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June 5, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very glad to learn that the Agreement reconstituting the United Jewish Appeal for 1941 has finally been executed. It is good to know that on the issues which arose, both organizations were able to approach each other in a spirit of accommodation and with due regard to the large problem which confronts us all.

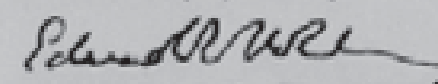
The immediate task is to set up, in accordance with the terms and with the spirit of this Agreement, an Allocations Committee for the 1941 U.J.A. I know that there have been some preliminary conversations among Messrs. Lurie, Mentor and Hyman on this matter. I would like to place before you a suggestion that I trust may serve as a short-cut and enable us to reach agreement promptly on personnel of the so-called neutral members.

I think you will agree, and I am sure the country does, that Messrs. Perlstein, Watchmaker and Butzel did an excellent job. If these men are available - and I have no notion as to their willingness to accept - I should very much welcome the J.D.C. and U.P.A. joining in an invitation to them to come on the Allocations Committee promptly. That would set things in motion and enable us to make headway. While I have not discussed this officially with my colleagues in the J.D.C., I have reason to believe that they would accede to this suggestion. If for any reason, one of these men is not available, I would suggest that Mr. Wineman, whom we all agreed on last year, should be brought in, but obviously it would not be desirable to have both Mr. Butzel and Mr. Wineman on the Committee, because of the desirability of more adequate geographical distribution.

Won't you let me hear from you promptly as to your views - personal or official - on this matter.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,


Edward M. M. Warburg
Chairman

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June 17, 1941

Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg, Chairman
The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
100 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Warburg:

Please pardon the long delay in replying to your kind letter of June 5. I have been away from Cleveland most of the time due to the illness of Mrs. Silver who is now in Baltimore. I am happy to say that she is rapidly recovering. Due to my enforced absence from the city, my correspondence has lagged.

I should like to discuss with you the matter of the members of the Allocations Committee personally rather than through the unsatisfactory method of letter writing. I understand that a meeting has been called of the Executive of the United Jewish Appeal for Monday afternoon, June 30. I shall be in the city all day and if you will get in touch with me at the Commodore Hotel at any time convenient to you, we can get together and talk the matter over.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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June 19, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
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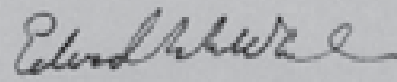
Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your recent letter acknowledging my communication with respect to the appointment of the neutral members to the Allotment Committee of the United Jewish Appeal of 1941.

In view of the fact that both the J.D.C. and U.P.A. have now appointed their respective members on the Allotment Committee, it would seem to me highly desirable that such of these men as can arrange for a meeting even in advance of June 30th, when you come to New York, should do so with a view to expediting the consideration of this problem. It may be that in advance of June 30th, those men who can arrange a meeting can do some preliminary spadework.

With personal greetings, I am

Cordially yours,


Edward M. M. Warburg
Chairman

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June 20, 1941

Mrs. David de Sola Pool, President
Haddassah, Women's Zionist Organization of America
1860 Broadway
New York City

Dear Mrs. Pool:

Far-reaching consequences for the building of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, as well as for other important causes and interests in Jewish life, are involved in the decision of the Board of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to establish a National Budgeting Committee which shall make recommendations to all Welfare Funds as to the sums they should make available to fund-raising agencies appealing to them for support.

Zionist forces, in association with other representative groups in the Jewish community, have consistently opposed the establishment of a National Budgeting Committee. Despite a referendum limited to its own "member agencies", which revealed that a majority of the Jewish communities did not support, were not interested in, or were even hostile to such a program, the Council is now proceeding to implement its plan to control the distribution of funds raised in the United States through the Welfare Funds. It assumes that it now has a clear mandate to do so.

The attention of Zionists should be called to the dangers implicit in the transfer to a small committee of the kind proposed, of power and authority to evaluate the budgets and programs of agencies raising funds for Palestine as well as of other bodies. This authority can be given only by a democratically controlled and expressed Jewish public opinion.

The proposal for the establishment of a National Budgeting Committee, and the implications of the program already initiated, are described in a letter which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, has addressed to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. A copy of this letter is appended for your information.

The Executive Committee of the United Palestine Appeal, at a meeting held on June 6th, decided:

- 1) That if the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds proceeds with the implementation of its National Budgeting Committee, the United Palestine Appeal will not cooperate with that Committee;
- 2) That Zionists be called upon to decline any invitation to become members of the National Budgeting Committee.

In view of the necessity for united Zionist action on this proposal, which must be resisted effectively and at once if the Zionist movement is not to be placed in a controlled and subordinated position in the collection and distribution of funds for the upbuilding of the National Home, the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs urges:

- 1) That you officially adopt a resolution of dissent from the action of the Council of Federations and Welfare Funds, advising that body of your action;
- 2) That you inform your officers and the members of your Board of this decision, and request them that, if invited, they decline to become members of the National Budgeting Committee.

With Zion's greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,

/re

Stephen S. Wise

Letter also sent to - ZOA, Misrachi, Poale Zion

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

MEMORANDUM

June 23, 1941

TO: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

FROM: Mr. Henry Montor

Attached herewith is a copy of the letter which Dr. Stephen S. Wise in his capacity as Chairman of the Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs has issued to the heads of the Zionist Organization of America, Mizrahi and Poale Zion as well as to Hadassah.

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, Inc.

100 East 42nd Street

New York City, June 27, 1941

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I did not reply sooner to your letter of June 9th with reference to the special matzoh fund, because I wanted to check both with the Campaign Organization and with the J.D.C. all the facts in regard to this matter.

I am informed that early this year, before the reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal, the National Office of the J.D.C. Campaign got out the circular enclosed with your letter, by way of a general appeal to stimulate increased contributions for Passover relief. That is a practice that has been followed by the Campaign organization, whether of the U.J.A. or J.D.C., as a normal technique to stimulate increased giving at special seasons and particularly at Passover time. The funds received in direct response to this particular appeal were, of course, turned over to the then J.D.C. Campaign Organization and have nothing to do with the contributions made through the Council of Fraternal and Landsmanschaften Organizations.

An analysis of the contributions from the various Landsmanschaften groups, made item by item, reveals that a total of \$49,674.17 was received in direct response to the efforts of the Council of Fraternal and Landsmanschaften Organizations to raise a fund for Passover Relief for the Jews in specific towns in Poland to which the various Landsmanschaften had heretofore sent assistance directly abroad or had occasionally utilized the J.D.C. as transmitting agent for such funds in connection with the development of certain constructive projects in specific localities. Among the Landsmanschaften which contributed to the Council's Passover fund, 179 organizations had never made any contributions to the United Jewish Appeal; 60 organizations which had contributed to the 1940 United Jewish Appeal, made additional separate contributions to the Passover Fund, over and above their contributions to the general campaign, which equalled and in some cases, exceeded their 1940 donations to the U.J.A. It is of interest to note, too, that 40 organizations which had never contributed to any campaign in the past, this year gave separate donations to the general campaign at the same time they sent their contributions to the Passover Fund.

