing the Welfare Fund beyond this year, as to wreak serious damage to the UPA and other causes that have had the support of the Welfare Fund, and might mitigate against the possibility of continuing the structure into the future.

Naturally, an independent UPA campaign would be strongly competitive with Geverkschaften, Hadassah, and other like efforts. I repeat that I think, without arguing the Welfare Fund case too strongly -- I need not do this with a person who has been, for a number of years, the Chairman of the Cleveland Welfare Fund -- common sense would dictate the utmost support of the Welfare Fund in order to have the utmost influence in the decisions which it will reach.

Sofar as our Special Gifts work has gone, I might say this to you:

Though we are securing a number of increased gifts, and though there are relatively few persons active in this bit of propaganda who have given in the Special Gifts Division as yet, those that have given have in no single instance increased their gifts over last year, and in other instances, possibly in the light of this propaganda, gifts have as yet not been made. You can understand how, from the standpoint of campaign psychology, this is not a good situation within which to advocate immediate action on the UPA and action that would lead to any increased appropriation to the UPA.

We have, in the publicity attendant upon the Special Gifts effort so far, and we intend, in the publicity that will be concerned with the general campaign, to

include substantial mention of the UPA and of the work in Palestine. Do you wish us, at this time, to drop this publicity? Do you wish us, at this time, to notify those who have already given that the UPA is withdrawing from the Chicago Welfare Fund? Do you wish us, at this time, to consider with equal justice the appeals which the JDC and NRS certainly will make at some future date to us together with, of course, equal justice to the appeal that you personally or someone who acts on your behalf will desire to make on behalf of the UPA?

Finally, might I say this:

It has been our regular procedure to gather the funds and then, insofar as we have been free to do so in the past, to vote allocations at the close of the campaign. I say, "Insofar as we have been free to do so" because, by far, the major part of our funds went to the United Jewish Appeal in the past, and we had nothing to say, as a Jewish Welfare Fund, with regard to the distribution of funds collected by the United Jewish Appeal. Quite obviously, it is desirable for us to receive requests for funds from other organizations that have, in the past, been beneficiaries of our Fund. Quite obviously, it is important for us, insofar as we can, to make some evaluation of these appeals from facts presented and thereafter to have hearings with representatives of the organizations, after which time allocations can be made. Under the circumstances attendant upon the current campaign, we hope that hearings such as I have just indicated can be held wither toward the end of February or early in March.

I do believe that it would be quite important, as rapidly as you conveniently can get to the matter, for you to give some word to us and to those who apparently are acting on behalf of the UPA here in Chicago, as to whether or not the UPA is desirous of acting as the agency of our community, via the Welfare Fund, or whether it is desirous of making its own appeal.

This letter is written you purely as a personal communication and not upon instructions of the Welfare Fund. As you can surmise, I am deeply engrossed in the campaign and have to carry a good deal of responsibility in connection therewith. I would view with a good deal of chagrin any breakdown in the expression of solidarity on the part of our Jewish community, so far as our Welfare Fund expresses it, and, frankly and personally, I would view with a good deal of dissatisfaction any material reduction that the present somewhat vicious propaganda tactics will bring about in the total support that goes from Chicago to Palestine.

With all personal good wishes,

Cordially yours,

(signed)

Samuel A. Goldsmith

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JEWISH WELFARE FUND
128 North Wells St. Chicago, Ill.

December 23, 1940

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your letter dated December 22nd, in which you make application for a grant of \$500,000 to the United Palestine Appeal from the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, has been received this morning. Your letter will have the consideration of the members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund at an appropriate time.

At the present moment, our policy is not to hold meetings with respect to allocations until the campaign has been finished -- which we hope will be by the fifteenth of February.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Samuel A. Goldsmith

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH
Secretary

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December 22, 1940

Mr. James H. Becker, President
Jewish Welfare Fund
128 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Becker:

I herewith submit to you the formal application of the 1941 United Palestine Appeal for inclusion in the fund-raising effort of the 1941 Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago.

To meet the requirements of Palestine involving the maintenance, security and extension of the present structure, and to stimulate the absorptive capacity of the country for additional immigration, the United Palestine Appeal asks that out of the funds raised for 1941 by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago a sum of not less than \$500,000 be made available to the United Palestine Appeal.

In order that the facts to sustain this application may be presented directly to the officers entrusted with this responsibility, I request that the United Palestine Appeal be given the opportunity of meeting with the members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund at the earliest opportunity, some time within the next two weeks.

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

This challenge to our statesmanship and our generosity the United Palestine Appeal is prepared to accept with the understanding and sympathetic cooperation of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago and its constituency.

Formal documents giving in detail the nature of these budgets will be submitted to you and to your fellow officers of the Jewish Welfare Fund through the personal meeting which I trust can be arranged soon, and through the submission of statistical material.

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

In the field of immigration, Palestine continues to be an outstanding factor in the absorption of refugees. On Friday the announcement was issued by the Palestine Government that the validity of certificates for five thousand refugees who are now in various European ports has been extended until March 30, 1941. This is in addition to the new immigration schedule that is to be announced by the Government for the period ending April 1, 1941.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To widen the frontiers of Jewish colonization in the Jewish homeland, to provide the soil upon which the Yishuv's capacity for self-sufficiency in agricultural production may be enhanced, to erect settlements for the purpose of in-

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creasing the strategic security of colonies already established, and to give a foot-hold on the land to an increasing number of refugees who have come to Palestine to rebuild their economic life through integration on the soil of Palestine.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For these reasons, I have every confidence that you and your associates in the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago will give the most sympathetic consideration to the request of the United Palestine Appeal for a minimum allotment of \$500,000 for 1941, and that the Jewish Community of Chicago will respond to your 1941 Welfare Fund campaign with a generosity sufficient to meet this obligation which we have eagerly assumed.

Looking forward to word from you for one of several days on which the United Palestine Appeal might meet officially with the members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, I am

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

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NEW YORK CITY

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June 17, 1941

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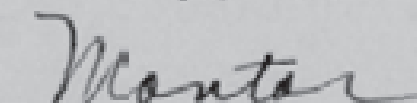
Dear Dr. Silver:

Do you want to plan a meeting of either the Executive Committee or the Administrative Committee of the UPA for Monday, June 30th, or Tuesday, July 1st, in connection with your visit to New York to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of the UJA on Monday, June 30th at 6:00 P.M.? You might want to arrange a luncheon session on Monday or else a Tuesday afternoon meeting, or perhaps we can get along without a meeting at all.

Again I want to remind you of Mr. Gluska of the Yemenites who has been pounding away at me three or four times a week. He wants to have an opportunity to tell his story to the Administrative or Executive Committee so that if they say no, it will be official.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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M E M O R A N D U M

June 17, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter addressed to me by Isaac Rivkind, Chairman of the League for Religious Labor in Palestine.

On several occasions I have had the difficult duty of saying that the contract between the U.P.A. and the Mizrahi Palestine Fund was nebulous in character and but inadequately compensatory to the U.P.A. in terms of the withdrawal of competitive fund-raising efforts.

There can be no question of the fact that the League for Religious Labor in Palestine is dominated completely by the Mizrahi Organization in this country. It operates from the same offices and has the same personnel. In addition to the League for Religious Labor in Palestine, the Mizrahi Organization has fathered a number of other fund-raising enterprises, all in direct conflict with the legal and moral obligations undertaken in the contract with the U.P.A.

It is with deep regret that I have noticed that year after year these evidences of indifference to a contract on the part of the Mizrahi Organization have not been treated with properly in the U.P.A. contract. The sufferers are, of course, the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth. I hope that their sub-committees may take action.

