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United Jewish Appeal, United Palestine Appeal, "R" and "S",
1941-1942.

June 10, 1941

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
531 Union Trust Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Charles:

I am sending you herewith a copy of the budget for the U.P.A. for the balance of the year as prepared by Bernard J. Reis, together with a copy of the letter which I received on the subject from Dr. Silver. Will you be in town either this week or early next week so that we can have a session on the subject?

Personally, I think that the expenditures of the U.P.A., although impressive-looking, are quite modest in comparison with the activities carried on. These activities should be even more greatly expanded.

The U.P.A. is trying to cut expenditures very severely. I never feel comfortable when I keep down the salary of some stenographer when I know all the time that we are giving \$54,000 to the E.O.A., \$9,800 to the Mizrahi, \$9,800 to the Poale Zion, \$35,000 to the Emergency Committee, \$125,000 to the Mizrahi Palestine Fund. If all the funds that we are giving in directions which do not bear concrete fruit for the U.P.A. were to be expended by the U.P.A. itself, we would have an unexampled dominance in American Jewish life.

At the present time we have six field representatives covering 48 states. It is inadequate coverage, haphazard coverage, restricted to the areas where I think most intensive cultivation is needed. However, I would like your own thoughts on the subject, when we discuss this at our next meeting in New York.

When is the day?

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

HM:BC
Enc.

Henry Montor
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

June 17, 1941

TO: Mr. Henry Montor

FROM: Dr. Martin Rosenbluth

SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR JDC AND NRS ACTIVITY

Should America enter the war, the work of the JDC will automatically be considerably reduced. The JDC would then find it impossible to negotiate with Jewish communities in Axis countries or in countries occupied by the Axis. Their work would be restricted to the United States, the Allied countries and neutral countries (where such still exist). Even today, the measures taken by the American Government must make for an appreciable diminution of JDC activities. These measures are:

- 1) Discontinuance of the issue of visas to anyone having near-relations in Germany or Nazi-occupied territory.
- 2) Cancellation of the right of American Consulates to issue visas at their discretion. Every application now must be referred to the Immigration Department in Washington.
- 3) The closing of the German Consulates in the United States will doubtless result in the retaliation of Germany and Nazi-occupied territories.

The enforcement of these measures will effectively halt or at least reduce to insignificance Jewish immigration, not only from Nazi countries, but also from neutral countries since most of the applicants in neutral countries are German, Austrian or Polish Jews who still have relatives in Germany. With this exclusion of the United States, which has served for the past two years as the chief center for immigration for refugees from Nazi-occupied territories, the JDC will not be able to proceed with its usual clearance arrangements with Berlin, Prague, Vienna or Warsaw--the Jewish communities in these countries, will be unable to use the money offered by the JDC for emigration purposes--that is, not to the United States.

The same factors will lessen NRS activities, although they will still be concerned with those refugees who are here and who must be settled. But the number of newcomers who would require assistance and guidance by the NRS will decrease considerably.

MR:EE

MEMORANDUM

June 18, 1941

CONFIDENTIAL

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Henry Montor

Attached hereto for your confidential background information is a copy of a memorandum which has been prepared by Dr. Martin Rosenbluth.

HM:FE



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June 19, 1941

Rabbi Silver

COLONEL WEDGWOOD AVAILABLE FOR JULY SECOND. MEETING. PLEASE FORWARD
COMPLETE DETAILS.

HENRY MONTOR

July 23, 1941

Judge Morris Rothenberg
305 West End Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Judge Rothenberg:

The organization meeting of the Allotment Committee will take place on July 31, 3:00 P.M. in the offices of the United Jewish Appeal. I had planned to attend this meeting, but unfortunately I will not be able to do so. I will have a brief vacation of ten days beginning this Friday and Mrs. Silver will not permit me to break into it by a trip to New York. I am spending the rest of the summer here in Cleveland.

I have learned that both of our alternates, Rabbi Goldstein and Judge Levinthal, will also be on their vacations at that time. I would greatly appreciate it if you would attend this meeting in my place. Mr. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh will be our other representative. The meeting will probably do no more than elect a permanent chairman and secretary for the Allotment Committee and attend to a few other preliminaries.

Hoping that it will be possible for you to attend this meeting, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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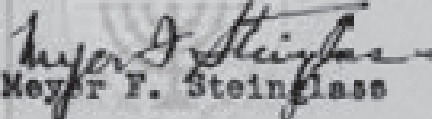
August 15, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In Mr. Montor's absence I am preparing news releases and mats in accordance with the suggestions contained in your letter of August 11th.

Sincerely yours,



Meyer F. Steinglass

MFS:FE

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TELEGRAM

New York, September 8, 1941

CHARLES J. ROSENBLOOM
521 UNION TRUST BUILDING
PITTSBURGH

UPON URGENT INSISTENCE OF COMMUNAL LEADERS THROUGHOUT
COUNTRY WE HAVE ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPONSORING
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NEW YORK CITY, SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER
EIGHTEENTH AND NINETEENTH, GRAVE ISSUES GROWING OUT OF
REFUGEE PROBLEMS FACING AMERICAN JEWRY WILL BE DISCUSSED.
NO FUND RAISING. URGENTLY ASK THAT YOU SET ASIDE THESE
DAYS AND SEND ADVICE THAT YOU WILL JOIN US TO ROOM 3400.

123 EAST 42nd STREET, NEW YORK CITY. (Signed) David Dubinsky
Samuel I. Rosenman
William Rosenwald
William J. Shroder

September 11, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Keller:

Your letter of September 10th., with the suggestion of the Chicago Welfare Fund to change the allotment procedure of the 1941 U.J.A. Funds, is, to say the least, most disturbing.

In the first place it seems to me that the letter of transmittal with such a violent change in procedure should have been addressed to the Campaign officers and not sent merely to the U.J.A. office as a routine matter. It is also unbecoming that you should be placed in the position of asking for any authorization beyond what has already been given you.

This entire suggestion by Mr. Goldsmith is quite outrageous, not only in the manner of its presentation but also in the pressure that is being exerted by various individuals and groups. I likewise resent Mr. Goldsmith's incomplete statement of facts regarding the action of the 1940 Allotment Committee. That committee recommended that both the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. hasten the payment to the N.R.S. in view of the fact that the latter was not participating in any additional distribution from the surplus funds of the 1940 campaign. It was left with the two partners of the U.J.A. whether or not to implement that recommendation.

It is unfair to both the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. to call upon them to forego the use of funds that they need as vitally as the N.R.S. Both of these organizations suffered from the loss of funds through this same manoeuvre last year. It is certainly not right that they be called upon to do so again this year.

I would also like to call to your attention the fact that the 1941 allotment committee has nothing at all to do with any of the funds raised by the U.J.A. until after \$8,000,000. has been received and distributed.

Hereafter I would suggest that upon receipt by you of any more such requests, they be turned over to Mr. Coons or Mr. Monter, the Executive Vice Chairman of the Campaign for proper action.

Very truly yours, C. J. R.

September 11, 1941

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
521 Union Trust Bldg.
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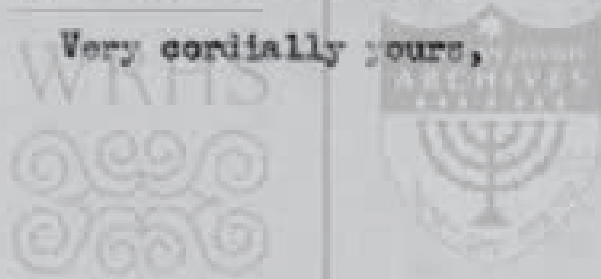
My dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a
letter which I received from Mr. Abraham Keller
this morning; also my reply to him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX



CHARLES J. ROSENBLOOM
UNION TRUST BUILDING
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September 12th., 1941.

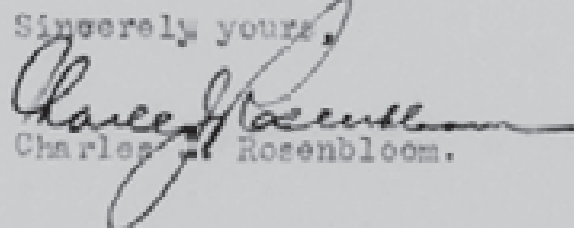
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
East 105 St. at Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I received your letter with a copy
of your answer to Mr. Keller, which I read with a
great deal of interest and satisfaction. I am
taking the liberty of enclosing my reply to Mr.
Keller which I hope you will find in order.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Charles J. Rosenbloom.

CJR:bg

enc.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

MEMORANDUM

September 18, 1941

To : Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached hereto for your information is a copy of a telegram indicating some of the pressure that the N.R.S. is beginning to apply on the 1941 United Jewish Appeal Allotment Committee indirectly, and with respect to the 1942 campaign directly.

HM:JB
Encl.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky
*Chairman,
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Preparations are now under way for the publication of the 1941 UPA Yearbook, which, as you know, will be issued on the occasion of the eighth annual "Night of Stars", Wednesday, November 26th.

Solomon Goldman
Israel Goldstein
Edmund I. Kaufmann
Morris Rothenberg

It would be very helpful if you could find it possible to send us within the next few weeks a special message or article for publication in the Yearbook. Any suggestions or comments that you may wish to make regarding the general contents or theme of this year's book will be greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

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MORRIS ROTHENBERG

305 WEST END AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

October 9, 1941

Rabbi Abba Eillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Rd.,
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have learned that you were invited to the conference to be held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in New York City on Saturday evening and Sunday, October 18 and 19.

The conference program has been designed to crystallize our thinking on the refugee problem in the United States. The sessions will commence with a dinner in the main ballroom of the hotel at 7:30 P.M. on Saturday. Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, who, as you know, is one of the sponsors of the conference, will preside, and Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York, and Marshall Field, Chairman of the United States Committee for the Care of European Children, will speak.

The principal address Saturday night will be given by A.A. Berle, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State. Mr. Berle's participation is particularly significant since he is serving as liaison between the Department of Justice and the State Department in the matter of the treatment of aliens in the event of war. Mr. Berle has been assured that the conference is strictly confidential and we anticipate that his talk will pave the way for the Sunday discussion of the refugee problem and its impact on the American Jewish community.

The Sunday morning session will commence at 9:30 A.M. with a statement by a distinguished Washington correspondent who will report on the temper of the American community, with particular reference to manifestations of anti-Semitism and the refugee problem. The remainder of the morning will be given over to a discussion of his conclusions.

During luncheon and throughout the rest of Sunday afternoon, we are going to discuss "next steps" in the treatment of the refugee problem in this country, in view of changes brought about by the war.

Sincerely yours,

Morris Rothenberg

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October 5, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In connection with the publication
of our Yearbook, I should like to ask
whether you have a more recent photo of
yourself than the one which has been used
in the past.

Sincerely yours,

Meyer F. Steinglass
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A Graphic Record, In Word and Picture, of Achievements In the Rebuilding of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine.

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October 10, 1941

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

I am enclosing herewith a statement
for the Night of Stars souvenir program which
you are publishing.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

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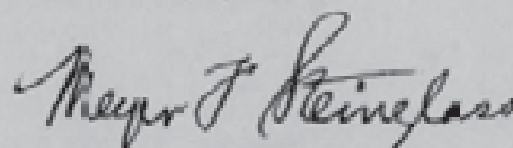
October 16, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you very much for sending me
the excellent message for the WPA Yearbook.

Sincerely yours,



Meyer F. Steinglass

MFS:FW

Dr. Herta Hillel Silver

20th October 1941.

Mr. Louis Lipsky,
386 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Lipsky:

For reasons not necessary to elaborate upon, I wanted to draw your attention to the following quotation from an article in the Zionist Review, London, of September 19th, dealing with the activities of the English Zionist Federation during the last year.