An additional sum of \$28,233.65 was received from the Yiddish newspapers. The campaign initiated by the Yiddish press was in consequence of a press conference held soon after Mr. Troper's arrival during his last visit in this country, when he explained that the Joint Distribution Committee was this year unable to allocate as substantial sums for Passover relief, as it had in 1940. The various Yiddish newspapers thereupon took it upon themselves to raise a special fund among their readers for Passover relief and asked that the money be transmitted through the J.D.C.

J.D.C.

June 27, 1941

for additional assistance over and above the J.D.C.'s appropriations for this purpose.

On the basis of the Council's mandate to the J.D.C. to provide additional help at Passover time to the extent of \$75,000, the J.D.C. made available \$48,190., leaving an unexpended sum of over \$25,000. which properly belongs to the Landsmanschaften Organizations. We are planning to call a meeting of their representatives to decide what disposition they desire to make of this balance. We hope that they will decide to turn it over to the United Jewish Appeal. Certainly, we shall make every effort to persuade them to do so. But whatever their decision may be in regard to the unexpended balance, obviously, the J.D.C. having carried out the mandate of the Landsmanschaften with respect to this special fund, cannot agree to the position taken by the United Palestine Appeal that these funds, the greater part of which has already been expended in accordance with the desire of the Landsmanschaften as approved by the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, belong to the general pool of the United Jewish Appeal.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Edward M. M. Warburg
Chairman

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From: Dr. Jonah B. Wise
35 East 62nd Street
New York City

CC - Mr. Wm. Rosenwald
Mr. Henry Montor
Mr. Henry Bernstein

July 16, 1941

Mr. Henry Ittelson
One Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Friend:

Mr. Bernard Baruch advised Dr. Stephen Wise that he made a contribution through you to the United Jewish Appeal. He probably made one to the American Jewish Committee. It would be of enormous help to our Campaign if you could advise Mr. Baruch that he has not yet made a contribution to the United Jewish Appeal through you and that no such contribution appears on our records or books. It would also be very helpful if you could urge him to give, as we certainly are in dire need of funds.

Our large contributors have not only not been as helpful as we thought they would be, but they have not yet paid their contributions, although more than six months of the year have elapsed. This cash stringency has put the National Refugee Service, especially, in a most difficult position. In addition to its bank indebtedness, which is up to the hilt of its borrowing powers in that area, it owes the Joint Distribution Committee more than \$450,000. Unless we get cash quickly, the financing of the National Refugee Service is going to be more of a problem than its Executive Committee is in a position to handle.

I hope you can be of assistance to us with Mr. Baruch. I had a personal interview with Mr. Percy Straus, and he flatly refused to give to the United Jewish Appeal, claiming that he had already given to the National Refugee Service. His gift to the National Refugee Service is a small one and in no sense adequate as far as he is concerned. I am wondering if you can advise me on an approach to Mr. Straus and Mr. Straus' family.

Trusting you are having a pleasant summer and with kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Ittelson, in which Mrs. Wise joins, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

PALESTINE FOUNDATION FUND (KEREN HAYESOD)
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August 21, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Carbon copies of the enclosed letter were received in the office of the United Jewish Appeal from Rabbi Jonah B. Wise. This letter was mailed to the following leaders of various cities throughout the country:

Joseph B. Berne of Cleveland
Samuel Goldsmith of Chicago
Henry Wineman of Detroit
Gustave Kann of Pittsburgh
Irvin Bettmann of St. Louis
Michael Stavitsky of Newark
Judge Harry Hollzer of Los Angeles
Judge Max C. Sloss of San Francisco

I immediately got in touch with Mr. Montor by telephone, and he suggested that a copy of Rabbi Wise's letter, together with a list of the individuals to whom it was addressed should be immediately forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

Meyer P. Steinglass
Meyer P. Steinglass

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Air Mail - Special

August 20, 1941

Mr. Joseph M. Berne
Public Square Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Joe:

I am sending you this urgent appeal for immediate cash. N.R.S. has struck a financial dead end while J.D.C. and U.P.A. are clamoring for funds.

If it is necessary, I can come and see you and your committee in order to be able to find money to meet our desperate needs. Please let me know by telegraph whether you wish me to come, as I am fully prepared to take this step in view of our frightful necessity overseas and the special problems staring us in the face here in the United States with the completely exhausted treasury of N.R.S.

Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise

August 22, 1941.

Dr. Jonah B. Wise,
United Jewish Appeal for Refugees,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Doctor Wise:

A copy of the letter which you sent out on August 20 to a group of cities, including Cleveland, was forwarded to me. I believe that in the future, before any such frantic appeals are sent out, that both chairmen of the campaign be consulted as to the proper approach and proper steps to be taken, and that communications of such a nature, if sent out at all, be signed by both chairmen.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:me



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RABBI JONAH B. WISE

35 EAST 62nd STREET

NEW YORK

August 26, 1941

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

Dear Abe:

I have your letter about the appeals sent out and note your suggestion that in the future they be signed by both chairmen.

I do not think that a good suggestion, as these things have to be personalized to get attention. I think, on second thought, you will agree with me that in view of the need for cash and in view of the special problem involved in getting attention to these matters, the more personal an appeal is the more it is likely to achieve results.

I hope we can discuss this sometime in extenso.

Hoping you are having a good vacation and with kindest regards to you and your wife, I am

Sincerely yours,

JBW/ks

August 28, 1941.

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise,
35 East 62nd Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jonah:

Thank you for your letter of August 26. I am sorry that you do not think my suggestion a good one. But regardless of whether you think it is a good one or not, I am afraid that I shall have to insist on it. I understand that you say about the advantage of "personalizing" to get attention, but there happen to be two persons at the head of this campaign, and the question as to which person is to sign the kind of an appeal which was sent out to the communities and also whether such an appeal, so hysterically phrased, should be sent out at all, ought, at least, to be discussed by the two persons.

You also offered your services to visit these communities. Whether you should visit them, or I, or some one else, is also a matter that might well be discussed by us before action is taken.

The U.J.A. is a joint campaign and the approach to the communities on all matters affecting the campaign should be with the knowledge and approval of the chairmen of both organizations. I am sure that you would not have relished the idea, if the letter which was sent out, had been signed by me alone, and I had presumed to speak for the J.D.C. and the N.R.S. In only one instance do I recall that this was done in the past and that was to counteract a series of communications which were sent out to welfare funds soliciting remittances and signed exclusively by you. This is an undesirable practice, and should be stopped.

I remain,

With all good wishes for a pleasant summer,

Very cordially yours,

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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

FOR REFUGEES, OVERSEAS NEEDS AND PALESTINE

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

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
RABBI JONAH B. WISE

September 2, 1941

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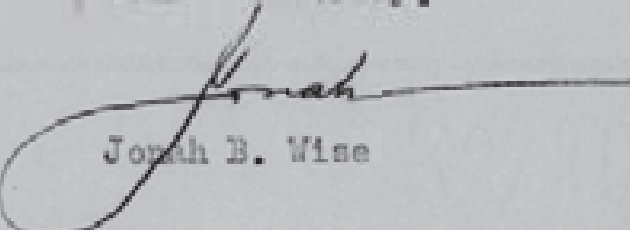
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abe:

Enclosed find copy of a letter sent
to me by Richard Gutstadt.