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LEAGUE FOR RELIGIOUS LABOR IN PALESTINE
1123 Broadway New York, N.Y.

June 12, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

We are in possession of a circular letter sent out by the council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds concerning our organization. The information therein is based upon our printed material and the interview of our Executive Director by the representative of the Council.

Among the comments on this information there are excerpts of two letters of yours. One dated November 20, 1940, and the other dated December 6, 1940, in which you state your negative attitude to our organization. It is very regrettable that you have disposed so lightly of the League without a thorough acquaintance with its character, purposes, and activities.

There are two points in your letters in repudiation of the right of the League to be included in the budgets of the Welfare Funds.

The first point concerns itself with the allegation that members of Mizrahi are not to "participate or approve of any other campaign."

In a letter to Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, a copy of which is included here, we have clearly stated that the League is not in any way under the jurisdiction of the Mizrahi. While it is entirely the business of the Mizrahi to cope with this question, it is nevertheless well known that not only members of the Mizrahi, but also members and leaders of other Zionist organizations, are actively participating in other fund raising activities, outside of the United Palestine Appeal. But the League must not suffer because of the Mizrahi members on its board.

As to the second point that no "Zionist groups coming under the jurisdiction of the World Zionist organization are permitted to carry on fund raising activities without any authorization from the World Zionist Congress." Permit me

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal

June 12, 1941

to state that the League cannot be regarded in this category, since it is a non-partisan organization composed of various elements, the only uniting factor being the purpose to support Religious workers in Eretz Israel who do not receive the proper aid and attention.

In the letter to Rabbi Silver we stated that we are ready to furnish any additional information concerning our work. We regret that you have not consulted us before sending out your letters.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. May we please ask you to correct the statements you made to the Council, concerning the League, in line with the information herein.

It is unnecessary to say we would be very glad to meet with you so that we may thoroughly clarify the situation. Anticipating your early reply, I am

With Zion's greetings,

(signed)

Isaac Rivkind
Chairman

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June 17, 1941

Mr. Leon Gellman, President
Mizrachi Organization
1133 Broadway
New York City

Dear Mr. Gellman:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter dated June 12th, sent to me by Mr. Isaac Rivkind, Chairman of the League for Religious Labor in Palestine.

At various times you have said to me that you would secure the definite withdrawal from the field of fund-raising in Welfare Funds of the League for Religious Labor in Palestine. Not only has this not been accomplished, but the League for Religious Labor in Palestine now seems to be aggrieved at the United Palestine Appeal for daring to suggest to the Welfare Funds that there is no valid basis for the claim which the League is now making to the Welfare Funds of the country.

I am attaching herewith a copy of a memorandum which I have addressed to Rabbi Silver on this general subject of competitive fund-raising efforts initiated by the Mizrachi Palestine Fund.

It would seem that the relations between the U.P.A. and the Mizrachi Organization do not go in both directions, that is, that there is ^{not} a vigorous effort on the part of the Mizrachi Organization to prevent the influx into the field of Mizrachi-dominated competitive drives.

Sincerely yours,

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Henry Montor
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

June 17, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

The name of Dean Isidor Loeb of St. Louis was one of those on a list submitted by Harry L. Lurie of the Council of Federations, as being a possibility to represent Welfare Fund communities on the 1941 Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. I asked Rabbi Julius Gordon of St. Louis about Dean Loeb and the attached is his reply.

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CONGREGATION SHAARE EMETH
Saint Louis, Mo.
Julius Gordon, Rabbi.

June 12, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Dean Loeb is, of course, not a
Zionist. But I have always found him fairminded
in his judgment. It is my personal opinion that
if Dean Loeb were to serve on the Allotment Committee,
he would be judicious and fair.

Sincerely

JG:ML

(signed)

Julius Gordon

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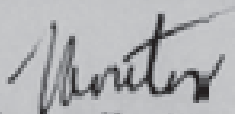
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which has come to me from Joseph Goldstein of Rochester who is a member of the Board of the Council of Federations and one of our best assets in Rochester. He had been inclined at first to accept the statement of the Council that it was endeavoring to meet the wishes of the opposition. You will recall that Mr. Goldstein was the Chairman of the Tellers Committee at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

C O P Y

GOLDSTEIN and GOLDMAN
718 Union Trust Bldg.
Rochester, N. Y.

June 13, 1941

PERSONAL

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

Dear Henry:

I have received your recent letters. In the first place, I have written to Mr. Hollander on Tuesday of this week, telling him that I could not accept membership on the Committee. I did not give him the reasons for my action but indicated in the letter that I would be glad to tell him these reasons, personally at some time in the future when I met him. I did not feel that I could adequately set forth these reasons in a letter.

I am very frank to say to you my action in declining membership on the Committee was prompted a good deal by my loyalty to the Zionists and by the letters which I received from you. Aside from any criticisms of the resolutions adopted by the Council, I felt, in view of what you had written me, that I would be doing an injustice to the Zionist Cause in accepting a position on the Committee.

Insofar as the resolutions are concerned, you will remember that when I first talked with you my re-action was that the Council did endeavor to meet the wishes of those who voted negatively as well as those who voted affirmatively. I thought there was an earnest desire to initiate a service which might be acceptable to all elements. However, upon re-reading the resolutions I am inclined to feel that Section 4 of the resolution, to a great extent, nullifies whatever conciliatory action may have been intended by the first part of the resolutions. It does now, seem to me, unless I am otherwise assured, that through Section 4 the Council could very well proceed with its original proposal which met with so much objection, by a great mass of the Jewish people of this country. I am therefore inclined to agree with the proposed letter of Dr. Silver which indicates that the plan of National Budgeting about which there has been so much agitation has only been postponed until 1942. I think that Section 4 is the only serious objection to the resolution and presents the only real obstacle to full cooperation.

I think the proposed letter to be sent to Mr. Hollander is a very fair statement, although I don't see how he can give any other interpretation than that which is set forth in the resolution, without further action by the Council Board.

I further feel that the Council ought to go very slowly in doing anything which would cause friction and divisiveness in American Jewish life. I think before the Council takes any action such as this, there ought to be substantial agreement between all groups. I think that this is the experience of our local communities. In our own community, it took many years before we could get substantial agreement on the Welfare Fund idea or on the Jewish Education Association idea, and I think it was wise to wait until we had crystallized public opinion before proceeding. I think the same procedure should be followed by the Council.

Regardless of whether the present action was good or bad, I see no particular haste in proceeding at this time and if waiting a year or two was necessary to crystallize public opinion, it would be wise to do so.

I have written you rather in a personal vein and would appreciate your keeping this letter confidential, although I have no objection in your presenting the point of view which I have indicated.

With kindest regards, I am

(Signed)

Cordially yours,
J. Goldstein

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Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall an official letter sent to you and Rabbi Wise as National Chairmen by Mr. Samuel Goldsmith of Chicago, advising us of an allotment of \$900,000 (A).

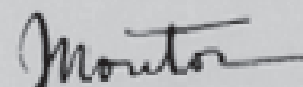
I then drafted a letter (B) which I thought would be appropriate for Rabbi Wise and yourself to sign.

Mr. Coons then sent me a note (C), advising that Rabbi Wise would not sign the letter that I had drafted, and submitted a draft that he thought would be acceptable.(D).

I took it upon myself to have Rabbi Jonah Wise sign the letter himself leaving out your name as per (E), since I do not understand why Chicago should be addressed with any greater tenderness than any other community, particularly when its contribution to the United Jewish Appeal is far from "generous".

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



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JEWISH WELFARE FUND

128 North Wells Street

Chicago, Ill.

