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July 3, 1941


Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of
a letter which Mr. Samuel Goldsmith addressed
to Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser as Co-Treasurer of
the United Jewish Appeal.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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JEWISH WELFARE FUND
128 North Wells Street
Chicago, Ill.

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June 26, 1941

Mr. I. Edwin Goldwasser, Co-Treasurer
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Ed:

I have the receipt of the United Jewish Appeal for \$199,150, for which I thank you very much.

You state in your letter that you hope that the United Jewish Appeal will "continue to receive the most generous consideration by virtue of the increased requirements of its constituent agencies with which you and our other good friends in Chicago are completely familiar".

I don't believe we are completely familiar with the increased requirements of the constituent agencies of the United Jewish Appeal. Quite to the contrary, there is feeling on the part of many persons here that currently the requirements have much decreased. It would, therefore, be extraordinarily helpful to us if you could have the auditors of the United Palestine Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee, and National Refugee Service each send us a very brief statement indicating exactly how much money has been spent by each of these organizations since the first of the year.

May I call your attention to the fact that I do not believe that information concerning "appropriations made" will be of any service. What we should like to know, in the case of agencies operating overseas, is how much money has actually been sent overseas, and, in the case of the N.R.S., how much money has actually been spent since the first of the year.

I do not anticipate that further remittances will be sent by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago to the United Jewish Appeal until sometime in September.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Samuel A. Goldsmith
Secretary

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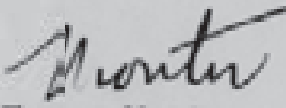
July 3, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom by Mr. Louis E. Spiegler, President of the Seaboard Zionist Region, in regard to the notification that the subsidy to the Seaboard Region had been cut for the balance of the year.

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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SEABOARD ZIONIST REGION
226 Hearst Tower Bldg.
Baltimore, Md.

July 2, 1941

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom, Treasurer
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

Reference is made to your letter of June 20, 1941, conveying the decision of the Budget Committee of the United Palestine Appeal with reference to the subvention of \$1,250, due the Seaboard Region for the period from July 1st to December 31st, 1941.

In view of the importance of this decision to the Seaboard Region, I convened a special meeting of the Administrative Committee in Baltimore on Wednesday evening, July 2nd, at which time we fully discussed the matter. Based upon the action taken by the Administrative Committee, I am pleased to write you as follows.

The records of the Seaboard Region show that the agreement for a subvention of \$2,500 for the year 1941 to the Seaboard Region from the United Palestine Appeal was a continuation of an agreement which was reached with the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal. In the circumstances, I cannot understand why your letter should refer to the fact that the decision to eliminate the subvention for the balance of calendar year 1941 was made by the Budget Committee. I cannot understand by what authority the Budget Committee made this decision. It appears that this action must have been taken without a full knowledge of the relationship existing between the Seaboard Region and the United Palestine Appeal respecting the subvention. Furthermore, in my judgment the action is arbitrary as it nullifies the agreement which has been reached and maintained for a period of years, and which is legally and morally binding, certainly, at least for the calendar year of 1941.

Relying upon this understanding and having full faith and confidence that this agreement would not be arbitrarily done away with, the Seaboard Region, for the year 1941, obligated itself by incurring fixed obligations which must be met and which cannot be curtailed. I am sure that as a good Zionist, you would not want to be a party to a situation where Zionists in this area would have to go back upon their pledged word in incurring the expenditures just mentioned.

In these circumstances, I sincerely and earnestly regret that I cannot accept the decision of the Budget Committee, as it has no authority morally or legally, to have made this decision in view of the uninterrupted and may I say mutually profitable arrangement which has existed between the Seaboard Region and the United Palestine Appeal over these many years.

I share the view with many of my colleagues who have been leaders in this Area on behalf of Palestine and its fund-raising agencies, that the Seaboard Region has more than justified its existence and expenditures.

In order that the work of the Region may proceed without interruption, I shall appreciate it if you will let us have a check for our June and July remittance.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,
(Sgd) Louis E. Spiegel, President

Law Offices

CC: Dr. Silver

LEONARD, STREET AND DEINARD

1036 Andrus Building

Minneapolis, Minn.

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July 7, 1941

Attention:
Messrs. Henry Montor
and Joseph C. Hyman

United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Sirs:

I am responding to yours of July 3. I must confess that I am a little awestruck by the responsibility that must confront the allotment committee, and those who will serve upon it. However, if you feel that your humble servant can make any contribution to its work, I shall be happy to become a member of the committee and do whatever I can.

I shall appreciate knowing the other neutral members of the committee, and what are your tentative plans for the manner of conducting its inquiries, and any meeting schedule that may be known to you.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) AMOS S. DEINARD

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July 11, 1941

Mr. Amos S. Deinard
Leonard, Street and Deinard
1036 Andrus Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Deinard:

We are glad to acknowledge your letter of July 7th and to express appreciation of your acceptance of the invitation to join the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941 as a representative of the Welfare Fund communities. The other two to whom invitations for membership were addressed are Mr. Frederick F. Greenman of New York City and Mr. Samuel Markell of Boston, both of whom have indicated their acceptance.

We are sending you herewith a copy of the agreement constituting the 1941 United Jewish Appeal which indicates the functions and nature of the Allotment Committee.

It is planned to have an early meeting of the Allotment Committee for organization purposes. The Allotment Committee will endeavor to keep you informed as promptly as possible of the planned meetings, but we imagine that these will be dependent upon the schedule which the Allotment Committee itself will determine at its initial organization meeting.

With kindest personal regards, we are

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director
United Palestine Appeal

Joseph C. Hyman
Executive Vice-Chairman
Joint Distribution Committee

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on behalf of
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing for your signature
 the cards requested by the National City Bank to
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With kindest personal regards, I

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Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
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Dear Friends:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal on June 30th, the National Chairmen of the U. J. A. were instructed to appoint a sub-committee to look into the problem of combined campaigns for all causes which is beginning to represent an issue in many communities in the country starting with Cincinnati.

It was the feeling of the Executive Committee that the issue was of an emergency nature and that it was desirable to have a committee investigate the problem as thoroughly as possible. The sub-committee was empowered to call for another meeting of the Executive Committee of the U.J.A. as soon as its findings were completed.

I am reminding you of the contents of the minutes so that you may join in naming a sub-committee for the purpose herein indicated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor

Henry Montor
 Executive Vice-Chairman

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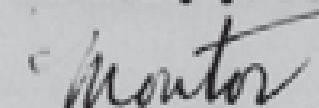
Under separate cover, there is being sent to you a letter on United Jewish Appeal stationery, addressed to both Rabbi Wise and yourself, reminding you of the necessity of appointing a sub-committee to deal promptly with the question of the combined campaign, whose first manifestation is to occur in Cincinnati. You will recall that you told the Executive Committee that you regarded the issue as emergency in character. I agree with you completely, because unless some counteraction is taken, the United Jewish Appeal may be wholly stripped of any power to act, owing to the fact that we have acted too late.

Do you believe that the committee should consist of three, five or more members? My own feeling is that to have a committee of more than five would be too unwieldy and would not actually result in a discussion of the issue. Ordinarily, New Yorkers ought to be appointed to this committee. But my own experience has been that though it may be possible, it would certainly be difficult to get New Yorkers to attend meetings devoted to what some of them regard as "philosophical" problems. Actually, of course, these problems are highly practical and concrete, as well as immediate.

What do you think of having Rabbi Heller and Charles Rosenbloom represent the UPA on this sub-committee?

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EE

July 8, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Have you checked up on Mr. Eli Ginsberg?
It is important that we know as much as we can know
about him in the very near future as a decision will
have to be made. Dr. Lowenstein writes me that he
called up Fred Greenman "and explained to him the
work of the Allotment Committee. He said he would
be willing to accept the appointment as one of the
neutral members." I do not like the idea of Dr.
Lowenstein offering the position. We had agreed
on writing to the neutral members, and the matter
should follow through the regular procedure. The
invitation was to have been extended by the Council
of Federations and Welfare Funds.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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July 8, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter dated June 4th from Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, together with an accompanying copy of an enclosure.

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(Translated from Hebrew)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF RABBI
2 Melchett St.
Tel Aviv
29.5.41

Eliezer Kaplan, Esq., Treasurer
Jewish Agency for Palestine
Jerusalem

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

It was with great satisfaction that I received the information that the Executive of the Jewish Agency has decided to support the Yeshivoth in Palestine and to make the allocations to them. I see in this decision one of the most important steps taken by the Zionist movement in recent times. As I have expressed it to you at our recent meetings, this decision testifies to the fact that the united Zionist entity is concerning itself with the spiritual possessions of our people and that the movement derives its very essence and strength from our Holy Torah.

At this time when the institutions of the Torah in the Diaspora have been destroyed, the great task rests upon us to educate the guardians of the Torah in Eretz Israel, that, Heaven forbid, the Light of Israel and of the Torah be not extinguished.

I am pleased to learn that my great friend Rabbi J. L. Hacohen Fishman, the leader of our movement and one of its founders, who represents religious Jewry in the Jewish Agency, is to deal with and supervise this holy task. I am sure that the Agency will support Rabbi Fishman in his work and increase its support for those institutions who are creating the soul of our people.

I would ask you to be good enough to convey to all the members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency my heartfelt thanks for the decision they have taken and my warm personal greetings.

With best wishes for a Happy Festival,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) M. A. Amiel
CHIEF RABBI

I understand that Rabbi Fishman, who generally speaks in the Executive for Yeshivoth, considers these allotments to be satisfactory, in view of the present situation. I am sending you translation of a letter from Rabbi M. A. Amiel, Chief Rabbi of the Tel Aviv District, concerning our allotment for Yeshivoth.