"Substantial Zionists played their full part in last year's activities on behalf of Palestine. They proved a tower of strength to the Movement in this country. Their zeal and enthusiasm, theoretical approach and Continental experience, brought life to many spheres of Zionist work. The role played by them in the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth campaigns, the new societies created by them, showed that more can be expected from these quarters in the near future. Everything must be done to draw them in to the general work of the movement, particularly those of them who are still shy or consider themselves as strangers"

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

MARTIN ROSENBLUTH

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October 22, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

As you know, the Keren Hayesod holds its annual meeting toward the close of each year, for the purpose of rendering a report of the year's activities and to elect its Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

Last year you were good enough to accept our invitation to be the principal speaker, with the result that we had a well attended and inspiring meeting. We feel that it would be most helpful to the Keren Hayesod if you could accept our invitation to attend our meeting this year, as the guest speaker.

Since we know that you have a crowded program, we are prepared to have you fix a date, sometime in December, which would be convenient for you.

May I express the hope that you will be able to accept our invitation, and to let us know as soon as possible, so that we may proceed with the necessary arrangements.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles R. R

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October 30, 1941

The Honorable Judge Morris Rothenberg
305 West End Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Judge Rothenberg:

I should like you to represent the United Palestine Appeal in the negotiations with the Joint Distribution Committee. I understand that the three organizations, the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the Council of Welfare Federations are to appoint one representative each to carry on negotiations. I would suggest that you contact with the Joint Distribution Committee and the Council immediately and that you hold your meeting as speedily as possible. In view of all that has happened, time is of the very essence.

You know the position of the United Palestine Appeal. We are prepared to proceed on the same basis as in 1941, with the same ratios. We must insist, as in previous years, upon an initial allocation which will give the United Palestine Appeal no less than \$2,500,000.

There is really no concession that we can make without worsening the position which we now hold, and we should not be asked to sacrifice.

JNF traditional collections must not be interfered with. Actually the Joint Distribution Committee representatives, last evening, raised a fictitious issue because the Allotment Committee this year did take into consideration the traditional collections of the JNF as Table 18 on page 59 of Ginzberg's Report, which you have, will indicate.

The National Refugee Service received as an initial allocation in 1941 \$2,000,000. In view of the recommendations of the Report (pages 43-46) a considerable part of the work of the National Refugee Service, and therefore also a part of its budget should be absorbed by the New York Federation of Charities. The Report suggests a sum up to \$700,000. If the Federation were

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to absorb at least half of that amount, we would then need to appropriate for the National Refugee Service initially only \$1,650,000. The difference, \$350,000, could then be divided between the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal, assuming that we will retain the same total of the initial allotment as in 1941, i.e., \$8,800,000. It is here where you might make concessions to the Joint Distribution Committee. In other words, instead of their receiving 63% of the amount, which was its ratio of the initial allotment in 1941, you might agree to their receiving 70% of that \$350,000, that is, the Joint Distribution Committee -- \$245,000 and the United Palestine Appeal -- \$105,000, giving a total initial allocation to the Joint Distribution Committee of \$4,520,000 and to the United Palestine Appeal \$2,630,000. But no further concessions are called for.

Under no circumstances agree to the earmarking of any funds for the National Refugee Service out of the New York City United Jewish Appeal. We did that in 1940. It simply means that an additional sum of money is taken out of the United Jewish Appeal for the National Refugee Service without in the least increasing the income of the New York City United Jewish Appeal. Whatever New York City wishes to do and should do for its own local refugee problem should come through the Federation which should meet its responsibility in one of two ways: (a) include a certain fixed amount for New York refugees in its 1942 campaign, or (b) take over departments of the National Refugee Service and merge them with similar departments in the Federation, thereby saving the National Refugee Service a considerable part of its budget.

We fought a hard fight in 1941 in order to improve the position of the United Palestine Appeal. We should not now be asked to retreat again. We are still behind the 40-60 ratio of 1938.

With all good wishes for success, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

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Dear Dr. Silver:

Louis Lipsky

*Chairman,
Executive Committee*

The enclosed article was contributed by
Bertrand Russell for the forthcoming Yearbook. I
should like to have your opinion as to whether you
consider it suitable for publication.

Solomon Goldman

Israel Goldstein

Edmund I. Kaufmann

Morris Rothenberg

It would be most helpful if you could let
me have your reaction by return mail.

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Charles J. Rosenbloom

Sincerely yours,

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November 7, 1941

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

I am returning herewith the article of Bertrand Russell. It is nothing but pap. There is not a single helpful suggestion in it and I don't know why this particular article or this particular person should be featured in the UPA Yearbook. No one claimed that all Jews should go to Palestine or that Jewish rights shall not be insisted upon and defended in all the countries of the world. Neither the publication of this article nor the name of the author will in any way strengthen the purpose which you seek to serve through the medium of the Yearbook.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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November 17, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

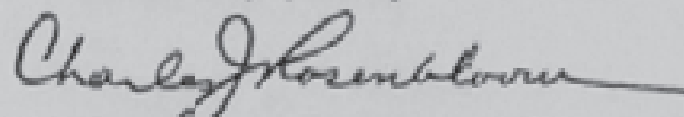
We American Jews can be proud of our fellow-Jews in Palestine. They have faced difficulty with faith, and danger with courage. The thousands of Palestine Jewish soldiers are the token of the Jewish people's stake in the world struggle.

Even though the stature of Palestine Jewry cannot be reflected in statistics, it is nevertheless important to be informed of the daily progress in every field of rebuilding the Jewish National Home.

There is herewith sent to you a description of the activities in Palestine during an eleven month period. Much has been accomplished. To our regret, the share of American Jewry in these achievements has been far too small. We have permitted the heavy part of the obligation to be carried by other sections of Jewry whose burdens are far greater than ours.

I want to take this means of thanking you for the service you gave to the United Palestine Appeal in 1941 to make possible the furtherance of our common purpose, and to express the hope that in 1942 we may continue to have your cooperation and understanding so that the increasing responsibilities of American Jewry for Palestine may be adequately met.

Cordially yours,


Charles J. Rosenbloom
Treasurer

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Superior Court of Cook County
Moses S. Schwartz, Judge
In Chambers

Chicago

December 1, 1941.

Dr. ~~Abba~~ Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio
Dr. Jonah B. Wise
New York City

Gentlemen:

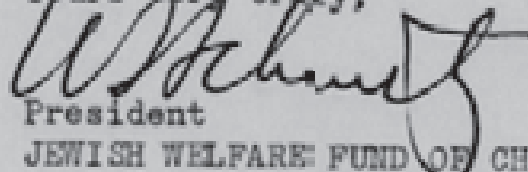
Mr. Goldsmith has submitted to me the correspondence with you relative to the meeting called for December 9th. The purpose of this meeting is to inaugurate the campaign and to stimulate those present to give and to work to the utmost of their capacities. We asked you to be present at the meeting so that you might state the needs of the United Jewish Appeal in such cogent fashion as would give the campaign the necessary impetus.

It would be unwise to precipitate any discussion of the relative merits of the beneficiaries of the Fund at this meeting. At later meetings of the Board of Directors, which is the final arbiter of the respective allocations to be made, we will arrange to have you gentlemen present, or, to save you gentlemen a trip, we can arrange to have you meet with a committee of the Directors on the 9th.)

Our campaign is imperiled by local differences which we are now trying to eliminate. After discussing the matter with Mr. Perlshtein, President of The Charities, and Mr. John Balaban, who is in charge of the drive, we are all convinced that, as a matter of policy, no controversial matters such as the adequacy of the support of the United Jewish Appeal should be discussed at the December 9th meeting.

Please let me know at once whether you, representing the principal beneficiary of the Jewish Welfare Fund, are willing to help us under these conditions.

Yours very truly,


President
JEWISH WELFARE FUND OF CHICAGO

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Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
East 105th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

According to our records, there is an item of \$15.51 open on our books for a TMA travel from Cleveland to Chicago on March 2nd for Dr. Silver.

Will you be good enough to advise whether this was a personal trip or whether this charge was on behalf of the U.P.A.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Cordially yours,

Ida Saxon
Ida Saxon
Bookkeeping Department

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Sunday Eve. Club

December 4, 1941

Judge Morris Rothenberg
305 West End Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Judge Rothenberg:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the
letter from Mr. Greenman which I neglected to
send you yesterday.

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

December 4, 1941

Honorable Ulysses S. Schwartz
President, Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago
Superior Court of Cook County
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Judge Schwartz:

In reply to your kind letter of December 1st, the Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal asked for a meeting before the Board of Directors of the Chicago Welfare Fund and do not see in the meeting you have suggested for the 9th for the purpose of initiating the 1942 campaign a useful substitute for such a meeting.

The Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal are more than willing to be of whatever assistance they can in helping Chicago raise funds. We must, however, be assured that we can present to the Board of the Welfare Fund the serious problem to which we have referred in our previous correspondence.

It is difficult for both the National Chairmen to arrange simultaneously for a visit to Chicago, but we believe that the effort that this entails is very greatly justified by the importance of Chicago to the entire national picture. Anxious as we are about the Chicago situation, we would appreciate it greatly if you would arrange a meeting with your Board for us, possibly at 11:30 A. M., prior to the luncheon on December 9th. We are sure that you would agree that a special trip of this nature by the Chairmen would not be justified unless we did have an opportunity for such an intimate discussion with the members of the Board.

In meeting with your givers on the 9th, the Chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal can be trusted not to impair the proposed fund-raising meeting.

In view of the brief time still remaining before the 9th, would you be kind enough to wire confirmation to Rabbi Wise in New York confirming the arrangement of a meeting with the Welfare Fund Board as well as the larger fund-raising meeting to which you refer.

Sincerely yours,

Abba Hillel Silver Jonah B. Wise
National Chairmen

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CONFERENCE SUNDAY DECEMBER SEVENTH. DO YOU WISH TO SEND MESSAGE
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FIFTH AVENUE AND FIFTY NINTH STREET OR WOULD YOU PREFER
AUTHORIZE ME PREPARE THAT MESSAGE HERE. PLEASE WIRE REPLY=

MEYER F STEINGLASS.

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Please prepare message for upa.

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WILLIAM ROSENWALD
122 East 42nd.St.
New York City.

December 16, 1941.

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

Attention: Mr. Abe Keller

Gentlemen:

During the past year, Mr. Rosenwald has made the following expenditures on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and affiliated organizations:

National Refugee Service, Inc.	\$3,573.48
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee	217.26
United Jewish Appeal	<u>359.70</u>
	\$3,950.44

It would be appreciated if you would, at your convenience, forward a check in this amount to Mr. Rosenwald, to reimburse him for the expenses listed above.

Very truly yours,

(sgd.) A. R. Young

Assistant.

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December 19, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 106th Street at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I feel sure you have recognized the care I have taken, since I have been in this country, to interfere in no way with the inner determination of Zionist or UPA policy. Yet today I feel it incumbent upon me to speak out and to say that in my opinion it would be indefensible were the UPA to sign an agreement for the 1942 campaign with the JDC along the lines suggested at several meetings held prior to America's entrance into the war when the situation was a radically different one.

The JDC cannot continue to carry on its work in Nazi-occupied Europe -- all declarations of its chairman to the contrary notwithstanding. Nor will the JDC be able to continue its work in Italy, Rumania, Hungary, Finland, Shanghai or even in Soviet Russia. For how long it will be able to work in France and Portugal is uncertain. Emigration from Europe to the United States and to Cuba is almost completely curtailed; and, if only for technical reasons, will be also stopped to Latin American countries.