June 10, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
Joint Chairmen, United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Gentlemen:

I am happy to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund held yesterday, an allocation of \$900,000 was made to the United Jewish Appeal for the year 1941, subject to the following provision, which applies to all our beneficiary organizations excepting those dealing with the problems of refugees in the city of Chicago:

"This allocation is made tentatively and may be subject to revision if, in the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund, such revision is justified, or if collections on outstanding pledges are not paid in full."

A check for \$250,000 has already been sent to the Co-Treasurers of the United Jewish Appeal and an additional check of \$300,000 will be sent in a day or two, thus bringing the payment of funds up to 50% of the total amount provisionally allocated.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Samuel A. Goldsmith

Samuel A. Goldsmith
Secretary

June 16, 1941

Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith, Secretary
Jewish Welfare Fund
128 North Wells Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

We are glad to acknowledge your letter of June 10th advising us that the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund has allocated \$900,000 to the United Jewish Appeal for the year 1941, subject to collections.

We appreciate the deep interest which has been displayed by the Chicago Jewish community in the agencies which comprise the United Jewish Appeal and know that the campaign in 1941 was animated by the desire to raise a maximum of funds for the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

In reconstituting the United Jewish Appeal, the agencies comprising were mindful of the desires of the Jewish communities of America that a single instrument be continued to raise funds more efficiently and more adequately for the urgent requirements of the three organizations.

Under these circumstances, therefore, we note with regret that Chicago has not been able to allot to the United Jewish Appeal a sum commensurate with our larger goal and with the larger tasks that face us. In 1939 the United Jewish Appeal was allotted \$1,400,000 by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago. In 1940 this sum was reduced to \$1,000,000, producing a result that very seriously affected the operations of the three agencies. We earnestly hope that it may be possible for the Board of Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund to reconsider its decision with a view toward increasing the allotment. This would be a substantial contribution to the success of our campaign in terms of the money involved, but also in relation to the example set for other communities which would be stimulated to a proper understanding of their own responsibilities if major cities like Chicago were to make an increase, even if only a token increase, to the United Jewish Appeal of 1941.

We earnestly trust that this plea for reconsideration will have the attention of your Board of Directors at its earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

Jonah D. Wine

National Chairman

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MEMORANDUM

June 16, 1941

TO: Mr. Henry Mentor

FROM: Mr. Isidor Coons

SUBJECT: Acknowledgment to Chicago

I know that Rabbi Jonah B. Wise would be unwilling to sign in toto the letter which you were kind enough to draft in response to the letter from Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith advising us as to Chicago's decisions.

Rabbi Wise would not sanction the last three paragraphs. Therefore, I submit a revised draft which I know would have the approval of Rabbi Wise for this particular community.

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It is very encouraging to anticipate an additional check in the sum of \$200,000 at an early date, and we thank you for your personal interest and understanding.

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver Jonah B. Wise
National Chairmen

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National Chairman

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Henry Montor

Dear Dr. Silver:

At 10:30 this morning, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and I met at the office of the J.D.C. with Mr. Joseph C. Hyman and Dr. Bernhard Kahn for the J.D.C., and Miss Jeannette Leibel, Executive Secretary of Hadassah.

Mr. Hyman stated that the J.D.C. had received cabled advice ten days ago from Dr. Judah L. Magnes suggesting the creation in Palestine of a committee of American citizens, which he would presumably head, in order to deal with such emergencies as might arise in Palestine. Dr. Magnes indicated that men like Dr. Kligler and Mr. Julius Simon were prepared to serve as members of that committee. In the meantime, Dr. Magnes had asked the J.D.C. to place at his disposal a sum of \$40,000 on which he could draw for emergency purposes.

Mr. Hyman stated that the subject had not been dealt with as yet officially by the J.D.C., and that it was the desire of the J.D.C. to keep in touch with such bodies in America which were currently charged with responsibility for the Palestine program.

Miss Leibel advised the meeting that Dr. Magnes is the chairman of an emergency committee set up by the Hadassah in Palestine, which has been functioning since the beginning of the war. Mr. Julius Simon is treasurer and Miss Szold is the other member of this emergency committee of Americans acting on behalf of Hadassah, through which its activities are being channeled.

Dr. Goldmann pointed out that the Executive of the Jewish Agency is the responsible Jewish authority for Palestine, and that the Vaad Leumi represents the Jewish community. Between them they have the authority and the competence to deal with

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

June 17, 1941

emergencies that might arise. In the event that any emergency should arise, there is no reason to believe that a body of Americans might be more competent to deal with the situation than the Executive itself.

It was our common understanding at the close of the meeting that the organizations represented at this morning's session would keep in touch with each other, apprising each other of developments in their respective spheres as they relate to the emergency in Palestine.

Mr. Hyman stated that the J.D.C. was not desirous of displacing any other organizations dealing with the Palestine problem, but since it had been called upon by Dr. Magnes, it wanted to clarify the issue. Mr. Hyman stated that the J.D.C. would cable to Dr. Magnes, pointing out that the Executive and the Vaad Leumi were now the bodies competent to deal with emergency problems in Palestine, and that it was therefore not necessary to create any J.D.C. committee, but that the various organizations in America would keep in touch with each other on developments.

Attached herewith is a copy of a cable which I addressed today to Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, with the approval of Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

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Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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JUNE 17 1941

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JEWISH AGENCY
JERUSALEM

NAHUM GOLDMANN HADASSAH REPRESENTATIVE I MET JDC RESULT MAGNES CABLE TO JDC
URGING CREATION OF COMMITTEE AMERICANS INCLUDING MAGNES KLIGLER SIMON VITELES
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TO BE FOLLOWED HERE

MONITOR

M E M O R A N D U M

June 17, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Joseph C. Hyman in response to a note suggesting that the U.P.A. representatives on the Allotment Committee are prepared to meet with the J.D.C. representatives to consider the selection of the three representatives of Welfare Fund communities on the 1941 Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH
JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, Inc.
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

June 12, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of June 9th advising that the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal has officially selected as its members and alternates on the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941 the following: As members, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom, and as alternates, Dr. Israel Goldstein and Judge Louis E. Levinthal.

I note that the members of the U.P.A. on the allotment Committee are prepared to meet at a mutually convenient time with the members delegated by the J.D.C. so as to consider the problems affecting the Allotment Committee, including the consideration of the names of members to represent Welfare Fund communities.

I expect shortly to let you know who the nominees of the J.D.C. are.

With kind greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

J.C. Hyman
Executive Vice-Chairman

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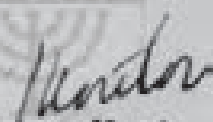
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a letter addressed to you by Rabbi Simon Greenberg of Philadelphia. Undoubtedly this refers to a personal interchange of correspondence and you will wish to answer him directly from Cleveland.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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RABBI SIMON GREENBERG
2253 N. FIFTY-THIRD STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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June 13, 1941

Dear Rabbi Silver:

On December 16, 1940, I wrote you a letter about Mr. Ben Eliezer and you were kind enough to answer it. Unfortunately, your response to me has been lost, and I am particularly anxious at the present time to have a copy of your original response. I would appreciate that and any further comments you may care to make on this whole subject. The problem is becoming rather pressing in our community at the present time.

With Sabbath greetings and kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Simon Greenberg

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

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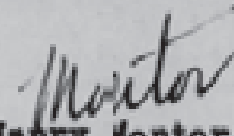
Dear Dr. Silver:

The "Jewish Morning Journal" is planning to conduct a referendum of its own on the subject of national budgeting. It proposes to create committees in every community where there is a member agency of the Council of Federations for the purpose of "canvassing" the community and of "testing" and "validating" the ballot of the agencies and of the community on the subject of national budgeting. What is your thought on this subject?