However, we must insist that appropriations for Palestinian purposes from Zionist funds can and should be made only by Headquarters here. As you know I have always adopted this principle and I feel that it should hold good especially in the present grave situation.

I am receiving the material sent by you for which I thank you heartily. I read it with great interest and I regret that I do not find the time to write to you as I would like to do. I shall try to do so within the next few days.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) E. Kaplan



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JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
P. O. Box 92
Jerusalem

June 4, 1941

Henry Montor, Esq.
41 East 42nd St.
New York City

Dear Montor:

I received your letter of the 1st of May regarding an allocation for the Hebrew University. We cabled you and Mr. Goldstein on the 19th May as follows:

"Agree University allocation \$15,000 1941 condition Joint participation as last year.

Ussishkin, Hantke, Kaplan"

The above telegram was sent to you after consultation with Dr. Senator on behalf of the University who agreed to its contents. This no doubt disposes of the demand of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

I am in receipt of your telegram dated the 13th May with regard to Rabbi Herzog, and have replied as follows:

"Re Herzog in principle categorically opposed UPA making any appropriations Palestinian purposes which exclusive right Executive and Funds other ordered budgeting impossible. Especially so when now compelled cut appropriations even urgent emergency needs.

Ussishkin, Hantke, Kaplan"

and:

"continuing our todays re Herzog Agency approached here with demand allocate £500 monthly for same purpose have already paid £1000 intend allocate additional £1000. Further appropriations under discussion.
Kaplan"

The situation of the Yeshivoh is very difficult, but we have to face very grave problems these days and to take decisions in the light of the urgency of the needs. However, we have already paid £1000 this year to the Yeshivoh and we recently allocated another £1,000 to them. I understand that Rabbi Herzog has also approached the South African Zionist Federation for a contribution for the same purpose. The problem of the Yeshivoh is now under discussion here. The demand put before us by Rabbi Fishman and others is for £500 per month, and we intend to allot for the Yeshivoh another £1,000 to £1,500 when we receive further moneys from South Africa.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your suggestion I met today with Professor Eli Ginzberg who teaches economics at Columbia University. He is the son of Professor Louis Ginzberg of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

He was recommended for the post of Director of Inquiry of the 1941 Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. The first one who mentioned his name was Harry L. Lurie, Director of the Council of Federations; and the other person who recommended him highly is Dr. Solomon Lowenstein.

Professor Ginzberg is approximately thirty-five years of age. He has a very attractive personality both in feature and in approach. He received his finishing education at Heidelberg and spent a number of years in Europe in connection with certain economic projects which he was investigating. He has just received a substantial grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to initiate a survey of economic effects of migration. Although he has several important projects calling for his services, he seems to regard the UJA undertaking as an obligation upon him as a Jew, which he could not refuse if he were called upon to perform the service.

An inkling into his outlook is provided by a series of statements he made during our luncheon conversation. It is clear that he is not too familiar with Jewish life or with Jewish organizations. He has a general sympathy for Palestine but is not too informed on the details of its growth. I stated that the United Palestine Appeal was interested in objectivity and was concerned that there should not be any pressure of prestige of wealth to modify findings. In this connection Ginzberg observed that he had had an opportunity to study Jews of wealth at close range and was not very likely to be unduly impressed. He indicated that he had no use for people like Judge Proskauer and James Marshall, who he felt have a completely wrong slant on Jewish life.

I next called attention to the possibility that the National Refugee Service might want to set up, as a basic criterion for distribution, the closeness of the refugee problem in America to American interests, thus justifying priority for National Refugee Service requirements. Ginzberg observed that presumably this arose out of the

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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fear of assimilationists that their position in America would be affected.

Ginzberg declared that he had stated to Dr. Lowenstein - and asked the latter to convey to you - his view of the Inquiry problem. He sees no advantage in the compilation of enormous quantities of statistics, which was the tack followed last year by Elisha Friedman. He believes that Friedman wasted a great deal of time last year in gathering material that was of no value. He thinks that the report when it was finally written was much too bulky and contained a great deal of irrelevant material, not the least of which were quotations from medieval philosophers. There will be occasions when he will require the submission by the organizations of data in response to specific questions.

As he sees it, the job is largely a "thinking" job which will involve the weighing of various factors which are more important than the figures themselves.

He will require a limited staff that will consist of someone whom he has known for a long time, who knows Hebrew and Yiddish and is a Zionist. He may also require an accountant who will examine for him the validity of statistics that may be submitted by the three organizations. He thinks that the job should occupy about two months, at the end of which there should be available a report which at a quick reading should give the essence of his study.

In commenting upon a certain economist Ginzberg remarked that he belonged to the Brookings Institution. To him that seemed to be a disparaging remark, for he regards the Brookings Institution as a Republican propaganda outfit.

Ginzberg indicated that he wants to spend a great deal of time talking to representatives of the various organizations in order to deal with the broader aspects of their problems instead of being lost in a series of meaningless figures.

He indicated that he has the highest regard for Judge Mack and that he feels very friendly toward Dr. Solomon Goldman with whom he said he proposes to spend some time this summer in Maine. He also spoke in high terms of Dr. Stephen Wise who he said managed to bring him over to America when he was stranded in Europe at the outbreak of the war.

My conclusion is as follows: Ginzberg will require a great deal more time than he realizes to equip himself with a full knowledge of organizational background as well as facts of Jewish life. He seems to be a nice person to deal with and on some subjects is naive. Considering the fact that no other person seems to be available at the moment for the job and no one else has been suggested, I would cast my vote in favor of Ginzberg, always recognizing that it is difficult to arrive at judgments on the basis of a two-hour conversation.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Foster
Executive Director

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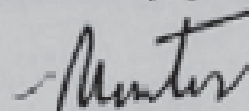
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With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:JB

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(Original letter and enclosures sent to Cleveland)

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41 EAST 42nd STREET
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July 11, 1941

Dr. Solomon Lowenstein
Federation
71 West 47th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Lowenstein:

In accordance with your suggestion I am herewith sending you a written memorandum referring to our telephone conversation of this morning:

Dr. Silver endeavored to reach you last night but it was rather late and he could not get in touch with you. He wanted to inform you that he had met with Professor Eli Ginsberg and would suggest that you draft a letter on behalf of yourself and himself inviting Professor Ginsberg to assume the post of Director of Inquiry of the 1941 Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

You will recall that at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the U.P.A. it was decided to appoint a committee of three to meet with Mr. Gluska to hear his complaints about the treatment in Palestine.

What three men would you like to put on this committee? How about three people like David Wertheim, Rabbi Irving Miller and Mr. Sol Cohen?

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July 18, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I received your telegram informing me of the Organization meeting of the Allotment Committee on July 31. I shall in all probability not be able to attend that meeting. Please arrange to have one of our alternates present and advise both Mr. Rosenbloom and the alternate about the procedure. They should not agree to any large scope for the Research Committee such as was had last year. Questions of evaluation should be held down to a minimum, and the Research Director should not bring in any specific recommendations as to the actual distribution of the funds. Our people should insist on comparable reports from all three agencies, the forms to be approved of by the Allotment Committee before they are submitted to the agencies.

At this initial meeting of the Allotment Committee the NRS should of course not be represented. No questions as to priority of payments should be entertained, and no linking up of the work with last year's research, thereby bringing Elisha Friedman into the picture again.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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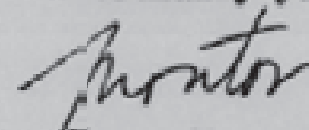
Dear Dr. Silver:

As you will note from a wire that was sent to you today under the names of Hyman and myself, the date of July 31st has been set for a meeting of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

I think it of the utmost importance that you be present to set the moral tone for the meeting and so that Eli Ginzberg does not get any strange notions as to who the dominant power in the Committee is.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EE

July 21, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a cable which I received from Chief Rabbi Herzog.

With reference to the appointment of a committee to meet with Mr. Gluska I would suggest that you include in that committee, along with those mentioned in your letter, Mr. Friedberg.

In the letters which you sent to me by Jonah Wise to Mr. Ittelson there is reference to a contribution which Mr. Percy Straus made to the National Refugee Service. How much was that contribution, and has it been turned over to the United Jewish Appeal?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ANS:BK
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July 31, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

It is with deepest regret that I read your letter of July 18th, saying that "in all probability" you will not be able to attend the meeting of the Allotment Committee on July 31st. I hope I am not guilty of too strong language when I express my belief that your absence would be disastrous. The others on the Allotment Committee, with all their competence, are new to the procedures. They will have to deal with a skilled veteran like Dr. Lowenstein who, with all the aura of a wise old father, can put over some of the most amazing legalistic tricks.

What will happen to the Allotment Committee this year will be determined by the July 31st meeting. This proved true in 1940, when everything that Elisha Friedman did subsequently, he declared he had authority for from the minutes of the first meeting of the Allotment Committee in 1940.

I know that you have been subjected to a great deal of pressure this year and deserve all the rest you can get. I realize also the special problem this Summer because of the illness of Mrs. Silver.

But I do beg of you, if at all possible, to endeavor to be present at the July 31st meeting. May I have reassuring word from you? I shall be grateful for a wire of encouragement to that effect.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:EE

July 22, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your letter of July 21 - you may recall that when you spoke to long distance about having an organization meeting of the Allotment Committee at this time, I expressed my doubts as to the advisability of holding it just now. I thought it could well wait a few weeks. I further suggested to you that I was very tired and that I wanted a little vacation. It looks now as though I will be able to get ten or twelve days up in Maine beginning next Sunday when Mrs. Silver and I will visit our children in their camp. Mrs. Silver will simply not permit me to break in on that short vacation period by coming down to New York for a meeting.

I still don't know what the rush was about holding a meeting at this time. Mr. Ginzberg knows exactly what he is to do and he has been authorized to proceed. The meeting could well have waited until the end of August.

If the meeting can not be postponed, I would suggest that you instruct our representatives at this meeting fully so that they will know how to conduct themselves.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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July 23, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your letter of July 21st, notes have been sent to Messrs. David Wertheim, Irving Miller, Sol Cohen and David Freiburger, advising them that you have appointed them members of a committee to meet with Mr. Z. Gluska with regard to statements he wishes to make on the status of the Yemenite Jews in Palestine.

Mr. Percy Straus sent a check for \$2,500 to the National Refugee Service, which was turned over to the New York United Jewish Appeal.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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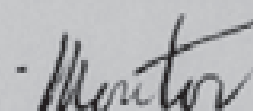
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter from Rabbi Isador Breslan, asking the United Palestine Appeal to designate three delegates with voting power to the Zionist Convention. This is the annual procedure.

Judge Rothenberg, who has usually been delegated by the United Palestine Appeal for that purpose, has asked if he could be named a delegate this year. What two other people do you wish to name as the United Palestine Appeal representatives?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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1720-16th Street, N.W.

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Washington, D. C.

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July 30, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Nat'l Chairman, U.P.A.
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Silver:

We wish to take this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to your Organization to be represented by three delegates with voting power at the forty-fourth Annual Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, to be held at the Hotel Gibson, Cincinnati, Ohio, from September 6th to the 9th inclusive.

We will greatly appreciate your notifying us of the names of your delegates on or before August 15th, 1941.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Isadore Breslau

Isadore Breslau
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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(dictated August 1, 1941.)

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am leaving on my vacation. There are plenty of competent people in the office to carry on with whatever needs to be done during this period. I shall look forward to seeing you during your next visit to New York, which I assume will be the early part of September.

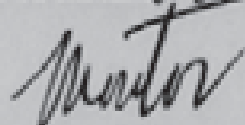
A meeting of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal was held on Thursday, July 31, with Mr. Rosenbloom and Judge Rothenberg representing the United Palestine Appeal, Mr. Linder and Dr. Lowenstein representing the Joint Distribution Committee, and Samuel Markell and Frederick Greenman representing the Welfare Funds. Mr. Amos Deinard did not make the trip from Minneapolis.

I was not present at the meeting, but I am informed that the following were the major decisions:

1. Frederick Greenman was named Chairman and Eli Ginzberg was named Secretary. Ginzberg was confirmed as Director of the Inquiry.
2. A great deal of the time of the Committee was spent on a statement by Mr. Linder raising the "cash position" of the National Refugee Service. Judge Rothenberg had to speak up rather vigorously to halt an interminable propaganda flow.
3. Discussion was given to the framework of the Inquiry.
4. The 1940 Allotment Committee was ordered dissolved and its possessions in money and records turned over to the United Jewish Appeal.
5. A tentative time schedule was submitted by Professor Ginzberg involving submission by the organizations of material not later than September 10. The preparation of a tentative report by Ginzberg was scheduled by October 1, and a meeting of the Allotment Committee by October 15.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

August 11, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I hope that you are having a restful vacation. I have just completed mine and I feel better for the two weeks rest which I have had.

I read the report of the first meeting of the Allocations Committee. As I expected, the NRS was immediately projected into the discussion. These were the same tactics which were pursued last year. Rosenwald has evidently been on the heels of Ginzberg from the very first day of his appointment. Ginzberg should be tactfully warned -- as I tried to do in my interview with him -- of the relentless high pressure methods of the NRS. He should be admonished that the NRS is only a beneficiary of the campaign and that the funds are not collected to satisfy first the full needs of the NRS and then what is left, if any is left, to be distributed among the JDC and the UPA. I was sorry to see that Ginzberg presented the financial status of the NRS at this first meeting of the Allocations Committee without at the same time saying anything about the needs of the JDC and the UPA.

Even more important is it to bring to the attention of Mr. Fred Greenman these tactics of the NRS to stampede the Allocations Committee into all out aid to the NRS under the plea of its "particular plight", and the loans which it has made, etc. I believe that an informal talk by Judge Rothenberg with Greenman might be very helpful.

Judging from the statement of Dr. Lowenstein, the plan is to make the NRS "the heart of the distribution problem this year." This must not be tolerated. I note that the subject of priority payments to the NRS was also introduced thus early in the proceedings. I note that Dr. Lowenstein made a perfectly false reply to a question asked by Mr. Greenman. Mr. Greenman asked "whether the Allotment Committee had the authority to grant priorities to one of these organizations of the monies coming into the UJA." Dr. Lowenstein remarked "that the Allotment Committee had the authority to do anything it chose to do and that last year it had granted accelerated payments to the NRS out of the funds of the 1940 campaign -- namely

Mr. Montor

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the NRS had been given cash priorities." This is a false and misleading statement as the findings of the Allotment Committee for 1940, issued on January 31, 1941, and published in the Inquiry of the United Jewish Appeal, page b, indicate. "It appeared that the immediate problems of that beneficiary could be met by an acceleration of payments of the amounts still to be paid from the original allotments made by the United Jewish Appeal and the local New York campaign. The representatives of the JDC and the UPA agreed to recommend such an acceleration of payment to their principals, and since the meeting of December 7, arrangements have been made in this connection." The decision of whether priority payments should be made was thus left to the JDC and the UPA, and not to the Allotment Committee.

The Jewish press has been flooded in recent weeks with articles and pictures about the work of the NRS and the JDC. This is all a build-up for pressure work on the Allotment Committee. I note that the JDC has also been playing up the fact that it has been aiding emigration of thousands to Palestine. I think it is important that during the next two months, particularly prior to the High Holy Days, special articles and pictures appear in the Jewish press about the work of the UPA, of what it is doing for the refugees who coming to Palestine, and of the number of refugees that are coming; also the money spent on their reception, care, housing, retraining, etc. etc.

With reference to designating three delegates to the ZOA, I would suggest Judge Rothenberg, Charles J. Rosenbloom, perhaps Simon Shetzer or Joe Weingarten, or someone else from the South or Southwest.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

August 22, 1941.

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am sending you a copy of letter
which I sent to Rabbi Jonah Wise. I would appreciate
receiving from you word as to the actual status of receipts.
by the U.J.A.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Cordially yours,

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Encl.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

In the absence of Mr. Montor, I wish to call your attention to the enclosed pictorial and news and feature material which has been issued on the work of the United Palestine Appeal to the English-Jewish press, during the past ten days, in accordance with your suggestions.

I am also enclosing a copy of an excerpt, which I took the liberty of making from your recent book, for the New Year editions of the English-Jewish press.

Sincerely yours,

Hyman S. Engel
Meyer T. Steinfeld

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August 25, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The Perth Amboy, New Jersey, campaign is one of the earliest of the Fall season. For several years this community has been hoping and praying that it might have you to open its campaign. It raises approximately \$35,000. It could raise more. In proportion to its size it does better than most of the New Jersey communities.

Would it be possible for you to accept their invitation any time before the middle of September? The date could suit your own convenience. Perth Amboy is a short car distance from New York. If it is at all possible for you to make it, I believe it will be worth your while and that of the United Jewish Appeal.

Hoping to hear favorably from you, I am,

Cordially yours,

Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

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The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your request of August 22nd, I send you the following figures as to the receipts of the United Jewish Appeal, with comparative figures as between 1940 and 1941 covering both National and New York City income:

Cash received by United Jewish Appeal, from January 1st, 1941 to August 22nd, 1941, on account of 1941 U.J.A.:

National	\$2,718,693.93
New York City	<u>2,335,350.00</u>
Total	\$5,054,043.93

Cash received by United Jewish Appeal, from January 1st, 1941 to August 22nd, 1941, on account of 1940 campaign:

National	\$2,923,852.20
New York City	<u>2,150,000.00</u>
National Refugee	750,000.00
Service received directly from New York City	
Total	<u>\$5,823,852.20</u>

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Montor

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August 25, 1941.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of a report which I have sent to Mr. Carl Alpert, Managing Editor of The New Palestine, at his request.

I regret that the dispatch of this report was delayed up to this time because of my absence from the city. Although I am still officially on vacation, I rushed it through because The New Palestine goes to press on August 26th.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM/BOM
Enc.

**REPORT OF UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL TO ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA**

Continuing the form of campaign which it conducted in 1939 and 1940, the United Palestine Appeal is raising its funds in 1941 through the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees, Overseas Needs and Palestine, which also includes the Joint Distribution Committee and the National Refugee Service.

At the close of 1940 after a series of discussions as to the nature of the agreement constituting the United Jewish Appeal, and after it had been emphasized that the war-time necessities of the Yishuv required greater consideration from American Jewry than was forthcoming in 1940, it was resolved to conduct an independent campaign for the United Palestine Appeal. Such a fund-raising effort was announced and launched. Subsequently, a great deal of pressure was brought upon the agencies constituting the United Jewish Appeal to urge them to return to the unified form of campaigning in which they had engaged in the two previous years. When discussions arising out of these efforts eventuated in an acceptance of the point of view of the United Palestine Appeal, the independent campaign was abandoned and the United Jewish Appeal was reconstituted in March.