I have no doubts that the JDC will nevertheless draw up an impressive-looking program of activities for 1942. They can easily spend millions of dollars to assist European refugees in South America to become absorbed into the economic life of those countries. And they will hit upon -- as they have already done -- very beautiful language to prove that by doing so they are simultaneously furthering the "Good-Neighbor" policy of the United States. But the little money which American Jewry has so far proffered for Jewish needs outside their country should not be diverted to artificially devised programs but should rather be devoted to more important Jewish tasks.

More than ever before, it is now possible to appeal to American Jewry to assist Palestine. It is not propaganda today, but the simple truth that strengthening Palestine means helping the war effort and thus helping America.

I am not in favor of an independent Palestine campaign at this time -- if it can be avoided. I am for re-opening negotiations with the JDC on a basis created not by us but by the march of history. The JDC must understand that under changed conditions they have no moral right to claim 50% of the initial nine million dollars for their purposes. And if they appear not to understand at the beginning, we will have to argue for weeks and weeks until a new agreement has been consummated. Under no circumstances should we be obliged to sign the old one. If that means a new "war of nerves", we shall have to enlist -- and we will win if we muster the necessary stamina. The JDC will not cut off negotiations and proclaim its own campaign -- not even in conjunction with the NRS. But should they do so, I believe our case is strong enough to warrant our undertaking an independent campaign.

Don't you think the question is important enough to be discussed at a meeting of the UPA?

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

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December 19, 1941

With very cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Martin Rosenbluth

Martin Rosenbluth

Dr. Martin Rosenbluth
c/o United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York



1941
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
FOR REFUGEES, OVERSEAS NEEDS AND PALESTINE

on behalf of
 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
 UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
 NATIONAL REFUGEE SERVICE

National Chairmen

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
 RABBI JONAH B. WISE

December 19, 1941

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
 The Temple
 Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a memorandum dealing with the 1942 publicity program of the United Jewish Appeal, which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Meyer F. Steinglass
 Meyer F. Steinglass
 Director of Publicity

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 Enclosure

December 19, 1941

Mr. Isidor Coons
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Mr. Meyer V. Steinglass

1942 Publicity Program

If the UJA continues in 1942, it is quite evident that the drive will require a far more intensive effort than in 1941 in every sphere of campaign activity including publicity. To allay fears, to scotch rumors, to check unwarranted confusion and misunderstanding, a more vigorous publicity campaign will be necessary.

This will not be possible if the constituent agencies continue in 1942 the independent, competitive publicity programs which they engaged in in 1941. Under the present circumstances the individual agencies compete with the UJA on a basis which greatly handicaps it. Instead of channelling their news through the UJA, the individual agencies release it first directly to the newspapers, with the result that the UJA cannot use this material without giving the impression that it is merely warming over cold potatoes.

In a year such as 1942, with communities and individuals picking alibis and excuses out of the air, we cannot simply take the position that UJA is merely a fund-raising instrument and therefore its publicity should be confined to this function. It is rather difficult to give the impression of a united campaign when the newspapers receive releases from four different sources regarding news which they have a right to expect from one centralized office and when basic information regarding the needs of the agencies is reserved for their own releases and the UJA is left to issue stories dealing with the mere technical details of the campaign.

I have never been able to understand the zeal of the individual agencies in vying with the UJA for newspaper space, radio time or other channels of publicity. If the constituent agencies are determined to maintain their identity and to promote their individual programs regardless of what effect that activity has on the UJA publicity program, it might be logical, advisable and desirable to liquidate the UJA publicity department so that all manner of duplication would be avoided. If the individual agencies insist on sending out original material of their own first before turning it over to us, it seems to me an unnecessary waste of money for the UJA to attempt to send that material out again and put itself in the peculiar position of a fifth wheel. While the individual agencies are always ready to impose restrictions and proscriptions on the UJA publicity program, they have not shown any willingness to give the UJA the right of way in the few channels in which it is presumably free to carry on its activities.

The situation as it exists today is highly chaotic and unsatisfactory and unless some steps are taken to correct it, it will not be possible for the UJA to enlarge or expand its publicity effort to meet the campaign problems of 1942.

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CC. Mr. William Rosenwald
Dr. Abba Millel Silver ✓
Dr. Jonah B. Wise

INTER - OFFICE MEMO

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

TO Mr. Henry Montor

FROM Mr. Samuel Blitz

DATE Dec. 22, 1941

For your information I am enclosing copies of correspondence
between Mr. Straus and Ambassador Steinhardt.



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December 9, 1941

Dear Laurence:

It was good to speak to you the other day and find your voice so buoyant after all you have been through.

Before you forget, I want to avail myself of your offer to meet with the group and tell of some of your experiences while abroad. The suggestion has been made that we limit the group to not more than ten or twelve so that you can talk frankly.

If you could name two different evenings which would be agreeable to you, I would then get in contact with the others and let you know which would suit best. Please let me know at the same time whether New York or Washington would suit your convenience.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

NATHAN STRAUS.

Hon. Laurence A. Steinhardt
Sherry Netherland Hotel
Fifth Avenue and 59th Street
New York City

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The Foreign Service
of the
United States of America
30 Pine Street
New York, N.Y.

AMERICAN EMBASSY

December 10, 1941

Mr. Nathan Straus,
Office of Administrator,
Federal Works Agency,
United States Housing Authority,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nathan:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of December 9th, which I very much appreciate.

I have not yet completed my reports to the President, the State Department and the War Department, and in consequence am subject to call by them at any time. In point of fact, I have had to cancel most of my engagements during the past week, as I have been twice called to Washington. Under the circumstances, I am hesitant about fixing any specific date at the present time, as I have no assurance that I would be able to keep it. I hope, however, that some time later in the month I will be able to spend some time in New York, as I am looking forward to getting a rest, and at that time it might be possible to fix a date to suit your convenience, with some reasonable assurance that I can keep it. I suggest therefore that when you are in New York you telephone me either at the Sherry Netherland or at my office (Digby 4-3040) so that we can fix a definite date. Should I not be in my office my secretary, Mr. Browning, will be able to make the appointment.

With every good wish, and kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Laurence A. Steinhardt

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EDGAR B. STERN
EIGHT FORTY UNION STREET
NEW ORLEANS

January 3, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th addressed to Mr. Edgar B. Stern who is just about to leave for Washington where he is remaining during the emergency on a defense job there. I have read your letter over the telephone to him and he has asked me to write you that under no conditions can he accept the position as a member of the National Council for Palestine, and he has requested me to ask you please not to use his name.

Yours very truly,

Alma P. Winth

Secretary to
Edgar B. Stern

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cc - Rabbi Silver in Cleveland, Ohio

January 6, 1942

Dr. Martin Rosenbluth
c/o United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Rosenbluth:

Please pardon the long delay in answering your kind letter. I have been out of the city a good deal of the time and my correspondence has lagged.

You will probably be attending the Conference of the United Palestine Appeal in Cleveland and I shall then have an opportunity, I hope, to talk over with you the contents of your letter.

I believe that the arrangements which we have made with the JDC and the NRS for 1942 are by and large quite satisfactory. We could have prolonged the controversy with the JDC on the basis indicated in your letter. The JDC would not have yielded and the matter would have been again pushed into the National Conference of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds which meets in Chicago the end of this month. We would have had a repetition of Atlanta, and both the UPA and the UJA would have come out of that Council pretty well battered.

It will be very difficult, as it is, to raise money for the UJA in 1942. Furthermore, the Jewish National Fund, as you know, is planning large-scale activities in behalf of the Ussishkin land purchase project. The JDC was bearing down hard upon these "traditional" JNF collections. Under our arrangements, these "traditional" collections can go on undisturbed.

With all good wishes, and hoping to see you in Cleveland, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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DEPENDENT UPON YOUR BEST CONVENIENCE WE HOPE IT WILL BE
POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO LET US KNOW BEFORE MONDAY WHAT DATE IN
FEBRUARY WILL BE AGREEABLE TO YOU. REGARDS=

ROBERT SILVERMAN.

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January 9, 1942

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

Mr. Montor has referred to me for attention that portion of your letter of January 6th inquiring about a Palestine movie.

Would you be interested in "Collective Adventure", a half-hour film in sound and color, depicting a cooperative pioneering venture during the Arab disturbances? I am enclosing descriptive brochures of our other two films, "A Day in Dagania" and "They Find a Home," any one of which it would be a pleasure to send to your home in time for the Friday evening performance.

May I remind you that these are all 16 mm. sound films and require a sound projector of this calibre.

As soon as I learn of your wishes in this regard, I shall act accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

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January 14, 1942

George L. Warren
Executive Secretary

GRAMERCY 5-1185

Dear Mr. Falk:

Having just learned that the Dominican Republic Settlement Association is applying to Welfare Funds of this country for modest support of the work at Sosua in the Dominican Republic, I feel it both my privilege and duty to write you this letter.

The settlement effort at Sosua is the only undertaking which actually came into operation as a result of the meeting of 32 nations at Evian, France, called by President Roosevelt in 1938. The significance and importance of the effort in the Dominican Republic as an example of what can be accomplished by planned refugee settlement is, therefore, apparent to those of us who have been constantly and closely in touch with the refugee problem ever since Hitler came to power in Germany.

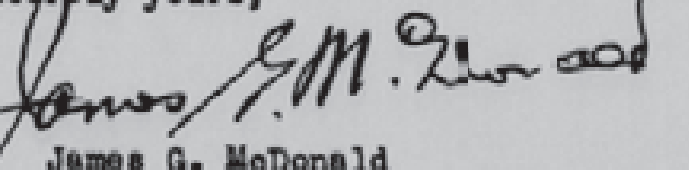
Though the first settlers arrived at Sosua less than two years ago and though there are still only about 600 settlers (including members of their families) at Sosua, it is most encouraging that the progress of the work has been such that three of the largest countries of South America have, on their own initiative, made contact with Mr. Rosenberg, Dr. Rosen and yourself looking toward the possibility of large scale settlement in their countries. Hence, I feel it fair to say that the significance of the Dominican Republic settlement effort far transcends the present scope of the work.

The importance of this enterprise is emphasized by the recent letter from President Roosevelt in which, discussing the work at Sosua, he declares that "The results achieved are indeed encouraging....It is earnestly to be hoped that the scope of this significant step towards solution of the world refugee problem will be enlarged."

Significant, too, is the address of the Honorable Sumner Welles broadcast on November 23 last in which, stating that "Mr. Rosenberg and his associates have demonstrated that refugees from Europe can be resettled in a sub-tropical climate and can prosper and thrive", he made the striking announcement that "the Government of the United States -- as the President has made it clear -- will participate in every practicable manner in contributing, together with the other Governments members of the Intergovernmental Committee, towards the successful realization of that great human enterprise of making it possible for the refugees to find a safe haven....".

Because of my deep and long interest in a just and humanitarian solution of the refugee problem, I am glad to testify to the sound progress which has been made in the Dominican Republic and earnestly hope that this pioneer effort will have support from the splendid men and women who guide the work and policy of the Welfare Funds.

Sincerely yours,


James G. McDonald

Mr. Leon Falk, Jr.
Sosua, Dominican Republic

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January 20th, 1942.

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

My dear Abba:

For the first time in four years
I missed the National Conference for Palestine.
Judging from the reports in the press, it must have
been a great gathering.

Mr. Lourie of the U.P.A. staff
has been good enough to send me from Cleveland a copy
of the address you delivered last Saturday night.
You do not need my encomium but I want to say that
it was a great speech. It is indeed time that we
were bold.

With kindest regards to you and

Mrs. Silver, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jesse Schwartz
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Executive Director

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January 25, 1942

Rabbi Jesse Schwartz, Executive Director
Zionist Organization of Canada
527 Sherbrooke Street West
Montreal, Canada

My dear Jesse:

Many thanks for your note. I
am sorry that you missed the Conference of the
UPA. It was in every way a splendid and
inspiring event.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

MEMORANDUM

Date January 24, 1941

To Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman U.P.A.

From Mr. A. Revusky

Subject

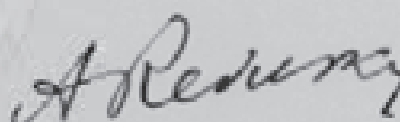
I take the liberty of sending to you some figures on the contributions of the United States and South Africa to Palestine funds. I believe that these figures can be effectively used to show that the bill for \$12,000,000 presented to American Jewry is not excessive or unreasonable. Should American Jews give at the same scale as the Jews of South Africa (who are approximately at the same level of wealth), they would contribute twice as much as is demanded by the U.P.A.

I believe that these figures, or at least the conclusion, can be effectively used by one of the key speakers at the Washington Conference as an added argument for increased contributions from the United States.

Mr. Montor has a copy of this table.

Sincerely,

A. Revusky



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CONTRIBUTIONS TO PALESTINE FUNDS (Keren Hayesod and National Fund) FROM:

	<u>UNITED STATES</u>		<u>SOUTH AFRICA</u>	
Period of Years	1920-1937	1938-1940	1920-1937	1938-1940
Average Jewish Population	4,200,000	4,800,000	72,000	94,000
Total Contributions for the Period (in U.S.dollars)	15,758,809	8,281,466	4,301,713	1,327,405
Contributed per capita	3.78	1.73	58.62	14.12
Yearly contribution per capita	0.21	0.46	3.25	3.85

1. The Palestinian pounds were converted into dollars at an average rate of \$4.50 per LP.
2. The number of Jews in the respective countries is based on the "American Jewish Year Books".
3. The latter period covers two years and nine months (till October 1, 1940).

CONCLUSION: The average Jew in South Africa contributed to Palestine funds, up to 1937, fifteen times as much as the average Jew in the United States. Even in the last three years, when the interest of the American Jewry in the upbuilding of Palestine considerably increased, the per capita contribution of South African Jewry to the upbuilding of Palestine is still eight times as much as the per capita contribution from the United States.

JAMES N. ROSENBERG
165 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

January 26, 1942

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

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Referring to our letter of January 20 to you, you will, I am sure, be deeply interested in the enclosed letter from Mr. McDonald.

Dr. Rosen, Mrs. Reyher and I will be in Chicago at the Drake Hotel next week during the conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Mr. Falk will also be there if able to procure accommodations to fly from the Dominican Republic. If you are at the Chicago conference, we will hope for a chance to talk with you about the important work at Sosua.

Faithfully,

J. Rosenberg

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342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

January 26, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing for your approval the draft of a statement to be issued in printed form on the basis of the enclosed "dummy".

It would be most helpful if you could let me have your reaction by return airmail.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Meyer F. Steinglass
Meyer F. Steinglass
Director of Publicity

MFS:FW
Enclosure

They have not been forgotten; they will not be forgotten—F. D. R.

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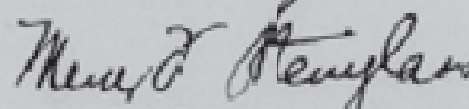
January 27, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a
picture which was taken following the recent
meeting of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,



Meyer F. Steinglass
Director of Publicity

MFS:FW
Enclosure

January 27, 1942

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

I am returning herewith the statement by the National Chairmen which you sent me. I have made one or two slight changes. I am also questioning the wisdom of including the first paragraph on Page 2.

I do not believe that the statement on the work of the United Palestine Appeal is adequate. Somewhere in that statement should be included:

(a) Reference to the 300,000 refugees who have come into the country during the last decade, many of whom are still a continuing responsibility to the Jewish Agency in re-training them and in finding opportunities for employment.

(b) A list of the specific enterprises of the Jewish Agency which call for expenditures.

(c) Strong emphasis should be placed on the work which is now being done in Palestine in the field of colonization and land acquisition not only to meet the immediate problem of providing for the refugees and of supplying food, etc. to the fighting forces, but also preparing the country for the large-scale Jewish immigration which will have to be channeled to Palestine after the war. What is being done in Palestine today is tied up with the inescapable post-war reconstruction problem. This is one of the major tasks which the Jewish Homeland will be called upon to perform. (Incidentally, nowhere in the statement is there any reference to the Jewish Homeland. Is this accidental?) Such a reference should, without fail, be included.

I notice that on the front page you have "1942 United Jewish Appeal for Refugees and Overseas Needs and Palestine". I suggest that the first "and" be omitted, and a comma put after "Refugees". Inasmuch as you have "1942" in large type at the bottom of the page, the figure might be omitted in the title.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX
Enc.

January 27, 1942

Mr. William Rosenwald
139 Center Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your kind invitation to be with you on Friday afternoon. If I arrive in Chicago in time, I shall give myself the pleasure of attending your party.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK





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January 29, 1942.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c-o Temple,
East 105th Street at Angel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

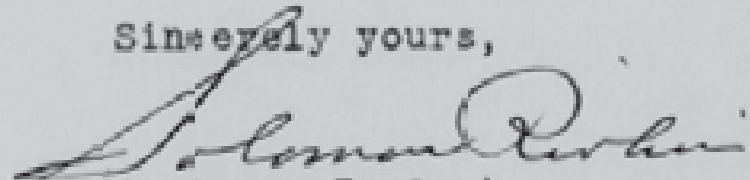
You will recall that I tried to prevail upon you a number of times to come to Toronto. I know that you are extremely busy with Congregational duties and that the United Palestine Appeal in the United States is more than enough to overtax your spare time. Yet I trust that you will agree to honour us this year by inaugurating the 1942 United Palestine Appeal in Toronto.

The Campaign will open in April and I would suggest that you accept either Sunday, April 12th or April 19th. Preferably the latter day, or any day that may be suitable to you.

Needless for me to tell you what your presence in Toronto will mean to the success of the 1942 United Palestine Appeal.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


(Solomon Rivlin)
Executive Director

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Mr William Rosenswald
requests the pleasure of
Rabbi Abba Silver's
company at *Cocktails*
at the French Room, The Drake Hotel, Chicago
on *Friday, January Thirtieth*
at from *Five to Seven* o'clock

R.s.v.p.
139 Center Street
New York, New York

February 5, 1942

Rabbi Solomon Rivlin, Executive Director
Ontario Zionist Region
455 Spadina Ave.
Toronto, Ontario

My dear Rabbi Rivlin:

Permit me to thank you for your kind
letter of January 29. It is quite impossible
for me to get away from Cleveland on a Sunday.
I wish you every success in your campaign.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER:

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Feb. 6, 1942

Rabbi Jesse Schwartz
527 Sherbrooke West
Montreal, Quebec

Suggest you get in touch with
Monsky directly at Omaha.

Kindest regards

S. J. L.

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1942
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

February 9, 1942.

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom,
P. O. Box 548,
Hollywood, Florida.

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

This will acknowledge your letter to me of February 5th. I am attaching for your information a copy of a letter received by the United Jewish Appeal from the office of Mr. Rosenwald. These figures represent the basis upon which the United Jewish Appeal reimbursed Mr. Rosenwald for his expenses during the year 1941.

When I gave Mr. Rosenwald his check for \$3,955.70, he in turn handed me a check for \$6,425 which has been credited to the New York City Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

I trust that this is the information you require.

My best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) A. Keller.

CHARLES J. ROSENBLOOM
POST OFFICE BOX 548
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

February 11th., 1942.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

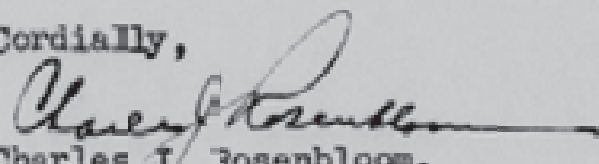
In reply to an inquiry concerning an item^{of} expenditure in the Statement of Income and Expenditure of the United Jewish Appeal for the period March 15 through December 31, 1941, I received the enclosed letter.

You are undoubtedly aware of this item but I am calling it to your attention because I think it is a most unjust charge upon the United Jewish Appeal for Mr. Rosenwald to travel about the country stressing the importance of the National Refugee Service and spreading propaganda for its work alone and without reference to the needs of the United Jewish Appeal. This he did in Pittsburgh last May together with another gentleman whose name I have forgotten but you may be able to place him. He is a New Yorker and, I think, in the Cloak and Suit business. If, however, those concerned feel that Mr. Rosenwald is justified in having such expenditures reimbursed to him because, among other things, he contributes this amount to the Appeal, then, I believe, the money should be returned not to the New York Campaign but to the National Offices. This, because as you have frequently pointed out, the expenses of the New York Campaign are unusually high, and the United Jewish Appeal therefore loses in this transaction by the percentage of expenses that is deducted from the sums sent to it by the New York Campaign office.

I do not know whether you consider this matter important enough to discuss with some of the officers and leaders of the United Jewish Appeal but I thought it my duty to, at least, call it to your attention.

My very best regards to you.

Cordially,


Charles J. Rosenbloom.

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February 11, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105 St. at Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thanks so much for your cooperation in Chicago and for your public statement of sympathy with the effort at Sosua. This was the kind of cooperative statesmanlike action which I feel convinced is helpful to all Jewish causes.

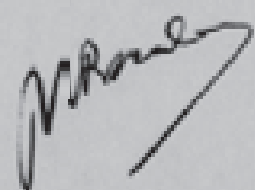
I should like you to read, if you care to do so, the enclosed copy of letter I have written to Charles Rosentbloom. I suggest that you read it because in that letter I make a statement as to my position regarding Palestine. That position I am ready at all times to take publicly, if it is so desired. If I do make any such public statement, I should want to couple it with a statement as to the purpose and philosophy and significance, as I conceive it, of the work at Sosua.

It was a rare pleasure to sit down and have a quiet talk with you in Chicago, and I hope that when you are next in New York we will have a chance to continue that conversation.

With greetings and all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

JNR:bd
Encl.



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February 11, 1942

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
521 Union Trust Building
Pittsburgh, Penna

Dear Charlie:

I have decided not to re-publish your address at this time because I find that your article did so much good that I think there is now no need of continuing a discussion which might possibly make it appear that we are in any way competing with the efforts in Palestine.

I was in Chicago last week. I had a long and satisfactory talk with Dr. Silver, who praised your letter and later publicly gave support to the Sosua effort, for which I am extremely grateful.

I want you to understand in connection with our heavy Jewish problems that I am deeply interested in Palestine, as I have been for many years. When I was asked by Felix Warburg in 1921 to go to Europe to reorganize the work of the J.D.C. the very first task assigned to me was one in which I was honored by being asked by the late Justice Brandeis and Judge Mack to tackle the job of forming a central bank for cooperatives in Palestine. This I did in London in 1921. The fundamental plans for that bank were then agreed on in the Fall of 1921. The bank was formed soon after my meetings in London, and in those twenty years of business has, as I am informed, made in revolving loans to the cooperatives in Palestine a total of loans aggregating something over twenty million dollars. I have not recently checked the figures so I don't want to be too sure as to the total amount of these loans, but I am quite certain that they run into a very large aggregate amount.

February 11, 1942

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From its inception I have been and am a director of the Palestine Economic Corporation. I went to Zurich in 1929 with Mr. Louis Marshall and Felix Warburg at their request to take an active part with them and with Dr. Weizmann in drafting the constitution of the enlarged agency. So you will see that my deep interest in Palestine dates back almost a quarter of a century.