I know that the "Morning Journal" would be gratified if it could start off this referendum with an article from you expressing interest in the project which it is launching and reiterating some of your fundamental convictions on the democratic organization of Jewish life as the prelude to any possible budgeting procedure.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

P.S. Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum given to me by Mr. Isreeli who has been cooperating with the "Jewish Morning Journal" on the subject of its own referendum.

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 43rd Street

MEMORANDUM

June 17, 1941

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TO: Mr. Moster
FROM: Mr. Isreeli
SUBJECT: Morning Journal Recount

In view of the doubts existing as to the accuracy of the referendum made by the Council of Federations regarding its budgeting proposal and the poor participation in it, the Jewish Morning Journal is undertaking a recount of votes on the following basis:

1. The Morning Journal will invite representatives of the Zionist bodies and of the Agudath Harabanim, Agudath Israel, Young Israel and wherever possible - the Independent Order Brith Abraham, Brith Shalom and other organizations with a standing in the Jewish community, to constitute themselves into recount committees under the auspices of the paper.

2. In all cities where the Council has agencies such committees will be organized and instructions given to them for recount. The central committees will be asked to request their local organizations to help the paper in the recount.

3. After the ballots will be received by the paper, a committee of tellers from among prominent representatives of the various organizations will be asked to pass judgment on the recount.

4. If the recount should happen not to be favorable to the proposal on budgeting, the matter will rest there and a complete report will be sent to all concerned. In case the recount is favorable to the Council, there will still remain another step, namely a referendum among the readers of the Yiddish press for the purpose of ascertaining the opinion of the community at large. The referendum will be a strong weapon against the usurpation by the comparatively small group of welfare fund leaders of the financial machinery of the entire community.

M E M O R A N D U M

June 18, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of the minutes of a meeting held on June 5, 1941 when discussion was given by the committee of twelve appointed by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise to the launching of a permanent fund-raising machinery in New York City.

HM:JB
Encl.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 5th, 1941

PRESENT - Dr. Jonah B. Wise, Presiding; Abner Bregman, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Sylvan Gotshal, Mrs. David M. Levy, Louis Lipsky, William Rosenwald, Judge Morris Rothenberg

Samuel Blitz, Henry C. Bernstein

In opening the meeting Dr. Wise stated that pursuant to the decision of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, a committee was appointed to consider plans for a more competent and adequate fund-raising machinery to be submitted to the beneficiary agencies of the United Jewish Appeal.

The Committee consists of Abner Bregman, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Monroe Goldwater, Sylvan Gotshal, Mrs. David M. Levy, Harold F. Linder, Louis Lipsky, William Rosenwald, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Edward M. M. Warburg, Dr. Jonah B. Wise, Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

Dr. Wise stressed the need of establishing a permanent fund-raising organization in New York for the constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal in order to avoid continued wasted expenditures, overlapping of staffs and inadequacy of preparations caused by the dissolution of joint drives. Dr. Wise pointed out that many important volunteers have clearly indicated that they would not lend their activities to separate campaigns and that the reasons which forced the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941 also apply for the establishment of a permanent fund-raising machine in the city of New York for overseas work similar to the permanent fund-raising machine of Federation.

The following participated in the discussion of the proposal:

MRS. DAVID M. LEVY stated that Federation has also appointed a committee to consider the advisability of a permanent fund-raising machine for refugee and overseas needs and suggested that the views of that committee be ascertained.

MR. BREGMAN deplored the breaking up of a well managed and effective fund-raising organization after the 1940 UJA campaign and strongly favored the proposal made by the Chairman.

DR. GOLDSTEIN stated that despite the difficulties involved, New York manages to raise its share of the national quota and suggested that the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal might in October decide to continue the merger so that the establishment of a permanent fund-raising machine may not be necessary in the immediate future.

JUDGE ROTHENBERG favored the adoption of the plan in principle and suggested that consideration be given to the problem of allotments.

MR. LIPSKY stated that there would be no immediate problem of allotments should the national agencies agree to terms for a joint drive. He suggested that if there could be some way to establish an allotment committee which would have the confidence of all elements in the community, the problem could be solved.

MR. ROSENWALD supported the plan to establish a permanent organization.

MR. GOTSCHAL urged that rather than anticipate problems, consideration be given to them as they may arise and suggested that a small committee be appointed to give further study to the proposal.

Dr. Wise accepted this suggestion and appointed the following Committee:

Abner Bregman, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Louis Lipsky, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, ex-officio.

Dr. Goldstein stated that the proceedings of the meeting would be reported to the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal which meets the next day and that he and his colleagues in the UPA would be guided by the instructions of that meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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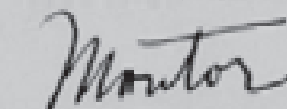
Dear Dr. Silver:

The United Jewish Appeal has received an additional check for \$30,000 on account of the 1940 appropriation from Cleveland, which was \$475,000.

With the present payment there is now still due \$33,800. Thank you for the acceleration of this remittance.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Vice-Chairman

HM:EH

M E M O R A N D U M

June 18, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Mrs. Moses P. Epstein of Hadassah in regard to the relationship of the U.P.A. to the National Advisory Budgeting Committee.

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HADASSAH
1860 Broadway
New York City

June 16, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

I was disappointed that at the meeting of the Emergency Committee last Thursday there was not a fuller discussion of the letter which Dr. Silver has prepared for transmission to the Council of Welfare Funds.

I need hardly tell you that I am in complete agreement with the presentation of the case and am well aware of the motivation of the acts and procedure of the Council. However, on re-reading your letter, it seems to me unwise to state categorically that the United Palestine Appeal would have nothing to do with the new Advisory Committee. I think it would be better strategy to try to bring pressure to bear on the Council of Welfare Funds not to set up the National Advisory Committee in view of the reluctance of so many important communities to subject themselves to this projected body.

It seems to me that there is time for a second letter after the Council has been definitely set up, stating that there can be no relationship between this new body and the United Palestine Appeal. This would have nothing to do with the letter to be sent to all Zionist bodies urging them not to cooperate. That is an internal matter and one with which I believe all Zionist groups will be in complete agreement. I make this point because in Dr. Silver's last paragraph he presents the possibility of a misinterpretation. I know that it is a rhetorical statement, but -- it could be used as a springboard for added pressure that the Council withhold action on the setting up of a committee which has such serious implications for Jewish life in America.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Judith G. Epstein
 Mrs. Moses P. Epstein

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To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Joseph C. Hyman, announcing the names of the representatives of the J.D.C. on the 1941 United Jewish Appeal Allotment Committee.

Do you want to suggest a meeting on June 30th or July 1st with the J.D.C. representatives to consider the nominees for Welfare Fund communities?

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JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

June 18, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

I am glad to advise you that the Joint Distribution Committee has selected as its members and alternates on the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal of 1941, the following: as members, Dr. Solomon Lowenstein and Mr. James H. Becker; as alternates, Mr. Harold F. Linder and Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser.

I share your view that it is of the utmost importance that a meeting be arranged at the earliest possible time of the nominees of your organization and of ours on the Allotment Committee, so as to reach agreement on persons who are deemed to be representative of the viewpoint of the Welfare Fund communities.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. C. Hyman
Executive Vice-Chairman

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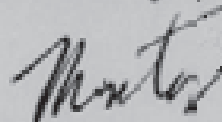
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In another connection I wrote to you of the wide use that was being made of photographs submitted to the newspapers by the U.P.A. I am sending you herewith a tear-sheet of photographs and accompanying text sent out by the Newspaper Enterprise Association, which has over 300 daily newspaper subscribers using the mats which it circulates.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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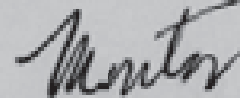
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I spoke today to Dr. David de Sola Pool and gave him the background of the national budgeting discussion with which he was familiar, in view of the fact that he had been at Atlanta. He said to me that if he were invited to become a member of the National Budgeting Committee, he would not accept.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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June 19, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you for getting Col. Wedgwood
to address the Cleveland Zionist Society on Wednesday
evening, July 2.