The agreement for 1941 provides that the first funds of the United Jewish Appeal shall be allocated as follows:

\$2,525,000 to the United Palestine Appeal
4,375,000 to the Joint Distribution Committee
2,000,000 to the National Refugee Service

The sum allotted to the National Refugee Service also includes its participation in the New York City UJA Campaign. In 1940, the first funds were allocated as follows:

\$2,500,000 to the United Palestine Appeal
5,250,000 to the Joint Distribution Committee
3,500,000 to the National Refugee Service, including
\$1,000,000 from the New York City Campaign

The sum above \$8,800,000 will be divided by an Allocations Committee composed of the following: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Charles J. Rosenbloom, members for the United Palestine Appeal; Dr. Solomon Bernstein and James H. Becker for the Joint Distribution Committee; and Frederick Greenman, New York; Amos Delmed, Minneapolis; and Samuel Markell, Boston, representing the Welfare Fund communities. The alternates are: Dr. Israel Goldstein and Judge Louis H. Leventhal of Philadelphia for the United Palestine Appeal; and I. Edwin Goldwasser and Harold Binder for the Joint Distribution Committee.

In the early stages of the campaign, the officers of the United Palestine Appeal determined on the wisdom of continuing and expanding educational activities. As a result, a program was evolved that included closer contact between national headquarters and the individual communities and regions through field representatives, a widespread distribution of literature, films and similar promotion and educational material, as well as a comprehensive system of providing speakers to communities either during campaign periods or at other times. The United Palestine Appeal also continued the publication of a monthly called U.P.A. Report, designed to keep the key leaders of American Jewry in regular touch with the activities of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth in Palestine, which receive the funds for their programs from the United Palestine Appeal.

A review of the income of the United Palestine Appeal during the period of the United Jewish Appeal shows the following:

1) As a result of the 1939 campaign, the United Palestine Appeal was allotted the sum of \$4,000,000 out of a total sum raised of \$16,227,019.69. As of August 15, 1941 the United Palestine Appeal had received on account of that allotment the sum of \$3,922,833.33.

2) Out of a total income of \$14,167,168.11 to the United Jewish Appeal in 1940, the United Palestine Appeal was allotted a total of \$2,900,000. Toward that sum the United Palestine Appeal had received on August 15, 1941 the sum of \$2,640,000..

3) toward the initial allotment of \$2,225,000 for 1941, the United Palestine Appeal had received \$1,237,280.00 as of August 15, 1941.

The terms of the Internal United Palestine Appeal agreement between the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth were virtually similar to those in 1940, all income being divided equally between the two national funds after the payment of certain allocations and subsidies. The latter include a grant of \$125,000 to the Histvaohi Palestine Fund for expenditure in Palestine. The Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth also made a total contribution of \$15,000 for 1941 to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The United Palestine Appeal voted the sum of \$25,000 to Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog for relief to the old Yishuv. The Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs was financed by the United Palestine Appeal to the extent of \$25,000, and by the Keren Hayesod to the amount of \$10,000. Grants to Zionist Organizations for the maintenance of educational programs useful to the United Palestine Appeal included \$54,000 to the Zionist Organization of America, \$9,800 to the Histvaohi Organization of America, and \$9,800 to the Poale Zion. The sum of \$1,200 was also allotted to the Hashomer Hatzair for its activities. Supplementing the expenditures of the Jewish Agency in Palestine and elsewhere for immigration purposes, the United Palestine Appeal provided funds to help in the emigration from Kovnos, Lithuania, of 995 men, women and children, all of whom have since found their way to Palestine.

The financial report of the United Palestine Appeal for the period from January 1, 1941 to August 15, 1941, including the receipts from allotments from the United Jewish Appeal from previous years, and the receipts of the Jewish National Fund, shows the following: total cash receipts of \$2,475,980.40; remittances to the Keren Hayesod of \$1,097,950.00; and to the Keren Kayemeth of \$1,097,950.00. The balance represents payments made on account of grants, allotments and expenditures.

The participation by the United Palestine Appeal in the United Jewish Appeal campaign has been reflected in innumerable ways. There has been the

participation of the national officers of the United Palestine Appeal in the opening and in the conduct of campaigns. Travelling from coast to coast as did Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who is National Co-Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, as well as National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, these officers stirred American Jewish communities to an enlarged understanding of their responsibilities, and contributed notably to the manner in which these campaigns have been concluded successfully in many communities. The United Jewish Appeal continues to be an equal partnership between the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee, and its administration, personnel and conduct reflect that relationship in speakers, in publicity and in contacts.

Perhaps the most notable contribution made to the success of the United Jewish Appeal campaigns in 1941 by the United Palestine Appeal has been the uninterrupted progress of the upbuilding activities in Palestine. Although there were times when the edge of war crept closer to Palestine's shores, and even though anxiety for the future has not been stilled, the Yishuv has gone forward with the building of colonies, the acquisition of land and the expansion of its agricultural, industrial and economic machinery so that it might continue to play a worthy and heroic role in safeguarding that sector of the worldwide struggle against Nazism. The valor of the thousands of Palestine Jews enlisted in the British forces and fighting on all the Middle Eastern fronts fired the imagination of American Jews with its symbolic value as indicating the spirit with which Jews must respond to the critical time in which they live. The experience of the United Palestine Appeal during the past year indicates the continuing necessity for the most active participation and leadership by Zionists, as well as non-Zionists, in the communal structure of American Jewish life. It has been gratifying to see increasing numbers of leaders in the Palestine upbuilding movement playing outstanding roles in the conduct of welfare and other types of campaigns in their communities. With the emergence of the Wel-

fare Fund as the key to fund-raising in the largest number of American Jewish communities, it has grown ever clearer that one of the ways in which Zionists may meet their responsibilities to Palestine and fund-raising for its program is through wholehearted and effective participation in the Welfare Fund machinery as officers, as contributors and as workers.

The officers of the United Palestine Appeal for 1941 are as follows:

National Chairman, Abba Hillel Silver; National Co-Chairmen, Stephen S. Wise, Chairman, Administrative Committee; Louis Lipsky, Chairman, Executive Committee; Solomon Goldman, Israel Goldstein, Edmund I. Kaufmann, Morris Rothenberg; Honorary Chairmen, Albert Einstein, Herbert H. Lehman, Julian W. Mack, Henry Monck, Nathan Straus, Henrietta Szold; Vice Chairmen, Barnett R. Brickner, Leon Gellman, James G. Heller, Edward L. Israel, Louis E. Levinthal, Charles Rees, Eliah D. Stone, Joe Weingarten, David Wertheim; Treasurer, Charles J. Rosenbloom; Associate Treasurers, Abraham L. Liebovitz, Jacob Sincoff; Executive Director, Henry Montor.

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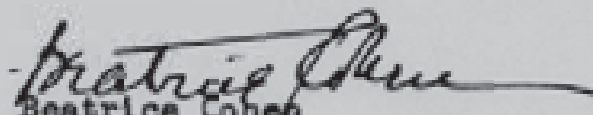
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

To avoid any possibility that a copy of the attached letter from Dr. Solomon Lowenstein was not forwarded to you directly in Cleveland, I am sending this on to you herewith for your information.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Beatrice Cohen
Secretary to Mr. Montor

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71 West 47th St.
New York City

August 15, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have your letter of August 11th. There is no question that factually you are correct in your statement and that my memory was faulty in making the statement which you quote with respect to the item from the minutes of the meeting of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal held on July 31, 1941.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Ginsberg so that he may insert your letter, of which you sent him a copy, and of this reply in the minutes of the next meeting as a correction.

However, while I agree with you as to your factual statement I do not agree with your interpretation that had the Allotment Committee of last year chosen to do so it might not have taken action directly instead of making the recommendation through the two participating bodies, nor do I believe that the Allotment Committee is without power to take any action it chooses, this year in accordance with the terms of the contract.

I have a copy before me of the contract for 1940 and therefore I make the above statement subject to any correction due to terms of the contract which may be in contradiction to it.

As to your comment upon Mr. Linder's presentation of the plight of the NRS and the last paragraph of your letter, I can say only that as a member of the Committee Mr. Linder was certainly at liberty to make the statement he did and if there had been any thought that it was out of order it would lie within the province of the Chairman of the Committee to indicate that.

With kindest greetings, I am

Yours truly,

(Sgd) Solomon Lowenstein

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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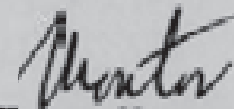
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of an
invitation which I received from the
Zionist Organization of America.

Shall I accept? Could you wire me?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

1720-16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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August 28, 1941

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

Dear Montor:

Dr. Heller, Chairman of the Program Committee, asked me to inform you that the Convention would greatly appreciate hearing a 15 minute report on the United Palestine Appeal, by you, at the first session on Sunday, September 7th, at 10:00 A.M. Originally the time set aside for this was Tuesday afternoon, September 9th.

Kindly confirm this arrangement as soon as possible.

With Zion's Greetings, I am

Most cordially yours,

(signed)

H. A. Schulson

HS:OS

August 26, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Thank you so much for your letter of August 25 giving me the cash receipts of the U.J.A. I should like to know how much was distributed by the U.J.A. to the three beneficiaries during the same period of time.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:me

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Cleveland, Ohio,
August 27, 1941.

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

Of course accept the invitation from the Zionist Organization

Silver.

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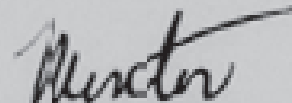
Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with your request of August 26th, attached hereto are the figures showing the disbursements by the U.J.A. to the three agencies, and also the disbursements for the same period during 1940.

In order to make the record complete, there are appended cash allocations made in 1941 and 1940 on account of previous campaigns. This gives a complete picture of cash income of the three agencies during comparable periods of 1940 and 1941.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:CJB
Encls.

