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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL  
41 EAST 42nd STREET

## MEMORANDUM

*Date* May 26, 1941

*To* Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*From* Mr. Henry Montor

*Subject*

Attached herewith is a copy of the letter which the American Palestine Fund, over the signature of Edward A. Norman, its President, has issued to Welfare Funds throughout the country asking for contributions to this Fund.

Again, I want to point out that the existence of this organization represents a serious problem which the UPA officers should deal with.

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

AMERICAN PALESTINE FUND

60 Beaver Street

New York, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. ....:

It is the purpose of the American Palestine Fund, a descriptive statement of which is enclosed for your consideration, to replace the separate appeals from educational, cultural, and social service institutions in Palestine, which heretofore have not been included in any unified appeal.

Of our goal of \$155,000 for 1941, we hope to raise \$80,000 in New York City and \$75,000 from the balance of the country. We have already raised a little more than half our New York quota, and are now calling on your organization in (name of city) to support us, so that we can go forward with our program of infusing system into a situation in which heretofore there has been confusion in the matter of fund-raising.

Like the (name of Federation), the American Palestine Fund was asked to help in the direction of unity, and its success in coordinating many more of the separate appeals will depend on receiving adequate support from communities like yours. We have established quotas for the funds throughout the country on the basis of population and amounts raised in 1940; and our suggested quota for (name of city) is \$ (amount).

Your very early reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

EDWARD A. NORMAN



# PHILADELPHIA

## *Allied Jewish Appeal*

*Campaign Headquarters* - - 16th and Walnut Streets - - KINGSLEY 3200

October 5, 1941

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We have been friends too long to have any misunderstanding over a lot of foolishness. You have been in drives long enough so as to understand what a heaping of criticism during the height of a campaign actually means. At the present moment we happen to be at that particular point.

Unfortunately we tried something new this year. We established a new Public Relations Committee. Needless to say, we have had startling publicity. It was a new experience for the community and for me. The publicity has been much talked about, and as a direct result I have had all kinds of telephone calls.

My letter to you really was to tell you that I had been overwhelmed with criticism, and that you as an old campaigner had experienced similar situations and recognized the symptoms and could easily diagnose the illness. So please forget the exchange of letters and begin to give your old friend a boost, because anyone trying to organize Philadelphia not only needs it, but from your knowledge - certainly deserves it.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Kurt Peiser*  
Kurt Peiser

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October 7, 1941

Mr. Kurt Peiser  
Allied Jewish Appeal  
16th and Walnut Streets  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Kurt:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 5. The whole incident has been thrown overboard. Had I given the matter a little more thought, I would probably not have written to you in the first place, realizing the tremendous pressure under which you were.

I know the job which you have in Philadelphia. I know of no one who has handled such a job anywhere more admirably. All good luck to you for this year's campaign!

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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MRS. ISRAEL DAVIDSON

November 25, 1941.

Dear Member:

According to a resolution passed by the Executive Board of Keren Hatarbut, we are sending you, as a member of Keren Hatarbut, our latest financial report.

The following is an abridgment of our audited financial report for the period of the last 18 months (January 1, 1940 to July 1, 1941):

<u>Funds Raised in the United States and Canada</u> .....	\$16,978.04
<u>Sent to Palestine</u> (To the Hebrew Writers Association in Palestine, World Federation for Hebrew Culture, Brit Ivrit Olamit and the national museum Bet Bialik in Tel-Aviv).....	9,597.87
<u>Furthering Hebrew Culture in America</u> (Hebrew Literary Forum, lectures about Hebrew literature and culture in Palestine for Men's and Women's Division, Hebrew books to subscribers on account of Hebrew Writers Association of Palestine).....	3,765.25
<u>Administrative Expenses</u> (Secretarial service, traveling, stationery and printing, telephone and telegraph, postage, accountant, etc.).....	3,461.05

During the period of two and a half years since Keren Hatarbut has been established, \$15,100.00 have been forwarded to Palestine.

You have been helpful in furthering Hebrew culture in Palestine and throughout the world, by helping Keren Hatarbut. We wish to thank you again for your whole-hearted support and hope that you will continue your kind interest and cooperation in this effort to aid the Palestinian Hebrew writers and Hebrew culture in their dark hour of need.

Sincerely yours,

*S. Thau*

Sigmund Thau  
 Treasurer

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AIMS: To strengthen and further Hebrew culture in Palestine and throughout the world.



EXCERPT OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO ISIDOR COONS  
AND HENRY MONTOR

BY J. PECKELL NATHAN, EXECUTIVE  
SECRETARY, UNITED JEWISH WELFARE  
FUND OF LOS ANGELES

Dated December 19, 1941

Some time ago one or the other of you asked me to let you know the result of the special solicitation here for funds for the Joint Defense Appeal. I said I would let you know after the movement for funds had been inaugurated. The information I can give you now, and it is the only information I have, is that regarding the appeal made at a dinner a few days ago, presided over by Louis B. Mayer. The principal speakers were George Z. Medalie, Joe Willen, Dick Gutstadt and Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin. A list of principal givers in both the motion picture group and general community was prepared and invitations went out from Mr. Mayer. There were approximately 125 present. The subscriptions taken that night were, as I had it reported to me, for a total of \$57,500.00. The objective was \$125,000.00. It is my understanding that letters have gone out from Mr. Mayer's office soliciting many who did not attend the dinner. The largest subscription announced that night was for \$5,000.00; the next for \$3,000.00 and next for \$2,000.00. I assume that if you want more detailed information on this, Mr. Willen's office can furnish it.

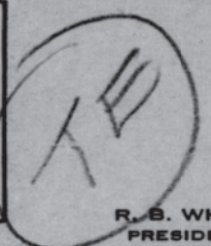


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MAX M. POMERANTZ, M. D.

5005 EUCLID AVENUE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

January 19, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the Zionists of America upon your election as President of the United Palestine Appeal. I hope that I may have the privilege to sit at the banquet honoring your 50th year as President of the U.P.A.

If called upon to work, with you as our leader, every Zionist should regard this opportunity to work not only as a great honor and privilege, but also as an equally great responsibility and obligation. I have no illusions about the task that we have undertaken and as a devoted Zionist, I approach my duties with a sense of humility and inadequacy at this time. I feel confident that with you at the helm and all of us working together, we can succeed in building our homeland so that it will reflect credit and honor upon the Zionists of America and perform a great service on behalf of Palestine.

I hope that when the U.P.A. meets again next year our nation shall be at peace--a victorious peace, and that this terrible catastrophe of war will have ended. I trust that far-sighted leaders, such as yourself, will sit at the peace conference table, representing world Jewry.

With Zion's greetings and with my best wishes to you for a successful year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Max M. Pomerantz, M.D.*

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January 26, 1942

Mr. Max M. Pomerantz  
5005 Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Pomerantz:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I am grateful for your expression of appreciation and confidence. The Conference of the United Palestine Appeal which was held here last week was eminently successful, and we are all delighted with its results.

It is good to know that in the prosecution of our work in behalf of Palestine we may count upon your enthusiastic support.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



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*Dr. Silver*

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My dear Dr. Silver,

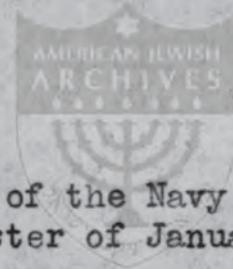
The Secretary of the Navy has directed  
me to acknowledge your letter of January 21.

The encouragement and support expressed  
in your letter is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

George Marvin  
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41 East 42nd Street  
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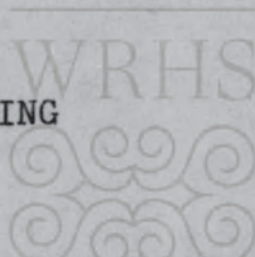
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ABBA HILLEL SILVER



April 7, 1942

Mrs. Fred Nettler  
6812 Yellowstone Blvd.  
Forest Hills, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Nettler:

I have just returned from a short visit to England in behalf of the Palestine Foundation Fund. I visited a number of cities and also spent a few pleasant days in Glasgow where I had the pleasure of meeting your husband. He wanted me to convey his love and best wishes to you. He is fine and I found him to be in excellent condition, very energetic and active in community work, more especially in Zionist work. He showed me many evidences of hospitality and I spent quite a number of hours with him.

I had hoped to call you up when I arrived in New York. Unfortunately I had to leave immediately for Cleveland because of the long delay in Lisbon. Perhaps I will have the pleasure in the near future of seeing you in New York.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK



Mrs Annie Kettler

68/12 Yellowstone Boulevard

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*Fred. Nettler, J.P.*

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