We will arrange for a large public
gathering in Mahler Hall of The Temple. Please
send me photographs of Col. Wedgwood and some
publicity matter, if you have them available.
Unless he requests otherwise, I shall make reservations
for him at the Wade Park Manor which is across the
street from The Temple.

Please have Col. Wedgwood or his secretary
let me know what time he plans to arrive in Cleveland
so that a committee may meet him at the station.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

June 19, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

I do not believe that another meeting
of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish
Appeal is necessary at this time.

As far as Mr. Gluska is concerned, I
believe it would be well to invite him to
the next meeting when it is held and give him
an opportunity to tell his story.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

MEMORANDUM

June 19, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which I have addressed to Mr. Sylvan Gotshal, Chairman of the Greater New York United Jewish Appeal, in relation to the establishment of "a permanent fund-raising machine in New York."

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 19, 1941

Mr. Sylvan Gotshal
60 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Gotshal:

Thank you for your kind invitation of June 17th to have lunch with you on Monday, June 23rd, at 12:30 P.M. I believe I shall be out of the city on my way to address a session of the annual convention of the Order B'rith Sholem.

(1) I should like, however, to condense some of my thoughts on the subject of a "permanent fund-raising machine in New York for the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal."

Insofar as a United Jewish Appeal in New York is a varying instrumentality depending on the current needs of the particular institutions or the ability of those agencies to secure maximum consideration for their respective requirements, I do not see how they can perpetually mortgage their future, particularly when occasions may arise in the future, as they have in the past, demanding freedom of action for the agencies to determine their respective best interests. Certainly no one knows now what the future will be of America's participation in the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine. The post-war period, which may come soon or late, may involve American Jews in contributions of an unprecedented character.

Is it wise at this particular time, when all of Jewish life is in unparalleled flux, to say that 1941 or 1942 is the year when "a permanent fund-raising machine in New York" is the indispensable "summa bonum" of New York Jewry? Have the friends of Palestine, knowing the attitude with which some in the community view the future of the upbuilding of the Jewish commonwealth in Palestine, the right to entrust the destiny of American Jewish relationship with Palestine to a body which will be irretrievably fixed in pattern.

I have watched the functioning of the United Jewish Appeal in New York for the past three years. At best, the advocates of Palestine are tolerated; at worst, they are condemned. "A permanent fund-raising machine" will not change a psychological attitude. But the power inherent in the Zionist movement and in the friends of Palestine can modify that attitude, as it has in the past.

(2) Workers in New York are said to be "tired". That has been the reaction throughout the country during the past few years. The result has been the growth and strengthening of Welfare Funds in

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individual communities. But I am inclined to believe that there has been definite confusion between the increased prosperity and the intensified fear of American Jews, and the increase in giving to various causes. It has not been conclusively demonstrated that the more causes included in a unified campaign, the more money is raised. As a small illustration I cite the inclusion of the Ort in the 1940 United Jewish Appeal in Greater New York. Less money was raised in 1940 than in 1939. I do not believe that even the \$110,000 allotted to the Ort was offset by a similar contribution from Ort sources. In 1941 there is no allocation to Ort in the Greater New York United Jewish Appeal. I doubt that this will affect the outcome of the campaign one way or another.

It is politic to speak now solely of the establishment of a "permanent fund-raising machine in New York for the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal." But anyone familiar with the background and the points of view of the persons interested in its development knows that what is wanted is the eventual establishment of a Jewish Welfare Fund in the City of New York. Considering the evils insofar as agencies in the United Jewish Appeal are concerned arising out of the functioning of some of the Welfare Funds in various cities, I doubt whether New York Jewry is prepared or wishes to establish a Welfare Fund from the point of view of the best interests of the organizations involved, although it might "relieve" the so-called labors and giving of some of the members of the community. One has only to look at Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Los Angeles to see how a Welfare Fund, originally created to serve national and overseas purposes, became the instrumentality for relieving local community leaders of their local Jewish obligations.

(3) One of the reasons for the agitation for the establishment of "a permanent fund-raising machine in New York" is the uncertainty year after year as to whether the national United Jewish Appeal will be continued. It is obvious that if terms can be worked out nationally there will be a continuation of the unified campaign in New York City year after year. Why do the drives break up because a national agreement is not possible? How would the cause of Palestine be aided if New York, which plays a preeminent role in the national United Palestine Appeal, were to be no factor in the national decision, since a "permanent" machine will have been established in New York, thus tying perpetually the hands of the national leadership of the United Palestine Appeal?

(4) It is my belief that in these uncertain times, when developments occur so swiftly and so unpredictably, it would not be wise or desirable for the United Palestine Appeal, of all bodies - concerned as it is with the future of the whole Jewish people in terms of Palestine upbuilding - to enter into a compact at this time, whose only advantage at the moment seems technical in character, but whose disadvantages are too innumerable to mention.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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Henry Montor
Executive Director

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June 20, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

On June 12th, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, you wired to the Jewish Agency to advise that body that the United Palestine Appeal had voted \$25,000 to Chief Rabbi Herzog. Copy was sent to you at that time. Attached is another copy.

Attached also is a copy of a cable that has come signed by the Executive of the Jewish Agency, the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth referring to the original cable of information.

In addition I send you a copy of a cable addressed to me by Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, which seems to supplement the cable addressed to you by the Executive, the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth. What Mr. Kaplan says in effect is that the Jewish Agency will have given approximately \$15,000 to Chief Rabbi Herzog before the end of September in a period of approximately five months.

Cordially yours,

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Henry Mentor
Executive Director

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COPY OF CABLE

JUNE 12, 1941

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JEWISH AGENCY
JERUSALEM

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL VOTED TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS
FOR ONE YEAR TO CHIEF RABBI HERZOG FOR RELIEF NEEDS OF
OLD YISHUV

ABRAHILLEL SILVER



COPY OF CABLE

JERUSALEM, JUNE 19, 1941

SILVER
41 EAST 42
NEWYORK

YOURS 12/6 BROUGHT BEFORE MEETING EXECUTIVE AND FUNDS STOP

WITHOUT ENTERING MERITS CASE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED UNABLE
AGREE AND ASK YOU REVOKE YOUR DECISION WHICH CREATING DANGEROUS
PRECEDENT STOP ALLOTMENTS FOR PALESTINE CAN BE DEALT ONLY
EXECUTIVE FUNDS STOP

EXECUTIVE KAYEMETH HAYESOE

COPY OF CABLE

JERUSALEM, JUNE 19, 1941

MONITOR
41 EAST 42
NEWYORK

SEE SILVERS 12/6 MINE TODAY STOP BEFORE RECEIVING SILVERS EXECUTIVE
DECIDED INCREASE ALLOTMENT YESHIVOT BY 1500 POUNDS MAKING TOTAL
AVAILABLE TILL END SEPTEMBER 3500 POUNDS STOP WHO IS OLD YISHUV
STOP DECISION UPON CREATING DANGEROUS PRECEDENT PRACTICALLY UNINCREASING
RELIEF FOR YESHIVOT

KAPLAN

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Ansel Road
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National Chairman

Abba Hillel Silver

Dear Dr. Silver:

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*Chairman,
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The material described in your letter of June 19th and the accompanying draft to several of the officers of the United Palestine Appeal have been circulated to them for their comment and suggestion and as rapidly as these can be collated will be forwarded to you for the draft which you wish to send to Mr. Blaustein.