CASH ALLOTMENTS TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AGENCIES
January 1, 1941 - August 22, 1941

<u>1941 ACCOUNT</u>	<u>1940 ACCOUNT</u>	<u>1939 ACCOUNT</u>
<u>JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE</u>		
\$2,180,250	\$1,825,000	\$ 80,000
<u>UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL</u>		
1,287,750	845,000	40,000
<u>NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE</u>		
1,020,000	567,500*	

*Includes \$50,000 from New York

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THIS PERIOD:

J.D.C. - \$4,085,250.00
 U.P.A. - 2,172,750.00
 N.R.S. - 1,587,500.00

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CASH ALLOTMENTS TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AGENCIES
January 1, 1940 - August 22, 1940

1940 ACCOUNT

1939 ACCOUNT

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

\$2,415,000

\$1,955,666.67

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

1,150,000

927,833.33

NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE

National

New York City

1,150,000 + 750,000

1,900,000

60,000

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THIS PERIOD:

J.D.C. - \$4,370,666.67

U. P.A. - 2,077,833.33

N.R.S. - 1,960,000.00

August 28, 1941.

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I regret that I will not be able
to address the campaign meeting of the Perth Amboy
community.

Very truly yours,

AHS:ne

P.S. I have just learned that Mr. Ed Warburg is making
a tour of a number of cities in October. He has requested
the J.D.C. representatives in Cleveland to arrange a meeting
for him.

August 28, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith an item which appears in today's J.T.A. about the so-called Youth Division of the J.D.C. The J.D.C. seems to be taking credit for the Junior Division which exists in many communities in connection not with the campaigns for J.D.C. but with their Jewish welfare funds. They are as much part of the U.P.A. and all other beneficiaries of welfare fund campaigns as they are of the J.D.C. The Publicity Department of the J.D.C. has certainly been busy in the last few months.

I am also enclosing herewith a letter which I sent to Rabbi Jonah Wise in reply to the one which he sent to me.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:ne

Encl.

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from Judge Levinthal. Should Judge Levinthal be advised to tell the Council of Federations that he has resigned from the Board and will not participate in any of its meetings.

Have you heard any further from Mr. Blaustein, Mr. Hollander or any other officer of the Council with respect to the national budgeting plan?

Looking forward to word from you so that I may inform Judge Levinthal of your view in the matter, I am,

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Henry Montor
Executive Director

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JUDGES' CHAMBERS
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS NO. 6
City Hall
Philadelphia

Louis E. Levinthal
Judge

8-27-41

(Handwritten)

Dear Henry:

The enclosed letter and card arrived this morning. Apparently Hollander has not taken my name from the list of directors. Dr. Silver certainly made it clear to him that the UPA would not be represented on the Council's Board.

I think I indicated clearly enough that I was through.

Do you think I should wire (?) Lurie or do you think I should ignore the inquiry?

With kind personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Louis

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS
165 West 46 Street
New York City

August 26, 1941

FROM: H.L.LURIE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 27 and 28 have been suggested as the dates for the fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council. The plans are to have our meeting begin Saturday evening and continue through Sunday.

Will you kindly fill in and return the enclosed postcard so that we may know whether the date is promising for a good attendance and also your preference of the suggested meeting places.

POST CARD:

I can
cannot attend meeting of the Board if it is held
September 27-28, 1941.

Check preference for city of meeting in order 1,2,3.

Chicago _____
Cleveland _____
Detroit _____

Signed _____

August 29, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

I am enclosing herewith letter from the Independent Jewish Press Service requesting a subsidy from the United Palestine Appeal. Please present it at the next meeting of the Administrative Committee of the U.P.A.

I am also enclosing a letter of Harold F. Linder. I am inclined to think that Mr. Linder, in referring to the assets of the J.D.C., "let the cat out of the bag". The J.D.C. has holdings in quite a number of subsidiaries, etc. I wish you would get one of our German bloodhounds to trace down these assets in a very thorough and exact manner. This will be very helpful for presentation to the Allotment Committee.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

AHS:me
Encls.

August 29, 1941.

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

In reply to your letter of August 28, Judge Levinthal has resigned from the Council of Federations and the Council was informed of that fact. Judge Levinthal should ignore the form letter which was sent to him.

I wrote to Mr. Blaustein a few weeks ago asking him for his reactions to the memo which I sent him. His reply is enclosed herewith. I shall probably hear from him before long.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:me

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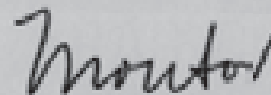
Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a draft of a covering letter for the various material being compiled for submission to Professor Ginzberg. It is intended to be as brief as possible, with complete reliance on the figures themselves. We had agreed earlier that there was to be no formal and extended argumentative approach to the members of the Allotment Committee, as was the case last year. This is intended to avoid the competitive documents which seemed to confuse the members of the Allotment Committee, and seemed to serve as the basis for additional organizational pressure.

This letter should be sent to Professor Ginzberg by next Wednesday or Thursday, at the latest. May I have any corrections that you think should be incorporated?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET
encl.

D R A F T

Professor Eli Ginzberg, Director of Research
Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Professor Ginzberg:

In addition to the great variety of material already made available to you for a study of the expenditures of the United Palestine Appeal and of the agencies financed in Palestine, I am submitting to you herewith the following material:

- (1) An itemized consolidated account of the income and expenditures of the national funds for the fiscal period beginning October 1, 1940 and ending March 31, 1941.
- (2) A similar consolidated account of the income and expenditures of these agencies for the month of April, 1941.
- (3) A consolidated account of the income and expenditures of these agencies for the month of May, 1941.
- (4) A tabulated account of the disbursements of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth by months for the period from January 1, 1940 through June, 1941.
- (5) A description of the needs of the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth for 1941 in terms of the current situation, and in the light of previous expenditures.
- (6) A copy of a letter dated July 7, 1941 from Mr. David Bahral of the Treasury Department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, giving a more detailed description of the items of income and expenditure which appear in the consolidated accounts above referred to.
- (7) A supplement by A. Ulitzur of the Treasury Department of the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem to his extremely important analysis of the expenditures of Keren Hayesod during the 20 years ended in 1940. The supplementary statement is contained in a letter dated July 16, 1941, to which is appended an advance copy of the material reviewing income and expenditures of the National Funds for the entire period beginning October, 1917 and ending September, 1940, as it will appear in a forthcoming issue of the Bulletin of the Economic Research Institute of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.
- (8) An analysis of the collections of South Africa for Jewish purposes outside of the Union of South Africa for the years 1937 through March 1941. It is instructive to note the major emphasis placed by the generous Jews of South Africa on the support of the upbuilding of the Jewish national home in Palestine, as compared with all other overseas activities in behalf of Jews.

- (9) A summary of official figures reviewing various aspects of the development of Palestine for the period ending September, 1940. It should be noted that some of these figures end in 1937 or 1938, or do not take into account the total of Jewish immigration, but generally speaking this summary provides a bird's-eye view of the progress of the Jewish community of Palestine in the fundamental fields of activity.

It is clear from the reports that have been and are being submitted to you that Jewish upbuilding activities in Palestine during a period of war and crisis are suffering extreme hardship as a result of the increased failure of American Jewry to meet its obligations to the support of the Palestine program. It is the hope of the United Palestine Appeal that in presenting the case to the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, you will summarize the variety of material presented to you in a form that will reveal both the comparative and the qualitative inadequacy of American Jewry's contribution to the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth.

As was agreed between Messrs. Joseph Hyman, Albert Abrahamson, you and me, none of the material being forwarded to you is being transmitted to the members of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal. I understand that this also has been the decision of the Allotment Committee itself: that no application shall be submitted to the members of the Allotment Committee, nor any material be sent to any of its individual members, except as you may utilize the material offered to you.

Being cognizant of the possibilities of income of the United Jewish Appeal for the year 1941, and knowing the needs of Palestine, I appreciate the disparity. Nevertheless, it is undoubtedly the wish of yourself and the members of the Allotment Committee to make a decision, no matter how difficult, with the view in mind of distributing funds available above the \$8,800,000 in directions where it can be used most fruitfully in terms of immediate and also long range value.

The figures that have been submitted indicate that during the fiscal period from October, 1940 through June 1941 the Keren Hayesod ^{and the Jewish Agency} had expenditures of approximately \$2,400,000. Even if we were to assume that war-time necessities would not impose upon the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency obligations beyond the meagre expenditures thus indicated, we would find that on the average established by this nine-month record of expenditures, the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency will spend during the calendar year 1941 from January 1 through December 31 a minimum of \$3,220,000.

Also assuming that it will be able to resist incurring additional obligations required by the varied demands of the Yishuv, the Keren Kayemeth on the basis of that nine-month record, will spend during the 1941 calendar year, from January through December, approximately \$4,160,000.

Thus, the two basic agencies which receive their funds from America through the United Palestine Appeal will spend during the calendar year \$7,380,000. There has been allotted to the United Palestine Appeal from the first funds of the United Jewish Appeal \$2,525,000. Of that amount approximately \$400,000 is being allocated to other purposes, such as to Mizrahi Palestine Fund for expenditure

in Palestine, to Chief Rabbi Herzog for relief of the old Yishuv, for special expenditures for transportation, for subsidies and for administrative expenditures. Thus there will be available \$2,100,000 toward the expenditures incurred by the national funds in Palestine.

Last year the Allotment Committee had before it the plea of the United Palestine Appeal that a minimum of 80% of the budgets of the national funds in Palestine should be met by American Jewry. Instead, the Allotment Committee took into account the percentage of America's contribution to the income of the national funds of Palestine, thus penalizing Palestine further for the inadequacy of American Jewry's support of the program.

The percentage which the Allotment Committee of 1940 took into account was 62% for the Keren Hayesod and 63% for the Keren Kayemeth. Even on this basis, which I would challenge as a fair method of computation of America's responsibility, it is evident that there is an enormous gap between what has thus far been allotted to the United Palestine Appeal from the sums of the United Jewish Appeal, and the sum which the United Palestine Appeal should finally receive from the income of the 1941 United Jewish Appeal, to meet even a minimum share of American Jewry's responsibility.

I know that you and the members of the Allotment Committee will undoubtedly take into account the factors which pre-eminently attract attention from American Jewry for the maintenance of the program in Palestine, first because of the necessity of maintaining intact and extending the vital institutions of a Jewish community which has been built up with decades of effort on the part of the pioneers, ~~and~~ secondly to sustain the economic morale and financial resources of a community which is today the backbone of the British effort in the Middle East, and thirdly to hold together the foundations of a community which is destined to play, as it has already played, an increasingly vital role in the solution of the problem of Jewish homelessness.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Attached herewith are copies of some of the material to be submitted in the next few days to Professor Eli Ginzberg. This material includes the following:

Louis Lipsky
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(a) A consolidated account of the income and expenditures in Palestine for the months from October, 1940 through March, 1941;

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(b) A similar consolidated account for the month of April;

(c) A consolidated account for the month of May;

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(d) An analysis and further itemization of the figures appearing in the consolidated accounts in a letter from Mr. David Bahral, of the Treasury Department of the Jewish Agency;

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(e) A comprehensive survey of the expenditures of national capital in Palestine, as described by A. Ulitzur of the Treasury Department of the Keren Hayesod.

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You will recall that some weeks ago I sent you a copy of the printed volume describing 20 years' expenditures of the Keren Hayesod, as prepared by Mr. Ulitzur.

Executive Director

Henry Montor

Anyone who takes the trouble to read thoroughly these various documents, not to speak of the wide variety of other material that has been and will be submitted to Professor Ginzberg, will realize first how comprehensive is the financial information being made available to the Inquiry, and secondly how fantastic and unfounded are the baseless and motivated declarations that Palestine does not offer sufficient reportage on its financial activities.

It should be noted, of course, that all the figures refer to cash expenditures, and not to appropriations or commitments. --

August 30, 1941.

the phrases of which the JDC is so fond.

Within the next few days I shall send you copies of further material being sent to Professor Ginzberg.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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September 2, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

Along with the bills sent out by the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund this month to many of its subscribers there went the MJS Bulletin of this month. I assume that the same arrangement was made by the MJS with other communities. I would suggest that you write to Mr. Goldwasser asking for the privilege of having the Bulletin of the UPA circulated next month along with the bills which will be sent out.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AMS:EK

September 2, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

The draft of the letter to be sent to Professor Ginzberg is quite satisfactory. I would suggest that Mr. Rosenbloom and our alternate members on the Allotment Committee should have a chance to see it before it is forwarded; perhaps also Mr. Lipsky and Dr. Wise, who were members of the Allotment Committee last year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

A.S.D.K.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I enclose herewith a copy of a memorandum addressed to me by Bernard Stone from Los Angeles.

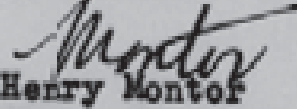
The action of the Jewish National Fund in sending a man to the West Coast and of planning approaches to the Welfare Funds for specific projects of the Jewish National Fund carries with it sources of irritation for the United Palestine Appeal in the future.

On the one hand, Dr. Israel Goldstein believes that the United Palestine Appeal should constrict its activities since its functions are being performed by the Zionist Organization of America; and on the other hand, although the United Palestine Appeal is supposed to be the fund-raising medium for the Jewish National Fund as well as for the Keren Hayesod, there is a widespread expansion of personnel and of program on the part of the Jewish National Fund. All of this is done at the expense of the United Palestine Appeal, since when money is turned over to the United Palestine Appeal from the funds of the Jewish National Fund, it is only the net which is transmitted, since the Jewish National Fund is not controlled in any way as to its expenditures by the United Palestine Appeal.

It is incidents such as these which make me believe that our whole complicated network will never be adequately resolved into an integrated pattern until there is one unified organization that will result not from the domination of one group of another, but of a common understanding as to what our aims and needs are.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

August 21, 1941

TO: Mr. Montor

FROM: Mr. Stone

Mr. Yardin arrived in the city a couple of days ago and was introduced to the Los Angeles J.N.F. Council at a meeting which took place yesterday. He is by no means an orator, but from my first impression of him, it is my belief that he will be a hard worker and could be developed into a useful member of our growing Zionist paid staff on the Coast.

At present this paid staff, in addition to myself, consists of Mr. Yardin for the J.N.F., Mr. Saadia Gelb for the Gewerkschaften, and Mr. Aryai Ben Hillel for Young Judea.

If the work that these paid officials do is coordinated both in general policy and in detail of routine work, it will be of considerable advantage to the Zionist movement. But if differences either of policy or lack of coordination in detail are allowed to develop, it may do considerable harm.

Mr. Yardin visited me late last night and we had a short talk. He envisages his work as requiring him to handle the forthcoming annual banquet of the J.N.F. in this city, and also to set up J.N.F. Councils where possible in every Jewish community of the 12 western states. He has in mind the establishment of projects of various kinds, such as a Nachlah for instance, by each J.N.F. Council, and then to approach the Local Welfare Funds and ask that the Nachlah be included for a specific sum in their campaigns. If this is not accepted then the J.N.F. Council would conduct its own campaign for the Nachlah, maintaining that the project is in accordance with the traditional activities which are permitted to the J.N.F. by its agreement with the U.P.A. He also figures upon expanding the propaganda and speaking activities for the J.N.F. on a considerable scale, both in Los Angeles and elsewhere throughout the territory.

Regarding San Francisco, he would like to have some project launched in the memory of Judge Golden, for the benefit of the J.N.F., and he is leaving for San Francisco today with this end in view. He expects to be away until next Tuesday, and has stated that he will come to see me on his return. I told him something of the situation in San Francisco, and informed him that he would not be able to carry out any project of this kind without the good will of the Bnai Brith which is very powerful in San Francisco, and besides the Bnai Brith itself has its own plans for a Golden Memorial Fund, concerning which I wrote you some time ago.

It is clear that Yardin's visit to San Francisco is to prepare the ground for Mendel Fisher's visit there next month. Fisher wants to utilize whatever can be established for the Golden Memorial Fund for the J.N.F. Mr. Yardin is also expected to do a similar job for Fisher in Los Angeles.

I suppose you know that Mr. Sobeloff of Detroit has been here and has seen our local leaders. It is possible that he may yet come to terms with the community here, so that he would eventually come here as successor to Charles Schottland. However, nothing definite has yet been decided.

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AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

September 3, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I greatly appreciate your letter of September 2nd with its references to what ought to be incorporated in remarks on the U.P.A. at the Z.O.A. Convention. I am rather skeptical as to whether I or anyone else representing fund-raising institutions will have an opportunity to make any kind of report at the Cincinnati meeting, considering the traditional attitude at Zionist Conventions toward the fund-raising bodies. Since the fund-raising business is supposed to be disposed of at the early Sunday morning session, I assume that my doubt is even more justified. However, the points that you made are certainly important for inclusion in any remarks that might be made.

I am communicating with Mr. Goldhamer as per the enclosed copy.

The United Palestine Appeal is faced with the question of deciding its future course. Presumably that cannot be done until after the Zionist Convention. In view of the criticism that had been voiced at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the U.P.A., I had even thought of the likelihood that the Budget Committee might suggest the elimination of future issues of the monthly U.P.A. Report as a means of economizing. At the same time, of course, the N.R.S. is intensifying its "services to the community", which means a very expensive and elaborate apparatus of publicity and literature. The few field men that we have are in a terrible quandary. On the one hand, they feel that they will be thrown out in December. On the other hand, they are asked to go out into the field and concentrate on the task before them of organizing regions, of making contacts, and of giving the impression that they are engaged in a continuous relationship to the individual communities. These men are not unaware of the constant barrage of criticism directed against the U.P.A. and which they must deal with in the communities which they visit.

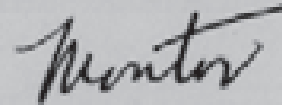
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

September 3, 1941

I would be very grateful for the opportunity of discussing this and related problems in Cincinnati. I shall be in Dayton to meet with some of the campaign leaders. Do you think it would be of any value to you if I were to go from Dayton on Thursday night to meet you in Cleveland on Friday morning to spend some time with you? I will be staying at the Biltmore Hotel in Dayton on Thursday.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:JB
Encl.



September 3, 1941

Mr. Samuel Goldhamer, Executive Director
Jewish Welfare Fund
320 Chester - 12th Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Goldhamer:

May I place at the disposal of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund the facilities of the United Palestine Appeal in connection with your collection effort. We are now preparing the September issue of the United Palestine Appeal Report, which is the monthly four-page publication with which you are familiar. It should be ready within the next three weeks.

We would be delighted at the opportunity of placing at your disposal a sufficient number to circulate with your bills for next month. Could you advise me how many copies you would require?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HM:JB

Henry Montor
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Now that the fall campaign has begun in earnest, the communities are once again in need of stimulation that you can give.

Of the various requests which have been received, I submit two for your consideration:

(1) Wilmington, Delaware, which would like to open its campaign on Sunday evening, November 16, has been most cooperative with the U.J.A. and is the type of community which, with increasing cooperation on our part, has potentialities for greater results. Wilmington, as you know, is close to New York. It is probable that you have rarely, if ever, visited that community. I think it is worth while. It is the home of the DuPonts and has been known to rise to great heights, as it did during the last war period.

(2) Norfolk, Virginia, through its Chairman, Mr. Mortor Cushner, has written to urge the U.J.A. to use its influence to prevail upon you to accept its invitation to open its campaign on Sunday, October 19th or any date thereafter. Mr. Cushner is expected to be at the Zionist Convention. I would appreciate it greatly if you would let me know by that time so that I could advise Mr. Cushner.

I will be at the Gibson Hotel in the event you want to write to me.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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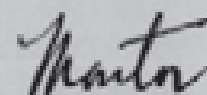
Dear Dr. Silver:

What plans should be made for a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal during the month of September?