As to settlement problems, I should like you to know that I am prepared to go to any meeting, Zionist, non-Zionist, anti-Zionist or any other kind and state publicly at any such meeting my profound interest in Palestine, my earnest desire to see continued Jewish immigration into that country, and to state that insofar as immigration and colonization into Palestine may be possible, that quite aside from my great interest in the work at Sosua I regard Palestine as the chief place for Jewish colonization, so far as it may be possible to have Jews go into that country.

The post-war problem of the Jews in Europe will involve, so far as we can foresee it, five to six million Jews. At best, as I am informed by leading Zionists, Palestine could not, even if the doors were thrown wide open and many millions of dollars provided, take more than 100,000 people per year. That will not and cannot solve the tragedy of the Jews in Europe.

Hence it is that Sosua, though a small undertaking, is, as you have so well and ably shown in your recent article, significant as a test tube, as a pattern, as a model. Its significance is demonstrated by the fact that three of the large countries in South America have approached us to discuss the possibility of large scale planned settlement in their countries. The details as to this I hope to tell you when next we meet.

I was delighted to have a visit from your brother Arthur, who has followed your splendid example and given \$1,000 for the work at Sosua. As I think back to my year in Europe in 1921-22, and the meetings I had with your noble parents in Paris, I feel that you and Arthur and your dear mother have nobly and splendidly carried on the example, conduct and tradition of your father's life.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Silver, whom I am thanking for his cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

JNR:bd

February 16, 1942

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
Box 548
Holly wood, Florida

My dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of February 11. I share with you fully your reaction to Mr. Rosenwald's strange procedure in sending in a huge expense account. In fact I inquired about the very item ten days ago. I am enclosing herewith copies of my correspondence with headquarters. I believe that the matter should be followed through vigorously and I would request you, as treasurer of the UPA, to make the proper representation to the UJA. There is involved not only this last item of \$3,955.70 for 1941, but an even larger item for 1940. This money should be reimbursed to the treasury by the NRS.

What Mr. Rosenwald is really doing is charging up his expenses incurred for the NRS to his contribution which he makes to the UJA. That is really a honey!

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

February 17, 1942

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
Post Office Box 548
Hollywood, Florida

My dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

The enclosed copies of letters should have been sent to you yesterday along with the other copies of letters which Rabbi Silver sent you.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

BJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver

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342 MADISON AVENUE
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February 20, 1942

Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Miss Kline:

It would be very helpful if you could send us an outline of the most recent biography of Dr. Silver. We should like to have this information in order to bring up to date the biography just now in our files.

With many thanks and kindest regards,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Meyer F. Steinglass

Meyer F. Steinglass
Director of Publicity

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UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL
41 East 42nd Street

MEMORANDUM

March 1, 1942

TO: Mr. Henry Montor

FROM: Harry Seeve

SUBJECT: Akron

I stopped in Akron on Tuesday, Feb. 24 and met with Charles Schwartz, Ben Holub and Miss Malvyn Wachner. I also visited the local Mutual affiliate. The hour in question is the property of a local program broker who conducts a regular German hour.

They haven't given much thought to the campaign yet. They would like to have Dr. Braunstein for one of their campaign meetings.

Will you please send Charles Schwartz a copy of the National Conference issue of the New Palestine. It seems that he has been so impressed since the conference that nothing less than a thriving Zionist district will do for him. In view of your correspondence with Simon Shetzer with reference to Akron it might be a good idea if you would refer the matter to him personally. Although a Zionist membership campaign in Akron can be carried out as a novel plan yet some discretion may have to be used with the old leaders of the district. I have no doubt that if presented to him delicately Dr. Steiner will gladly surrender the presidency. I would advise Mr. Shetzer to visit Akron personally. He should first inform Dr. Steiner of his plans and then ask Schwartz to arrange a small parlor meeting for his visit, at which time he might present a guide for their future activities.

Incidentally, Ben Holub thinks that the UPA session was the outstanding at the Chicago Assembly.

Dr. Silver

March 3, 1942

Mr. Simon Shetser
Executive Director
Zionist Organization of America
1720-16th Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I send you herewith a copy of a memorandum from Harry Seeve, field representative of the United Palestine Appeal, with whom you are acquainted.

I know that you sometimes question the value of UPA activities in relation to the Zionist movement. You will note that as a result of the efforts of the UPA, Mr. Charles Schwartz, one of the biggest givers in Akron and one of its most respected leaders, seems interested in the beginning of a fine Zionist District.

This memorandum is being sent to you for your confidential information. I trust that you will follow it up.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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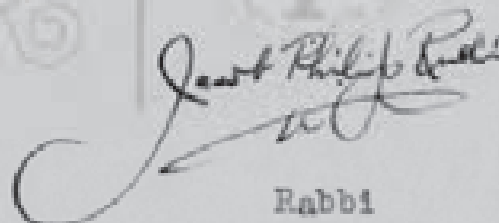
March 5, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Silver,

I want to say to you how moved I was by the sermon that you delivered at the Conference last Saturday morning. I have rarely heard a message of greater inspiration and help. I am sure that everyone present felt strengthened and encouraged by your word. I must send you this note of appreciation.

Sincerely,



Rabbi

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March 13, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

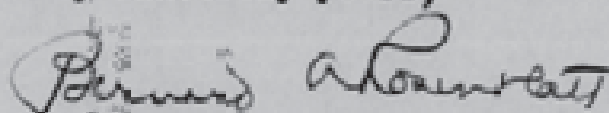
I am happy to inform you that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod), Inc. held on March 12th, you were elected a co-chairman of the Keren Hayesod.

The first meeting of the newly elected Administrative Committee, of which you are a member, will be held on Thursday, March 19th, at 4:30 P.M. in the office of the Keren Hayesod, 41 East 42nd Street, New York, room 1121.

Since there will be a number of important matters before the Administrative Committee, I hope you will make every effort to attend.

With kind greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Bernard A. Rosenblatt
Chairman

BAF.SB

March 21, 1942.

Mr. Henry Montor
c/o United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Montor:

I have your letter of March 13, 1942.

Frankly, I am very surprised by your inquiry. In fact, it leaves me deeply depressed and has upset me so considerably, that I am sick at heart. I have been so shocked by Bernard's sudden passing, that I hardly have the strength to reply to your letters. And now your letter leaves me in despair and with a feeling that I know not where to turn and to whom to turn.

I feel, that had Bernard continued to live, he would have had an unquestionable right to a pension from the U.P.A., in view of his many years of devoted service to it and the cause of Zionism.

In fact, even prior to his death I understand negotiations had been pending for some time with respect to a pension for him.

Had a pension been established for him, certainly in the event of his death, his widow and family would be entitled to the benefits of such a pension, at least while his widow lived, or there were minor children.

I feel that such provision should be made now. Without going into the facts and figures you request, I think it should suffice for you to know that of the insurance Bernard left me, that portion of it that comes to me in cash will hardly be sufficient to enable me to hold on to the house in which I live, to pay certain obligations and to enable my boy Harry to complete his education.

As for the house, it was Bernard's most cherished desire that if anything happened to him, I should above all things continue to live in it. The mortgage on it amounts to over \$8000 and the monthly payments on it are over \$70 and with taxes and insurance on it, the monthly charges involve about \$95.

The remaining insurance he left me is payable over

Mr. Henry Montor

March 21, 1942.

a long period of time and after paying the above \$95, other living costs of maintaining my household, educating Harry, taking care of my health, enabling me to give some small support to my widowed mother, I am right now without adequate living means.

A monthly pension is most essential to enable me and Harry to live without greatly reducing our living standard, possibly giving up my home which would literally break my heart, and perhaps necessitate giving up a final education which Bernard had planned for Harry.

I therefore earnestly hope you will reconsider the idea of giving me a lump sum equivalent to the balance of Bernard's salary for the remainder of the year and that instead you will provide me with a monthly pension along the above lines. It is terribly necessary that you do so.

I am confident that you will not consider me presumptuous in making my above request. I feel it is the only dignified treatment that can and should be accorded me. I want to feel that such a pension comes to me as a real moral right, based upon justice.

I hope you will favor me accordingly.

With many thanks for your acts of kindness, and the best health to all of you, the co-workers of Bernard, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Bernard Stone

P.S. I also wish to add that bill of approximately \$1000 in connection with Bernard's funeral still remain unpaid.

March 31, 1942.

Mrs. Bernard Stone
118 North Alta Vista Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Stone:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal held on Monday, March 30, 1942, consideration was given to the action it wished to take as a result of the lamented passing of your husband.

I am instructed by the Executive Committee to advise you that in appreciation of the years of service of Mr. Bernard Stone to the United Palestine Appeal, the amount of \$40 per week will be paid to you as his widow for a period of three years. The Executive Committee asks me also to convey to you the sympathy which it has with you and your children in your loss.

Payments arising out of this decision will begin April 1, 1942.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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

April 6, 1942

Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt
88 Broad Street
New York City

Dear Judge Rosenblatt:

I feel so keenly about the subject matter which we discussed at lunch last week, that I should like to put into writing some of my thoughts on the question of the constitutional structure of the Keren Hayesod, which is one of the two basic instruments composing the United Palestine Appeal.

I told you that word had circulated that it was the intention of the Keren Hayesod to revise its charter and constitution so that it would be in the sole control of the Zionist movement. I've confirmed that word by saying that you had appointed a committee to consider re-drafting the K.H. constitution along the lines of that of the Keren Kayemeth.

(1) It is undoubtedly superfluous for me to point to the difference between the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth. The former was specifically created to invite the cooperation of non-Zionists. It is at the present time legally and structurally the fund-raising instrument of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which is the concern of Zionists and non-Zionists alike. The budget of the Keren Hayesod is made up by the Jewish Agency and as such is under the direct supervision of Zionists and non-Zionists. The Keren Kayemeth, on the other hand, is recognized to be under the sole jurisdiction of the World Zionist Organization. As you know, very prolonged discussion was held prior to the formation of the Extended Jewish Agency in 1929 as to what authority should have jurisdiction over both the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth. The arrangement which now exists was then formulated and agreed upon.

(2) Although the Keren Hayesod is not at this time a fund-raising body, its powers having been transferred to the United Palestine Appeal, it is certainly important that its appeal as a fund-raising agency should not be diminished.

I can perfectly well understand the desire of the Zionist movement in America, and especially of the Zionist Organization of America, to have a direct voice in the affairs of each of the Palestine

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Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt

April 6, 1942

institutions, but I can hardly envisage it as being in the interests of Palestine if that voice should be exercised in such a form, that it should exclude the participation of those who are not formally enrolled in the U.P.A.

As one who has had the opportunity during the past three and a half years of visiting almost 150 communities throughout the United States, and of meeting with the responsible leadership in each of these communities, I am thoroughly familiar with the origins of support for Palestine. I should think that the Zionist movement would regard it as a distinctly valuable asset that interest in Palestine is not restricted only to those who have membership cards in one of the Zionist parties, but is to be noted generally in the entire community. Contributions, whether from large or medium-sized givers, come on the basis of participation in the general community enterprise. The ability of American Jews to give funds to Palestine on the basis of their interests in the rebuilding program should be maintained and not jeopardized. I am sure that this must be the intention of the officers of the U.P.A. and of the Zionist movement. It is for that reason that I call attention to the problem so that even through oversight, a serious issue may not be created for Palestine and for the Zionist movement itself.