Solomon Goldman
Israel Goldstein
Edmund I. Kaufmann
Morris Rothenberg

Mr. Charles Rosenbloom, who was in New York on Friday, saw the letter and felt that in general it met his own view of the situation. Mr. Rosenbloom was in the city in connection with a meeting of the Budget Committee to consider expenses of the U.P.A. for the balance of the year. Those present at the meeting included Mr. Sincoff and, for a fraction of the time, Mr. Ress. It is to be regretted that when such a meeting was called a full attendance was not available. I shall send you a description of the results of this meeting in another letter.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

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Jacob Sincoff

I should like to give you my own observations on what might be considered by Mr. Blaustein a suitable compromise formula:

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The country as a whole has indicated its interest in fact-finding largely because of the ignorance that prevails about the multiplicity of small organizations, whether they be national or overseas in scope. The average chairman of a budget committee, no matter how intelligent he may be, wants more information on the Los Angeles and Denver hospitals, on the yeshivoth, on the various national social welfare undertakings, as well as on the variety of competitive appeals in the fields now occupied by the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service. And yet this phase of the problem, which should be easiest to deal with because the facts are most easily accessible, is being shunted since it is stated that "agencies in other fields shall also be considered for study if staff resources are available". Any program which attempts at this time to analyze the operation of the United Palestine Appeal, the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service is dealing with a situation in such

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violent flux that a report issued on Monday might prove worthless on Friday.

Subject to international developments whose swift tempo is unpredictable, the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal are the ones least susceptible of "analysis" and yet the ones most susceptible to the subjective point of view. I do not understand under what requirements it is necessary to have the Council continue to say that the powers of the committee it shall set up shall be such that the committee shall not be prevented "from considering and reporting on the United Jewish Appeal agencies should necessity arise." Obviously that means that if at the end of 1941, for reasons which we cannot now predict, the United Jewish Appeal cannot be continued, this outside body constituted on seemingly unrelated grounds would have been given the power by your own assent to determine how the United Jewish Appeal shall be constituted and under what terms, because that sentence has no limitation whatsoever. Any capacity that the United Palestine Appeal would have to resist the dictates of the Joint Distribution Committee or the pressure of this outside committee would be futile in the face of the permission it will have given in the assent to this document to have an outside committee "consider and report on the United Jewish Appeal agencies."

In effect, what is being said is that not the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee alone shall have the right to determine their mutual relations in the United Jewish Appeal but that in addition to the three Welfare Fund representatives on the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal there shall be an outside force which, because it is outside, will have far greater powers than either the United Palestine Appeal or the Joint Distribution Committee in determining what the fate of these agencies shall be.

Is it not often pertinent to ask what ground is covered by the item "examination of results of the services provided by organization". Is that not actually evaluation in more prolix language. I regret that I cannot see how, having stirred the country to a fundamental discussion of the right of ideas and causes based on ideas to preserve their integrity, we should now, in effect, if not in language, yield to Mr. Blaustein and his associates.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

June 24, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Leon Gellman, President of the Misrachi Organization, together with a copy of the letter which he sent to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on the basis of a resolution adopted by the Administrative Committee of the Misrachi Organization.

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MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
1133 Broadway
New York City

June 23, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Attached herewith you will find a copy of the letter
I have just sent to Mr. Sidney Hollander, of the
Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, in
behalf of our Administrative Committee, protesting
against the proposed National Advisory Budgeting
Committee.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Leon Gellman
President

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June 23, 1941

Mr. Sidney Hollander, President
Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds
165 West 46th St.
New York City

My dear Mr. Hollander:

I bring to your attention the resolution here appended, adopted at a meeting of our administrative committee, in reference to the decision of your board to establish a National Advisory Budgeting Committee, to allocate sums to the various agencies applying for community support.

The resolution reads as follows:

"The Misrachi Organization of America, through its Administrative Committee, proclaims its extreme disfavor with the effort of the Council of Federations to establish a national advisory budgeting service designed to allocate national fund collections to the various beneficiaries of American philanthropy. We have no illusions as to the anti-religious and anti-traditional character of this project, and of its effect, if established, on every movement and principle religious Jewry holds dear.

"Misrachi, religious orthodox wing of the Zionist movement, feels that such action is a menace to Judaism and calculated to undermine the religious principle under which every Jew possesses the right to contribute freely to any purpose his heart desires. Four hundred rabbis affiliated with the Misrachi movement have published a strong protest in the Jewish press against this effort of the Council to monopolize Jewish charitable giving.

"In order that American Jewry continue to function with freedom and with proper adherence to the age-old sanctities of Judaism, we urge our co-religionists in America to raise against any such unauthorized and un-Jewish invasion of their rights and liberties."

I trust that your Board will reconsider the matter, and obviate an open cleavage in American Jewry.

Yours very sincerely,

LEON GELMAN
President

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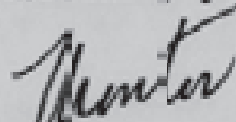
Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that I indicated my feeling about the things Colonel Wedgwood was doing here. I add for your background information a copy of a letter from Jacob B. Hoffman of Philadelphia, describing an address which Colonel Wedgwood made, presumably on our behalf, in Philadelphia on Monday, June 23rd.

I thought you might be particularly interested in its contents so that you might guide yourself accordingly with Colonel Wedgwood to explain that you are expecting him to talk on Palestine.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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JACOB B. HOFFMAN AND COMPANY
1315 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

June 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Montor:

I am writing to express my chagrin and disappointment at the kind of speech delivered by Colonel Wedgwood before the luncheon meeting arranged by the Allied Jewish Appeal Monday, June 23, 1941 at the Warwick. It was my understanding that Colonel Wedgwood was here to present the case for the United Palestine Appeal. This he definitely failed to do. Throughout his remarks he did not even mention the United Palestine Appeal.

In his preliminary remarks Colonel Wedgwood did refer to the fact that everyone knew how he felt about Zionism. He presented the case for J.D.P. and most sympathetically the case for the National Refugee Service. To put this mildly, it was a diluted speech.

I feel I am giving voice to the sense of outrage that was felt by the Zionists who heard Colonel Wedgwood. Mrs. Oscar G. Bender, Professor Hayim Fineman and Rabbi Dexter all felt that we had been let down. Mr. David Braginsky, Secretary of the United Hebrew Trades of Philadelphia, felt that the speech was meaningless as coming from a friend of Palestine. Professor Fineman put it very well when he said, "I thought Colonel Wedgwood was here to convince those workers who are not with us so they would understand and sympathize with the U.P.A. Instead, he succeeded in convincing our workers and winning them for the N.R.S." Harry Takiff, President of Masada expressed it most colorfully. He said, "We was robbed".

For your information, it is well to mention that the Philadelphia chapter of Hadassah gave up its annual meeting in order to hear Colonel Wedgwood. Its members formed the greater part of the luncheon audience. We Zionists, of course, expected a militant presentation of the case for Palestine.

I am passing along to you my sentiments somewhat hurriedly so that you may know at first hand how it seemed to those of us who are primarily concerned in the furtherance of the objectives of the U.P.A. I have returned from the luncheon a disappointed person, but much wiser.

