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Dr. Hammon L. Wollison, P.C.

194 Union Street

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
United Jewish Appeal Offices  
342 Madison Avenue  
New York City N Y

Dear Rabbi

New Bedford Post No. 154 Jewish War Veterans of the United States in keeping with a policy established at the time this Post was organized, assumed the initiative as a Jewish organization, to give to some non-Sectarian institution or group, something that would create in the minds and hearts of non-Jews a kindlier feeling toward our people.

As the result of the success of a Military Ball held last year, we were able to give to St. Luke's Hospital an Aenesthesia apparatus much needed in their Maternity operating room. Those physicians who have used the equipment and the mothers who benefited by it during the period of labor and delivery have blessed us. The profits also permitted the Post to build for Camp Maxim a non-Sectarian summer playground a hut, sufficiently large, to accomodate ten boys. The boys sent to this Camp are poor boys, very much in need of the physical and nutritional benefits to be derived from camp life. The American Legion Post in our city send fifty boys to this Camp every summer. It is a non-profit making undertaking and sponsered by some of the leading christian men in our community. The cost for each boy a week is four dollars and fifty cents. Our Post has received a great deal of commendation for the gift.

We have now plans, to donate to Sassaquin Sanitarium , an institution to treat cases of tuberculosis, the furnishings for two rooms in the name of the Post and Auxiliary, in a new building now under construction. In order to do this we must have money.

I am writing to you with the hope that it will be possible for you to be our guest speaker at our synagogue.



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ADJUTANT

I assume that your activities in the United Jewish Appeal of which I am secretary in this city, takes you to New York occasionally and I wondered whether or not, on one of those trips you could spare the time to appear here for an address.

Should you be able to do so, we plan to sell tickets in order to make the money necessary to meet our promise to the Sanitarium. Will you therefore please advise me as to the fulfilment of my hope of your presence here and how much you will charge.

Rabbi Bernard H. Ziskind of our synagogue suggested a date in February as it would give us an opportunity to properly prepare for the program. However you may select a date and time most convenient for you.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

*Dr. Hampton L. Wollison*  
Dr. Hampton L. Wollison.



November 2, 1939

Dr. Hammond L. Wollison, P.C.  
194 Union Street  
New Bedford, Conn.

My dear Dr. Wollison:

Your letter was forwarded to me here. I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to speak at your synagogue and to help you in the fine work which you are doing. I wish I were free to come. Unfortunately my work in connection with the United Jewish Appeal and the United Palestine Appeal is so heavy now, especially because of the war, that I am compelled to forego many tempting invitations which I would otherwise accept.

With all good wishes for success in the splendid work which you are doing, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK