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March 1, 1938.

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The news that you are to make an appearance in various cities of the Pacific Coast during the month of April has created quite a sensation in all of our communities. As you may have heard from Mr. Bernard Stone and the New York office of the U.P.A., I communicated with both immediately upon hearing of your contemplated trip, in order to discover whether there might be an opportunity for you to come to Tacoma and open our 1938 Welfare Fund Campaign.

Mr. Stone, who was here last night, informs me that there is "a physical possibility" for the realization of such a plan. He indicated that it might be possible for you to be with us on Saturday night, April 9th. He discussed this possibility with some of our local leaders and myself and agreed to write to you in that regard.

It is true that Tacoma is not one of the large communities of the Coast. We have about 150 Jewish families here. However, it is my suggestion that in the event we are favored with your acceptance, we invite the Jewish communities of the adjoining cities of Aberdeen, Olympia, Centralia and Chehalis to join with us in sponsoring your appearance here. That should assure a considerable audience.

It is my contention that if communities of this type are neglected, strength for our cause is lost. I know that this has been true in the case of Tacoma. Hitherto, prior to my organization of the community and my ministry here, the soil was arid indeed. The people never heard the inspiring messages of leaders and were indifferent to national and international needs. Education and intensive propaganda have borne their fruit during the past year and a half. I am interested in having the cause of Palestine presented, since other beneficiary agencies of our Welfare Fund have been sending representatives who have won the ear of our budget committee.

I realize that in view of your brief stay on the Coast it is an imposition to crowd your calendar and tax your energies further. Nevertheless, I cannot refrain from extending this invitation on behalf of my community, since I feel that your appearance here would be in the nature of an historic event and would make a profound impression on our people that would bear fruit.

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I shall look forward to hearing from you and hope it may be possible for our plans to materialize.

With heartiest greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

B. I. Treiger

P.S. May I also take this opportunity to acknowledge your letter of February 7th informing me of my election as a member of the National Council for Palestine of the United Palestine Appeal. The cause of Palestine has long been dear to me, and I shall be glad to be of all possible service to the U.P.A.