I am wondering whether plans for such a meeting might be hedged about with difficulty because of the occurrence of Rosh Hashonah on September 22nd.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

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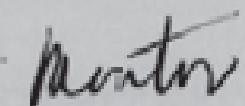
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Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have turned over the Linder letter to our "bloodhounds" and hope to have more information for you as soon as possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


Henry Montor
Executive Director

EM:JB

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

MEMORANDUM

September 4, 1941

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached hereto is a copy of an interesting summary of films distributed by the United Palestine Appeal during the period from January to June, 1941.

The figures indicate the recorded number of times these films were shown in the cities listed.

HM:cc
ENC.

U. F. A. FILMS RECORD

JANUARY - JUNE 1941

STATE	"DAGBLA"	"THEY FIND A HOME"	"COLLECTIVE ADVENTURE"
Arizona	1		
California	14	7	1
Delaware			1
Washington, D.C.		1	4
Florida		1	
Georgia		1	1
Illinois	4	2	1
Indiana	2	2	7
Iowa		1	2
Louisiana	1	1	
(New Orleans)	2	1	2
Maine	3		
Massachusetts	15	2	1
Michigan	1	1	3
Minnesota		4	2
Mississippi		1	
Missouri			3
Nebraska	2	4	
New Jersey	9	4	1
New York State	1	2	4
(New York City)	10	5	5
North Carolina	1	1	1
Ohio	10	7	1
(Cleveland)	8	7	8
Oklahoma			1
Pennsylvania	11	14	4
Rhode Island	2	1	
Tennessee	4	3	2
Texas	3	3	2
Vermont	1		
Virginia	1	1	
Washington	4		
West Virginia	4	2	
Wisconsin	3	1	2
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Total Requests for Films 287*

* These figures do not necessarily indicate the number of times these films were actually shown within a given state after they were shipped from the national office. In many instances, films were kept for one or two months and were used extensively during the campaign.

REMARKS:

The following are interesting composite comments on the three films:

"DAGANIA"

.....the combination of good photography, excellent subject matter and the comments of Maurice Samuel, had a very visible effect upon the audience last night.

.....Impressed. Had little understanding of Palestine previously.

.....One of the Christian chaplains who was present asked to see the film again and have it shown to non-Jewish groups.

.....It was beautiful. This was their first glimpse into Palestine. Best comprehensive and well-rounded views of Eretz that I have ever seen.

.....The response was most enthusiastic. Time and again the young people applauded spontaneously.

"COLLECTIVE ADVENTURE"

.....Gave our audience a first-hand picture of what is being done in Palestine - and how!

.....Film helped launch our renewal drive for membership.

.....Very much impressed,

.....Needs better sound track.

.....It was a great hit even with those of us who saw it previously.

"THEY FIND A HOME"

.....Film was thoroughly enjoyed by a capacity audience.

.....Showing of film big help in raising funds.

.....Excellent.

Charge to the account of _____ \$

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	ORDINARY
DAY LETTER	URGENT RATE
SERIAL	DEFERRED
OVERNIGHT TELEGRAM	NIGHT LETTER
SPECIAL SERVICE	YOUR PROGRAM

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Sept. 4, 1941

Henry Monton
Billman's Hotel
Dayton, Ohio

Will be glad to see you here Friday
morning. Kindest regards.
Silver

September 8, 1941

To

From Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which Dr. Silver has received from Mr. Jacob Blaustein, with reference to the Council of Federation's program for national budgeting. I am also enclosing again a copy of the draft which Dr. Silver had addressed to Mr. Blaustein.

Dr. Silver is drafting a letter of reply which will then be made available.

HM:FE

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Sent to: DR. SOLOMON GOLDMAN
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Mr. Henry Monter
Gibson Hotel
Cincinnati, Ohio

HAVE THOUGHT THE MATTER OVER AND DECIDED NOT TO COME STOP POSITION OF
UPA DOES NOT CALL FOR DEFENSE AND I DO NOT WISH TO BE DRAWN INTO A PHONEY
JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE.

A. H. Silver

September 8, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am sorry that I can not go to
Norfolk, Virginia, such as I should like to.

As far as Wilmington is concerned,
I may be free to go there in November, but
not on a Sunday.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BE

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date September 8, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Subject

In accordance with the decision of the last meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, a supplementary account is being opened by the United Palestine Appeal at the Public National Bank and Trust Co.

I am herewith sending you an authorized signature card. Would you be kind enough to place your signature on the left hand side of the card and return it as promptly as possible so that the card may be given to the bank and the account formally opened.

HM:FE
Enc.

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September 10, 1941

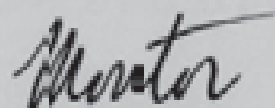
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Tenth and Ansel Roads
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Attached herewith is a copy of the resolution which was adopted at the convention of the Zionist Organization of America on the subject of "Coordination of Zionist Activities".

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Mentor
Executive Director

EM:JB
Encl.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

41 EAST 42nd STREET

MEMORANDUM

Date September 10, 1941

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom

From Henry Montor

Subject

In the late afternoon of Wednesday, September 10th, I found before me a copy of the attached letter signed by Abraham Keller, Chief Accountant of the United Jewish Appeal. I knew nothing of this letter until after it had gone out.

This letter had not been authorized. I informed Mr. Keller that he had more than exceeded his authority and was under no circumstances authorized or entitled to send such a letter to the officers of the United Jewish Appeal. He informed me that Mr. Goldwasser had instructed him to dictate such a letter and to send it out without consulting anyone else.

Under the circumstances, therefore, you are entitled to ignore the letter.

HM:EH
Encl.

September 10, 1941

Rabbis Abba Hillel Silver and
Jonah E. Wise, National Chairmen
Messrs. I. Edwin Goldwasser and
Charles J. Rosenbloom, Co-Treasurers
United Jewish Appeal
New York City.

Gentlemen:

An additional remittance of \$100,000 has just been received from the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago. With it was the following letter:-

"In accordance with a letter which we have received recently from Dr. Jonah E. Wise, I take pleasure in forwarding to the United Jewish Appeal herewith a check of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago in the sum of \$100,000.

We are forwarding this sum in view of the fact that Dr. Wise indicated the great need for funds, and particularly indicated the great need for funds on behalf of the National Refugee Service. It is the hope of the Directors of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, with whom I have discussed the matter, that some way will be found by the United Jewish Appeal, in consequence of the suggestion made by the 1940 Allotment Committee that priority be given to the National Refugee Service in the distribution of funds, -- in view of the National Refugee Service's difficult financial position, to make available to the National Refugee Service a considerable portion of the funds now forwarded by us."

There is as of this date in the 1941 national campaign treasury \$288,727.58. The usual procedure would be to give to the Joint Distribution Committee \$128,250, the United Palestine Appeal \$75,750, and the National Refugee Service \$80,000.

As the Accountant for the United Jewish appeal, I feel that in deference to Mr. Goldsmith I should submit this letter to you. If you decide to follow his suggestion, will you kindly advise me in writing so that in preparing and submitting the necessary checks to the Treasurers, I can show proper authorization for the distribution of funds, as suggested.

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Keller
Chief Accountant

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September 11, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received a telephone call yesterday from Charles Rosenbloom advising me that he had received a telegram asking him to attend a "small confidential conference" at the Ritz Carlton Hotel on October 18th and 19th to discuss the "refugee problem in America". It was emphasized in the wire, which Mr. Rosenbloom described as being very "lengthy", that no funds would be raised but that a serious situation had arisen with respect to the refugee problem and refugee needs and that this had to be considered by a select group of American Jewish leaders. It is interesting to note that the signatories of the wire are David Dubinsky, Judge Samuel Rosenman, William Rosenwald and William Shroder. The wire was sent from 122 East 42nd Street, which is Mr. Rosenwald's office address.

During the next few weeks both the J.D.C., as you are aware, and the N.R.S. are arranging for small private meetings in virtually every major city in the country for the purpose of emphasizing the needs of either the J.D.C. or the N.R.S. In each case the meeting has no relationship to the local Welfare Fund but is arranged by a local individual on a more or less social basis.

I realize that there is nothing much that we can or wish to do about the situation, but I thought that you would like to know particularly about the October 18-19 meeting. I wonder whether it is merely coincidence that it takes place at about the same time as the projected meeting of the Allotment Committee of the U.J.A.

I had a meeting yesterday with Professor Ginzberg who, without expressing himself explicitly or committing himself in any way, indicated that his report would point out certain deficiencies in the N.R.S. structure which presumably would involve less expenditure. He stated that he had intimated his conclusions to both the J.D.C. and the N.R.S. Whether this has any bearing on the October 18-19 meeting I do not know.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

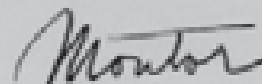
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September 11, 1941

Do you believe that there ought to be any meeting
of the Administrative Committee of the U.P.A. some time toward
the end of this month after the New Year?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Henry Montor
Executive Director

EM:EH



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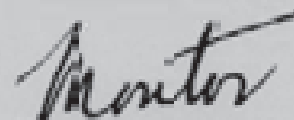
Dear Dr. Silver:

You may be interested in a letter which I received from Amos Deinard of Minneapolis.

Isn't there some expression in law which has to do with "suborning" of witnesses?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


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Encls. 2

Executive Director

Henry Montor

September 11, 1941

Mr. Amos Deinard
1036 Andrus Building
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Deinard:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 8th. It is my impression from conversations held at various times with Professor Eli Ginzberg that it is planned to have a meeting of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal around October 15th. I am sure that Professor Ginzberg will be glad to cooperate so that you would not be removed from a regional meeting which is certainly vital to you and to a great many other people in your part of the country.