(3) You will recall that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds took a very keen interest in the "coordination" resolution that was introduced at the annual convention of the U.P.A. in Cincinnati last September. A formal question was addressed to the U.P.A. on the subject. At that time, after consultation with Judge Levinthal and Mr. Shetser, I replied to the Council of Federations that the "coordination" resolution did not have any effect upon the structure of the U.P.A., but merely meant that those people on the Board of Directors of the various institutions who represented the U.P.A., for example, should have full representative capacity.

The forces interested in creating divisions in the minds of American Jewry with respect to Palestine would take eager note of any revision in the structure of the U.P.A. which might be construed as debarring non-Zionists from participation in administration and management.

It might be said that the U.P.A. will continue intact and on the same basis as it is now constituted, but that would not be a meeting of the issue involved. The U.P.A. is merely a title created by the Keren Kayemeth and the Keren Hayeseth to serve as a joint fund-raising instrument for both. The U.P.A. has no voice in the selection of its own officers. That is done completely by the K.H. and the K.K. Therefore, if the Keren Kayemeth is a purely and exclusively Zionist institution, and if the Keren Hayeseth should also be transformed into that type of institution, it would mean that the U.P.A. was in effect not the fund-raising instrument of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, but of the Zionist Organization.

(4) It might be argued that every person who contributes funds to Palestine should be a Zionist, but that this Messianic stage has not yet been reached was indicated by the Zionist Organization itself, when it initiated the

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organization of the Keren Hayesod in 1920. It felt that the rebuilding of Palestine was the responsibility of all Jews, regardless of their ideologies at the moment. It has been upon that basis that the K.H. has asked for and won the support of Jewish communities throughout the world. It has been on that basis that the Keren Hayesod has been established in the United States. It would seem to me that this critical moment is hardly the appropriate time when the historic trend in relation to the K.H. and in relation to the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home should be reversed. But again I must add my assumption that such is not the intention of yourself and of your associates in the Keren Hayesod.

(5) One more thing might be added. The Keren Hayesod is solely a fund-raising institution. It does not make policies, even for Palestine. At the present time it is the recipient of funds distributed by the U.P.A. as they are received from the United Jewish Appeal. It has always been my conviction that such fund-raising bodies for Palestine should have the benefit of the leadership and the participation of the men and women most helpful in fund-raising work. Throughout the country there are men and women who have distinguished themselves in their local efforts through Welfare Funds or through other channels, who would make ideal officers and champions of the Keren Hayesod. Any transformation of the Keren Hayesod based on Zionist policy rather than on fund-raising necessities would, it would seem to me, hurt the very basic purpose of the Keren Hayesod in terms of raising adequate funds for the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home.

I appreciate the opportunity that you gave me for presenting my point of view on this matter, and I trust that I have not burdened you now with a summary of my views. I have sent them to you in view of the fact that I shall not have the opportunity of attending the meeting to be held this Friday. I do hope that I shall have the occasion of meeting again with your Constitutional Committee at a later time and before final action has been taken.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

HN:JB

Henry Mentor
Executive Director

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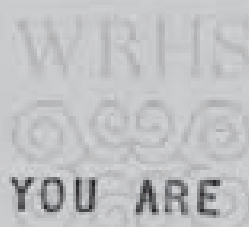
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April 9, 1942

Rabbi Jacob Philip Rudin
7 Old Colony Lane
Great Neck, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Rudin:

On my return from England I found your kind note of March 5 and I hasten to tell you how deeply I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me. I am pleased to know that you liked my sermon at the Conference. From the number of communications which I received since the Conference, I feel that it was a rather timely and helpful message.

With all good wishes, and again thanking you for your kind note, I remain

Most cordially,

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WIRE BY WESTERNUNION YOUR ACCEPTANCE AND TENTATIVE DATE=

GEORGE SOLOMON CHAIRMAN SAVANNAH UNITED
JEWISH APPEAL..

April 10, 1942

Mr. Mayer F. Steinglass
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

I am sending you herewith a short
statement which you might use in your publicity
in connection with my recent visit to England.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

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April 13, 1942

GEORGE SOLOMON
SAVANNAH? GA.

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY MY INABILITY TO ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION. I AM
ALREADY SO HEAVILY BOOKED UP FOR CAMPAIGN MEETINGS IN MAY THAT I CAN NOT
TAKE ON ANY ADDITIONAL ONES. I WISH YOU ALL SUCCESS.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

April 13, 1942.

Mr. Henry Montor
c/o United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Montor:

I have been so disappointed and depressed by your letter of March 31, 1942, that I only now feel equal to the task of replying to it.

In view of the facts which I included in my last letter to you, I must admit that I cannot see how your proposal meets any of our requirements. Your proposal covers three years---but what then? My heart is gripped by fear and apprehension whenever this question enters my mind. And a question which is so intimately concerned with our daily existence cannot but often be in my thoughts.

I must repeat again that I do not feel that my request for a pension, based on the salary which Bernard used to earn, is a presumptuous one. In all organizations pension plans are in force as a matter of commonly acknowledged social justice. These pensions are not charity, but are earned by the long years of faithful service which the worker put into his organization. If there was ever a man who put all his heart, soul, and might into his work---that man was Bernard. This unceasing devotion to one cause for thirty years undoubtedly contributed more than anything else to his untimely passing.

Shortly before this tragedy occurred Bernard showed me a letter which he had received from New York. It asked him if he would consider a pension of \$50 per week. Bernard had to reply that he could not live on such an amount, and after that I heard no more of the matter. Such a plan as that above would certainly have contained provisions of continued payments to me for the rest of my life in the event that Bernard should die. Yet, now that the situation for us is infinitely worse, a plan is offered which is much more meager and which at the end of three years leaves me and my son no protection at all. I can only think and hope, therefore, that your proposal was made with an incomplete understanding of our unfortunate situation. Such a plan as that above would mean so very little to your organization, while the absence of such a well earned pension, would for us, to say the least, inflict heavy and unwarranted hardships.

Mr. Henry Montor

April 13, 1942.

I should like to pose this question to you gentlemen who have it within your power to grant or deny my small request: Is there any one of you who does not think that my husband, with the years of effort, aggravation, and sweat he put into the cause, did not earn for us many times the pension I am now asking? I know you can't want to inflict hardships upon us. However, unless you reconsider, that will be exactly what you are doing.

I hope I have made it clear that I am basing my request for the above pension on three all-important facts. That my husband earned by his lifelong work a substantial pension, that as a moral and just right his family deserves at least this, and that without it we must suffer a greatly reduced standard of living and many hardships.

I am therefore waiting anxiously and hopefully for your favorable reply for if justice and righteousness are to be served there can be only one reply.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Bernard Stose

P.S. I trust the U.P.A. has honored the bills which were submitted to it. Not only don't we have any money with which to pay those bills, but I think it is a responsibility which, considering the way Bernard died, his organization ought to assume.

April 15, 1942.

Mrs. Bernard Stone
118 North Alta Vista Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Stone:

This will acknowledge your letter dated April 13th in which you comment upon the action of the United Palestine Appeal in making an appropriation following the death of your husband.

I deeply regret that you have taken this point of view. I appreciate your sensitivity in discussing the problem, particularly when your loss is so fresh in mind. However, it is regrettable that you have not only neglected but apparently resented the inquiries that were properly addressed to you by the officers of the United Palestine Appeal to determine what assets had been left behind by Mr. Stone for the purpose of enabling the United Palestine Appeal adequately to consider the situation.

My own feeling is that the United Palestine Appeal has been most considerate, but since you seem unwilling to assent, I am returning the problem to the attention of the officers of the United Palestine Appeal for their further action. In the meantime no remittances will be forwarded on the basis of the Executive Committee's action in view of your unwillingness to accept it.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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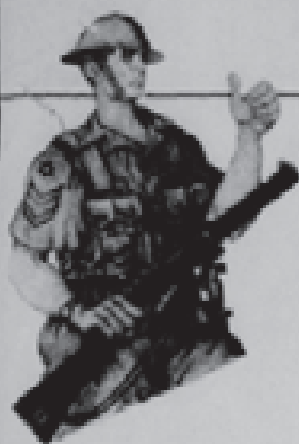
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Miss Bessie Kline
The Temple
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Dear Miss Kline:

I am sending you herewith the duplicate invoice forwarded to this office in connection with the recent booking of Dr. Frank Kingdon made by me for The Temple.

At the time, I had informed the Colston Leigh Lecture Bureau to send the bill directly to The Temple for payment.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Soames
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"We in the United States must help strengthen Palestine"

—HON. FRANK KNOX, Secretary of the Navy

April 17, 1942

Miss Irene Soames
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Soames:

Thank you for your letter of April 16
and for the invoice which you enclosed, the
original of which we received.

The bill was paid yesterday.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

RJK

Secretary to Rabbi Silver.

April 17, 1942

Dr. Martin Rosenbluth
c/o Palestine Foundation Fund
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Rosenbluth:

You asked me, the other day, for an expense account incurred on my recent visit to England in behalf of the Keren Hayesod. I am enclosing it herewith. I am not charging the Keren Hayesod with the honorarium which I had to pay to two of the speakers who occupied my pulpit during my absence: Dr. Frank Kingdon - \$250; and Mr. Ratcliffe - \$100. I shall make that my contribution to the cause.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK
Enc.

Nathan Straus

632 Sixth Avenue

New York, N.Y.

April 20, 1942.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I am glad you are home again. You must have had a most interesting trip. When you next expect to be in New York, please let me know in advance as I would very much like to see you.



With kindest regards,

Cordially,

Nathan Straus

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
c/o The Temple,
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April 20th, 1942.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105 St & Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of April 17th with attached statement of the expenses you incurred in connection with your trip to England. I have asked the Palestine Foundation Fund to reimburse you for the amount of \$243.- and want to thank you also on behalf of Mr. Blumenfeld for the generous gift of \$350.- which you made by your refusal to be reimbursed for this part of your expenditure.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Martin Rosenbluth

MARTIN ROSENBLUTH

MR:AA

WILLIAM ROSENWALD
122 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 20, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The next time you are in New York, I should like an opportunity to see you and chat for a few minutes. Perhaps you would find it convenient to save some time before or after the luncheon meeting of the Executive Committee of the National U.J.A., which is scheduled for 12:30, on Wednesday, April 29.

With kind regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

Wm. Rosenwald

April 22, 1942

Mr. Nathan Straus
652 Sixth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friend:

Thank you so much for your kind note.
I shall be in New York next Tuesday and Wednesday
stopping at the Commodore Hotel. I shall be
very happy to have a chance to chat with you.
Give me a ring at the Hotel.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:EK

April 22, 1942

Dr. Martin Rosenbluth
United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Friends:

I did use the five pounds which you gave me. You are permitted to take into England ten pounds. You are requested to declare all currencies you have upon entering the country.

I trust that you are well, and with all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX

April 22, 1942

Mr. William Rosenwald
122 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rosenwald:

I shall be very happy to see you next Wednesday. Would you be free at 11:30? Come up to the Commodore and then we can go to the luncheon of the USA together.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AUS:BX

WILLIAM ROSENWALD
122 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 24, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The time and place set
in your letter of April 22 are quite
convenient.

Looking forward, then,
to seeing you at 11:30 A.M. on
Wednesday, April 29, at the Commodore,
I am,

Cordially yours,

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

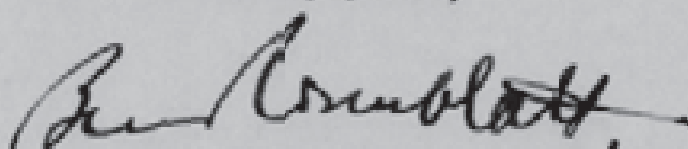
It is my pleasure to send you herewith our check in the sum of \$243 to reimburse you for expenses incurred by you during your recent historic trip to England.

Dr. Rosenbluth was good enough to show us your letter to him, from which we learned of your personal advances to Dr. Kingdon and Mr. Ratcliffe when they spoke in your pulpit during your absence from this country. It would be presumptuous on our part to express appreciation of your contribution in that connection, knowing as we do what a tremendous sacrifice was entailed in your whole trip. Nevertheless we should not like to allow the occasion to pass un-commented.

With deep appreciation, and kind greetings,

I am

Very sincerely yours,



Bernard A. Rosenblatt
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342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

April 24, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

For your information, we are enclosing a copy of a telegram which was sent to Washington, D.C. upon the death of Mr. Morris Simon, co-Chairman of its United Jewish Appeal campaign.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Meyer S. Steinglass
Meyer S. Steinglass,
Director of Publicity

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APRIL 24, 1942

MRS. MORRIS SIMON
5226 - 39th, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEEPLY GRIEVED AT UNTIMELY DEATH OF MORRIS SIMON. THAT HE WAS STRICKEN AT ORGANIZATION MEETING OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN IS FINEST MANIFESTATION HIS UNCEASING DEVOTION AND DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN JEWRY'S EFFORT TO ASSURE SURVIVAL OF OUR PEOPLE. WE SALUTE MORRIS SIMON AS SOLDIER ON WORLD-WIDE FRONT FOR PRESERVATION OF JEWISH IDEALS AND JEWISH INSTITUTIONS. WE SHALL TREASURE HIS MEMORY AS NOBLE SPIRIT IMBUED WITH UNQUENCHABLE WILL TO SERVE ISRAEL. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES.

ABBA FILLEL SILVER
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

April 25, 1942.

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

Dear Mr. Montor:

Your letter of April 15, 1942, left me with a void feeling. I do not know what to make of it, or what to say in reply to it---I have such a feeling of being utterly alone and helpless.

You lay great stress on the importance of the United Palestine Appeal's knowing what assets Bernard left.

What difference does it make? Why is it at all material?

I am not asking for charity. I am simply asking for that which I believe Bernard would have been entitled to receive had he continued to live, after giving the United Palestine Appeal and the Zionist movement a lifetime of service--- I am simply asking that his family, as a matter of right and not charity, be given the same thing---a pension or payments in the nature of a pension.

If Bernard did leave anything of value, it could only be the result of his vision and a denial of many luxuries in trying to make some provision for his family.

Is his family to be penalized because he had the foresight and goodness to do so? Must one of your employees die absolutely penniless to receive a pension from you? Is it a case of the less a deceased employee leaves, the more will the United Palestine Appeal provide for his family? Don't you see you would then be placing a premium on employees who squander their earnings and leave their families no means of continuing to live?

I repeat: I am not asking for charity. I ask for righteous treatment---a pension. In considering a pension it is immaterial what Bernard left me. However, if as it seems, you think our financial status is anything approaching an adequate continuation of our former modest standard of living, let me reassure you. Let me reassure you with these words---our present income and assets from all sources are a good deal less than one half of Bernard's salary.

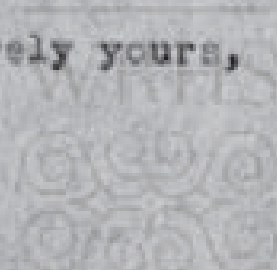
Mr. Henry Montor

April 25, 1942.

I await with real anxiety the further action by the officers and Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal. Meanwhile am I to receive no further monies? Are the bills which were submitted to the United Palestine Appeal to remain unpaid? At the beginning of this tragedy I was told that Bernard's salary would continue to be paid until an agreement had been reached. How am I to interpret then the discontinuation of payments for a month and a half now? Is this, and the disregarding of bills submitted two months ago, a way of forcing my acceptance of any proposal you might care to make?

I hope you will not take the unwarranted attitude you assumed in your last letter. I am sure a re-perusal of our correspondence will show I have made no requests which are not justified. Please believe me when I say that did I not feel that I would be imposing hardships and suffering upon my family I would write no more of these letters which can do nothing but bring pain and worry to my heart.

Sincerely yours,



P.S. I am sending a copy of this letter and copies of my previous letters to you as well as your letter of April 15, 1942, to the following persons:

Abba Hillel Silver
Stephen S. Wise
Louis Lipsky
Solomon Goldman
Israel Goldstein
Louis E. Levinthal

118 North Alta Vista Boulevard * Los Angeles, California

April 25, 1942.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am inclosing copies of a chronological correspondence between Mr. Montor and myself. I am taking the liberty of asking you to read this correspondence which I am sure you will find self-explanatory.

It is my opinion that I have not received just treatment from the United Palestine Appeal as expressed in the inclosed letters. It is for this reason that I am writing to you. I feel sure that after you have read the inclosure and understand my predicament you will do all you can to correct the situation. I ask for nothing but a just pension, well earned by Bernard's thirty years of devoted service to Zionism and the United Palestine Appeal.

You can help grant my request and as one of Bernard's friends I know you will do your utmost to see that his family does not have to suffer because of inadequate pension provision.

Gratefully yours,

Mrs Bernard Stone

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Dear Dr. Silver:

May I call your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter and the dummy of a suggested UJA periodical which were forwarded to you in Cleveland earlier this week.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Meyer F. Steinglass
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April 30, 1942

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

In a general way I approve of the UJA periodical, the dummy of which you sent me. I think it will be very helpful. I would, however, suggest that inasmuch as it is called "UJA NEWS" it should contain actual news not heretofore announced elsewhere. Unless that is done, the people will discard it and will not come to look forward to it as the conveyer of real, new and vital information. No statements, pictures, maps, etc. which appeared elsewhere in the publicity releases of one or another of the constituent agencies of the UJA or in the public press ought to be included in the UJA NEWS. It should be fresh and entirely new.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:EK

118 North Alta Vista Boulevard + Los Angeles, California

May 8, 1948.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Ansel Road Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Sometime ago my husband, Bernard, was offered a life pension by the United Palestine Appeal. There is no doubt that this pension was meant for the support of Bernard's family.

I have written to the United Palestine Appeal office and have addressed letters personally to you. Because you have known Bernard for most of the thirty years that he worked for the Zionist movement, I feel sure that if these letters had come directly to your hand, you would have responded personally. As a man of integrity and high repute, I feel sure that you will see the justice of my claim to a life pension. The Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal has decided to give us \$40 per week for three years. I hardly think they wish to work a hardship on us, but that is exactly what they are doing. The little income that Bernard was able to leave us from his insurance amounts to much less than half the salary he was earning. I have myself and a sixteen year old son to take care of. I am unable to do this on what Bernard left.

When Bernard passed away, we received word from New York to say that his salary would be continued in full until the end of the fiscal year. We received only two salary checks and then they stopped. For over a month we received nothing at all. And now, although we have not accepted the offer of \$40 a week for three years, I have received two checks of \$86.67 for April 15 and April 30 with no other explanation.

I feel sure you will see that we have been dealt with unjustly and without any real understanding of the problems I am facing. Bernard's loyal and devoted service of thirty years has surely earned for him and for his memory the thing we are asking. If Bernard had been able to provide adequate security for us on his salary I would surely spare myself the humiliation of having to plead for what should be merely a well-earned reward.

I know that you will give my request your just consideration. I have taken the liberty of writing to you thus, because I feel so deeply and keenly that our request has been misunderstood and, in fact, vetoed.

118 North Alta Vista Boulevard + Los Angeles, California

I shall look forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

Annie Stone



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Stephen S. Wise

Chairman

May 18, 1942

Mr. Simon Shetzer
Zionist Organization of America
1720 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Si:

At one of our recent sessions you commented on the fact that there seemed to be a duplication of publicity emanating from our several organizations. At that time I pointed out that the United Palestine Appeal tries to the utmost of its capacity to restrict itself to such material as can be directly related to the work which it funds further.

As I need hardly mention, all the reports of the Jewish Agency, describing agricultural, industrial and military development which are assisted by funds of the United Palestine Appeal, are appropriate material for the data which we issue.

In going through the very excellent little bulletin, called "Inside Palestine" I notice many references to activities furthered by the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth, but no reference is made to the fact that the Jews of America provide funds for these purposes through the United Palestine Appeal. Would it not be helpful if such emendations were made in the text? I call your attention particularly to the May 12th issue, page 2, which refers to the establishment of five new colonies in six months, or to the school system in Palestine, both of which derive from American support through the United Palestine Appeal. Moreover, the industrial progress in Palestine, which is accelerated by Jewish Agency activities, has a bearing on the funds of the United Palestine Appeal.

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
1730 - 16TH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 20th, 1942

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

Dear Henry:

Thank you for your letter of May 18th and your interesting comments upon our "Inside Palestine." You should know that this little bulletin not only goes to the Zionist leadership in our various Districts and Regions, but is to be found upon the shelves of a large number of libraries and Universities which have specifically requested that we place them upon our mailing list. The bulletin goes, too, to the Anglo-Jewish press.

Were we to indicate in connection with the activities furthered by the Keren Hayesod and the Keren Kayemeth, that the funds for these activities of the Jewish Agency are provided by the Jews of America through the United Palestine Appeal, the bulletin would quickly lose its character as a news sheet and would be promptly labelled as fund-raising propaganda. We feel certain that under such circumstances, it would no longer be accepted in many quarters where it is now gladly received. I think you will agree with this conclusion. It is perhaps desirable that, from time to time, such reference to the U.P.A. might be made; but certainly it would not be helpful to the bulletin to include such emendations in the text of each such item.

While we are on this general subject, I should like to draw your attention to a matter of which I have been reminded several times. It appears that in most of your publicity, the U.P.A. is referred to as "The Central Agency of American Jewry for the Upbuilding of Palestine." It has been pointed out to me, on a number of occasions, that the more appropriate description of the U.P.A. is as the Central Agency of American Jewry for the collection or transmission of funds, rather than that it is the agency which is engaged in the upbuilding activities directly. The implication in relation to the Z.O.A. is rather unfortunate.

I wrote you recently with reference to the availability of Jesse Calmenson of St. Paul and suggested considering him for joint Z.O.A. - U.P.A. field service on the West Coast. I would appreciate very much if you would let me have your thoughts on the subject.

With kindest personal regards and Zion's greetings,

Cordially yours,

SS:hg

Simon Shetzer

cc: Judge Louis E. Levinthal

May 20, 1942

Mr. Charles E. Schwartz
Summit Rubber Company
317 W. Bowery Street
Akron, Ohio

My dear Mr. Schwartz:

From our headquarters in New York, I learned of the perfectly splendid campaign which you have been leading in Akron for the Jewish Welfare Fund. May I tell you how gratified I am with the results which you have achieved and how proud we all are of the aggressive leadership which you have given your community in this important Jewish service at a most critical time. I trust that the United Jewish Appeal will receive a generous share of the increase of your campaign, for the needs are vast.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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May 20, 1942

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed please find a check drawn to your order
 for \$110.00, to reimburse you for expenses
 incurred in connection with your trip to New York
 for the United Jewish Appeal on April 28th and
 May 12th.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alex Rothenberg
 Alex Rothenberg
 Office Manager

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May 20, 1942.

Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
521 Union Trust Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Charles:

The Allotment Committee of the 1941 United Jewish Appeal will meet in June. Its task will be to distribute about \$500,000 from the proceeds of the 1941 United Jewish Appeal.

Basically its function will be to determine what deficits, if any, resulted to each of the three agencies from their operations during the calendar year from January 1 through December 31, 1941.