(Signed)

Cordially yours,
Jacob B. Hoffman

Henry Montor, Executive Director U.P.A.
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

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Same letter to Messrs. Jacob Sincoff
Charles J. Rosenbloom
Charles Ress
Abraham L. Liebovitz
June 26, 1941

Dr. Israel Goldstein
270 West 89th St.
New York City

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

In connection with the meeting of the Budget Committee of the United Palestine Appeal to be held on Monday, June 30th, at 2:00 P.M. at the United Palestine Appeal office, I am sending you herewith a copy of the additional budgetary material which Mr. Bernard J. Reis prepared on the basis of the first (and incompletely attended) meeting of the Budget Committee last Friday.

You will note that the actual estimated increase of expenses in 1941 over 1940 totals about \$71,000, a very substantial part of which includes unavoidable non-recurring items such as:

- (1) \$3,000 to Dr. Chaim Weizmann;
- (2) \$5,000 plus, toward the conduct of the national budgeting discussion;
- (3) Expenditures in connection with Messrs. Rosenbluth and Bakstansky; etc.

In actuality, therefore, the enlarged "educational program" of the United Palestine Appeal for 1941 will involve about \$40,000 more than in 1940. Is it worth that much to intensify our contacts with the communities?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

NM:BC
Encl.

Henry Kantor
Executive Director

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS
Inc.

165 WEST 46 Street, New York, N.Y.

Dr. Silver

June 26, 1941

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
National Co-chairmen
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

We understand that the UJA has arranged a meeting for the representatives named by the JDC and by the UPA to the Allotment Committee for the purpose of completing the organization of this Committee through the selection of additional members to represent Jewish welfare funds on the Allotment Committee. The organization of this instrument has involved the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in the past and our continuing responsibility is implied in the arrangements to be concluded for this year.

We therefore wish to make a formal request that a representative of the Council be invited to attend the organization meeting that you are planning for Monday in order to carry out our responsibility for approval and endorsement of those members selected by your Committee to represent the interests of Jewish welfare funds.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Sidney Hollander
SIDNEY HOLLANDER
President

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which came today from Mr. Sidney Hollander, President of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, demanding that a Council representative attend the meeting at 11:00 A.M. Monday to consider Welfare Fund representatives on the Allotment Committee of the 1941 United Jewish Appeal.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

With kindest regards, I am

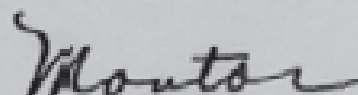
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Cordially yours,

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Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:BG
Enc.

Executive Director

Henry Montor

MEMORANDUM

June 27, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Bernard G. Rudolph of Syracuse, in which he quotes a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the New York and Ontario Region of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds. The adoption of this resolution is particularly significant since it is approximately the point of view of the people who attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of the East Central States Region of the Council of Federations.

EM:JB
Encl.

C O P Y

RUDOLPH BROS. INC.

107 E. Washington St., Syracuse, N. Y.

June 25, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
U. P. A.
41 E. 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Montor:

In line with your request, I am pleased to inform you that I attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of the New York and Ontario Regions on Sunday, June 22nd.

Mr. Joseph Goldstein of Rochester who took an active part in the Council of Federations meeting held in New York recently gave a report on the results of the vote on the Referendum and also his comments on the actions taken at this last conference in regard to same.

A discussion followed and in the end, the following resolution was adopted with only one dissenting vote.

"RESOLVED that the members of the Executive Committee of this meeting here assembled inform the Council of J. P. and W. P. that it is opposed to having the National Advisory Budgeting Service make recommendations on the relative budgets of the agencies and that its services and investigations be limited exclusively to a fact finding service."

Those of us who are interested in the U. P. A. hope that this will have considerable weight with the National Council.

Yours very truly

BGR:RR

(Signed)

B. F. RUDOLPH

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Joseph Goldstein of Rochester. You will remember that he was the Chairman of the Tellers Committee at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council on May 17th.

Treasurer

Charles J. Rosenbloom

Goldstein is considered one of the fairest-minded people by the Council as well as by ourselves. I thought you might be interested in having his reaction to your proposed draft.

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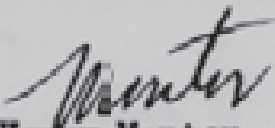
With kindest regards, I am

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Cordially yours,

HM:JB
Encl.


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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Henry Montor

COPY

GOLDSTEIN and GOLDMAN

718-720 Union Trust Building

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

June 25, 1941

Henry Mentor
United Jewish Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Henry:

I received your enclosures this morning and I am very much pleased with the progress thus far made. It seems to me after reading Mr. Hollander's letter as well as Dr. Silver's letter that a very satisfactory understanding can be reached which will avoid all the criticisms and unpleasantness which have arisen. I do hope that the suggestion made in Mr. Hollander's letter for a personal conference will be accepted and with Dr. Silver's letter to Mr. Blaustein as a basis for discussion, an agreement should be reached which should be satisfactory to both groups.

The text of Dr. Silver's letter to Mr. Blaustein as well as the tone of Mr. Hollander's letter to Dr. Silver indicate a sincere desire on both sides to achieve unity and cooperation in Jewish life and I hope that the negotiations which have started will be brought to a satisfactory and peaceful conclusion.

Please keep me informed.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) JOE
J. Goldstein

JG:TM

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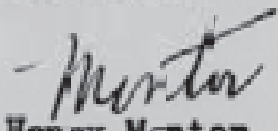
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
President Hotel
Atlantic City, N. J.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Simon Shetzer, bearing on the draft of the letter which you have prepared for Mr. Blaustein. Apparently he approves in general.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
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I. SHETZER & SON
142 East Jefferson Avenue
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

June 25, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor, Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal
142 E. 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Henry:

I have read with interest your letter of the 20th and the enclosures.

Am I to infer from the fact that Mr. Blaustein thought out Dr. Silver for a long conference, that the Council is actually prepared to back-track on the position which it took last month? If in truth, the Council is prepared to issue a revised statement, then Dr. Silver's suggestions are satisfactory. It would re-establish the basis for continued cooperation between the U.P.A. and the Council. I suppose it would be too much to expect the Council to state that upon reconsideration of the results of the referendum, it finds that the majority proposals were in fact defeated.

From the point of view of the U.P.A., the limitations upon the activities of the proposed "Extension and Research Committee" would protect our position. Why, however, might it not be suggested that the Committee concern itself at the beginning with some other field of investigation? Heaven knows, that elaborate studies have been made and a mass of data is already available concerning the U.J.A. agencies. There are other fields that represent total black spots. Certainly, a most fruitful field for investigation would be the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish Labor Committee, now included in a joint defense fund campaign.

Is it too much to ask that the Council initiate its expanded research facilities in this heretofore barely scratched area? On more than one occasion, the officers and staff of the Council have represented that the budgeting proposals were not directed primarily against the U.J.A. It could honor these representations by starting its investigations elsewhere.

The meeting in Columbus a week ago was a rather dull and routine affair. For thirty-six hours everyone avoided reference to the referendum, although, obviously, it was uppermost in the minds of those in attendance. Not until 3:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon was the matter referred to formally when the presiding officer asked Mr. Lurie to tell the members the status of the referendum. This gave me my opportunity to reply at length, and a colloquy between Mr. Lurie and myself ensued.

Mr. Schanfarber entered the discussion and very explicitly pointed out that the Council had conducted the referendum most improperly and with a very definite partial interest. His statement was exceedingly effective. Nothing much resulted except that Mr. Lurie was put upon the defensive and his attempted explanations of the charges which I had made were most inadequate.

Outside of Charles Rosenbloom who came down Sunday afternoon, but did not participate in the discussion, there was no one else from our side in attendance.

In the absence of Rabbi Feuer and Rabbi Heller, there was no one with whom to discuss the suggestions offered in your letter of June 3rd. I should like to take a little bit more time before committing myself on the proposal to call a conference.