Do you suggest writing to Commander
Cowles? If so, would you suggest an answer.
I shall be happy to have it either for a joint
reply, if you think a joint reply is advisable,
or for an individual reply.

Yours sincerely,


Jonah B. Wise

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August 27, 1941

Rabbi Jonhh B. Wise
35 East 62nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Jonah:

We recently had occasion to interview Major Cowles, the Commander of the Southern jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite of Free Masons. The interview was prompted by our information that the Ku Klux Klan of Florida was to hold a very important rally in the Scottish Rite Auditorium at Miami. For the moment this is relatively unimportant.

The important thing is that when Commander Cowles was approached he immediately displayed his resentment against our people, which resentment was apparently predicated on two bases:

- (1) The \$125,000 committed for relief distribution to the Pope.
- (2) The participation of Jews with Catholics in the program of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. It must be remembered, likewise, that \$125,000 was given to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America for allocation among Protestant organizations aiding Christian refugees.

I am advised that Rabbi Morris Lazaron, who is friendly to Commander Cowles has been unable to persuade him of the rightness and sanity of our position, on both these grounds.

Because of the influence exerted in many strategic areas by the Masonic bodies, we consider it essential to straighten out the thinking of Commander Cowles. This can best be done by presenting factually the motivations for the action of the U.J.A., as well as the highly commendable impulse which prompts our cooperation with the National Conference.

I am, of course, generally familiar with the reason for placing responsibility in the Vatican for the proper disbursement of the \$125,000. I feel, however, that you very likely can give me some information which did not appear in the contemporary press items. Will you be good enough to do so, for we hold this to be quite important.

With warmest personal regards and sincerest good wishes for the New Year from house to house, I am

Very cordially,

(Signed) Dick

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September 4, 1941

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
35 East 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jonah:

In reply to your kind letter of September 2, I believe that a letter should be written to Commander Cowles, but, as I understand the letter of Mr. Gutstadt, it is the Anti-Defamation League which is to write to him, and that we are to supply the League with all the necessary data and information. Inasmuch as the United Jewish Appeal has had no contact at all with Commander Cowles, I believe that it would be far better to have the Anti-Defamation League carry on its correspondence with the Commander but conveying to him the authentic information on the subject which the United Jewish Appeal will provide.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AS:BA

MEYER W. WEISGAL

Office:

51 EAST 42ND STREET
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September 5, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

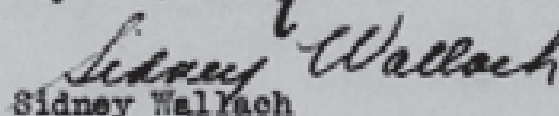
Please be advised that the two committees appointed by Dr. Weizmann and Mr. Stroeck to deal with the question of the Jewish Agency and general Jewish problems, will meet jointly on Thursday, September 25th, at 5 P.M. at the Astor Hotel, New York. September 25th has been decided upon as the date most suitable to the majority of the members of both committees.

Arrangements have been made for dinner at 7:30 P.M. and a continuation of the meeting for the rest of the evening.

We shall greatly appreciate it if you will be good enough to indicate on the enclosed card your intention to be present.

Cordially yours,


Meyer W. Weissgal


Sidney Wallach

Dr. Silver

THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF ST. LOUIS

3636 Page Boulevard

St. Louis, Mo.

September 5, 1941

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
35 East 62nd Street
New York City

Dear Rabbi Wise:

I have instructed the office of the Jewish Welfare Fund to send a check for \$10,000 to the United Jewish Appeal. This payment will be in advance of payments to other organizations because of the fact that the National Refugee Service is so sorely in need of funds. Of course the payment will be charged against the allocation of the United Jewish Appeal.

I am sorry there has been some delay but as you know we must retain sufficient funds to pay the current allocations of the local organizations and now that we are assured of funds for the local situation for the current month we are sending you the check above mentioned.

I realize what a struggle the National Refugee Service has had and I wish we could do more to help.

I expect to be in New York a week from Monday and if I get the chance I shall call you.

With kind personal greetings, I am

Very truly yours,

(signed) Jesse A. Wolfort

September 24, 1941

Copy for Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

Mr. Richard E. Gutstadt, Director
Anti-Defamation League
130 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dick:

Rabbi Silver has suggested, in reply to your letter of August 27th, that, in view of the fact that the United Jewish Appeal has no contact at all with Commander Cowles, the Anti-Defamation League carry on the correspondence.

All I can say is that the United Jewish Appeal made the contribution to assist Christian refugees in the form most acceptable to the Christian groups which were doing the work. As you know, there were two outstanding ones, in addition to the Quakers who are in close touch with the Joint Distribution Committee. These two were the Protestant Committee and the Catholic Committee. They received the funds as outstanding committees, in the form in which they arranged so to receive them. The United Jewish Appeal had no discretion nor did it wish to have any discretion in that form.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise

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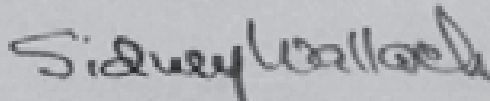
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple, Cleveland, O.

Dear Dr. Silver:

In accordance with instructions issued by Mr. Wertheim and Dr. Wise, we write to advise you that the next meeting of the Zionists and non-Zionists will be held on Tuesday afternoon, October 21st, at 5 o'clock at the Commodore Hotel, 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue (Ballroom Floor, Room E). Arrangements have been made for dinner at 7.30 P.M., and a continuation of the meeting for the rest of the evening.

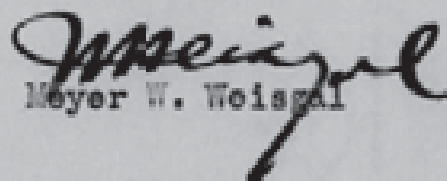
We would greatly appreciate your mailing the enclosed return postcard, indicating your intention to be present.

Cordially yours,



Sidney Wallach

Secretariat


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P.S. The dinner charges will be \$2.50 per plate.

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JOE WEINGARTEN
Houston, Texas

October 11, 1941

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
United Palestine Appeal
New York City

Dear Friend Silver:

First, I want to wish you and yours a most Happy and Joyous New Year and I do hope that the whole Jewish people, especially our brethren in Europe, will see happier days.

Also, want you to know that I appreciate the honor conferred upon me by appointing me as a U.P.A. delegate to the convention. However, I did not find out about it until after the convention was over, due to the fact that I was away from home on a somewhat extended vacation and your letter simply followed me around. I really only got it after I got back home, after the convention was over. Frankly, if I had have received it, I am not sure that I would have been able to have made it, but would have tried very hard. I do hope the convention was a successful one.

How have you been, anyway? When are you coming down and visit with us again? Hope you will have a little more time so that you can really relax in our Texas weather here for a few days. Are you figuring on coming to this part of the country anyway soon?

Am starting arrangements for a U.P.A. Southwestern Council meeting here in Houston on November 23rd. Am hopeful that this will result in a more united and stronger support for all Zionist activities, including of course, the United Palestine Appeal. What we are trying to do is simply to have an organization of the leadership of the various communities, to acquaint these people with the ideals, the problems and the necessities of Palestine in Jewish and in American life, and we hope thus to get their wholehearted and generous support. One of our principal objectives is to line up elements who in the past have been only lukewarm as far as Zionism is concerned, and to get them to take a more active interest.

My own feelings are that most Jewish people, even the rich ones, have, during the past few years, gotten to be more and more receptive and friendly to work in behalf of Palestine, and some of them only need a cordial handshake and the fact made known to them that they are wanted in this work, and they will come in with us. Where there is any antagonism, I believe it is mostly due to controversies in the past with some people whom they didn't like and who were then promoting the Zionist cause. You know we do have a lot of Zionists who have an unhappy faculty of just rubbing the other fellow's skin the wrong way - not that some of their skins should not be rubbed up and quite soundly, too.

Hoping that things are getting along nicely with you and with warm regards from Malvina as well as myself, I am

Most cordially,

(Signed) Joe Weingarten

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL

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Dear Silver:

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Stephen S. Wise
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My deepfelt congratulations upon your triumph before the Allotment Committee. To have gotten another \$800,000 is a triumph when one thinks of what it means in Palestine.

Louis Lipsky
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In accordance with noble precedent set you, you should now give out a statement that never before was any money gotten from the United Jewish Appeal, and for the first time in its history you have succeeded in doing this, so that it becomes an historic and classic event. This will be following the great tradition recently set us, about which you will hear very much more if you come to the meeting of Wednesday.

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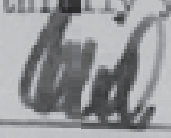
Abraham L. Liebovitz
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Heartfelt congratulations again. I am very happy to think that Dr. Ginzberg did such a job as made it possible for you to present our case with vigor and effectiveness. Mazel Tov!

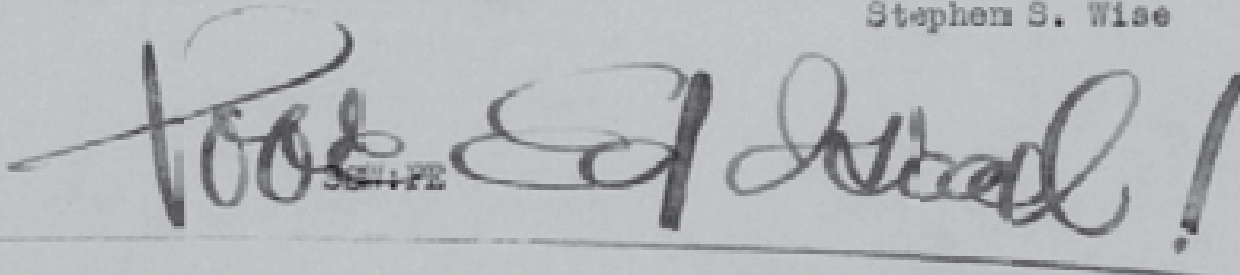
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Faithfully yours,


Stephen S. Wise

Executive Director
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Dear Friend:

I regret to give such short notice, but last minute arrangements for a discussion affecting our 1942 campaign program necessitate a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal on Tuesday, October 28, 1941 at 3 P.M., at the offices of the United Palestine Appeal, 41 East 42 Street, New York City.

It is the desire of Dr. Silver and all of us to have a thorough discussion of the problem before us, and therefore your presence is most desirable.

I trust I shall see you next Tuesday.

Faithfully yours,

Stephen S. Wise
 Chairman, Administrative Committee

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JOE WEINGARTEN
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Oct. 25, 1941.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,
United Palestine Appeal,
41 East 42nd Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Friend Silver:

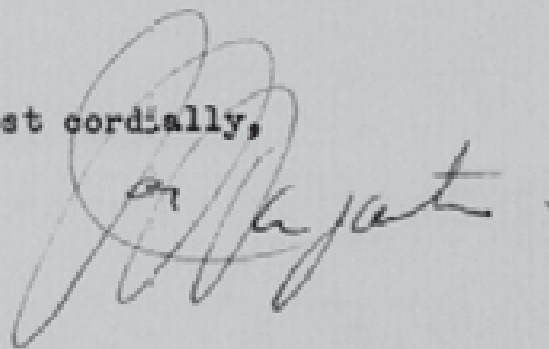
We are going to do everything possible to make a success of the coming Southwest United Palestine Council conference, and endeavor to get some real, genuine enthusiasm for the upbuilding of Palestine, from the group of so-called leaders of Jewry in this part of the country. I use the word "so-called" advisedly, as I cannot imagine any real, honest-to-goodness, deep-down, genuine Jews who do not thank God for Palestine.

Thanks a lot for your cordial invitation to Malvina and I to visit you in your own home-town. It would be a pleasure and an honor for us to do so.

With warm regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself, I am

JW:b

Most cordially,



P.S. Am enclosing copy of letter I sent to Montu which is self explanatory - I believe I'm right & hope you agree with me - anyway give my views a trial -

October 28th

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

Dear Henry:

Getzoff showed me your letter referring to proposed conference here on November 23rd.

At the time the conference was proposed, I agreed to call it with the distinct understanding that this conference be called for the purpose of securing the help and understanding of all elements of Jewry who were interested in the upbuilding of Palestine and providing for its defense and its future existence. It was further distinctly understood that the United Palestine Council was committed to no political, economic, or Jewish religious group, or to any particular line of thought in seeking to further such upbuilding; nor would it work along such special lines. Its object was to create a unity of purpose that would result in all Jews in this region, regardless of other affiliations, aiding in the upbuilding and development of Palestine. Furthermore, our principal instrumentality for accomplishing such purpose, was to get those large and influential elements who heretofore have not provided such assistance, to do so. We felt that this was the psychological time to eliminate petty differences and conflicting lines of thought, in favor of the greater objective thru the sheer necessity of the situation. I further felt that the U.P.A. agreed with us, in fact, that this line of attacking the problem was (to put it in slang) "right down their alley," and that is why they were financially supporting the proposition.

Dr. Abrams was with us in Dallas at the time we met and discussed these proposals and decided on the name of United Palestine Committee, eliminating the word "Appeal" as tending to tie us to a distinctly money-raising venture, which while commendable and necessary in its place, would not accomplish our expressed objective. In fact, we felt that if we used the United Palestine Appeal formula, then our appeal would mainly reach the same Zionist forces that we have reached in the past and would not bring these new forces to our banner which we are seeking.

There was no objection then raised by Dr. Abrams nor your organization at such omission and we felt that you agreed with us in our approach. Certainly, we would not have gone on and called the conference, which was made possible by our joint effort, if we had not believed that we were of one mind.

Now, Henry, your organization is spending the money, and I therefore fully agree that you have a perfect right to insist that this meeting be held under the sponsorship and auspices of the U.P.A. However, if those were your views, I think you should have let us know your thoughts in the mat-

ter before we called the meeting and not after -- furthermore my biggest and main objection to your plan is that it will not accomplish the principal objective we set out to accomplish -- that is, to get new people -- and we might as well be frank and honest -- those wealthier, Reform elements, to be interested in and to work for Palestine.