I want to call your attention to one glaring fact to which attention has been called year after year, and that is that the Joint Distribution Committee has not made available and does not make available basic, comprehensive, definitive data on actual expenditures for a specific calendar period.

I believe that the time has come for the United Palestine Appeal, or for that matter, the Jewish community generally, to take the offensive with respect to the Joint Distribution Committee, some of whose officers have been throwing their weight about quite recklessly with regard to the financial reports of other organizations, but which has never deigned to take the American Jewish community into its confidence on the basis of a report which an average layman, not to say a certified public accountant could respect as a statement of ascertainable income and expenditure for a specific period.

As you know, the United Palestine Appeal receives and makes available monthly, quarterly and semi-annual reports on the expenditures in Palestine, which describe the manner in which every last cent is used, for whatever purpose and from whatever source.

I would like to submit for your consideration the suggestion that you send a letter to Frederick Greenman as Chairman of the 1941 Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, along the lines that I have drafted in the attached letter. I know that you will correct it to suit your own idea of what material you want.

May 20, 1943.

Please let me know what you think of the suggestion, and if you do communicate with Mr. Greenman, let me have a copy, so that I may transmit the correspondence to Dr. Silver.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

HM:ET

P.S. It seems to me that as Chairman of the Big Gifts Committee of the Pittsburgh United Jewish Fund, as Chairman of the Budget Committee of the United Jewish Fund, and as one of the leading contributors in America, you have a right to ask Mr. Baerwald of the Joint Distribution Committee, or some other officer of the JDC for an audited report of Joint Distribution Committee expenditures in 1941.

I shall be very glad to see a copy of that report when, as and if it is received from the JDC. I would be interested to have for our files a copy of the note which you may wish to send to Mr. Baerwald, asking for an audited report. You know, of course, that the audited report of the United Palestine Appeal is always available.

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WILLIAM ROSENWALD
122 E. 42nd St.
New York City

May 21, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Rosenbloom:

Thank you for forwarding a report (covering three separate periods) of income and expenditures of the agencies supported by American Jewry through the United Palestine Appeal. It would be appreciated if you would send me another copy of the portion covering October 1, 1940 through September 30, 1941.

With advanced thanks for your kind attention to this matter, I am

Cordially yours.

(Signed) Wm. Rosenwald (R.M.)

May 25, 1942

Mr. Simon Shetzer
Zionist Organization of America
1720 - 16th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Si:

Your letter of May 20th leaves me nonplussed. It is difficult to believe that you, who always tries to think matters through logically, gave real thought to your statement that reference to the United Palestine Appeal by the Zionist Organization of America would in effect be "commercial", and thereby have a negative value.

I believe that some of the differences that seem to have arisen between the U.P.A. and the Z.O.A. are Freudian in character, and not at all founded in necessity. The Z.O.A. constantly says that it is the "mother" of all the Palestine institutions that have arisen in America. But the feeling toward these "children" is frequently far from "motherly." Instead, there seems to be a striving on the part of the "mother" to be the "child" as well. It has been my conviction that the Z.O.A. ought properly to point with pride to the U.P.A. and to encourage to every extent possible, since what the U.P.A. was able to do, through its fund-raising activities and through centering attention on Palestine, added eventually to the prestige and concrete strength of the Zionist movement. But instead, there seems to be a competing for notice when there is no occasion whatsoever for it, since the fields of the two are entirely separate.

Under these circumstances it seems very odd when you say that the Zionist bulletin "would quickly lose its character as a news sheet and would be promptly labelled as fund-raising propaganda" if the words "United Palestine Appeal" appeared whenever reference was made to the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth. After all, the Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth themselves have the "commercial" character of fund-raising instruments. Or do you think that the Hebrew titles will fool people?

Mr. Simon Shetser

May 25, 1942

Failure to refer to the United Palestine Appeal seems to me as sound a procedure as Jews denying their Jewishness in the hope that it will avert hostility on the part of non-Jews. Is not the Z.O.A. engaged in trying to call attention to the various instrumentalities which are building up the Jewish National Home?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Henry Montor
Executive Director

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United Palestine Appeal
41 East 42nd Street
New York City

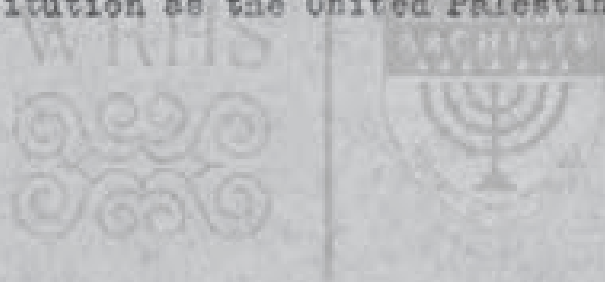
MEMORANDUM

May 25, 1942

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
From Mr. Henry Montor

I thought you might be interested in an exchange of correspondence between Simon Shetzer and myself.

I had not realized until this time how deeply the prestige of the Zionist Organization was suffering through its association with so commercial an institution as the United Palestine Appeal.



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June 4, 1942

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Enclosed herewith is a revised prospectus for our UJA publication, together with three dummies of three different types of front pages.

The overall cost of our proposed publication, which will be printed in 75,000 copies, will be approximately \$3,000. Of this sum \$1,385 represents the cost of printing; \$750 for postage and approximately \$500 for engravings.

It would be very helpful if you could let us have your reaction to the outline of our proposed periodical as well as to the enclosed front-page dummies. We should also like to have your authorization for the expenditure of \$3,000 for this project.

A suggestion has been made that a second edition of the UJA publication be issued in December which would contain a report on the results of Fall campaigns throughout the country and also serve as a stimulus to communities planning early 1943 drives. This, of course, would involve an additional expenditure of \$3,000. Since no provision for such a publication was made in the original budget of the Publicity Department, we should like to have your approval before proceeding further with this undertaking.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Meyer F. Steinglass
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Director of Publicity

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Enclosures

P.S. Will you please be good enough to return the front-page dummies to us.

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June 5, 1942

Mr. Meyer F. Steinglass
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Steinglass:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 4. I am in favor of authorizing an expenditure of \$5000 for the proposed publication. I believe that the UJA ought to have a vehicle for presenting itself as an organized entity to the American Jewish public. I am also in favor of laying the groundwork for a second edition next Fall.

As far as the contents outlined in your letter is concerned, it is entirely satisfactory. Whatever is printed should be concise, alert and fresh. No news items previously reported through other newspapers, pamphlets, letters, etc. should be repeated. As far as the name is concerned, the "UJA Front" appeals to me most, and the "U.J.A. Campaigner" next.

As far as the three dummies which you sent me are concerned, the one headed "The UJA Banner" appeals to me most (though not the heading, "The UJA Banner").

With all good wishes, I remain

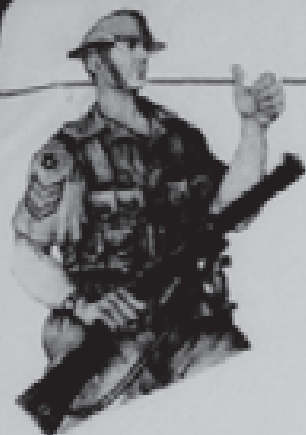
Very cordially yours,

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Expenses Incurred Re Trip to England

Hotel Expense in New York	
March 3-7	\$52.00
Hotel Expense - Estoril, Lisbon	
Four Days	75.00
Excess Luggage	
coming and going	37.00
Hotel Expenses	
in Belem and Trinidad	15.00
Airplane Trip	
New York to Cleveland - Apr. 4	28.00
Telephone and telegrams re trip	<u>56.00</u>
Total	\$243.00



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Henry Montor

Dear Mr. Silver,

Would you be kind enough to let me know
a) whether you were able to use the £5 I gave
you before your trip to England — as otherwise
I would have ^{to} reimburse the A.H. for the
£10 dollars I received in exchange.

b) whether you have experienced any incon-
venience with reg. to the "import" of this
sum — which a few months ago it was
officially permitted for a traveller to
bring in. ('Goes up to ten pounds' is, that
at the time we had been told here.)

I would be grateful, if you would mark
your answer "personal".

With best wishes

Very sincerely yours

Martin Rosenbloom

"We in the United States must help strengthen Palestine"

DRAFT

Mr. Frederick F. Greenman
80 Pine Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Greenman:

Inasmuch as the members of the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal for 1941 will meet next month to consider the distribution of an additional amount from the proceeds of the 1941 campaign, I would suggest that there be made available to the members of the Allotment Committee for 1941 sufficiently in advance of the meeting some financial data on the operations of the agencies of the United Jewish Appeal.

Taking into account the nature of the material submitted to us at the last meeting of the Allotment Committee, I would like to suggest that there be drawn up and circulated among the Allotment Committee members data showing the expenditures in actual cash disbursements of each of the three agencies during the calendar period January 1 through December 31, 1941. Moreover, the record of cash disbursements ought to be traced to their source, as in the case of non-American agencies. This will enable the members of the 1941 Allotment Committee to have a broader picture of the actual expenditures in 1941, than was available to them when we last met, in view of the fact that we had to estimate what might be the expenditures for the balance of the year 1941.

It would, of course, be essential that these expenditures be listed not in broad form, but by specific categories as to functions and activities or, as in the case of two agencies, countries of operation.

I take it for granted that such financial tables would make a clear distinction between sums spent in cash on account of 1941 operations and functions and such sums as may have been expended in cash in 1941 on account of commitments incurred in previous years for which allotments might have been made to the agencies by other campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal or from other sources.

It would, of course, be equally fair and desirable that there would be included in the 1941 report a statement of the disbursements, if any, that might have been made by any of the agencies in 1942 on account of commitments incurred or functions executed in 1941.

Trusting that this information would be helpful to all of us and that it will be forthcoming as soon as possible, I am

Cordially yours,

Charles J. Rosenbloom

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Inter-Office Memo

UNITED *Jewish* APPEAL

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

From Mr. Samuel Blitz

Date Dec. 22, 1941

For your information I am enclosing copies of
correspondence between Mr. Straus and Ambassador Steinhardt.



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December 9, 1941

Dear Laurence:

It was good to speak to you the other day and find your voice so buoyant after all you have been through.

Before you forget, I want to avail myself of your offer to meet with the group and tell of some of your experiences while abroad. The suggestion has been made that we limit the group to not more than ten or twelve so that you can talk frankly.

If you could name two different evenings which would be agreeable to you, I would then get in contact with the others and let you know which would suit best. Please let me know at the same time whether New York or Washington would suit your convenience.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

NATHAN STRAWS.

Hon. Laurence A. Steinhardt,
Sherry Netherland Hotel
Fifth Avenue and 59th Street
New York City

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The Foreign Service
of the
United States of America
30 Pine Street
New York, N.Y.

AMERICAN EMBASSY

December 10, 1941

Mr. Nathan Straus,
Office of Administrator,
Federal Works Agency,
United States Housing Authority,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nathan:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of December 9th, which I very much appreciate.

I have not yet completed my reports to the President, the State Department and the War Department, and in consequence am subject to call by them at any time. In point of fact, I have had to cancel most of my engagements during the past week, as I have been twice called to Washington. Under the circumstances, I am hesitant about fixing any specific date at the present time, as I have no assurance that I would be able to keep it. I hope, however, that some time later in the month I will be able to spend some time in New York, as I am looking forward to getting a rest, and at that time it might be possible to fix a date to suit your convenience, with some reasonable assurance that I can keep it. I suggest therefore that when you are in New York you telephone me either at the Sherry Netherlands or at my office (Digby 4-2040) so that we can fix a definite date. Should I not be in my office my secretary, Mr. Browning, will be able to make the appointment.

With every good wish, and kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Laurence A. Steinhardt

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