Hoping that I have your permission, I am turning a copy of your letter over to Professor Ginzberg and asking him to communicate directly with you. He is, as you know, the Director of the Inquiry and is now responsible for the calling of all meetings. As I understand it, he is expecting to send out the material to the members of the Allotment Committee as far along as possible for the projected meeting of the Committee, so that there will be ample time for considering the data presented. However, he can write to you with much greater authority on this subject.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you in New York next month, I am, with kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

HM:JB

Henry Kantor
Executive Director

September 12, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I believe that we ought to have a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the UPA towards the end of this month. A meeting has been called of the committee on Palestine affairs (the Weizmann-Stroock committee) to meet in New York on Thursday, September 25, from five o'clock on. I would suggest that the meeting of the UPA be a luncheon meeting. *on same day.* If that cannot be arranged, I might try to come for an evening meeting on Wednesday, September 24 although I would much prefer the luncheon meeting.

The subject to which you call my attention about the NRS small confidential conference as well as similar meetings of the JDC will have to be discussed at this meeting. It might be necessary to call conferences of our own to counteract this subtle pressure which is being built up to make a raid on the Allotment Committee.

I believe that you should continue your conferences with Dr. Ginzberg and suggest to him that he indicate more fully in his report that the NRS must cut its expenses. It cannot expect to have its entire bill met at the expense of the UPA or the JDC. Neither of these two latter organizations is operating, or ever has operated on a full budget and has ever been able to do a hundred percent job because of lack of funds. The NRS can not expect preferential treatment, i.e., have all of its bills paid for a full program of services (however laudable) with the UPA and the JDC getting the leftovers, if any are left.

I have written to Mr. Keller about his letter of September 10. You have by now, I am sure, received a copy of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AIS:BK

September 11, 1941

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

My dear Mr. Montor:

I am sending you herewith a copy of the letter which I sent to Mr. Blaustein as well as the revised draft of the memorandum which I sent him originally. You will note there are no material changes in the revised draft. We still insist upon changing the name of the committee and upon the three year period during which the subject of advisory budgeting is not to be reopened. All the other revisions are made for purposes of clarification.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Because of the limited time available (unfortunately I was out of town in connection with some U.J.A. matters) I would be very grateful if you would wire the U.P.A. office Monday morning indicating your approval or corrections in the letter. I shall not be in the office but Miss Cohen, my secretary, has complete instructions on going forward with the sending out of the letter. Perhaps you could give Miss Kline whatever corrections you have in mind and these could then be given to Miss Cohen on the telephone. I should very much like this to go out no later than Monday, September 15th.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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DRAFT OF A NEW YEAR LETTER
TO U.P.A. KEY LEADERS FROM DR. SILVER

Dear

On the occasion of the New Year, I should like to convey to you the greetings and best wishes of the officers of the United Palestine Appeal.

We in the United Palestine Appeal are grateful for the understanding and support with which you have responded to the needs of Palestine in a year of catastrophic war. I cannot help feeling that American Jewry in its turn owes a debt of gratitude to the Jewish community in Eretz Israel, whose heroic stand at the side of Great Britain has been a source of inspiration and hope to Jews everywhere, especially to those Jews who have been imprisoned behind the ghetto walls set up by the Nazi regime in so many parts of the European continent.

In the annals of Jewish history the year 5701 will be marked as a year of unprecedented persecution and suffering, a year in which the very existence of the Jewish people was menaced by relentless and fanatical foes.

In the midst of this hatred and destruction, Palestine was the one outstanding instance of further constructive progress. In spite of the war clouds overhanging the Jewish homeland, the year just ended resulted in further achievement, strengthening the Jewish position in Palestine. The Jewish community of Palestine gained in quantity, as well as quality, and it is now stronger and larger than ever before. This increases its capacity to absorb, when this war will end, millions of our brethren who, uprooted by the War and intense Nazi persecution, will need a new start in more normal surroundings.

Despite difficult communications and severe restrictions, Palestine absorbed during the year 5701 an important number of Jewish refugees. With one regrettable exception, when 1659 refugees were deported to the Island of St. Mauritius, all of them found a haven and work opportunities in Palestine. Palestine's Jewish community showed during the year another net increase of 22,000, most of which is due to immigration.

With the Allied occupation of Iran, a new and easy way was opened for Jewish refugees who were stranded in Soviet Russia after their previous flight from Poland, Rumania and the Baltic countries. The United Palestine Appeal was instrumental in rescuing a considerable number of desperate refugees during the last year and will now have a new opportunity for this work.

In the midst of war dangers, the Palestine institutions supported by the United Palestine Appeal - Jewish Agency, Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund - went ahead with their constructive activities. About 40,000 more dunams of land became the permanent property of the Jewish people. New settlements were founded and great efforts were made to enlarge the cultivated area of previously founded villages. New irrigation work was successfully accomplished. Due to these efforts, mainly financed by the United Palestine Appeal, the production of food by the Jewish agriculturists of Palestine is now about 30% greater than before the outbreak of the war. Palestine can now rely upon its own food to a much greater extent than ever before.

No interruption took place in the activities of the Jewish Agency aimed at enlarging the labor opportunities in Palestine. Thousands of refugees and local workers were trained in new trades, insuring a greater productivity of the country and more earnings to themselves.

With the help of the United Palestine Appeal funds spent through the Jewish Agency, local communities were able to lay important highways and carry out other work-creating projects. A number of fishing villages were established on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. All kinds of mechanical trades pertaining to factories, automobiles and aviation were actively promoted. While being used at present for the conduct of the war, this great amount of technical knowledge diffused among the young Jewish generation of Palestine will, after the war, become of tremendous importance for the further upbuilding of the Jewish National Home.

I am proud to state that the United Palestine Appeal, through its agencies in Palestine, was able to play an important part in the activities which sustained the Jewish economy of Palestine in the present war emergency. By organizing the new Jewish industries and sustaining them with credits and guarantees, the Jewish Agency was able to overcome the dangers which a policy of inactivity would involve in the present war period. We may take much credit for the increased employment in Palestine's cities and villages.

While the public school system of Palestine is carried mainly by the local Jewish community represented by the National Council, the subsidy of the Jewish Agency is essential for its continued existence. During the year 5701 the Jewish Agency, financed principally by the United Palestine Appeal, was able to assure not only the continuous work of the public schools under the supervision of the National Council, but it also helped to rescue the schools of the Alliance Israelite Universelle which were on the verge of liquidation because of the collapse of their parent body in France.

Institutions of higher learning such as the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Technical Institute of Haifa, the Music Academy, the Arts

Institute, the Chemical Research Institute in Rehobot, the Teachers' Seminaries and an increasing number of Rabbinical Schools, including the Yeshivoth recently transferred from Poland and Lithuania, all functioned in a normal way. Some of them, and this particularly applies to the Hebrew University, greatly expanded their facilities. Other cultural activities, newspapers, book-publishing, theaters, orchestras, continued as usual. The development of Palestine into a Jewish center, not only in an economic but also in the cultural sense of the word, is rapidly becoming a reality.

Continuously harassed by financial difficulties the medical institutions of Palestine did splendid work. Thus the health standards of the Jewish Homeland were maintained on the previously attained high level.

I am happy to state that the task of overcoming the serious economic difficulties encountered by Palestine at the beginning of the present war, and of adapting the life of the Jewish community to the new war needs, was greatly facilitated by the improved relations established with our Arab neighbors. It would seem that independently of their broader political aspects, Jewish-Arab relations locally will continue to improve, further progress of the country facilitating for the benefit of both peoples.

During the year 5701 the Jews of Palestine greatly increased their participation in the war against Nazism. While London still hesitates about the offer of a substantial Jewish Army based on Palestine, about 10,000 Palestinian Jewish volunteers entered the ranks. Many of them distinguished themselves by bravery in Libya, East Africa, Greece and Syria. The casualty lists published in Palestine contained about 2,000 Jewish names, killed, lost and missing.

In summarizing the Jewish year 5701, I cannot conceal the fact

that the leaders of the upbuilding work in Palestine were frankly disappointed by the comparatively meager sums received from the United States. The total revenue of the United Palestine Appeal was much below the growing needs of Palestine's upbuilding. Many important tasks scheduled originally for this year had to be postponed, and the accumulated needs of Palestine are growing in volume and intensity. It is fair to say that the Palestine institutions will be confronted during the coming year with much greater opportunities - in the field of colonization, land buying, work training, immigration, industrial expansion. It would be a great pity if these opportunities were not used to their full extent.

The money given to the United Palestine Appeal may be regarded as the best and safest investment of the American Jewish community from the point of view of our continued existence as a people.

I hope that this will be better understood in the months to come and that the leaders of the courageous Jewish community in Palestine will have an even greater measure of response from the great Jewish community in the United States.

We face the New Year with a solemn hope that persecution and oppression of our people will be ended, and that reparation and restitution will be made to the first and hardest-hit victims of Hitlerism. But we must recognize that the prospect of peace in itself constitutes a challenge to us to plan and work for the rehabilitation of the Jewish people on a firm and constructive footing. The continued upbuilding and defense of Palestine as the cornerstone for a reborn Jewish life in the post-war era, constitutes a task of immediate necessity and importance.

May the New Year strengthen all of us in the resolve to assure the survival of the Jewish people on a level of freedom and creative existence.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

September 12, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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September 13, 1941

Mr. Henry Montor
United Palestine Appeal
41 E. 42nd St.
New York City

Attention: Miss Cohen

Dear Miss Cohen:

I am enclosing herewith at the suggestion of Mr. Montor a revised draft of the New Year letter which is to be sent out. I have made some minor changes in the first four pages, and have substituted a few closing paragraphs to take the place of page 5.

I remain

Very cordially yours,

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