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the paper which you presented at the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare. It's really a gem and deserves wide circulation. Mr. Sobeloff told me that your paper was the high spot of the whole conference.

With kindest personal regards,

(Signed)

Cordially yours,

SI
Simon Shetzer

SS:a

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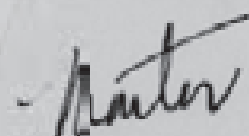
June 30, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum to me from Dr. Stephen Wise, dated June 24th, in which he expresses his agreement with the draft that you propose to address to Mr. Blaustein.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EE
ENC.

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

June 24th, 1941

TO HM
FROM SSW

Will you be good enough to convey to Dr. Silver my entire agreement with the draft of the communication which he proposes to address to Blaustein. I think it especially wise to use the term "Extension and Research" instead of the term "National Advisory Budget", which implies too much from every point of view. I favor making this draft the basis of the communication to be addressed to Blaustein, and a copy thereof I suppose to go to Hollander and also to Shetzer. Seeing that Shetzer has been so helpful and loyal he might be consulted with respect to this.

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July 1, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Montor:

Please let me know what final disposition was made of the budget of the UPA for the remainder of the year.

I do not understand the enclosed telegram of Rabbi Herzog. Please notify him that he will receive his allocation from us here and not from the Agency in Jerusalem.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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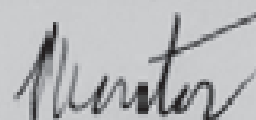
Dear Dr. Silver:

It was decided by the Budget Committee that the question of the budget was one of policy rather than of finance. Accordingly, that will be the chief item on the agenda of the Administrative Committee on Thursday night, July 10th.

Chief Rabbi Herzog has been advised as per the attached copy.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

EM:JB
Encl.

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~~CHIEF~~ RABBI ISAAC HERZOG
P O B 1102
JERUSALEM PALESTINE

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United Palestine Appeal, 41 East 42nd St., NYC

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

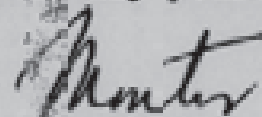
I am wondering whether you have noticed the June 30th issue of "Notes and News" issued by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

What is interesting is that on page 12 again appears the statement "It was emphasized that the reports in 1941 will not attempt to translate evaluations in terms of budget requirements, etc." Is that what is termed Jesuitism?

I see that Mr. Shroder's paper before the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare, in which he refers to "the effect of the clash between the aims of the Zionists***** and the position of those who look for the satisfaction of their every hope in their home-land in America", does not carry simultaneously critical observations on his statement.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:FE

MEMORANDUM

July 3, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
From Henry Montor

Eliesser Kaplan in a cable dated July 1st stated:

"AGREE YOUR LINE MEETING JOINT."

Attached hereto is a copy of the cable which was originally sent to which agreement was voiced.

EM:FE

COPY OF CABLE

JUNE 17, 1941

KAPLAN
JEWISH AGENCY
JERUSALEM

NAHUM GOLDMANN HADASSAH REPRESENTATIVE I MET JDC RESULT MAGNES CABLE TO JDC
URGING CREATION OF COMMITTEE AMERICANS INCLUDING MAGNES KLIGLER SIMON VITELES
DEAL EMERGENCIES PALESTINE stop MAGNES ASKED JDC FOR FORTYTHOUSAND DOLLAR FUND
TO DRAW ON stop GOLDMANN INFORMED JDC THAT EXECUTIVE AND VAAD LEUMI ARE RECOG-
NIZED BODIES FOR ALL JEWRY AND NO CHANGES NECESSARY OR DESIRED BUT AGREED JDC
UPA EMERGENCY COMMITTEE HADASSAH KEEP IN TOUCH TO APPRISE EACH OTHER OF
DEVELOPMENTS TO ASSURE UNITED ACTION WHEN NECESSARY stop PLEASE ADVISE POLICY
TO BE FOLLOWED HERE

MONTOR

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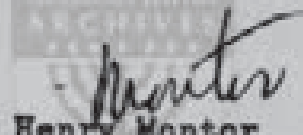
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a
cable from Eliezer Kaplan.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

WRHS
HM:FE

COPY OF CABLE

JERUSALEM JULY 1, 1941

MONTOR
41 EAST 42
NEWYORK

PLEASE CABLE UPAS ATTITUDE EXECUTIVES AND FUNDS CABLE 16/6 RE YESHIVOT STOP
AGREE YOUR LINE MEETING JOINT STOP MISRACHI REQUESTS ADDITIONAL GUARANTEE
4000 POUNDS FOR MISRACHI BANK REPAYABLE 1942 1943 CABLE OPINION

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July 3, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with the telephone conversation which I had with you on Wednesday, I spoke to Mr. Hyman with respect to having the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds invite the three Welfare Fund representatives to serve on the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Hyman consulted with several officers of the Joint Distribution Committee, who approved of the idea. He then communicated with Mr. Harry Lurie, Director of the Council, who did not know whether, in view of the fact that the Council did not have any representatives present at the meeting of the U.P.A. and J.D.C. representatives on June 30th, they would want to send out a letter of invitation to the other three members. He undertook to discuss this matter with Mr. Sidney Hollander, President of the Council.

This morning Mr. Hyman advised me that he had heard from Mr. Harry Lurie who, after talking to Mr. Hollander, stated that the Council felt that it did not wish to issue these invitations since the Council was not involved at this time. Accordingly, Mr. Hyman said that all that could be done was to make a note of the fact that the Council had been invited to issue the invitations and that the Council had declined.

The invitations to Messrs. Frederick Greenman, Samuel Markell and Amos Deinard are going out as per the enclosed copy.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EH
Encl.

Similar letter sent to: Mr. Samuel Markell, Boston
Mr. Frederick F. Greenman, New York

July 3, 1941

Mr. Amos Deinard
Leonard, Street and Deinard
Andrus Building, 10th Floor
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Deinard:

At the joint request of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, we address this communication to you and extend to you an invitation to become a member of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal of 1941.

By agreement between the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. provision was made for the allocation of the first \$8,800,000 raised by the United Jewish Appeal. The balance of the funds above that sum is to be divided among the U.P.A., the J.D.C. and the W.R.S. at the sole and exclusive discretion of an Allotment Committee. The allocation of funds provided for within the framework of the first \$8,800,000 is not to be regarded as a precedent or guide by the Allotment Committee in dividing any funds subject to its disposal. It is the intent and purpose of the agreement constituting the United Jewish Appeal that the Allotment Committee shall make such division upon the basis of its own independent study.

The Allotment Committee is to be composed of an equal number of nominees of J.D.C. and U.P.A. and is to include also three representatives of Welfare Fund communities to be approved by the J.D.C. and U.P.A. before said representatives shall become members of the Allotment Committee. The J.D.C. nominees to the Allotment Committee are Dr. Solomon Levenstein of New York and Mr. James H. Becker of Chicago. Their alternates are Messrs. Harold V. Linder and I. Edwin Goldwasser of New York. The U.P.A. representatives on the Allotment Committee are Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland and Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh. Their alternates are Rabbi Israel Goldstein of New York and Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia.

The representatives of the U.P.A. and J.D.C. have met to select the three other representatives and have agreed unanimously on your name. We should be grateful if you would at the earliest moment let us know of your willingness to accept this responsibility.

Mr. Amos Deinard

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July 3, 1941

In view of all the factors involved, we should regard it as of the greatest value that you accept this appointment. Your doing so would render a great service to the Jewish communities of America and to the three causes involved in the United Jewish Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal

Joseph C. Hyman
Executive Vice-Chairman
Joint Distribution Committee