As I see it, this is a straight propaganda job, and in such a job, it's getting results that counts -- not the label under which the results are gotten. If better results can be gotten by leaving the label off, then I believe we should leave it off.

I am a Zionist at heart, but I also want to be a realist in mind. This is where, in my opinion, many Zionists fail. If we can get other folks, who for one reason or another, have not supported Palestine to support it, it should be done by the best means available for accomplishing such end. We should not stand on precedent, ceremony or prestige. In my opinion, this will also bring money -- lots of money -- into the coffers of the U.P.A.

Henry, I don't believe I need tell you of my fidelity to the U.P.A.; I could not be a Zionist and be otherwise. However, I think this particular project will do far better without this label, especially at this time.

There is another and very definite objection we have to calling the meeting under the U.P.A. sponsorship. Our group here very definitely objected to the J.D.C. calling any meeting in this section unless it was under U.J.A. auspices as long as joint money-raising arrangements were in effect. We cannot therefore go now and call a meeting to which we ourselves objected and to which our community is definitely opposed. We simply couldn't afford to do it.

Now, Henry, this is strictly an organizational meeting. We are committed to no definite program -- only definite objectives. If you can bring before us at the meeting a better plan than the one we have, we are open to reason and conviction. In the meantime, let's not break up our playhouse -- a group of this kind will be of inestimable help if a split between the U.J.A. parties should ever occur -- much more help than any straight-out U.P.A. group could ever be.

Please let me have your prompt reaction. I hope you will not force us to call off the conference -- I'm afraid it would hurt the whole Palestine cause in this section.

I have consulted with Herman Taubman and he agrees with the position outlined. He has also talked with Gershon Fenster and others who are of the same opinion. We all feel that we can get somewhere with such men as Simon Sakowitz and others like him only along such a course as we have mapped out.

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Trusting that you appreciate my position, which is working for the very best interest of Palestine as I see it, and therefore for the best interest of the U.P.A., and with kindest personal regards, I am

Most cordially,

P.S.: Please wire or phone me your decision. Mr. Getsoff says we can lose no time.

J.W.

JWb

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Nov. 16, 1941

David Watchmaker
44 School St.
Boston, Mass.

Will be pleased to meet you Commodore
Hotel Wednesday morning at 11.

Abba Hillel Silver

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RABBI ABBE HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE 105TH AND ANSEL RD=

DAVID WATCHMAKER CAN MEET YOU IN NEWYORK ON WEDNESDAY
NOV 19TH PLEASE NOTIFY HIM TIME AND PLACE AT 44 SCHOOL ST
BOSTON=

H L LURIE=

19 44

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

1941 NOV 21 PM 1:00

THE TEMPLE=

IN VIEW AGENDA AIMING DETERMINE WHAT IS MEANT BY
TERM QUOTE JEWISH PEOPLE UNQUOTED DEEM IT EXTREMELY
IMPORTANT YOU BE PRESENT NEXT MEETING NONZIONISTS NOV. 27
PLEASE WIRE IF POSSIBLE REGARDS=
WEISGAL.

ABBA HILLEL AGENDA 27.

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November 18, 1941

David Watchmaker
44 School St.
Boston, Mass.

THE DEATH OF A VERY OLD MEMBER OF MY CONGREGATION MAKES IT NECESSARY FOR ME TO BE IN CLEVELAND TOMORROW. I CAN MEET YOU FRIDAY IN NEW YORK. PLEASE WIRE WHETHER THIS IS CONVENIENT.

A H SILVER

November 27, 1941

Dr. Jonah B. Wise
35 E. 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Wise:

You have undoubtedly received a letter from Goldsmith, of Chicago, inviting us to a luncheon on Tuesday, December 9th. I note that "the purpose of the meeting is to organize a group to solicit some of the large gifts and to bring additional persons to a large fund-raising meeting which will be held about the 16th of December".

This was not the purpose for which we wrote him a few weeks ago. Our purpose was to meet with the leaders of the Chicago Jewish Welfare Fund in order to persuade them to allocate larger sums of money for the United Jewish Appeal than they have heretofore. Instead of using our presence in Chicago for that purpose, Goldsmith is using us just to launch the campaign, not giving us the opportunity to meet with the leaders to discuss the very important matter of Chicago's inadequate contribution to the United Jewish Appeal both absolutely, in terms of dollars and cents, and relatively, in relation to the total funds which are raised in the Chicago campaigns.

I believe that a joint letter should be sent by you and me to Mr. Goldsmith calling attention to the letter which we wrote to him and requesting an opportunity to meet with the Budget Committee of the Welfare Fund to discuss "tachlis". I think Goldsmith is dodging the whole issue.

If you agree with me, I would suggest that you draft this letter and read it to me over the telephone before it is sent out. I suggest that this be done right a way.

With best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:RK

Copy for Rabbi Silver

November 28, 1941

Air Mail - Special

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

Dear Sam:

Rabbi Silver and I will come to Chicago to discuss the allocation of funds for the United Jewish Appeal.

We did not ask for an audience for the reason you stated as "the purpose of the meeting is to organize a group to solicit some of the large gifts and to bring additional persons to a large fund-raising meeting which will be held about the 16th of December".

We would be very glad to cooperate with this group and help it in its purpose. We have, however, the duty of presenting the problem and getting some sort of opinion from the Chicago leaders on the adequacy of Chicago support of United Jewish Appeal, in view of the amount which Chicago has, under your expert leadership, been able to raise in the past.

Neither Rabbi Silver nor I is willing to waive this responsibility. We trust this will be arranged and will be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO=

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BENGURION SOLD GOLDMAN NAHUM I ALL FEEL WE SHOULD HAVE EARLIEST
POSSIBLE MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY PROBLEMS CAN
YOU SPEND DECEMBER 18 IN NEWYORK WITH US PLEASE WIRE=
STEPHEN S WISE 41 E 42 ST NYC.

NAHUM 41 E 42ST NYC.

NO 12-18-41 TO *Self*
BY 32 AT 735P TO BE *Next*
CALLS

for 645832
for 7032

December 10, 1941

Dr. Jonah B. Wise
35 East 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Wise:

I am sending you the enclosed letter which I received from Dr. Israel Goldstein. You will recall that I suggested a postponement of the meeting because the date was inconvenient for both Dr. Goldstein and Dr. Stephen Wise. This, unfortunately, was not done.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:BX

P.S. What reaction did you get from the Chicago meetings?

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December 11, 1941

RABBI JONAH B. WISE
35 East 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

IN VIEW OF THE WAR SITUATION AND THE NEED FOR CLARIFYING OUR POSITION AS WELL AS TO GIVE GUIDANCE TO OUR COMMUNITIES I SUGGEST AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL THAT A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD BE CALLED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I SUGGEST THURSDAY DECEMBER 18, DECEMBER 23 OR DECEMBER 24. KINDEST REGARDS.

SILVER

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December 11, 1941

Dr. Stephen S. Wise
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE WITH YOU DECEMBER 18. HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD UJA FOR THAT EVENING.

SILVER

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December 12, 1941

RABBI JONAH WISE
35 E. 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL UJA EXECUTIVE HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR LOCAL NEW YORK PROBLEM. IF YOU DO NOT CARE TO JOIN ME I SHALL EXERCISE MY RIGHT TO CALL THE MEETING MYSELF.

Silver

December 12, 1941

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
35 East 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rabbi Wise:

I was amazed to receive your telegram this morning stating that "you cannot call a meeting until the New York organization problem is settled."

As Co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, I suggested to you the urgency of calling a meeting of our Executive or our Administrative Committee in view of the radically new situation which developed as a result of our country's going into war against Japan, Germany and Italy. Jews everywhere are bewildered, and Jewish communities who are holding or planning to hold drives for the United Jewish Appeal are seriously in need of guidance. The members of the Executive and Administrative Committees of the United Jewish Appeal themselves need to take stock of the new situation and seriously consider the next step. A meeting is clearly indicated.

To this suggestion of mine, which any right-thinking man would endorse, you reply that you cannot call a meeting until the local organization problem in New York City is settled. What in the world has that to do with the purpose of the meeting which I suggested? I am afraid that you have become somewhat hysterical about your local New York problem, and you have confused your position as Chairman of the New York Campaign with that of Co-chairman of the National United Jewish Appeal.

If the purpose of your refusal to call the meeting was to compel the United Palestine Appeal to agree to rush the charter application to Albany, you will not succeed. The New York United Palestine Appeal will not be stampeded into any permanent set-up until such time as it is completely convinced that its interests are amply protected.

Very sincerely yours,

MRS:PK

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

DLR THE TEMPLE EAST 105TH ST AT ANSEL RD=

CANNOT CALL MEETING UNTIL NEWYORK ORGANIZATION PROBLEM
IS SETTLED=

JONAH B WISE.

Leon Blum
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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

East 108 + ansel

THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO=



:VIEWING YOUR TELEGRAM AND AGREEMENT THEREWITH BY GOLDSTEIN AND
OTHERS WILL NOT CALL MEETING ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. WE FEEL
YOU ARE AUTHORIZED SIGN AGREEMENT THOUGH WE REGRET, ABSENCE
STATESMANSHIP. IN JDC LEADERSHIP. WHICH MAKES ASSENT, TO PRE-WAR
AGREEMENT NECESSARY=

STEPHEN S WISE.

JDC.

Res 4/29/80
DR 156887

NO 12-22-41 TO H.S. [signature]
BY 82 AT 1250 TO BE [signature]
CALLS

December 30, 1941

Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal
51 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Weisgal:

Thank you for your letter of December 29.
I am afraid that I shall not be able to attend the
next meeting of the Zionists and non-Zionists on
January 7. I am scheduled to be at the University
of the South, in Tennessee, on January 8 and I
cannot make connections in time to keep my
engagement there.

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK

December 30, 1941

Mr. David Watchmaker
44 School Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Watchmaker:

I have just received word from Judge Rothenberg that the final agreement between the UPA, the JDC and the NRS has been initialed. I want to thank you for the very large part which you had in this consummation. Your fair, intelligent and forceful handling of the negotiations contributed largely to the successful conclusion.

Even after your memorandum was submitted and I had had a session with Mr. Rosenwald about it, the morning after you left for home, attempts were made to exact still further concessions. I insisted, however, on the terms of your memorandum and they were finally accepted. Judge Rothenberg was also very helpful in the conduct of the negotiations.

Many thanks to you, and all good wishes for a happy new year.

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

DAVID M. WATCHMAKER
44 SCHOOL STREET
BOSTON

January 2, 1942

Dear Rabbi Silver:-

Thank you very much for your
kind letter of December 30th. I
am happy that a successful con-
clusion has been arrived at.

With best wishes for a happy
new year, I am

Sincerely yours,

David M. Watchmaker

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio

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THE TEMPLE CLEVELAND OHIO=

JAN 4 1943

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL FOR
FINAL ACTION ON AGREEMENT FOR 1942 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL TO BE
HELD AT LUNCHEON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH, ONE PM AT HOTEL COMMODE
NEWYORK. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU CAN ATTEND. REGARDS=

:STEPHEN S WISE UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL.

C
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P
Y

Dr. Silver

JOE WEINGARTEN

Houston, Texas

January 9, 1942

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

Dear Friend Silver:

Thank you for the honor of proposing my name as a member of the National Council for Palestine. It is unnecessary to tell you of my deep interest in Palestine, and that I will do every thing possible to further its growth and development, provided of course, same does not interfere with the primary duty of every American at this time, to do everything within his power to bring victory to our country and to all democracies, and to make this earth a better place in which to live.

I am also not unmindful of the fact that the little country of Palestine can and does play an important role in the fate of the far east, and therefore, in the fate of the entire war.

Hoping that you and your dear family are in good health and that the New Year will bring you as large a share of happiness as is possible in this distracted world of ours today, with kindest regards and best wishes from both Malvina and myself, I am as ever

Most cordially,

/s/ J. Weingarten

MB

P.S. Will do my very best to be in Cleveland on January 17th, but cannot be sure as am going to Washington and do not know just what further calls on my time this O.P.M. business will take. (Dictated before leaving for Washington).

JOE WEINGARTEN
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Jan. 15, 1942.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
246 East 105th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

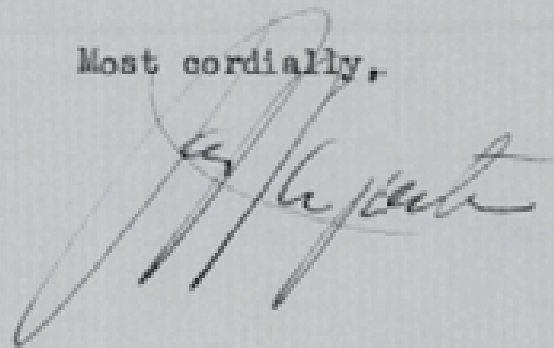
Dear Friend Silver:

I shall be most happy to be your guest in the event that I can make it to Cleveland by Friday, but frankly, I am quite doubtful of it at this time, as I have just returned from Washington.

However, you may rest assured that I shall make every effort to be there.

JW:b

Most cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joe Weingarten", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the typed name "Joe Weingarten" and above the typed name "Joe Weingarten".

Copy for
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
sent by Dr. Sonah B. Wise

January 16, 1942

Mr. Ben Addis
Joe Love Corporation
601 West 26th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Addis:

This is to acknowledge with deep appreciation receipt of your check for \$10.00, in full payment of your pledge to the 1941 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal. Your contribution will be helpful in our effort to bring some measure of relief to the Jewish victims of war and oppression.

We regret your decision to withdraw your support of the United Jewish Appeal in the future because of the fact that a portion of the funds received go toward the support of Palestine. It is particularly distressing in view of the increased burdens imposed upon our agencies as a result of the war emergency.

Vast new areas of need have opened up in Russian Siberia, in unoccupied France, in South America and in other parts of the world. The Joint Distribution Committee is confronted with the task of meeting these needs while continuing its established programs of relief in many lands.

In the United States, the National Refugee Service now has the additional burden of helping immigrants through the difficult period ahead -- seeing to it that refugees in our midst do not suffer unduly from wartime alien regulations and that they do not become pretexts for disunity or hysteria.

As for your objection to a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine, that is, of course, a matter for your own decision. However, quite apart from this, one must recognize that since the advent of Hitler, over 300,000 Jewish refugees have found haven in Palestine. Many of them would have been doomed if Palestine had not been prepared to receive them. That Palestine was prepared, is due in large part to the help of the United Palestine Appeal, which is a beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Ben Addis:

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January 16, 1942

Moreover, the Jewish community in Palestine is playing an important part in the vital British war effort in the Middle East. 15,000 Palestine Jews are with the armed forces and tens of thousands are engaged in manufacturing munitions and supplies for the soldiers, while others are engaged in producing food without which the campaign against Hitler might be infinitely more difficult.

Inasmuch as the United States has joined in the common war against the forces of aggression, any contribution that Palestine makes in the war is of direct aid to our own country. Lowell C. Pinkerton, American Consul at Jerusalem, a few days ago declared over the radio: "Our aims are your aims and our fortune is your fortune." This statement is typical of the American Government's attitude toward Palestine.

The Jewish people of America have a humanitarian and a patriotic duty to continue their help to their less fortunate brothers everywhere and to make it possible for them to join in the struggle against Hitlerism.

I do hope that you will reconsider your decision and that we may count on you to continue your cooperation with the United Jewish Appeal. There is so much to be done that we need the help of every one of our friends.

With renewed thanks for your interest and support,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Jonah B. Wise
Chairman

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c.c. Mr. H.C. Bernstein

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FUR REMODELING
INSURED STORAGE
AND REPAIRING

January 19, 1942

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

My dear Rabbi Silver:

May I now express to you and the other officers of the United Palestine Appeal my most sincere appreciation for this great Conference just closed Sunday midnight.

I have attended conventions and conferences before, but never was I inspired so deeply as this one Conference inspired me. Up to the time I left your city this morning I was too intoxicated with the spirit of YOUR great personality, and ~~therefore~~ surely it will wear off after I get home, but thank God it did not, and I sincerely hope to be able in my humble way bring some measure of inspiration to my community, to those who did not enjoy the great privilege that I and the hundreds of other delegates had.

What a pity it is that your inspiring message, as well as the many other important speakers could not be heard by more of our people, for I am sure it helped a great deal to make one a better Jew as well as a better citizen.

With deepest appreciation for your untiring efforts and great leadership and best wishes for complete success in all your undertaking for which I pray that God give you strength to carry on, I am

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,

Osius Zwerdling
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1942 JAN 23 PM 2 04

DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

=DLR THE TEMPLE=

AM PLANNING TO MEET IN NEXT FEW DAYS WITH GEORGEMEDALIE
WHO WILL BE ONE OF KEYNOTE SPOKESMEN AT COUNCIL MEETING
IN CHICAGO. TRUST THIS MEETS WITH YOUR AGREEMENT.

IN VIEW OF MESSAGES WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM HOLLANDER
AND SHRODER FEEL BEST TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL
PROGRAM WOULD BE DINNER MEETING IN CHICAGO FRIDAY

JANUARY 30TH FOR YOURSELF, ROSENWALD, HOLLANDER,

SHRODER AND MYSELF. PLEASE CONFIRM IF AGREEABLE. REGARDS,

=JONAB H WISE.

30 JONAB & GEORGEMEDALIE PER CY

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Dr. Silver

CHG UNITED JEWISH APPEAL 342 MADISON AVENUE NYC
TWS PREPAID

JANUARY 23 1943

WILLIAM J SHRODER
PEOPLES BANK & SAVINGS CO.
4th & ELM STREETS
CINCINNATI OHIO

WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET WITH YOU AND SIDNEY HOLLANDER AT DRAKE FOR DINNER NEXT
FRIDAY JANUARY 30 AT 6:30 TO DISCUSS PLANS REFERRED TO IN PREVIOUS TELEGRAM.
PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS IS AGREEABLE. KIND REGARDS.

JOHN B WISE
ANNA HILLY SILVER
WILLIAM ROSENWALD

WSR:WJD



January 26, 1942

Mr. Dallas Zwerdling
Zwerdling Bldg.
Ann Arbor, Michigan

My dear Mr. Zwerdling:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of January 19. I appreciate greatly your words of commendation of the Conference and all the lovely things which you say about me.

The Conference was eminently successful and I am sure that it will help our great cause throughout the country.

It was very heartening to receive your note. With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:DK

TELEGRAM

January 29, 1942

JONAH B. WISE
35 E. 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

HAS THE DINNER MEETING TOMORROW EVENING WITH HOLLANDER AND
SHRODER BEEN ARRANGED FOR. PLEASE WIRE.



SILVER

U.P.A.

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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER=)

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THE TEMPLE CLEVE=

Duplicate of telephoned telegram

THANKS FOR WIRE. WE SAW HOLLANDER HERE AND SHRODER ADVISES
WILL MEET WITH US TOMORROW EVENING. WILL GIVE DETAILS WHEN
I SEE YOU CHICAGO. REGARDS=

JONAH B WISE.

ga 0150
B.K.

AT 358P

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JONAH.

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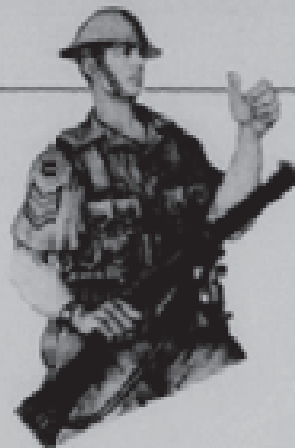
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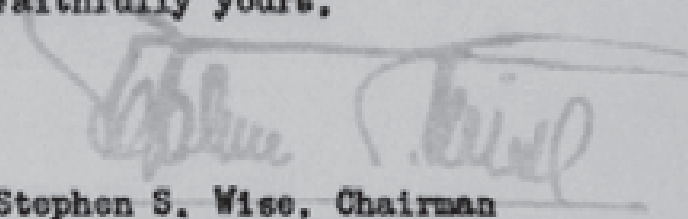
Dear Friend:

A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the United Palestine Appeal will be held on Tuesday, April 14th, at 4:30 P.M., at the United Palestine Appeal office, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City.

We shall have an opportunity of greeting Dr. Abba Hillel Silver on his return from England, and of hearing from him a report of his visit there. We shall also consider other matters affecting the United Palestine Appeal interests.

Please indicate on the enclosed post-card whether you will attend.

Faithfully yours,


Stephen S. Wise, Chairman
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RABBI JONAH B. WISE

35 EAST 62nd STREET

NEW YORK

April 30, 1948

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

Dear Abe:

I am sending you, under separate cover, the two volumes of the CANTORIAL ANTHOLOGY. I am almost certain that your choir possesses this material. However, you may wish to have it for your own library. If you can do so, it would be very helpful if you would drop a line to Mr. Ephros, c/o Bloch Publishing Company. He has made a real contribution to our American synagogue. I am assured by musical authorities that his work is of a high order and I know, and most cantors agree, that it carries out the spirit and the letter of the music as they know it.

If you want to get in touch with a cantor, I suggest that you write to Mr. Anthony Scott, 138 West 82nd Street, New York City.

I thought the meeting yesterday was a good one and shall follow up the Chicago matter. Would it be convenient for you to be in Chicago on Thursday, May 14th at a luncheon meeting? If so, I shall try to arrange one. I am suggesting this because I have to be in Omaha on Wednesday the 13th and would like to stop over in Chicago on my way home.

Best wishes from house to house.

Sincerely yours,

JBW/ks

April 30, 1942

Mr. Joe Weingarten
808 Prairie Avenue
Houston, Texas

My dear Mr. Weingarten:

During the past few days in New York City my mind has been pretty well preoccupied with the urgent financial problems of the United Jewish Appeal. Day before yesterday I addressed the opening of the United Jewish Appeal campaign in Newark, which I am delighted to say is showing an extraordinary response from among all classes of its givers.

Present indications are that Newark may raise as much as 100% more than it did in 1941. This would be the outstanding record in the country. Last night I had the pleasure of attending the opening of the 1942 campaign in the Bronx, one of the most important segments of the New York United Jewish Appeal drive. There, too, was evident an understanding of the financial responsibilities which must go hand in hand with our spiritual awareness of the present situation and demands upon us.

I return to the topic about which I had occasion to write to you only recently. I am moved to do this by a discussion held by the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal at luncheon yesterday. In addition to Rabbi Wise and Mr. Rosenwald, we had the benefit of a rather large attendance including your good friend, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Mr. Paul Baerwald, Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Mr. Louis Lipsky and other colleagues. We all of us were especially impressed with the need or reminding communities that there was a special obligation upon them to grant to the United Jewish Appeal sums that bore relationship to the intentions of the contributors.

We were struck by this phenomenon: that although in many communities larger total sums have been raised during the past few years, there have not been commensurate increases to the United Jewish Appeal. In some communities the situation is completely deplorable, for allotments are made to various minor agencies and then what is left is assigned to the United Jewish Appeal. This, I am sure, you too will agree is a danger to the causes which are basic in our Jewish program.

Mr. Joe Weingarten

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April 30, 1942

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to represent the United Jewish Appeal in making formal and personal representations to the Budget and Allocations Committee of the Houston United Jewish Campaign. You will recall that early in the year there was submitted to Houston a formal application for \$125,000 on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. I realize that in view of the final sum that Houston has actually raised, this will not be possible to grant. But on the other hand, it is the conviction of all of us that \$62,500 allotted to the United Jewish Appeal by Houston both in 1940 and 1941 is not a fair estimate of what Houston ought to give and of what the United Jewish Appeal requires in these times.

I have no knowledge as to when the Budget Committee will meet, but when it does may I ask you to be good enough to take on this responsibility officially for the United Jewish Appeal so that you may influence the members of the Budget Committee to make a maximum allotment which will keep in mind the fact that the United Palestine Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee and National Refugee Service are institutions which, if neglected and inadequately supported, can only make far more difficult the maintenance of our total Jewish communal program.

I should appreciate hearing from you that you have accepted this responsibility and will, as usual, carry it forward to success.

Very cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver
National Chairman

AHS:ME

May 5, 1942

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise
35 East 62nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Jonah:

I am sorry that I will not be able to go to Chicago on May 14. I must attend an important meeting here in Cleveland on that day. I would not have gone anyhow because Mr. Goldsmith's letter to you of April 29 clearly indicates the purposelessness of such a visit. He indicates very clearly that all the money raised in the campaign has pretty well been distributed and that all he wants you for is just for an "inspirational" talk. This is quite in keeping with this gentleman's past performances in relation to the United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago.

Many thanks for sending me copies of the Cantorial Anthology. I should like to pay you for the volumes. What are the costs?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BX



CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE

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RABBI JONAH B. WISE

35 EAST 62nd STREET

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May 8, 1942

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

Dear Abe:

I have not yet received final information as to Chicago, but may find it advisable to stop there on my way back from Omaha.

I can understand your feeling about not wishing to go under the circumstances. However, I never take these statements seriously as I believe there is always a chance either to change their viewpoint for present appropriations or to make them a little more cautious for future ones.

I shall be glad to talk over the Conference - N.R.S. material with you. The copies of the Cantorial Anthology, which I sent you, are with my compliments - a gift no less, the only condition being that you do not attempt to sing them to me when we meet!

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

JBW/ks

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

May 18, 1942

*Mr. J. B. Wise
N. Y.*

*Regret impossible for me to be in N. Y. on
June 3. Have a crowded week in Cleveland.
Kindest regards.*

A. H. Silver

May 19, 1942

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, National Chairman
United Jewish Appeal
342 Madison Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Let me thank you for yours of May 15th.

I am happy to report that the Fund now has on hand, in pledges, \$95,370.00. I am hopeful that before we close the campaign we may be able to reach the figure of \$97,000, which will be an increase of approximately \$6,000 over last year's results.

With reference to your request for an advance token payment to the UJA, I wish to advise that on May 16th, Saturday last, we sent the UJA a check for \$4,333.40, which check evidently crossed in the mail your request for a token payment. However, this was in payment of last year's allocation from this Fund. There still remains a balance due you on last year's allocation of \$4,000, which will be remitted as soon as collections warrant it.

For your information, the fiscal year of this Fund ends September 1st. Although our campaigns are conducted before the fiscal year, we have until September 1st to pay the remaining balance of \$4,000 on last year's allocation. However, we do not propose to wait until this date but will send you the remainder just as soon as we collect it. You will understand, of course, that our contributors are allowed one year in which to pay their pledges; and that therefore the final installment on last year's pledges is not due until September 1st.

During the month of September the newly appointed allocations committee will allocate the funds raised this year, at which time we hope to be in a position to send you a substantial payment or a new allocation.

Trusting this is satisfactory, and again thanking you for your letter, and with kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Abe D. Waldauer
Abe D. Waldauer, President

ADW-r

Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

41 EAST 42nd STREET
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NEW YORK CITY

Office of Dr. Wise
40 West 68th St.
New York City

May 27, 1948

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

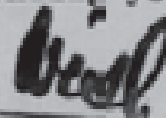
I write to you because I wish to have the benefit of your judgment with respect to a certain problem. Ittamar Ben Avi has been quite ill lately, and his physician has informed me that it will not be safe for him to continue to travel and speak through the country, as he has long done in behalf of Palestine.

The suggestion has been made that he has a work of importance to do in the matter of writing his autobiography. Seeing that he has lived through fifty years, and somewhat more, of the renaissance of a Jewish Palestine, his autobiography might have real value. He has no income, and I assume that he would need \$50 or \$60 per week if he and Mrs. Ben Avi are to be enabled to get on.

May I have the benefit of your judgment as to what could be done in order to secure some such sum for him for the next six months in any event, or possibly for a year. I am sending this letter to only four or five people, and do not feel that I would be justified in making a wide appeal. Whatever is done must be done quietly so as not to violate the dignity of the life of the Ben Avi family.

Awaiting your early reply, I am

Faithfully yours



Stephen S. Wise

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